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Morning Walk

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[Devotee:] In mangala arati, Vrnda-devi has called all the parrots to wake up Radha and Krsna from their sleep. Why would Srila Bhakti Prajnana Kesava Maharaja put the bit about the pond in, after that? What is the relevance? What is the sequence?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] No harm. It can be after.

[Devotee:] But they are running to go back home, so that nobody discovers them.

Srila Narayana Maharaja:] No, no. They are playing even. After they will play more.

[Devotee:] They don't have to go back home?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] When Vrnda-devi will again tell so many parrots and others, in the end an old monkey will come. And then they will... Better to try to remove anarthas, all attachments first. Otherwise so many difficulties will come. So many went to Iskcon leaders and to Radha-kunda babajis. The Radha-kunda babajis gave siddha-deha, and said that you should remember all these things. And they began to do. And after time they took some ladies and began to live with them and "kill???" themselves. So when you will have that stage, then you should remember. You should know, but don't try to do

anything artificial. It will come automatically. Many Russians are going to Radha-kunda. Especially those who heard from Prema Prayojana. Prema Prayojana himself went down and not helping others. Oh they are also...

[Devotee:] But now you have reengaged him in your service.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I have given him a chance. He is a qualified boy, but his heart is so weak. So I am giving him a chance whether he can come back. Or anyhow I should take any service from him.

[Devotee:] You are giving chance to all of us. We are all weak.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Yes. I am giving chance to so many.

[Devotee:] Gurudeva, can you give some explanation on the verse:

atah sri-krsna-namadi
na bhaved grahyam indriyaih
sevonmukhe hi jihvadau
svayam eva sphuraty adah

["Therefore material senses cannot appreciate Krsna's holy name, form, qualities and pastimes. When a conditioned soul is awakened to Krsna consciousness and renders service by using his tongue to chant the Lord's holy name and taste the remnants of the Lord's food, the tongue is purified, and one gradually comes to understand who Krsna really is." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 17.136)

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja] As before something was described: Krsna's holy name, His form, His qualities, and His pastimes. If somebody thinks that Vaisnavas look like us,

they have hands and feet, they are also going for passing, this and that, and in Jaiva Dharma we have seen Paramahansa Babaji Mahasaya They are doing all these things. They are telling that there is Kakkhati, otherwise the divine couple will get up. They are doing the same thing eating and passing. What harm? So we can remember that Gurudeva told that if somebody will do these things artificially, then they will go down. Just like when you are eating, you do not have to remember artificially that my stomach is full. When the stomach is full than automatically the desire to eat will go. So in the same way, when the time will come that you become qualified, then automatically inside our heart, by the mercy of Srila Gurudeva. So for this reason will do not need to remember all these pastimes artificially. When the propensity for service will come properly.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] By chanting name.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] By chanting name, and serving guru and vaisnavas, then it will manifest in our hearts.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Because Krsna, Krsna's name, His form, His qualities – everything is transcendental and beyond the limit of the mind, or any other means. So you should try to chant the name, and gradually when you will become qualified for this, automatically it will come. By chanting.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] By the mundane mind or mundane senses it is not possible at all.

[Devotee:] Srila Gurudeva, you said that one should not do things artificially. But vaidhi-bhakti is artificial. Did you mean something else by that?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] It is not artificial. If you will pray, “Oh Krsna, take out all of my anarthas, bad things, be pleased with me and give me pure bhakti.” And, if a devotee is doing sravanam (hearing), kirtanam (chanting), visnu smaranam (remembering), this is not artificial.

[Devotee:] But sometimes you have to force in vaidhi-bhakti.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] No harm – it is practice. If your mind is not one-pointed, fixed, then you should bring it again from other place.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] Krsna also told, in Gita, that you have to practice again and again. Mind is always fickle.

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[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] You are hearing hari-katha. This is not artificial. You are doing kirtan, this is not artificial. You are worshipping, not artificial.

[Devotee:] Artificial means: you want to...?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] If you are doing something or thinking anything beyond your qualification, then it will be artificial. Thinking, “Now I know my siddha-deha.” This is artificial.

[Devotee:] But forcing oneself is not artificial. Thank you.

[Devotee:] Is there a reason that we take our shoes off when we offer our obeisances?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] You don't know?

[Devotee:] No I don't know – that is why I am asking.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] When you take prasadam, what you will do? Will you take with shoes or without shoes?

[Brajanatha Prabhu:] Take without shoes.

[Devotee:] Well it depends. If somebody comes with your prasadam, than I will take straight away.

[Srila Narayana Maharaj:] This is a special case, but not always.

