

Śrī Caitanya-Śikṣāmṛta

Nectarean Teachings of Lord
Śrī Caitanya

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- Mahaprabhu has Himself explained this to Sanatana Goswami:
- Krsna is the non-dual Absolute Truth, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
- Although He is one, He maintains different personal expansions and energies for His pastimes.
- Krsna expands Himself in many forms.

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- Some of them are *svāmsī* personal expansions, and some are *vibhīnāmsī* separate expansions.
- In this way, He performs pastimes in both the spiritual and material worlds.
- The spiritual worlds are the Vaikuntha planets, and the material universes are brahmandas, gigantic globes governed by Lord Brahma.

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- The living entities are divided into two categories.
- Some are eternally liberated, and others are eternally conditioned.
- Those who are eternally liberated are always awake to Krsna consciousness, and they render transcendental loving service at the feet of Lord Krsna.

We respond to 2 types of

Stimulus

a) Stimulus from our rāśanās
→ imelled by modes -

b) Stimulus from our value system

Vāśanās → succumbing
(likes) & (dislikes)

Value system → ✓ X
↳ Free will

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- They are to be considered eternal associates of Krsna, and they are eternally enjoying the transcendental bliss of serving Krsna.
- Apart from the ever-liberated devotees, there are the conditioned souls who always turn away from the service of the Lord.

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- They are perpetually conditioned in this material world and are subjected to the material tribulations brought about by different bodily forms in hellish conditions.
- Due to their being opposed to Krsna consciousness, the conditioned souls are punished by the witch of the external energy, maya.

① TSāṅ aṅgāṅ → turn away from ⊕

② tan māyāyāto → māyā (trick)

③ vīraṅyaya & aśmṅti → Forgetfulness of
Svarūpa &
Identification with
body

④ drīṅyā abhīniveśa → absorption in
matter

⑤ bhayaṅ śyāṅ → fear of samsāra
↓

P.D.S
bhaya-
bhakti

• buddhah → Intelligent Person
↓

guru devatātme → by accepting guru

gām ābhajet → worships ⊕

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- They are thus ready to suffer the threefold miseries brought about by the body and mind, the inimical behavior of other living entities and natural disturbances caused by the demigods.

↳ इतिहा अभिहितेहा
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- In this way the conditioned souls become the servants of lusty desires, and when these are not fulfilled, they become servants of anger and continue to be kicked by external energy, maya.

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- Wandering and wandering throughout the universe, they may by chance get the association of a devotee physician, whose instructions and hymns make the witch of external energy flee.
 - The conditioned souls therefore get into touch with the devotional service of Lord Krsna, and in this way they can approach nearer and nearer to the Lord.
- C.C.Madhya 22.7–15**

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- It is the living entity's constitutional position to be an eternal servant of Krsna because he is the marginal energy of Krsna and a manifestation simultaneously one and different from the Lord, like a molecular particle of sunshine or fire. **C.C.Madhya 20.108–109**

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amsta → ∴ he is supposed to serve ⊕

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- **To Rupa Gosvami Lord Caitanya said:**
- In this universe there are limitless living entities in 8,400,000 species, and all are wandering within this universe.
- The length and breadth of the living entity is described as one ten- thousandth part of the tip of a hair.
- This is the original subtle nature of the living entity.

C.C.Madhya 19.138–139

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- **To Sarvabhauma Lord Caitanya spoke as follows:**
- The Lord is the master of the potencies, and the living entity is the servant of them.
- That is the difference between the Lord and the living entity.

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- However, you declare that the Lord and the living entities are one and the same.
- In the Bhagavad-Gita the living entity is established as the marginal potency of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. → (अपरेयम इह तु अन्यम् ---)
- Yet you say that the living entity is completely different from the Lord. **C.C.Madhya 9. 162–163**

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- The meaning of these statements is that Krsna, Who is endowed with inconceivable energies, by His will, through His cit sakti, enjoys in two ways: through His personal expansions or svamsa and through His separated parts, vibhinamsas.
- He expands Himself in svamsa forms (similar forms) as the caturvyuha and innumerable avataras; He expands Himself in vibhinamsa forms (separated or different parts) as the sum of all jivas.

