

QnA with Radhanath Swami | Live from Kolkatta

Q) you have explained very nicely how LCM expressed love and devotion to his Guru in kumarahta., I want to know from you that how can I develop that love to my guru and what is that secret that I should apply in my life?

Answer -

- within our ISKCON society, all of the spiritual master are assisting SP in his mission to his guru. And, by following the principles and teaching of SP and his books and by living in such a way which is favorable toward the happiness of vaishnavas within our movement and living with conviction and enthusiasm together to help this to spread this movement.
- To Transend all politics and sectarian boundaries among vaishnavas and to be a family living happily together, trying to expand our movement, to try to pursue that goal, that's what every spiritual master of our movement wants. And if we are doing that then we are pleasing our spiritual master.

Q) What I do each and every day to increase the love for Krsna?

Answer -

- every day we should take the shelter of holy names of lord through our japa, kirtan, real from SP's books, hear from vaishnavas and SP and we must eagerly seeking this opportunities to be and serve the devotees and then krsna would please with us and by krsnas grace, we can able to increase our taste in hearing and chanting.
- Our empowerment to truly in genuine way attract others to KC

Q) how to focus in KC to retained service in challenging situation?

Answer -

- It begins by seeing the opportunity we have. Tough situation, difficult situation is the most favourable condition to take shelter of Krsna. tat te nukampam susamiksha mano - SP said this again and again that my lord one who is even in painful and difficult situation with a grateful hearts takes shelter unto you, that person you gives him a liberation
- So many of the great souls we read about that there's greatness has been reveal at times of challenge. Eg - prahlad was in difficult situation and in that situation also he takes the shelter of krsna. Mare krsna rakhe ke and rakhe krsna maare ke. Krsna if you want to protect me, I have nothing to fear me and if you want to kill me, I am yours. I have a faith and you know what is best for me.
- Prahlad maharaja's greatness was always and he was just as greatness when he was sitting on throne in a great comfort but teach us sukhdeva goswami focusses on this few months when prahalad was in most trouble.
- Hanuman was always chanting and dancing and jumping over from mountain fighting for Lord Rama. And in vrindavan leela, there are no impediments in spiritual world when krsna descends in this world, when krsna descends then krsna enjoys so many pastimes with his devotees.
- When we read SB in 10th canto, so many demons coming. Why? These are the trouble times when all vrajavasis would take shelter of krsna. So, trouble times are inevitable.
- I was listening recording of Sp. In these material world, everyone has to suffer and if you are not

suffering now but its for sure you will be suffering. Everyone has to suffer then why not suffer for krsna and if you suffer for krsna then you like taking the medicine wherein you could be free from all suffering forever and that's suffering is itself for Krsna yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair this kīrtan is sacrifice that we are willing to suffer for it.

- During this covid19, everyone is suffering whatever once religion is, hindu, muslim, christian, atheist, agnostic, etc. so many people suffering from economically, lockdown, people are getting depressed, lonely and many people are becoming hopeless and many people losing their loved ones and materialist people they loved to restaurants and event and they cannot do it and devotees loved to temples, kīrtan with vaishnavas, go to SB classes, and we cannot do it in a same way that we used to and in this way, whole world is restricted but devotees grow through the restrictions because in these situation, we know that we have this opportunity that krsna in the holy name and krsna is there in SP's books and through technology, we could able to meeting one another like today and devotees can reach out to one another whether its physically in temple room or namahatta or in devotee's home or the same spirit of satsang you can reach out one another through zoom through internet.
- Whatever we have, we could make material energy into spiritual energy by using it to come together to chant and hear about krsna. This is the special opportunity and it will pass and when it pass then we are going to think back then we gonna think that how much advancement I could have make during that time and why didn't I took that advantage that time? Why didn't see the opportunity?

Q) what is the best way to utilize our opportunity to be in Kolkatta dham?

Answer -

- To meditate upon and implement in our life that gifts that SP has given us. To humble ourselves with gratitude and to receive every day the gift of holy name, gift of SB, BG, gift of association of devotees, gift of holy deity in temples or in our home and it is the gift of opportunity to serve and please the lord.

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna