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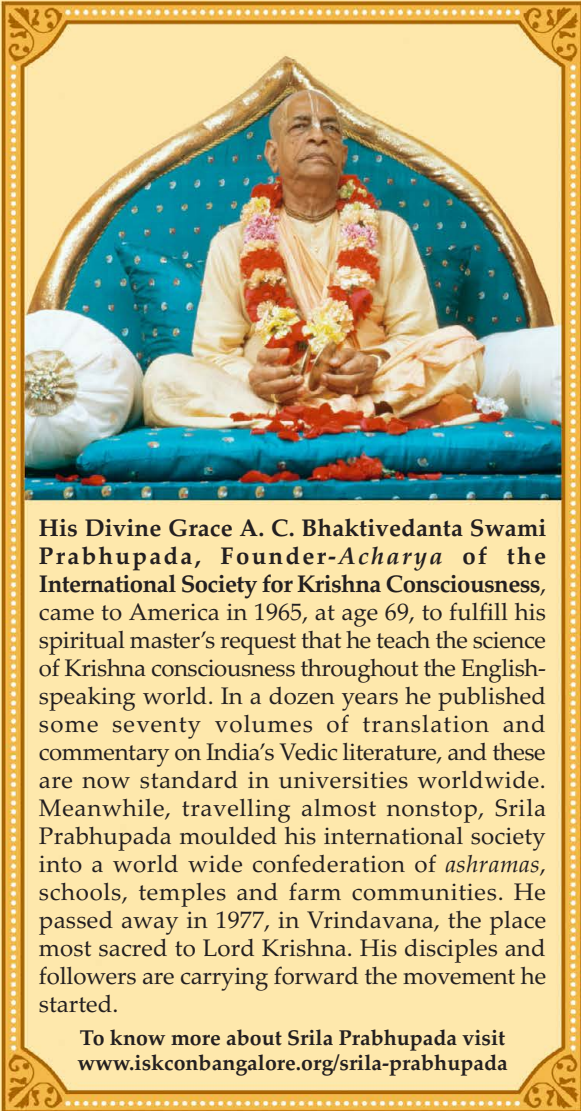


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Saved From Death

The remedy for the fact of life most of us don't like to think about.

A lecture in Los Angeles on January 4, 1974,
by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

*ksudrayusam nram anga
martyanam rtam icchatam
ihopahuto bhagavan
mrtyuh samitra-karmani*

“O Suta Gosvami some human beings, though short-lived, desire to learn the truth and attain eternal life. To save them from the slaughtering process, the controller of death, Yamaraja, has been called to this assembly.” (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.16.7)

The word *ksudrayusam* means “very short duration of life.” For example, an ant’s life or a germ’s life would be called *ksudrayusam*. They are living entities, but their duration of life is very short. There are many flies who live their whole lives in one night. They take birth in the evening, and the whole night they are busy eating, sleeping, begetting offspring, and fearing their enemies. In India they are called *diwali* insects. In the evening, before sunset, you will see one, two, or three of them. By midnight they have increased to thousands and millions. And in the morning, at the end of the night, you will find heaps of dead insects.

This material world is called *mrtyu-loka*, “the place where everyone dies.” But there are different durations of life. One creature lives for four minutes, another for ten minutes, another for a hundred minutes, another for a hundred days, and human beings for at most a hundred years. But on other planets there are higher living entities, demigods, who live much longer than human beings. For example, from the scriptures we understand that the people on the moon planet live up to ten thousand years, according to heavenly calculation. In each planet the calculation of time is different. On the moon, one day is equal to one of our years. So, since the living beings on the moon live for ten thousand of their years, just imagine how many of our years they live!

But Bhagavan Sri Krishna informs us that wherever you may go, Yamaraja, the controller of death, is ready. He is a representative of Krishna, just as a magistrate is a representative of the government. So Yamaraja is ready to judge you as soon as you finish your term of life.

Generally, at the end of life people become disgusted. They do not wish to live anymore. The body is old, always diseased, rheumatic pains . . . there is no life, for an old man there is no material enjoyment. He wants to enjoy, but he cannot.

In this regard there is a nice story about a Mogul emperor who lived in India in the fifteenth century. He had very intelligent ministers, and they would reply to whatever inquiries he made of them. Once he inquired, “My dear minister, how long does sex desire last?”

The minister replied, “Up to the point of death.”

The emperor said, “No, no. How can it be?”

“Yes, an old man has sex desire, but he cannot satisfy it because his instrument has become dull and useless. But the desire is there.”

“I don’t believe it,” said the emperor. “I am not satisfied with this answer.”

“All right sir, I will satisfy you.”

So, one day the minister came to the emperor and said, “Sir, please come with me immediately, and bring your young daughter with you.”

The emperor immediately prepared to go with the minister, taking his young daughter with him. He asked, “Where are we going?”

The minister said, “You will come to know.”

As they approached a house where a very old man was on his death bed, the minister requested the emperor,

“While entering the room, kindly try to see the face of the dying man.” The emperor was very intelligent and when he looked at the old man’s face, he noticed that the man was looking toward the young girl, not the emperor. So he said, “Yes, I have your answer.”

So, the desire to enjoy is the root cause of our coming to this material world. Enjoyment is there in the spiritual world, but there the enjoyer is Krishna, and everyone else is enjoyed by Him. Here everyone wants to be the supreme enjoyer, and therefore they must come to this material world, *mṛtyu-loka*, and suffer repeated birth and death. The aim of life is to stop this repetition of birth and death. But the so-called scientists do not know this.

Here it is said that human beings are *ksudrayusam*, “having a short duration of life.” Although human beings have a short duration of life in comparison to that of beings on other planets, still they have a mission to fulfill in this life. In animal life the consciousness is not developed, but in the human form of life, although it is perishable (*adhruvam*), it is full of meaning (*arthadam*). As Prahlada Maharaja says,

*kaumara acaret prajno
dharman bhagavatan iha
durlabham manusam janma
tad apy adhruvam arthadam*

“From childhood one should practice *bhagavat-dharma*, or Krishna consciousness. That is the mission of this human form of life, which is very difficult to attain and temporary. Just become Krishna conscious. Chant Hare Krishna.” Narada Muni had taught Prahlada Maharaja, so he was convinced that his only business was to make advancement in Krishna consciousness by chanting the Hare Krishna *mantra*.

Prahlada Maharaja was the son of the demon Hiranyakashipu. Hiranyakashipu did not appoint any teacher to instruct Prahlada Maharaja about Krishna consciousness, but when Prahlada was in the womb of his mother. Narada Muni instructed her about Krishna consciousness. She had to live for some time in the care of Narada Muni when her husband was out being defeated by the demigods. So the woman was in anxiety about when her husband would come back. At that time the child Prahlada was within her womb, so she begged a benediction from Narada:

“Sir, kindly arrange it that as long as my husband is absent I will not give birth to this child.” Narada Muni said, “Alright,” Then, although Narada Muni taught her about Krishna consciousness, her mind was absent because she was thinking of her husband. But the child within her womb heard the instructions. This is stated in *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.



Later, a friend asked Prahlada Maharaja: “My dear Prahlada, we are being taught by the same teachers as you are. Where from have you learned all this nice instruction?” Prahlada replied, “This instruction was given by Narada to my mother, but since she is a woman, she has forgotten it. But I remember.”

So, people should be taught that the real problem of human life is how to stop *janma-mrtyu-jara-vyadhi*—birth, death, old age, and disease. This is real education. For example, here we are speaking on the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. The subject matter is how one can transfer himself from this material world to the spiritual world and thereby stop birth, death, old age, and disease. This is the whole subject matter.

People should consider. “I do not wish to die. Why is death forced upon me?” This is the question of an intelligent man. People do not like to think of death, but sometimes they are forced to. Suppose there is some natural disturbance. I have experience: recently when I was in the front room, there was a little trembling of an earthquake. People were crying; especially the ladies were screaming. And as soon as there will be a big earthquake, everyone will become afraid: “Oh, now we are going to die! We have to die!” Everyone is afraid of death, but nobody thinks about how to make a solution to the problem of death.

Here in the present verse it is said that Yamaraja was called in order to save the persons present in the assembly from death. But ordinarily, only those who are sinful see Yamaraja at the time of death. after the body is finished. Yamaraja is there when we are sinful; he is not for the devotees.

In this regard there is an account in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* concerning Ajamila. Ajamila was a greatly sinful man, but he was fond of his youngest child, who was named Narayana. At the time of death Ajamila saw four very fierce and odd-looking creatures. They were the Yamadutas, messengers of Yamaraja. Ajamila was very much afraid: “Who are they!” And because he was very affectionate to his youngest child, he called out, “Narayana, please come here! I am very much afraid!”

Immediately, four messengers of Narayana came and stopped the Yamadutas. Just see the power of chanting the name of Narayana! Ajamila immediately became eligible to go to Vaikuntha. Apparently, he did not even mean Lord Narayana when he chanted the name of his son. But Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakura, with reference to the context, comments that Ajamila must have remembered Lord Narayana when he called out the name of his child.

