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This booklet is lovingly and respectfully dedicated to my Guardian Angel who has given this special causeless mercy to me, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. For without his extreme rare mercy, such a book like this could not have been even remotely conceived of, let alone practiced. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for letting me have faith in you and for your faith in me and putting in a good word on my behalf to the Lords of my heart, my Priya Priyatam!! You are truly my ever well-wisher!

HOW TO GROW YOUR BHAKTI-LATA

It was Srila Prabhupada's Centennial year (1896-1996) and many of the God-family had arrived. Many of those I did service with back in the days of the Hare Krsna Movement (with Srila Prabhupada) were there, and the atmosphere was filled with loving nostalgia. A reunion to celebrate our beloved Gurudeva's 100 year appearance anniversary.

I came into the company of a resident Godbrother who had the facilities of a big temple that could accommodate big art projects. At this time paintings and sculpture work were being done for the upcoming opening of the Delhi temple. My G-bro gave me the service of managing over the temple as the artisans were doing their seva .One day as I was in Mathura doing some temple shopping, Krsna changed my life. I returned to the temple to find I was kicked out. Never did find out why exactly. Now, with no home, no money, no welcome in my Gurudeva's Krsna Balaram Temple, 12000 miles away from where I called home and with my Dallas G-bro already gone back to America I found my self in what looked like a major problem! Krsna was setting me up for a change in consciousness!

Being on Purpose

When I think that I'm veering from the strict no-nonsense, single pointed endeavor to be exclusively fixed upon the highest spiritual goal, namely becoming a manjari of Smt. Vrnda-devi, I become very concerned and I begin to pray: "O my dearest Srila Prabhupada, who has taken me by the hand to the lotus feet of Sri Nitai, who picked me up from a cave in the Ozarks (mountains in the state of Missouri in the U.S.) and gave me the training and influence to become a pure devotee of Radhika Madhava (Kisora Kisori). Then you showed me by Your sweet, but seriously on-purpose example, the sober understanding of the need to be a devotee. Srila Prabhupada, You then left, giving us homework assignments to further our devotion, with the essential information in Your books. Somehow, Your message and the message of Gauranga and the whole Gaudiya Sampradaya, to develop love and pure devotion to Priya Priyatam's highest most blissful pastimes of Their love affairs in the Kunjas of Sri Vraja Dhama has been put to the side. But this home-work is for all of us. To understand that You simply left the toilet room and are waiting for us in the living room where the party is." That our real service to you, Srila Prabhupada is our eternal service under Him in His and our eternal forms engaging in our eternal Seva of assisting the Gopis in making tasteful arrangements for Radhika

Madhava's eternal pastimes. It's not the pretentious service of building big temples, having a nice religious society. That's here too, but it's not the end-all, nor the priority. These are our engagements while we cultivate pure hearing, chanting and remembering constantly, the names, forms, qualities and pastimes of Vraja Lila. Pure meaning that these processes of Bhakti done in consciousness to only satisfy our Lover and Beloved, not for purification, or knowledge, nor for any lesser, mundane motivation. Serving Srila Prabhupada as our Sakhi Guru is our eternal occupation. "You haven't left, You're just merely waiting for us on the other side." Our business is to serve Priya Priyatam under You as Manjaris with Bhavollasa Rati. It seems so clear that this is what our duty is, to finish our business and to get out. Our physical service is temporary and only practice, for real loving devotional service, which is eternal, full of bliss and knowledge. We serve the mission but in a detached mood, knowing by hearing, chanting, remembering, constantly: nama, rupa, guna, lila from the scriptures of our Rasika Acarayas. Their instructions, Mahaprabhu's instructions, Sri Krsna's instructions (B.G.18-65-66)! Give up every thing and become a pure Madhurya Manjari devotee for pleasing Srila Prabhupada, Gaura Nitai, the Guru/Manjari Sampradaya and the Lotus feet of Sri Sri Priya Priyatam!

No more Window Shopping

These are the revelations that come when there is no more window shopping. When there are no excuses to avoid going full thrust all way to Goloka-nikunja. When the decision is made and all activities, thoughts and words are only for reaching the goal, or to please Srila Prabhupada by following *the* instruction to go Home, back to Godhead! This is the secret magic given by the extreme mercy of Priya Priyatam, Gaura Nitai and Srila Prabhupada!

Like most of us, we think that because of the dirty hearts we admit to haveing, that becoming purified completely is impossible. Thinking like this sabotages our future. But we are forgetting, and/or rather not applying the philosophy, that we accept intellectually that we are eternal servants of Krsna! To think of how fallen we are is a bodily conception of life. "I breath air, I pass stool, I'm white, I'm poor, I'm tall, etc., I'm fallen; it's a mute point. We all are fallen. So? What one has to think is," I'm an eternal servant of Krsna!" Also, that we are not the doer. We cannot purify that 10 mile high mountain of sin that's been gathering over the millions of lifetimes. You think that doing some 'Nish 'Nish Ram Ram with a future failure mentality, being inattentive, and a host of other anarthas, that we will be able to do such a Herculean task as to clean our filthy hearts?

Open Secret

Krsna is the Doer! And He is expert in making the impossible possible! So let Him do it. Our position is simply to please Him with the instructions He has given us in Bhagavad-Gita; 2-59: "The embodied soul may be restricted from sense enjoyment, though the taste for sense objects remains. But, ceasing such engagements by experiencing a higher taste, he is fixed in consciousness." 2-61: "One who restrains his senses, keeping them under full control, and fixes his consciousness upon Me, is known as a man of steady intelligence." 4-24: "A person who is fully absorbed in Krsna consciousness is sure to attain the spiritual kingdom because of his full contribution to spiritual activities, in which the consummation is absolute and that which is offered is of the same spiritual nature." 5-17: "When one's intelligence, mind, faith and refuge are all fixed in the Supreme, then one becomes fully cleansed of misgivings through complete knowledge and thus proceeds straight on the path of liberation." 5-21, "Such a liberated person is not attracted to material sense pleasure but is always in trance, enjoying the pleasure within. In this way the self-realized person enjoys unlimited happiness, for he concentrates on the Supreme." 5-29: "A person in full consciousness of Me, knowing Me to be the ultimate beneficiary of all sacrifices and austerities, the Supreme Lord of all

