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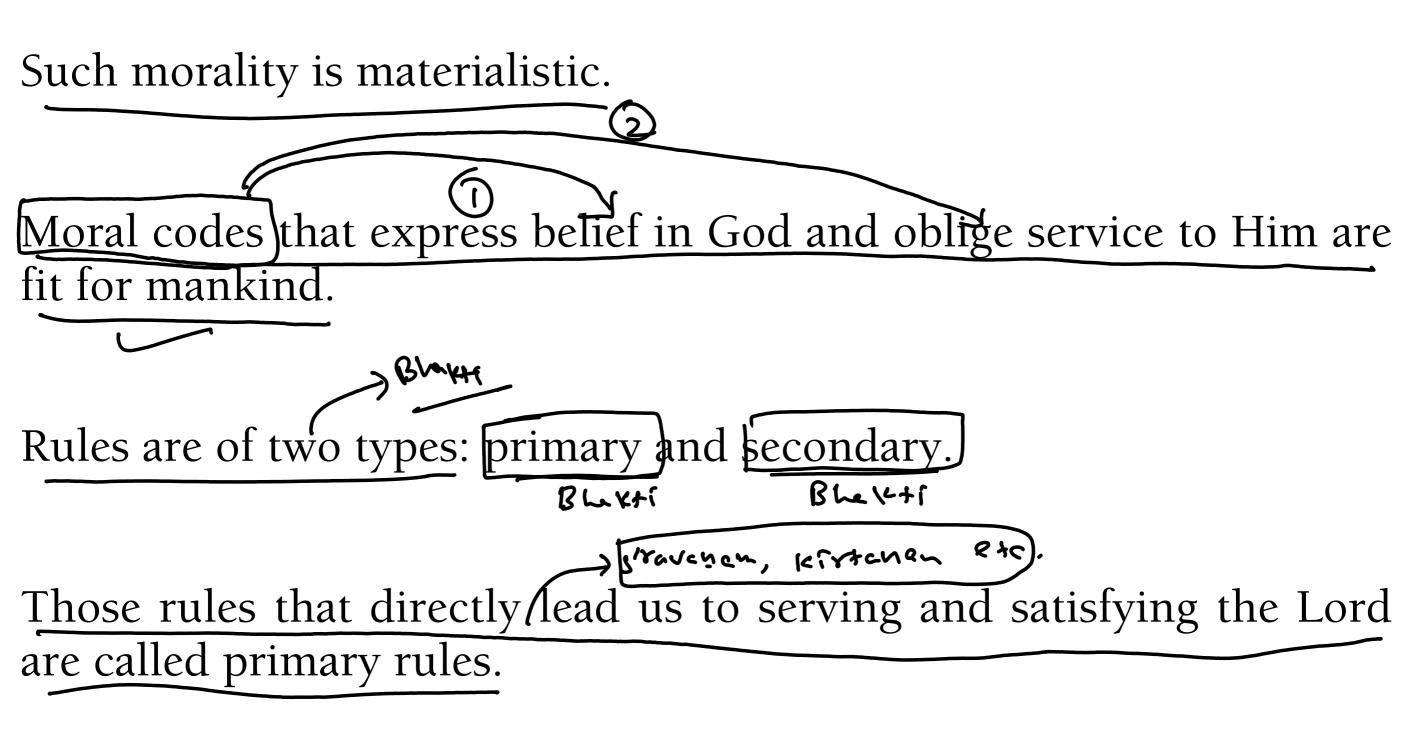
Nectarean Teachings of Lord Śrī Caitanya