In his boyhood, Ajamila was a very sincere devotee of Lord Narayana, being the son of a *brahmana*. But he fell under the clutches of a prostitute. And after mixing with the prostitute, all his spiritual activities stopped. That is natural. He became a drunkard, a thief, a gambler, a meat-eater, and a debauchee. All these qualifications he acquired by the association of one prostitute. In the present age people’s only business is to mix with prostitutes. Just see their position! How fallen they are! There is an open market for prostitution. This is modern civilization.

So, Ajamila was a *brahmana*’s son, very regulated, following all the rules and regulations. But as soon as he associated with a prostitute, he became fallen. Still, at the time of death this man remembered Lord Narayana. According to Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakura, if he had simply called the name of his son, that wouldn’t have been sufficient. He actually remembered Lord Narayana. But according to *shastra* [scripture], even if one chants the holy name of the Lord neglectfully, one gets the chance of being liberated. That’s a fact.

The *shastra* tells how once a Mohammedan was attacked by a wild boar. While the boar was killing the Mohammedan with its tusk, the man uttered, “*Harama! Harama!*” *Harama* is an Urdu word that means “condemned” or “abominable.” The Mohammedans do not eat the flesh of pigs, just as the Hindus do not eat the flesh of cows. To the Mohammedans, pigs are *harama*, condemned. So when the man cried out “*Harama!*” he meant “This boar is condemned!” Still he got the result of chanting *ha rama, ha rama*. “O my Lord Ramachandra!”

There are hundreds and thousands of names of Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and if you chant any of them you will get the result. That is the instruction of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu: *nam-nam akari bahudha nija-sarva-saktis tatarpita niyamitah smarane na kalah*. The Supreme Personality of Godhead and His name are identical. That is Krishna’s absolute nature. Krishna and His form are also nondifferent Krishna’s form on the altar can give you the same result as you would get if He were personally present That is Krishna’s absolute nature. So in the name of Krishna there is complete potency, just as there is in Krishna personally. Therefore it is so important to chant His name.

In this age, we are so fallen that it is not possible to associate with Krishna as He is. But if we associate with Krishna’s name, then that is also association with Krishna. This is the advantage of chanting His name. And as you associate with Krishna in His sound form, you become purified: *srnvatam sva-kathah krishnah punya-sravana-kirtanah hrady antah-stho hy abhadrani vidhunoti suhrt satam*. This is the advantage of chanting the holy name of Krishna.



Therefore everyone's duty is to solve this birth-and-death problem by chanting the Hare Krishna *mantra*. That is the primary duty of human life. And this should be taught from the very beginning of life. Just see these pious children who are dancing here, taking part in this meeting. This path of Krishna-realization is so nice that even a child can take part in it. These young children have no education, they have no knowledge, but the method is so nice that they can also take part. They can enjoy dancing and chanting with their fathers and mothers. There are many *yoga* systems, but this *bhakti-yoga* system is so perfect that both the grandfather of the child and the child himself can take part in it. The children are dancing here, and sometimes they are chanting, and all these things are going to their spiritual credit.

The Deity worship has been introduced for the general public. Anyone can come and see the Deity, chant the Hare Krishna *mantra*, dance a little, play the *karatalas*—some way or other, if somebody engages in Krishna's service, that will be credited to his account; Krishna will consider. "Yes, this living entity has advanced so much." Therefore, in the *Bhagavad-gita* Krishna says, *svalpam apy asya dharmasya trayate mahato-bhayat*: "Even if you do very little of this process of *bhakti-yoga*, it can save you from the greatest danger in life."

The perfect example is Ajamila. In the beginning of his life Ajamila executed some service to the Lord under the instructions of his father. That was to his credit. So when he became a first-class sinful man and was dying, somehow or other he chanted the name of Narayana and was saved. As soon as he uttered the name Narayana, he became eligible to be transported to Vaikuntha. Immediately Narayana sent his men, the Vishnudutas, saying "Go and save this man. He is being harassed by the Yamadutas." The Yamadutas were taking Ajamila away, but the messengers from Vaikuntha said, "No, you cannot take this man."

The Yamadutas were surprised: "Oh, who are these beautiful persons?" The Yamadutas were very odd-looking, and they had never seen such fine-looking men. The Vishnudutas had four arms and looked very nice. In Vaikuntha the people look exactly like Narayana. We find a perverted reflection in this world: just as the president has two arms, we also have two arms. In Vaikuntha the "president" is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. And since He has four arms, the inhabitants there all have four arms and other bodily features similar to His.

So, the Yamadutas were surprised. They said, "You look so gentle, so nice. Why are you stopping us from performing our duty? This man is sinful. It is our duty to take him to Yamaraja, Mrtyu." There was an argument, and the Yamadutas' attempt was foiled by the Vishnudutas.

When the Yamadutas returned to their master, Yamaraja, they were disappointed. They said, "This is the first time that somebody has taken from our hands a person who was meant to be brought here. Is there some personality greater than you?"

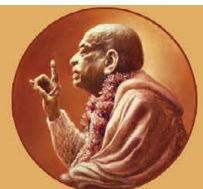
Yamaraja explained, "Yes. I am a servant of Narayana." Then Yamaraja advised them, "Never go to a devotee. It is not your jurisdiction." Just as the duty of the police is to arrest criminals, not gentlemen, so the duty of Yamaraja servants is to take only sinful men to his jurisdiction, not devotees. Those who are devotees are naturally sinless. That is confirmed in the *Bhagavad-gita*[7.28]: *yesam tv anta-gatam papam jananam punya-karmanam/ te dvandva-moha-nirmukta bhajante mam drdha-vratah*. "Without becoming sinless, one cannot completely devote himself to Krishna consciousness."

In other words, a person can be completely engaged in Krishna consciousness only if he is sinless. Of course, even if there is a little tinge of sin, if one becomes Krishna conscious it is gradually eliminated. But one should be very alert to avoid sinful activities. It is not that one should think, "Because I am Krishna conscious, there is no chance that I will sin. After all, by chanting the Hare Krishna *mantra* I am getting out of the jurisdiction of sinful activities." One should never think like this. We should be very alert to avoid sin, because Maya [illusion] is very strong. As soon as she gets the opportunity, she immediately captures us.

Therefore one should try strenuously to avoid sinful activities if one actually wants relief from the cycle of birth and death. One must seriously execute Krishna consciousness by following the rules and regulations and chanting the Hare Krishna *mantra*. If one follows this simple process, one will be saved from Mrtyu, Yamaraja.

Thank you very much. 🙏

Srila Prabhupada, the founder-*acharya* of ISKCON, has delivered more than 1500 lectures on Vedic scriptures like *Bhagavad-gita*, *Srimad-Bhagavatam* and *Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita*. The audio recording of his lectures are available in ISKCON centers. You can also hear some of these lectures in www.iskconbangalore.org/srila-prabhupada-lectures



On Illicit Sex and Public Opinion

The following conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and a social worker took place in Melbourne, Australia.

Social worker: I deal with divorce cases and adoption. Nowadays it has become very easy to get a divorce.

Srila Prabhupada: So, the first defect of today's leaders is that they allow divorce. That is very dangerous for society, because it encourages illicit sex.

Social worker: Society wants it that way.

Srila Prabhupada: Society is just like a child. If a child wants to go to hell, should the father allow it? Society may want so many nonsensical things, but it is the duty of the government to know how to uplift the citizens.

Social worker: It would be impossible for my department to teach...

Srila Prabhupada: It's not impossible. Simply the government does not know how to do it. That is another defect—there is no method for training first-class members of society. But the ideal man is described in the *Bhagavad-gita*, and we are training our men to that standard. That is the purpose of the Krishna consciousness movement. Now there are no ideal men in the society, because you allow the young people to commit all kinds of sinful activities. Yesterday I was talking with a priest about illicit sex life. He said, "What is the harm? It is a great pleasure." But my first condition before accepting a disciple is that he must give up illicit sex, meat eating, intoxication, and gambling.

Social worker: But the people you can train will be only a tiny percentage of the population.

