Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam Canto Three

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Canto Three – Chapter Two

Uddhava Remembers Kṛṣṇa

Remembrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa

Section – II

Uddhava reflects on appearance and disappearance of Lord's form (7-15)

|| 3.2.13 ||

yad dharma-sūnor bata rājasūye nirīkṣya drk-svastyayanam tri-lokaḥ kārtsnyena cādyeha gatam vidhātur arvāk-sṛtau kauśalam ity amanyata

At the rājasūya sacrifice of Yudhisthira (dharma-sūnoh rājasūye), all the people of the universe, seeing the form of the Lord (trilokah yad niriksya) which created auspiciousness in all directions (drk-svastyayanam), considered that the skill of the creator (amanyata vidhātuh kauśalam) in making the most beautiful objects (kartsnyena gatam ca) in the recent universe (iha) was nullified completely (kārtsnyena arvāk-srtau) at that time (adya).

In this verse Uddhava reminds Vidura, "You have directly witnessed the great auspiciousness of Kṛṣṇa."

All people within the three worlds including Brahmā and Indra considered that today in this universe the skill of the creator in constructing the recent, variegated world had all been nullified by seeing the beauty of Kṛṣṇa's limbs. There is now disgust with the creations of the blossoming blue lotus, lamp black ointment, the blue sapphire and the rain cloud.

Seeing the beauty of his face, what is the use of the moon and the lotus?

|| 3.2.14 || <u>yasyānurāga-pluta-hāsa-rāsa-</u> līlāvaloka-pratilabdha-mānāḥ v<u>raja-striyo drgbhir anupravrtta-</u> dhiyo 'vatasthuḥ kila krtya-śeṣāḥ

The women of Vraja (vraja-striyah), after pastimes of laughter, rasas and exchanges of glances (anurāga pluta hāsa-rāsa-līlā avaloka), followed him with their eyes when he left (yasya drgbhih anupravrtta), and thus they sat down with stunned intelligence (dhiyah avatasthuh) and could not finish their household duties (kila kṛtya-śeṣāḥ). But the attraction of the gopīs for Kṛṣṇa was much greater than all others in the universe including Brahmā and Indra, because Kṛṣṇa did not respect these devatās as much as he respected the gopīs.

Having great respect for Kṛṣṇa after he had respected them by his playful glances and by all rasas accompanied by smiles permeated with love (anurāga-pluta), the women of Vraja, whose minds followed him with their eyes, at that moment remained standing, unable to move at all because of paralysis due to ecstasy. They stopped all activities such as cleaning, smearing cow dung, churning yogurt, and serving food.

Even in the midst of doing activities, if <u>they happened</u> to see him suddenly, they remained motionless, not completing their chores. This love which astonished the whole universe including Kṛṣṇa himself, and the bewilderment it created in the women of Vraja, arose from the profusion of their prema.

By repeated descriptions of Kṛṣṇa's human pastimes, the eternal position of his abodes of Gokula, Mathurā and Dvārakā, compared to the rising and setting of the sun, is suggested.