

Panchatatva Mantra

jaya sri-krishna-chaitanya
prabhu nityananda
sri-adwaita gadadhara
shrivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrinda

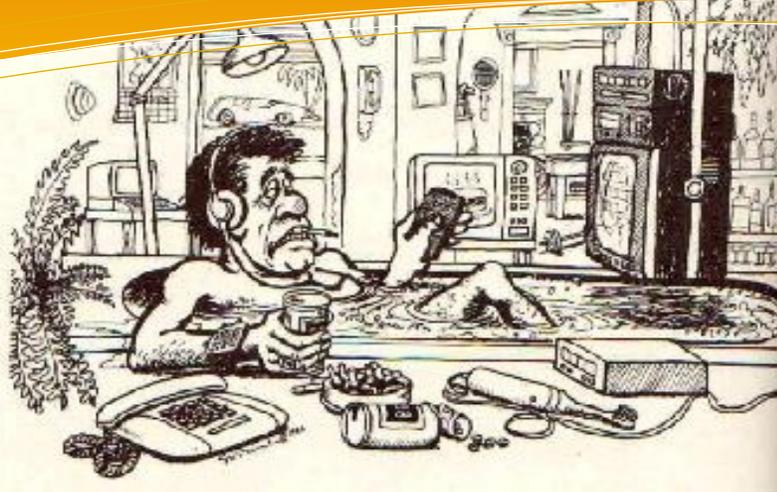
“I offer my respectful
obeisances unto Sri Caitanya
Mahaprabhu, Lord
Nityananda, Sri Advaita,
Gadadhara Pandit, Srivas
Thakur, and all the devotees
of Lord Caitanya”.

Maha Mantra

Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare

Hare Rama
Hare Rama
Rama Rama
Hare Hare

Chant Hare
Krishna Mantra
and be happy...



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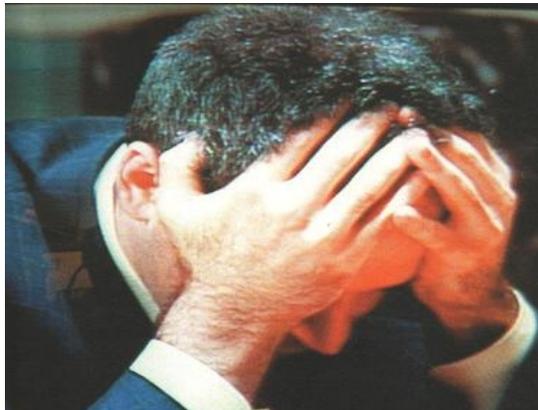
Futility in Advancement

Hare Krishna Friends,

Please accept our respectful obeisance!

We have now understood which are the real problems in our life. But, we still find and meet people in our daily life who argue and vehemently say that these problems of Birth, Death, Old age and disease occur only once in a while, and we can ignore them and still enjoy our life in the remaining time. But, what all of us fail to understand is that each moment of our life, each of us is suffering because of the threefold miseries.

What are these three fold miseries?



1. Adhyatmika Klesha - Miseries caused by one's own mind and body:

The body and the mind give rise to innumerable problems. When we are too stressed and are constantly thinking about something, we create a problem for our self. This is what we all do in today's world - multi tasking! As a result of this multi tasking, we are constantly stressed. Stress management is the most favourite topic everywhere today because people are stretched

And stressed to the maximum extent. So many people are committing suicide and 99% of the people who commit suicide are not the people on the streets, most of these people are successful businessmen, students who are disgusted by too much of Stress, so much of competition. They face

frustration and therefore the only relief they find is jumping out from the topmost floor whichever they find nearby. In old age, the deteriorating body gives rise to a variety of problems. For example, once a person grows beyond 80 years, generally he can't even sit or stand without back-pain.



2. Adhibhautika Klesha - Miseries caused by other living entities:

Even if we somehow tolerate miseries caused by our own body and mind, and even if you want to be happy some fellow will make your life miserable. It could be one of the life partners, or it could be one of the intimate family members, one of the relatives, who make your life miserable. Maybe one of your neighbors, or neighbor's dog which barks in the midnight, only when you go to sleep. Or it could be the terrorists, dacoits, thieves who are common everywhere. Some living entity will make your life miserable. When we experience problems from other living beings, humans or even animals, it leads to Adhibhautika Klesha.

3. Adhidaivika Klesha - Miseries caused by nature:

Floods, drought, famines, earthquakes, volcanoes etc are devastating calamities imposed upon us through the agency of nature. In recent years, Tsunami tidal wave disaster swallowed 3,80,000 lives in a matter of few minutes. Even if these occur only occasionally, they wreck a lot of havoc whenever they come. And moreover, we are being constantly tormented by the changes in the weather such as scorching heat, freezing cold and untimely rains. If it is too hot or too cold, life is miserable. If there is an earthquake, entire building collapses like a pack of cards. We have no control over natural calamities like Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis, Floods, Famine, etc.



"Who can say that he is not being harassed constantly by these problems?"