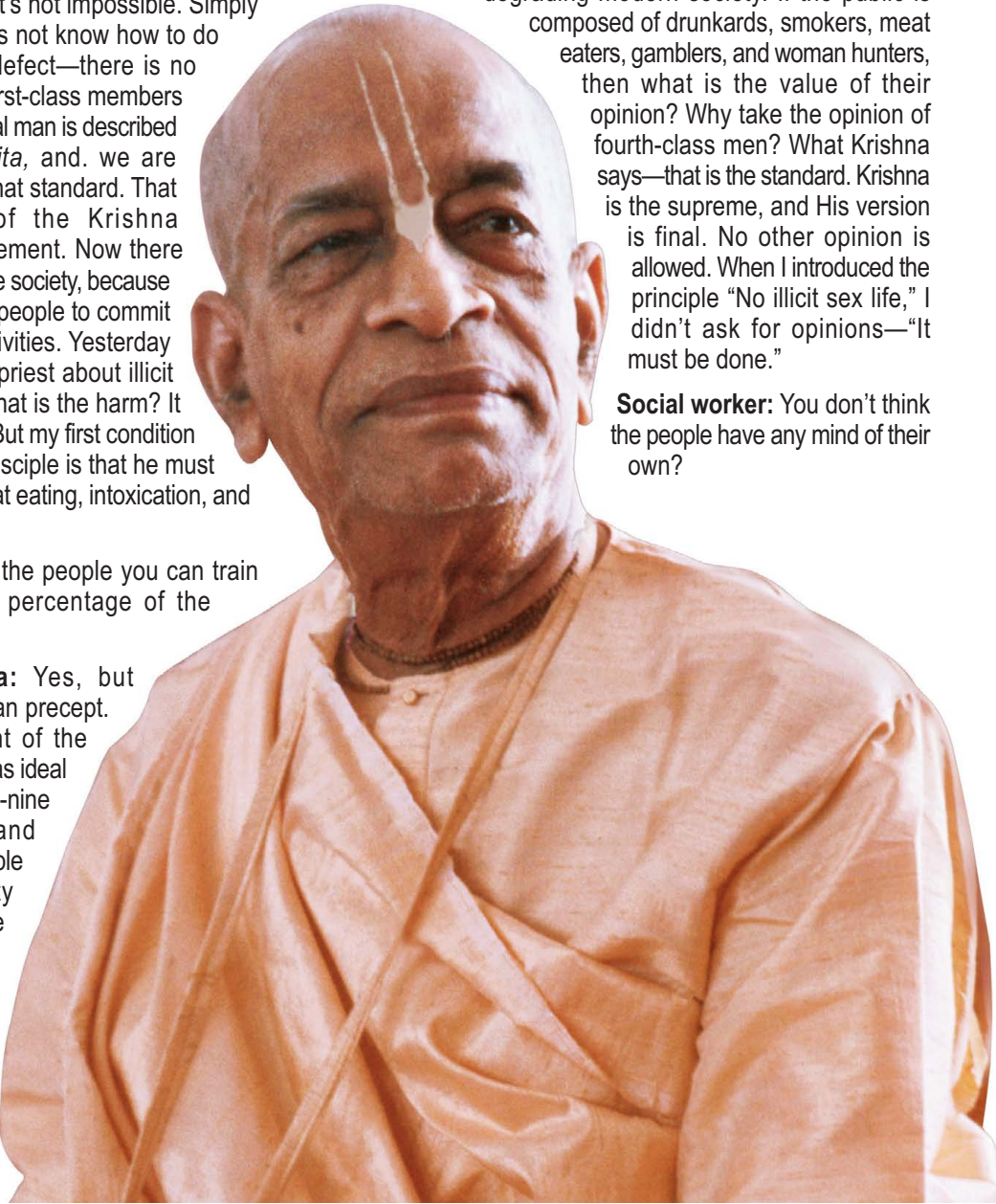
Srila Prabhupada: Yes, but example is better than precept. If even one percent of the population is trained as ideal men, the other ninety-nine percent will see and follow. But that example is lacking in society today. Even the priests have become licentious, and thousands of priests are going to the hospital to cure their drinking habit. They

are sanctioning homosexuality. In a Christian newspaper I read about a priest even performing marriage between two men. So outside of this Krishna consciousness movement, I don't find any group of ideal men. Therefore, if you want to help society, you must learn from us how to train men of ideal character.

Social worker: What you call "ideal character" is only your opinion. It may not be ideal to someone else.

Srila Prabhupada: No, it is not my opinion—it is the verdict of the *shastra* [scripture]. Opinion—what is the value of opinion when the people are like dogs and asses? What is the use of taking the opinion of an ass? This *vox populi*—taking the opinion of the public—is degrading modern society. If the public is composed of drunkards, smokers, meat eaters, gamblers, and woman hunters, then what is the value of their opinion? Why take the opinion of fourth-class men? What Krishna says—that is the standard. Krishna is the supreme, and His version is final. No other opinion is allowed. When I introduced the principle "No illicit sex life," I didn't ask for opinions—"It must be done."

Social worker: You don't think the people have any mind of their own?



Srila Prabhupada: Yes, they have a mind, just like a madman has a mind. But what is the value of his mind? Are you going to take the opinion of a madman? The *Bhagavad-gita* says, *mayayapahrta-jnana*: “The miscreant’s knowledge has been taken away by *maya* [illusion]; therefore, his mind is distorted.” So a madman’s opinions have no value.

Social worker: Our business is to look after those who are in trouble.

Srila Prabhupada: At the present moment even the government leaders are in trouble.

Social worker: Well—that is not part of our public...

Srila Prabhupada: Why don’t you send your supervisor to us for training? These leaders are also drunkards, woman hunters, meat eaters, and gamblers.

Social worker: You want to change the whole society!

Srila Prabhupada: Unless you change the society, how can you do social welfare? If you keep society in the same condition it is in now, then where is the question of social welfare? You are working with the public, and we are also working with the same people. We take the same people—those addicted to drinking, addicted to prostitution, addicted to meat eating—and we make them into saintly persons. So our method is practical. You can see what their previous history was, and what they are now. You must train up one class of men like them—men of ideal character.

Social worker: Well, I’m a public servant, and we just try to follow public opinion.

Srila Prabhupada: So the public elects a President Nixon, and then they drag him out of office. This is your public opinion.

Social worker: Yes, that is how the society works. If you change society, then we must change. I do what I’m asked; otherwise, I’ll lose my job.

Srila Prabhupada: Our program is not *vox populi*. We are saying only what the authoritative scriptures say. If you actually want to do social welfare, then you *must* take to the standard formula as given in the scriptures. In the *Bhagavad-gita* Krishna explains how one can become peaceful—a first-class man. But if you don’t accept His authority—if you’d rather follow public opinion—you will never be successful. You want to make a peaceful society, but you do not know how. Therefore you must adopt this process of Krishna consciousness.

If anyone—even a madman—agrees to follow our principles, then he can become peaceful. He can become a first-class man.

Social worker: How do you explain the fact that you are such a small percentage of the population?

Srila Prabhupada: In the sky there are so many stars, but there is only one moon. In terms of percentage, the moon is nothing. But in terms of its *value*, the moon is far more important than all the stars combined. So in our Krishna consciousness movement, our aim is to educate a few men of ideal character. If you and other leaders of society support this movement, you will be performing the highest social welfare.

Social worker: The head of the Social Welfare Bureau is also a servant of the people.

Srila Prabhupada: That is the defect: the people are rascals, and they elect another rascal. But the Krishna consciousness movement will go on without depending on these rascals. We are publishing our books, we are spreading our movement, and we are training first-class men. For example, we don’t prohibit sex, but we say, “No illicit sex.” Have you any objection?

Social worker: Yes, a private one.

Srila Prabhupada: You have illicit sex?

Social worker: Yes, I couldn’t live without it.

Srila Prabhupada: Just see! This is the defect in society. You are like a patient who wants treatment from a physician, but who at the same time wants to continue with his diseased activities. You have failed to help society, therefore you have come to me for help with your social welfare work. So why do you reject my advice? If you reject the medicine prescribed by the physician, you will not be cured. But when I give you the prescription, you want the other patients to vote on it first. Daily one or two gentlemen like you visit me. They also find our prescription very strict. But we are not going to change it.

Social worker: Well, I do believe you should maintain a standard.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, and that is making us successful. We do not make any compromise. This is our method. If you like it, you can take it; if you don’t like it, you can reject it. We don’t mind. We are not interested in *vox populi*. 🙏

Fasting

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Easy Journey to Other Planets

By His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

What the Vedic literature of 5,000 years ago has to say about the aspirations of space-age man

Every living being, especially civilized man, has a longing to live forever, and that happily. This is quite natural for him, because in his original state a living being is not only eternal but also joyful. The present conditional state of his life is diseased, formed by the struggles with recurring birth and death; and therefore he is neither happy nor living forever.

The desire to go to other planets which has now become prominent is also quite natural, because the living being has got the original right to go to any part of the material or spiritual skies, full as they are with unlimited globes of varied qualities. One can best fulfill his desire by the process of Yoga—the means by which one can join himself to the planets as he likes, where life is not only eternally blissful but also full with varieties of enjoyable energies.

Anyone who can go to such planets will never come back to this miserable sphere of birth, death, old age and disease. And one can attain to that stage of perfection by his individual effort very easily, practicing at his own chosen place, simply by following the prescribed method of Bhakti Yoga under proper guidance.

An attempt has been made herein, in these days of technological advancement, to give information to the people in general, and more especially to those interested in spiritual life, as to how one can transfer oneself to other planets by the process of *bhakti* yoga, the highest of all yoga systems.

Antimatter

Modern materialistic science has discovered what it terms antimatter, dating back at least to the experiments of Drs. Emilio Segre and Owen Chamberlain in 1955 and 1956. But the antimaterial concepts of such wranglers of gross materialism are generally defective because they do not recognize either the scope of matter (Nature) itself, nor can they perceive what the reverse of the material condition might be. There are many theories regarding different types of antimatter—universes in variant vibratory fields, galaxies composed of atomic particles opposite in magnetic properties to our own, even one brilliant concept of a universe lying, as it were, beyond the horizon of the speed of light—but all of these types of “antimatter” are actually only variations of matter. They are not truly antimaterial, because they rest on imperfect analyses of what matter itself is to begin with.

