Sri Caitanya-Siksämrita Nectarean Teachings of Lord Sri Caitanya by Srila Saccidänanda Bhaktivinoda Thäkura Chapter – 4 Raganuga Bhakti

Spontaneous DS

Yuktya Vayaragya

Dovetailing \ - Learning to kill boredom through engaging in likable DS

Succumbing stage - Kill boredom we have only material means

Sadhana Bhakti

- 1. Sensory engagement
- 2. Activities of DS
- 3. With bhava as the Goal Following rules Guru/ sadhu/ sastra Vaidhi Bhakti Sense of Duty

Attraction - Raga/ Greed - Raganuga Bhakti Operates through natural taste

- spontaneous
- deep thirst for the object of love
- Bhakti that is impelled exclusively by such a thirst

Raga - Ragatmika - Prema - Vrajavasies Raganuga - Lobha - Vrajavasies are role model

- No necessity of consideration or deliberation of what to do or what not do.

Raga is a natural propensity.

The raga in a conditioned state is a perversion due to false bodily identification Towards flowers, food, drink, intoxicants, clothing, shelter, or lover, in a world of illusions.

Consider carefully what is beneficial and detrimental in worshipping the Lord we need rules. Rules are not an opposing party to raga. In the pure state they are one.

(Vaidhi Bhakti) Rules in their pure state are assistants to raga.

They are will of the Lord..

The opposition of raga is due to the unhealthy condition of raga.

When raga recuperates, vidhi, having fulfilled its function, retreats.

Raga for material things leads to degradation, for the Lord becomes the highest condition of existence.

Analogy of body and medicine

Vidhi's function is to protect(Sahajias) and nourish raga.

Pure raga for the Lord takes shelter of only the pure soul, a soul who has

been liberated from material contamination.

Pure Bhakti Maturing of Vaidhi – other samrpadayas Maturing of raganuga – our sampradaya Qualified for rägänuga-bhakti

Only pure souls, who participate in the Lord's pastimes, are qualified for ragatmika bhakti; none except the inhabitants of Vraja are qualified.

That person who is greedy for attaining a bhäva similar to that of the inhabitants of Vraja —who are fixed solely in rägätmika-bhakti

The inspiration for this bhakti is greed for its object, not rules or scriptural guidelines.

The appearance of that greed is indicated when the intelligence does not depend on rules of scripture and logic But through the process of hearing