Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

Canto Ten: The Summum Bonum

With the Sārārtha-darśinī commentary

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Canto Ten – Chapter Eleven

The Childhood Pastimes of Kṛṣṇa

Section – I

Nanda Mahārāja releases

Kṛṣṇa (1-6)

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|| 10.11.1 ||
śrī-śuka uvāca
gopā nandādayaḥ śrutvā
drumayoḥ patato ravam
tatrājagmuḥ kuru-śreṣṭha
nirghāta-bhaya-śaṅkitāḥ

Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: O Mahārāja Parīkṣit (kuru-śrestha), when the yamala-arjuna trees fell (drumayoh patato), all the cowherd men in the neighbourhood (gopā), hearing the fierce sound (ravam śrutvā) and fearing thunderbolts (nirghāta-bhaya-śaṅkitāḥ), went to the spot (tatra ājagmuḥ).

This chapter describes releasing Kṛṣṇa from the mortar, buying fruits, entering Vrndavana, herding the cows in the forest, and killing Vatsasura and Bakasura.

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bhūmyām nipatitau tatra dadṛśur yamalārjunau babhramus tad avijñāya lakṣyam patana-kāraṇam

There (tatra) they saw (dadṛśuh) the fallen yamala-arjuna trees on the ground (bhūmyām nipatitau yamalārjunau), but they were bewildered (babhramuh) because even though they could directly perceive that the trees had fallen (lakṣyam), they could not trace out the cause for their having done so (tad patana-kāraṇam avijñāya).

| 10.11.3 ||
ulūkhalam vikarsantam
dāmnā baddham ca bālakam
kasyedam kuta āścaryam
utpāta iti kātarāḥ

Kṛṣṇa (bālakam) was bound by the rope (dāmnā baddham) to the ulūkhala, the mortar (ulūkhalam), which He was dragging (vikarṣantam). But how could He have pulled down the trees? Who had actually done it (kasya idam)? Where was the source for this incident (kuta)? Considering all these astounding things (āścaryam), the cowherd men were doubtful and bewildered (utpāta iti kātarāḥ).

The cowherd men of Vraja understood that Kṛṣṇa had caused the yamala-arjuna trees to fall, but because of prema they could not think that it was so.

They doubted that such a small boy could do such a thing.

They express their doubt in these verses.

"Who has done this?

Why has this amazing accident happened to this boy?

It is our good fortune that Lord Narayana has protected Him."

Thinking in this way, the cowherd men were filled with anxiety.

| 10.11.4 ||
| bālā ūcur aneneti
| tiryag-gatam ulūkhalam
| vikarṣatā madhya-gena
| puruṣāv apy acakṣmahi

Then all the cowherd boys said (bālā ūcuh): It is Kṛṣṇa who has done this (anena iti). When He was in between the two trees (madhya-gena), the mortar fell crosswise (ulūkhalam tiryag-gatam). Kṛṣṇa dragged the mortar, and the two trees fell down (vikarsatā). After that, two beautiful men came out of the trees (puruṣāv apy). We have seen this with our own eyes (aeakṣmahi).

The cowherd boys said: "Kṛṣṇa went between the trees and the mortar fell crosswise."

The elders did not believe their story, so the boys repeated, "We saw two men emerge from the trees."

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na te tad-uktam jagṛhur na ghaṭeteti tasya tat bālasyotpāṭanam tarvoḥ kecit sandigdha-cetasaḥ

Because of intense paternal affection, the cowherd men, headed by Nanda (te), could not believe (na ghaṭeta iti) that Kṛṣṇa could have uprooted the trees in such a wonderful way (tasya tat bālasya tarvoḥ utpātanaṃ). Therefore they could not put their faith in the words of the boys (na te tad-uktam jagrhur). Some of the men, however, were in doubt. "Since Kṛṣṇa was predicted to equal Nārāyaṇa," they thought, "it might be that He could have done it." (kecit sandigdha-cetasaḥ)

Nanda and the cowherd men did not believe the children because their feelings for Kṛṣṇa would not allow them to think that Kṛṣṇa was omnipotent.

Some of the men however remembered Gargamuni's prediction about Kṛṣṇa being equal to Narayana.

