

Bhaktyaloka
Essay 6

Laulyam

Ardent longing or greed

Three types of laulya

Restlessness

Greed

Desire

Restlessness

of the mind

of the
intelligence

Restlessness of the intelligence

Two types of intelligence

Mundane
Intelligence

The propensity to discriminate between good and bad under the dictation of the mind is called mundane intelligence.

Spiritual
Intelligence

The intelligence to discriminate between good and bad under the dictation of the soul is called spiritual intelligence.

sense
objects
↓
senses
↓
mind
↓
intelligence
↓
soul

here mind is
higher than
intelligence

soul
↓
intelligence
↓
mind
↓
senses
↓
sense
objects

Spiritual intelligence : intelligence guided by true ego



Intelligence works in terms of what is right and what is wrong.

when intelligence is under the control of the false ego



it chooses right and wrong in terms of materialistic philosophy

when intelligence is under the control of the true ego



it chooses right and wrong in terms of favorability to bhakti

Spiritual intelligence leads to automatic sense control



The nature of the senses is involuntary response to the sense objects.

When senses get spiritualised by true ego under spiritual intelligence,



the senses start getting trained. They start naturally getting attracted to the sense objects related to bhakti.



example : the eyes get attracted to the deity form of Lord, the ears get attracted to Krishna katha and kirtan

Real sense control is detachment.

Real sense control means : we are not struggling to control the senses. But automatically the senses are controlled because of having developed a higher taste.



Spiritualising the senses, mind and intelligence

★ One should spiritualize the senses and control them with the mind, and one should spiritualize the mind and control it with the intelligence.

➔ spiritualize the senses by giving them continuous Krishna conscious engagements

➔ spiritualize the mind by continuously giving Krishna conscious impressions to the mind

➔ spiritualize the intelligence by sharpening it through Guru, sadhu and shastra

Problem with restless intelligence

When the intelligence is restless, the mind cannot be fixed

The intelligence should be very clear about what is right and what is wrong

Only in that case intelligence can control the mind

otherwise the mind gets license - mind says anyway the intelligence is not clearly restricting me from indulging me in this kind of gratification so I can engage...

Solving the problem of restless intelligence

Importance of accepting the ideology of Srimad Bhagavatam

Intelligence works on the platform of ideologies.

1. karma
2. jnana
3. yoga
4. etc...

Mind works on inclinations.

If intelligence is hovering over different ideologies and it is not clear about a certain thing then mind has a license to enjoy indiscriminately.

When intelligence accepts the ideology of Srimad Bhagavatam and becomes fixed in it, then mind gets a clear understanding of what should be done and what should not be done.

Intelligence becomes very clear about what is right sadhana and what is not.

Then the intelligence can clearly instruct the mind.

ataeva bhāgavata karaha vicāra
ihā haite pābe sūtra-śrutira artha-sāra

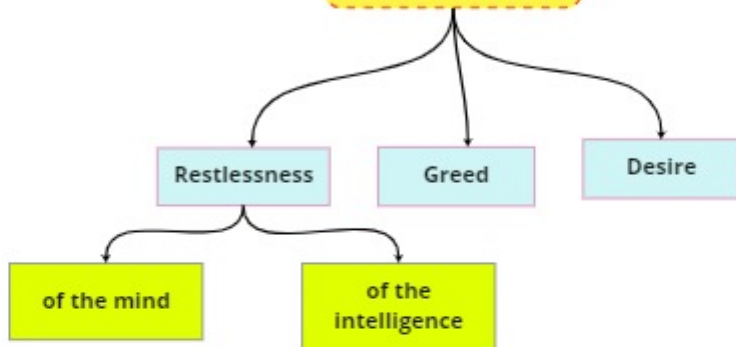
One should sharpen one's intelligence through the philosophy of Srimad Bhagavatam and through bhakti shastras.

Don't accept value systems provided by other literatures including vedic literatures whose conclusions don't align with the pure devotion conclusions of SB.

For devotees, peaceful intelligence (which is not restless) is only that intelligence which has purely accepted the teachings of Srimad Bhagavatam.

