

**Verse-9**  
**Bhajana Darpana**  
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O mind meditate on  
Kṛṣṇa as the lord of my leader, Śrī Rādhikā  
Śrī Rādhikā as his most dear object of love.  
Śrī Lalitā as her incomparable friend  
Śrī Viśākhā as the foremost guru distributing the teachings of love  
Rādhā-kuṇḍa and Govardhana as givers of the sight and love of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa

**RDG guides the practitioner on the mutual relationship between spontaneous  
devotional service and amorous transcendental love of God**

Viśākhāṃ śikṣālī-vitaraṇa-gurutve  
(smara): Meditate on Śrī Viśākhā as one's instructing teacher

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Vidyabhūṣaṇa confirm that the Yamunā River is a non-different manifestation of

Śrī Viśākhā:

viśākhorasi yā viṣṇor  
yasyāṃ viṣṇur jalātmani  
nityaṃ nimajjati prītyā

tāṃ saurīṃ yamunāṃ stumaḥ

We offer prayers to the daughter of Sūrya, the Yamunā River, where Lord Viṣṇu sports with delight in her waters, and whose spiritual body is Viśākhā

Śrī Viśākhā is considered to be the spiritual body of the Yamunā River.  
Thus by humbly offering prayers to the Yamunā, one automatically offers prayers and worship to Śrī Viśākhā.

SRG Śrī Yamunāṣṭaka from Stava-mālā:

|| 1 ||

“May Yamunā-devé, the daughter of Sūrya the sun-god, always purify me

- She saves those who touch her from going to the realm of her brother Yamarāja,
- Merely seeing her exonerates even greatly sinful people from the reactions to their sins.
  - The attractiveness of her waters captivates everyone’s heart

|| 2 ||

- Yamunā-devé adorns Indra’s massive Khäëöava forest with her enchanting current,
  - upon her blooming white lotuses, birds such as wagtails always dance.
- Simply desiring to bathe in her crystalline waters pardons one from even the greatest of sins.

|| 3 ||

- Sprinkling a single drop of her water upon oneself frees one from the the most heinous crime.
  - She increases the flow of devotion for Nanda-nandana Çré Kãñëa within one’s heart
    - Benedicts anyone who simply desires to reside on her banks.

|| 4 ||

- She pierces through the seven concentric circular islands and seven oceans
- While she travels across the Bhu-Mandala, she manifests the divine pastimes that Sri Mukunda performed in the hearts of the devotees.
- Her dark, shimmering beauty defeats the beauty of multitude of precious blue sapphires.

|| 5 ||

- Ornamented by the supremely enchanting land of Mathurä-madala,
- she inspires the path of spontaneous devotion in the hearts of devotees who bathe in her
  - With her waves, which are like playful arms, she worships Sri Krsna's lotus feet.

|| 6 ||

- Her attractive banks are beautified by the groups of mooing cows,
- Banks are covered by the rows of splendid Kadamba trees yielding divinely fragrant flowers.
  - She is delighted to have the company of Lord Krsna’s devotees.

|| 7 ||

- She is filled with warbling of millions of Mallikaksa swans with spreaded wings.
  - She is always worshipped by devotees, siddhas, kinnaras and gandharvas.
- Slight contact of her fragrant breeze flowing on her banks destroys samsara.

|| 8 ||

- Her splendid spiritual waters flow through the Bhur, Bhuvah and Svarga lokas.
  - Singing her glories burns the great terrible sins which afflict the heart.
- She is fragrant with scented ointments from Lord Krsna’s transcendental body.

|| 9 ||

Hey Sūrya-putré! Devé! O lotus eyed one! Please increase the flood of devotion of that person who chants these eight verses with happy heart unto you whose movements are pure, and who is surrounded by all devatas, and who delivers one from all sins