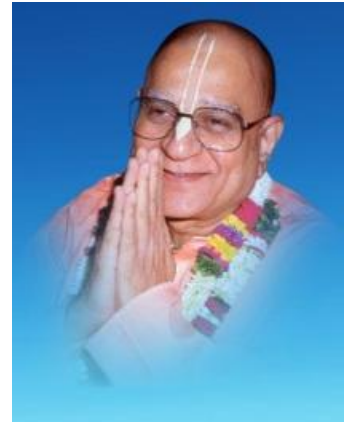


Bhagavat Kathamrita

By His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Swarupa Tirtha Goswami Maharaj



Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

February 2010

Volume 1 Issue 8

Highlights

- Rarity of Human Life by His Divine Grace Srila B.S. Tirtha Goswami Maharaja
- Are you Secure by His Divine Grace Srila B.S. Tirtha Goswami Maharaja
- Upcoming Events/ Krishna's Kids Korner

Hare
Krishna
Hare
Krishna
Krishna
Krishna
Hare
Hare

Hare
Rama
Hare
Rama
Rama
Rama
Hare
Hare

Rarity of Human Life

-continued from the previous issue.

Someone will say what is wrong if a guy on a footpath in India, very poor man, so he makes a little attempt for roti, kapada, makan. So what's wrong in that? No. Even if he is poverty stricken, he should start endeavoring for inquiry about God. He's got a human birth. *Athato brahma-jijnasa* - only business in the human form of life. Why is that? Because Arthadam...Arthadam means valuable. Because in cat's and dog's body, you cannot do service to God. They're not given that kind of intelligence. Intelligence is only given in the human form of life. Therefore, the only business is inquiry about God. Have you heard of Sudama Brahmana? Did he try for economic development? No...you say it's an old story..old story or a new story...story is a story. It's history..it's a fact. The fact has to be accepted. Otherwise what happens? Gradually one goes and then later on in the old age, he starts realizing...if he's lucky! If he's lucky, he will realize. But then, it's too late! That is why Prahalada Maharaja says Kaumara. Kaumara means the age of one to four. All children have to be taught when they're between one and four. In Bombay, we have a small ashram. When seniors come, we tell them if you come it's ok, but even if you don't come, send your children. Why? In your interest, you should send them. Because those who learn to respect God will eventually respect everyone. One who does not

respect God, even parents should not expect respect from them when they grow up. So either we prepare the children from childhood by instilling God Consciousness or we prepare ourselves for the consequences when we grow old. Therefore, Naradji says, *Tasyaiva hetoh prayateta kovido*, for that reason only...the intelligent man should make an attempt. *Na labhyate yad bhramatām upary adhah* - wandering up and down what is otherwise not easily obtainable. We're trying for sukham, basic amenities, facilities, basic pleasure, we're not ambitious. Ask everybody and they will say, we're not very ambitious. We're here to make a fast buck and then we go back to India. They say just 2 years we've come here. Nobody goes back. Fast buck! How will it help you? You will have to leave it and go! I say we must work very hard for that which we can take along with us. Which of the things we'll take along? In Bombay hospital, one Shethji was dying. So we asked, shethji, 25 yrs you worked very nicely and built up empires. Can you give us a list of whatever you're taking with you now? "Nahi, hum kuch bhi nahi le Jayege. (crying voice)" I cannot take anything! Then why did you work so hard? He wanted to keep it nicely. Is that intelligence? Coming from India in the plane, an intelligent gentleman was sitting with me. I asked him, "Shethji, Aap kya kar rahe hai? What is your business?" His reply was, "Aap ki Kripase, 25 karod ka business turnover hai."



Hare
Krishna
Hare
Krishna
Krishna
Krishna
Hare
Hare

Hare
Rama
Hare
Rama
Rama
Rama
Hare
Hare

Then, I said you should now take to God Consciousness. “No...swamiji, abhi to hum healthy hai (I am still healthy), although I’m 71, I’m still strong. When I die, I want to leave such money so that 10 generations can sit and eat.” Kya gada hai! Ten generations will sit and eat and for that he’s working like a dog. Why should you work like that? You have to do something for yourself! Even if you have done something for the family, that is all right. But Sastra says that even by mistake, you’ve gotten in that trap, there is an exit. What is that exit?

- continued in the next issue.

Are you Secure?

- continued from previous issue.

Even in the presence of parents, a child can die of an accident. An extremely rich man suffering from a serious disease may get admitted into the world’s best hospital and consult very experienced physicians by paying high fees but none of these can save him from impending death. Passengers thrown in the water of the ocean from a sinking ship may get on to a lifeboat nearby but before they can heave a sigh of relief, the lifeboat may capsize by an unexpected wave killing all of them.

In this material world, we are all drowning in a deep ocean, struggling to survive. Everyone has to swim for himself. Although there are others swimming along, they cannot help because they themselves are struggling very hard to reach the shore.

We are conditioned in our lifestyle, inept at controlling our senses and mind. So we are forced to act according to the influence of material nature against our desires. It is like a silkworm that uses its own saliva to create a cocoon and then becomes trapped in it with no possibility of getting out. Most people have trapped themselves in a network of material activities, compelled by numerous bodily impulses that they identify themselves with, life after life, in terms of the action-reaction syndrome and feel utterly helpless to find a way to release themselves from this entrapment. A big businessman or a corporate executive always foolishly thinks, “I am providing security to my entire family.” All such exaggerated claims of such egoistic people are completely silenced when they themselves are confronted by death.

- continued in the next issue.

Upcoming Events

- Satsang, Spiritual Gatherings are held every week at Atlanta, New Jersey areas. Please call 1-888-9GVA-USA for details.

Krishna’s Kids Korner

1	2	3	4	5	6
7					

Across

1 - Protector of cows

Down

1 - Krishna spoke to Arjuna on the Battlefield

2 - State/land of Jagannath Puri

3 - Lord of the Sky/water

4 - Lord of the heavens

5 - Krishna’s father

6 - Capital of Yadavas

Up

7 - Dakshayani, a goddess

- Answers posted in the next issue
- Previous issue’s answers:
- **Across** 1.Master **Down** 1. Madhava 2. Avatar 3. Servant 4. Talavan 5. Eternal 6. Rukmini **Up:** 7. Vrat

Bhagavat Kathamrita

A free bi-monthly newsletter provided by:

Gaudiya Vaishnava Association
Bhagavat Dham, Parsik Hill, Belapur, Navi
Mumbai - 400 614

For more information, please contact:
www.gva.in
In USA, please contact:
1-888-9GVA-USA