Solution for laulya in the form of restlessness

Three types of laulya



1. Give continuous Krishna conscious engagement to the senses.

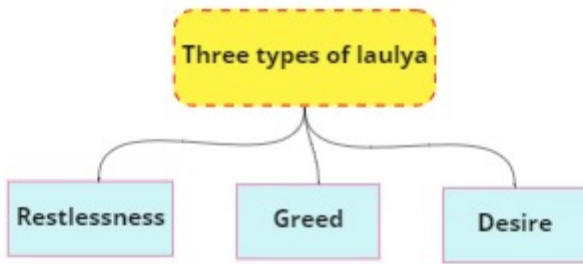
1. Train the intelligence according to the ideology of Srimad Bhagavatam.

2. Sharpen the intelligence through Guru, sadhu and shastra.

Question: Can we not curb the restlessness of the mind only by chanting? or is sharpening the intelligence required?

Chanting is a sensory engagement where we engage our tongue and the ears. But for that chanting to work, our faith should be very strong and faith is nourished when the intelligence is nourished.

We must hear glories of chanting, understand proper sambandha jnana and then the intelligence can convince the mind to chant continuously and offenselessly.



Lauyam in the form of greed

If greed is directed to other objects, then how can it be applied in relation with Krishna?

Greed should be carefully engaged in the service of Krishna.



We can engage greed in service of Krishna only if we are attached to Krishna and things related to Krishna.

A parent becomes very greedy to accumulate objects for the pleasure of his child because of his attachment to the child. But he would never become greedy to accumulate objects for someone else's child.

dhyāyato viṣayān puṁsaḥ
saṅgas teṣūpajāyate
saṅgāt sañjāyate kāmaḥ
kāmāt krodho 'bhijāyate

Bg. 2.62

Whatever we are meditating on, we will get attached to that.



And whatever we are attached to, we will develop a deep desire to enjoy it.



And when that deep desire to enjoy is frustrated or stopped, it will lead to anger .

So if someone says, 'You don't have to give up your anger, you just direct it to Krishna,'
it is not possible.

Wherever our attachment is, when that attachment is taken, that's where our anger will go.
and whatever we are meditating on, that's where our attachment will be.

If we are continuously meditating upon material sense gratification, we can not expect to direct our anger in Krishna consciousness by directing it towards those who hate Krishna.

'kāma' kṛṣṇa-karmārpaṇe, 'krodha' bhakta-dveṣi jane,
'lobha' sādhu-saṅge hari-kathā
'moha' iṣṭa-lābha vine, 'mada' kṛṣṇa-guṇa-gāne,
niyukta kariba yathā tathā

Prema-bhakti-
candrika

This verse by Narottam Thakura, it seems like we can dovetail all the anarthas in Krishna's service...

But that is not true. The anarthas can not be dovetailed.

kāma' kṛṣṇa-karmārpaṇe

One should develop attraction to Krishna karma.

But before developing attraction to Krishna karma, one must develop attraction to Krishna.

Only when one becomes deeply attracted to Krishna, that attraction to Krishna will generate all emotions in connection to Krishna.

ex: it will generate lobha. We will become greedy to collect things for Krishna's service. we wish to buy beautiful dress for decorating Krishna. We will become greedy to chant more and more for the pleasure of Krishna.

But for all of that, first attraction to Krishna must be there.

What Srila Narottama Thakura indicates by this verse is that, 'Don't worry, even on the platform of spiritual perfection, there is scope for expressing all these emotions.'

We can become angry in Krishna consciousness, we can become greedy in KC, we can become lusty in KC.

But for all that, we should first become Krishna conscious.

Emotions are generated due to attachment.

Material emotions are generated due to material attachment.

Spiritual emotions are generated due to spiritual attachment.

So if our attachment is to matter, then the emotions can not be generated in relation to Krishna.

Through this verse, Srila Narottam Thakura shows that life in spiritual world is vibrant with emotions.

But those emotions are not anarthas. They become bhava. Those emotions are spiritual and not born out of 3 modes.

greed of raganuga bhaktas

One who becomes greedy by seeing the Vrajavāsi's service to Krishna is very fortunate.

This is lobhamayi sraddha, platform of raganuga bhakti.

