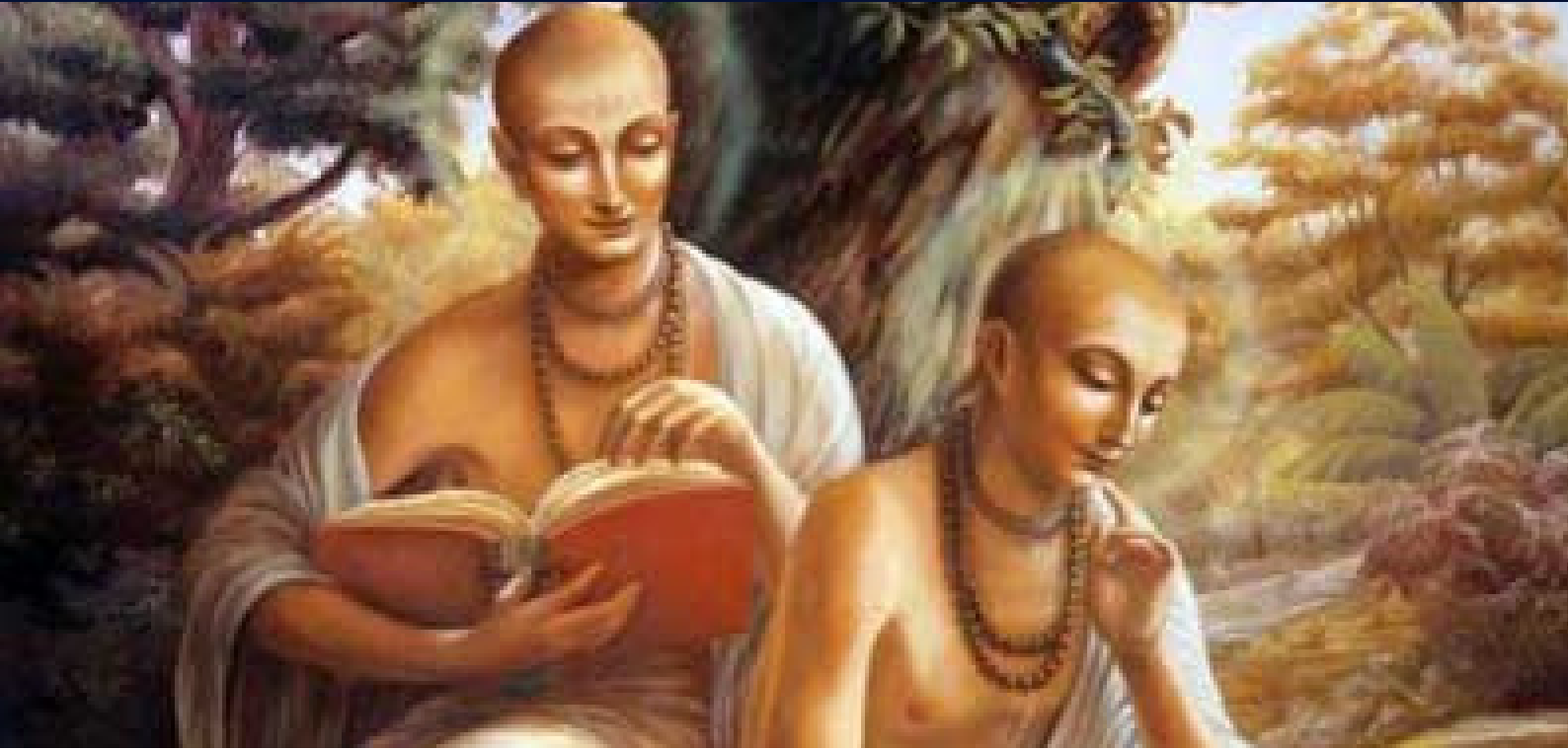


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### Loving Krishna

Love is never one-sided, it is always reciprocal – it is a two-way traffic. It is not that only the devotees love Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa doesn't care for them. No, the devotees love Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa reciprocates that love. He, not only reciprocates. Kṛṣṇa actually gets into a competition of love with His devotee. There is a competition of love in the spiritual sky or in devotional service. The devotee loves Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa returns that love multiplied. Then, the devotee reciprocates by loving Kṛṣṇa even more and then Kṛṣṇa reciprocates by loving the devotee, all the more. This is how there is a continuous loving exchange between the devotees and the Lord. That is why, in the spiritual sky, this transcendental joy – ananda – is constantly increasing.

