

Çré Upadeçämåta Text Ten

Walk Through Map

ÇRÉMATÉ RĀDHĀRĀĒĒ
(and Her *kuèòà*)



- * Highest of all *gopés*; cannot be excelled
- * Even Kāñëà cannot understand the depth of Her transcendental feelings — and so came as Çré Caitanya Mahāprabhu.
- * Her Rādhā-kuèòà is the most exalted place (*Laghu-bhāgavatāmāta, Uttara-khaèòà* 45)
- * Those who execute devotional service on the banks of Rādhā-kuèòà are the most fortunate people in the universe.
- * Progressive devotees must ultimately take shelter there and execute service throughout life. This is Çréla Rūpa Gosvāmé's conclusion on text 10.



GOPÉS

- * Most exalted devotees (Please see verse)
- * Only desire is to satisfy Kāñëà; expect NO return
- * Cannot forget Him—*vipralambha-sevā*
- * Çré Caitanya Mahāprabhu claimed their mood to be highest; *vipralambha-sevā* better than serving directly.



BHAKTAS

- * Perform devotional service according to regulative principles
- * May come to spontaneous platform, following Nārada, Sanaka and Sanātana
- * May develop pure love of Godhead.



JĪ ĀNÉS

- * Have come to the platform of knowledge (*ātma-tattva*)
- * Know fruitive activity binds and means rebirth
- * Superior to *karmés*
- * Unless they come to devotional service they are still considered to be in ignorance, *avidyā*
- * Those who do come to devotional service are very exalted (Bg 7.19)



KARMÉS

- * Act according to Vedic knowledge, dear to Kāñëà (Bg 4.11)
- * Superior to *vikarmés*
- * Attachment to fruitive activities ensures rebirth
- * Will go to higher destination, but eventually return to *martya-loka* (Bg 9.21, ÇB 5.5.5)



VIKARMÉS

- * Act without guidance of Vedic knowledge
- * Position not appreciated by saintly persons (ÇB 5.5.4)
- * Risk being degraded to lower species eg. animals, trees, plants.