planets and demigods, and the benefactor and well-wisher of all living entities, attains peace from the pangs of material miseries." 6-47: "And of all yogis, the one with great faith who always abides in Me, thinks of Me within himself, and renders transcendental loving service to Me, he is the most intimately united with Me in yoga and is the highest of all. That is My opinion." 7-1: "The Supreme Personality of Godhead said, Now hear, O son of Prtha, how by practicing yoga in full consciousness of Me, with mind attached to Me, you can know Me in full, free from doubt." 7-17: "Of these, the one who is in full knowledge and who is always engaged in pure devotional service is the best. For I am very dear to him, and he is dear to Me." 7-18: "All these devotees are undoubtedly magnanimous souls, but he who is situated in knowledge of Me I consider to be just like My own self. Being engaged in My transcendental service, he is sure to attain Me, the highest and most perfect goal." 8-5: "And whoever, at the end of his life, quits his body remembering Me alone at once attains My nature. Of this there is no doubt." 8-7: "Therefore, Arjuna, you should always think of Me in the form of Krsna and at the same time carry out your prescribed duty of fighting. With your activities dedicated to Me and your mind and intelligence fixed on Me, you will attain Me without doubt." 8-8: "He who meditates on Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, his mind constantly engaged in remembering Me, undeviated

from the path, he, O Partha, is sure to reach Me." 8-10: "One who, at the time of death, fixes his life air between the eyebrows and, by the strength of yoga, with an undeviating mind, engages himself in remembering the Supreme Lord in full devotion, will certainly attain to the Supreme Personality of Godhead." 8-13: "After being situated in this yoga practice and vibrating the sacred syllable *OM*, the supreme combination of letters, if one thinks of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and quits his body, he will certainly reach the spiritual planets." 8-14: "For one who always remembers Me without deviation, I am easy to obtain, O son of Prtha, because of his constant engagement in devotional service." 9-14: "For one who always remembers Me without deviation, I am easy to obtain, O son of Prtha, because of his constant engagement in devotional service." 9-28: "In this way you will be freed from bondage to work and its auspicious and inauspicious results. With your mind fixed on Me in this principle of renunciation, you will be liberated and come to Me." 9-30: "Even if one commits the most abominable action, if he is engaged in devotional service he is to be considered saintly because he is properly situated in his determination." 10-9: "The thoughts of My pure devotees dwell in Me, their lives are fully devoted to My service, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss from always enlightening one another and conversing about Me." 10-10: "Even if one commits

the most abominable action, if he is engaged in devotional service he is to be considered saintly because he is properly situated in his determination." 12-7: "But those who worship Me, giving up all their activities unto Me and being devoted to Me without deviation, engaged in devotional service and always meditating upon Me, having fixed their minds upon Me, O son of Prtha - for them I am the swift deliverer from the ocean of birth and death." 12-8, "Just fix your mind upon Me, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and engage all your intelligence in Me. Thus you will live in Me always, without a doubt." 18-65: "Always think of Me, become My devotee, worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend." Etc. This is corroborated throughout the Sastra and is practiced by the Great Devotees of all the Vaisnava Sampradayas. Especially our Parampara where we meditate, pray, and chant for this service of always remembering Krsna and never forgetting Him!

The most important thing in reaching the goal of Krsna prema is to make the conscious decision to do so! That I now make that choice to become a Pure devotee. With that, we now go for a "Revolution in Consciousness."

In the Nectar of Devotion it is said 65 times to always remember Radha Krsna and never forget Them. So, how do we remember? This is the purpose of this booklet.

Now I would like to share with you what Krsna has revealed to me when I made this life changing decision.

CLEAN ROOM ATMOSPHERE

First thing, is to seek out good, high class association. Finding someone who can tell you about that Divine Couple. Living in Sri Vrndavan Dhama, really helps a lot. I found the impetus to become Krsna conscious easier than what I would imagine in other places in the world. The ether in the cities of the world are contaminated with an overdose of sinful and impersonal activity, which affects the mind and the meditation in Krsna consciousness. The ether is the subtlest of the gross elements and the mind is the grossest of the subtle elements, so there is a close relationship with the two. As with the Dhama, there is much less gross sinful activity and the resident Sadhus and pilgrims fill the ether with thoughts of devotion.

KRSNA-IZE EVERTHING

That's why the great Acaryas and the sweet Lord Himself say to live in the Dhama, especially Sri Vrndavana Dhama and Sri Navadwip Dhama. Everywhere in Vraja you will hear "Radhe Radhe!, Radhe Syama!, Jaya Sri Radhe! Hare Krsna! etc. So the ether here makes it conducive for quality prayers and meditations on the Names, Forms, Qualities and Pastimes of Vraja Kevala Prema Bhakti, especially in the beginning. After you are accustomed to remembering Radha Syamasundara, then anywhere you might be physically, you will always be in Vrndavana. Of this there is no doubt! Srila Prabhupada says in the purport to Bhag. Gita 18-65: "The most confidential part of knowledge is that one should become a pure devotee of Krsna and always think of Him and act for Him. One should not become an official meditator. Life should be so molded that one will always have the chance to think of Krsna. One should always act in such a way that all his daily activities are in connection with Krsna He should arrange his life in such a way that throughout the twenty-four hours he cannot but think of Krsna And the Lord's promise is that anyone who is in such pure Krsna consciousness will certainly return to the abode of Krsna where he will be engaged in the association of Krsna face to face. This most confidential part of knowledge is spoken to Arjuna

because he is the dear friend of Krsna. Everyone who follows the path of Arjuna can become a dear friend to Krsna and obtain the same perfection as Arjuna.”

Finding Krsna conscious sanga, or association isn't as easy as it sounds. The first thing I did was to go to the Temple and I asked twenty devotees a day for twenty days, 'Prabhu, can you tell me something about Krsna?' To my complete disappointment, I found no one could say anything about Krsna; at Karttika; in Vrndavana! That's 400 people. Amazing!! I would receive answers like, "O, I'm a fool, what do I know?" or, "I'm unqualified", etc. etc. This clearly showed me how bad the erosion of our movement has gone.

READING – MOST IMPORTANT

Also in the Nectar of Devotion, I found it to be said 58 times: to associate with pure Devotees, or advanced devotees. So where are they at? They are in the books. Srila Prabhupada says in His books to read the literatures of the previous Acaryas: "It is necessary, therefore, for the serious students of Srimad-Bhagavatam to follow the notes and comments of the great acaryas like Jiva Gosvami and Visvanatha Cakravarti." (SB 3.4.28, pur.)

“Srla Rupa Gosvami and his assistants, under the instructions of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, have all written various literatures for the guidance of prospective devotees, and anyone who is very serious about raising himself to the standard of a pure devotee of the Lord must take advantage of those literatures.” (SB 3.7.39 pur.)

“Sri Sanatana Gosvami Prabhu, the teacher of the science of devotional service, wrote several books, of which the Brhad-bhagavatamṛta is very famous; anyone who wants to know about the subject matter of devotees, devotional service and Kṛṣṇa must read this book”. The purport goes on to mention: “Srla Rupa Gosvami is described as the bhakti-rasacarya, or one who knows the essence of devotional service. His famous book Bhakti-rasamṛta-sindhu is the science of devotional service, and by reading this book one can understand the meaning of devotional service. Another of his famous books is the Ujjvala-nilamani. In this book he elaborately explains the loving affairs and transcendental activities of Lord Kṛṣṇa and Radharani.” (C.C. Adi lila 5.203 pur.)

