

DARASANA

(At the home of Sripad Vanamali dasa Adhikari)

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Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Maharaja observed a 24” decorative wooden iguana lizard on the floor of the house (which was there when the devotees had first bought the house). He requested the devotees living there to take it out, because that animal was envious and poisonous.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] A cow is so much better! Why?

[Syamadasa] Because they are beneficial for human society.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] Why? [Vanamali prabhu] They give milk. They offer their milk and themselves to Krsna.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] Why? You should think. Can anyone explain?

[Devotee] They are in the mode of goodness.

[Brajanath] They are like mother.

[Rukmavati] They remind Krsna of Srimati Radharani.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] How?

[Rukmavati] When Krsna strokes the cows, He is thinking of the gopis.

[Syamarani didi] Because they are beneficial for Krsna. They enable Him to meet Srimati Radharani in the forest. They give Him an excuse to go out into the forest. When Krsna comes back at night, the dust of the cows gets on His hair and face. This makes Him look so beautiful, that the gopis become more attracted to Him. So the cows are beneficial to Krsna.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] (Pointing to the iguana lizard.)

[Syamarani] No, he will not do.

[Brajanath] Horses can also do. They can run, and dust comes.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] The horses can come like Kesi. Cows always give milk. They have no *dvesa*, envy. They do not only support themselves. Their life is always for others, and especially for Krsna, for all the Vrajavasis and for the whole world. If anyone is *saranagata*, surrendered to Krsna, and is always engaged for the welfare of the whole world, not caring for their own life—then Krsna has to manage them. He also supports the cows, and nourishes them, always following them when they go grazing during His sweet pastimes. With cows He does all this. Without cowherding, how will all these pastimes manifest?

[Navina Krsna (now Pujapada Bhaktivedanta Madhava Maharaja)] There will be no scope to go there.

[Syamarani] No *Venu gita*.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] Due to their very affectionate loving quality they are always like ‘mother’—giving milk to all, regardless of whether they are Hindus, Muslims, Christians, or Buddhists. They give milk to everyone. Even serpents come to take milk from the cows. So if we want *krsna prema*—love and affection for Krsna—then we should try to follow the example of the cows.

That lizard we saw in the house of Devendranatha was very big.

[Madhava Maharaja] Iguana.

[Devotee] They may give poison ...

[Srila Narayana Maharaja] Cows have no poison...never. You should try to keep those things, animals and persons which are favorable to *bhakti*. (Gurudeva then looked at the large fish tank to his right.) These fish are very lusty. Always in lust. Hens, goats, cocks, hogs and pigs are very lusty. In India, high-

class *brahmanas*, *ksatriyas* and *vaisyas* do not keep them. Only Muslims and very low-class people can keep all these things – goats and lizards. And devotees should keep what?

[Devotee] Cows, calves, peacocks, deer, and such.

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] You can keep anything that is favourable for your *bhakti*. Give up all things, even qualities, that are not favourable for Krsna..

[Syamarani] Gurudeva? Govinda-bhakata prabhu wanted me to ask you a question. You always say that there is a difference between Vrajendra-nandana Krsna and Dwarakadhisa Krishna, but when Dwarakadhisa Krsna....

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] What did you say just now ? We always see the difference ?

[Syamarani] ...Between Vrajendra-nandana ...

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] No.

[Syamarani] In *rasa-vicara* ?

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] No! We see that Dwarakadhisa is in Krsna. There is no difference...

[Syamarani] But when Dwarakadhisa Krsna is feeling separation from Vrndavana, then He is really Vrajendra-nandana Krsna ?

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] But where is the peacock feather? And where is the flute? And how is Dwarakadhisa the son of Nanda Baba? Somewhat. He is partly Vrajendra-nandana...

[Syamarani] When Krsna told Uddhava....

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] Why is Krsna not dying?

[Syamarani] Out of separation?

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] Yes, like Srimati Radharani.

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] Why is Dwarakadhisa not coming to Vrndavana? Who is stopping Him? So He is part, a fraction only. Krsna's fraction. OK?

I am happy to come here, because this is the department of Radharani. (Many of the ladies from different countries who were visiting Gurudeva in Australia were staying at Vanamali prabhu and Hari Priya didi's house.)

[Syamarani] This morning in class, you were saying that those *sadhana-siddha gopis* whose *kasayas* were burnt up arrived at the *rasa-sthali* first, and the *nitya-siddhas* reached there after them.

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] This is because they left everything. They were feeling so much separation. By the power of that separation, all their *kasayas* (worldly-like auspiciousness and inauspiciousness), which acted as obstacles or impediments to meeting Krsna in *Rasa*, were at once burnt, and like the wind they went there.

[Atri] Was it by mood, or in their spiritual form?

[Syamarani] They were already in their spiritual bodies. Right?

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] Yes! They were in their spiritual bodies. They passed all their *sadhanas* in previous lives. They also had their *gopi* face and form. They took birth from the wombs of *gopis*. It is all right up to this point. But something was lacking. What was lacking? They were *sadhana siddha*; not *nitya siddha*. So they had husbands, and there was some love and affection between them. They had some children also. And after that, they heard of and saw Krsna. After their marriage, after they begot their children, they saw Krsna; and then they become so much attached to Him. But still they had some love and affection for their husbands and children. Anyone who has affection for husband and children, and they have met together, although they may have love for Krsna, they cannot come to *Rasa*. They cannot serve Krsna. It is *rasabhasa* – a semblance of *rasa* and opposed to *rasa*, so Krsna cannot allow them to come.

They could see Krsna, they could hear His flute, but they could not meet Krsna in *Rasa*, as the *nitya-siddhas* easily do. They were running towards Krsna, following the direction from where the flute voice was coming. But when they began to go, their husbands stopped them. Why? Yogamaya did it. She said, "You have children, you will have to burn your motherly mood". We have to give up the conception that, 'I am wife'. We have not to forget it, but we have to burn it. So Yogamaya, by trick, stopped them,

and they did as we have discussed. This is a very high class of *siddhanta*. You should chant, remember, and pray to Krsna, and then you can realize something.

[Syamarani] So the the *nitya-siddha gopis* came behind them to meet with Krsna that day?

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] Why behind?

[Syamarani] Because you said that they came there first.

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] None saw each other. All saw that, “I am the only one going [to Krsna]”. There is no question of who is behind or who is in front.

In this world, if you say anything, *maya* will come and cover it somewhat. Our language is defective. So whatever you say, something will be lacking. You cannot tell anything fully, completely and clearly. If you tell anything, I will discover some lacking. So this question will not arise. How many families are living in this area?

[Vrndavana Vilasini] Five families. They live nearby.

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] You should try to be loving to all—not quarrelling—and with some affectionate mood. Try to chant and remember, doing *kirtana* and hearing. Try to gather more flowers, so that we can offer them to Krsna and Radha. Understand ‘More flowers’?

[Madhava Maharaja] Devotees!

[Srla Narayana Maharaja] You have in your garden so many kinds of flowers.