

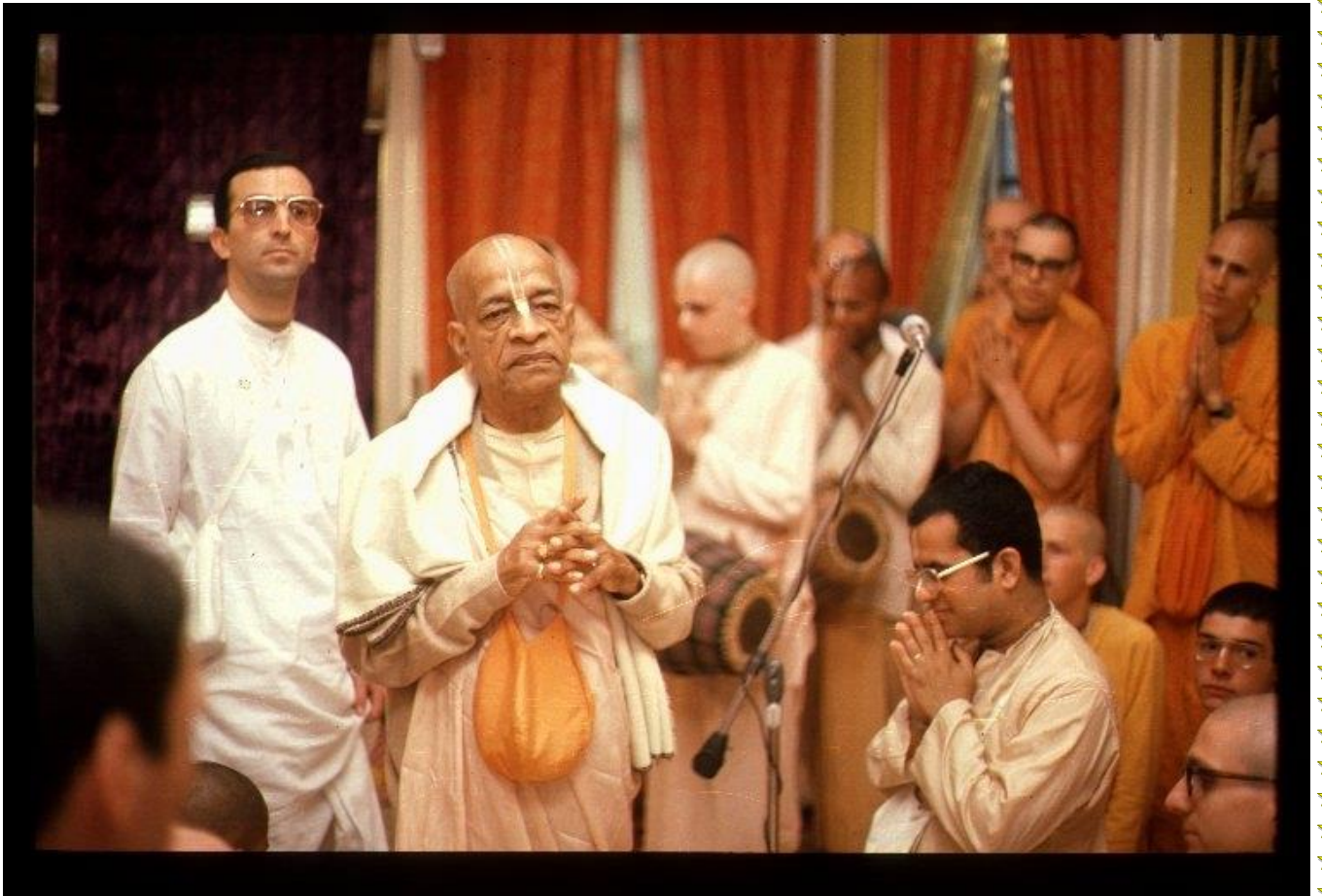
Sri Narasimha Stuti

Srimad Bhagavatam

5th Canto, 18th Chapter, 8th to verses



Dedicated to
His Divine Grace
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Meru Mountain and the planetary system known as Bhū-
maṇḍala. Bhū-maṇḍala is like a lotus flower, and its seven
islands are compared to the whorl of the lotus. The place
known as Jambūdvīpa is in the middle of that whorl. There are
different varshas (valleys) of Jambūdvīpa and the incarnation
of the Supreme Lord are worshiped in each valley. In the land
known as Hari-varsha, the exalted devotee Prahlāda Mahārāja
worships Lord Nṛsimhadeva and recited these prayers known
as “Narasimha Stuti” which you will be studying in this book.
Following in the footsteps of Prahlāda Mahārāja, the
inhabitants of Hari-varsha always worship Lord Nṛsimhadeva
to receive from Him the benediction of being engaged in His
loving service.

