

A Glimpse of *Rāgānugā Bhakti* As It Is

<i>Śraddhā</i> → <i>Sādhu-saṅga</i> <i>Bhajana-kriyā</i> → <i>Anartha-nivṛtti</i>	<i>Niṣṭhā</i> → <i>Ruci</i> → Please see <i>Mādhurya-kādambinī</i> , 3 rd	→ <i>Āsakti</i> → Nectar Shower, <i>Anartha-nivṛtti</i>	→ <i>Bhāva</i> → (nullification of <i>anarthas</i>)	→ <i>Prema</i> →
<p>Hearing and enquiring from a bonafide guru and serving him and his mission according to <i>śāstric</i> injunction, under his shelter.</p> <p>At this stage both <i>bhajana</i> and <i>sevā</i> will be <i>aniṣṭhitā</i> (unsteady). Hearing about Kṛṣṇa will also not be regulated and systematic. (<i>Krama-hīna-śravaṇa-daśā</i>.)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>In the beginning, everyone should strictly follow the regulative principles of devotional service, according to the injunctions of the scriptures and the spiritual master. Only after the stage of liberation from material contamination can one actually aspire to follow in the footsteps of the devotees in Vṛndāvana. — NOD Ch.16</p> </div>	<p>Possibility of transcendental <i>lobha</i> awakening — the seed of <i>rāgānuga-bhakti</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓ <i>Śravaṇa-daśā</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * serious hearing (and study) of <i>rasa-tattva</i> and <i>rasa-upāsanā</i>. * serious systematic hearing of both <i>naimittika</i> and <i>aṣṭa-kāliya-līlā</i> (<i>krama-suddha-śravaṇa-daśā</i>) * attraction to <i>sevā-bhāva</i> of a particular eternal resident of Vraja. * advanced stage will also include hearing of <i>eka-daśa-bhāva</i>. <p>There are two processes by which one may execute this <i>rāgānugā bhakti</i>—external and internal. When self-realized, the advanced devotee externally remains like a neophyte and executes all the <i>śāstric</i> injunctions, especially those concerning hearing and chanting. But within his mind, in his original, purified, self-realized position, he serves Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana in his particular way. He serves Kṛṣṇa twenty-four hours a day, all day and night. — CC Madhya 22.156-157</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Varaṇa-daśā</i></p> <p>symptom is that the heart's spontaneous attraction is linked by the <i>eka-daśa-bhāva</i> to <i>kṛṣṇa-līlā</i>, and that yearning heart is inundated with <i>sevā-bhāva</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓ <i>Smaraṇa-daśā</i> (this progresses through five stages)</p> <p>The practitioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * takes full shelter of chanting the Holy Name * meditates on <i>aṣṭa-kāliya-līlā</i> * internally lives in Vraja * has a mood of full surrender and deep yearning for <i>Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa-sevā</i> following in the footsteps of a particular eternal associate of Vraja. <p>— And all this is happening under Gurudeva's (eternal associate's) shelter and guidance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Āpāñā-daśā</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>attainment of <i>svarūpa-siddhi</i>, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * attainment of one's original spiritual identity. * perception of, and service entrance into the <i>aparakāṣṭha</i> pastimes of <i>Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa</i>. <p>— But that perception and service entrance is interrupted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sampatti-daśā</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Giving up the physical body and gaining entrance into <i>Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa's</i> eternal pastimes as Their eternal associate and servant.</p> <p>This is also known as <i>vastu-siddhi</i>.</p>
<i>Vaidhī-sādhana Bhakti</i>	<i>Vaidhī or Rāgānugā Sādhana Bhakti</i>		<i>Siddha Bhakti (Sādhya)</i>	
← <i>Āmnāya</i> — Hearing Transcendental Subject Matter from a Bonafide Guru in Disciplic Succession →				

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