

Śrī Brhad-bhāgavatāmṛta

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Śrī-goloka-māhātmya

The Glories of Goloka

Chapter-1

Vairāgya: Renunciation

2.1.13

bhaktā bhagavato ye tu
sa-kāmāḥ svecchayākhilān
bhuñjānāḥ sukha-bhogāms te
viśuddhā yānti tat-padam

Sakāma bhakte

↓
Material desires
as his abilities/
(cherished goal)

↓
Performing D-s for
fulfilling his M-desires

Vafli bhakte

↓
Material
desires as
his enemies
(obstacles)

↓
Performs D-s
while being
embarrassed

But even devotees
who may still have
material desires, they can
enjoy pleasure & become purified
& then go to Lord's abode

But even the devotees of the Personality of Godhead (ye bhagavato bhaktā tu) who still have material desires (sa-kāmāḥ) can enjoy (bhuñjānāḥ) the pleasures (akhilān sukha-bhogān) they wish (svecchayā) and then become fully purified (viśuddhā) and go to the Lord's abode (yānti tat-padam).

bhakti is 10
 1 Spoon salt
 in water

Vaiṣṇava devotees are more elevated than nondevotee paramahāṁsas.

Pradhānī bhūta bhakti

gūṇī bhūta bhakti

Element of bhakti is minimal

Jñāna-yogī, Aśtāṅg-yogī

Even a devotee burdened by material desires is in a better position than an impersonalist free from such desires.

Mixed devotees (Pradhānī bhūta bhaktas)

Sādhyā ← Anya abhilāṣā
 Sādhanā ← Pure (Jñāna manādi anāyukta)

Anya abhilāṣā → Sādhanā
 Bhakti + (K + J + Y) → Sādhanā

Still, just as both karmīs and jñānīs are distinguished in terms of their relative freedom from ulterior desires, so also are bhaktas.

Asana mukti

Jñāna-yogī without m/l desires

Bhakti-yogī with material desires.

(Most karmīs and jñānīs can approach perfection only gradually) only a few paramahāṁsa-jñānīs achieve immediate liberation.

Sadyo mukti

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.

As stated here, sakāma-bhaktas live happily in this world, free from material 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.

↓ सुख - असुखोत्पत्तौ मुक्ति

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

Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī uses the word bhuñjānāḥ (“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.