ŚB 5.18.8

ॐ नमो भगवते नरसिंहाय नमस्तेजस्तेजसे
आविराविर्भव वज्रनख वज्रदंष्ट्र कर्माशियान् रन्धय
रन्धय तमो ग्रस ग्रस ॐ स्वाहा । अभयमभयमात्मनि
भूयिष्ठा ॐ क्षौम् ॥ ८ ॥

*om namo bhagavate narasimhāya namas
tejas-tejase āvir-āvirbhava vajra-nakha
vajra-daṁṣṭra karmāśayān randhaya
randhaya tamo grasa grasa om svāhā;
abhayam abhayam ātmani bhūyiṣṭhā om
kṣraum.*

Translation

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Lord Nṛsimhadeva, the source of all power. O my Lord who possess nails and teeth just like thunderbolts, kindly vanquish our demonlike desires for fruitive activity in this material world. Please appear in our hearts and drive away our ignorance so that by Your mercy we may become fearless in the struggle for existence in this material world.



Lord Narasimha destroys
all the Selfish & demoniac
desires within us by
His sharp nails and teeth



Lord Narasimha appears in
Our heart & drive out all the
Ignorance so that we become
Intelligent and fearless

ŚB 5.18.9

स्वस्त्यस्तु विश्वस्य खलः प्रसीदतां
ध्यायन्तु भूतानि शिवं मिथो धिया ।
मनश्च भद्रं भजतादधोक्षजे
आवेश्यतां नो मतिरप्यहैतुकी ॥ ९ ॥

*svasty astu viśvasya khalah prasīdatām
dhyāyantu bhūtāni śivam mitho dhiyā
manaś ca bhadrām bhajatād adhokṣaje
āveśyatām no matir apy ahaitukī*

Translation

May there be good fortune throughout the universe, and may all envious persons be pacified. May all living entities become calm by practicing bhakti-yoga, for by accepting devotional service they will think of each other's welfare. Therefore let us all engage in the service of the supreme transcendence, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and always remain absorbed in thought of Him.

What we pray

Oh God, I want this latest phone to show off to my friends. Oh God I want to beat him, give me that give me this



What Prahlad Maharaj prays

Oh God, Please make everyone's minds peaceful & clean so that they think about each other's welfare.



Therefore we should pray to Lord Nṛsimhadeva to sit in our hearts.

You can recite this below prayer along with your friends.

**namas te narasimhaya prahladahlada-dayine
hiranyakasipor vakshahsila- tanka-nakhalaye**

I offer my obeisances to Lord Narasimha who gives joy to Prahlada Maharaja and whose nails are like chisels on the stonelike chest of the demon Hiranyakasipu.

**ito nrisimhah parato nrisimho
yato yato yami tato nrisimhah
bahir nrisimho hridaye nrisimho
nrisimham adim saranam prapadye**

Lord Nrisimha is here and also there. Wherever I go Lord Nrisimha is there. He is in the heart and is outside as well. I surrender to Lord Nrisimha, the origin of all things and the supreme refuge.

Prayer to Lord Nrisimha
by Jayadeva Gosvami

**tava kara-kamala-vare nakham adbhuta-sringam
dalita-hiranyakasipu-tanu-bhringam
kesava dhrita-narahari-rupa jaya jagadisa hare**

O Kesava! O Lord of the universe! O Lord Hari, who have assumed the form of half-man, half-lion! All glories to You! Just as one can easily crush a wasp between one's fingernails, so in the same way the body of the wasplike demon Hiranyakasipu has been ripped apart by the wonderful pointed nails on Your beautiful lotus hands.

ŚB 5.18.10

मागारदारात्मजवित्तबन्धुषु
सङ्गो यदि स्याद्भगवत्प्रियेषु नः ।
यः प्राणवृत्त्या परितुष्ट आत्मवान्
सिद्ध्यत्यदूरान्न तथेन्द्रियप्रियः ॥ १० ॥

*māgāra-dārātmaja-vitta-bandhuṣu
saṅgo yadi syād bhagavat-priyeṣu naḥ
yaḥ prāṇa-vṛtṭyā parituṣṭa ātmavān
siddhyaty adūrān na tathendriya-priyaḥ*

Translation

My dear Lord, we pray that we may never feel attraction for the prison of family life, consisting of home, wife, children, friends, bank balance, relatives and so on. If we do have some attachment, let it be for devotees, whose only dear friend is Kṛṣṇa. A person who is actually self-realized and who has controlled his mind is perfectly satisfied with the bare necessities of life. He does not try to gratify his senses. Such a person quickly advances in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, whereas others, who are too attached to material things, find advancement very difficult.