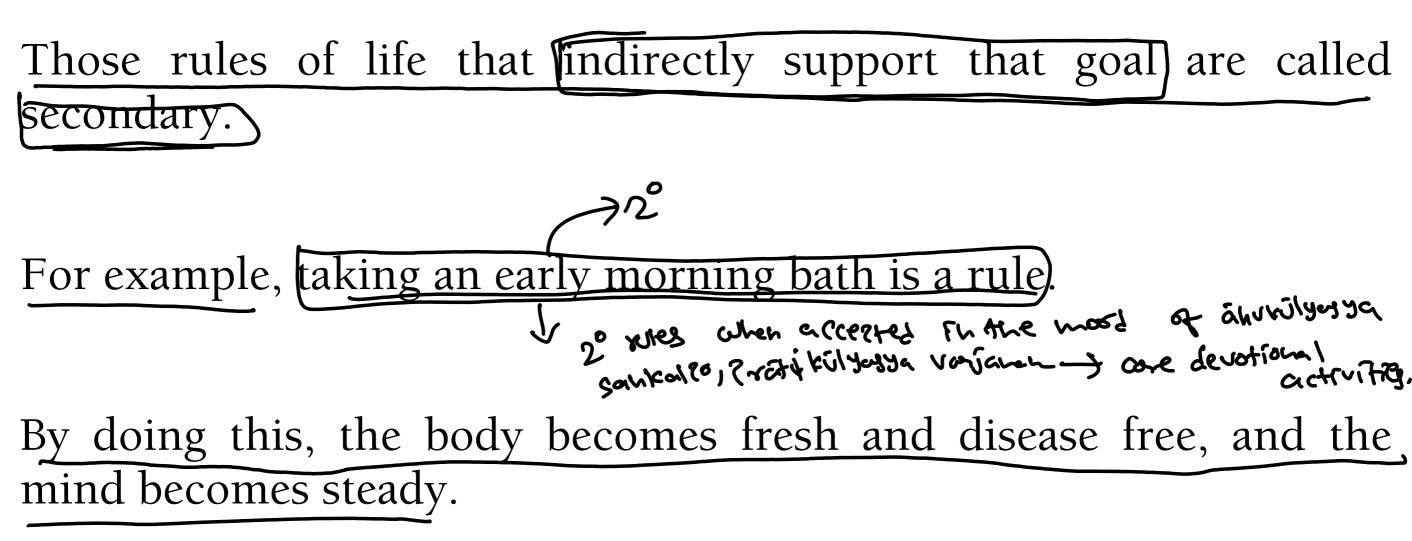
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Chapter – 1