And in the Kṛṣṇa Book, we find: “Those in the most exalted position of devotional service and ecstasy can live with Kṛṣṇa always by remembering His pastimes. Srla Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura has given us a transcendental literary work entitled Kṛṣṇa-bhavanamṛta, which is full with Kṛṣṇa’s

pastimes. Exalted devotees can remain absorbed in Krsna-thought by reading such books. Any book of Krsna-lila, even this book, Krsna, or our Teachings of Lord Caitanya, is actually solace for devotees feeling separation from Krsna." (KB Chapter 46)

"There are many books giving proper guidance for achieving Lord Krsna and the following are mentioned: Srila Jiva Gosvami's Sankalpa-kalpavrksa, Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja's Sri Govindalilamrta, Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti's Sri Krsna-bhavanamrta and Sankalpa-kalpadruma, and Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura's Sri Gauranga-smaranamangala. (SB 11.15.26 pur.)

"Actually going to Vrndavana involves taking shelter of the six Gosvamis by reading the Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu, Vidagdha-madhava, Lalita-madhava and the other books that they have given. In this way one can understand the transcendental loving affairs between Radha and Krsna." (C.C.Adi lila 8.31,pur.)

The association with the Pure devotees in person will manifest as the bhava develops in the heart. And this will come as the prayers intensify for the Prayojana, The Goal!

KEEP A DIARY

One thing that is very important is to keep an inventory of your advancement in remembering Kisora Kisori. How much of the day is tangible, true awareness of remembering Radha Giridhari? Take a diary and log your day of remembering. Start with Mangala Arati. Mangala Arati is at the end of the Divine Couple's day, called Nisanta Lila, a part of the Asta-kaliya-lila; These 8 divisions of the 24 hour day are dissected into 24 minute segments, called dandas. Consequently there are 60 dandas. This is divided into two parts; daytime pastimes and nighttime pastimes. By reading these transcendental literatures, we will be able to apply these pastimes into our mind and heart throughout the day.

You log in your diary your thoughts of Radha Radhakanta during Mangala Arati; Ok, that's 20 minutes. Then the Jaya Dvani and then the Narasimha prayers, another 5 minutes. Next is Tulasi Puja. The mantras that are chanted is a beautiful prayer petitioning Her to engage you in the Nitya lilas as one of Her maidservants."

(1) O Tulasi, beloved of Krsna, I bow down before you again and again. My desire is to obtain the service of Sri, Sri Radha and Krsna

(2) Whoever takes shelter of you has his wishes fulfilled. Bestowing your mercy upon him, you make him a resident of Vrndavana.

(3) My desire is that you will also grant me a residence in the pleasure groves of SriVrndavana-dhama. Thus, within my vision I will always behold the beautiful pastimes of Radha and Krsna.

(4) I beg you to make me a follower of the cowherd damsels of Vraja. Please give the privilege of devotional service and make me your own maidservant.

(5) This very fallen and lowly servant of Krsna prays, "May I always swim in the love of Sri Sri Radha and Govinda."

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAYING

Another significant adage to your developing bhajana, is to know what these Mantras mean. Here it is said "This servant". Even though we are not at the level of pure devotional service yet, we should think that one day we will be. Just like one who is in school studying to be a doctor. Although he may not be a certified doctor now, but because he's in school, he will become one, so you can already call him a doctor. So in this way we can think of ourselves as one. Like a diamond in the

rough. In the Nectar of Instruction, text three, which gives a list of six things that are favorable for pure devotional service: 1) to be enthusiastic; 2) endeavoring with confidence; 3) being patient; 4) acting according to regulative principles [such as *Sravanam*, *Kirtanam*, *Smaranam* (SB 7.5.23) - hearing, chanting or glorifying and remembering]; 5) avoiding non-devotees (this can be applied to anyone who is not Krsna conscious, not talking about Krsna, but rather talking trash nonsense talk, off purpose to the goal of life, who is not like-minded); and 6) to follow in the footsteps of the previous acaryas." What is that? Being conscious of their consciousness of Radha Gopinatha! Who are detached from sense objects, who are always engaged in *sravanam*, *kirtanam*, *smaranam* in *nama rupa guna, lila*.

The Purport to the sloka found in NOI txt3:
"One should accept this opportunity to return home, back to Godhead, very enthusiastically. Without enthusiasm, one cannot be successful. Even in the material world one has to be very enthusiastic in his particular field of activity in order to become successful. A student, businessman, artist or anyone else who wants success in his line must be enthusiastic. Similarly, one has to be very enthusiastic in devotional service." Enthusiasm means action, but action for whom? The answer is

that one should always act for Krsna - *krsnarthakhila-cesta.*" (***Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu***).

Endeavor executed with intelligence in Krsna consciousness is called *utsaha*, or enthusiasm. The devotees find the correct means by which everything can be utilized in the service of the Lord (*nirbandhah krsna-sambandhe yuktam vairagyam ucyate*). The execution of devotional service is not a matter of idle meditation but practical action in the foreground of spiritual life.

TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH!

One important requirement to gaining the Lord's mercy is to reveal to Them all the dirty and bad things that you have done in your life. An example may be given of a father who, while looking out the window, sees his son going off around the corner with his friends to smoke a cigarette. The father, being concerned about the well being of his dear son, may feel a punishment is in order. But first he wants to see what kind of integrity his son has. When the boy enters the house, his father inquires, "So my dear boy, how was your day today?" The son replies, "O, just like everyday." The father then asks, "You do what you did today everyday?" Now the son is getting that bad feeling in the stomach that his father knows of his smoking. Because the

son is actually a good boy, he reveals to his beloved father, "Father, today I smoked a cigarette." The father feels two things; the need to chastise his son in hopes of correcting his worthy son from going bad and becoming more degraded. At the same time he feels proud of his son because of his integrity and honesty to admit what he did.

THINK HE DOESN'T KNOW

So in this same way, we can say that Krsna is in our heart and He knows what we've done, but this does not support our need to develop our relationship. Therefore, the suggestion is that you go in front of the Deity or just simply in a private room and reveal all the dirty laundry you have in the heart out loud, speaking to Him as if you were in front of your father. "O my Lord, do You remember when I did this? Do You remember when I did that?" And even with those things you can't even admit or, want to think even of yourself, and perhaps with tears of embarrassment in your eyes, you reveal: "Do you remember when I did that too?" Now revealed to the merciful Lord of your life, what kind of a person you really are and all the sinful and violent things you've done in your past, you now feel naked in front of Krsna without any excuses or any place to hide. For all those things that you didn't want anyone to know about have now been admitted by you verbally and now you definitely know He knows! So the feeling of

true humility is there along with shame and embarrassment. But our Krsna is very pleased with this surrendering attitude and puts you on His list of special devotees that will receive HIS SPECIAL MERCY. As it says in the Bhagavad Gita 4-11: "As you surrender unto Me I reward accordingly" With no other place to go, one now has only his Japa bag to take shelter of. Thus the impetus to clean up that sloppy, low quality chanting is now a must.

