Sri Sri Radha GopinathTemple Bhagavatam Class

1.10.18-19

Departure of Lord Krsna for Dwaraka

Radha Madhava Om namo bhagavata, narayanam namaskrtya 3. Verse, purport Om ajnana Sri caitanya 6. Vande 'ham He krsna Tapta kancana Vanca kalpa 10. Sri Krsna.... Hare Krsna

Verse, Translation and Purport

|| 1.10.18 ||
uddhavaḥ sātyakiś caiva
vyajane paramādbhute
vikīryamāṇaḥ kusumai
reje madhu-patiḥ pathi

Uddhava and Sātyaki began to fan the Lord with decorated fans, and the Lord, as the master of Madhu, seated on scattered flowers, commanded them along the road.

|| 1.10.19 ||
aśrūyantāśiṣaḥ satyās
tatra tatra dvijeritāḥ
nānurūpānurūpāś ca
nirguṇasya guṇātmanaḥ

Here and there were heard the benedictions being paid to Kṛṣṇa, which were neither befitting nor unbefitting because they were all for the Absolute, who was now playing the part of a human being.

Srila Prabhupada's Purport

At places there were sounds of Vedic benediction aiming at the Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

The benedictions were fitting in the sense that the Lord was playing the part of a human being, as if a cousin of Mahārāja Yudhiṣṭhira, but they were also unfitting because the Lord is absolute and has nothing to do with any kind of material relativities.

He is nirguṇa, or there are no material qualities in Him, but He is full of transcendental qualities.

In the transcendental world there is nothing contradictory, whereas in the relative world everything has its opposite.

In the relative world white is the opposite conception of black, but in the transcendental world there is no distinction between white and black.

Therefore the sounds of benedictions uttered by the learned brāhmaṇas here and there appear to be contradictory in relation with the Absolute Person, but when they are applied to the Absolute Person they lose all contradiction and become transcendental.

One example may clear this idea.

Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is sometimes described as a thief.

He is very famous amongst His pure devotees as the Mākhana-cora.

He used to steal butter from the houses of neighbors at Vṛndāvana in His early age.

Since then He is famous as a thief.

But in spite of His being famous as a thief, He is worshiped as a thief, whereas in the mundane world a thief is punished and is never praised.

Since He is the Absolute Personality of Godhead, everything is applicable to Him, and still in spite of all contradictions He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

SVCT's Comments

The blessings are described as satya or true because Kṛṣṇa never deviates from those descriptions, but the blessings were both inappropriate (nānurūpāḥ) and appropriate (anurūpāḥ).

From the point of view of the Lord's powers, blessings such as "Be happy!" are inappropriate for one who is without material qualities (nirguṇasya) and full of spiritual bliss.

From the point of view of sweetness, the same blessings are appropriate for the Lord who has spiritual qualities such as being controlled by the devotee's prema and being devoted to brāhmaṇas (guṇātmaṇaḥ).

The words are appropriate because the Lord's words in reply "I am always happy with your blessings" which describe his qualities should not be false.

As well since Kṛṣṇa is both the viṣaya and āśraya of dāsya, sakhya, vātsalya and mādhurya rasas, he is actually filled with spiritual qualities of happiness and distress arising from meeting and separating from his devotees.

Section-I

It is important to appreciate and internalize the "na-anurupa aspect" first in order to become qualified to understand how these words are "anurupa"

nivṛtti-lakṣaṇa-mārga ādāv eva vyākhyātaḥ; etāvān evāṇḍa-kośo yaś caturdaśadhā purāṇeṣu vikalpita upagīyate yat tad bhagavato nārāyaṇasya sākṣān mahā-puruṣasya sthaviṣṭham rūpam ātmamāyā-guṇamayam anuvarṇitam ādṛtaḥ paṭhati śṛṇoti śrāvayati sa upageyam bhagavataḥ paramātmano 'grāhyam api śraddhā-bhakti-viśuddha-buddhir veda.

