

Manah siksha verse 6
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Offense and cheating: The relationship

Cycle of
offenses and
deceit

Hypocrisy generates offenses.

Offenses generate hypocrisy.

100
offenses

Hypocrite

1000
offenses

Loses his ability to perform
devotional austerities

10,000
offenses

Loses his ability to even
follow basic principles

After 10
thousand
offenses

Loses sraddha

In order to give up deceit we must give up offenses.

2 qualities that
are a must to
attain Krishna

Simplicity

Determination

1. Protect us against offenses.
2. Help us preserve pure simple faith.

Help us overcome all obstacles in
devotional service.

Krishna is param satya and supremely pure.

Therefore, to enter into
a relationship with
Krishna,

we must acquire the same
nature of truth.

Simplicity is simple truthfulness.

We must be absolutely
pure.

We can achieve Lord only with simple
nature and not deceitful nature.

**Offenses
obstruct
purification**

Holy Name is capable of immediately purifying us. But because of our offenses and because of bathing in the urine of an ass, we are becoming dirtier.

Our heart becomes hard instead of becoming soft!

By bathing in the nectar of prema of Radha and Krishna, our heart will instead get purified and all the best qualities will emerge in us.

Worship of Krishna

taṁ sukhārādhyam ṛjubhir
ananya-śaraṇair nṛbhiḥ
kṛtajñaḥ ko na seveta
durārādhyam asādhubhiḥ

SB 3.19.36

Krishna is very easily and joyfully worshipped
(sukhārādhyam) by:

1. ṛjubhiḥ : simple at heart
2. ananya-śaraṇaih : have no other shelter than Krishna
3. kṛtajñaḥ : grateful

A simple heart
means a grateful
heart

So if we develop these 3 qualities, worshipping Krishna will
become very easy for us.

A grateful heart would want to do anything for Krishna.

It is very difficult for them to worship Krishna (durārādhyam)

1. for asadhus (asādhubhiḥ), whose hearts are defiled above all with deception

Beginning of the mistake

Bhakti is a goal in itself and not a means to achieve something else


But when we start using bhakti to get something for ourselves, we deceive Krishna and we commit offense.

2 fundamental principles which help us to keep our bhakti pure

Respect

Gratitude

It is easier to practice bhakti when we have these two simple qualities. Otherwise obstacles will arise.

 **Even if we don't have these qualities, we must practice them.**

Gratitude comes when we meditate on what we have received.

How we commit offenses?

Natural programming of mind : I am superior over others

In spiritual life, we try to prove our superiority over Vaiṣṇavas, and in due course, over our guru and eventually over Kṛṣṇa.

A person seems to be outwardly worshiping the Vaiṣṇavas, the spiritual master, the sādhus, and Kṛṣṇa, while inside disrespect for them is appearing

Instead of seeing the essential quality of a vaishnava, such a person starts looking for material qualities in them so they can feel superior.

upāsaka

anarthas that grow along with bhakti : "upāsaka" (secondary branch)

Ex: Parasitic species on a tree

if we project the material tendencies onto the sphere of bhakti then they grow stronger and completely destroy our bhakti