With a mood to do it right, the recommendation is to record your Japa. Change the breathing; change and overhaul your mouth and your old conditioning.

NOT ONLY JUST 16 ROUNDS

After Tulsi Puja, a nice set of 16 rounds or more, of quality Japa. This means articulate pronunciation of the holy names for the pleasure of the Divine Couple. "Quality Japa" means when you don't want to stop. The Acaryas of our line encourage us to chant 64 rounds, we should always be hankering to do so. Srila Prabhupada wanted the devotees to chant 64 rounds, but they simply would not do it. As your service attitude increases, or your desire to want to please the Divine Couple becomes more and more important to you, you will find more opportunity to increase. For example; to get up earlier, like getting up at 2:30am and getting in 16

rounds before Mangala Arati. Then 16 during the Japa period. That gives you 32 rounds before daylight. Then throughout the day, just keep the hand in the bead bag and casually chant when you're not doing any thing else. By the end of the day, 64 rounds will be completed, or close to it!

RECORD YOUR JAPA

A nice idea to keep quality control with your Japa is to record them. Change the breathing pattern. Remember, you are doing this to please Radha Govinda. You can imagine They are listening to you, and you are offering Them to hear the names of Their Beloved. When you say Hare, you think of Krsna. When you say Krsna and Rama, you think of Sri Radhika. According to Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, Rama means Radha Ramana, One who gives pleasure to Sri Radha.

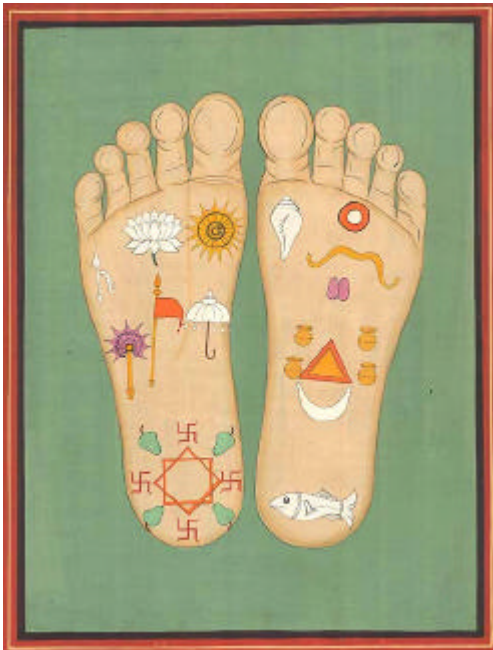
Also in the Nectar Of Devotion it is stated 48 times to meditate on Krsna's lotus feet This can be done while you are chanting Hare Krsna. These three instructions are the most important instructions of the Guru and the Sastras: 1) remember Radha Krsna; 2) associate with advanced devotees; and 3) to meditate on Krsna's lotus feet; and of course the chanting of Hare Krsna Maha Mantra. Once you have your Japa perfect, then you can advance to the

next level of incorporating the meditation of those lotus feet.

REMEMBER THEIR LOTUS FEET

At first I tried to envision Krsna's feet by mentally looking at the Dieties lotus feet, but the thoughts wouldn't endure. The mind would easily drift off and I'd find myself drifting away after only a few seconds. So I had to pray for Krsna to reveal to me how to meditate on Ballavisa's lotus feet. What was revealed to me was to turn those feet upside down. On the bottom of Sri Krsna's lotus feet are 19 signs: 11 on the right, and 8 on the left. On the right foot, starting at the base of the big toe is a barley corn; next along the base of the toes is a chakra below the barleycorn; then the upward curving line; then the lotus flower; then comes the elephant goad at the base of the little toe. Below the goad is the lightning rod; to the right of the rod as you look at the right foot on the left position (since they are upside down) comes the flag. Then hopping over the upward curving line, on the instep of the foot is the umbrella. Then down just above the heel is an 8 sided figure called Astakona; above, below, left and right of this octagon are the Swastikas. Diagonally placed between the Swastikas are four rose apples or sometimes called blackberries. Now going up to the top of the left foot at the ball of the foot is a conch shell; under the middle two toes is a Sky

emblem; below that is an unstrung bow; below that is a cow's hoof print; below that is a triangle; encircling the triangle are 4 waterpots; below that is a crescent moon known to be a half moon; and on the heel of Krsna's left foot is a fish.



While chanting your Japa, you begin with the barleycorn and in the order given above chant one Maha Mantra per sign. There are the 4 swastikas, 4 rose apples and 4 water pots. Adding up all the impressions there are 27 in total. **Twenty-seven times 4** comes to be 108. So in this way as you chant each Mantra, you visualize these signs. At the end of just one round, what to speak of all 16, these signs will become branded on the brain, so that every time you simply touch your beads the lotus feet of Sri Murlidara will come to your consciousness. Always remembering this is to be done to please your Isha deva Everything is for Radha Gopijanavallabha's pleasure! Now probably, for the first time, you will be controlling the mind, as the mind will be having a job to go from one sign to another. And because you have been practicing to chant the Names in a mood of devotion, you will be attentive and will feel a sense of completion of a monumental task, like swimming across a lake.

Now you will soon be finished with offensive chanting and will move into the Nama abhasa category, thus you will experience a significant changing of your consciousness. This is so much very important. For now the stages of sraddha will become very strong because of the association (which is Sadhu Sanga) of the Rasika Acaryas via their books.

IT'S LILA THAT COUNTS

Whats in the books is the meditation on nama, rupa, guna, and lila. It's the lila that puts you into the Spiritual Goloka conciousness, for the lilas include nama, rupa, and guna. As we chant the in the Guruvastakam every morning: "Sri Radhika Madhavayora para, Madhurya lila guna rupa namnam...", The Spiritual Master is always taking great pleasure in hearing and relishing the wonderful pastimes of Sri Sri Radhika Madhava and Their qualities names and forms. So the Guru is our acarya, teacher by example. So we too must enter into this bhava, or mood, because it's our Radha Syamakisoras most pleasing pastimes. As Srila Prabhupada says in the last pages of KB chapter 33 on the Rasa Dance:..."