Though full of affection for Kṛṣṇa, they became uncertain and thought, "Maybe He did it."

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|| 10.11.6 ||

ulūkhalam vikarṣantam
dāmnā baddham svam ātmajam
vilokya nandaḥ praḥasadvadano vimumoca ha

When Nanda Mahārāja saw (nandah vilokya) his own son (svam ātmajam) bound with ropes to the wooden mortar (dāmnā ulūkhalam baddham) and dragging it (vikarṣantam), he smiled (prahasad-vadano) and released Kṛṣṇa from His bonds (vimumoca ha).

Glancing repeatedly over all of Kṛṣṇa's limbs, Nanda Maharaja smiled as he thought,

"Your mother, whose lap You prefer to mine, has bound You up because of some small offense.

Therefore, how can I release You?

As You bind the living entities with illusion, You bind your mother and father with prema."

Section – II

Krsna's submissiveness to His

servants (7-9)

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udgāyati kvacin mugali

tad-vaéa

The gopīs would say, "If You dance, my dear Kṛṣṇa, then I shall give You half a sweetmeat." By saying these words or by clapping their hands, all the gopīs encouraged Kṛṣṇa in different ways (kvacit gopībhiḥ stobhito). At such times, although He was the supremely powerful Personality of Godhead (bhagavān), He would smile and dance according to their desire (bālavat anṛṭyad), as if He were a wooden doll in their hands (dāru-yantravat). Sometimes He would sing very loudly, at their bidding (udgāyati kvacin mugdhas). In this way, Kṛṣṇa came completely under the control of the gopīs (tad-vasah).

Who can describe the good fortune of Kṛṣṇa's father and mother?

Though Kṛṣṇa is the controller of Brahma, Siva and millions of demigods, He is controlled at every step by the inhabitants of Vraja.

This is described in three and a half verses.

The gopis would say, "If You dance, my dear Kṛṣṇa, I will give you a sweet!"

Induced (stobhitah) by the gopis, Kṛṣṇa sometimes danced just like a human child (balavat).

Overwhelmed (mugdhas) by the gopis' sweet love, Kṛṣṇa would conceal His omnipotence and smile and dance just like a wooden doll in their hands.

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bāhu-kṣepam ca kurute

svānām ca prītim āvahan

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Sometimes mother Yaśodā and her gopī friends would tell Kṛṣṇa, "Bring this article" or "Bring that article." Sometimes they would order Him (kvacid ājñaptaḥ) to bring a wooden plank, wooden shoes or a wooden measuring pot (pīṭhaka-unmāṇa-pādukam), and Kṛṣṇa, when thus ordered by the mothers, would try to bring them (bibharti). Sometimes, however, as if unable to raise these things, He would touch them and stand there. Just to invite the pleasure of His relatives (svanam ca prītim āvahan), He would strike His body with His arms to show that He had sufficient strength (bāhu-kṣepam ca kurutē).

In order to test Kṛṣṇa's strength, the gopis would ask Him to bring wooden shoes, and then progressively heavier objects.

Ordered (ajñapta) by the gopis, Kṛṣṇa would stand up holding the objects over His soft belly.

To invite the pleasure of His relatives (svānām), Kṛṣṇa would sometimes slap His arms to show that He had sufficient strength.

To pure devotees throughout the world who could understand His activities (tad-vidām loka), the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa (bhagavān), exhibited (darśaya) how much He can be subdued by His devotees, His servants (ātmano bhṛṭya-vaśyatām). In this way He increased the pleasure of the Vrajavāsīs (vrajasya harṣam uvāha) by His childhood activities (bāla-ceṣṭitaiḥ).

Not only Kṛṣṇa's relatives, but all the Vrajavasis enjoyed unlimited bliss from His childhood pastimes, wherein He allowed Himself to come under their control.

Kṛṣṇa showed this aspect of Himself being controlled by His devotees' love directly to those external devotees like Brahma and Siva who were captivated by Kṛṣṇa's potency of majestic opulence because it cannot be understood merely by explanations.