We all have so many attractions.

- **Ice creams & chocolates**
- **Smart phones**
- **Video games**
- **Burger in the restaurant**
- **Latest movies**

All of us are attracted to these things right ??

But a Vaishnava (one who is dear to the Lord) prays

- 1. To have devotee friends (who always talk about Krishna)
and**
- 2. To be satisfied with Krishna Prasad & not to have
cravings for junk food**

5.18.11

यत्सङ्गलब्धं निजवीर्यवैभवं
तीर्थं मुहुः संस्पृशतां हि मानसम् ।
हरत्यजोऽन्तः श्रुतिभिर्गतोऽङ्गजं
को वै न सेवेत मुकुन्दविक्रमम् ॥ ११ ॥

*yat-saṅga-labdham nija-vīrya-vaibhavam
tīrtham muhuḥ saṁsprśatām hi mānasam
haraty ajo 'ntaḥ śrutibhir gato 'ṅgajam
ko vai na seveta mukunda-vikramam*

Translation

By associating with persons for whom the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Mukunda, is the all in all, one can hear of His powerful activities and soon come to understand them. The activities of Mukunda are so potent that simply by hearing of them one immediately associates with the Lord.

For a person who constantly and very eagerly hears narrations of the Lord's powerful activities, the Absolute Truth, the Personality of Godhead in the form of sound vibrations, enters within his heart and cleanses it of all contamination. On the other hand, although bathing in the Ganges diminishes bodily contaminations and infections, this process and the process of visiting holy places can cleanse the heart only after a long time. Therefore who is the sane man who will not associate with devotees to quickly perfect his life?



By Bathing in the holy Ganga river, we can clean ourselves, get purified & become free from diseases.

**But what about the bad thoughts which come in our mind?
How can we clean our mind ?**

Prahlad Maharaj is giving us a solution in this verse :



We must associate with the Lord's devotees and hear about the Lord's glories from them (which is called '*shravanam*') and chant the glories of the Lord with the devotees : "*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*"

In this way we can clean our mind and become dear to Lord Krishna !!

ACTIVITY TIME :

If you are given these options which one would you choose ?

After your answer, ask your teacher whether what you chose is correct :

1)What you want your mind to think about ?

- Good thoughts Bad thoughts

2)How are you going to purify your mind ?

- By taking bath By associating with devotees

3)When you talk with your friends, what will you talk about?

- Latest Movies Pastimes of God

4)Who is a devotee (with whom you can associate) ?

- He who talks about himself He who talks about God

5)What will you chant to clean your mind?

ŚB 5.18.12

यस्यास्ति भक्तिर्भगवत्यकिञ्चना
सर्वैर्गुणैस्तत्र समासते सुराः ।
हरावभक्तस्य कुतो महद्गुणा
मनोरथेनासति धावतो बहिः ॥ १२ ॥

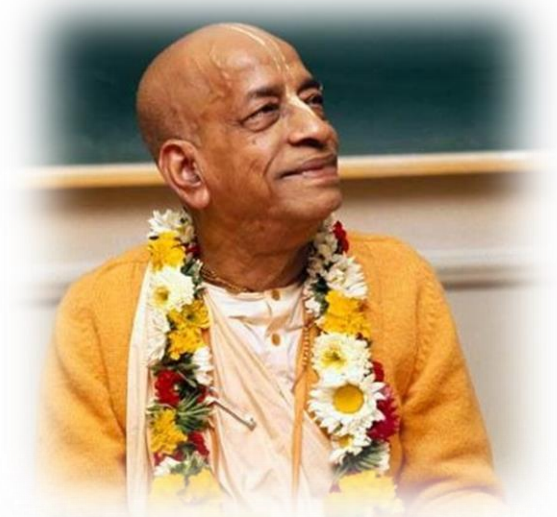
*yasyāsti bhaktir bhagavaty akiñcanā
sarvair guṇais tatra samāstate surāḥ
harāv abhaktasya kuto mahad-guṇā
manorathenāsati dhāvato bahiḥ*

Translation

All the demigods and their exalted qualities, such as religion, knowledge and renunciation, become manifest in the body of one who has developed unalloyed devotion for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Vāsudeva. On the other hand, a person devoid of devotional service and engaged in material activities has no good qualities. Even if he is adept at the practice of mystic yoga or the honest endeavor of maintaining his family and relatives, he must be driven by his own mental speculations and must engage in the service of the Lord's external energy. How can there be any good qualities in such a man?

