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Notes on the Commentary by Çréla ŚIVARĀMA SWAMI

graphic language - Bathing In the Urine of an ass

We get so carried by externals & think what we are doing is spiritual life

Trying to wake us up.
Why be so humiliated? It's a disgusting scene

Who in their right mind will want to bathe in such a thing?

We want to cleanse our heart,

Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are not going to come close

An ass is that it's a stupid animal Only another such stupid animal will associate.

The "burning" is that one becomes so disheartened or poisoned by deceit that it more or less destroys any opportunity for one's advancement in spiritual life

soul is burning in a fire of deceit and hypocrisy, a very unpalatable and uncomfortable situation, detrimental for spiritual life.

Bathing example for both positive and negative,

we should bathe in, "the ocean of love emanating from the lotus feet of Śrī ŚrīGāndharvikā-Giridhārī," prema āmbhodhau.

solution of how to become free from a deceitful mentality and hypocritical attitude.

By prayers to Śrīmatī

From Rūpa Gosvāmī Stava-mālā.



Praying to Kṛṣṇa in a systematic process of surrendering

praying, surrendering, meditating, and chanting are done with humility, then deceit will be vanquished from the heart

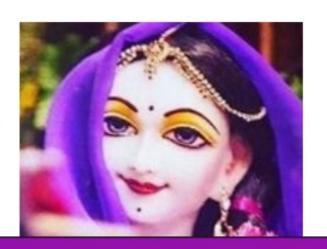


These prayers are to direct our minds from the duplicity of materially contaminated devotional service towards pure devotional service.

Prabhupāda has given us so many beautiful pastimes, so many nice prayers and poems.

they are constant source of practice.

surrender with great hope for service



"You have a butter-soft heart which melts constantly by the warmth of your compassion."

whether qualified or unqualified one can actually make a claim for mercy

Mercy means you don't have to be qualified; you just simply have to ask for it

The mood of begging is called humility

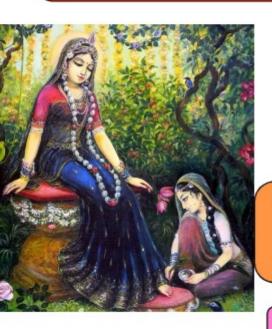
able to constantly chant

practice devotional service in a systematic and consistent fashion

our practice will always go up and down.

I will go to maṅgala-ārati and the morning program, but as soon as I leave then I revert to a different consciousness.

humility is acquired



by practicing the symptoms of humility,

specifically by associating with those devotees who are genuinely humble.

If we constantly chant than will we not give the opportunity for something else to come in.

Humility Constant engagement Freedom from deceit

Bhaktivinoda Thākura "s

the mind must be engaged in thoughts which are essential for advancement in devotional service, such as, "How can I perfect my service?"

Thinking about Kṛṣṇa,

thinking about spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness,

remembering the Lord's pastimes,

chanting the holy name loudly

As soon as you don't think about essential activities, we will start thinking about non-essential activities.

Non-essential activities will allow all kinds of other things to come back into the mind.

fixing our mind and always be absorbed in thinking about Kṛṣṇa is Yoga



We can have thoughts which are very essential to the execution of the service,

when we are not so engaged in service then we can think about Kṛṣṇa directly

It's not just going to happen unless we make it happen.

Kṛṣṇa consciousness means—to always practice thinking about Kṛṣṇa.

in conclusion

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the heart must be purified by humility in order to drive deceit out, and the heart must be saturated with humility in order to keep deceit from coming back in.