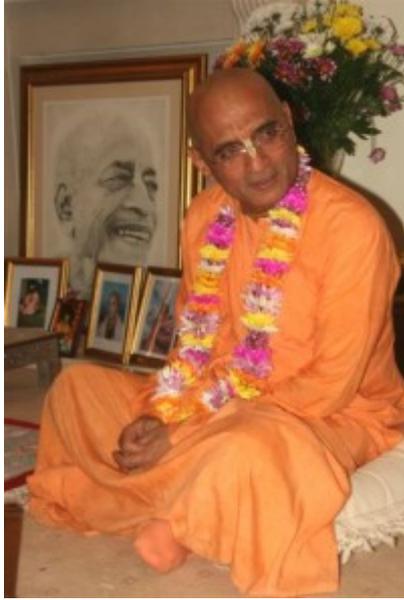


# The Sign Of Adharma

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SB 3.33.5

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## SYNONYMS

samahutah — invited; bhishmaka — of King Bhishmaka; kanyaya — by the daughter; ye — all those; sriyah — fortune; sa-varnena — by a similar sequence; bubhushaya — expecting to be so; esham — of them; gandharva — in marrying; vrittya — by such a custom; mishatam — carrying so; sva-bhagam — own share; jahre — took away; padam — feet; murdhni — on the head; dadhat — placed; suparnah — Garuda.

## TRANSLATION

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## PURPORT

Princess Rukmini, the daughter of King Bhishmaka, was actually as attractive as fortune itself because she was as valuable as gold both in color and in value. Since the goddess of fortune, Lakshmi, is the property of the Supreme Lord, Rukmini was actually meant for Lord Krishna. But Sisupala was selected as her bridegroom by Rukmini's elder brother, although King Bhishmaka wanted his daughter to be married to Krishna. Rukmini invited Krishna to take her away from the clutches of Sisupala, so when the bridegroom, Sisupala, came there with his party with the desire to marry Rukmini, Krishna all of a sudden swept her from the scene, stepping over the heads of all the princes there, just as Garuda carried away nectar from the hands of the demons. This incident will be clearly explained in the Tenth Canto. So, Devahuti is offering her prayers to Kapiladeva and through her prayers the Lord's qualities are becoming manifest or the Lord's qualities are being broadcast. But she is just offering prayers to Kapiladeva but through the prayers we are able to understand the characteristics or qualities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So as Prabhupada mentioned at the beginning of the purport that in the previous verses the general transcendental qualifications of the Supreme Personality of Godhead were described. In the previous verses Lord's qualities have been described. What did she mention? She mentioned that, in the first verse she mentioned that Brahma who directly came from the Supreme Personality of Godhead, even he doesn't know the Lord. Although he came directly from the Supreme Personality of Godhead, still he is not, he doesn't know Him fully. And in order to know Him he had to undergo so many types of penances, austerities and meditation and then finally Brahma got to know about the Supreme Personality of Godhead by the mercy of the Lord. Brahma by his, by dint of his own endeavor could not get to know the Lord. So this indicates that no one from this material nature can understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead by dint of his own endeavor.

So to know the Supreme Personality of Godhead what does one have to do? What is the process? The process is to approach somebody who knows it. That is the only way we can know. Like in case of Brahma, what happened? Brahma did not have anyone in this material nature. Brahma was the first created being in the universe. So he was the first one. There was nobody else. Therefore, for the sake of Brahma, the Lord had to give the instruction to him. By dint of his own endeavor even Brahma couldn't understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

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Now if we want to understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead what we have to do or if anyone in this material nature needs to understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead what he has to do? What he has to do? He has to approach a bona fide spiritual master. Just like Brahma had to approach

unconsciously, approach the Supreme Lord. Supreme Lord by His causeless mercy imparted the knowledge in the heart of Brahma. Then Brahma gave the knowledge to Narada, his son. Then Narada gave the knowledge to Vyasadeva. In this way this knowledge is flowing. We receive the knowledge from an authoritative source, bona fide source, and that way we get to know the Lord and that way we become qualified to give the knowledge to others as well. This is called the disciplic succession, Guru to disciple, disciple to his disciple and that person to his disciple, his disciple to his disciple. That is a chain, disciplic succession, Parampara.

