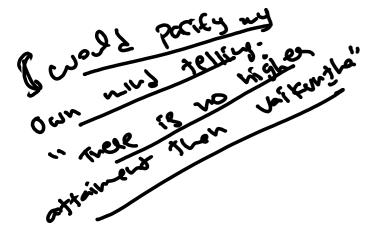
## Śrī Bṛhad-bhāgavatāmṛta

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Part 4

## Vaikuntha- The Spiritual Kingdom



## **TEXT 120**

etādṛśāt prāpya-tamam na kiñcid vaikuntha-vāsāt kila vidyate 'nyat sandeham īṣat tvam apīha kartum nārhasy ato 'nyaḥ kim u pṛcchyatām tat

"Have not the slightest doubt (tvam <u>iṣat api iha sandeham kartum na arhasy</u>)," I would tell my mind (<u>implied</u>). "The<u>re is no attainment more desirable</u> (<u>na kiñcid kila vidyate anyat prāpya-tamam</u>) than living here in Vaikuntha (<u>etādṛśāt vaikuntha-vāsāt</u>). So why even raise the question (<u>ato anyaḥ kim u pṛcchyatām tat</u>)?

Gopa-kumāra would address his own mind like this.

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

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## ΓΕΧΤ 121

tasmād are cañcala-citta buddhyādyāpi svabhāvam tyaja dūrato 'tra asmāt param nāsti param phalam tat śāntim parām yukti-śatena gaccha

"O fickle heart (are cañcala-citta), (now (adyāpi) use your intelligence (buddhyā), therefore (taṣmād), to cast this lower nature far away (svabhāvam tyaja dūrato). It doesn't belong here (implied). There is nothing greater than (asmāt param nāsti) to reside in Vaikuntha (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 parām)."

TEXT 122

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

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-mayam) and see myself constantly relishing (sadaiva anubhavantam) what seemed the highest happiness (param sukham), intense (sāndram) and amazing (adbhutam), from worshiping the Supreme Lord (prabhoh bhajanāt) in Vaikuntha (vaikuntha-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.