Section – III

Fruit vendor pastime (10-11)

| 10.11.10 | krīṇīhi bhoḥ phalānīti śrutvā satvaram acyutaḥ phalārthī dhānyam ādāya yayau sarva-phala-pradaḥ

Once a woman selling fruit was calling, "O inhabitants of Vrajabhūmi (bhoḥ), if you want to purchase some fruits, come here (krīṇīhi phalāni iti)!" Upon hearing this (śrutvā), Kṛṣṇa (sarva-phala-pradaḥ acyutaḥ) immediately took some grains and went to barter (satvaram dhānyam ādāya) as if He needed some fruits (phalārthī).

Kṛṣṇa bestowed bliss upon all the residents of Vrndavana, including the Pulindas who were aborigines or the lowest class among the Vrajavasis.

Acyuta is full in every respect and He Himself provides fruits for everyone.

Yet desiring some fruits, He quickly went out with a handful of grains, as only that was available at the moment.

| 10.11.11||

| phala-vikrayini tasya

| cyuta-dhānya-kara-dvayam

| phalair apūrayad ratnaih
| phala-bhānḍam apūri ca

While Kṛṣṇa was going to the fruit vendor very hastily, most of the grains He was holding fell (tasya cyuta-dhānya-kara-dvayam). Nonetheless, the fruit vendor (phala-vikrayiṇī) filled Kṛṣṇa's hands with fruits (phalair apūrayad), and her fruit basket (phala-bhāṇḍam) was immediately filled with jewels and gold (ratnaih apūri ca).

The fruit seller did not even get a full handful of grains because the grains fell on the path as Kṛṣṇa hastily approached her.

Kṛṣṇa exchanged the few grains remaining in His hand for some fruits while saying, "Give Me some fruit."

The Pulinda woman selling fruits became overcome with affection, and filled Kṛṣṇa's hands with pilu and other fruits.

Being greedy for the fruits, Kṛṣṇa somehow managed to hold them all in His small hands by the influence of His aisvaryasakti.

In return, the Pulinda woman received all types of wealth including the treasure of kṛṣṇa-prema from Sri Kṛṣṇa, who possesses the power to bestow all fruits.

Section – IV

Mother Rohini calls Kṛṣṇa and

Balarāma for lunch (12-13)

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|| 10.11.12||
sarit-tīra-gatam kṛṣṇam
bhagnārjunam athāhvayat
rāmam ca rohiṇī devī
krīdantam bālakair bhrśam

Once, after the uprooting of the yamala-arjuna trees (atha bhagna arjunam), Rohiṇīdevī (rohinī devī) went to call Rāma and Kṛṣṇaṃ rāmaṃ ca āhvayat), who had both gone to the riverside (sarit-tīra-gataṃ) and were playing with the other boys with deep attention (krīḍantaṃ bālakair bhṛśaṃ).

To show how Kṛṣṇa and Balarama were controlled more by Yasoda's affection than by Rohini's, Sukadeva tells another pastime which occurred on the same day after the breaking of the yamala-arjuna trees.

Rohini called Kṛṣṇa and Balarama, who had both gone to play on the bank of the Yamuna.

Yasoda sent Rohini to call the boys because she wanted Them to take lunch.

| 10.11.13||
nopeyātām yadāhūtau
krīdā-saṅgena putrakau
yaśodām preṣayām āsa
rohiṇī putra-vatsalām

Because of being too attached to playing with the other boys (krīdā-saṅgena), Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma did not return (na upeyātām) upon being called by Rohiṇī (yadā āhūtau). Therefore Rohiṇī sent mother Yaśodā to call Them back (rohiṇī yaśodām preṣayām āsa), because mother Yaśodā was more affectionate to Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma (putra-vatsalām).

When Kṛṣṇa and Balarama did not respond to her call, Rohini sent Yasoda because she knew that Yasoda had more affection for the two boys and therefore could attract Them.

Section – V

Mother Yasodā calls Kṛṣṇa

and Balarāma for lunch

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krīḍantam sā sutam bālair ativelam sahāgrajam yaśodājohavīt kṛṣṇaṃ putra-sneha-snuta-stanī

Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma (sutam sahāgrajam), being attached to Their play, were playing with the other boys (bālair krīḍantam) although it was very late (ativelam). Therefore mother Yaśodā called Them back for lunch (yaśodā kṛṣṇam ajohavīt). Because of her ecstatic love and affection for Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, milk flowed from her breasts (putra-sneha-snuta-stanī).