And then she described that how wonderful it is that the Lord is the source of everything. And that Supreme Personality of Godhead, Who is the origin of everything, and in Whom everything is resting, that personality became her son. Isn't it wonderful? It's a, what is it like? Something, like a graphic example can be given in this way. That the ocean is the reservoir of all water and a drop of water is only an insignificant part of the ocean, now if the whole now is it possible for the whole ocean to go inside the drop of water ? No. A drop of water is only an insignificant part of the water and it cannot become, it cannot contain the entire ocean but in the case of the Lord, due to His inconceivable potency, He can do that. In one hand, He can be compared to the ocean because He is the reservoir of everything He is the source of everything. He is the resting place of everything. So everything is in the Lord. Like the example that she gave is that everything is in your belly. So that means everything is within the Lord. Now that, can you imagine how great Krishna is, how great the Lord is, and that personality became the son of Devahuti. Now the Lord is, like if we try to see, He is vast as an ocean, and Devahuti is like a drop of water and that ocean came within the water, within the drop of water. Isn't it amazing ? So Devahuti is expressing her surprise and amazement. Now this is the inconceivable potency of the Lord.

So in this way different characteristics of the Lord has been described and then in yesterday's verse, what did we discuss? As the Supreme Personality of Godhead, you have taken birth from my abdomen. Oh my Lord, how is that possible for the Supreme One, Who has in his belly all the cosmic manifestation? The answer is that, it is possible for at the end of the millennium you lie down on the leaf of a banyan tree and just like a small baby, you lick the toe of your lotus foot.

So, that is how wonderful the Lord is. Although He is the source of everything, although He is the reservoir of all pleasure but He becomes surprised why my devotees become so much attracted to Me, my lotus feet? What is there in My lotus feet? Krishna thinks and to figure that out, He starts licking it. To find out what does His devotees relish by becoming attracted to it. And then in this verse it has been described that, now the specific purpose of the Lord's appearance is also been described. Why does he appear? Krishna mentioned that in the Bhagavad-Gita. How many of you know that verse? Raise your hands. Ok, very good, you say it.

Devotee: yad€yad€hi dharmasya paritr€n€ya s€h™n€n  
HH BCS....very good, you say it..

Devotee: . dharma-samsthāpanarthāya sambhavāni yuge yuge

HH BCS : paritrāya sādhanāni is one half vināya ca dushkritīm  
dharma-samsthāpanarthāya sambhavāni yuge yuge

So why does Krishna come? So we are finding the reasons paritrāya sādhanāni. Actually in this material nature, when dharma is lost, and adharma becomes prevalent, then what happens, the sadhus are tortured by the demons. That is the sign of adharma. Adharma means no law and order. Like what is the ultimate law and order? Ultimate law and order is given by Krishna. The ultimate law has been given by Krishna. So what is that law? You follow My instruction and you will enjoy. But the demons come and they say why should we follow Krishna's law? I am the Lord and master of everything. I am the Supreme Personality of Godhead, so I will make my law. So, when the demons reject Krishna's law and try to create their law, then the situation of adharma becomes prevalent. Adharma prevails.

Like for example, Krishna's point is that you act in a sinful, you act in a pious way and you will be elevated to a heavenly planet. You will enjoy. Meaning the point is, that you act in a pious way and you will enjoy. Then Ravana says why should we accept that ? You act in a sinful way and you will enjoy. That is my law. So, then people, what the followers of Ravana start to do ? They say, Oh yes, that's right. Let us be more and more sinful and we will enjoy.