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- The expansion of His svamsa forms is the activity of the cit sakti.
- All these forms are Visnu tattva, endowed with all power.
- All these parts obtain complete power from the complete whole (Krsna).

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- Although one great candle lights up innumerable candles, it does not lose any power, and yet the innumerable candles have the same power as the original candle. (दिपार्शुर्वाद्यो ज्योतिरस्यैव) ...
- All these forms are supreme, and do not suffer the results of karma; yet though almost equal to Krsna in independent will, they are subordinate to Krsna's will.

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- (The light of one candle being communicated to other candles, although it burns separately in them, is the same in its quality. I adore the Primeval Lord Govinda Who exhibits Himself equally in the same mobile manner in His various manifestations. **B.S.5.46**)
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- Infinitesimal particles of the cit sakti, in the form of separated parts, are the jivas. (Among subtle things I am spirit soul, and of things that are difficult to conquer I am the mind. **S.B.11.16.11**)
- They are also called the tatastha sakti. The tatastha sakti lies between the cit sakti and the maya sakti.
- The maya sakti is not intrinsic in the jivas, yet due to their minute nature and consequent weakness they become attracted to maya.

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- It is from Krsna's inconceivable power alone that such an energy as the jiva is manifest.
- Its cause is simply Krsna's independent will.
- The separated parts, all the jivas, are liable to suffer the results of karma.

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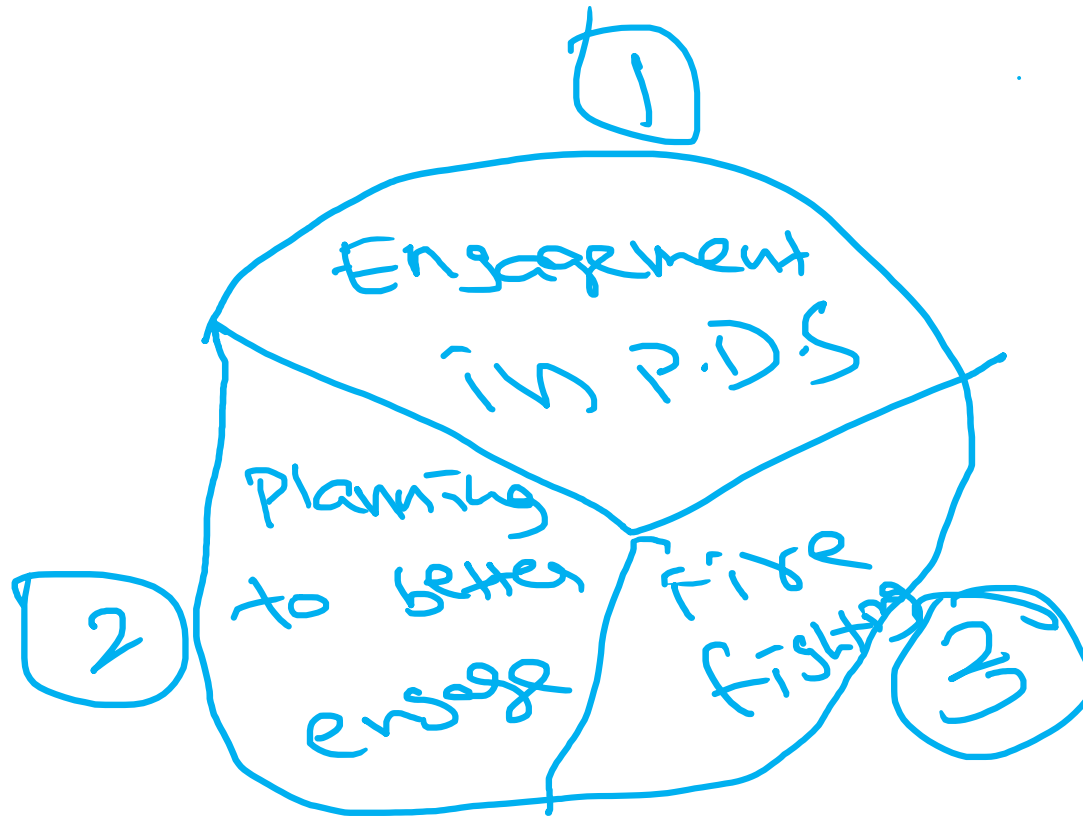
- (The bird who does not eat the fruits of the tree is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Who by His omniscience perfectly understands His own position and that of the conditioned living entity, represented by the eating bird. That living entity, on the other hand, does not understand himself or the Lord. He is covered by ignorance and is thus called eternally conditioned, whereas the Personality of Godhead, being full of perfect knowledge, is eternally liberated. **S.B.11.11.7**)