HAVE TO HEAR RIGHT

"Sukadeva Gosvami concludes this episode of the rasa-lila by pointing out that if a person hears from the right source about the pastimes of Krsna, who is Visnu Himself, and the gopis, who are expansions of His energy, then he will be relieved of the most dangerous type of disease, namely lust. In other words, one who actually hears the rasa-lila will become completely freed from the lusty desire of sex life and elevated to the **highest level of spiritual understanding.**

Generally, because they hear the rasa-lila from Mayavadis and they themselves are Mayavadis, people become more and more implicated in sex life. The conditioned soul should hear the rasa-lila dance from an authorized spiritual master and be trained by him so that he can understand the whole situation; thus one can be **elevated to the highest standard of spiritual life**; otherwise, one will be implicated. Material lust is a kind of heart disease, and to cure the material heart disease of the conditioned soul, it is recommended that one should hear, but not from the impersonalist rascals. If one hears from the right sources with right understanding, then his situation will be different."

"Sukadeva Gosvami has used the word *sraddhanvita*, for one who is trained in spiritual life. *Sraddha*, or faith, is the beginning. One who has developed his faith in Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Supreme Spirit Soul, can both describe and hear the *rasa-lila*. Sukadeva also uses the word *anusnuyat*. One must hear from the disciplic succession. *Anu* means "following," and *anu* also means "always." So one must always follow the disciplic succession and not hear from any stray professional reciter, whether a *Mayavadi* or an ordinary man. *Anusnuyat* means that one must hear from an authorized person who is in the disciplic succession and is always engaged in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. When a person hears the *rasa-lila* in

this way, the effect will be sure: he will be elevated to the **highest position of spiritual life.**"

(Srla Prabhupada says 3 times: "Highest spiritual perfection")

"Sukadeva Gosvami uses two specific words, bhaktim and param. Bhaktim param means execution of devotional service above the neophyte stage. Those who are simply attracted to temple worship but do not know the philosophy of bhakti are in the neophyte stage. That sort of bhakti is not the perfectional stage. The perfectional stage of bhakti, or devotional service, is completely free from material contamination. The most dangerous aspect of contamination is lust, or sex life. Bhaktim param devotional service is so potent that the more one advances in this line, the more he loses his all attraction for material life. One who is actually deriving benefit from hearing the rasa-lila dance surely achieves the transcendental position. He surely loses all traces of lust in his heart."

(KB Description of Rasa Lila Ch.33)

There is no reason to be afraid to advance to pure devotional service as long as we stay under the shelter of our Guru Parampara, we can feel as secure as a kitten in the mouth of the mother cat! Remember, it is For Their Pleasure!

OBSERVE MICROSCOPICALLY AND REMEMBER

Now, as you are keeping an inventory of your remembrance, you can see clearly, practically, that on this day how much you are remembering. Mangala Arati: 30 minutes; Tulsi Puja: 5 minutes; Japa: 2 hours; and now the Darsan of the Dieties, known as Srngara Arati. This time of the day, Mother Yasoda has dressed her Kaniyalal, and we are the gopalas coming to see our best Friend looking so good! Most of the time most devotees come for the darsan and may glorify, "Radha Rasabihari Ki jaya! You look beautiful! But then when they are asked: "What are the colors of Their clothes?" "Uh, I don't know." "How many garlands are there?" "Uh, I don't know." "How many Tulasi leaves are on Krsna's lotus feet?" "Uh, I don't know." "What is in Sri Radhika's hands? How many rings on Her toes and fingers?" Etc. etc. etc. "Uh, I don't know." So what did you see to say They are so beautiful? Another example of our unconsciousness.

In this regard, if you can find someone you can share the darsana with, then quiz each other: "How many butterflies are on the Alter?" "Five?" "No, there are six!" In this way you look. Look at the details and then throughout the day you can shut your eyes and you can see those Divine Dancers. You write down how much time was spent looking at

the Alter and how much time you thought of Them on the Alter today. Another beautiful way to remember Them For Their Pleasure!

So now you are up to let us say almost 3 hours of pure Krsna consciousness! Needless to say, you are experiencing great transcendental bliss from your devotional efforts and Radha Prema Kisora will reciprocate because you are pleasing Them with Bhakti! What you will experience is a happiness from within, and the material world with its allurements are now beginning to go away.

Now the Sraddha is strong. You have stopped the association of those who are not of the same mood and your concentration in reading the Sastras, Their nama, rupa, guna, lila is now strong, so consequently your Bhajana, or your worship and prayers are becoming more frequent and sincere. This is called Bhajana Kriya. With your hearing, glorifying and remembering in the mood to please The Divine Couple They are now doing that impossible job of purifying your heart. This is called Anartha Nivritti, the impurities are now leaving the heart. At this juncture the chance of fall down practically becomes nil. What can you fall down to when there are no things to contemplate? With a clean heart free of material desires, you can now petition Their Lordships to enter and dance in your heart. And your prayers are now to enter into Their

eternal pastimes as Sri Radhika's Mayservant serving Their transcendental love affairs without any fear of becoming a Sahajiya, because your heart is clean and free of lusty desires. "Nikunja yuno rati keli siddhyai ya yalibhir yuktir apeksaniya!"

REACHING THE NISTHA STAGE

Except for offences to the advanced Vaisnavas, here is a safe and sure road ahead which now brings us to the Nistha Platform. Steady, on purpose to attain the goal, the Prayojana. With the heart and consciousness clean you will feel you are pleasing Sri Sri Kunjesvari Kunjesvara, there is now the feeling of a relationship developing. This feeling is very exciting because They instill great hope and confidence in reaching Their lotus feet.

We now offer Guru Puja to Srila Prabhupada. Again as before, you should recite the Guruvastakam and the Sri Guru Caranaravindam prayers in English or whatever language you are proficient in. This will give depth to your worship of Guru and will increase your appreciation of the great gift They are giving.

GOPA KUMARA

One thing to know definitely is that to be here in devotional service is clearly a symptom that you

have been chosen. You are special and that you have the obligation to complete this course, for They are expecting you! As I now refer you to the fabulous story of Gopa Kumar in the Bhrhad Bhagavatamrta. In this story, Gopa Kumara becomes liberated and is in the spiritual world. He is waiting for Krsna to return home from the pasturing grounds along with the Vraja vasis. When Krsna saw Gopa Kumar, Krsna yelled out: "Gopa Kumar! It's Gopa Kumara! Gopa Kumar has come home!" Then Gopa Kumar and Krsna come running toward each Other. As They ecstatically embrace, They fall unconscious to the ground laying in a pool of Their own tears. Gopa Kumara gets up first. Then the Vrajavasis come to the scene and in their bewilderment of seeing Krsna on the ground, they frantically ask: "What happened to Krsna? Did you do something to Krsna?!" Then Balaram appears there and examines the scene. He says: "You are Gopa Kumar aren't you? Hey everybody, It's Gopa Kumar. Gopa Kumar has come Home, this is why Krsna is like that!"

