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ONLY A RĀDHĀ-BHAKTA CAN HAVE KṚṢṆA

You can only experience Kṛṣṇa in all His qualities, if you worship Him through Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī.

Kṛṣṇa is like a flower and if you want to have the honey that is inside of Him – the highest *bhakti-rasa* – you have to take shelter of the bee, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. You can't taste this *rasa* by approaching Him directly. Kṛṣṇa only manifests the highest *bhakti-rasa* in the presence of Rādhā.

Only Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī draws all qualities from Kṛṣṇa, all the *rasa*, the *ujjala-rasa*, the splendid *rasa*, the glowing *rasa*... The full spectrum of Kṛṣṇa's moods and personality only becomes manifest when He is together with Rādhā.

Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī says, "How foolish are those people who think they can enter into the secret of the nectar-*rasa* of Śyāma without ever having worshipped the dust that sprinkles from Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's lotus feet"¹

Just like you can't see the moon without its rays, you can't experience Kṛṣṇa in His fullness without Rādhā. Braja-Kṛṣṇa can only be experienced if you enter the camp of Rādhā and become a servant there because Kṛṣṇa only manifests His full "Kṛṣṇa-ness" in the association of Śrīmatī Rādhikā.

Sometimes we get bewildered and think, "This is Kṛṣṇa consciousness, Kṛṣṇa-*bhakti*, Kṛṣṇa this and Kṛṣṇa that.



Now I hear I should become a servant of Rādhā. I'm clearly bewildered. I have only one heart to give and what will happen to my relationship with Kṛṣṇa if I worship Rādhā? Do I become an atheist towards Kṛṣṇa?"

Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī informs us how this goes together, "In my heart I will contemplate my highest aspiration – to one day become a maidservant of Sri Rādhā's lotus feet. Then I will always meditate upon Kṛṣṇa who wears a peacock feather in his crown. I chant Kṛṣṇa's holy name. I always serve His lotus feet and I chant the best of all His mantras [the gopal mantra]. When, o when, will I relish the most amazing festival of attachment to Rādhā?"²

These are exalted subject matters. If you have never heard about these things before, just patiently hear them now. If you are an older devotee take note of them and write them onto your heart with golden ink. Śrīla Prabhupāda's father requested every *sadhu* to bless his son that he may become a pure servant of Rādhā. In Rādhā's camp we will find our fortune. We will find the honey of real Kṛṣṇa consciousness there. She is the supreme bee-like, exalted devotee of Kṛṣṇa who draws all of Kṛṣṇa's honey, all of Kṛṣṇa's love from Him and this love will flood our hearts when we become a servant of Rādhā.

From two lectures by Śacīnandana Swami, Rādhā-kuṇḍa, India, October 16th, and Jatipur/Govardhana, November 25th, 2011

1: Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī. Śrī Sva-saṅkalpa-prakāśa-stotra, verse one

2: Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī. Śrī Rādhā-rasa-sudhā-nidhi, verse 259

KRṢṢNA IS YOURS



“He is pleased through Rādhārāṇī. Therefore we don’t keep Kṛṣṇa alone. No. Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. First Rādhārāṇī. So that day is today. First you have to worship Rādhārāṇī. If you go through Rādhārāṇī...

Therefore in Vṛndāvana you will see all devotees, they will address one another, „Jaya Rādhe.“ Still. Because they know that „If Rādhārāṇī is pleased, if I can please Rādhārāṇī...” Rādhārāṇī is

presented, the original pleasure potency, always absorbed in thought of Kṛṣṇa. So anyone who comes before Rādhārāṇī to serve Kṛṣṇa, oh, She becomes so pleased, „Oh, here is a devotee of Kṛṣṇa.“ She immediately recommends, „Kṛṣṇa, oh, here is a devotee. He is better than Me.“ This is Rādhārāṇī. I may be a, not devotee. I may be most fallen rascal. But if

I try to reach Kṛṣṇa through Rādhārāṇī, then my business is successful. Therefore we should worship Rādhārāṇī first. That is our business. Instead of offering directly one flower to Kṛṣṇa, you just put it in the hands of Rādhārāṇī: „My mother Rādhārāṇī, Jagan-mātā, if you kindly take this flower and offer it to Kṛṣṇa.“ „Oh,“ Rādhārāṇī says, „Oh, you have brought a flower?“ Kṛṣṇa said, *patraṁ puṣpaṁ phalaṁ toyam yo me bhaktyā prayacchati* [Bg. 9.26], but don’t try to offer Kṛṣṇa directly. Just offer through Rādhārāṇī. It will be very much appreciated by Rādhārāṇī.

So this is our philosophy, to please Kṛṣṇa through Rādhārāṇī, and just today is the auspicious day of Rādhārāṇī’s appearance. So we should offer puṣpāñjali and pray to Rādhārāṇī that „Rādhārāṇī, kindly be merciful and tell about me to Your Kṛṣṇa. To Your Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is Yours.“ Kṛṣṇa, Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is not independent. Kṛṣṇa is Rādhārāṇī’s property. So you have to approach Kṛṣṇa through Rādhārāṇī. That is, today is the auspicious day. Worship Rādhārāṇī very nicely and be happy.

Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa. (end)”

From a lecture by Śrīla Prabhupāda, London, September 5, 1973

RESPONSES FROM THE DIVINE COUPLE

When you practice *bhajan* and you develop a loving search or a loving journey in your life, then things start happening which – at least in your little *bhajan* world – are not accidental but which are arranged by Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. I think everyone can experience this. If you become a little eager to search for Rādhā Kṛṣṇa, then suddenly extraordinary things start happening in your *bhajan* world [...]. The moment you have some genuine desire in your *bhajan*, some genuine feelings, there will immediately be a response, an answer in Vraja. But if you have no desire and no genuine feelings, and you do things only mechanically then for you the land of jewels turns into the land of dust and animal stool.

From a lecture by Śacīnandana Swami, Rādhā-kuṇḍa, India, October 19th, 2011

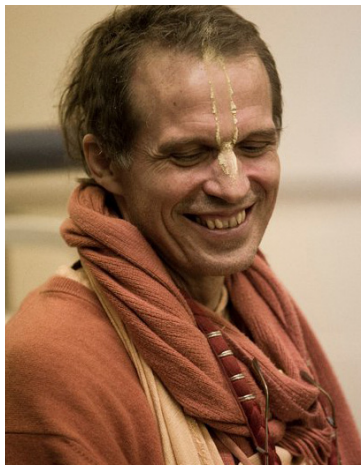


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Jan 20th-22th	YogaExpo, Munich, Germany
Jan 28th-29th	Rāḍhadeśa Mellows, Rāḍhadeśa, Belgium
Feb 3th-6th	Vyāsa-pūjā & Nityānanda Trayodaśī, Zagreb, Croatia
Feb 7th-15th	Balkan tour
Feb 22th-25th	Kīrtan-Melā, Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

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