

Did I Catch the Core — Essence?

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Śrīla Prabhupāda says something very subtle and deep in his Text 9 purport. He says, *Advanced devotees prefer to reside at Rādhā-kuṇḍa because this place is the site of many memories of the eternal loving affairs between Kṛṣṇa and Rādhārāṇī (rati-vilāsa).*

Why does he say, this place is the site of MANY MEMORIES of the eternal loving affairs between Kṛṣṇa and Rādhārāṇī (*rati-vilāsa*)?

Why doesn't he just say, this place is the site of the eternal loving affairs between Kṛṣṇa and Rādhārāṇī (*rati-vilāsa*)?

And the big question is, whose memories?

Śrīla Prabhupāda is referring to the memories of exalted Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas who lived and served (eternally live!) at Śrī Rādhā-kuṇḍa — Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī, Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kaviraja Gosvāmī, Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura. And we now know those “memories” by names like *Stavāvalī*, *Gopāla-campū*, *Śrī Govinda-līlāmṛta*, *Kṛṣṇa-bhāvanāmṛta*, etc.

In his Text 8 purport, Śrīla Prabhupāda quotes Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī as saying, *By following in the footsteps of such associates and by entering under their eternal guidance, one can acquire an intense desire to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead.* (Brs 1.2.294)

Śrīla Prabhupāda's “memories” statement in his Text 9 purport should be seen in light of this statement by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī to really catch the core — essence of what he is saying.

Just a Little Food for Thought!