This kind of greed only comes after anartha nivr̥tti.

Give up greed for other things!

If one has greed for nice foodstuffs, drinks, sleeping, smoking, and drinking wine, then one's devotion diminishes.

Greed for wine, wealth, and women is most contrary to devotional principles.

★ Those who have a desire for attaining pure devotional service should carefully give up such things.

★ Whether for auspicious things or sinful things, greed for anything not related to Krishna is most despicable.

★ Greed only in relation to Krishna is the cause of all auspiciousness.

★ Saunakadi rishis express their greed for krishna katha

vayaṁ tu na vitṛpyāma
uttama-śloka-vikrame
yac-chṛṇvatāṁ rasa-jñānāṁ
svādu svādu pade pade

We never tire of hearing the transcendental pastimes of the Personality of Godhead, who is glorified by hymns and prayers. Those who have developed a taste for transcendental relationships with Him relish hearing of His pastimes at every moment.

ŚB
1.1.19

It is true that by practicing restraint of the senses by the yoga system one can get relief from the disturbances of desire and lust, but this is not sufficient to give satisfaction to the soul, for this [satisfaction] is derived from devotional service to the Personality of Godhead.

ŚB
1.6.35

Solution for laulya in the form of greed

★ By developing greed for Krishna's service, the Vaishnava's service, and chanting the holy names, there will be no greed for inferior things.

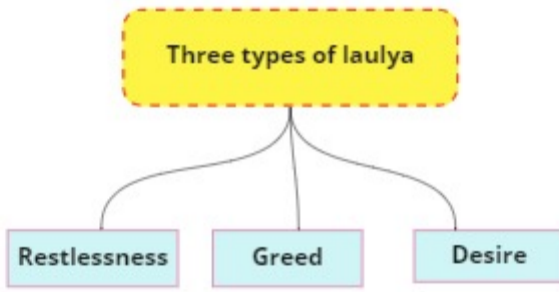
Before developing greed for Krishna's service, one has to develop liking for Krishna's service and before developing liking for Krishna's service, one has to develop liking for Krishna.

★ So spiritual greed is developed whereas material greed is given up.

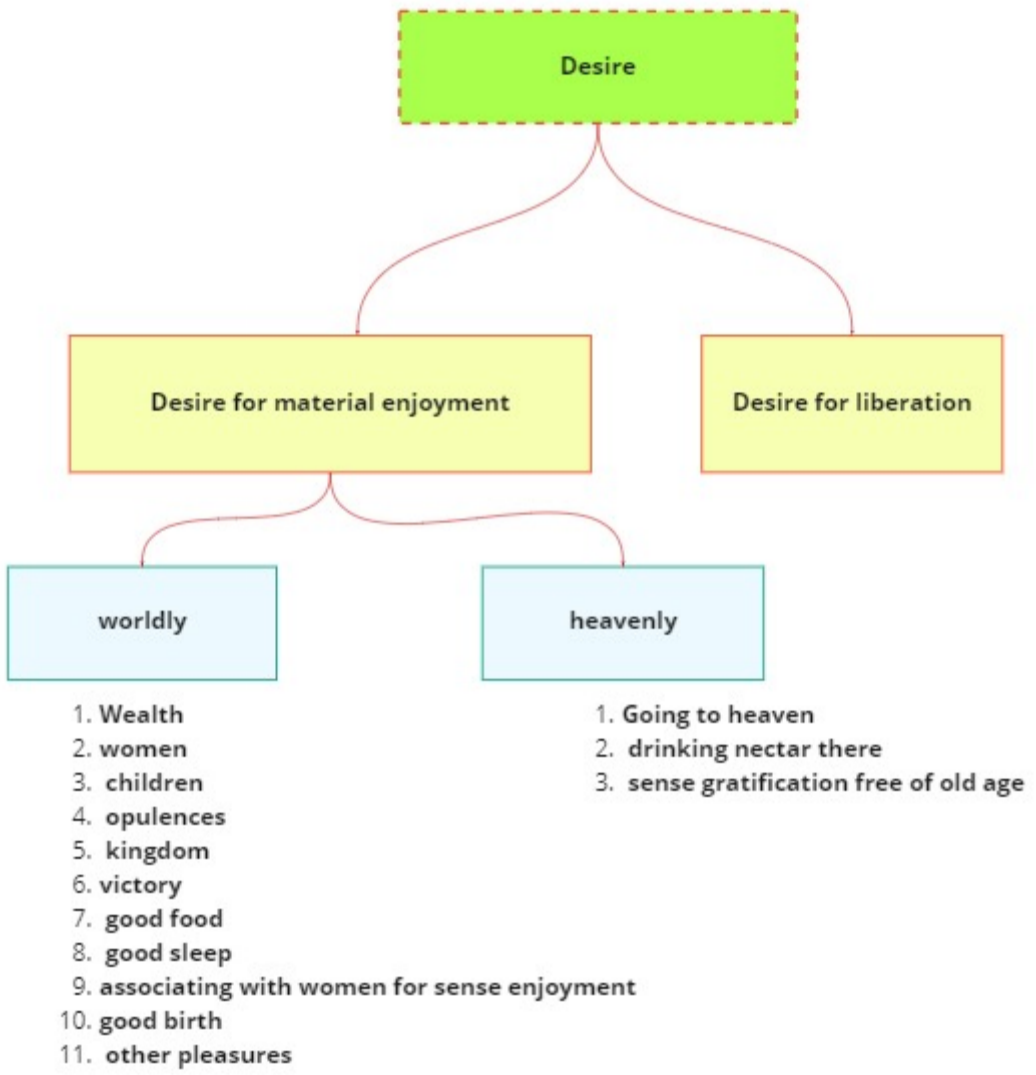
★ Solution for laulya in the form of greed: Develop attachment to Krishna. In proportion to attachment to Krishna, these anarthas will go away.

