## Śrī Śikṣāṣṭakam

## Emanated from the lotus mouth of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu



## Śrī Sanmodana Bhāṣyam

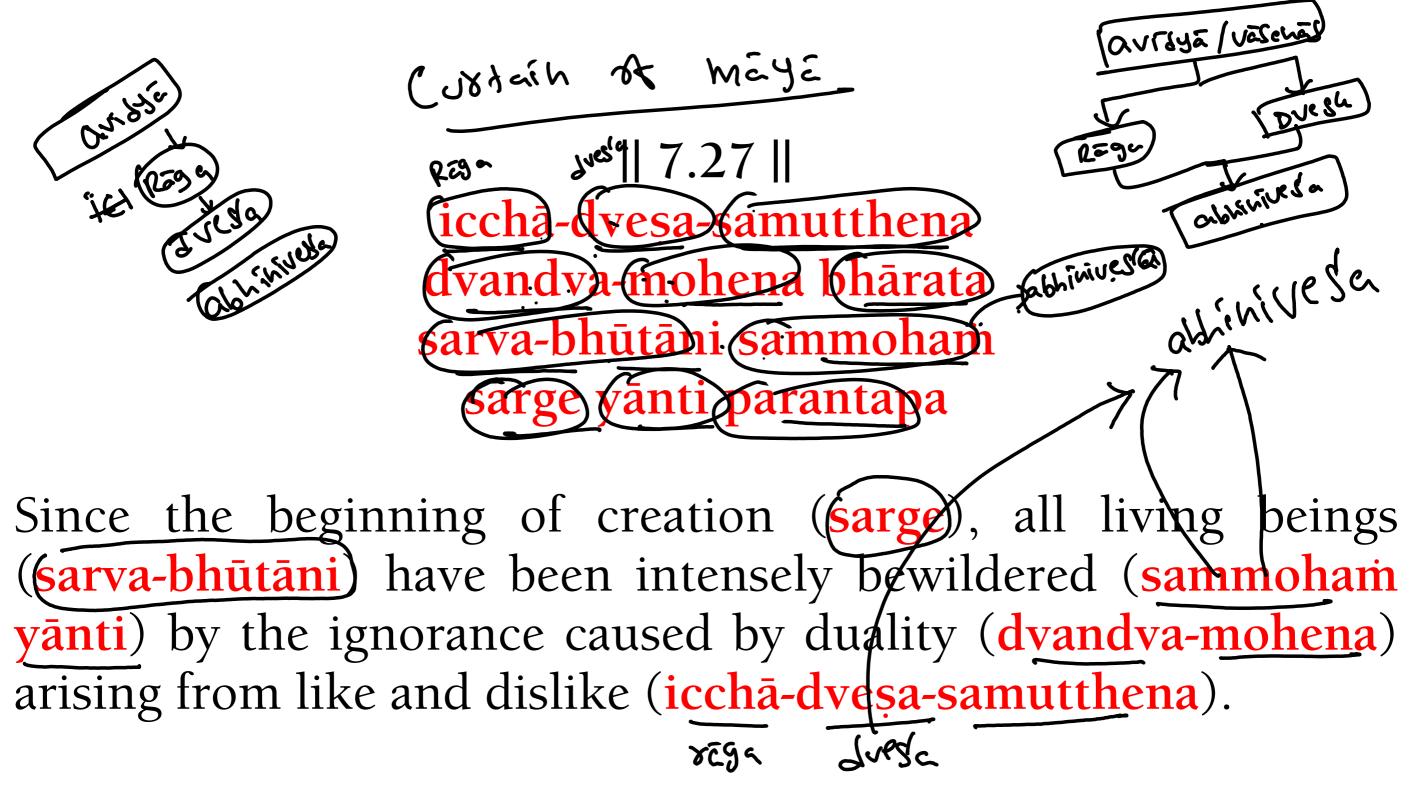
## Understanding the Mirror of the Mind, its Covering and the Cleansing Process