Yasoda called Kṛṣṇa and Balarama again and again (ajohavit).

She called the boys from a distance because she feared that They would run away if she came close.

|| 10.11.15||

kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇāravindākṣa tāta ehi stanam piba alam vihāraiḥ kṣut-kṣāntaḥ krīḍā-śrānto 'si putraka

Mother Yaśodā said: My dear son Kṛṣṇa, lotus-eyed Kṛṣṇa (kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa aravindākṣa), come here and drink the milk of my breast (ehi stanam piba). My dear darling (tāta putraka), You must be very tired because of hunger and the fatigue of playing so long (kṣut-kṣāntaḥ krīḍā-śrāntah asi). There is no need to play any more (alam vihāraih).

Yasoda repeated Kṛṣṇa's name several times from far off so that He would hear.

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he rāmāgaccha tātāśu
sānujaḥ kula-nandana
prātar eva kṛtāhāras
tad bhavān bhoktum arhati

My dear Baladeva (he tāta rāma), best of our family (kulanandana), please come immediately (āśu āgaccha) with Your younger brother, Kṛṣṇa (sānujah). You both ate in the morning (prātar eva kṛtāhārah), and now You ought to eat something more (tad bhavān bhoktum arhati).

|| 10.11.17 ||

pratīkṣate tvām dāśārha bhokṣyamāṇo vrajādhipaḥ ehy āvayoḥ priyam dhehi sva-gṛhān yāta bālakāḥ

Nanda Mahārāja, the King of Vraja, is now waiting to eat (vrajādhipaḥ bhokṣyamāṇah). O my dear son Balarāma (dāśārha), he is waiting for You (tvām pratīkṣate). Therefore, come back to please us (ehy āvayoḥ priyam dhehi). All the boys playing with You and Kṛṣṇa should now go to their homes (svagrhān yāta bālakāḥ).

"Your father is sitting but he will not eat (bhoksyaman) without You.

Why are You giving hunger pangs to Your father?

All the boys playing with You should now go to their homes.

Your parents are also in difficulty like us, so please go and satisfy them."

Yasoda said these things to stop the boys from playing.

|| 10.11.18 ||

dhūli-dhūsaritāngas tvam
putra majjanam āvaha
janmarkṣam te 'dya bhavati
viprebhyo dehi gāḥ śuciḥ

Mother Yaśodā further told Kṛṣṇa: My dear son (putra), because of playing all day (implied), Your body has become covered with dust and sand (dhūli-dhūsarita-aṅgah tvaṃ). Therefore, come back, take Your bath and cleanse Yourself (majjanam āvaha). Today the moon is conjoined with the auspicious star of Your birth (te janmarkṣaṁ adya bhavati). Therefore, be pure (śuciḥ) and give cows in charity to the brāhmaṇas (viprebhyo gāḥ dehi).

But Kṛṣṇa still did not come.

Then Yasoda tried to kindle His interest in giving charity.

|| 10.11.19 ||

paśya paśya vayasyāms te mātṛ-mṛṣṭān svalaṅkṛtān tvam ca snātaḥ kṛtāhāro viharasva svalaṅkṛtaḥ

Just see how all Your playmates of Your own age (paśya paśya vayasyāms te) have been cleansed and decorated with beautiful ornaments by their mothers (māṭṛ-mṛṣṭān svalaṅkṛṭān). You should come here, and after You have taken Your bath (tvam ca snāṭaḥ), eaten Your lunch (kaṭa āhāro) and been decorated with ornaments (svalaṅkṛṭaḥ), You may play with Your friends again (viharasva).

When Kṛṣṇa still refused to come, Yasoda tried to awaken His competitive spirit.

She pointed out how His playmates were beautifully decorated by their mothers.

My dear Mahārāja Parīkṣit (nrpa), because of intense love and affection (ittham sneha-nibaddha-dhīh), mother Yaśodā, Kṛṣṇa's mother (yaśodā), considered Kṛṣṇa (matvā), who was at the peak of all opulences (tam aśesa-śekharam), to be her own son (sutam). Thus she took Kṛṣṇa by the hand, along with Balarāma (haste grhītvā saha-rāmam acyutam), and brought Them home (sva-vāṭam nītvā), where she performed her duties by fully bathing Them, dressing Them and feeding Them (kṛtavaty atha udayam).

