

The Unloved Lover

Men treat women like sex machines and women treat men like ATM machines. A boy claims to love a girl, but if she rejects his proposal, he disfigures her by throwing acid on her face. A girl claims to love a boy, but if she finds a richer suitor, she leaves her previous “heartthrob” to suffer heartbreak.

Why do so many “love” affairs end in frustration?

Why do so many “love” marriages end in divorce?

Why does the love, which appears like romance before marriage, change after marriage into at best tolerance and at worst violence?

Is this love?

Or are we making a fundamental mistake in our understanding of love?

We claim to love, but do we know who is it that loves? Matter being dead is incapable of love. Science has spectacularly failed to practically demonstrate or even theoretically explain how matter by combination can produce something – life – that experiences matter.

Love – and life itself – comes from the spiritual essence of our being, the soul. The soul by constitution is most happy when he directs his love to the supreme soul, God. The saying “God is love” is well-known, but does this mean that if we love anyone, that love itself is godly? If this were true, then why does this “godly” love frequently degenerate into ungodly violence – verbal and physical?

The true import of “God is love” is: God is the supremely loving and lovable person. The Vedic scriptures reveal this import in the personality of Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Krishna eternally delights in blissful exchanges of love with His devotees in the spiritual world.

We have all tasted the supreme love of Krishna when we were with Him in His abode. But since we fell from there, we have been searching for that same love in worldly relationships – but in vain. When bereft of divine love, we remain starving, thirsting, suffering. But Krishna is always playing his flute inviting us to taste real love. If we reciprocate by chanting his holy names, we will no longer remain unloved lovers. ❧