Now you can see how today's society has become a demoniac society. Dharma is gone. Dharma stands on what four legs ? Dharma stands on four pillars. What are the four pillars of dharma ? Austerity, mercy, cleanliness, truthfulness, when these four pillars are broken, than what happens, meat eating, intoxication, illicit sex and gambling. Right ? So, so the, now we can see in today's world, this has become the norm. Meat eating, intoxication, illicit sex and gambling, have become the standard. If we look at today's world, you consider what is the most profit, what are the most profitable businesses ? Which businesses ? Most profitable businesses are, gambling is one, meat eating is one, liquor shop, intoxication, not only liquor shops, heroine, cocaine, tobacco, cigarette. So these have become the real business of today's world and prostitution. So see what is happening. Dharma says don't do these things. Dharma says, no meat eating, no intoxication, no illicit sex, no gambling. Like if one it is, if one wants to become situated on the platform of dharma, then these are the norms. Like in ISKCON, we have the basic standard, if you want to be in ISKCON, then no meat eating. Alright, accepted? No intoxication. Thoda thoda jawab..laughs!! No illicit sex.

Devotees..yes

HH BCS.... No gambling.

Devotees?. yes

HH BCS.... Ok, Dharma means, follow these four principles. Now in today's world what is happening? Meat eating, intoxication, illicit sex and gambling. Just consider how many people used to eat meat in Madhya Pradesh 20 years back ? adharmā and when adharmā prevails then what will happen ? Then the sadhus will be tortured. Those who are following this path, the people those who are followers of adharmā they will torture. Like Ravana, what was he doing ? Oh you are pious person. Kill him. That's what he was doing. Rakshasas. They were going and killing the sadhus, torturing the sadhus. So, when that happens, then what happens ? Paritrāya sādhanam vināya ca dushkritim. The Lord says, okay, so you are torturing my devotees, okay I will see. Then He comes and He kills, vināya ca dushkritim. This dushkritim, these miscreants are destroyed by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, vināya ca dushkritim. And in this way, dharmasamsthāpanarthāya in this way He establishes dharma.

So why does the Lord come ? Three reasons, to protect His devotees, to annihilate the demons and to reestablish dharma. In every incarnation, He does that. Practically, in all the incarnations have these three characteristics. Shukaradayash, shukar. The Lord appeared as a Boar and appearing as a Boar, what did He do ? He rescued the earth planet. The earth planet sank in the lower region. The earth planet is floating on the orbit, on the space due to gold on the planet. Gold actually makes the planet to float. Sometimes we see some balloon flies. What is the reason? Hydrogen. Hydrogen gas is lighter, therefore you put hydrogen then the balloon goes up. In a similar way the gold actually maintains the earth to remain in the orbit. Now Hiranyakashipu and mainly Hiranyaksha was taking away all the gold of the planet and as a result of that earth lost, lost its balance and the earth sank in the lower region. Earth planet sank and lower region is the dirty region.

So, in order to rescue the earth planet from the lower region, the Lord assumed the form of a boar, because generally, a boar, a pig goes to the dirty places. So, it's just symbolic. The Lord assumed the form of pig and then, he rescued the earth from the lower region and placed the earth again on the orbit. vasati dasana-shikhare dharana tava lagna chakrini kalaka-kaleva nimagna keshava dhata-sukara-rupa. Keshava Krishna assumed the form dhata-shukara-rupa, the form of a Boar, form of a Pig. So, in this way, Krishna reestablished the dharma by paritrāya sādhanam He rescued mother earth.

And then what did He do? Hiranyaksha couldn't tolerate that so Hiranyaksha came and attacked Him. Now he is a gigantic demon and the Lord is a boar. And he attacked the Lord with a mess. A boar has only a hoof. Right ? Now this is the Lord's inconceivable potency. In this hoof He held a, he held a mess also, gada and they started to fight. They fought for a long, long time. This is also the purpose of Hiranyakashipu and Hiranyaksha coming. Jaya and Vijaya came. Why did they come? To give pleasure to the Lord by fighting with Him. In Vaikuntha can, Krishna cannot, Narayana cannot fight with anybody. No, rather in Vaikuntha, no one wants to fight with God, they can't even think of, they can't even imagine, how can anyone fight

with the worshipable Lord? But Jaya and Vijaya felt that oh, this viraha rasa, the mellow chivalry is not experienced by the Lord. So, if somehow we could fulfill that desire and the Lord is the Supersoul, He knew that desire and He appeared and He made the arrangement. Ok, so you go to the earth planet, you go to the material nature and there you go as a demon and I'll come and fight with you and they fought for a long time and both were equally powerful and equally skilled. No one can defeat anyone and at one point it so happened that Hiranyaksha struck His mess, struck the Lord's mess with such power that His mess went flying and He was standing there all, without any weapon. Just, He was standing there completely exposed to be attacked.

