

Bhakti At A Glance –

Primary Sources : *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu*, *Śrī Amṇaya Sūtra*

BHAKTI

Sādhana

Sādhana-bhakti continues up to attaining the stage of *āsakti* (*Śrī Amṇaya Sūtra* 119)

vaidhī bhakti

is dependent on following rules and regulations.

↓
śraddhā
sādhu-sanga
bhajana-kriyā
anartha-nivṛtti
niṣṭhā
ruci

↓
āsakti

↓
bhāva

Vaikuntha prema,
(Ref. CCM 24.87)

rāgānugā bhakti

is fueled by spontaneous love and attraction but is still guided by śāstric evidence and *sad guru*

↓
niṣṭhā
ruci
āsakti

↓
bhāva

Goloka (Vraja) prema

Sādhya (siddhā bhakti) or Rāgātmikā

The stages that begin with *bhāva* and end in *mahā-bhāva* are called *siddhā bhakti*. In these stages the *saṁvit śakti* and *hlādinī śakti* are manifested.

(*Amṇaya Sūtra* 120)

Rāga is defined as spontaneous deep thirst for the object of love, *Śrī Kṛṣṇa Bhakti* that is impelled by such thirst is called *rāgātmikā – bhakti*.

(*Brs* 1.2.272)

kāmātmikā

(madhura)
sambhog-
ecchā-mayī
or tat-tad-
bhāvecchā
mayī

↓
prema
sneha
mana
praṇaya
rāga
anurāga
bhāva
mahābhāva

sambandh- ātmikā

(vātsalya)
(& sakhya)

↓
prema
sneha
mana
praṇaya
rāga
anurāga

(dāsya)

↓
prema
sneha
mana
praṇaya
rāga

(śānta)

↓
prema

kāmānugā

(impelled by conjugal emotion)

sambandh- ānugā

(impelled by sense of relationship)

sambogecchā
mayī
(direct relationship)

tat-tad-
bhāvecchā-
mayī
(indirect relationship)

↓
(prema)
sneha
māna
praṇaya
rāga
anurāga
bhāva
mahābhāva

vātsalya

↓
(prema)
sneha
māna
praṇaya
rāga
anurāga

sakhya

↓
(prema)
sneha
māna
praṇaya
rāga
anurāga

dāsya

↓
(prema)
sneha
māna
praṇaya
rāga

śānta

↓
only up to
prema

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Thākura says that the mellow of neutrality increases to simple love of Godhead. In the mellow of servitorship, love of Godhead increases beyond that to affection, counter-love (anger based on love), love and attachment. Similarly, the mellow of friendship increases to affection, counter-love, love, attachment and subattachment. It is the same with the mellow of paternal affection.

– CC Madhya, 23.55p