

Verse-11
Bhajana Darpana
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*samaà çré-rüpeëa smara-vivaça-rādhā-giribhātor
vraje sākñāt-sevā-labhana-vidhaye tad-gaëa-yujou
tad-ijyākhyā-dhyāna-çravaëa-nati-païcāmātam idaà
dhayan nityā govardhanam anudinaà tvaà bhaja manaù*

O mind, you should every day drink the five nectars—

1. Worship the deity form of Lord (ijaya)
2. Glories – Study devotional literature (ākhyā)
3. Meditation – Name, form, qualities and pastimes (dhyana)
4. Listening to divine pastimes (Sravana)
5. Offering obeisances (nati)

Worship Govardhana according to the rules.

Follow the instructions of Śrī Rūpa

Obtain the direct service of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Giridhārī, in the company of their associates in Vraja

What is the most confidential, deeply esoteric and exalted science of devotional service a sādḥaka, can perform to the divine couple?

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Tad-gaṇa-yujoh: With confidential and eternal associates Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrīmatī Rādhārānī are always surrounded by their friends

Smara-vilāsa-parāyaṇa: Absorbed in attractive amorous pastimes Become deeply absorbed in and attached to Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa's amorous śṛṅgāra-rasa (After the stage of Nista - under the guidance of Guru)

Vraje sākṣāt sevā lābha: Achieving direct service in vraja-dhāma

Whatever service is rendered in the stage of sādhana-bhakti is a simulation of direct service.

One first attains service to the Lord from a distance....

The services are endless, and unlimited maidservants are each engaged in their specific respective service.

The direct service of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa is possible only when the living entity achieves an eternal, perfected, original spiritual form.

In the direct service of amorous love,

- One experiences the highest purest bliss
- That bliss never diminishes,
- Nor does it ever get quenched,
- One has no selfish desire
- Only motivated by direct service.
- Not even an iota of suffering can touch one's heart
- The misery that arises out of separation is just a transmutation of this ultimate bliss

***Śrī-rūpeṇa-samam*: Aligned with the teachings of Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī**
Being aligned with the teachings of Śrī Rūpa
[Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhuḥ 1.2.90-3]

**5 potent items of DS - If one come in contact with these 5 things
and even if he doesn't have faith and don't commit offences, he
will attain Bhava immediately.**

Ijyā: Worship of the Lord's Murti

- Honouring the special day like Ekādaśī
- Wearing garlands or necklaces, tilaka
- Taking the vow of accepting remnants of food offered to the Lord and water that has washed the feet of the mūrti.
- Serving tulasī

Ākhyā: Glorification

- Studying devotional literatures
- Hearing and chanting the names and pastimes of Lord Hari.

Dhyāna: Meditation

Dhyāna is a special category of smaraṇa

JG in Bhakti-sandarbha, Anuccheda 278 explains

Meditation on the Lord (smaraṇa) progresses in the following order:

Holy names (nāma),

His form (rūpa),

His divine qualities (guṇa),

His associates (parikara),

**One's service in connection to Him (sevā),
pastimes (līlā).**

Smaraṇa can be categorized into five stages:

1. Smaraṇa - To meditate on whatever spiritual topics come easily to the mind.

2. Dhāraṇā - To thoroughly fix the mind on the Lord.

3. Dhyāna - To make a focused attempt to meditate on specific forms, pastimes, etc.

4. Dhruvānusmṛti - Meditation on the Lord that occurs spontaneously as a constant flow of nectar.

5. Samādhi - When only the Lord exists in one's consciousness.

Śravaṇa: Hearing

Listening to saintly people glorify the playful pastimes of the Lord.

The cultural system of hearing purāṇas

Nati: Offering Obeisances

One should offer prostrated obeisances before

1. The Lord's mūrti
2. Any object or place that awakens one's remembrance of the Lord