A person who hears and chants the glories of Lord Krishna, develops 26 qualities :

- (1) He is very kind to everyone.**
- (2) He does not make anyone his enemy.**
- (3) He is truthful.**
- (4) He is equal to everyone. (5) No one can find any fault in him.**
- (6) He is magnanimous.**
- (7) He is mild.**
- (8) He is always clean.**
- (9) He is without possessions.**
- (10) He works for everyone's benefit.**
- (11) He is very peaceful.**
- (12) He is always surrendered to Kṛṣṇa.**
- (13) He has no material desires.**
- (14) He is very meek.**
- (15) He is steady.**



(16) He controls his senses.

(17) He does not eat more than required.

(18) He is not influenced by the Lord's illusory energy.

(19) He offers respect to everyone.

(20) He does not desire any respect for himself.

(21) He is very grave.

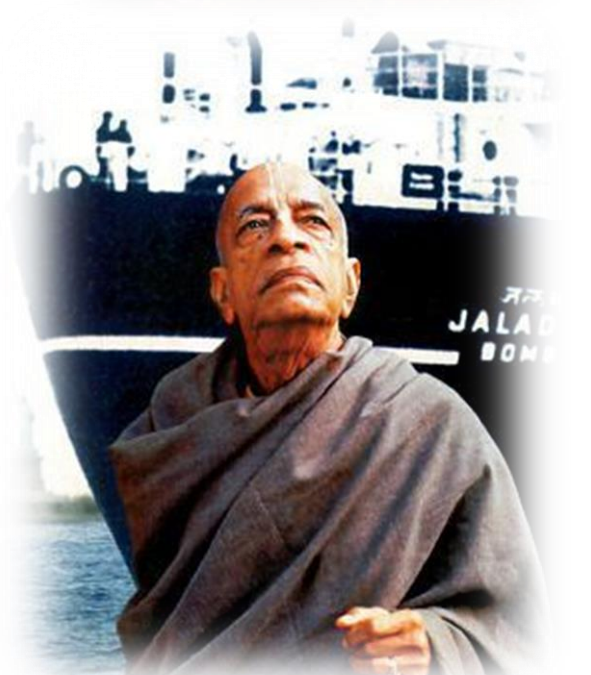
(22) He is merciful.

(23) He is friendly.

(24) He is poetic.

(25) He is expert.

(26) He is silent.



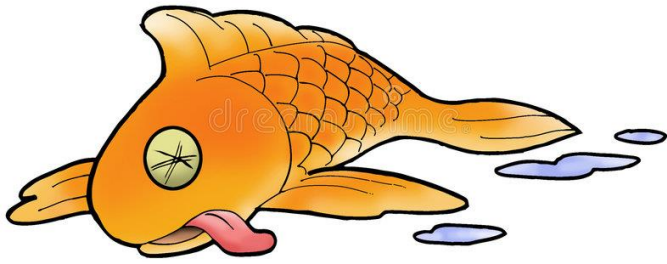
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हरिर्हि साक्षाद्भगवान् शरीरिणा-
मात्मा झषाणामिव तोयमीप्सितम् ।
हित्वा महांस्तं यदि सज्जते गृहे
तदा महत्त्वं वयसा दम्पतीनाम् ॥ १३ ॥

*harir hi sākṣād bhagavān śarīriṇām
ātmā jhaṣāṇām iva toyam īpsitam
hitvā mahāns taṁ yadi sajjate gr̥he
tadā mahattvaṁ vayasā dāmpatīnām*

Translation

Just as aquatics always desire to remain in the vast mass of water, all conditioned living entities naturally desire to remain in the vast existence of the Supreme Lord. Therefore if someone very great by material calculations fails to take shelter of the Supreme Soul but instead becomes attached to material household life, his greatness is like that of a young, low-class couple. One who is too attached to material life loses all good spiritual qualities.



Fishes are lifeless when they are out of water.