In the beginning [the Second and Third Cantos of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam] I have already described (ādāv eva vyākhyātaḥ) how one can progress on the path of liberation (nivṛttilakṣaṇa-mārga). In the Purāṇas (purāṇeṣu) the universe divided into fourteen parts (aṇḍakośo yah caturdaśadhā vikalpita) is described (upagīyate) as the gross body of the Supreme Lord Nārāyaṇa (yat tad bhagavato nārāyaṇasya sākṣād mahā-puruṣasya sthaviṣṭham rūpam), made of his material māyā (ātmamāyā-guṇamayam). If one reads the description of this external form of the Lord with great faith (anuvarnitam ādṛtaḥ paṭhati), or if one hears about it or explains it to others (sṛṇoti śrāvayati), and develops faith, bhakti, and pure intelligence (śraddhā-bhakti-viśuddha-buddhih), he will understand the topic of the Supreme Lord (sah veda bhagavatah paramātmano upageyam), which is like an Upaniṣad, difficult to understand (agrāhyam).

The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is pushing forward the publication of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, as explained especially for the understanding of the modern civilized man, to awaken him to his original consciousness.

Without this consciousness, one melts into complete darkness.

Whether one goes to the upper planetary systems or the hellish planetary systems, he simply wastes his time.

Therefore one should hear of the universal position of the virāṭ form of the Lord as described in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam.

That will help one save himself from material conditional life and gradually elevate him to the path of liberation so that he can go back home, back to Godhead.

Why are Pastimes of the Lilavataras difficult

to Understand?

bhaktiḥ pūrvaiḥ śritā tām tu rasam paśyed yad-ātta-dhīḥ | tam naumi satatam rūpanāma-priya-janam hareḥ

Though there are others who in the past have taken up the path of devotional service to the Lord (pūrvaih tām bhaktih śritā tu), I pay my continual obeisances (tam satatam naumi) to Srila Rupa Goswami, who is dearmost to the Lord (rūpanāma hareḥ priya-janam). By his mercy, humanity has received the intelligence (yad-ātta-dhīḥ) to see all rasas (relationships with the Lord) revealed by bhakti (devotion to the Lord) (rasam paśyed).

- Own Language
- Amma-Appa eating / Nityananda Prabhu
- Thermodynamics
- Borivili station
- Similar to material emotions (Kamarupa ragatmika)
- Avajananti Mam mudha Dhobi example
- Purusavatara katha less devotional maturity (ittham bhavena)

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Understand?

Uddhava's Jealousy of the Vrajavasis

1.6.19-21

śrī-parīkṣid uvāca

uddhavo 'tyanta-sambhrānto drutam utthāya tat-padau nidhāyānke samālingya tasyābhipretya hṛd-gatam

hṛt-prāpta-bhagavat-tat-tat-prasāda-bhara-bhāg-janaḥ tadīya-prema-sampatti-vibhava-smṛti-yantritaḥ

rodanair vivaśo dīno yatnād dhairyam śrito munim avadhāpyāha mātsaryāt sāttvikāt pramudam gataḥ

Śrī Parīkṣit said: Impelled by great respect for Nārada (atyanta-sambhrāntah), Uddhava (uddhavah) suddenly stood up (drutam utthāya), held Nārada's feet, and embraced them (tat-padau nidhāyānke samālingya). Aware of what Nārada was thinking (tasya hṛd-gatam abhipretya), Uddhava remembered (hṛt-prāpta) many devotees who had received the Lord's special favor (bhagavat-tat-tatprasāda-bhara-bhāg-janah). As Uddhava meditated on those devotees (smṛtiyantritah), their love for the Lord (tadīya-prema), and the wealth of their loving ecstasies (sampatti-vibhava), he felt distress, thinking himself fallen (dīnah), and cried helplessly (rodanair vivaso). Only with some effort was he able to regain his composure (yatnād dhairyam śritah). Then he became joyful (pramudam gatah) and spoke to the sage (munim āha), moved by the sāttvika emotion of jealousy (sāttvikāt mātsaryāt avadhāpya).

As Uddhava meditated on the great fortune of Kṛṣṇa's devotees, he felt undeserving.