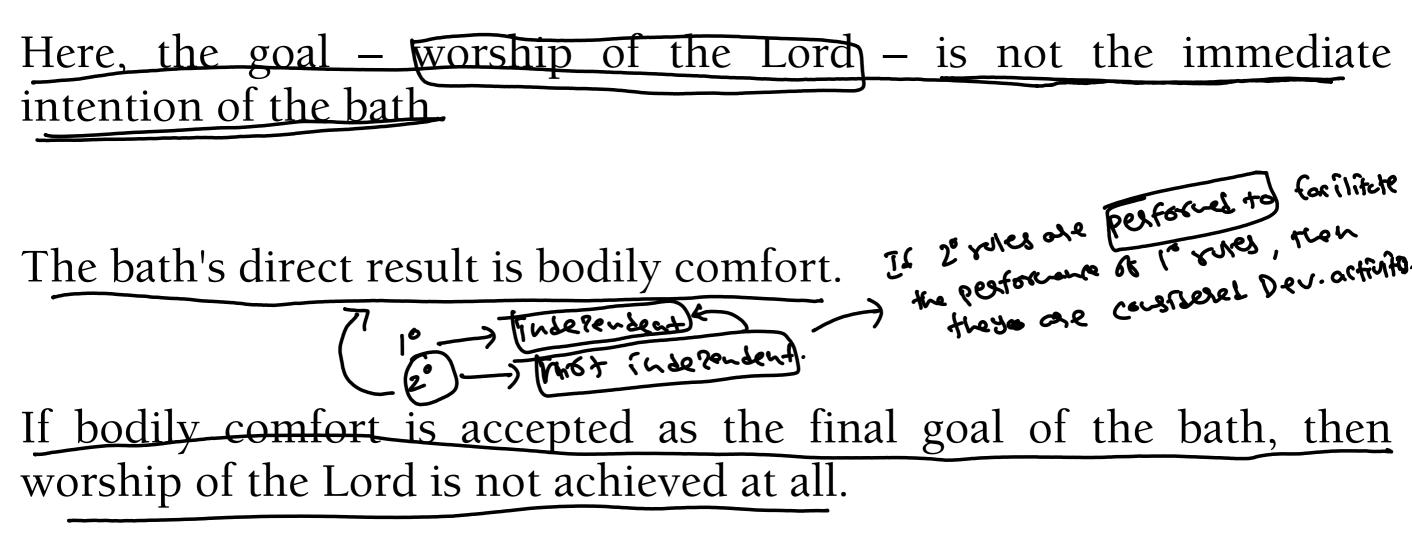
Part – 1

Introduction





If the mind is steady, you can worship the Lord properly.



There are many possible intervening results between bathing and worshipping God.

Where there are such intervening results there is possibility of obstruction of the goal.

The direct result of the primary rules is worship of the Lord (SB 3.23.56).

There are no intervening results between the rule and worship of the Lord.

Chanting the Lord's name and hearing about Him are two primary rules, because their direct result is worship of the Lord.

We must always observe the primary rules, but if we do not observe the secondary rules, we can't maintain the body properly, nor our lives.

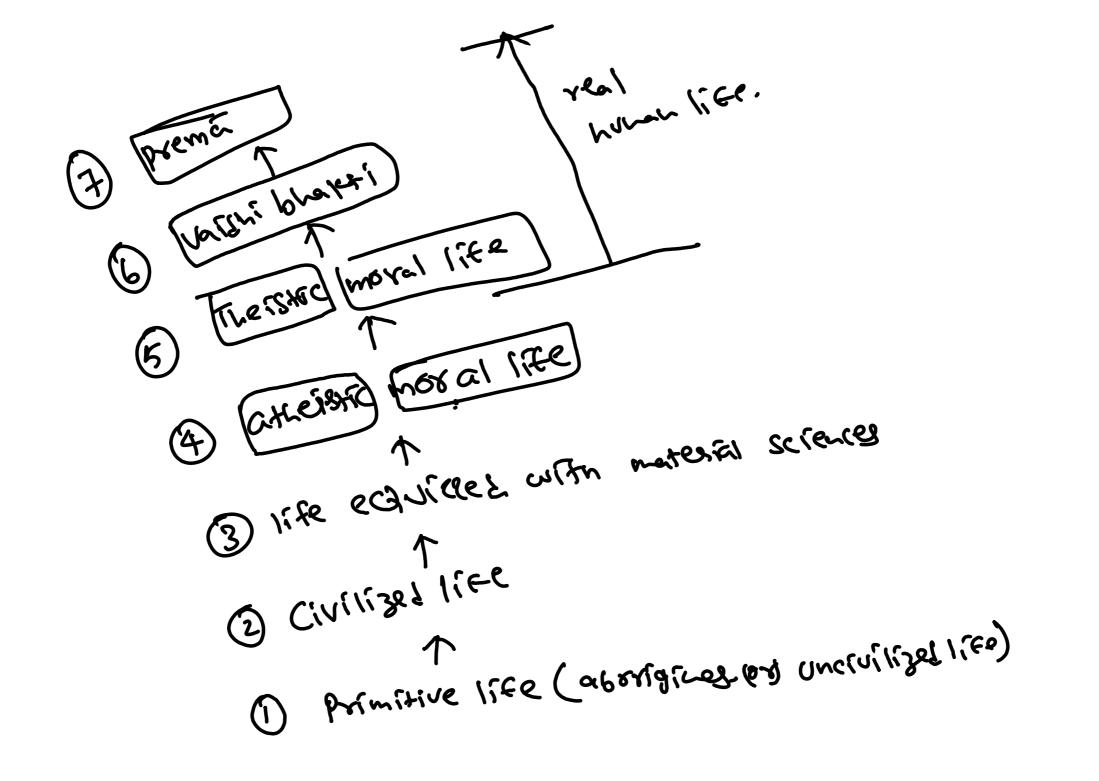
If we cannot maintain our life, how can we follow the primary rules of devotional service?