So we are all Gopa Kumars! And They are just waiting for us to come Home. This is why we need to get serious about the Prayojana. Its not that we are independently choosing this path of Devotional service, but we have been chosen to come Home. Srila Prabhupada has come to invite us Home and it would be ungrateful on our part not

to excitedly accept this super rare opportunity to receive such an invitation and to procrastinate, or delay for any reason. It's like when Kṛṣṇa plays the flute and the gopis leave everything to meet their Beloved. Maybe now we don't hear the flute yet, but we should be so demanding to want to hear that Transcendental fifth note!

RADHA KṚṢṆA GUNA GAO

Now in our day, we come to the time for the honoring of the Lord's Prasadam. You recite the 'Sarira avidya jal' prayer. Wherein it says, 'Radha Kṛṣṇa guna gao' "and in so doing glorify Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radha-ramana" So here is another great opportunity to remember Radha Rasikendra. It says that Kṛṣṇa accepts food stuffs offered to Them with Love and Devotion. Is the cook cooking with love and devotion? Maybe not. Is the Pujari offering the Bhoga with love and devotion? Maybe not. So how do you know you are eating Prasadam? Srila Prabhupada explains that the difference between material and spiritual is consciousness. So if you are eating the Rasagullas and rejecting the burnt chapattis, then you are only eating the stool which it will become tomorrow morning. Why? Because the eating is in the personal enjoying spirit. Ideally, the gradual progress will be to merge the plate. Salt with the sweets, fruits with the subji. And before each bite,

you say a new name of the Lords of our heart: "Jaya Radha Madhava!" Then you take your bite. As you chew that bite, you meditate on the form of the Lords from the bottom at their lotus feet, up Their beautiful Forms to the peacock feather on His head and the peahen feathers in Her hair. Then when you have swallowed that bite, the next one; "Jaya Radha Madana Mohana!" In this way you are offering each bite and remembering For Their Pleasure! Thus remaining in Devotional Service which will attract Them to notice you, so you can hear that flute!

Ok, now you have been remembering Them all the way from before Mangala Arati when you woke up, to the end of the morning meal, ideally from 2:30am up to 9:30am. Seven blissful hours of pure Krsna Consciousness! Can you imagine what your consciousness must be like by this constant remembering of Them? Can you imagine how the Divine Lordships must be pleased with you in making such an effort of love and devotion? And this is all according to Sastra, Guru and (you) Sadhu! There is no violation in the Sadhana or any kind of deviation. Now you can honestly say that you are following the most important instruction: To always remember Krsna and never forget Them. Jayaho!

STAY ON PURPOSE

Now it's the time for the day to begin. Naturally you are on purpose and are feeling Sambandha with Radha Govardhanadhari. So no matter what your engagement may be, you continue the bhajana by keeping the Holy Name on your tongue and reading whenever the opportunity arises, like when you're walking from here to there, while waiting for the elevator, while waiting in the car to go. Any and at all times when you are not actually engaged in any physical or mental activity, you can read, or quickly chant, or even better to tell someone what you have read or whatever revelation you have received. Pure Krsna consciousness means that your spiritual endeavors are not with any personal motivation. There may be some things still in the heart, but don't beat yourself up. It's a gradual process, like a child going from crawling to running and then to jumping. Prema Bhakti is like a rope; you are either going up or you are going down, there is no leveling off. If your day is the same as yesterday, then you are falling down.

When the father who may be reading the paper and suddenly notices his infant son trying to stand and balance himself, suddenly falls again onto his rump, does the father get angry and say, "You stupid kid!" and goes to hit him? No! He goes to him with excitement and encouragement saying "Come

on little boy! Come on, try again. Come on baby!" So, in the same way, Gurudeva and Krsna and all the rest of those transcendental personalities of our Guru line are encouraging us,"Come on baby! Keep trying! Don't stop, keep trying! Come on, Come on baby!" This is the attitude of our best Friends, our Mother Hara and the seed giving Father Sri Hari!

Up to this point we have taken advantage of the morning program. Now the day has to be of the same single pointed consciousness. Remember to keep that Japa with you and your hand inside fingering those jewels which assist us in our endeavors to please Radha Radha Vallabha with Sravanam, Kirtanam and Smaranam of Nama, Rupa, Guna, and Lila, in Kevala Vraja Bhakti.

Sravanam Kirtanam Smaranam is For Priya Priyatam! Here are some suggestions on how to implement.

First is Sravanam, Hearing. The nine angas or limbs of pure devotional service as you know, beginning with hearing the name and glories are for the Divine pleasure of Their Lordships, Then there is chanting or glorifying for Their Lordships, remembering Their Lordships, serving Their Lordships lotus feet, worshiping the Deity, offering obeisances unto Their Lordships, acting as Their Lordship's servant, making friends with Their

Lordships and surrendering oneself to Their Lordships. Sravanam, or hearing, is the first step in acquiring transcendental knowledge. One should not give aural reception to unauthorized persons, but should approach the proper person, as recommended in Bhagavad-gita (4.34):

tad viddhi praëipatena
paripraçnena sevaya
upadekñyanti te jì anaà
jì aninas tattva-darçinaù

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth."

DO IT WITH LOVE

Hearing is not only the beginning, but it's carried out all through the Radha Krsna consciousness process. Hearing is done in the consciousness that we are pleasing those Divine Dancers by hearing for Their pleasure

The Spiritual Masters in this case are the Acaryas of the Gaudiya Sampradaya. By reading their books in the mood of devotion and not to learn some new thing for our own pleasure. This will become pure

devotional service, because there is no personal motivation. So you read some nectar and then you repeat it to a person of your choice. It is not the point to tell some one for their enlightenment, or their enlivenment, or for their entertainment. You glorify their Lordships to give Radhika Madana-mohana pleasure. There may not be anybody in your vicinity that will relish what you have to share. Of course it would be wonderful if you were to be so fortunate as to have a partner on this trip. Srila Prabhupada once said to His gem-like student Yamuna Devi Dasi, that association means two. Nevertheless, you are on purpose to get Vrsabhanu-kumari Gopendra-nandana to notice you. So you are doing your pure devotional service. And as we all know, when you hear then you repeat, you will naturally remember, especially if the subject-matter is appealing to you.

EKADASI

When you have become sold out to reaching the Prayojana, all these suggestions will have great value. You will be experiencing all that you have read about; free of the bodily concept, tolerant, forgiving, etc.

One important occasion that comes twice a month is the wonderful Sri Ekadasi. On this day, one can experience significant advancement in Spiritual life by dedicating these two days of the month

exclusively to the service of our Priya Priyatam! Ideally these days should be free of any other business than hearing chanting and remembering. No mundane association, meaning no talking about anything with anyone. Best to lock the door and announce 'MaunVrata' on a note that you put on the door. Ideally the day should be a 24hr day of no drinking, no eating and no sleeping. Break the 24hr day into 3 x 8hr segments. First you begin with Mangla Arati, Tulsi Puja and then your Japa for two hours. Then the next two hours with some karatalas and a song book where you just do Bhajanas and Kirtans. The next two hours absorbed in reading and the next two hours writing. Then repeat the sequence for the next eight hours and then again for the final eight hours, bringing you into the dawning of the next day. The feeling you will experience of making it the whole way, like swimming across a lake or something! The hard part is the last two or three hours before day break. This will really test your endeavor. You will find yourself splashing water on your face, walking around, anything you can do to stay awake. Then, surprisingly, when that crack of first light appears, you will feel a sense of conquer, a victory, a great feeling that you did it! Without wanting to deviate from the mood of your bhajan, Krsna will give you this incredible feeling of devotion. You will find a surge of immediate full energy as if you had slept all night.