Thus we can see that there are all together 7 problems which are common to all living beings. If one tries to solve these problems by themselves, we can see it is futile. Since no advancement in this world can aid in solving all these problems. It is a futile effort on our part. We can say problematic situations are not true, since industrial renaissance, cultural renaissance all of which has happened in the 14th and 15th century, and we have made tremendous technological advancement.

Gone are those days when people used horses to commute, today we can press a button and commute to any corner of the earth. Press a button and you can talk to a person across the world, whole world is in my hands. It's a fact that we have made technological advancement, but there is no solution to the above mentioned real problems of life.

Futility of Material Advancement in Solving:



Images of two of the child victims of the attack on the Civil Guard living quarters in Vic (Barcelona)



Ivan Tirado, the youngest ETA victim, wounded when he was only 14 months old

Irene Villa and mother were terribly mutilated in a brutal ETA attack in Madrid

Let's analyze modern technological advancement contribution to solve our real problems of life. We have made advancement, but, have we stopped the problem of death? The only contribution is that it has enhanced death faster, because of many road accidents. We are proud about modern medical advancement to cure the disease. In fact that has reduced the life span of people with too many side effects. Now people are slowly turning towards naturopathy, ayurveda because people are simply disgusted about simply symptomatic relief. The technological advancement gives only symptomatic relief but they don't address the real problems of life. It's a fact that you can cover up disease and cover up old age. After going to an orthodontist, a toothless man comes out with all his 32 teeth. We can enter inside and come out with contact lenses, no one will know if we have a problem in the eye. We may nicely cover it, give a nice package but cannot solve the problem. This is a civilization of temporary patch work.

We have invented TV, computers, mobiles etc. they are such a powerful medium, but its reactions on the future generation is tremendous. Children watching TV are developing insensitivity to violence, insensitivity to lusty activities. It's on a rampage and the psychologists have carried out these studies and have said that the constant watching of the television where sex and violence is the theme and illicit relationships have been watched day and night, so many thousands of times within a span of 3-4 years is deeply instilled in the children and they become insensitive to violence, the result, a child taking the gun and shooting his schoolmates, teachers, police ultimately he shoots himself. Can we imagine a child becoming so insensitive, taking pleasure in shooting down people? This is just a tip of the iceberg. What's happening underneath the skin within the minds of people? Everyday we are seeing so much violence on TV and in newspaper, so this is a fact that the modern technology gives rise to more problems.



All modern technological advancements give only temporary relief and not a permanent solution. These so called "reliefs" as a matter of fact, cause further problems.

The entire Advertisement industry is present to attract us. Our eyes are being attracted by attractive sights, Nose is being attracted by smell, Tongue is being attracted by taste. Man is like as if he has lost himself, pulled from every side. RESULT: STRESS

Too much attachment to even one sense can prove fatal. The goal of human life is not Sense gratification.

When we see beautiful thing, what is it? It is just some light entering into our eyes & it is making us mad. Some frequency entering our ear & we get mad. Something scraping our tongue which is just a lump of flesh wiggling around. But when something touches its surface we go mad. This is material enjoyment & we take it seriously.

The Goal of Human Life is:

To seek permanent solution to real problems of life

To seek permanent relief from all miseries

To seek eternal life of Bliss, Peace & Happiness

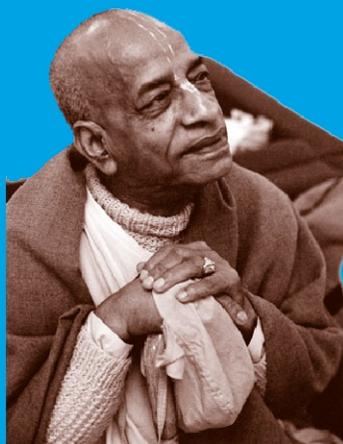
We can say that in essence "Athato brahma jijnasa" - (Vedanta Sutra), i.e. in this Human form of life one should inquire about the Absolute Truth.

The purpose of this newsletter is to disturb you where you think everything is perfect and to come out of this Sheep mentality. You are sitting in a boat which has a hole in it. If someone tells you there is a hole in your boat, it's not pessimistic. You may have a beautiful boat, but there is a hole in it. Our purpose here is to make us realize that the path that we are treading for seeking Bliss and Happiness is not the right path. It is guaranteed to end in doom, guaranteed to make you more miserable.

Srila Prabhupada Speaks out

Real Advancement

By knowledge one can understand who he is, who God is, what the material world is, why we have come here, why we must undergo so much tribulation and misery, and why we have to die. No one wants to become an old man, but still old age comes. No one wants to suffer from disease, but surely enough disease comes. These are the real problems of human life, and they are yet to be solved. Civilization attempts to



Improve eating, sleeping, mating and defence, but these are not the real problems. A man sleeps, and a dog sleeps. A man is not more advanced simply because he has a nice apartment. In both cases, the business is same - sleeping. Man may possess elaborate method for defense, or a gorgeous method for eating, sleeping, or mating, but that does not make him advanced. We may call his advancement polished animalism and that is all. Real advancement means knowing God.