Yasoda thought that Ananta, the crest jewel and source of all avataras, was her son.

Another meaning: Yasoda considered that Kṛṣṇa was not Bhagavan (a-sesasekharam).

Actually Kṛṣṇa was both.

Another meaning could be: Yasoda thought of her son as the crest jewel of her entire (asesa) family.

Yasoda took Kṛṣṇa home (sva batam) and bathed, dressed and fed Him sumptuously.

Section – VI

Meeting of elderly cowherd men –

Decide to go to Vrindavan for the

welfare of Krsna and Balarāma

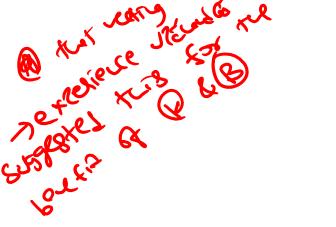
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|| 10.11.21||
śrī-śuka uvāca
gopa-vṛddhā mahotpātān
anubhūya bṛhadvane
nandādayaḥ samāgamya
vraja-kāryam amantrayan

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: Then one time, having seen the great disturbances in Bṛhadvana (bṛhadvane mahotpātān (anubhūya), all the elderly persons among the cowherd men (gopa-vrddhā), headed by Nanda Mahārāja (nandādayaḥ), assembled (samāgamya) and began to consider what to do to stop the continuous disturbing situations in Vraja (vraja-kāryam amantrayan).

After playing in Mahavana, when Krsna desired to play in Vrndavana, Upananda suggested that they all move to Vrndavana.



|| 10.11.22||

tatropānanda-nāmāha gopo jñāna-vayo-'dhikaḥ deśa-kālārtha-tattva-jñaḥ priya-kṛd rāma-kṛṣṇayoḥ

At this meeting (tatra) of all the inhabitants of Gokula (gopo), a cowherd man named Upananda (upānanda-nāma), who was the most mature in age and knowledge (jñāna-vayo-adhikah) and was very experienced according to time, circumstances and country (deśa-kāla-artha-tattva-jñah), made this suggestion for the benefit of Rāma and Kṛṣṇa (rāma-kṛṣṇayoḥ priya-kṛd).

Upananda was not only Nanda Maharaja's elder brother, but he was also a most learned and experienced counselor.

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utthātavyam ito 'smābhir gokulasya hitaiṣibhiḥ āyānty atra mahotpātā bālānāṁ nāśa-hetavaḥ

He said: My dear friends the cowherd men, in order to do good to this place, Gokula (gokulasya hitaiṣibhih), we should leave it (asmābhir itah utthātavyam), because so many disturbances are always occurring here (atra mahotpātā āyānty), just for the purpose of killing Rāma and Kṛṣṇa (bālānām ṇāśa-hetavaḥ).

Upananda said, "Thinking of the welfare of all the inhabitants of Vraja (gokulasya hitaisibhih), we should move to safer place."

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|| 10.11.24||
muktaḥ kathañcid rākṣasyā
bāla-ghnyā bālako hy asau
harer anugrahān nūnam
anaś copari nāpatat

The child Kṛṣṇa (bālako hy asau), simply by the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead (harer anugrahān nūnam), was somehow or other rescued (muktah kathañcid) from the hands of the Rākṣasī Pūtanā, who was determined to kill Him (bāla-ghnyā rākṣasyā). Then, again by the mercy of the Supreme Godhead, the handcart missed falling upon the child (anah cā upārī nāpatāt).

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|| 10.11.25 ||

cakra-vātena nīto 'yam daityena vipadam viyat śilāyām patitas tatra paritrātaḥ sureśvaraiḥ

Then again, the demon Tṛṇāvarta, in the form of a whirlwind (cakra-vātena daityena), took the child away (ayam nītah) into the dangerous sky to kill-Him (vipadam viyat), but the demon fell down onto a slab of stone (śilāyām patitas tatra). In that case also, by the mercy of Lord Viṣṇu or His associates, the child was saved (paritrātaḥ sura īśvaraiḥ).