He experienced the essential devotional prerequisite of dainya, utter humility.

For Uddhava to regain his composure required great effort, plus the help of Nārada, Balarāma, and the others.

Uddhava was next confronted by the bhāva of jealousy, intolerance of others' good fortune.

This transcendental jealousy, however, was sāttvika, born from pure goodness, untouched by the influence of passion and ignorance.

Therefore, it was a cause of joy.

Having no trace of hatred, this ecstatic jealousy gave no distress to Uddhava or anyone else.

Rather, in this jealousy he entered even deeper into the trance of his attraction to Kṛṣṇa, just as devotees in the conjugal mood become even more blissfully attached to Kṛṣṇa when jealous of His other lovers.

Dovetailing Anarthas ???

kāma, krodha, lobha, moha, mada, mātsarya, dambha-saha sthāne sthāne niyukta kariba ānanda kari' hṛdaya, ripu kari' parājaya, anāyāse govinda bhajiba.

'kāma' kṛṣṇa-karmārpaṇe, 'krodha' bhakta-dveṣī jane, 'lobha' sādhu-saṅge hari-kathā 'moha' iṣṭa-lābha vine, 'mada' kṛṣṇa-guṇa-gāne, niyukta kariba yathā tathā.

Srila Prabhupada's purport to

SB 10.13.2

Kāma (desires), krodha (anger) and bhaya (fear) are always present in the material world, but in the spiritual, or transcendental, world one can use them for Kṛṣṇa. Kāmaṁ kṛṣṇa-karmārpaṇe.

The desire of the paramahamsas, therefore, is to act always for Kṛṣṇa.

'Krodha' bhakta-dveși jane.

They use anger against the nondevotees and transform bhaya, or fear, into fear of being deviated from Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

In this way, the life of a paramahamsa devotee is used entirely for Kṛṣṇa, just as the life of a person attached to the material world is used simply for women and money.

What is day for the materialistic person is night for the spiritualist.

What is very sweet for the materialist—namely women and money—is regarded as poison by the spiritualist.

Srila BVT's explanation of

this verse in Bhaktyaloka

The confidential meaning of this song is that the duty of an intelligent person is to direct these urges away from their respective subjects and make them favorable to devotional service.

That can only be done with patience.

Quote: tada rajas tamo bhava

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Prthu's Maharaj's Competition with Lakshmi Devi

|| 4.20.27 ||

athābhaje tvākhila-pūruṣottamam guṇālayam padma-kareva lālasaḥ apy āvayor eka-pati-spṛdhoḥ kalir na syāt kṛta-tvac-caraṇaika-tānayoḥ

Having great desire like Lakṣmī (padma-karā iva lālasaḥ), with complete purity I will worship the feet (atha ābhaje) of you, the Supreme Lord (tva akhila-pūruṣottamam), the abode of all qualities (guṇālayam). Perhaps there will be a competition between us for one master (apy āvayor eka-pati-spṛdhoḥ kalih)? No (na syāt), we will both be fully concentrating on serving your lotus feet (kṛta-tvat-caraṇa-eka-tānayoḥ).

He compares himself to Lakṣmī with the word iva (like), suggesting he can take a portion of such service, for Lakṣmī is most famous for her service to the Lord's feet.

As the foremost devotee he expresses vīra-bhakti (desire for competition) in relation to Lakṣmī.

He wonders if he will quarrel with Lakṣmī while performing bhakti, just as he quarreled with Indra while doing karma.

He asks, "Will there be some competition between us for serving one master?"

By proper method, there will be no conflict.

We will both be constantly engaged in one object, serving his feet.

|| 4.20.28 ||

jagaj-jananyām jagad-īśa vaiśasam syād eva yat-karmaņi naḥ samīhitam karoṣi phalgv apy uru dīna-vatsalaḥ sva eva dhiṣṇye 'bhiratasya kim tayā

O Lord of the universe (jagad-īśa)! The mother of the universe (jagaj-jananyām) may become angry (vaiśasam syād) that I desire her service (yat-karmaṇi naḥ samīhitam). Affectionate to the miserable (dīna-vatsalaḥ), you make great those who are small (phalgv apy uru karoṣi). What use do I have for her (kim tayā), since I have your power behind me (sva eva dhiṣṇye abhiratasya)?