So whatever aids our attachment to Krishna, we choose that.

Example: association of devotees



Laulyam in the form of desire



➔ Unless one gives up these two types of desires, one can not practice pure devotional service.

*bhukti-mukti-sprhā yāvat
piśācī hṛdi vartate
tāvad bhakti-sukhasyātra
katham abhyudayo bhavet*

Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu (1.2.22)

How can the happiness of bhakti arise in the heart when the witch of desire for enjoyment and liberation remains there!

Give up the desire for material enjoyment!

When the heart is filled with the desire to enjoy, one cannot selflessly worship Krishna.

Therefore unless the desire for enjoyment is completely uprooted from the heart, one's progress in devotional service will be obstructed.

★ The means to uproot is sincere practice of devotional service.

Yukta-vairagya

If all these material enjoyments are favourable to devotional service, then householders can accept them without sin. In that case all these enjoyments are not called enjoyments, but rather they are means of progress in a devotee's life.

example: accepting house when we accept it in the mood of Lord's residence, accepting prasadam

Yukta-vairagya is the occupational service (dharma) for the devotees .

Yukta vairagya: engaging everything in the service of Krishna

Perform bhakti only for prema

By practice of bhakti , one gets material benefits but one should not start performing bhakti to get those material benefits.

4 aspects of subhada- one of them is sukha pradatvam- practice of bhakti bestows happiness

In the beginning stage, one gets vaisakam - the bliss of some tangible material pleasures but one must not get attached to it

By practice of bhakti, one may get some sense pleasures (ex: nice prasad) but one should not consider that to be the goal.

The goal of life is : how can I please Krishna?

The intermediate benefits of bhakti are not the goal for us.

Desire for liberation must be rejected

5 types of Liberation

1. sālokya—living on the same planet
2. sārṣṭi—having the same opulence
3. sāmīpya—to be a personal associate
4. sārūpya—having the same bodily features
5. sāyujya—oneness

Sāyujya, liberation in the form of merging with the Lord, is hated by the practitioner of devotional service.

Although sālokya, sāmīpya, sārūpya, sārṣṭi are devoid of the desire for enjoyment, still they are undesirable.

The liberation of a devotee, in the form of freedom from bondage, is easily attained by the will of Krishna.

That liberation, however, is not the principle fruit of bhakti.

The pure love for Krishna attained by liberated souls is the principle fruit of sādhana-bhakti.

Therefore, one should not pollute his endeavour for devotional service with desires.