"Kṛṣṇa was once taken in the sky (viyat) by Trnavarta (cakravatena) and nearly killed (vipadam).

Fortunately He was saved by Visnu (suresvaraih)."

The word suresvaraih is spoken in the plural form to show respect.

The word api mentioned in the following verse should be understood in this verse also.

"Though (api) Kṛṣṇa was taken in the sky and dropped on a rock, He was saved by Visnu."

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| 10.11.26||
yan na mriyeta drumayor
antaram prāpya bālakaḥ
asāv anyatamo vāpi
tad apy acyuta-rakṣaṇam

Even the other day, neither Kṛṣṇa nor any of His playmates died from the falling of the two trees (yan na mriyeta drumayor), although the children were near the trees or even between them (asāv anyatamo bālakaḥ vāpi antaram prāpya). This also is to be considered the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead (tad apy acyuta-rakṣaṇam).

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|| 10.11.27||
yāvad autpātiko 'riṣṭo
vrajam nābhibhaved itaḥ
tāvad bālān upādāya
yāsyāmo 'nyatra sānugāḥ

Since the disturbing demon (yāvad autpātiko ariṣṭah) is not leaving Vṛaja (vṛajam nābhibhaved itaḥ), we should, for the benefit of the boys (tāvad bālān upādāya), go somewhere else (anyatra yāsyāmo) with our followers (sānugāḥ).

Upananda continued, "Previously there was so much kirtana, worship and darsana of Visnu in this village.

Everywhere and at every moment since the birth of Nanda-nandan there has only been kirtana and darsana of Visnu.

Now let us go somewhere where we can worship Visnu, who has always protected us, without being disturbed.

We should follow the Niti-sastra given by Visnu."

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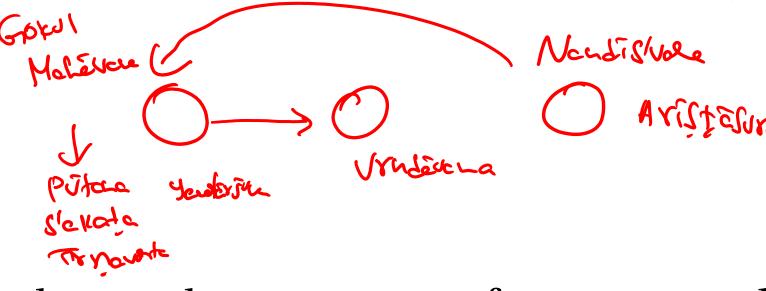
|| 10.11.28 ||

vanam vṛndāvanam nāma paśavyam nava-kānanam gopa-gopī-gavām sevyam puṇyādri-tṛṇa-vīrudham

Between Nandeśvara and Mahāvana is a place named Vṛndāvana (vanam vṛndāvanam nāma), which is very suitable for the maintenance of the cows (paśavyam) because it is lush with grass, plants and creepers (tṛṇa-vīrudham). It has nice gardens (nava-kānanam) and tall mountains (puṇyādri) and is full of facilities for the happiness of all the gopas and gopīs and our animals (gopa-gopī-gavām sevyam).

"We cannot return to our old capital in Nandisvara because we left there out of fear of Aristasura and came to Mahavana.

Aristasura is still there.



Between Mahavana and Nandisvara is a forest named Vrndavana.

This place is very suitable for living and beneficial for the cows (pasavyam) because it is filled with lush foliage and fresh gardens."

Considering like this, Upananda spoke this verse.

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tat tatrādyaiva yāsyāmaḥ śakaṭān yuṅkta mā ciram godhanāny agrato yāntu bhavatām yadi rocate

Therefore (tat), let us immediately go there today (tatra adyaiva yāsyāmaḥ). There is no need to wait any further (mā ciram). If you agree to my proposal (bhavatām yadi rocate), let us prepare all the bullock carts (śakaṭān yuṅkta) and put the cows in front of us (godhanāny agratah), and let us go there (yāntu).

"Therefore (tat), if it pleases all of you (bhavatam), we should immediately go to Vrndavana (tatra).