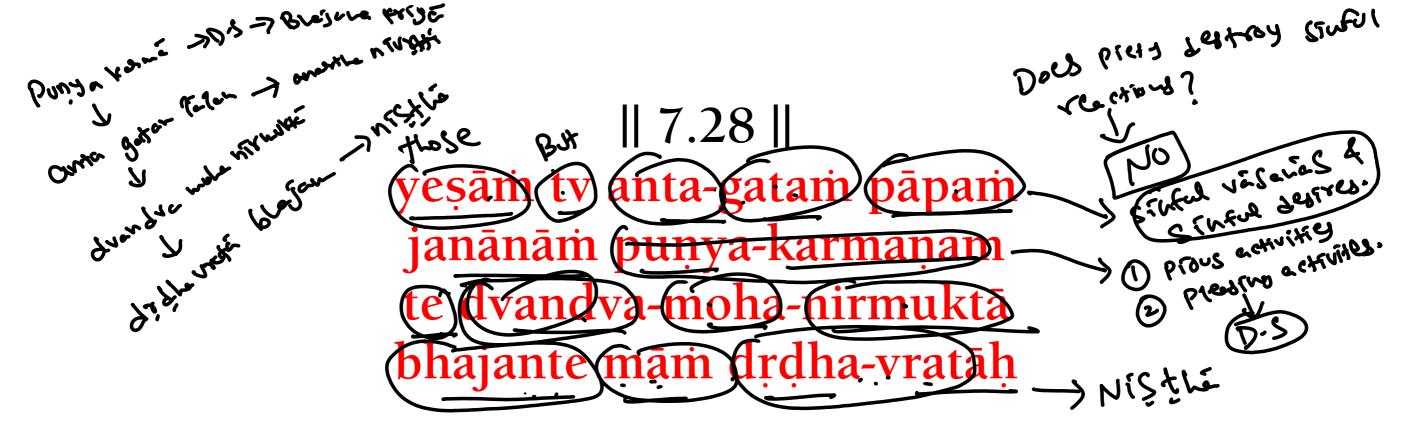
nāham prakāśah sarvasya voga-mayā-samāvṛtaḥ mūḍho 'yam nābhijānāti loko mām ajam avyayam

Being covered by My yoga-māyā (yoga-māyā-samāvṛtaḥ), I am not visible at all times even to My devotees in My spiritual abodes (nāhaṁ sarvasya prakāśaḥ). And the foolish do not understand that (ayaṁ mūḍhah lokah mām nābhijānāti) I, though appearing as the son of Vasudeva, am without birth and certainly have no material birth (ajam avyayam).

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vedāham samatītāni
vartamānāni cārjuna
bhaviṣyāṇi ca bhūtāni
mām tu veda na kaścana

I know all things in the past and present, Arjuna (veda aham samatītāni vartamānāni ca arjuna). I know everything in the future as well (bhaviṣyāṇi ca bhūtāni), but no one knows Me (mām tu veda na kaścana).





But those whose sins have been destroyed (yeṣām janānām tv anta-gatam pāpam) by acts pleasing to the great souls (puṇya-karmaṇām), who are free of the ignorance arising from duality (te dvandva-moha-nirmuktā), worship Me with determination (bhajante mām dṛḍha-vratāḥ).

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For the jīva averse to the Lord (iśād apetasya), there will be samsāra (bhayam syād) consisting of identity with body (viparyayo) and lack of identity with the soul (asmṛtiḥ), because of his absorption in the material coverings on the soul (dvitīyā abhiniveśatah), arising from the Lord's māyā (tan-māyayāto). Therefore, the intelligent person (budhah), taking guru as his Lord and very self (guru-devatātmā), should fully worship the Lord (tam īśam ābhajet) with pure bhakti (bhaktyaikayā):

However, the devotees should not fear bondage from samsāra. Fear naturally is destroyed for the person who starts bhakti.

Because of the false identity arising from imposition of body and senses (dvitīye), for the jīva averse to the Lord (īṣād apetasya), there will be fear or saṃsāra.

But there is no fear for the person faithful to the Lord:

tāvad rāgādayah stenās tāvat kārā-gṛham gṛham tāvan moho 'nghri-nigado yāvat kṛṣṇa na te janāḥ

O Kṛṣṇa! Until people become your devotees, their material attachments and desires remain thieves, their homes remain prisons, and their affectionate feelings for their family members remain foot-shackles. SB 10.14.36

That fear or samsāra takes two forms: the form of reversal and the form of forgetfulness.

Reversal means thinking oneself to be the body, different from the soul.

Forgetfulness means not remembering that one is soul.

A person becomes devoid of questions concerning the past and future such as "Who am I? What should I do? What was I before? What will I be after?" This fear arises by the māyā of the Lord.

It is said smṛti-bhramśād buddhi-nāśo buddhi-nāśāt praṇaśyati: from loss of memory, intelligence is lost and from loss of intelligence one is destroyed. (BG 2.61)

Because of this (ataḥ), the intelligent person, getting his intelligence by the mercy of guru's lotus feet, should fully (ā) worship (bhajet) the Lord by pure (ekaya) bhakti devoid of other desires, devoid of karma or jñāna.

This person considers the guru to be as dear as the Lord and the self.