

Śrī Brhad-bhāgavatāmṛta

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Śrī-goloka-māhātmya

The Glories of Goloka

Chapter-1

Vairāgya: Renunciation

The śrutis & smṛtis
glorify Him. No one
can fully describe His glories.
Pis listen about His glories
while you are here

2.1.67

śruti-smṛti-stūyamānaḥ
kenāsyā mahimocyatām
tad atra vācyamānāni
purāṇāni muhuḥ śṛṇu

The śrutis and smṛtis glorify Him (śruti-smṛti-stūyamānaḥ). Who can describe His greatness (kena asya mahimā ucyatām)? But while you are here (tad atra), please listen (śṛṇu) to the profuse histories spoken about Him from the Purāṇas (muhuḥ purāṇāni vācyamānāni).

This holy pilgrimage site Prayāga, the king of tīrthas, is a most
suitable place for hearing the glories of the Supreme Lord from the
authoritative histories recorded in the Purāṇas.

Just bow down to
& behold Mādhava & say
soon you will understand
all these things & more

2.1.68

mādhavaṁ nama cālokya
pratirūpaṁ jagat-prabhoḥ
tato 'cirād idam sarvaṁ
paraṁ ca jñāsyasi svayam

Just bow down to Lord Mādhava (mādhavaṁ nama) and behold Him (ca ālokya), the direct manifestation of the Lord of the universe (pratirūpaṁ jagat-prabhoḥ). And soon (tato acirād) you will understand for yourself (svayam jñāsyasi) all this (idam sarvaṁ) and much more (paraṁ ca).

The Lord of Vaikuṅṭha can be seen directly in His image as Mādhava, the presiding Deity of Daśāśvamedha-ghāṭa at Prayāga.

In the short time the Vaiṣṇavas were speaking to the Prāgjyotiṣa-pura brāhmaṇa, they could only hint at the glories of Lord Viṣṇu, but if the brāhmaṇa were to follow their advice by hearing from them the Purāṇas, bowing down to Lord Mādhava, and meditating on the Deity's beautiful form, more realization would automatically be revealed within his heart.

By taking darśana of Śrī Mādhava
 he notices some similarity in appearance
 b/w Mādhava & Śrī Madhava?ala

śrī-parīkṣid uvāca
 tataḥ śrī-mādhavaṁ vīkṣya
 namaṁs tasmin vyacaṣṭa saḥ
 sārūpyaṁ sva-jape cintya-
 māna-devasya kiñcana

Śrī Parīkṣit said: Thus (tataḥ), while looking at Śrī Mādhava (śrī-mādhavaṁ vīkṣya) and bowing down to Him (namaṁs tasmin), the brāhmaṇa noticed (saḥ vyacaṣṭa) some likeness in appearance (kiñcana sārūpyaṁ) between Śrī Mādhava and the Lord on whom he meditated while chanting his mantra (sva-jape cintya- māna- devasya).



Just as the Vaiṣṇavas had predicted, by associating with Lord Mādhava the brāhmaṇa began to realize transcendental knowledge.



He noticed that certain features of the Deity, like the shape of His mouth and eyes, were similar to the features of the Lord whom he sometimes envisioned while chanting his mantra.

There he heard some
passages from śrīmad in the
association & also took darshan
of their deity

2.1.70

tatra kiñcit purāṇam sa
śr̥ṇoti saha vaiṣṇavaiḥ
tair arcyamānā vividhā
viṣṇu-mūrtīś ca paśyati

There at Daśāśvamedha-ghāṭa (tatra) he heard (śr̥ṇoti) some passages from the Purāṇas (kiñcit purāṇam) in the company of the Vaiṣṇavas (saha vaiṣṇavaiḥ), and he saw (paśyati) various Deities of Viṣṇu (vividhā viṣṇu-mūrtīḥ) they worshiped (tair arcyamānā).

In the presence of Lord Mādhava he listened to discussions on such portions of the Purānas as the Māgha-māhātmya of Śrī Padma Purāṇa (Uttara-khaṇḍa), which praises bathing at Prayāga in the month of Māgha.

By hearing in the company of pure devotees, he became affected by their strong faith and ecstatic mood.

Still he could not
identify Lord Mādhava to
be the same as his worshipable
deity

2.1.71

tathāpi pratyabhijñeyam
tasya na syād acetasaḥ
mad-devo jagad-īśo 'yam
mādhavo 'pi satām prabhuḥ

Nonetheless (**tathāpi**) he remained ignorant (**acetasaḥ**), unable to
recognize his own worshipable Deity (**tasya iyam mad-devah na**
pratyabhijñā syād) to be the same Lord Mādhava (**mādhavaḥ**), the
ruler of the universe (**jagad-īśah**) and master of the saintly devotees
(**satām prabhuḥ**).

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Anyone with good discrimination would have been able to deduce from the similarities between Lord Mādhava and Lord Gopāla that the Deity of the brāhmaṇa's mantra was the very same Lord of the universe appearing at Daśāśvamedha-ghāṭa.

The brāhmaṇa, however, was too foolish.

Lacked the sukṛti