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- As long as the jivas stay fixed in the service of Krsna by their choice, they are free of maya or karma, but when by misuse of their free will they desire to enjoy for themselves and they forget their inherent service to Krsna, they become deluded by maya and controlled by karma.
- When they realize that service to Krsna is their inherent nature, they become free from the bondage of karma and the affliction of maya.

Sādhalakās



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① & ② ↑

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भ्रमणम द्वितीया अभिनिवेशा

- (Fear arises when a living entity misidentifies himself as the material body because of absorption in the external, illusory energy of the Lord. When the living entity thus turns away from the Supreme Lord, he also forgets his own constitutional position as a servant of the Lord. This bewildering, fearful condition is effected by the potency for illusion, called maya. Therefore, an intelligent person should engage unflinchingly in the unalloyed devotional service of the Lord, under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, whom he should accept as his worshipable deity and as his very life and soul. **SB 11.2.37**)

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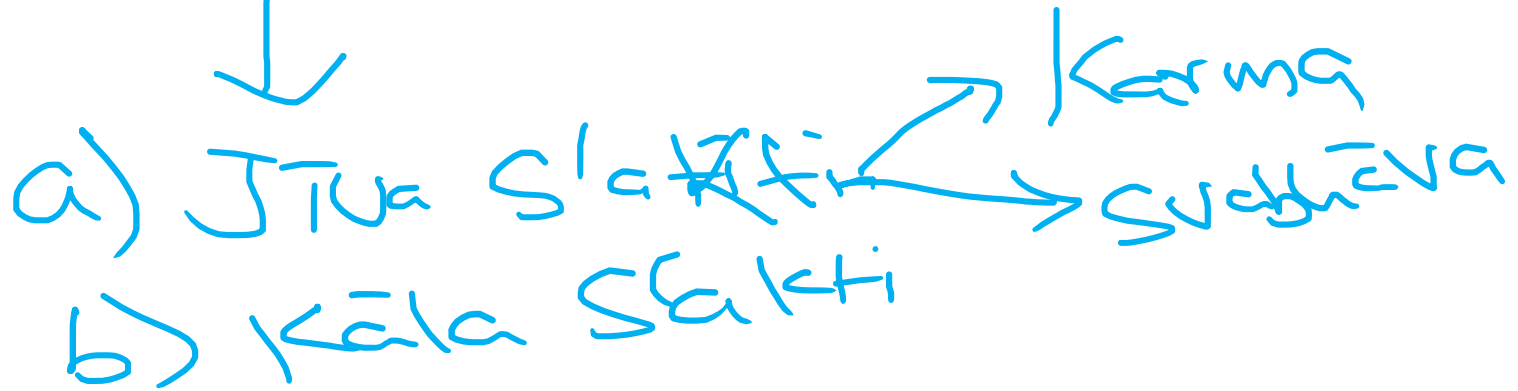
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- Because their bondage exists before entry into the material universe, their bondage is called "anadi," without beginning, and they are called eternally conditioned.
- Those who are not bound like this are called eternally liberated.
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From the above facts, one can see a great difference between the essential nature (svarupa) of the Lord and the jiva.

