

**Sri Caitanya-Sikñämåta**  
**Nectarean Teachings of Lord Sri Caitanya**  
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**Chapter - 3**  
**Vaidhi Bhakti**  
**Part - 2**  
**The Rules for Cultivating Bhakti**  
**Matter**

**Devotees are not fully satisfied with cultivating devotion with body,  
mind and soul,**

**They think that the world should also be used to cultivate devotion to the  
Lord.**

**Cultivation involving the material world is of three types:  
Using place,time and matter.**

Place,  
devotees may go to holy places, to temples and to devotees' houses.

Dvaraka, Puri, Kanci, Mathura mandala, Navadvipa

Take bath in Ganga or Yamuna,

Time

should also be used to cultivate service to the Lord.

Two weeks work and observe ekadasi Pleasure of Lord and for health.

Damodara month, festivals, Appearance and Disappearance of great devotees.

Matter.

Asvattha, dhatri and tulasi images of the Lord, The cow and calf.

Mountains, Govardhana; Rivers Ganga and Yamuna;

Rules for offering bed, cloth, scents, sandalwood and utensils to the Deity.

If the devotees offer their favorite object to the Lord,  
their service becomes first class.

The Deities are of eight types  
stone, wood, metal, clay, paint, sand, the mind or jewels.

All the morning programs are covered

**Engaging other people or society in the Lord's service**

**Festive gathering of elevated devotees,**

**Increasing the vaisnava population,**

**Raising a vaisnava family,**

**Spreading Vaisnava dharma to all souls.**

### **Festivals**

**Devotees can live together,**

**Take prasadam together,**

**listen to topics about the Lord and sing the Lord's name together.**

**Story: Athens and Sparta war**

**2 things about devotee to not to commit offences**

- 1. Give up the association of the devotee pretender,**
- 2. Those who are sincere we should offer service and respect.**

**Respect is an external service.**

**These sympathetic people are of three types:**

- 1. Fully accept the vaisnava conclusions but are not practicing themselves;**
- 2. Take up the Vaisnava signs, act as if they are vaisnavas but no genuine faith  
have respect for the real vaisnavas;**
- 3. Born in the families of great vaisnava acaryas, and wear the signs of a Vaisnava  
but are not real Vaisnavas.**

**Who is a real Vishnava? Parameters of advancement.**

**A true Vaisnava is measured by**

- 1. The degree of purity,**
- 2. Depth of devotion**
- 3. Capacity to inspire others.**

**A real Vaisnava- Komala shradda**

**If a person respects and takes association of the non-Vaisnava in the way that they respect the true Vaisnava his devotion will decrease.**

**False vaisnavas should be avoided. Respect as Humans**

- 1. Wear the Vaisnava marks for cheating;**
- 2. Identify themselves as followers of the Vaisnava acaryas, for the purpose of introducing advaita philosophy**
- 3. Advertise themselves as Vaisnavas to gain money, position or some other material enjoyment.**

To increase the vaisnava population- materialism cannot exist.

- the male devotee should only associate with a female vaisnava.
- The wife should be initiated and if possible taught the Vaisnava philosophy.,

In raising a family,

- the children should be understood to be servants of the Lord.

The difference is consciousness. They act as servants of the Lord.

Showing compassion to all living entities

- Devise various means of transforming the living entities into Vaisnavas.

4 types of relationship the devotee have with others.

Distribute unlimited mercy to those who have developed qualification for bhakti through good association,  
2 types siksa sakti sancara.