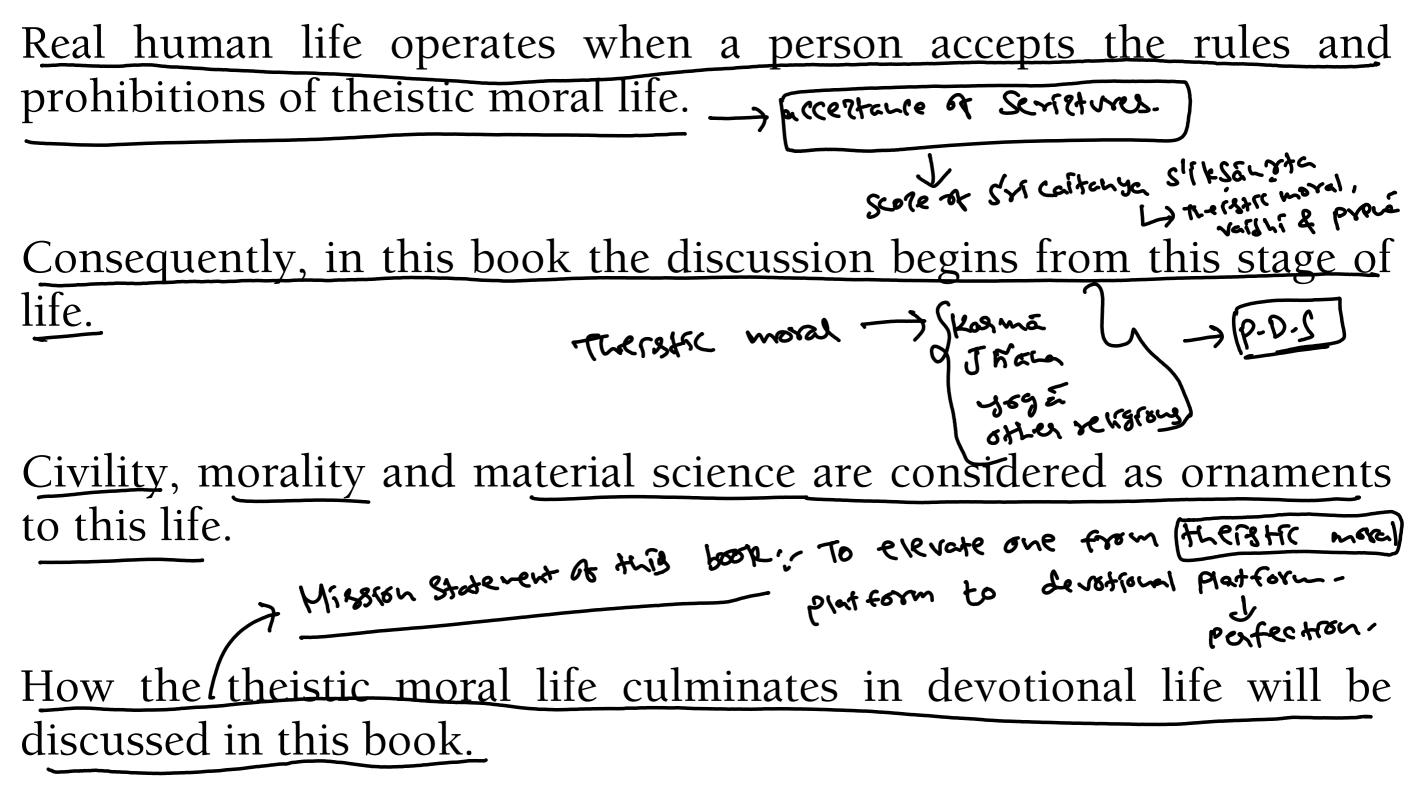
The secondary rules are the ornament of a person's life.

