

Kṛṣṇa Kills Vatsāsura and Bakāsura

Audio Format (Part 1)

1. What *anartha* does Vatsāsura represent?
2. This *anartha* troubles both the young and the neophyte. Only Kṛṣṇa's mercy can remove it; not any artificial process or means.
3. Actually sex desire troubles not only the young, but all who are bound by bodily conception of life.
 - Śrīla Prabhupāda tells a story (*Prabhupāda Nectar* 4.33)
4. The only real solution is to engage in Kṛṣṇa's service in such a way that we become attracted to **Him**:

***Paramahāṁsas*, devotees who have accepted the essence of life, are attached to Kṛṣṇa in the core of their hearts, and He is the aim of their lives. It is their nature to talk only of Kṛṣṇa at every moment, as if such topics were newer and newer. They are attached to such topics, just as materialists are attached to topics of women and sex.**

The word sāra-bhṛtām means paramahāṁsas. The hāṁsa, or swan, accepts milk from a mixture of milk and water and rejects the water. Similarly, the nature of persons who have taken to spiritual life and Kṛṣṇa consciousness, understanding Kṛṣṇa to be the life and soul of everyone, is that they cannot give up kṛṣṇa-kathā, or topics about Kṛṣṇa, at any moment. Such paramahāṁsas always see Kṛṣṇa within the core of the heart (santaḥ sadaiva hṛdayeṣu vilokayanti)...In this way, the life of a paramahāṁsa devotee is used entirely for Kṛṣṇa, just as the life of a person attached to the material world is used simply for women and money. What is day for the materialistic person is night for the spiritualist. What is very sweet for the materialist — namely women and money — is regarded as poison by the spiritualist...For the paramahāṁsa, Kṛṣṇa is everything, but for the materialist, women and money are everything.

— ŚB 10.13.2 + p

Audio Format (Part 2)

Hearing *Vatsāsura-līlā* from:

- a. Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Kṛṣṇa Book*
- b. *Garga Saṁhitā*
- c. Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī's *Gopāla-campū*

Audio Format (Part 3)

- A. 1. What *anartha* does Bakāsura represent?
2. ***The most clever Bakāsura, who is the personification of cheating religion, is the sixth obstacle for Vaiṣṇavas. This is called nāma-aparādha, offences against the holy name of the Lord.***

What does this mean? How is *Nāma-aparādha* cheating religion?

*Inattentive chanting is the root cause of all other offenses.

What is the root cause of inattention (*pramāda*)?

Lack of faith in the Holy Name and preoccupation with “me” and “mine”.
(10th offense).

What is the root cause of this?

Bodily conception of life.

What is the root cause of this?

Aversion, hatred and envy of Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura also tells us that by chanting inattentively we are watering the “weeds” not the *bhakti-latā* and we are increasing our attachment to material sense gratification.

If we go through the externals of chanting our *japa*, but make no effort to HEAR the Holy Name or absorb ourselves in the vibration of the Holy Name, aren't we cheating ourselves of the precious goal of life Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrīla Prabhupāda are offering? Aren't we practicing cheating religion?

(Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura tells us that **true** *bhajana* begins when our outside and inside match.)

3. What is the mindset of the chanter who has not surrendered to Kṛṣṇa? The chanter who is sincerely trying to surrender to Him?
4. Helpful prayers and meditations.
5. Does all this have any implications for our preaching?

B. (1) Dealing with externals:

- i. The vision of the *kaniṣṭha*.
- ii. The vision of the *madhyama*.

(2) Pastimes to help make very clear the danger of disrespecting swanlike devotees.

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Audio Format (Part 4)

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- a. Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Kṛṣṇa Book*
- b. Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī's *Gopāla-campū*
- c. Śrīla Kavi-karṇapūra's *Ānanda-vṛndāvana-campū*
- d. *Garga Saṁhitā*

Bakāsura Handouts:

1. Bakāsura and the 10th *Nāma-aparādha*.
2. The Mindset and Fate of the Self-cheating Chanter.
3. The Active Contemplation Of One Who Chants Having Seriously Taken Shelter of Kṛṣṇa.
4. Now I Am Yours!
5. Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura’s Prayers to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
6. Beware of Propagating Cheating Religion!
7. Instructive Pastimes Regarding Disrespecting a “Swanlike Personality”
 - a) Yudhiṣṭhira and the Svapacha Valmīka Sādhu
 - b) An Offense to Kṛṣṇa-priya Thākurānī

* We also strongly recommend that you hear the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* lecture entitled “*Aham mameti*” by Śrīla Prabhupāda (ŚB 3.25.10, Bombay, November 10, 1974).