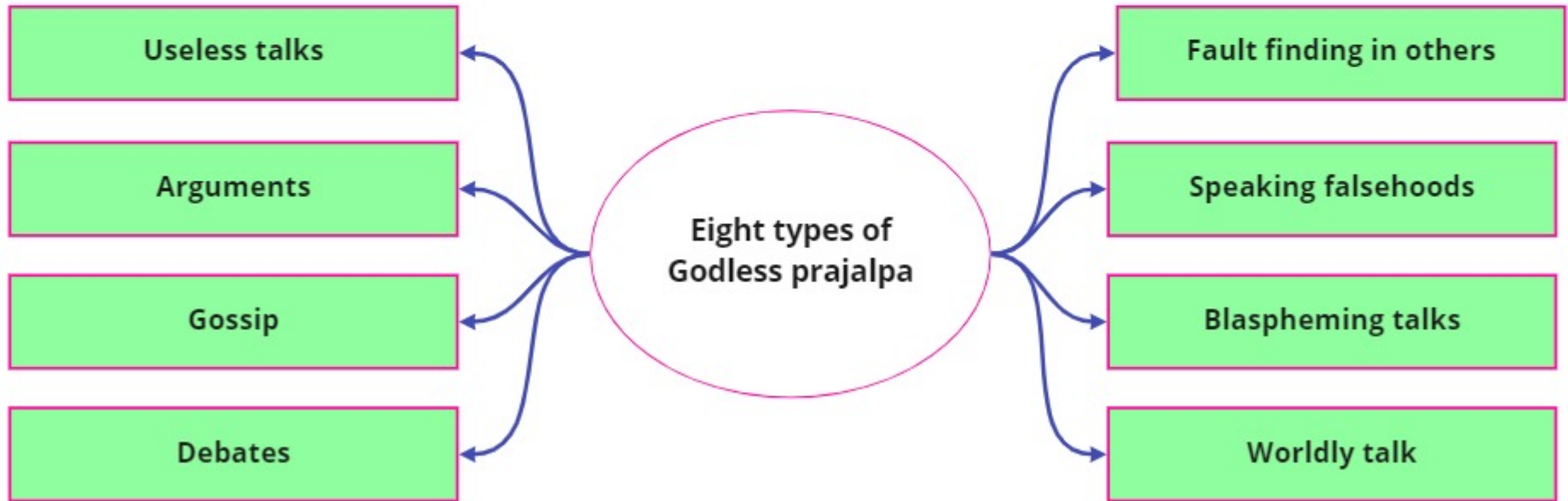


## Bhaktyaloka Essay 3

### Prajalpa



### Blaspheming devotees

To attain devotion to Lord Hari,  
make a vow : "In this life I will never blaspheme devotees."

Failing in executing a vow is not failure.

But not taking any vow or not endeavouring to follow the vow  
is failure.

Take a vow. Endeavour your best to follow it. If broken, start again.

What happens if one blasphemes devotees?

all one's virtues are destroyed

By blaspheming Lord Mahādeva, Prajāpati Daksha, the best of ascetics, met with severe inauspiciousness. He lost his head and got the head of a goat.

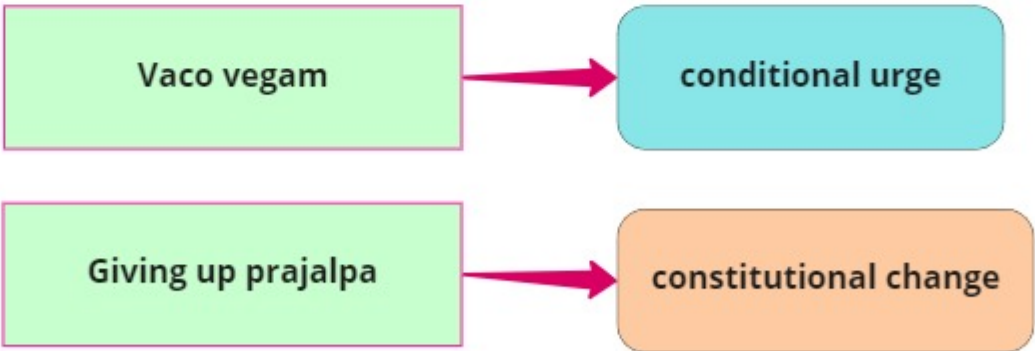
āyuh śriyaṁ yaśo dharmam  
lokān āśiṣa eva ca  
hanti śreyāṁsi sarvāṇi  
puṁso mahad-atikramaḥ

