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[Brajanath dasa:] Srila Gurudeva, is everything you said yesterday about brahma-vimohana-lila taken exactly from the commentary of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes, without Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura's commentary, how can we know Srimad-Bhagavatam? Srila Sanatana Gosvami gave his commentary on Srimad-Bhagavatam, and then Srila Jiva Gosvami took excerpts from that **[BRAJANATH PRABHU – PLEASE ASK MADHAVA MAHARAJA – IT SOUNDS LIKE GURUDEVA SAID, “EXCERPTS” OR “ABSTRACTS” WHAT DOES HE WANT TO SAY? ESSENCE?]** and wrote his own commentary. Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura then took their remnants. This means he took in his heart all of their conclusions, and he also added something special so that the meaning would become even more full of nectar. He took the commentaries of all our previous acaryas, including Srila Sridhar Svami, and Srila Vallabhacarya if his was better. **[BRAJANATH PRABHU – PLEASE ASK MADHAVA MAHARAJA – DID I UNDERSTAND THE UNDERLINED CORRECTLY?]** Then at last, he added his new idea.

I like all of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura's commentaries, and all of his books. I have translated almost all of them.

[Sripad Padmanabha Maharaja:] Is his commentary on the Bhagavatam his largest work?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Srila Sanatana Gosvami has written the largest commentary on Srimad-Bhagavatam and Srila Jiva Gosvami has commented briefly. After that, Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura took excerpts from their work, not the entirety of their work **[BRAJANATH PRABHU, PLEASE ASK MADHAVA MAHARAJA, DID I UNDERSTAND THE UNDERLINED CORRECTLY?]**, and he illuminated them. He explained their commentaries in a rasika mood. There is no commentary anywhere in the world that is as full of rasa as that of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura. He was a manifestation and follower of Srila Rupa Gosvami. As Srila Rupa Gosvami is rasika, he is also rasika (expert in relishing transcendental mellows).

[Brajanath dasa:] You also wanted to translate **[BRAJANTH PRABHU, PLEASE ASK MADHAVA MAHARAJA, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF SRILA CAKRAVARTI THAKURS'S TIKAS?]** his commentary on Caitanya-caritamṛta.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] It may be that after I complete my translation of Srimad-Bhagavatam and Brahma-sutra, I will be able to complete that as well.

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