

Manah siksha verse 6  
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The Role of the Mind in Cheating

The causes of hypocrisy

Internal cause

External cause

False ego

Mind filled with unholy desires

Ethos which is severely judgemental

We want to show ourselves greater than who we are

Our struggles and inability to share with others because of fear of being judged

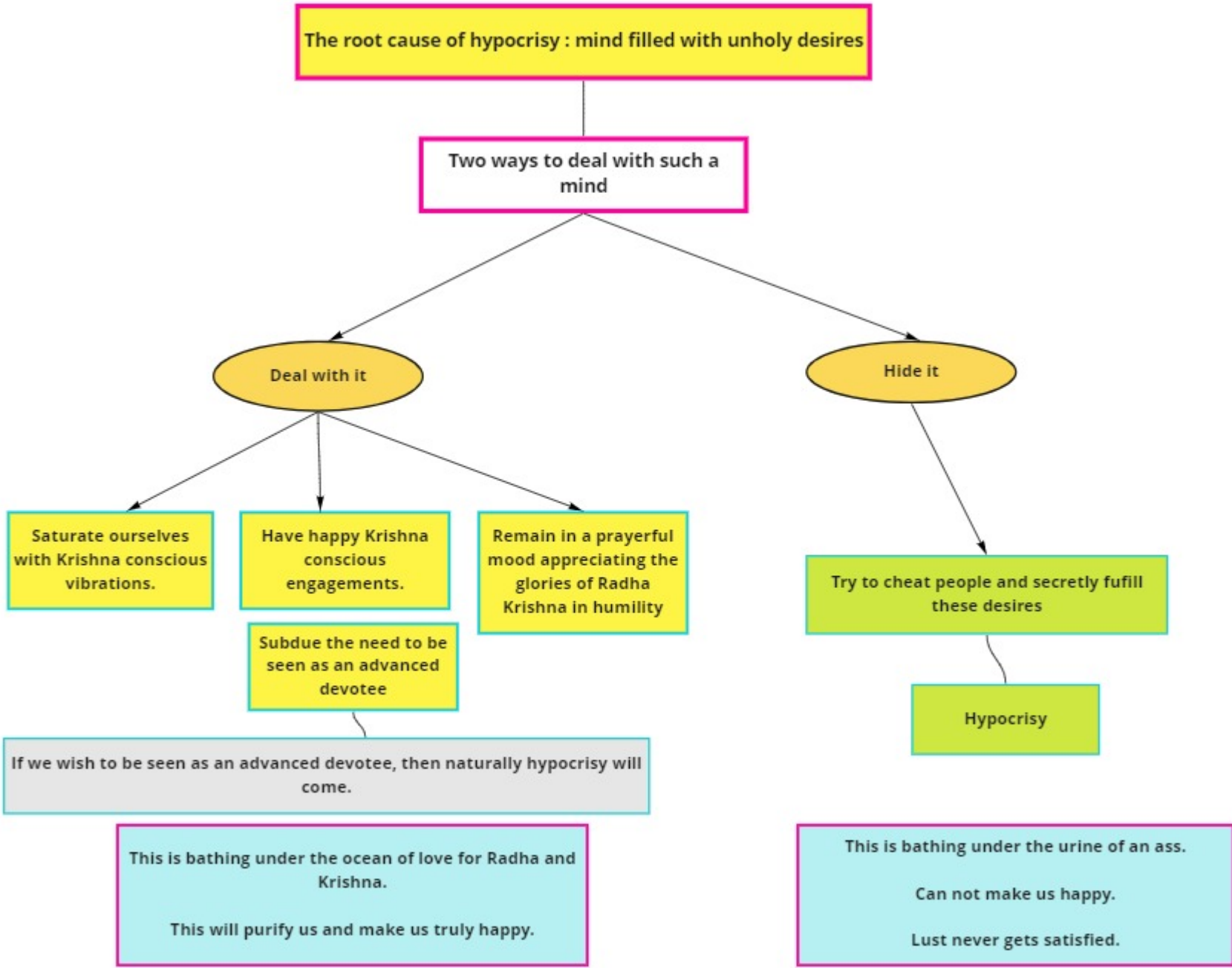
Solution:

Address the internal causes ourselves

Be careful and sensitive in my dealings.

Deal with other people's conditionings in a very soft, sensitive, understanding and hope giving way.

Don't judge. Don't be critical. Understand they will get purified soon by the power of devotional service.



The root cause of hypocrisy : mind filled with unholy desires

Two ways to deal with such a mind

Deal with it

Hide it

Saturate ourselves with Krishna conscious vibrations.

Have happy Krishna conscious engagements.

Remain in a prayerful mood appreciating the glories of Radha Krishna in humility

Subdue the need to be seen as an advanced devotee

If we wish to be seen as an advanced devotee, then naturally hypocrisy will come.

This is bathing under the ocean of love for Radha and Krishna.  
This will purify us and make us truly happy.

Try to cheat people and secretly fulfill these desires

Hypocrisy

This is bathing under the urine of an ass.  
Can not make us happy.  
Lust never gets satisfied.

# Pretense

Pretending to be something that we are not

It is pride that makes us pretend.

Pride manifests as lack of humility, lack of tolerance and inability to offer respects to others.

We try to always impress others and get appreciation from them.

In doing so, we are constantly thinking about ourselves and become so self-absorbed that we are unable to think of Krishna.

That's why, we are unable to recognize Krishna who comes to us in many ways ( through the words of our spiritual master, in the heart of every living being etc).

Give up cheating!

Story of Hanuman and Lord Rama as told by Maharaja

As long as we pretend to be someone else we won't be able to recognize Kṛṣṇa, even if he is standing right in front of us.

Therefore, Srila Raghunatha das goswami urges us to give up cheating.

Giving up cheating is a vital aspect of anartha-nivṛti.

★ Keep watching our motives in order to eliminate the anarthas.

Keep watching.  
Small-small things : why are we doing this??

The desire for recognition

The desire for recognition and honor is a most dangerous anartha because we begin seeking satisfaction of this anartha in the society of devotees.

desire for recognition : most subtle desire for sex

We want to be recognized. We want to be respected. We want to be glorified. We want to be the centre of everyone's discussion.

Anarthas coming  
in a subtle way

Sometimes our material attachments come in the form of very noble ideas.

Arjuna's and Yudhisthira's attachments

For us, they come in the form of some great revelation while chanting  
(which distracts us from Krishna and the Holy Name).

★ Obstacle that take on a beautiful shape: Apsaras

Lovely words, lovely ideas, lovely thoughts (that come  
while we are chanting) : Apsaras

Chaitanya Mahaprabhu said na  
dhanam na janam na sundarim  
kavitam—I do not want sundarim or  
kavitam, I do not want lovely words,  
lovely ideas and thoughts.

At first,deception comes in harmless ways

Person given extra change, he thinks," A nice way to earn money."

Sometimes a person jokes, and for being witty he slightly exaggerates

Sometimes a person argues and in the heat of debate he resorts to lies.

The result of deception

As a result of deception, people lose the ability to introspect and self analyse - why has my spiritual life become stagnant?

People lie to themselves, they are unable to look at themselves from a different angle

Deception is sometimes so deep that a person loses the ability to see their self-deception.



It is the duty of the devotee to be constantly introspective and to ask, "How sincere am I? What are my motives? What drives me?"

Becomes easier when we have the association of like-minded, affectionate and advanced devotees.