CREATION

① KaV → releases Pradhāna → All raw materials

② Glances @ Pradhāna



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- The Lord is the controller of maya and the jiva is attracted to maya and finally becomes bound up by maya.

ESSENTIAL difference b/w jiva & @

- (My Lord, by Your unbroken transcendental glance You are the supreme witness of all stages of intellectual activities. You are eternally liberated, Your existence is situated in pure goodness, and You are existent in the Supersoul without change. You are the original Personality of Godhead, full with six opulences, and You are eternally the master of the three modes of material nature. Thus, You are always different from the ordinary living entities. As Lord Visnu, You maintain all the affairs of the entire universe, and yet You stand aloof and are the enjoyer of the results of all sacrifices. **S.B.11.9.15**)

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ams'la

- Since the jiva is a part of the whole consciousness (Krsna), the jiva should be understood to be a conscious particle, different from Krsna.



- Yet the jiva, being an energy of the Lord, must be considered to be non-different as well.

prakṛti

- Therefore Mahaprabhu identified the jiva as both different and non-different from the Lord and taught the principle of acintya bhedabheda (inconceivable difference and non-difference).

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- Giving the examples of the rays of the sun and sparks from the fire, He concluded that the jivas are eternally different, but yet integral parts of the Lord.
- It is not possible to conclude that jivas are the Supreme Brahman or God by occasional statements of the Vedas, such as "aham brahmasmi".
- Krsna or Visnu tattva is the only Supreme Brahman.

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- Because the jiva is a type of spiritual or conscious entity he can also be called Brahman.
- The Supreme Brahma tattva, Krsna, also spreads Himself in one form as Paramatma throughout the material universe, and in an negative condition, as the impersonal, formless, imperceptible, unattainable, inconceivable Brahman effulgence outside the universe.

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Brahman → all pervading outside universe
Paramatma → all pervading within

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- As Krsna's inconceivable vibhinnamsas, the jivas take up a variety of material forms, such as devas, humans, yaksas, raksasas, beasts, birds, insects, reptiles, and ghosts.
- Among all the forms, however, that of the human is considered the best, for it is most suitable for practicing devotional service.
- But even in the human form, the jivas experience both hellish existence and heavenly delights.

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- Forgetting Krsna, the jivas, under the control of maya, seek to fulfill a variety of desires.

जिवोः स्वस्वेषां हेतुः

- The minute conscious particle, the jiva, is by nature the servant of Krsna, the complete conscious being.
Service to Krsna is the nature of the jiva.

- Forgetting this eternal nature, the living entities remain in bondage.

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- When the jivas remember their eternal nature they attain freedom.

Free Will

- The inherent power or sakti of the living, conscious entity, is also present in the tiny conscious jivas, but in minute degree.

- Therefore the jivas are almost without power by their very nature.

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- But in the liberated state, the jivas gain the sakti from Krsna and, to that degree, become powerful.
Preme
↓ 100% → Exhibit free will
- Just by thinking themselves spiritual entities, the jivas cannot obtain that power: this type of liberation is called nirvana.
- By identifying themselves as servants of Krsna, the jivas obtain power from Krsna and finally attain eternal bliss.
MOKSAM VISNO anghri labham - tad amala
blissika
tasya ketum

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- Fear, the by-product of material illusion, is removed completely. *↓ abhaya-āśana*
- The various forms that the conditioned jiva takes are but the result of individual actions.
- (The material mind of men is shaped by the reactions of fruitive work. Along with the five senses, it travels from one material body to another. The spirit soul, although different from this mind, follows it. **S.B.11.22.37**)

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- Though the jiva accepts the qualities of the material world, they are not the constitution of the jiva.
- If a person believes that the jiva is actually a product of maya, then that person is a mayavadi.
- The jivas are in reality pure spiritual entities, under the spiritual potency.
- But because of the marginal nature of the jivas, they have a tendency to become bound by maya.