And seeing that, the demigods who were watching from the heaven, they became very worried. They said, my Lord, our life air has already come to our throat, it's about to leave it's, leave our body due to anxiety. So please do something about it. Make us, make us remain alive. So then, what did Varahadeva do ? With His left hand, He just smacked Hiranyaksha on the, on his cheek and Hiranyaksha's body went reeling. His life air left his body and he was dead. So this is how wonderful the Supreme Personality of Godhead is. That's how He appears.

Similarly, Narasimhadeva appeared to protect Prahalad maharaj. Tortoise, the Lord appeared as tortoise, to shelter the, or rather support the mander mountain, when the demons and demigods jointly wanted to churn the milk ocean to get the nectar. In a Fish incarnation, He saved the scriptures from the ocean, from the water of inundation and he also rescued the different species and species of life. As Lord Ramchandra, He came to annihilate Ravan. So in this way, paritrāṇāya sādhanam vinā ca dushkritam and dharma-samsthāpanarthāya, the Lord appears from time to time, yuge yuge.

And why did Lord Kapiladeva come ? He came to give transcendental knowledge to the misguided conditioned souls. The living entities lost the understanding of Krishna. There was no way the people could actually understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead because they became very, they became very philosophically inclined, very mental, intellectually. So Kapiladeva came and through this intellectual endeavor He made them understand God. You are saying God, you don't, you are not interested in God because you cannot see Him, okay come, I'll prove that God is there. So, that's what Kapila did through Sankhya philosophy. If you want to, philosophy means, trying to understand things with your mental ability, intellectual ability. Philosophy means, philosophy is the process of understanding things with your own ability, with your own perception, with your own intellect. Therefore, they come up with different ideas, because different people have different perceptions. But Kapiladeva came through that process, through that process of assimilating knowledge, come to the conclusion that the Lord is there. And what is the conclusion, okay analyze the entire material creation the entire material world has been analyzed. The other day we discussed, how many of you remember ? How many of you, Ganganarayana ? With how many elements the material, how many considerations, the entire material creation has been analyzed ? Devotees: twenty four

HH BCS : Twenty four okay, you also know that. So tell me how, what are those twenty four ? You have to look at the notes. Good, good look at the notes. I never knew that you are such a good artist also. (laughs). His note book is full of pictures.

Devotee?. Earth, water, fire, air, ether, then five senses, then sense objects.

HH BCS : How many ?

Devotee?. Fifteen

HH BCS : No, sense objects is how many ?

Devotee.... five

HH BCS : Okay, fifteen, okay, then ? Five working senses! How many ?

Devotee: five

HH BCS : Okay, fifteen ? Okay, then ? Five working senses, how many ? Twenty, okay, then ?

Devotee : Then, mind, intelligence, false ego.

HH BCS : Twenty three

Devotee : Twenty three

HH BCS : And then ?

Devotee.... Mahattatva

HH BCS : Twenty four, entire material nature has been analyzed. But where were you ? (laughs) That's what Kapila, that is, the point is, He is raising, okay the whole material nature has been analyzed, but the material, this is being experienced by whom ? By the individual. So where is the individual ? Could He find the individual in the material nature ? No. So, where is he found ? Beyond material nature. So, individual, therefore is non material. So, we see that how they transcended the material nature and came to the spiritual platform. Then, we all are individuals. So, do we have an origin ? So who is the origin of all individuals? Krishna. So, twenty six. So, Krishna is established. Ok, so that is the real sankhya. So, in this way, Kapiladeva made even the atheistic people recognize the existence of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Thank you very much for enlightening us so wonderfully (laughs), Krishna das. Hare Krishna. Any question ? Yes Nandabraja.