This verse describes Pṛthu's vīra-bhakti, which is defined in Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu:

kṛpām tasya samāśritya prauḍhām nānyam apekṣate | atulām yo vahana kṛṣṇe prītim vīraḥ sa ucyate ||

The devotee who takes shelter of Kṛṣṇa (kṛṇām tasya prauḍhām samāśritya) and has incomparable attraction for Kṛṣṇa (kṛṣṇe atulām prītim vahana), though he does not notice others (na anyam apekṣate), is called a vīra pāriṣada or vīra anuga (vīraḥ sa ucyate). BRS 3.2.53

There may be some conflict with Lakṣmī, who is also my mother, since I reside within the universe.

Why?

I have a desire for her service (yat karmaṇi).

Let her sit on your chest! I am the son. I will do all service to your feet!

Is she so stubborn that she cannot live without that service?

"But you are a novice, she is experienced. You are low and she is exalted. Why do you compete with her?"

True, but just as you took my side in the quarrel with Indra, you should favor me in this case as well.

You make an insignificant person very great because you are affectionate to low creatures.

"Are you not afraid of her anger?"

I do not fear her anger.

Since I possess your power, why should I worry about her?

My strength is your great mercy.

This attitude is described in the following verse:

pralamba-ripur īśvaro bhavatu kā kṛtis tena me kumāra-makara-dhvajād api na kiñcid āste phalam | kim anyad aham uddhataḥ prabhu-kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-śriyā priyā pariṣad-agrimām na gaṇayāmi bhāmām api ||

Balarāma, enemy of Pralamba (pralamba-ripuh), may be the Supreme Lord (<u>iśvaro bhavatu</u>), but what use do I have for him (<u>kā kṛtis tena</u> me)? What can I gain from the prince Pradyumna (kumāra-makaradhvajād api na kiñcid āste phalam)? Since I have been elevated (aham uddhatah) by the wealth of Kṛṣṇa's glance of mercy (prabhukṛpā-kaṭākṣa-śriyā), I do not give regard even to Satyabhāmā (na gaņayāmi bhāmām api), the head of all Kṛṣṇa's followers (priyā parișad-agrimām). BRS 3.2.54

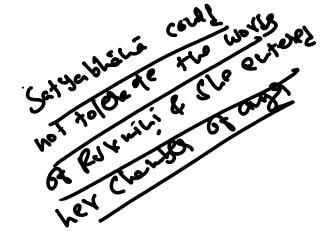
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Superior Love for Krsna.....

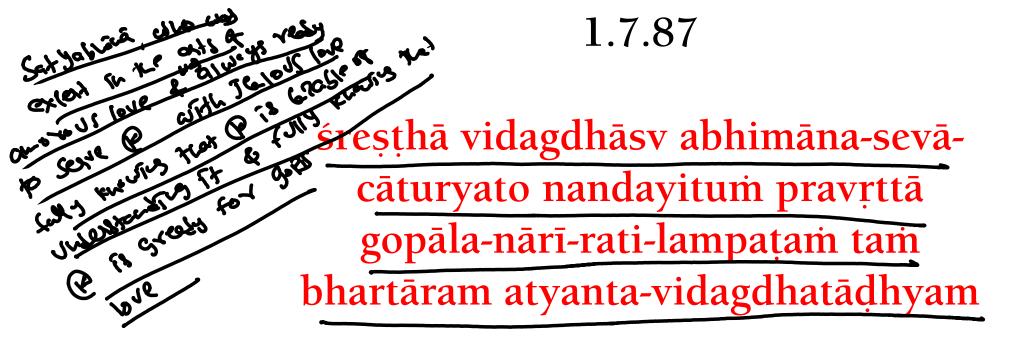


1.7.85

tato 'nyābhiś ca devībhir etad evānumoditam sātrājitī param mānageham tad-asahāviśat

[Uddhava said:] The other queens (tato anyābhiś ca devībhir) all agreed (etad eva anumoditam). Only Satyabhāmā, Sātrājitī (sātrājitī), unable to tolerate those words (tad-asahā), entered her chamber of anger (māna-geham āviśat).