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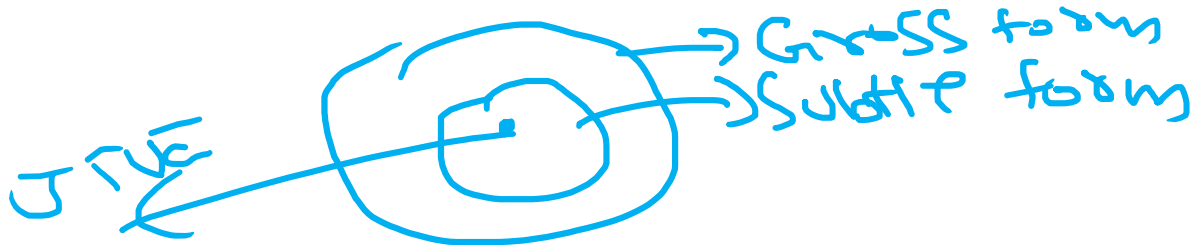
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- But they are only forgetting their inherent nature, service to Krsna; the pure jiva's state, form and transformations are all spiritual.
- (Having achieved this human form of life, which affords one the opportunity to realize Me, and being situated in My devotional service, one can achieve Me, the reservoir of all pleasure and the Supreme Soul of all existence, residing within the heart of every living being. **S.B.11.26.1**)

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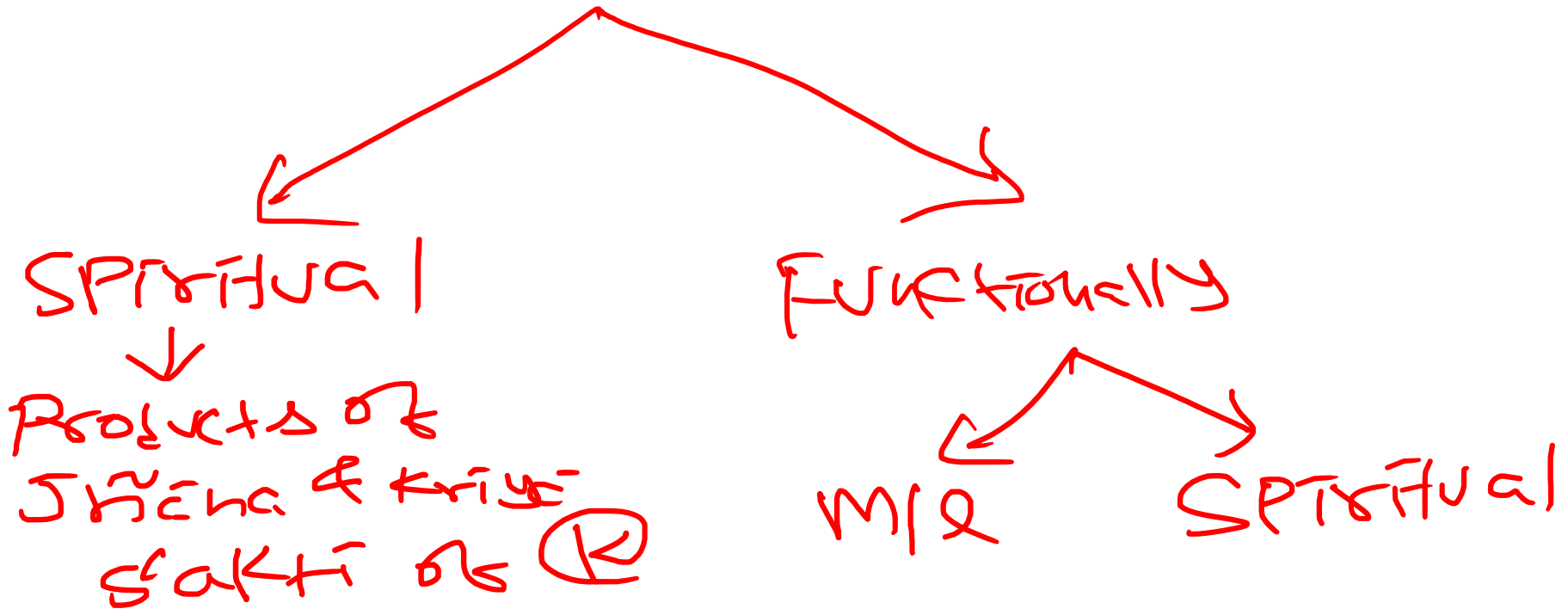
- Because they are of infinitesimal nature, the living entities become bound by maya.
- First the subtle, mental body covers the pure form, and then, when the time comes to act in the world, the gross body suitable to the action it deserves covers the subtle body.



