

Śrī Bṛhad-bhāgavatāmṛta

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- ① Vairāgye
- ② Jñāna
- ③ bhajane.
- ④ Vaikunthe.

Part 4

Vaikuntha- The Spiritual Kingdom

TEXT 120

etādr̥śāt prāpya-tamaṁ na kiñcid
vaikuntha-vāsāt kila vidyate 'nyat
sandeham iṣat tvam apiha kartuṁ
nārhasy ato 'nyaḥ kim u pṛcchyatām tat

↓ would pacify my
own mind telling:
"There is no higher
attainment than Vaikuntha"

“Have not the slightest doubt (tvam iṣat api iha sandeham kartuṁ na arhasy),” I would tell my mind (**implied**). “There is no attainment more desirable (na kiñcid kila vidyate anyat prāpya-tamaṁ) than living here in Vaikuntha (etādr̥śāt vaikuntha-vāsāt). So why even raise the question (ato nyaḥ kim u pṛcchyatām tat)?”

Gopa-kumāra would address his own mind like this.

No one should question the established conclusion of the Vedas that Vaikunṭha is the highest destination of the soul.

TEXT 121

O fickle heart,
use your intelligence
& give up this lower nature
there is nothing higher than
resting in it
pls be careful

tasmād are cañcala-citta buddhyā-
dyāpi svabhāvaṁ tyaja dūrato 'tra
asmāt param nāsti param phalam tat
śāntim parāṁ yukti-śatena gaccha

“O fickle heart (are cañcala-citta), now (adyāpi) use your intelligence (buddhyā), therefore (tasmād), to cast this lower nature far away (svabhāvaṁ tyaja dūrato). It doesn't belong here (implied). There is nothing greater than (asmāt param nāsti) to reside in Vaikuṅṭha (atra), no greater goal (nāsti param phalam). Consider the hundreds of arguments that support this truth (yukti-śatena), and achieve the highest peace (gaccha śāntim parāṁ).”

TEXT 122

tad bodhayann eva vilokayāmy aham
svam sac-cid-ānanda-mayaṁ tathā prabhoḥ
vaikuṅṭha-loke bhajanāt param sukham
sāndram sadaivānubhavantam adbhutam

After thus
instructing my mind,
I would see myself
relishing the highest
bliss of worshipping
the Lord in ②

After thus instructing my mind (tad bodhayann eva), I would look (vilokayāmy aham) at myself in my sac-cid-ānanda form (svam sac-cid-ānanda-mayaṁ) and see myself constantly relishing (sadaiva anubhavantam) what seemed the highest happiness (param sukham), intense (sāndram) and amazing (adbhutam), from worshipping the Supreme Lord (prabhoḥ bhajanāt) in Vaikuṅṭha (vaikuṅṭha-loke).

When Gopa-kumāra thought about his situation rationally, he could pacify himself.

But still his heart would sometimes be helplessly drawn to remembrance of Śrī Madana-gopāla and become agitated.