

Laghu - Bhāgavatāmṛta

Part-1

The Sweetness of Kṛṣṇa

Chapter-5

Discussion of the Parāvasthā forms

Text:217

mām ca yo 'vyabhicāreṇa
bhakti-yogena sevate
sa guṇān samatīyaitān
brahma-bhūyāya kalpate

He who serves Me in pure devotional service (mām
ca yo avyabhicāreṇa bhakti-yogena sevate)
surpasses the guṇas (sa guṇān samatīyaitān), and
is qualified for Brahman (brahma-bhūyāya
kalpate). BG 14.26

Text:218

brahmaṇo hi pratiṣṭhāham
amṛtasyāvyayasya ca
śāśvatasya ca dharmasya
sukhasyaikāntikasya ca

I am the basis of impersonal Brahman (brahmaṇo hi pratiṣṭhā aham), the basis of indestructible liberation (amṛtasya avyayasya ca), the basis of the eternal method bhakti (śāśvatasya ca dharmasya) and the basis of the bliss of the unalloyed devotee (sukhasya ekāntikasya ca).

BG 14.27

Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

- By bhakti fixed in the heart one can also perceive the Brahman.

↓
mām ca yo

↓
avyabhicārena

↓
brahma bhūyāya kalpate

bhakti sevate
- What was stated in the Bhāgavatam verse yathendriyah (SB 3.32.33) is shown by a statement from the Gītā.
- He who worships me with full concentration through devotion becomes qualified for realizing Brahman, a mass of formless consciousness.

I
- This is the apparent meaning but the sentence actually means that the devotee attains a similarity to Brahman.

Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

- Thus the śruti says nirañjanaḥ paramam sāmyam upaiti: the purified person attains likeness to the supreme lord. (Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad 3.1.3)
- One should not say that the verse means that the jīva becomes Brahman.
- According to the Viṣṇu Purāna that is a false statement:

Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

paramātmātmanor yogah
paramārtha itīṣyate
mithyaitad anya-dravyam hi
naity anya-dravyatām yataḥ

It is said (**iṣyate**) that the supreme goal (**paramārtha**) is merging the Paramātmā with the individual soul (**paramātmā ātmanor yogah iti**). This is false (**etad mithyā**) because (**yataḥ**) one object (**anya-dravyam hi**) cannot become another different object (**naity anya-dravyatām**).

- It is false to say that the small jīva can become the immense Lord.

Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

- But how is it that the devotee of Vasudeva's son (apparently human) becomes similar to the Brahman (spiritual)?
- The Lord answers, "I am the supreme shelter of that Brahman which is formless and conscious (brahmaṇo hi pratisthāham)."
- I am the supreme shelter of eternal liberation (avyayasyāmrtasya) and eternal processes such as hearing in bhakti-yoga (śāśvatasya dharmasya).

Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

- I am the basis of the happiness of pure prema (aikāntikasya sukhasya).
- By performing bhakti to me, attaining that Brahman is nothing wonderful.