

Recap of Chapter 1, Part 3

- ❑ Connection between **Catuh-Śloki Bhāgavatam** verses and Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's overall mission
- ❑ Associating with and serving advanced **Vaiṣṇavas**
 - ❑ This is an integral part of being able to render pure ds to facilitate attaining **kṛṣṇa-prema** because, on our own, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible ⇒ The 5 kinds of obstacles on the path

Chapter 2: Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu (SCM), the Supreme Personality of Godhead

- KKG cites various scriptural evidence to conclusively prove that **SCM** is non-different from **Śrī Kṛṣṇa** Himself, and not simply His expansion or incarnation—not even His **prakāśa-** or **vilāsa-vigraha**, but **svayam-rūpa**, or **svayam-bhagavān**, the Original Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself. But before providing this proof ⇒
 - A predicate (attributes) always follows its subject (74-78)
 - 1st to show that Kṛṣṇa is the essence of all **tattvas**, the essence of the Vedas
 - 2nd to show that **SCM** is non-different from Lord Kṛṣṇa, ∴
 - 3rd follows that **SCM** is also the essence of those **tattvas**
 - If “A = B” and “B = C”, then “A must be = C”

KKG will begin each chapter with a particular verse, which will set the mood of what is to be discussed and giving a hint of how the reader should meditate (1)

śrī-caitanya-prabhum vande
bālo 'pi yad-anugrahāt
taren nānā-mata-grāha-
vyāptaṁ siddhānta-sāgaram

“I offer my obeisances to **SCM**, by whose mercy even an ignorant child can swim across the ocean of conclusions about the ultimate truth, which is full of the crocodiles of various theories.” [Chapter 2]

- In this opening verse of chapter 2 , KKG compares conclusive truth to the ocean of nescience infested with dangerous, aquatic creatures (crocodile is just an example) of various theories. He is presenting the truth of **SCM**, who will allow the reader to easily cross over this ocean (1)
 - The Buddhist philosophy of **śunya-vāda**, or voidism
 - Mental speculation of the **jñānīs**
 - The yoga systems of Patañjali & Gautama
 - The systems of philosophers like Kaṇāda, Kapila and Dattātreyā

KKG cites the wisdom of **Upaniṣad** to authenticate the position of **SCM** as the SPG (5)

- To understand spiritual matters one must approach a Guru.
- By receiving instructions from guru and studying scriptures one can be free from material illusion
- Being non-different from Lord Kṛṣṇa, **SCM** is also
 - i. the impersonal **Brahman** effulgence (**sat**, or eternality);
 - ii. the localized, partial manifestation, **Paramātmā** (**sat** + **cit**, or knowledge); and
 - iii. complete realization of the Absolute Truth as **Bhagavān**, the personal form (**sat** + **cit** + **ānanda**, or bliss)

Evidence of Lord Krsna as the essence of all the **tattvas** (10-21)

- The meaning of **Bhagavān** (10)
 - “**bha**” means sustainer and protector of everyone/everything through His expansions, but personally protects and sustains only His devotees
 - “**ga**” means leader, pusher and creator
 - “**va**” means dwelling (all living beings dwell in the Supreme Lord and He dwell within the heart of every living being)
- The devotee’s vision versus that of the impersonal **Brahman-** or the **Paramātmā-**realized transcendentalists (11)

- Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the son of Nanda, is the Absolute Truth, and they do not discriminate between the Lord's name, form, quality and pastimes, while chanting His holy name with full respect and veneration.
- They do not see anything different from the Lord. To see otherwise should be considered lacking absolute knowledge, which is **māyā**.
- Those with incomplete knowledge see the living entity as non-different from the impersonal Brahman.
- The mystic yogis see the pure soul non-different from the Supersoul.
- Detailed description of the features of impersonal **Brahman** and the **Paramātmā** in connection to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, **Bhagavān** (12-21)

SCM is not prakāśa- or vilāsa-vigraha, but svayam-rūpa, or Svayam-Bhagavān, the Original Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself (22)

- KKG gives ample scriptural evidence in support of this bold statement
 - 1) **Caitanya Upaniṣad**: “Lord Gaura, who is the all-pervading Supersoul, the SPG, appears as a great saint and powerful mystic who is above the 3 modes of nature and is the emblem of transcendental activity. He disseminates the cult of devotion throughout the world.”