Nanda braja prabhuji ?. Not clear

HH BCS : You see, it happens, as you said, Prabhupada is saying in the purport, in course of time, these living entities become so degraded that they need enlightenment. So it that means that even in Satyayuga, the tendency is there to become degraded. Material nature is like that. Material nature is illusory.

Devotee.... not clear

HH BCS : Ya, so we have to see sometimes it could have been affected and that's why Kapiladeva came. Not as bad as today but there was a. And also in the mode of goodness, people tend can become too much involved in, in austerities and pious, piety for their personal elevation. So that is also another mistake. Like, forgetting Krishna they are trying to enjoy themselves, elevating to the heavenly planets. When you read the scriptures, you see specially Ramayan, you see all these sages were performing such severe austerities just to become elevated to the heavenly planets. Hardly anyone was actually pursuing devotional service. So, that means they were in mode of goodness but they were not involved in devotional service so Kapiladeva came and gave them the process of devotional service. Any other question ? Yes.

Devotee [inaudible]

HH BCS : Vin€œya ca dushkrit€m, the Lord comes down to annihilate the demons and then He is coming as Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and He is not killing them but He is giving them love, the weapon of love, so is there, are there any individuals who, will be killed...by the Lord or will everyone be delivered?

HH BCS : They will be killed by fighting among themselves but the Lord and His devotees won't kill generally but when the kings become, the, when the dharma, varnashram dharma is reestablished properly and the ideal kings are ruling, then of course, the king will give punishment, sometimes he will, if somebody is very sinful, deserves capital punishment, the king can give that punishment but generally in this age, the devotees will not be involved in violent activities. Violence will be avoided in this age. Yes, what's your question?

Devotee : Gurumaharaj, as you said that Brahma gave the knowledge to Narada, and we see some times, some sages were there and Narada Muni's mother was serving and then, in the mean time he get inclined for the devotional service and so what is the sequence like, first he, first it, what happened, like..

HH BCS : That is, he was talking about his previous life. In his previous life, he was the son of a maid servant and he received the mercy of the saintly people and as a result of that mercy, he became interested in spiritual life and then he went and performed austerities and penances and as a result of that, the Lord appeared to him. He got a glimpse of the Lord, just a momentary glimpse. But then the Lord told, and then he tried to see Him again but inspite of severe austerities, he could not. The Lord told him in this life you won't get to see Me. But in your next life you will become an associate of mine. So that is in next life he became the son of Brahma. Narada is the son of Lord Brahma. Yes Jamuna Priya.

Jamuna Priya Mataji : Hare Krishna Maharaj, when Krishna comes, you said He does three things, He also re establishes dharma. Gurumaharaja, when that happens, everybody's dharma is totally reestablished on a complete scale because in Kaliyuga, like Lord Chaitanya came and we also know that Krishna

would come again as Kalki, so why is that need arising for Him to come again?

HH BCS : To come again and Kalki as Kalki because in the end of Kali there is a need to wipe out all the miscreants and then start the Satyayuga. So Kalki will do that. Wipe out the miscreants and those who are pious and those who are devotees, He will spare them and those who will be spared, they will reestablish Satyayuga. So this is how the cycle will change.

Jamuna priya mataji.... So will there be annihilation?

HH BCS : There will be an annihilation also. This is one kind of an annihilation. This is one kind of annihilation. The Lord is wiping out everybody.

Jamuna Priya mataji ? Maharaja, I was wondering that Lord Chaitanya came then, how come Dharma hasn't been reestablished over, how is it that things will progressively get worse ?

HH BCS : Because this is material nature. Material nature moves like this. Sometimes goes up, sometimes goes down, otherwise if it is constant, then it won't be material nature, it will become Vaikuntha. Right ? Then even you would never want to go back to, you will never want to leave this place. So this material nature is transient. Therefore we have to find our permanent situation in the spiritual world.

Ok. Thank you all very much.