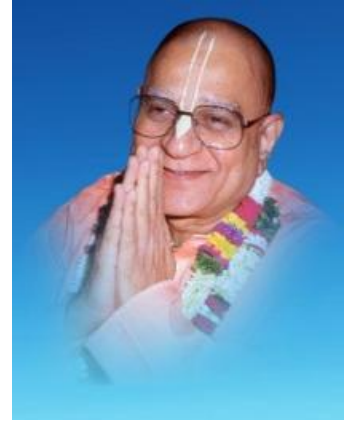


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Rarity of Human Life

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"After crossing fifty years one should go to the forest." A man should get out once he crosses fifty. He should not sit at home. Even by mistake, he's gotten into a home and lived a long life with the whole family, but the moment he's fifty, he must quit. But does anyone quit at 50? Why not? Because he becomes habituated with the amenities he's got at home! Everything he's being served. Isn't it? Only when he becomes 75, 80, he will realize when his own children are insulting him. Even then he will not go out. By that time, you cannot go out. You're physically debilitated, where can you go? So before our children kick us out, we should get out. If we train our children in God Consciousness, then you will see, they will respect you throughout your life 'till the last breath you take. Because we have shown them that Krishna is the father. I'm only temporary. My relationship is temporary. The duty of the father is to train the children to become God Conscious. The duty of the husband is to show the path of liberation to his wife. The duty of the mother, the duty of father, the duty of the Guru, the duty of son, the duty of brother is that....otherwise, you're not father, mother, brother, sister, etc. We have evidence. What is that evidence? Father

was Hiranyakasipu, demon. When he became impediment to son's hari bhajan, he immediately called Nrsingadev and finished him! Similarly, mother...can anyone give up mother? No....but Bharata maharaja showed it! When Kaikeyi became an impediment to service to Lord Ramacandra, he said, I don't even want to see your face. Will any son say to his mother? Mother...he rejected. Father...Prahlada rejected. And, elder brother Ravana, Vibhisana rejected. Isn't it? If one is not able to take harinama, chant the name of the lord, that person is not your relative. Genuinely speaking...one who introduces you to God, he's a genuine well-wisher. That is why I say, kripa-sindhubhya eva ca....vaishnavas are the most merciful. Because they don't see the distinction. If Prabhupada was a selfish person, then he could have sat back in India and spoken only to Bengalis or only Brahmanas. Isn't it? No! He came here! All the fallen people here....he collected all of them. Even the Social Security, welfare administration people didn't take care of them. Prabhupada did a better job than them. He took them very close. He cooked food and offered them. He fed them. Isn't it? So why he did it? Because he's a genuine devotee of God! He's a genuine Vaishnava! Not simply tilak only. That is not a Vaishnava. Vaishnava must be at heart. By simply changing the color of the cloth, I'm not a sanyasi. The color of my consciousness inside must undergo transformation..then I am a real sanyasi!



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What is that transformation? Everyone is part and parcel of God...including rat and cat. So what to talk of human beings? Why should I differentiate? All of them have to be given assistance. Because of my voice I'm forcibly speaking, don't take it for arrogance. I'm talking with genuine love for you! Only one who hurts you is your genuine well-wisher. One whose words appeal to you, flatters you, is your dead enemy! So, we don't want to be that. We want to talk to you straight!

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Are you Secure?

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The saint, Narada Muni, enlightens Yuddhisthira in Srimad Bhagavatam explaining:

*Kala-karma-gunadhino
deho 'yam pancha-bhautikah
katham anyams tu gopayet
sarpa-grasto yatha param*

"This gross physical body made of five elements is already under the control of eternal time (kala), action (karma) and the modes of material nature (guna). How, then, can it, being already in jaws of the serpent, protect others?"

Everyone suffers or enjoys in this world according to the result of one's karma or action performed in previous lives. Hence, we sometimes see that we may perform good deeds in this life but are harassed by continuous miseries that repeatedly frustrate us and being bewildered, one may even be sometimes induced to stray away from the path of righteousness. This is because all of us are subjected to the influence of the modes of material nature, gunas (sattva, rajah, and tamah) and above these two is the time element, kala, which controls all the activities within the universe. No one including the heavenly gods, can escape the onslaught of the great time factor.

In the Bhagavad-Gita, the Supreme Lord Krishna says, "Kalah Kalayatam" or "Among subduers, I am Time." Impelled by this time factor, the trimodal material nature imposes the miseries of janma-mrityu-jara-vyadhi, i.e. birth, death, old age, and disease. No scientist

or speculative philosopher can help us conquer these natural miseries. All of us, subject to such disadvantages, cannot even save ourselves from the assault of eternal time. Then how can we provide security to others? In India, most people worship demigods. Even these very powerful demigods cannot offer total security.

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Krishna's Kids Korner

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