- 2) **Śvetāsvatara Upaniṣad Upaniṣad**: “O Supreme Lord, You are the Supreme Maheśvara, the worshipable Deity of all the demigods and the Supreme Lord of all lords. You are the controller of all controllers, the Personality of Godhead, the Lord of everything worshipable. The Supreme Personality of Godhead is Mahāprabhu, who disseminates transcendental enlightenment. Just to be in touch with Him is to be in contact with the indestructible **brahmajyoti**.”
- 3) **Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad** “One who sees that golden-colored Personality of Godhead, the Supreme Lord, the supreme actor, who is the source of the Supreme Brahman, is liberated.”

- 4) **Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam** “My Lord, You kill all the enemies of the world in Your multifarious incarnations in the families of men, animals, demigods, **ṛṣis**, aquatics and so on. Thus You illuminate the worlds with transcendental knowledge... In the Age of Kali, O Mahāpuruṣa, You sometimes appear in a covered incarnation. Therefore You are known as **Tri-yuga** [one who appears in only three **yugas**].”
- 5) **Kṛṣṇa-yāmala-tantra**: “I shall appear in the holy land of Navadvīpa as the son of Śacī-devī.”
- 6) **Vāyu Purāṇa**: “In the Age of Kali when the **saṅkīrtana** movement is inaugurated, I shall descend as the son of Śacī-devī.”

- 7) **Brahma-yāmala-tantra**: “Sometimes I personally appear on the surface of the world in the garb of a devotee. Specifically, I appear as the son of Śacī in Kali-yuga to start the **saṅkīrtana** movement.”
- 8) **Ananta-saṁhitā**: “The Supreme Person, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself, who is the life of Śrī Rādhārāṇī and is the Lord of the universe in creation, maintenance and annihilation, appears as Gaura, O Maheśvarī.”
- More evidences from scriptures about the Lord’s personal features (23-27)
 - Lord Kṛṣṇa and Lord Nārāyaṇa are non-different. They are the same identical person, but only their features change; Kṛṣṇa has two arms and Nārāyaṇa has four arms (28, 29)

In his prayers, Brahmā provides 3 reasons why Lord Kṛṣṇa as Nārāyaṇa & his father, is the source of cosmic manifestation (30-59)

- Brahmā had offended Kṛṣṇa by stealing His cowherd friends and calves, and thus prayed for His mercy and pardon.
- Upon Kṛṣṇa's objection that how could He, being merely a cowherd boy, could be his father, Lord Nārāyaṇa, Brahmā presents evidence that They are not only non-different but Kṛṣṇa is the primeval Lord, the original Father of all, and Nārāyaṇa is His plenary expansion (36-59)

- **1st reason:** All living entities within the material and spiritual worlds are born of You, who is everyone's Supersoul. Just as the earth is the original source of all earthen pots, Lord Nārāyaṇa is the shelter of all beings.
- **2nd reason:** Although Lord Nārāyaṇa, as **puruṣa** expansions for cosmic manifestation and maintenance, is the direct Lords of all beings, Your (Kṛṣṇa's) opulence and power far exceeds than Theirs. In fact, They function only by Your power.

- **3rd reason:** While there are innumerable universes, both material and spiritual, it is You as Kṛṣṇa witnesses the deeds of all living beings and knows the essence of everything
 - They exist because of You only.
 - The 3 **puruṣa** expansions are non-different from You. Although They deal with material energy, They remain unaffected.
 - You (Kṛṣṇa) from whom the 3 **puruṣa** expansions emanate.
 - Thus Nārāyaṇa is but Your **vilāsa**- or plenary expansion
 - ∴ You are the ultimate Nārāyaṇa. This is the essence of SB.