[Devotee:] But normally you don't take with shoes.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] We should keep away our shoes and everything and offer obeisances.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] When you are doing arcana, worship to the deity, if you are not allowed to take shoes there, than how can we offer our dandavats to Gurudeva and Vaisnavas with shoes?

[Devotee:] Like when we are outside and in the public.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] Everywhere public, no problem.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] If you will not take your shoes off at the time of offering dandavat pranam, than bhakti will at once run away.

[Brajanatha Prabhu:] Without your shoes.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] He will see that he is neglecting. Try to learn all these things by the activities of the high class Vaisnavas, how our dealings will be.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] If they read about nama-aparadhas and seva-aparadhas, than they will understand everything clearly.

[Devotee:] In Vrndavana, during Kartik Parikrama, one devotee told me that he was witnessing how Srila Gurudeva is elaborately making offering and he is offering everyone and everything to the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani. But now there is a question: If I am going to be able to capture this offering, but I think that it is by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gaura Govinda Maharaja and Srila Gurudeva, that even the impossible can become possible.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I am telling as jnana, knowledge. They should practice what is the process. Like Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, Srila Rupa Gosvami, Srila Sanatana Gosvami and Srila Raghunatha dasa Gosvami. You know Raghunatha dasa Gosvami? What did he do?

[Sripada Madhava Maharaja:] Sankya purvaka nama gana natibhi kala vasani krtau

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] What prasadam did he use to take. Delicious?

[Devotee:] One leaf cup, every three days.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] He used to take rotten rice that even cows rejected when he was in Jagannatha Puri. He used to wash. First do it. And then...

[Devotee:] For us to do that, it would be artificial renunciation?

[Sripada Madhava Maharaja:] Yes, one hundred percent.

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[Devotee:] If a devotee like Uddhava cannot pass the examination to get prema like the gopis, how can I, we, hope to get prema if such a devotee like Uddhava cannot?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] He is a siddha-bhakta so new thing he cannot attain. But we, now independent, if anyhow by serving and hearing rasik tattvajna vaisnava, if you will have greed for serving gopis and Yugala then by doing, Oh, you can go to Goloka Vrndavana. Even anyone can enjoy the rasa-dance with the gopis and Krsna they are serving, no harm.

[Sripad Padmanabha Maharaja:] Srila Gurudeva, in that connection, we hear that Sri Narada Muni, who is also siddha, performed so many austerities at Narada Kunda, and he got gopi deha. So is he is siddha and he can get, then why can't Uddhava get?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] No. He will not. Narada, from the beginning, he has so many forms in all sweet pastimes of Krsna. By one he is Madhumangala. By second he is Naradi gopi, by another – in Vaikuntha with Narayana, he has another form in Svarga (heaven) with demigods. So he has so many forms.

[Sripad Madhava Maharaja:] Like Baladeva Prabhu, he has vatsalya mood, sakhya mood and dasya mood, even Ananga Manjari.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] But for others: Nanda Baba and Yasoda, Vasudeva, Devaki, Uddhava, Akrura, they cannot.

[Brajanatha dasa:] Their stayi-bhava is not like that.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] If anyone has a stayi-bhava in one mood, than he will have to be one. If, in the beginning, anyone is hearing all these things, he wants to serve Radha Krsna Yugala, and he also wants to serve Ramacandra, than he will think about Rama and his associates, Hanuman, Bharata, Laksmana, and in Krsna's pastimes and meditating on Krsna with sakhas or vatsalya mood with Nanda Baba and Yasoda, or gopis. He can be in two, no harm. Anyone can be in two forms, Mahaprabhu-lila and Krsna-lila, but from beginning.

[Dhruva dasa:] So Gurudeva, does the atma somehow separate to be in two forms in two lilas?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Krsna is akhanda tattva. Akhanda means undivided, full. But how he can come in millions of forms?

[Devotees:] Acintya.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] We cannot imagine even anything in this world. How the trees came? From trees seeds come and from seeds again trees come. Flowers come and leaves come. How? We cannot think. Everything is acintya, inconceivable.

[Dhruva dasa:] Consiousness is always expanding, Krsna is always expanding. So do his devotees also expand even in their siddha, attained form?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Like Mother Yasoda – she has unlimited forms. She is wherever Krsna is. Nanda baba also, as well as Madhumangala and all others. But rasa will be the same.

[Devotee:] Gurudeva, This is my friend James. This is his first time meeting you and the Vaisnavas. He is a school teacher.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Try to understand all these things – that you are not this body. Are you body?

*No answer

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] This body is a bag of stool, urine, blood and so many things. After some time you will be old and have to give up this body. And what you are earning, not a single farthing you can take, and your body will be given in burial ground. Then

where will you be? So there is soul. And that is why by soul you are living, coming, going, thinking. If the soul will go, then the body will go. So you are soul.

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