All the same, there are three generally recognizable points widely agreed upon, which must be considered in a discussion of antimatter. These are that 1) there is an antimaterial atom or particle which is another form of energy, but which possesses qualities the reverse of the material atom; 2) there is an antimaterial world of which we have some kind of experience; and 3) these two different worlds may clash at a certain period, which may bring annihilation to both.

Out of these three items, we students of theistic science agree with numbers 1) and 2), but we cannot agree with the third, because although matter as it is constituted is subject to annihilation, antimatter—if it is free from all material symptoms—must be also free from annihilation by its very nature of existence. If matter is destructible or divisible, antimatter must be indestructible and indivisible.

We shall try now to discuss these three points from the angle of authentic scriptural vision.

The most scientific, authentic and recognized scripture of the world is the Veda. The Veda—originally one—has been divided into four—Sama, Yajur, Rig and Atharva. The subject matter of the Vedas is very difficult and dry for ordinary understanding, so to make these grave matters more easily comprehensible the four Vedas are again explained in the history of *Mahabharata* and in the eighteen *Puranas*. The *Ramayana* is a historical epic which also contains all the necessary information of the Vedas.

Therefore the four Vedas, the original *Ramayana* (by Sri Valmiki), the *Mahabharata* and the *Puranas* are all Vedic literature. The *Upanishads* are parts of the four Vedas, and the *Vedanta Sutra* is the cream of the Vedas. And to summarize all these Vedic writings, the *Bhagavad-gita* is accepted as the cream of all *Upanishads* and the elementary explanation of the *Vedanta Sutra*. The conclusion is that from the *Bhagavad-gita* alone you can have the essence of all the Vedas, as the *Gita* is spoken by Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He descends to this material world from the antimaterial sphere from time to time just to give such complete information of that superior form of energy.

The superior form of energy of the Personality of Godhead is described in the *Gita* as *para prakriti*, superior nature.



The scientists have discovered that there are various forms of matter, but the true concept of matter and antimatter is described most perfectly in the *Bhagavad-gita* as two forms of energy. Nature is an energy which creates the material world, and the same energy in her superior form creates the antimaterial world. And living entities belong to the superior energy group. The inferior energy or material energy is called *apara prakriti*, the lower nature. So, in the *Gita*, the creative energy is presented in two forms, namely *apara* and *para prakritis*, superior and inferior natures.

Life as Antimatter

Matter itself has no creative power. When it is manipulated by the living energy, material things are produced. Matter in its crude form is therefore the latent energy of the Supreme Being. Whenever we think of energy it is natural that we should think of the source of energy. For example, we may think of electrical energy, and along with it we think of the powerhouse where that energy is generated. Energy is therefore not self-sufficient, but is dependent upon its source.

Fire is the source of two other energies, namely light and heat. Light and heat have no independent existence without fire. Similarly, the two ultimate forms of energy—inferior and superior—are derived from a third source, call it by any name. But that source of all energy must be a living being with full sense of everything, or else it would be lacking the very elements of its creation. That Supreme Living Source is the Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna, the all-attractive Being.

In the Vedas, the Supreme Absolute Truth is called “Bhagavan,” or the full-fledged living being who is the fountainhead of all energies. The discovery of two forms of energy by scientists—even if they could distinguish matter from spirit, the true antimatter—is not the end of progressive science. One has to go still farther in the subject and thus discover the source of the two opposite particles or atoms.

How can we explain the antimaterial particle? We have experience of material atoms, but we have no experience of antimaterial atoms. The *Bhagavad-gita*, however, gives a vivid description of the antimaterial particle as follows:

That which pervades the entire body is indestructible. No one is able to destroy the imperishable soul. Only the material body of the indestructible, immeasurable and eternal living entity is subject to destruction...(2.17, 18)

This description of a living being within the gross material body asserts that energy does indeed exist in two forms. And when one of them, the antimaterial particle, is absent from the material body, the latter becomes useless for all purposes. As such, the antimaterial particle is undoubtedly a superior energy to the material particle.

O son of Kunti, the nonpermanent appearance of heat and cold, happiness and distress, and their disappearance in due course, are like the appearance and disappearance of winter and summer seasons. They arise from sense perception, O scion of Bharata, and one must learn to tolerate them without being disturbed. O best among men [Arjuna], the person who is not disturbed by happiness and distress and is steady in both is certainly eligible for liberation. (*The Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 2.14, 15)

The antimaterial world is suggested here as liberation, freedom from matter, and the intimation is that in the antimaterial world there is no such experience of seasonal changes. Everything there is permanent, blissful and full of intelligence. But when we say it is a world, we mean that it does have its forms and possesses the paraphernalia of different categories beyond our material experiences.

The discovery of these two forms of energy now leads us to seek out the specific qualities of antimatter. The description given in the *Gita* is as follows, and our scientists can make profitable research on the basis of this valuable information:

For the soul there is never birth or death. Nor, having once been, does he ever cease to be. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing, undying and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain. (2.20)

Here is the beginning of the description of the antimaterial particle. The perfection of science will come when it is possible for the material scientists to know the qualities of the antimaterial particle and to liberate it from the painful association of nonpermanent material particles. This liberation of the antimaterial particle is the highest stage of scientific progress.

Creation and Destruction

The suggestion of the scientists that there may exist a world of antimaterial atoms and that a clash between that world and this would result in the annihilation of both is partly true. Such a clash is in fact continually going on between the material and antimaterial particles. But in that continuous clashing, the annihilation of the material



particles is taking place at every step, while the nonmaterial particle is only trying to get out of it all. We think therefore that the theory of the annihilation of both worlds is wrong in conception. This is further explained in the *Bhagavad-gita* as follows:

As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones; similarly, the soul accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones. (2.22)

Everything that is annihilated is also created at a certain stage. As the material body is created, so also the material world is created. And because the antimaterial particle is never annihilated, so also it is never created. This is corroborated in the *Gita* in the different verses cited above. This principle is applicable to the entire antimaterial world as well. When the material world is obliterated, the antimaterial world exists in all circumstances. This fact will be explained more elaborately later on in this article.

The antimaterial scientist may also know from the *Bhagavad-gita* that, "Those who are seers of the truth have concluded that, of the non-existent there is no endurance, and of the eternal there is no cessation. Seers have concluded this by studying the nature of both." (2.16)

The atomic scientists may think of annihilating the material world by their development of nuclear weapons, but they are unable to do the same in terms of the antimaterial world. The antimaterial particle and its properties in this connection are clearly explained in the following lines:

The soul can never be cut into pieces by any weapon, nor can he be burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind. This individual soul is unbreakable and insoluble, and can be neither burned nor dried. He is everlasting, all-pervading, unchanging, immovable and eternally the same. It is said that the soul is invisible, inconceivable, immutable and unchangeable. Knowing this, you should not grieve for the body. (*The Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 2.23-25)

Thus, in the *Gita* and in all other Vedic writings the superior energy or antimaterial principle is accepted as the

vital force, the living spirit—called in the Sanskrit *jiva*. This living principle cannot be generated by any sort of combination of material elements.

The material elements—namely earth, water, fire, air, space, mind, intelligence and false ego—all these eight material principles are described as inferior energies, whereas the living force or the antimaterial particle is described as the superior energy. And they are all called energy because they are all controlled by the Supreme Living Being, the Personality of Godhead.

The materialists have long been limited within the boundary of the eight material principles mentioned above, but it is encouraging that they have now a faint idea of some antimaterial principle and of an antimaterial world also. We hope that with the progress of time such materialists will be able to estimate the value of the antimaterial or spiritual world, where there is no trace of material principles. The very word antimaterial suggests that the principle is completely different from all material qualities.

The mental speculators, in two groups, see this antimaterial principle in two different and equally erroneous ways. One group (the gross materialists) denies the truly antimaterial principle, admitting only the disintegration of material combinations at a certain stage. The other group accepts the antimaterial principle as completely, painstakingly opposite to the material principle with its twenty-four categories (as described in various Vedic texts).

The second speculator is known as the Samkhyaita, or the speculator who scrutinizes the material elements with minute analysis and synthesis. And at the end of such studies, the Samkhyaites can accept only a nonactive principle as antimatter, or the Absolute.

The difficulty for both of the above mental speculators is that they speculate with the help of the inferior energy, without any source of information from the superior. It is therefore necessary that one should rise to the plane of the superior energy, and from that transcendental position only can one realize the true position of the antimaterial principle.

The Giver of Knowledge

From the platform of the material world, one cannot estimate the real position of the antimaterial world. But the Supreme Lord, who is the controller of both the material and antimaterial energies, descends out of His causeless mercy, and gives us complete information of the antimaterial world; and thus we can know what the antimaterial world is.

The Supreme Lord and the living entities are both of the same antimaterial quality. We can thus form an idea of the Supreme Lord by an elaborate study of the living entities. Every living entity is an individual person. Therefore, the Supreme Living Being must also be the Supreme Person. In the Vedic literature the Supreme Person is very rightly declared to be Krishna. This name—Krishna—of the Supreme Lord is the only intelligible name of the highest order. Because He is the controller of both the energies—material and antimaterial—the very word Krishna signifies that He is the Supreme Controller.

