Śrī Brhad-bhāgavatāmrta

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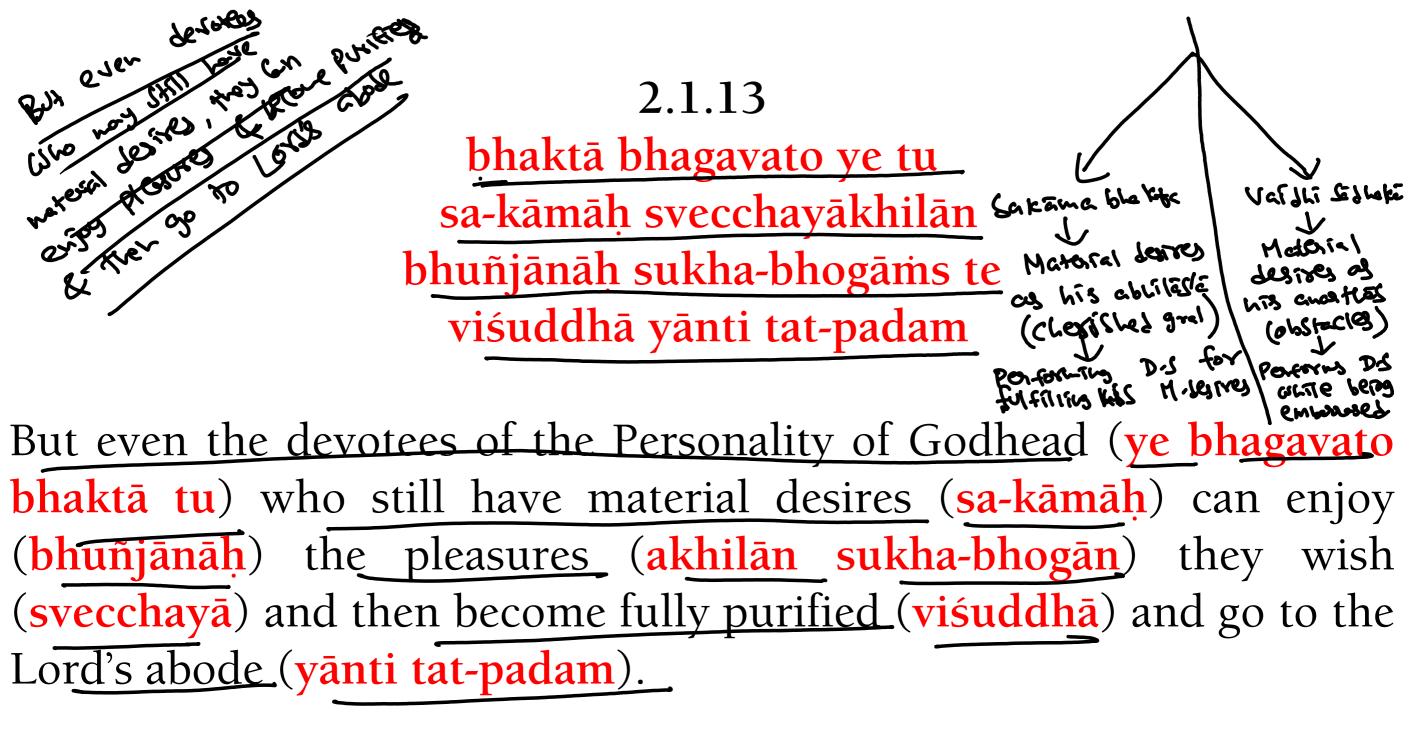
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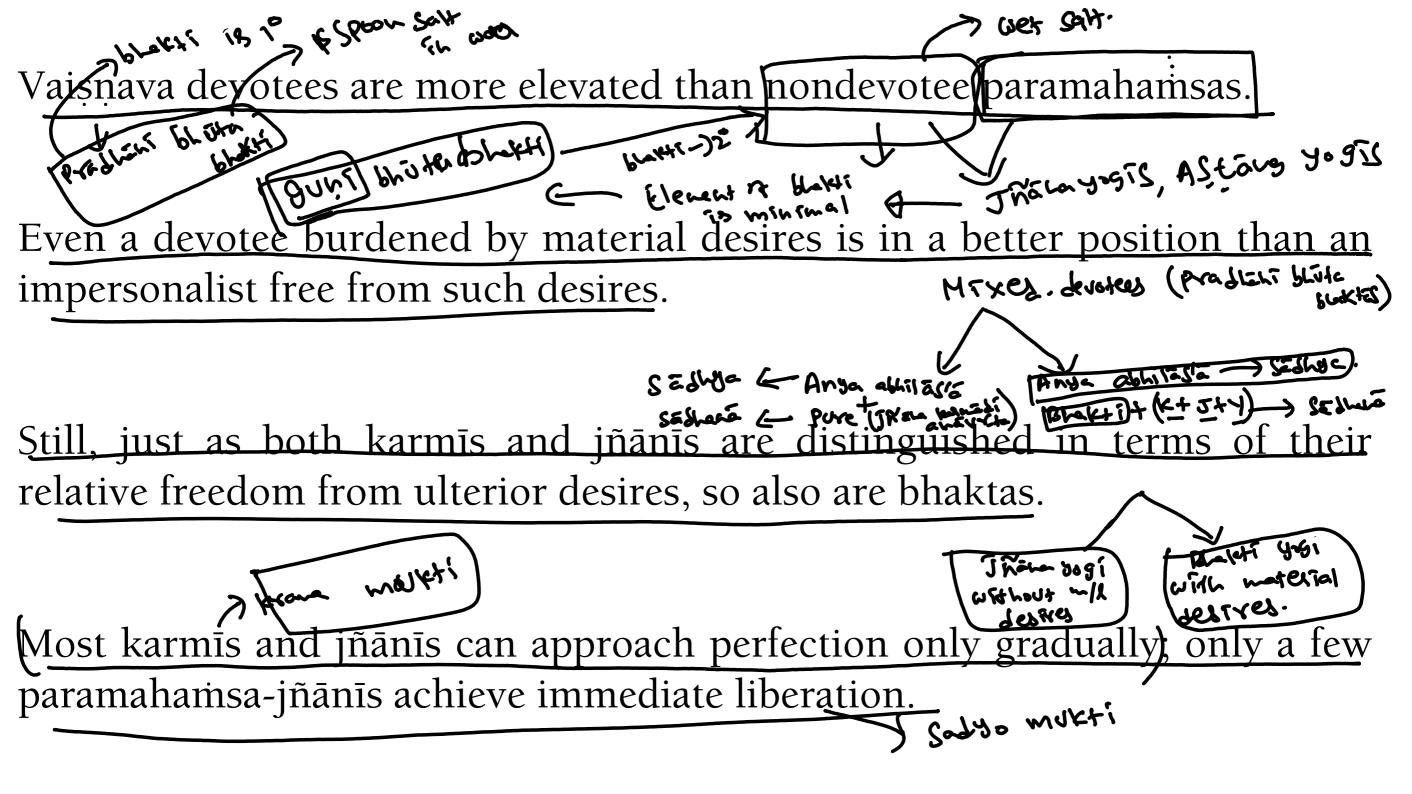
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Vairāgya: Renunciation





Similarly, though all Vaiṣṇavas are sure candidates for ultimate perfection, the sakāma-bhaktas, those whose devotion to the Personality of Godhead is mixed with desires to control and enjoy, must first become purified.

Still, although sakāma-bhaktas need further purification to qualify for entry into the kingdom of God, they should never be considered subject to the laws of material nature like the karmīs and jñānīs.

<u>As stated here, sakāma-bhaktas live happily in this world, free from material</u> restraints (svecchayā).

They are at liberty to visit all the regions of this world, including the highest planets, beginning with Mahar, they can reach the subtlest stages on the Arcir-ādi path, and they can attain the Vaikuntha realms within this universe like Śvetadvīpa and Ramāpriya.

Avoiding frustration from the deficiencies and miseries that taint every material situation, sakāma-bhaktas find happiness in this world (sukha-bhogān).

Ś<u>rīla Sanātana Gosvāmī</u> uses the word bhunjānā<u>h</u> ("enjoying") in a form of the present tense to indicate that even while Vaiṣṇavas are finishing up their last enjoyment of the material world the power of the Lord's devotional service purifies them enough to demolish all obstacles in their hearts.

Their material business finished, they then achieve the Supreme Lord's eternal abode.