This is an ideal Ekadasi, and may be hard to do each time, but it's an immediate goal toward your final Goal! Considering this ultimate Vrata, you can adjust accordingly, and do what ever you can. As always, your purpose is only to please your Sweethearts of your heart!

THE GOAL IS REAL

One thing to bear in mind is that Rasikarani Rasikaraja are living, real personalities. They are not some intellectual agreement, They are the Supreme Personalities Of Goloka Nikunja! They are the true Relishers of everything. Krsna says in the Bhagavad Gita that 'as you surrender unto Them They will award accordingly'. So as you try to please Them, They will please You! It's alright for you to feel ecstatic You are Sat cit Ananda, Blissfullness reciprocated with your Best Friends!

This is the most important part of the whole Sadhana. Its imperative, compulsory, no choice, It has to be done. To read everyday something about nama, rupa, guna and lila. It's also more mandatory to tell something to someone about Nayika Nayaka (Heroine/Hero) everyday. And as you remember what you are sharing, you should be aware that They appreciate Their devotees glorifying Them!

Your day is coming to a close and you prepare for the evening program. Singing in the shower is a great policy. Of course you most likely won't have to note this down as you will be feeling a sense of satisfaction and bliss in this real relationship that is developing in your heart!

Sandhya Arati represents that Nanda Baba has arranged some entertainment for his son. Either a puppet show, or a juggling act, or maybe a magic show, or a comedy routine, etc. So you join the other devotees in a blissfull Kirtan with ecstatic dancing and singing. You are Radha Radha-kanta's evening entertainment, so cook it up For Their Pleasure!

After Arati, it's the Bhagavad gita class, then some time is there before the hot milk. Sit with your Rasika associates and read KRSNA BOOK with the thoughts of serenading the Divine Couple, then take your hot milk and prepare for rest.

In the old days, we read from five books a day. First the Bhagavatam class, then before lunch there was the Nectar of Devotion for fifteen to twenty minutes. Then between lunch and Sandhya Arati, was The Teachings of Lord Caitanya, then Bhagavad Gita class, then KRSNA BOOK. This was a good system as you can get a well rounded education of Prabhupada's books.

WRITING IS REMEMBERING

It is also strongly recommended that you write. Writing is remembering, Srila Prabhupada used to say, 'Keep in a diary, you now write how your day was and how much was truly Krsna conscious'. You pray to your Sweethearts of your heart how much you have remembered Them today, that you will remember Them one minute more (or more) tomorrow.

Now this world is losing its glitter by dint of a higher taste. When that higher taste is condensed it then becomes Ruci, taste. That Ruci becomes still more condensed and evolves into Asakti, deep attachment. Now back at Nistha the ecstatic symptoms begin to appear, like tears, horripilation, and more. The more you read, the more you tell others, the more you will remember and the ecstasy and yearning to engage in their Nitya lila, Eternal devotional service now becomes more prominent in your prayers. And remembering will start giving what is called Uddipanas, or reminders. Example, when you are reading about how Sri Radhika, with Her vine-like arms wrapped around the Tamal tree-like Madhava, you may see in this world a creeper wrapping around a tree and this will remind you of those Divine pastimes of Gokula! Eventually you will experience this material world changing into the Spiritual world due to these Uddipanas. Naturally as

you concentrate on your prayers to want to please Nagari Nagara (Paramours), being concerned not to want for your self, Vrajesvari Vrajesvara will become attracted to your Bhajana and They will bless you with Their mercy. It is said in the Rasa Sastras, between Asakti and Bhava, one then receives their Siddha-deha, their spiritual form. This can come from within the heart ,or from someone that Krsna will send to you giving the 11 Dashas:

- 1) Sambandha - relationship;
- 2) Vayasa - age;
- 3) Nama - name;
- 4) Rupa - form and beauty;
- 5) Yuthi - group;
- 6) Vesa - dress;
- 7) Ajna - specific instruction;
- 8) Vasa - residence;
- 9) Seva - exclusive service;
- 10) Parakastha-svasa - the highest summit of emotion, which is the aspirants life breath;
- 11) Palya-dasi-bhava - the sentiment of a manjari under the protection of Sri Radhika.

Now you enter into Nitya Seva, in your Nitya Siddha, in the Nitya Lila. serving your guru in her Manjari rupa serving the Manjari group under Rupa Manjari, serving under Lalita Devi, Serving your Swamini in service to that Black Unreliable!!!!

A VERY CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

It says in the Uddhava Sandesa, by Srila Rupa Goswami, that when one reaches Prema, there are **8 types of Darsans**. The first one is that all the senses become eyes, the touch, the hearing, the voice, the smell, all become the sense of **sight**. Krsna now appears before you. Reminding you that you have been experiencing the Sattvika Bhavas gradually and steadily from the Nistha stage. The Sattvika Bhavas are horripilation, changing color, trembling, hair standing on end, being stunned, choked voice, tears in the eyes, etc. They have been increasing with more occurrences and intensity, so your body has been almost at the point of convulsions in ecstatic rapture. Can you imagine what you will experience when you actually see the goal, the love of your life, the object of your intense meditation, Your Beloveds!?! The ecstasy is simply too much, and you collapse to the point of death. Then our Priyatam gives His Audarya Bhava, His compassion and brings you back to life, (so to speak) and stands you back up to receive the next Darsan.

Next your senses now become the sense of **smell** and you smell the aroma that the Vrajabasis of Goloka smell, which is the fragrance of a blue lotus flower mixed with musk. Krsna's body has different smells on different parts of His Beautiful body. "The fragrance of armpits, eyebrows,

hips, and hair defeat the the smell of Parijata and lotus flowers smeared with aguru. His nose, navel, mouth, hands, feet and eyes smell of a lotus smeared with camphor. Thus the whole world is inundated by the waves of His nectarean fragrance!” (Govinda Lilamrta 17.9)

“Sri Radhika’s whole body smells like Kumkum. Her navel, eyebrows, eyes, all smell like that of blue lotus smeared with Musk and Aguru. Her chest, ears, nose, hands and feet smells of lotus smeared with camphor. Her armpits and Her nails smell like that of the fragrance of Ketaki flower sprinkled with candan” (Govinda Lilamrta11.117)

Just as with the darsan of the sight, this darsan drops you and you almost leave your body, but again The sweet Enchanter of Vraja gives His Audarya Bhava and He stands you back on your feet to experience the third darsan.