More evidence to prove the supremacy of Lord Kṛṣṇa as **svayam-bhagavān** (60-85)

- SB 1.2.11 verse (**vadanti tat tattva-vidas...**)
- Lord Kṛṣṇa is the one undivided Absolute Truth, the ultimate reality ⇒ manifests as **Brahman, Paramātmā,** and **Bhagavān**
- SB 1.3.28 (**ete cāṁśa-kalāḥ puṁsaḥ kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān svayam...**)
- To distinguish between all incarnations, Sūta Gosvāmi described Their respective symptoms

- There is a false logic in the argument that Nārāyaṇa is the Supreme and Kṛṣṇa is His expansion. Interpretation and argument cannot negate scriptural references.
- Again, a subject must always be known by its predicate (name or attributes)
 - Sūta initially mentions other incarnations as plenary and then Kṛṣṇa as the supreme
 - If he meant Kṛṣṇa as an expansion, the verse would have been composed differently.
- **Conclusion**: Śāstra is the authority. Vyāsadeva and the 12 mahājanas—they can never make a mistake. Ācāryas speak only according to scriptural injunctions.

- **Śāstric** authority declare that only the Supreme Lord, **Śrī Kṛṣṇa** can be and is **svayam-bhagavān**
 - From one original candle, all other candles can be lit.
 - Thus, Kṛṣṇa is the cause of all causes and all incarnations and expansions.
 - Out of the 10 subjects of SB, the first 9 are called **āśrita**, or dependents requiring shelter. It is the 10th subject, **Śrī Kṛṣṇa**, who is called **āśraya**, the object providing the ultimate shelter, or the **summum bonum**.
 - Śrīla Śrīdhara Svāmi, the greatest authority in the matter of SB, offers respect.

Lord Krsna's features & potencies (96-107)

- The 4 transcendental features of the Supreme Whole
 - His personality (analogous to the sun god himself)
 - **Brahma-jyoti**, or His impersonal effulgence (the sun glare)
 - The particles of His marginal potency, the living entities (the sun rays inside the sun planet)
 - The principle cause of all causes (the sun's reflection)

- His 3 primary potencies—essentially one but different in action
 - Internal—**cit-**, or **svarūpa-śakti** ⇒ spiritual cosmic manifestations, which exist eternally
 - External ⇒ manifests innumerable material universes
 - Marginal ⇒ the living entities as His parts and parcels
- His 2 primary expansions
 - **Prabhava** ⇒ fully potent ⇒ eternal & temporary
 - **Vaibhava** ⇒ partially potent

- Two kinds of incarnations
 - *Amśāveśa*, or partial
 - *Śaktiāveśa*, or empowered
- He appears in two stages, but His permanent feature is His eternal form as an adolescent youth
 - Childhood
 - Boyhood of 16, and thereafter remains as such

That same **Lord Kṛṣṇa**, the son of Nanda, now descended personally in the form of **Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu (SCM)**, the son of Mother Sacī, as His own devotee—the conclusive statements (108-121)

- **SCM** is the Supreme Personality of Godhead
- **Laghu-bhāgavatāmṛta**: “According to the intimate relationships between Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the primeval Lord, and His devotees, the **Purāṇas** describe Him by various names. Sometimes He is called Nārāyaṇa; sometimes Upendra (Vāmana), the younger brother of Indra, King of heaven; and sometimes **Kṣīrodakaśāyī Viṣṇu**. Sometimes He is called the thousand-hooded Śeṣa Nāga, and sometimes the Lord of **Vaikuṅṭha**.”
- He can be addresses by any of His names according to His functions, but He still remains the Supreme Absolute Truth, which is never diminished.

- Qualifications and warnings for a sincere student to accept **SCM** as the Supreme Lord on the basis of **Śāstra**
 - To avoid misunderstanding Krsna's position despite after studying Bg.
 - Neophytes must always try to understand Krsna thr' **Guru, Sādhu** and **Śāstra**.
 - The foremost item of bhakti is hearing from authority—it is the watering process.
 - One should imbibe the message heard from authority and benefit others with it.
 - Hearing from liberated souls the message of Krsna can bring one to the highest stage of **bhakti**.

- Those who claim to be advanced but do not follow the **ācāryas** are stone-hearted.
- Those who shed tears by practice but whose hearts have not changed are to be known as stone-hearted devotees of the lowest grade. Their imitation crying, induced by artificial practice is always condemned.
- A change of heart can only take place by conclusive discussion about Krsna and His potencies.
- Tears are of no use if there are no realizations.
- The conclusion is that **SCM** is the SPG, Krsna, the son of the King of Vraja.