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Satyabhāmā, most expert in the arts of amorous love (śresthā vidagdhāsu), was always ready (pravṛttā) to skillfully serve her husband (bhartāram cāturyato nandayitum) in the mood of jealous pride (abhimāna-sevā), knowing Him also to be fully conversant with the skills of love (tam atyanta-vidagdhatā āḍhyam) and eager to enjoy with the cowherd women (gopāla-nārī-rati-lampaṭam).

1.7.88

dāsībhyas tādṛśīm ājñām tasyākarṇya vicakṣaṇā utthāya mārjayanty aṅgaṁ tvarayā tatra sāgatā

Upon hearing (ākarṇya) this order (tādṛśīm ājñām) from her maidservants (tasya dāsībhyah), the intelligent Satyabhāmā (sā vicakṣanā) got up (utthāya), bathed (mārjayanty aṅgaṁ), and quickly came before Kṛṣṇa (tvarayā tatra āgatā).

Satyabhāmā is Srī Kṛṣṇa's very dear wife and would never act in such a way as to disturb His mind.

She makes a show of petulance because she knows what gives Kṛṣṇa pleasure.

Being at heart a great romantic, He enjoys affectionate quarrels with His beloved queens.

Calming the anger of His wives is one of His favorite diversions.

And moreover He feels great satisfaction in glorifying the gopīs of Vraja, including Candravalī and others.

He is always eager to relish the sublime taste of their love.

But why does Kṛṣṇa take pleasure in the ignoble sport of struggling to subdue the pride of quarrelsome women?

Because He is the topmost connoisseur of conjugal reciprocations.

So these dealings give Him unequaled joy.

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stambhe 'ntardhāpya deham svam sthitā lajjā-bhayānvitā samlakṣya prabhuṇā proktā samrambhāveśataḥ sphuṭam

She hid herself behind a pillar (stambhe antardhāpya deham svam) and stood there, filled with shame and fear (sthitā lajjā-bhayānvitā). Kṛṣṇa noticed her (samlakṣya prabhuṇā) and, still angry (samrambha āveśataḥ), spoke to her in a clear voice (sphuṭam proktā).

Although Satyabhāmā hid herself so that Kṛṣṇa could not see her, He smelled her unique fragrance and noticed other subtle signs of her presence.

Satyabhāmā often had fits of jealousy, but now she feared that by showing her temper at an unsuitable moment she might have gone too far.

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The Supreme Lord's service should never be performed haphazardly, but always with careful attention to satisfying Him, with just what He wants and at the time He wants it.

1.7.90-91

śri-bhagavān uvāca

are sātrājiti kṣīṇa-citte māno yathā tvayā

kriyate rukmiṇī-prāpta-pārijātādi-hetukaḥ

tathā vraja-janeṣv asman-nirbhara-praṇayād api

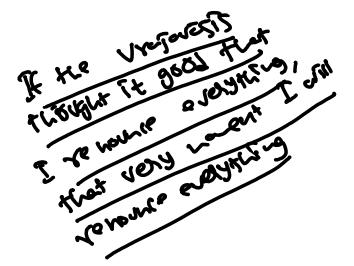
The Supreme Lord said: O weak-minded Sātrājiti (are sātrājiti (kṣīṇa-citte)), just as you grew angry (kriyate māno yathā tvayā) when Rukmiṇī obtained special favors like the pārijāta flower (rukmiṇī-prāpta-pārijātādi-hetukaḥ), now you are angry at Our intense love for the people of Vraja (tāthā vraja-janeṣu asmad-nirbhara-praṇayād api). Silly woman (avare), don't you know (kim na jānāsi) that I am ruled by their desires (mām tad-icchā anusārinam)?

avare kim na jānāsi mām tad-icchānusāriņam

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Displeased with Satyabhāmā, Kṛṣṇa remembers that her father had sometimes acted foolishly; thus He addresses her as "daughter of Satrājit" and calls her weak-minded and silly.