In the *Bhagavad-gita* the Lord offers this fact as follows:

Earth, water, fire, air, ether, mind, intelligence and false ego—altogether these eight comprise My separated material energies. Besides this inferior nature, O mighty Arjuna, there is a superior energy of Mine which are all living entities who are struggling with material Nature and who sustain the universe. Of all that is material and all that is spiritual in this world, know for certain that I am both its origin and dissolution. (7.4-6)

The Lord's inferior and superior energies manifest the material and spiritual worlds, and as such He is the Absolute Truth. In the *Gita* Krishna further explains this fact as follows:

O conqueror of wealth [Arjuna], there is no truth superior to Me. Everything rests upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread. (VII/7)

Long, long before the modern discovery of any principles of antimatter, then, the subject was delineated in the pages of the *Bhagavad-gita*. And from the *Gita* it appears that this philosophy was first taught to the presiding deity of the Sun-globe. This means that the principles of the *Gita* were spoken by the Personality of Godhead long, long ago—at least 140 million years in the past. Modern science has just very lately discovered a partial truth long fully available in the *Bhagavad-gita*.

The suggestion of the antimaterial world mentioned in the *Gita*, along with other Vedic sources of data, lead us to assume without the slightest doubt that the antimaterial world is the world situated in the antimaterial sky. This spiritual sky is likewise mentioned in the *Gita* as the Sanatan Dham or the eternal abode.

Exactly like material atoms, the antimaterial atoms form the basis of the antimaterial world with all its paraphernalia. The antimaterial world is inhabited by antimaterial living beings. "Living being" means antimaterial in the first place, therefore in the antimaterial world there is nothing like inert matter. Everything there is a living principle and the Supreme Self. The denizens of the antimaterial world reside there with eternal life, eternal knowledge and eternal bliss, qualified exactly like God.

Death on the Higher Planets

In the material world the topmost planets are called Satya Lokas or Brahma Lokas. In this group of planets, beings of the highest talents live. The presiding deity of the Brahma Lokas is called Brahma, the first living being created in this material world. Contrary to the popular fallacy of a "Hindu trinity," Brahma is a living being like so many of us, but he is the most talented personality in the material world. He is not in the category of God (as Vishnu is), but he is in the category of the living entities dominated by God.

God and the living entities both belong to the antimaterial world. The scientist, therefore, will do well to research into the constitution of this antimaterial world—how it is administered, how things are shaped there, who is the predominating personality there and so on. In the Vedic literature, especially in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, these subject matters are elaborately dealt with, and the *Bhagavad-gita* is the preliminary study of the *Bhagavatam*. These two important books of knowledge must be thoroughly studied by all men of the scientific world. They will give them many, many clues with which to go forward in the matter of scientific discoveries.

There are two classes of men, namely the transcendentalist and the materialist. The transcendentalist gathers



knowledge from the authoritative scriptures like the Vedic literature. The Vedic literature is properly received from the authoritative sources, who are in the line of disciplic succession. This disciplic succession is also mentioned in the *Bhagavad-gita*. It is said there that hundreds of millions of years ago the principles of the *Gita* were spoken to the presiding deity of the Sun-globe, who delivered the knowledge to his son Manu, from whom the present generation of man has come down. Manu again delivered the transcendental knowledge to his son, known as the King Ikshvaku, who is the forefather of the dynasty in which the Personality of Godhead Sri Rama appeared.

This long chain of disciplic succession was broken during the advent period of Lord Sri Krishna 5,000 years ago, and then the same chain was again reforged, with Arjuna as the first disciple of Godhead in this age. The transcendentalist of this age, therefore, gathers knowledge from the disciplic succession of Arjuna so that without troubling himself in the matter of materialistic research work, he acquires the truths of matter and

antimatter in the most perfect way, and saves time and botheration—unlike the gross materialist.

The gross materialist who does not believe in the words of the Personality of Godhead is an unfortunate creature. He may be very talented, educated and advanced in knowledge to some extent, but he is at the same time bewildered by the influence of material manifestations, without any knowledge of the antimaterial realm. It is a good sign therefore that the materialistic scientist is gradually progressing towards the region of antimatter, and it may be possible for him to make further progress and thus one day know—better late than never—the details of the antimaterial world where the Personality of Godhead resides as the predominating figure. There are many individual entities who live there with Him in equal status, but who are predominated over as servitors. In the antimaterial world there is no difference between the predominated and the predominator, but yet the sense in perfection of the predominator and the predominated prevails there without any of the inebriety of the material world.

The nature of the material world is destructible. The assumption of the physical scientist about the annihilation of the two worlds—namely, the material and the nonmaterial—by a chance clash is thus partially true as far as we get it from the *Bhagavad-gita*. The material world is a creation of changing modes of Nature, called by the names *sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas* (goodness, passion and ignorance). It is created by the *rajas* (passion) mode, it is maintained by the *sattva* (goodness) mode and it is annihilated by the *tamas* (ignorance) mode.

These modes are present everywhere within the material world, and as such at every second, every minute and every hour of creation, maintenance and annihilation are taking place all over the universe.

The highest planet of the material world, the Brahma Loka, is also subjected to these modes of Nature, although the duration of life on that planet—on account of a predominance of the *sattva* (goodness) mode—is said to be $4,300,000 \times 1000 \times 2 \times 12 \times 100$ (about 310 trillion) years, as we know years on this planet. But with all these long periods of time, the Brahma planet is destructible. In comparison to the eternal life in the nonmaterial world, these countable years on the highest planet of the material world form a quite negligible span.

The Speaker of the *Bhagavad-gita*, the Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, asserts therefore the importance of the antimaterial world, which is His abode. He says that all the planets within the material world are destructible at the end, and that all the living beings docilely dwelling on these planets are also destroyed—bodily—along with the destruction of the material world.

The living entities are antimaterial particles. And, unless they elevate themselves to the region of the antimaterial spiritual world by a rigid culture of antimaterial activities, then at the time of dissolution such living entities remain within the material world in the nonmanifested state. Again, they later resume their material shape along with the rebirth of the material world. Only those living entities who take to the loving service of the Personality of Godhead during the manifested stage of material life can be transferred to that antimaterial world, after quitting the material body. Life immortal is obtained by those who go back to Godhead by the practice of antimaterial activities.

What are these antimaterial activities? The antimaterial activities are just like medicinal doses. When a man falls ill he goes to the doctor. The physician prescribes some medicines, and when they are carefully prescribed by the expert physician such medicinal doses cure the ailments of the suffering patient.

But the foolish materialist does not put himself under the expert transcendental physician. Otherwise he would be cured of his material disease, which puts him under the tribulations of repeated birth, death, illness and old age. Such a foolish materialist can best put himself under the treatment of “Back to Godhead,” and thus transfer himself to the antimaterial world where there is eternal life without birth or death.

The annihilation of the material world takes place in two ways:

Partial annihilation takes place at the end of every $4,300,000 \times 1000$ solar years, or at the end of every daytime of the Brahma Loka, the topmost area of the material world. During the ensuing nighttime of partial annihilation, the higher planets of the material world are not annihilated, but all else is. Then, after a period of $4,300,000 \times 1000 \times 2 \times 30 \times 12 \times 100$ (about 310 trillion, as above) solar years, the whole cosmic manifestation is closed up and merged into the antimaterial body whence the material principles originally emanate. Over and over again matter emerges, is manifest and again merges back into that body.

The antimaterial world, however, which is far away from this material sky, does not cease to be at any time; it only absorbs the material world. It may be that a clash takes place between the material and antimaterial worlds, as has been suggested by the scientists, and that as a result of this clash the annihilation of the material world occurs—but so far as antimatter is concerned, there is no annihilation at all, even when all the material worlds are obliterated.



This eternally existing antimaterial world is nonmanifested to the material scientist. He can at best only have information of its existence as being contrary to the modes of material Nature. Full details of the antimaterial realm can be known only from those infallible sources, the liberated authorities who have thoroughly realized the constitution of the antimaterial principle.

This information of the antimaterial world is therefore had by the aural reception of a submissive disciple of the Personality of Godhead. The Vedas or the Vedic knowledge was thus imparted into the heart of Brahma, the first living being in the created material world, and Brahma educated the great saint Narada in this transcendental wisdom.

So it is also with the *Bhagavad-gita*. The philosophy of the *Gita* was spoken by the Personality of Godhead long, long ago to the presiding deity of the Sun-globe, and when such knowledge was misinterpreted by breaking the chain of authoritative aural reception, it was repeated by the Personality of Godhead on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. At this time Arjuna took the place of Brahma and of the Sun god to receive transcendental knowledge from Sri Krishna. In order to drive out the misgivings of the gross materialist, Arjuna asked all relevant questions about the Lord, and all relevant answers were given by the Lord to the full satisfaction of a layman.

