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WHAT DO THE VRAJAVASIS KNOW?

(Questions After Class)

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[The following questions were asked at the end of Srila Maharaja's class entitled "The Means to the Ends".]

[Question:] In the middle of your class you were explaining that none of the Vrajavasis know, or believe, that Krsna is the Supreme Lord.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Yes.

[Question:] Someone who doubted that principle once asked you, "What about the pastime in which Krsna became Visnu and Radhika became Laksmi?" You replied, "No. There's a deep meaning there..."

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] This was a play.

[Question:] Could you please explain further?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] It was only a play. No associates – even the grasses, creepers, parrots and birds, what to speak of any Vrajavasi like Nanda Baba or Yasoda Ma – ever believe that Krsna is the Supreme Lord. Krsna may be the Supreme Lord, the Lord of lords. He may be; but to the Vrajavasis Krsna is a friend, a son, or a beloved – only this.

[Question:] So they were playing a game?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Yes, for apne mano-ranjana; it was for the recreation and entertainment of Radha and Krsna, and the gopis. But actually they do not know. They are more than Brahma, Sankara, and even Narada. They can teach Narada bhakti, but still they don't know that Krsna is the Supreme Lord. Even if anyone says that He is, a Vrajavasi will reply sarcastically, "Oh yes, you are right. Be right. Very good. If He is the Supreme Lord, then I want that bhakti should be done to His lotus feet." Then bas; nothing is felt regarding Krsna's being God, and nothing is said further.

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