ŚB  
10.4.46

My dear King, when a man persecutes great souls, all his benedictions of longevity, beauty, fame, religion, blessings and promotion to higher planets will be destroyed.



Whatever prajalpa is not favorable for devotional service should be carefully given up by Vaishnavas who are cultivating bhakti.



By giving up prajalpa, the urge to speak is permanently regulated.

As long as we are not speaking prajalpa, there is no need to curb the urge of vaco vegam.

Speak only as much as required

In order to pass one's life without sin, one should not speak anything more than whatever little is necessary.

One need discuss only whatever is auspicious for oneself and others.

Give up discussing about others (except glories of the vaishnavas)

Essence of the whole essay

Whoever indulges in praising or criticizing the qualities and behavior of others will quickly become deviated from his own best interest by his entanglement in illusory dualities.

ŚB  
11.28.2

What's wrong in praising?

Here praising means praising the material qualities which have no connection with krishna.

example : praising the sacrifice done by the great national leaders

We should be grateful but we can express our gratitude by chanting one round for them rather than wasting our time in discussing about them.

It is prohibited because it increases our absorption for temporary material qualities and temporary material activities.

The only things worth to be glorified are krishna conscious activities and qualities.

What should one glorify and what should one criticise?

Glorify devotees, devotional service, Lord.

Criticise our own tendencies of indulging in non-KC acts.



## Srila Prabhupada on Prajalpa

If we must talk, we should talk about the Krishna consciousness movement.

reading heaps of newspapers

reading magazines and novels

playing cards

solving crossword puzzles

watching television and debate about  
useless socio-political schemes

doing many other nonsensical things

Frivolous activities are  
also included in the  
prajalpa category

Intelligent persons interested in Krishna consciousness should never take part in such activities.

Commentary by Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhara  
Maharaj

Prajalpa generally becomes para-dosanusandhana - finding fault  
with others.

Who can correct  
others?

When the guardian (guru) analyzes this fault within his affectionate disciple to  
point out and correct him with a sympathetic and graceful eye, he himself will  
not become contaminated if he is pure enough.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to Srila  
Raghunath das goswami

Lord Chaitanya  
Mahaprabhu's  
instructions to sadhakas

grāmya-kathā nā śunibe, grāmya-vārtā nā kahibe

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6.236

amānī mānada hañā kṛṣṇa-nāma sadā la'be

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6.237

Speak always, and only about Krsna.

Speaking, the act in which we are fully attentive

When we speak something we cannot but be fully attentive.

The opportunity to speak is the opportunity to be fully attentive and focused.  
And that attention and focus should be utilized in speaking about Krishna.

We should be extra careful in preaching and never speak nonsense to the public.

Ignore the ornamental, but accept the substance within

works whose attractive verses don't glorify the Lord -- pilgrimage place for crows

swans living in pleasant lakes take no pleasure in such works

ŚB  
1.5.10

On the other hand, that literature which is full of descriptions of the transcendental glories of the Supreme Lord, even though imperfectly composed, are accepted by purified men who are thoroughly honest.

ŚB  
1.5.11

The subject matter of what we speak should always be the Absolute

Grammatical mistakes and other such ornamental mistakes are overlooked by the Lord.

He reads the heart - the language of the heart is all in all.

The theme of our talks and discussions must always be Absolute.