He refers to Himself in the plural either because He is thinking of Śrī Balarāma and Rohiṇī, who share His feelings for the Vraja-vāsīs, or because He is proud of Himself for having the great treasure of the Vraja-vāsīs' love.



1.7.92

kṛte sarva-parityāge tair bhadram yadi manyate śape te 'smin kṣaṇe satyam tathaiva kriyate mayā

If the people of Vraja thought it good (tair bhadram yadi manyate) that I renounce everything (kṛte sarva-parityāge), I promise You (śape te satyam) that in a moment (asmin kṣaṇe) I would do just that (tathaiva kriyate mayā).

If we are to take these words seriously, Kṛṣṇa would not hesitate to abandon His wives, His children, and everyone else in Dvārakā if that would make the Vraja-vāsīs happy.

But we should also take into account that a solemn vow is usually made only before someone in whom one has firm trust and this means that Satyabhāmā also is very dear to Kṛṣṇa.

LIGHT!

Why are Pastimes of the Lilavataras difficult to

Understand?

Srila Visvanath Cakravarti Thakura's Verdict (2.10.10

Commentary)

"Why do you always speak about the universal form and the self? Why is there so little sweet discussion about the qualities and forms of the līlāvatāras?"

What you observe is true.

To whom should topics about the līlāvatāras be taught with relish?

Those how have perfected bhakti or the nitya-siddhas constantly play spontaneously in the sweet ocean of Lord's beauty and pastimes.

But those who are sleeping on the bed of bliss of sense pleasure, and those who have fainted in the waves of suffering arising from karma, cannot be woken up.

How can pastimes of the Lord be taught to them?

This crest jewel of Purāṇas, being most merciful, thinking of how to give instruction to make them into sādhaka-bhaktas, constantly attempts by some trick or other, to wake them up.

Just as a limb burned by fire is given relief by fire and a person haunted by a ghost is revived by a ghost mantra, so jīvas' absorption in the sleep of māyā can be broken by topics concerning māyā.

But even though by the shower of nectar of pastimes of the Lord obtained by the mercy of the devotee, the person sleeping in the happiness of māyā or fainting in the suffering of karmas wakes up, becomes drenched, revitalized, dances and rejoices blissfully, only those who obtain that great mercy become successful, and not others.

The low jīvas, desiring to cross the material world and have developed determination to take shelter of the lotus feet of guru, can be delivered by constantly hearing about the self.

For this reasons there is repeated discussion of the self.

Those who are faithful devotees of the Lord will relish the nectar of the whole Bhāgavatam.

This scripture does not only speak about Bhagavān, though he is the main topic.

It also speaks about the impersonal aspect of the Lord – brahman — and his portion, Paramātmā.

It has been said at the beginning of this work brahmeti paramātmeti bhagavān iti śabdyate (SB 1.2.11)

Thus, repeated discussion of the self is suitable for worshippers of brahman and Paramātmā.

By this means, being most generous, Bhāgavatam produces bhakti in even the worshippers of brahman and Paramātmā.

Bhakti even appears in those who have reached perfection in brahman and Paramātmā.

This is shown in the verse ātmārāmāś ca munayaḥ. (SB 1.7.10)

Those persons, their sādhana, and the result they achieve are not rejected by the pure devotees, but looked upon with sympathy.

Kṛṣṇa who is completely full of sweetness in his form, qualities and pastimes, and possesses dharma, jñāna, bala and aiśvarya, since he contains all avatāras such as Matsya and Kūrma and the aspects of brahman and paramātmā as well, is worshipped by all types of devotees.

This scripture, being non-different from Kṛṣṇa's svarūpa, thus reveals Kṛṣṇa as the source of all avatāras, brahman and Paramātmā.

It reveals his qualities, pastimes, sweetness and powers, the method to attain him, sādhana-bhakti, the goal prema-bhakti, as well as all principles such as dharma, jñāna, yoga and vairāgya.

Thus everything is consistent.