Those who are too captivated by the glamour of the material world cannot accept the authority of Lord Sri Krishna on account of their polluted life and unclean habits. Therefore, one has to become thoroughly clean in habit and heart before one can understand the details of the antimaterial world. And *bhakti* yoga—which means the process of purification by devotional service, as enunciated in the *Gita*—is the detailed and scientific program of spiritual activity for all beings, from the beginner neophyte to the highest perfection of the line.

The details of the antimaterial world are many times more extensive than the details of the material world. The material world is only a shadow representation of the antimaterial, and intelligent men who are clean in heart and habit will be able to know the facts about the spiritual sphere from the texts of the *Bhagavad-gita*, *Srimad-Bhagavatam* and similar Vedic scriptures.

The basic points of antimaterial knowledge are as follows: The presiding Deity of the antimaterial world is Sri Krishna, the original Personality, as well as His expansions into many plenary portions. Such Personalities of

Godhead can be known only by antimaterial activities, commonly called *bhakti* yoga or devotional service.

The Personality of Godhead is the Supreme Truth and He is the whole antimaterial principle. Material principles as well as antimaterial principles are emanations from His Person. He is the root of the complete tree. When water is poured onto the root of a tree, the branches and leaves of the tree develop automatically. And in the same way when Sri Krishna, the Personality of Godhead, is worshiped, all the details of all the worlds are given into the heart of the devotee, without labouring in the materialistic way. This is the secret message of the *Bhagavad-gita*.

Journey to Godhead

The process of traveling to the antimaterial world is different from materialistic processes. The individual living being, that antimaterial particle who is now embarrassed by material association, can enter the antimaterial world very easily by practicing antimaterial activities, while continuing to reside in the material sphere. But those who are gross materialists and depend on the limited strength of experimental thought by mental speculation or on material science cannot enter into the antimaterial world.

The means of approach to the antimaterial world is shrouded by hardships for the gross materialist. The mechanical planes, missiles and rockets that are now being thrown into space cannot even yet approach the material planets in the near regions. The planets situated in the antimaterial sky, meanwhile, are far beyond the entire material cosmos of our experience.

The yogis who have perfectly controlled their mystic powers can give up their material bodies at will at some opportune moment, and thus are able to enter the antimaterial world through a specific thoroughfare which connects the material and antimaterial. Such yogis are able to do this only in accordance with the prescribed method given in the *Bhagavad-gita* as follows:

Those who know the Supreme Brahman pass away from this world during the influence of the fiery god, in the light, at an auspicious moment, during the fortnight of the moon and the six months when the sun travels in the north.

The different deities are powerful directing officers appointed to the administration of cosmic affairs. Foolish people who are unable to perceive the intricacies of cosmic management deny the concept of personal control over fire, air, electricity, day, night, etc. But the perfect yogis know how to satisfy the unseen administrators of such affairs of the material world. Such yogis take advantage of these administrations and leave their material bodies—at will—at opportune moments, so that they can enter the antimaterial world, or else travel to the higher planets of the material world.

On the higher planets of the material world one can enjoy a more comfortable and pleasant life for thousands of millions of years, but all the same, life on those higher planets is not eternal. Those who desire eternal life enter into the antimaterial world by their yogic or mystic powers at opportune moments which are arranged by the administrators of cosmic affairs, beings unseen by the gross materialists of this planet earth.

Those who are not yogis but die at some opportune moment because of their previous pious acts—sacrifices, charity, penances, etc.—can rise up to the higher planets after death, to later return to this planet. The periods for such a death are called *dhooma*: nighttime, the moonless fortnight and when the sun passes to the south.

To summarize the whole subject, the *Bhagavad-gita* recommends that everyone adopt the means of devotional service or antimaterial activities if he wants to enter the antimaterial world. People who adopt the means of devotional service as prescribed by the expert transcendentalists will never be disappointed in their attempts to enter the antimaterial world. The obstacles are many, but the devotees of the Personality of Godhead can easily overcome such difficulties if they follow rigidly the path chalked out by the transcendental devotees who have gone before them.

Such devotees, the passengers who are progressing in the journey of life towards the antimaterial kingdom of God, are never bewildered in their attempts. No one can be cheated if he adopts the guaranteed path of devotion for entering the antimaterial world. One can easily attain all the results that are derived from the mystical studies of the Vedas, from performing sacrifices, practising penances or disposing of charities—simply by the performance of devotional service, technically known as *bhakti* yoga or Krishna consciousness.

Bhakti yoga is therefore the panacea for all purposes, and it has been made easy, especially for this iron age, by the Lord Himself in His most sublime, liberal and munificent appearance as Lord Chaitanya, who urged the chanting of the Hare Krishna *mantra* as the perfection of *bhakti*. By His Grace one can quickly pick up the principles of *bhakti* yoga through chanting and attain the summary disappearance of all misgivings in the heart, as well as the extinction of the fire of material tribulations, with a further chance for the development of transcendental bliss. ॐ

Krishna, The Supreme Scientist

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When we think calmly and carefully about this wonderful universe, we can see that everything is working under the control of a supreme brain. The arrangements in nature are perfectly ordered. Things would be at random without the careful planning of a scientific and engineering brain. It is a common understanding that there is a cause behind each action. A machine cannot run without an operator. Modern scientists are very proud of automation, but there is a scientific brain behind automation also. Even Albert Einstein agreed that there is a perfect brain behind all the natural physical laws. When we talk about “brain” and “operator,” these terms imply a person. They cannot be impersonal. One may inquire who this person is. He is Lord Sri Krishna, the supreme scientist and supreme engineer, under whose kind will the whole cosmos is working. Sri Krishna says: “The whole cosmic order is under Me. By My will it is manifested again and again, and by My will it is annihilated at the end.”

*praktim svam avastabhya
visrjami punah punah
bhuta-gramam imam krtsnam
avasam prakrter vasat
Bhagavad-gita 9.8*

Now let us look into a few samples from the Lord’s creation, and upon contemplating these exemplary aspects, one should develop a better understanding and appreciation of the existence of the most powerful brain, Lord Sri Krishna. The sun that we see daily is the nearest star. It is one hundred earth diameters across and is ninety-three million miles away from the earth. Every day the sun supplies the solar system with a tremendous amount of heat, light and energy. “The very tiny fraction of the sun’s energy that falls on the earth—estimated at about five parts in a hundred million million—is about 100,000 times greater than all the energy used in the world’s industries. The total energy the sun emits in a single second would be sufficient to keep a one-kilowatt electric fire burning for 10,000 million million years. Put in a different way, the energy the sun emits in one second is greater than the whole amount of energy the human species has consumed throughout its entire history.” [Fred Hoyle, *Astronomy* (Garden City, New York Doubleday and Company, 1962), p. 232.] Yet it is only one of the countless number of stars floating in the sky in every direction. With the material scientific brain, the thermal, electrical and nuclear powerhouses have been made. These can supply heat, light and energy to a small, limited extent, but Lord Krishna is supplying the whole planet with an unlimited source of energy just from one sun. Krishna says: “The splendour of the sun, which dissipates the darkness of this whole world, comes from Me. And the splendour of the moon and the splendour of the fire are also from Me.”

*yad aditya-gatam tejo
jagad bhasayate 'khilam
yac candramasi yac cagnau
tat tejo viddhi mamakam
Bhagavad-gita 15.12*

The planets are revolving in a systematic path around the sun. Even within the smallest atom, the electrons and the protons are orbiting around the nucleus in a perfect manner.

Thus, from the submicroscopic realm of the atom to the expanding reaches of the galactic objects, this material universe is running like intricate, well-oiled clockwork according to great natural physical laws and principles. Scientists have gained great acclaim for making a few spaceships, whereas Krishna effortlessly produces gigantic spaceships, such as planets and stars, which are perfectly equipped and maintained. In *Bhagavad-gita* Krishna says, *gam avisya ca bhutani dharayamy aham ojasa*: “I enter into each planet, and by My energy they stay in orbit.” (*Bhagavad-gita* 15.13) The laws made by the supreme brain always remain perfect; they are never violated. We never see the sun rising in the west and setting in the east. The colourful rainbow that we observe when the sun is shining during a shower is only visible when the sun is behind the observer, due to the laws of refraction. Also, each year the seasons change quite periodically, producing symptoms unique to each season.

Now let us look into some aspects of the Lord’s creation at the molecular level. Chemists find that the different colours in flowers are due to chemicals called anthocyanins, and the different aromas are mostly due to chemicals called terpenes and terpenoid compounds. The molecular frameworks for these compounds range from very simple structures to very complex networks. Camphor, for example, is a terpenoid compound, and the characteristic odour



of lemons is due to the molecule called limonene, which is one of the simple terpenes. Similarly, the characteristic colours in carrots and tomatoes are due to molecules called carotenoids, which are higher forms of terpenes. The molecular framework for each definite colour or aroma is wonderfully unique. A little change in position of a few atoms in the molecule, a little variation in the geometry of the molecule or a slight change in the size of the molecule can cause a colour to change from orange to red, a mild, pleasing aroma to become repellent and pungent, and a flavour to change from sweet to bitter. On one extreme we find the smallest molecule, the hydrogen molecule, which contains only two atoms of hydrogen. On the other extreme we find giant molecules such as the proteins and nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), the building blocks of all living material bodies, which contain innumerable atoms made for a definite function. Similarly, the crystalline pattern of each different molecule is unique. The geometrical shape for sodium chloride (common salt), for example, is cubical. Charcoal, graphite and diamonds are all derived from the same element, carbon, and yet the shining and transparent diamond is extremely hard, whereas graphite is soft, black and opaque. This is due to the difference in the crystalline forms of these molecules. In the crystal lattice of the diamond, each carbon atom is tetrahedrally surrounded by four other carbon atoms at a distance of 1.54 angstroms (one angstrom = 10⁻⁸ cm.). In graphite, by contrast, the three bonds of each carbon atom are distorted so as to lie in the same plane, the fourth bond being directed perpendicularly to this plane to link with a carbon atom of the neighbouring layer.

