

HOW GOOD IS MY VISION?

(Test 3)

Lalitā is famous as Śrīmatī Rādhārānī's constant companion and follower. Lalitā is contrary and hot-tempered by nature. Her complexion is like the yellow pigment *gorocana* and her garments are like peacock feathers.

Viśākhā is the second most important of these eight *variṣṭha-gopīs*. Her attributes, activities and resolve are all muck like those of her friend Lalitā. Viśākhā was born at the exact same moment as her dear friend Śrīmatī Rādhārānī appeared in this world. Viśākhā's garments are decorated with stars and her complexion is like lightning.

Campakalatā is the third of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. Her complexion is the color of a blossoming yellow *campaka* flower and her garments are the color of a blue-jay's feature. She is one day younger than Śrīmatī Rādhārānī.

Citrā is the fourth of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. Her fair complexion resembles the color of *kuṅkuma* and her garments are the color of crystal. She is 26 days younger than Śrīmatī Rādhārānī.

Tuṅavidyā is the fifth of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. Her complexion is the color of *kuṅkuma* and the fragrance of her body is like sandalwood mixed with camphor. She is fifteen days younger than Śrīmatī Rādhārānī.

Indulekhā is the sixth of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. She has a tan complexion and wears garments the color of a pomegranate flower. She is three days younger than Śrīmatī Rādhārānī.

Raṅgadevī is the seventh of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. Her complexion is the color of a lotus filament and her garments are the color of a red rose. She is seven days younger than Śrīmatī Rādhārānī.

Sudevī is the eighth of the *variṣṭha-gopīs*. She is sweet and charming by nature. She is the sister of Raṅgadevī. Her form and other qualities are so similar to those of her sister Raṅgadevī that they are often mistaken for one another.

– Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī's *Rādhā-kṛṣṇa-gaṇoddeśa-dīpikā*

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(Test 4)

Vṛndāvana forest improved from the rains and was replete with ripened dates, mangoes, blackberries and other fruits. Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, along with His boyfriends and Lord Balarāma, entered the forest to enjoy the new seasonal atmosphere. The cows, being fed by new grasses, became very healthy, and their milk bags were all very full. When Lord Kṛṣṇa called them by name, they immediately came to Him out of affection, and in their joyful condition the milk flowed from their bags. Lord Kṛṣṇa was very much pleased when passing through the Vṛndāvana forest by the site of Govardhana Hill. On the bank of the Yamunā He saw all the trees decorated with beehives pouring honey. There were many waterfalls on Govardhana Hill, and their flowing made a nice sound. Kṛṣṇa heard them as He looked into the caves of the hill. When the rainy season was not ended completely but was gradually turning to autumn, sometimes, especially when there was rainfall within the forest, Kṛṣṇa and His companions would sit under a tree or within the caves of Govardhana Hill and enjoy eating the ripened fruits and talking with great pleasure. When Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma were in the forest, Mother Yaśodā used to send Them some fruits, sweetmeats and rice mixed with yogurt. Kṛṣṇa would take them, sit down on a slab of stone on the bank of the Yamunā, and call His friends to join Him. While Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma and Their friends were eating, they watched the cows, calves and bulls. The cows appeared to be a little tired from standing with their heavy milk bags. By sitting and chewing grass, they became happy, and Kṛṣṇa was pleased to see them.

– Kṛṣṇa Book, “Description of Autumn”