Material education, technology, industry, civilization, order, perseverance, bodily, mental and social rules are accepted, in that they may be used to bring humanity to serve the feet of the Lord sincerely. Being servants of the primary rules, by the Lord's grace, they make human life blissful both during practice and perfection.

There are many types of life – primitive life, civilized life, life equipped with material sciences, atheistic moral life, theistic moral life, life endowed with vaidhi bhakti, and life endowed with prema bhakti-- but the real life of a human being begins with theistic moral life.

Without belief in God, human life is no better than that of an animal, no matter how much civilized or advanced in scientific knowledge or moral principles it may be.





The real life of the living entity is called jaiva dharma, the soul's inherent nature.

For the human being, jaiva dharma is called manava dharma.

Humankind's dharma is of two types: (secondary) and primary, or incidental and inherent. Human Shame 2° (matter, material countieres k) 1° (Pore Soul)

Secondary or incidental dharma takes shelter of matter, material qualities and material relationships.

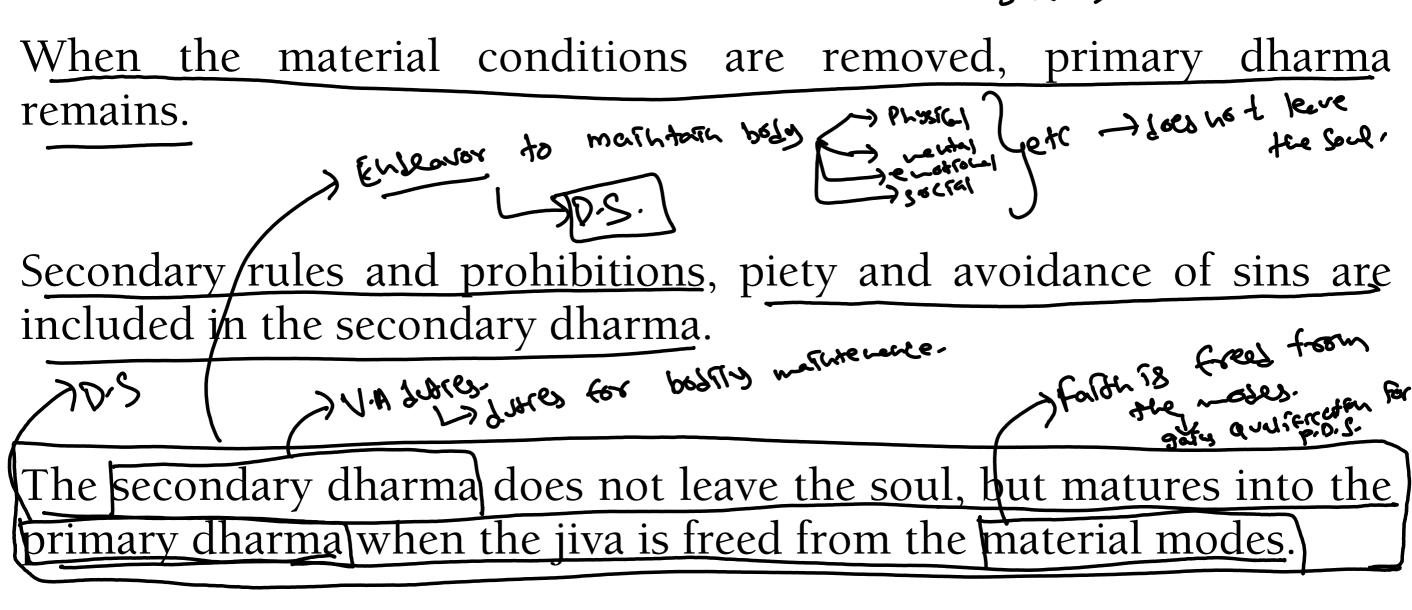