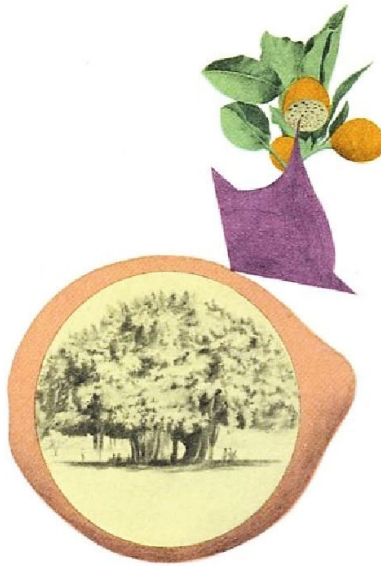
In this way we can cite innumerable examples of molecular networks so fantastically and delicately arranged that chemists cannot but wonder about the most expert hand and brain who is making all these wonderful artistic arrangements in His laboratory. Indeed, the intelligence and ability of the supreme scientist, Sri Krishna, are inconceivable (*acintya*). There is no scientist who can deny it. How then can any chemist abstain from appreciating the wonderful works of the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna? In *Bhagavad-gita* we find: "One should meditate upon the Supreme Person as the one who knows everything, as He who is the oldest, who is the controller, who is smaller than the smallest, who is the maintainer of everything, who is beyond all material conception, who is inconceivable, and who is always a person. He is luminous like the sun and, being transcendental, is beyond this material nature."

*kavim puranam anusasitaram
anor aniyamsam anusmared yah
sarvasya dharam acintya-rupam
aditya-varnam tamasah parastat
(Bg. 8.9)*

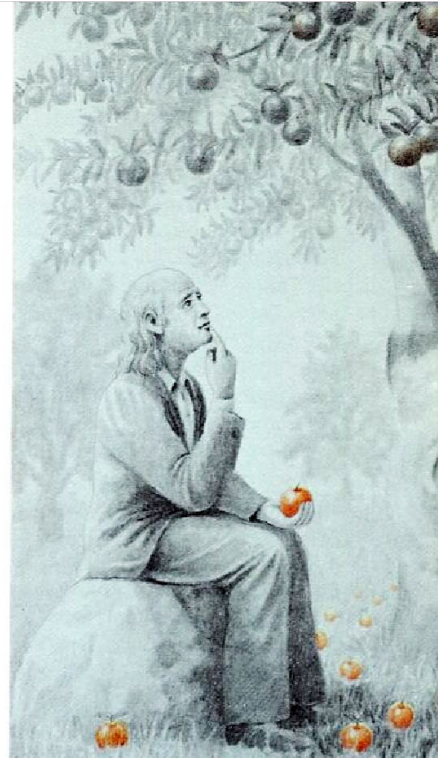
At best, scientists can only try to imitate the wonderful artistic works of the Supreme Lord. They cannot even do this properly, and most of their attempts lead to failure and disappointment. Even when they are partly successful, it is only with the greatest difficulty. For example, Professor R.B. Woodward of Harvard, a Nobel Prize winner in chemistry (1965), and Professor A. Eschenmoser of Zurich took eleven years to synthesize the vitamin B12 molecule. Altogether, ninety-nine scientists from nineteen different countries were involved just to accomplish this one small task. [James H. Krieger, *Chemical and Engineering News*, March 12, 1973, p. 16.] Yet Krishna is making all these complex molecules at will.

Interestingly enough, when scientists fail again and again in their attempts to make something, they consciously or unconsciously pray to God for help. Does this not indicate the existence of the supreme scientist, Lord Sri Krishna, and the natural subordinate position of all other living entities? A crude example is the explosion that occurred inside the Apollo 13 spacecraft during its attempt to land on the moon on April 11, 1970. The Apollo capsule was made by hundreds of scientific and technological brains and cost millions of dollars. No one could predict that there would be an explosion. When it happened, however, and the lives of the three astronauts were in danger, those involved in the mission requested all the people on earth to pray to God for the safe return of the astronauts. Such is the situation. At times of danger, most people tend to remember God, although at other times they forget Him.

Now, let us look into some very simple and graphic examples of the artistry of the Lord's creation. We see that among the lower forms of living entities, social organization is very smoothly maintained. For example, in a bee colony the queen bee is nicely taken care of by the drones (male bees), while the workers collect nectar from flowers all day long. It is quite amazing to consider how the bees, with their tiny bodies, can collect such a great amount of honey for themselves as well as for other living entities. In this way, the colony is maintained with beautiful order. Similarly, the loving relationship between a mother and her baby is quite clearly visible even in very small forms of living entities. During the monsoon season in tropical countries, when there are torrents of rain, the small ants run to find shelter, carrying their eggs on their heads. The spider makes its wonderful webs with great architectural skill to serve as a shelter as well as to catch its prey for survival. Silkworms spin hundreds of yards of fine threads to form cocoons for their shelter during the pupa stage. Inside a tiny seed, smaller than the



Left: **DEPENDENCY**—At times of danger, people remember God. Top: **POTENCY**—Within a tiny seed an entire tree is present. Right: **GRAVITY**—Who made the laws of gravitation? Next page: One cannot understand the universe by frog philosophy.



size of a mustard seed, the whole potency of a big banyan tree is present. In this way, we can see the wonderful arrangements of the Supreme Lord, who is creating, maintaining and guiding all living entities, small or big. Krishna says: “Furthermore, O Arjuna, I am the generating seed of all existences. There is no being-moving or unmoving—that can exist without Me.”

*yac capi sarva-bhutanam
bijam tad aham arjuna
na tad asti vina yat syan
maya bhutam caracaram
(Bg. 10.39)*

The main trouble with material scientists is that they generally neglect the most important and fundamental aspect of their inquiries. For example, when Newton saw the falling of the apple, he asked why and how the apple fell. However, he did not inquire who caused the falling of the apple. As an answer to his inquiry, he discovered the laws of gravitation. His answer was that the apple fell because of the laws of gravitation. But who made the laws of gravitation? Srila Prabhupada kindly explains that the apple did not fall while green but while ripe. Therefore Newton’s gravitational theory was not enough to explain the falling of the apple. There is some other cause behind the total scene of the falling and, thereby, behind the law of gravitation. That cause is Lord Sri Krishna. In *Bhagavad-gita* we find, *vasudevah sarvam iti*: “Krishna is the cause of all causes.” (Bg. 7.19) Furthermore, scientists have to know that the little ability they have is also given by the Lord. Krishna says, *paurusam nrsu*: “I am the ability in man.” (Bg. 7.8)

By various mechanical means (telescopes, etc.), assumptions, empiric theories and conceptual models, cosmologists and astronomers are trying with tremendous vigour to understand what the universe is, what its size is, and the time scale of its creation. At the present time they are speculating that there may be a tenth planet in the solar system, and they are trying to locate it. [D. Rawlins and M. Hammerton, “Is There a Tenth Planet in the Solar System?” *Nature*, December 22, 1972, p. 457] How far they will be successful in finding a real answer to their attempts only time can tell. But the fact is that they will never be able to fully discover the secrets of nature, which is the product of creation of Krishna, the supreme scientist. Any thoughtful person can understand how foolish he is even to dream of measuring the size of this universe, since he does not know completely the nature of the sun, the nearest star. Srila Prabhupada cites the example of the philosophy of Dr. Frog, who lives in a well of three feet and has no idea how vast the Pacific Ocean is, but who speculates that the Pacific Ocean might be five feet wide, ten feet wide, etc., comparing it to his well. The point is that comprehending the unlimited knowledge beyond by our limited means is simply a waste of time and energy. All the knowledge is already there in the authorized scriptures, the Vedas. One simply has to take the knowledge from the supreme authority, Krishna.

The details of the creation of this material universe and the living entities like demigods, men and others have been given in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, First Canto, Chapter Three, verses 1-5. The description of the material

and spiritual universes is completely given in the *Brahma-samhita*, Fifth Chapter, and from *Bhagavad-gita* we get the clear information that the entire material universe is only one fourth of the creative energy of the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna. The other three fourths of the creative energy of the Lord are manifested in the spiritual sky, called the Vaikunthaloka.

Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the golden *avatara* (incarnation) of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, clearly explained to Sanatana Gosvami, one of the Lord's intimate disciples, about the nature of these universes. The Lord explained that the material universes have a limited length and breadth, whereas no one can measure the length and breadth of all the Vaikuntha planets. These Vaikuntha planets are like the petals of a lotus flower, and the principal part of that flower is the center of all the Vaikunthas. This part is called Krishnaloka, or Goloka Vrindavana. The Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna, has His original eternal abode on this planet. The other Vaikunthas are also inhabited by residents who are full with six opulences-wealth, strength, knowledge, beauty, fame and renunciation-and in each and every Vaikuntha planet a different expansion of Krishna has His eternal abode. [Prabhupada, *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*, pp. 82-83.] Material scientists have no information of this vast knowledge.

Certainly, the secrets of the universe cannot be unfolded by the tiny brains of material scientists. We should agree without a doubt that man's vision in all directions is extremely limited by the inadequacies of his senses, his technology and his intellect. None can deny the existence of the supreme scientist, Sri Krishna. He is the proprietor and knower of everything. Krishna says: "O son of Prtha, know that I am the original seed of all existences, the intelligence of the intelligent, and the prowess of all powerful men..."

*bijam mam sarva-bhutanam
viddhi partha sanatanam
buddhir buddhimatam asmi
tejas tejasvinam aham
(Bg. 7.10)*

O conqueror of wealth [Arjuna], there is no Truth superior to Me. Everything rests upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread."

*mattah parataram nanyat
kincid asti dhananjaya
mayi sarvam idam protam
sutre mani-gana iva
(Bg. 7.7)*

Only fools would argue about the existence of the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna. In *Bhagavad-gita*, Sri Krishna says: "Those miscreants who are grossly foolish, lowest among mankind, whose knowledge is stolen by illusion, and who partake of the atheistic nature of demons, do not surrender unto Me."

*na mam duskrino mudhah
prapadyante naradhamah
mayayapahrta-jnana
asuram bhavam asritah
(Bg. 7.15)*

Therefore, instead of denying and challenging the existence of the supreme scientist, Lord Sri Krishna, or God, it should be the prime duty of all our scientist friends to appreciate the inconceivable brain of the Lord and His wonderful manifestations everywhere. One may falsely claim the credit for the discovery of radio, television, computers, penicillin, etc. But the fact is that everything was already there because nothing can come out of nothing. If someone claims that anything belongs to him, he is the greatest thief. He is stealing property from the supreme father, Sri Krishna, and claiming it to be his. Nothing belongs to us. Everything belongs to Krishna. *Sri Isopanishad* says: "Everything animate or inanimate that is within the universe is controlled and owned by the Lord. One should therefore accept only those things necessary for himself, which are set aside as his quota, and one must not accept other things, knowing well to whom they belong."

*isavasyam idam sarvam
yat kinca jagatyam jagat
tena tyaktena bhunjitha
ma grdhah kasya svid dhanam
(Sri Isopanishad, Mantra 1.)* 🌸



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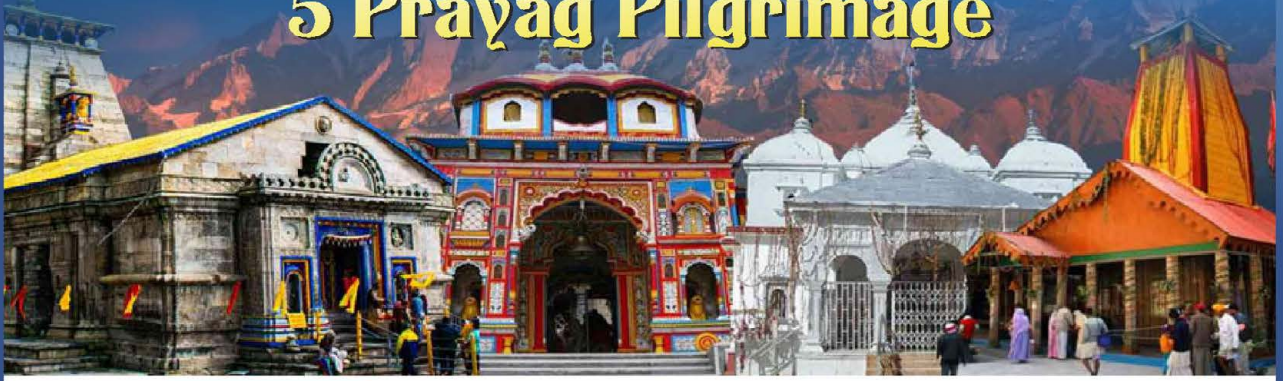
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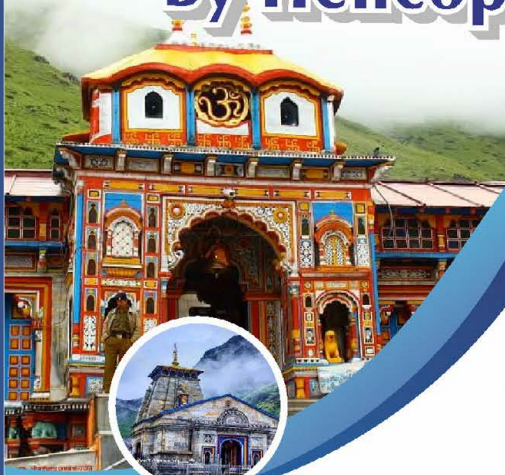
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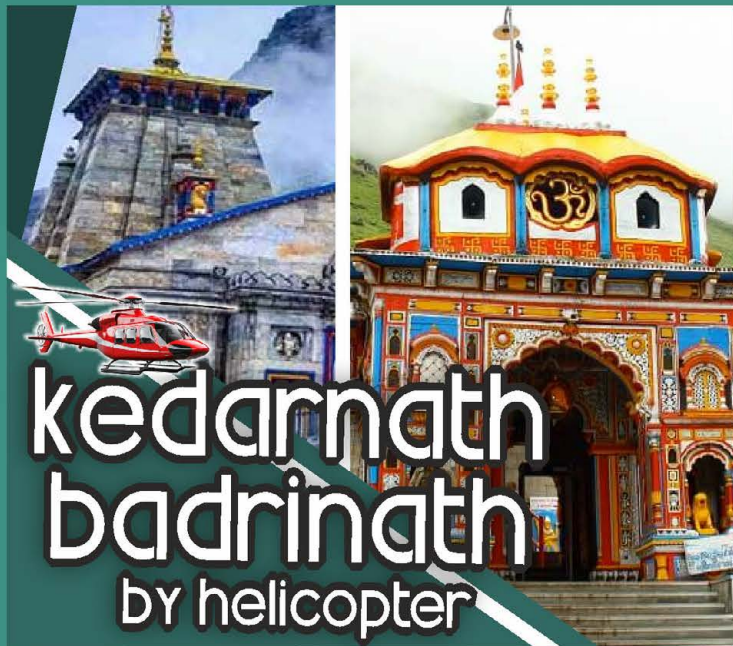
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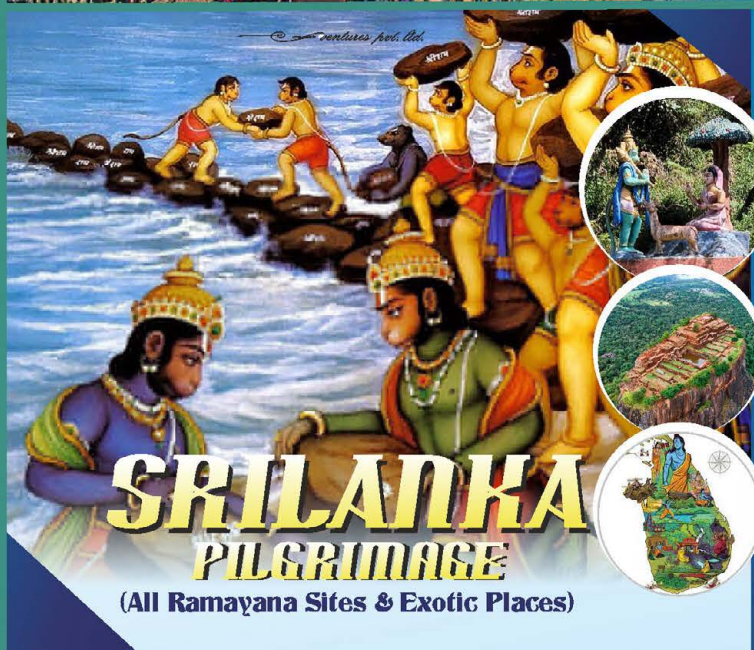
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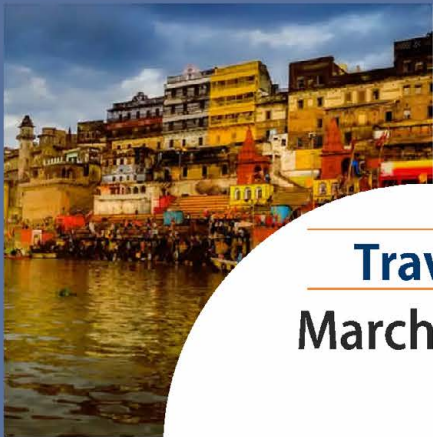
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