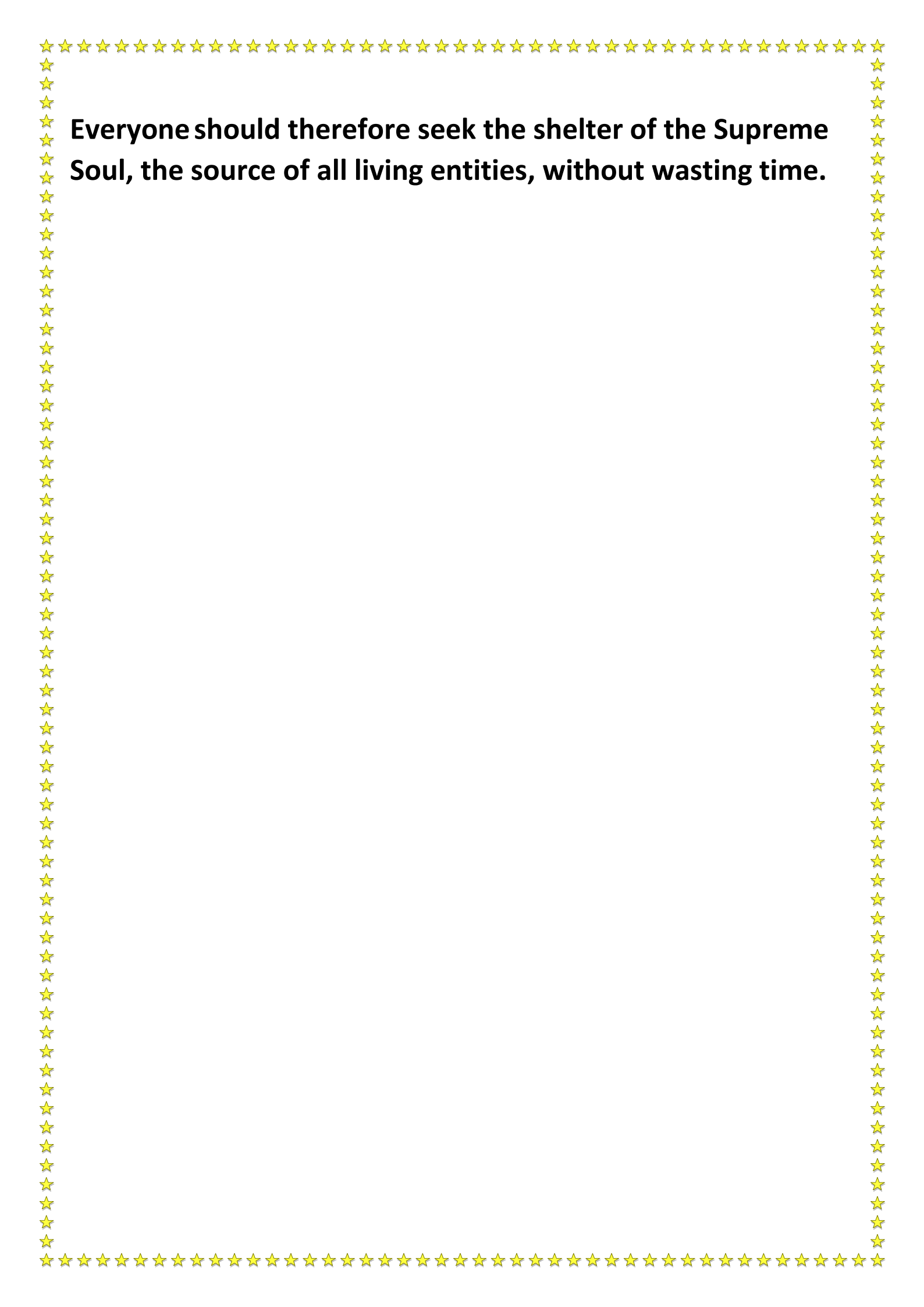
Whereas when they are in water they can do anything & everything



Similarly,

When we forget our Supreme Father – Lord Krishna and only Engage in our selfish word all The time, we are compared to The fishes out of water, Because we are devoid of The real spiritual strength

But if we remain connected to the Supreme Personality who is always there in us as paramatma, we get the spiritual power to do anything and everything



Everyone should therefore seek the shelter of the Supreme Soul, the source of all living entities, without wasting time.

ŚB 5.18.14

तस्माद्रजोरागविषादमन्यु-
मानस्पृहाभयदैन्याधिमूलम् ।
हित्वा गृहं संसृतिचक्रवालं
नृसिंहपादं भजताकुतोभयमिति ॥ १४ ॥

*tasmād rajo-rāga-viṣāda-manyu-
māna-sprhā-bhayadainyādhimūlam
hitvā gṛhaṁ saṁsṛti-cakravālaṁ
nṛsimha-pādaṁ bhajatākutobhayam iti*

Translation

Therefore, O demons, give up the so-called happiness of family life and simply take shelter of the lotus feet of Lord Nṛsimhadeva, which are the actual shelter of fearlessness. Entanglement in family life is the root cause of material attachment, indefatigable desires, moroseness, anger, despair, fear and the desire for false prestige, all of which result in the repetition of birth and death.

**Just take shelter of
Lord Narasimhadeva's
lotus feet &
become fearless !!**