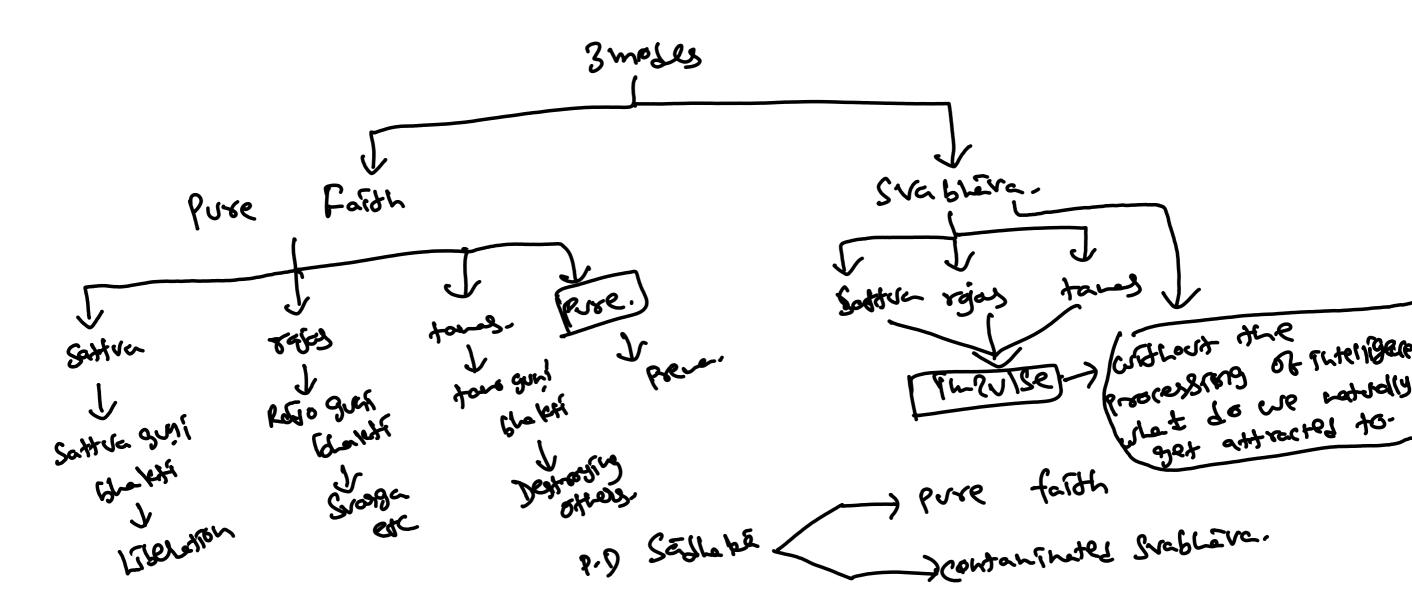
The primary dharma is the dharma of the soul.

The secondary dharma is of no value, being the transformation of the primary dharma under the influence of material qualities.

When the material qualities are removed, the dharma of the soul exists purely as the primary dharma.

Secondary dharma is also called conditioned dharma.





After examining the secondary rules and prohibitions, the primary rules and prohibitions and finally the perfected stage of the jiva, prema bhakti, will be discussed.

In this first section the words "Lord", "God" and "Krsna" have all been used (SB 1.2.11).

The reader should not think that these words refer to separate entities.

Krsna is the only form, the only object of worship by the soul.

Krsna is the complete revelation of sweetness in God.

When we consider Krsna in relation to other objects and need to emphasize His lordship, we use the word "Lord".

That is why in the beginning the word "Lord" was used instead of Krsna. Lordship is nothing more than the natural control that Krsna displays towards the objects of His creation.

In enumerating the objects of creation, the word "Lord" is thus used: cit (conscious entity), acit (matter) and isvara (Lord), controller of both).