

**Manah siksha verse 6**  
**Commentary by His Holiness Bhakti vijnana goswami**  
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**The Role of the Mind in Cheating**

**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.**

**Gradually, a person becomes accustomed to behaving in this way.**

**These small sins or innocent trifles turn into offenses.**

## Deception turns into offensive behaviour

Srila Narottam Das  
Thakur

Do not trust your body and your mind- otherwise you will be cheating out of habit. (dehe nā kariha āsthā)

We start with deceiving ourselves.

Then we deceive other vaishnavas

and end up deceiving our spiritual master.

And in this way, we will be committing offenses.

**Deception  
burns the mind  
and the soul**

**The mind gets burnt: it is always in anxiety to protect the hypocritical act.**

**Soul gets burnt in 3 ways :**

**1. Unless the deception is given up, the soul can not progress towards Krishna.**

**2. Deceptive behaviour gradually leads to offenses which steals away our devotional credits.**

**3. Offenses burn the soul by gradually taking away the desire to serve Krishna.**

Srila Jiva Goswami

Deception on  
the spiritual  
path

Outwardly we bow down before our guru, the sādhus, the Vaiṣṇavas and Śrī Bhagavān, while internally we do not have faith in them.

To appear good in other's eyes, to get some position or facilities etc

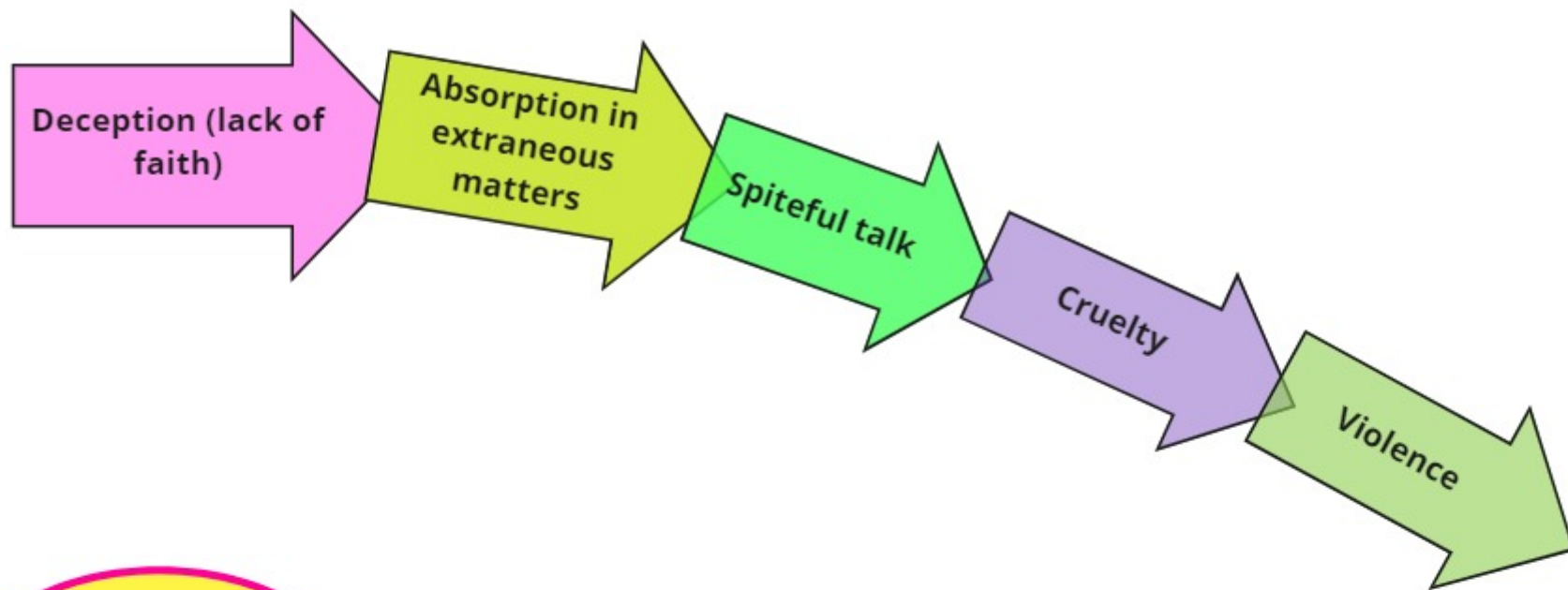
If we Lack of  
faith & respect in  
our spiritual  
preceptors

We will not absorb our mind and heart in their teachings.

Because of lack of faith, we watch TV or movies and we justify it saying that we need it for our preaching.

Then we end up absorbing our minds in asat sanga.

This leads to spiteful talk, back biting which leads to cruelty and ultimately into violence.



The first sign of deception

"What's so special about the guru?"

Rayarama p - flyer SP's Guru is not a "man"



Result of careless execution of Devotional service : weeds get reinforced more strongly.  
(Attention to details and attention to our motives is very important)



The main quality of a devotee is frankness, simplicity, and absence of hypocrisy.

One who thinks, speaks, and does the same thing is called mahātmanām.



## Simplicity and Determination

4 essential qualities of a devotee

1. Simplicity or Frankness.
2. Being focused on the purpose.
3. Determination or having one goal
4. Not depending on the opinion of others.

For dull people of Kaliyuga, they should just remember simplicity and determination.

Litmus test for gauging our sincerity to attain Krishna

Respect towards Krishna's tadiya (things, places, persons, objects etc)  
If we can not respect tadiya of Krishna, we don't have a sincere desire to please Krishna.

Above all, we must respect devotees and never talk ill of them.

Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī

people appear to be serving Kṛṣṇa while doing they do not respect the Vaiṣṇavas, then they are committing an offense and Kṛṣṇa will not accept their so called service.

Story: Duryodhana and Krishna