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## Bhajana: Worship

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bhaktānām sac-cid-ānanda-  
rūpeṣv aṅgendriyātmasu  
ghaṭate svānurūpeṣu  
vaikuṅṭhe 'nyatra ca svataḥ

In Vaikuntha (vaikuṅṭhe) and elsewhere (anyatra ca), the transcendental nature of devotional activity spontaneously shows itself (svataḥ ghaṭate) in the suitably formed (svānurūpeṣu) sac-cid-ānanda bodies (sac-cid-ānanda-rūpeṣu) of the Lord's devotees (bhaktānām), bodies composed of limbs and senses (aṅga indriya ātmasu).

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Devotional service is thus established as transcendental activity that naturally manifests itself in the purified hearts of the devotees; it is not material.

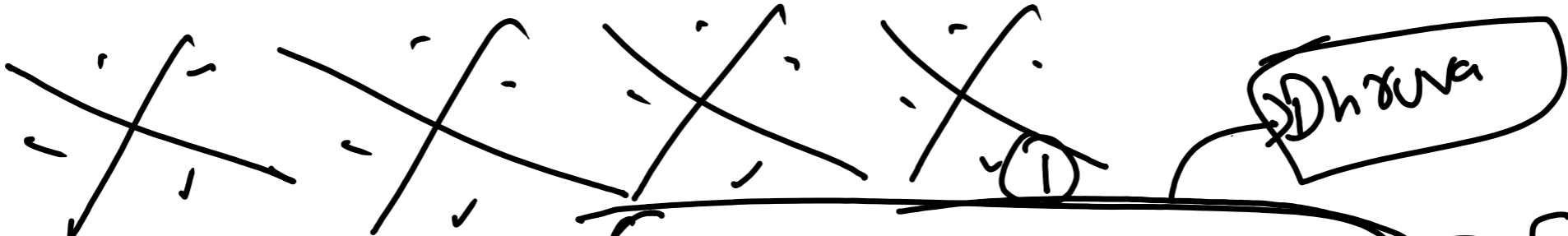
Still, someone might question how self-manifesting bhakti could appear in devotees as such activities as hearing and chanting, which involve the body and its senses.

To clear this doubt, we need to understand that devotees of the Supreme Lord, both in Vaikuṅṭha and elsewhere, perform bhakti with spiritual bodies and senses.

There is no discrepancy in this conception, because the limbs and senses of the pure Vaiṣṇavas are equal in spiritual quality with pure devotional service.



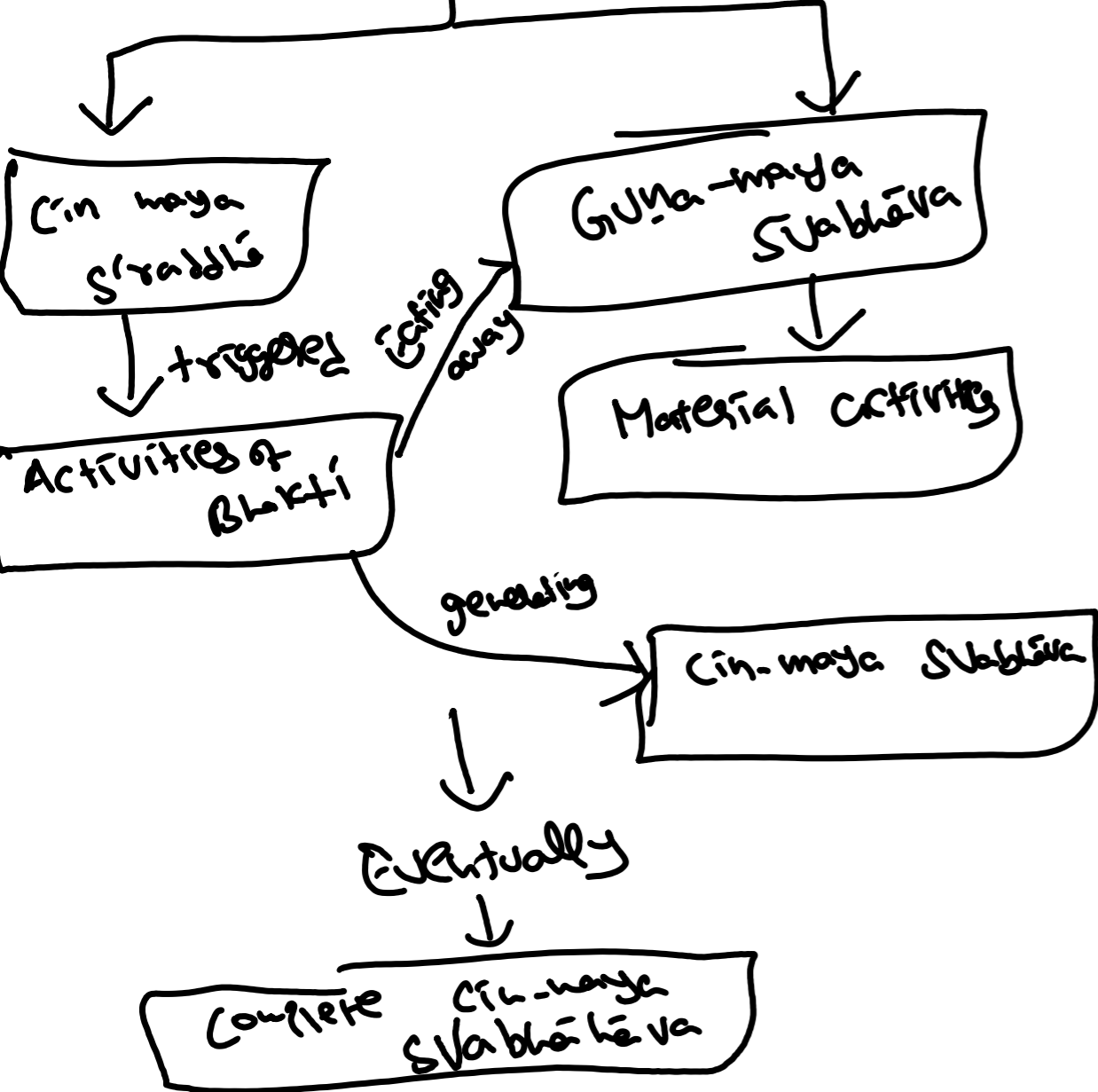
Even devotees who still live in this world in bodies made of material energy can engage in pure bhakti because the appearance of bhakti transforms their bodies.



Either their bodies become literally sac-cid-ānanda or bhakti enters  
their material bodies by the potency of the Supreme Lord's special  
mercy, or else their bodies and senses become suitable for  
performing bhakti by some God-given potency inherent in the jīvas  
themselves.



Pure Sādhaka



Pradhāni bhūta (or) Guṇi bhūta bhakta.