- The subtle and gross forms are but abnormal conditions induced by maya upon the pure soul's form.

Jīva Goswāmi in
Bhakti Sandeha

Mind & Intelligence



3.25=33

destroyed

Jarayat

soon

āslu

yā

subtle body

Kośam

nigraṇam

food

subtle body

avalō yathā

digestive
fire

↓
bhakti

just as

① It is very discriminative in burning

② After eating digestion is automatic

③ After eating → it takes 6-8 hours to digest.

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- Therefore there is some similarity between the two forms.
- Earth, water, fire, air, and ether make up the gross body. Mind, intellect and false ego make up the subtle body.

gross &
subtle

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- (Earth, water, fire, air, ether, mind, intelligence and false ego—all together these eight constitute My separated material energies. Besides these, O mighty-armed Arjuna, there is another, superior energy of Mine, which comprises the living entities who are exploiting the resources of this material, inferior nature. **B.G.7.4–5**)
- On removing these coverings, the jivas attain liberation from maya.

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- Then the spiritual forms of the jivas are revealed.
- The liberated jivas perform their actions through the senses of the soul.
- ~~Eating, recreation, sexual activities with women, excretory functions, sickness, injury, and suffering due to want, as found in the material world, do not exist in the spiritual body.~~

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- These activities affect only the gross body, but by identifying with the material body, the jiva falsely accepts all these activities and thus experiences material pleasure and pain.
- (An unintelligent mind, failing to distinguish himself from material nature, thinks nature to be real. By contact with it he becomes completely bewildered and enters the cycle of material existence. **S.B.11.22.51**)

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- Just as one may imitate persons whom one sees dancing and singing, similarly the soul, although never the doer of material activities, becomes captivated by material intelligence and is thus forced to imitate its qualities. **S.B.11.22.53**
- The soul's material life, his experience of sense gratification, is actually false, O descendant of Dasarha, just like trees' appearance of quivering when the trees are reflected in agitated water, or like the earth's appearance of spinning due to one's spinning his eyes around, or like the world of a fantasy or dream. For one who is meditating on sense gratification, material life, although lacking factual existence, does not go away, just as the unpleasant experiences of a dream do not. **S.B.11.22 54–56)**

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Brahma Jyoti

- Although persons may be liberated, if they maintain pride in material knowledge or remain attached to negation of material existence, then they cannot attain a spiritual body suitable for service to Krsna in the spiritual world.
- (I regret that during this lifetime you will not be able to see Me anymore. Those who are incomplete in service and who are not completely free from all material taints can hardly see Me. S.B. 1.6.21)

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- Liberation achieved through devotional association gives rise to such a spiritual body.
- (And so, O Brahmana Vyasadeva, in due course of time I, who was fully absorbed in thinking of Krsna and who therefore had no attachments, being completely freed from all material taints, met with death, as lightning and illumination occur simultaneously. Having been awarded a transcendental body befitting an associate of the Personality of godhead, I quit the body made of five material elements, and thus all acquired fruitive results of work stopped. **S.B.1.6.27-28**)

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- Liberation due to association with jnanis is only a pretence of liberation; for the jiva, this is an unfortunate condition.

↑ ये 'ये आविन्दक सा विमुक्ता

- (O lotus-eyed Lord, although non-devotees who accept severe austerities and penance to achieve the highest position may think themselves liberated, their intelligence is impure. They fall down from their position of imagined superiority because they have no regard for Your lotus feet. **S.B.10.2.32**)

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- In this chapter, the jiva's pure form, conditioned form and form in liberation have been discussed in brief.
- What the jiva should do and not do will be discussed elsewhere.