

Manah siksha verse 6
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How the Weeds of Deceit Grow

- 1. Kutinati --- fault finding**
- 2. Pratistha asha -- desire for fame/recognition**
- 3. Jiva himsa -- violence towards other jivas**
- 4. nisiddha achara -- Prohibited behaviour**

Kutinati

As a devotee we get an understanding of what is right and what is wrong. This sometimes can push them to become judgmental and start finding faults with everyone.

this tendency is polished to perfection,
because as devotees we can better understand our own psychology

This leads to a super judgmental society and pushes people towards hypocrisy.

Devotional maturity : Do the right thing in a sensitive way so that it leaves the right impact.

Having an anartha is not an obstacle for practicing bhakti. Krishna himself considers a person sadhu if he is convinced of worshiping only Krishna irrespective of his asadhu habits.

pratistha- asha
(The desire to be recognized)

- someone imitating Srila Haridasa Thakura
- To expect praise for my efforts or my talent if I made a dress for deity
- Expecting appreciation of our expertise in dressing the deities
- we preach to be admired for the number of followers that we have
- telling others about our extra endeavours in ekadashi fasting
- expecting appreciation of the lecture we gave

Jiva himsa / Cruelty/

**Aghasura (devoured the
cowherd boys)**

Violence to devotees -

- 1. Exploiting devotees in the name of selfless service**
- 2. Publicly condemning other vaishnavas and publishing articles demeaning them**
- 3. Pointing out anarthas.**
- 4. Non-cooperation.**
- 5. Spreading false rumours.**
- 6. Authoritarian management.**
- 7. back-biting**
- 8. Deriving pleasure when others are put down**
- 9. Shouting in public**
- 10. Character assassination**
- 11. insulting in front of others**
- 12. insensitive to others' struggles**
- 13. Neglect devotees**
- 14. controlling and micro managing**
- 15. Physical assault**
- 16. Gossip mongering**
- 17. Taking sides**
- 18. Criticism**
- 19. Withholding appreciation**
- 20. Not helping them**

**Want to cut the ego -
pretext of fighting for purity**


Nisiddha achara
(a person loses the ability to follow
pure behaviour)

A person overcomes his bad habits by long practice of bhakti.

But because of his offenses, he loses the ability and again engages in those bad habits.

Examples:

- 1) One of Srila Prabhupada's disciple again started taking LSD and also justified it saying that LSD was dust specks from the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani.
- 2) One ashrama where the faults of other vaishnavas were discussed regularly. They used to drink vodka and go on sankirtan.



All this starts from **FAULT FINDING**- when we focus on faults in others. So we must be careful with kutinati and avoid fault finding.

Srila Jiva Goswami's Analysis explaining consequences of aparadha

Kautilya - hypocrisy

asraddha - faithlessness

Focus on things that destroy our faith in Krishna

Bhakti saithilyam - bhakti becomes weak

Pride for achievements in bhakti

Competing mood with vaishnavas (rather than cooperating)
Respect for oneself

Materialistic heart

Things which can destroy our faith in Krishna:

1. Other non- devotional pramanas
2. Mayavada
3. Asat sanga
4. Seeing devotees falling down
4. prajalpa
5. Thinking Guru to be an ordinary person

Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura explains why a person does not get spiritually attached and instead the uncontrolled senses lead to hell

we have a certain subtle concept or ego which we have not given up, even having taken up the path of bhakti

only solution
surrender with complete humility