This time all your senses now become the sense of **hearing**. And you hear Krsna’s beautiful deep voice and like the previous, you fall unconscious as you hit the ground. As before, He gets you to your feet with His merciful Audarya bhava and you now experience your whole body becoming the sense of touch. According to the rasa you are in determines the way Krsna touches you. If you are in Dasya Rasa, then Radha-priya places His

lotus foot on top of your head. If you are in Sakhya Rasa, Then He entwines His fingers with yours. If you are in Vatsalya Rasa, He then wipes the tears from your love-filled eyes. And if you have cultivated Madhurya Rasa, then Madhu-pati (Lord of sweetness) embraces you chest to chest.

After He has brought you back to consciousness again with His miraculous Audarya Bhava, you can experience 4 more Darsans, but only if you are in Madhurya Rasa. The fifth darsan is that He **kisses** you and slips His Tambula (or paan) into your mouth. The next Darsan is that He takes you into the bushes for an **intimate interlude!** After which you hear His sweet voice again wherein He acknowledges all that you have endured in coming to His lotus feet. Of course this is almost unbearable since whatever austerities and hardships you may have gone through now seems totally insignificant. Then the last and what seems to be the most intolerable thing, is now He disappears from your sight; and as in the song sung by Srila Rupa Goswami Your life is now bereft as you sing: "He Radhe Vraja Devike ca Lalite He Nanda suno Kutaha?" "O Sri Radhe! O Sri Syama! Where have You gone? Are You on Govadhana Hill? Are you on the banks of the Yamuna? Where are You? Nikunjame virajo Ghanasyama Radhe Radhe!"

I will admit that these last stages have not yet been experienced. I have given the beginning to the final end of our adventure according to the statements in the Sastras. The practical stages have been revealed and is being practiced as we speak. The experiences have brought incredible revelation and the Divine Couple have revealed this booklet in order so that some of you will be inspired to get out of the mud of doubt and despair. I know that this is only for those who are tired of fighting with the senses, the failure future syndrome and maybe some melancholy due to the long arduous haul that we have endured and to fill you with faith and hope. If anyone out there may know the author and his past, you will know clearly that if he can do it, any one can do it. It simply requires a sincere decision and a stick-to-it driving force of determination.

SVA-NISTHA BHAKTA-NISTHA

Do you know why when Mother Yasoda was trying to tie up that Makhan Chore that she kept ending up being two fingers too short? It's because the two fingers represented a certain specific siddhanta. One finger represented Sva-nistha and the other represented Bhakta-nistha. Sva-nistha is Krsna's determination and Bhakta-nistha is the devotee's determination. When ever there is any competition with Krsna and His devotee, Krsna always relents to His devotees. Yasoda Maiya said,

"I am going to tie You up!" Krsna would then say, "O no you're not!" "O yes I am!" "O no your not!" "O yes I am!" And when Krsna sees you are so determined (Bhakta-nistha) after his resistance (Sva-nistha), then He will surrender to the determination of the devotee's desire to come to His lotus feet. For it is said by all the Acaryas, that the only requirement to enter into the pure devotional service of Nikunja is Lalyam, greed, greed and more burning yearning greed. When Their pleasure means more to you than your own breath! It won't be so strong at first, but as they say it's a gradual process, just like a crawling infant. One day he will be running. So, "Come on baby! Keep coming! Come on baby! We are waiting for you!" Srila Prabhupada has given the invitation. The Parampara has paved the way. It's what we need to do They are waiting for us! And its what we have been looking for forever in all the ways we have tried to be happy and tried to love.

So I hope that some of you will pray for Their mercy and succeed in the goal of life. It's why you were born! So now you can please the divine Couple and serve Them In the Eternal World For Their Pleasure!

In conclusion, a brief re-cap and additional suggestions to embellish this wonderful adventure Home.

First: To make a firm decision with prayer and humble surrender asking, **nay**, begging with all your heart to thoroughly and perpetually from now on to stay on purpose in reaching the goal;

Second: That the prayers are to increase and are honest and sincere with no self concern;

Third: To adjust the priorities of what's important and to keep the Prayojana at the front of the mind, on a daily basis;

Fourth: To be aware of those things that take you away from this single-pointed drive to please Sri Radha Krsna Yugala, like an artificial humility whereby self condemnation becomes the flip-side of self aggrandizement. Being aware when you are not on purpose.

A very, very good way to stay protected, is to say something to all those that you have eye contact with. From a simple 'Hare Krsna', or, "Krsna is blue like a blue sapphire", or, "Krsna lifted Govardhana Hill", etc. etc. etc. to a more elaborate story, depending on time, place and circumstances.

Fifth: To reveal all your dirty laundry verbally in private to Thakurji, No hiding any thing. This may take some time, as you may have put those really horrible things into the deep recesses of

your brain and it will take some digging to root them out. This will not be much fun as you may recall the pain that went with the experience;

Sixth: Make a concentrated effort not to look at the opposite sex or that form which will test Maya. The newspapers, the old buddies who lure you into talks of the mundane experiences of the past; remembering “The Good Ol’ Days”;

This is what keeps us from advancing at all. Remember, ***these bodies are a source of bewilderment, pain embarrassment, misery, deceit and disappointment.*** That girl (boy, if that’s the case), is a closed gate for entering into a Transcendental relationship with your journey’s end. When you see a pretty bag of stool, you should know that the prettier the face, the uglier the heart. Besides, you won’t get that person any way and it will agitate your calming peaceful mind, which has taken a lot of effort to attain. Once Sri Sri Hara Hari begin to take away the dirty things of the heart, including this mundane sex desire, you will be experiencing a developing higher taste, or at least a great hope for that taste in the future, so you have to stay on purpose at all costs!

I hope this humble and sincere attempt to help those who really want to finalize this Samsara world of avoidance and excuses and who want to

meet their best Friends will benefit from this work of love and devotion delivered with care and compassion.

I know there is a lot of faults to be found in this fool. And those who are fond of faultfinding can have a festival with this faulty insignificant disciple of Srila Prabhupada. My only quality that can be found is that I've taken the mercy of Patita Pavana Gurudeva and the Rasika Manjari Guru line. Patita Pavan Sri Sri Gaura Nitai who came to pick up most fallen first. Patita Pavan Sri Vrnda Devi and Patita Pavana Priyaji and Her Priyatam!

*One thing that's **vital** to remember, is that the only sure thing in this world is our death. It's not about having a nice life; it's **having a nice death!***

Following in the footsteps of my beloved Guru Maharaja, may you have a great adventure Back to Home, back to Goloka Nikunja!

Nikunja me viraje Ghanasyama Radhe Radhe!

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