[Anandambudhi-varadhanam prati-padam  
purnamritaswadanam. \[Sri Siksastakam, Text 1\]](#)

## Loving Krishna

Actually, Kṛṣṇa loves everybody. It is not that Kṛṣṇa loves only His devotees and doesn't love those who are non-devotees or have forgotten Him. Kṛṣṇa loves everybody, but it is up to the living entities, whether or not they are going to reciprocate that love towards Kṛṣṇa. And, when the living entity reciprocates, then immediately he becomes situated in a very joyful state of existence and gradually he becomes elevated to the spiritual sky. When the living entity rejects Kṛṣṇa or becomes oblivious of Him, resultantly he falls into this material nature. The living entity forgets Kṛṣṇa and becomes completely unaware of Him. Thus, he forgets how Kṛṣṇa loves him. Although the living entity completely forgets how Kṛṣṇa loves him, Kṛṣṇa never forgets the living entity nor does He ever cease to love him. That is why Kṛṣṇa accompanies the conditioned soul as the Supersoul. When a living entity rejects Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa still goes with him everywhere. It doesn't matter whichever condition or body the living entity is in; Kṛṣṇa always goes with him. That shows how much Kṛṣṇa loves the living entity. We can consider: there are many people who love us, but if we are in a very degraded and unpleasant condition, then they would leave us. We have seen how material relationships break due to unpleasant situations. But regardless of how abominably, the living entity may be situated – Kṛṣṇa doesn't reject him. Kṛṣṇa goes wherever the living entity goes. Even when the living entity becomes a worm in the stool – we can consider how abominable that condition is – Kṛṣṇa still goes with him as the Supersoul. As a matter of fact, for Kṛṣṇa, this entire material nature is a place full of stool. But, still Kṛṣṇa came with us; though we had opted to reject him and fall into this degraded condition of material nature.



## When we turn to Krishna

That is why Kṛṣṇa has been considered to be suhṛdaṁ sarva-bhūtānām. [BG. 5.29] There are different kinds of friendships. There is maitri, bandhu, etc. But of all kinds of friendships, the most intimate is su-hṛd. The word su-hṛd comes from hṛdaya; hṛdaya means heart. The one who is very close to our heart is a su-hṛd. And Kṛṣṇa has been described as a su-hṛd. He is not only a su-hṛd – He is actually even more than a su-hṛd. He is not only 'close' to our heart; He is actually situated within our heart. He is situated in the heart of every living entity. He is accompanying all the conditioned souls in different conditions in this material nature, because He cares for the living entities and loves everybody. As the Supersoul, He is simply waiting for when the living entity would turn his face towards Him. That is the only reason why Kṛṣṇa is with us in our hearts as the Supersoul. He is simply waiting for the time when we are going to turn our faces towards Him. As long as we are averse to Him, and are obsessed with this material nature, developing different desires to enjoy this material nature; as a very loving friend and concerned father, Kṛṣṇa is fulfilling our desires. "Okay, you want this in the material nature. You want to enjoy this material nature; you want to be the lord and master of the material nature..." Kṛṣṇa is fulfilling all our desires. It is not that Kṛṣṇa is punishing anybody as such. When somebody gets a very abominable body and lives in an abominable condition, it is not that Kṛṣṇa wanted him to be in that abominable condition. It is actually the living entity who wanted to be in that abominable condition and therefore, Kṛṣṇa fulfilled that desire. "Okay, you wanted to fulfill your desire – rather, you wanted to enjoy this material nature in this way. Okay, I will provide you with all facilities." This is how Kṛṣṇa is continuously fulfilling our desires as the Supersoul, as long as we are conditioned.



## Inquiries of the soul

**HH BCS: The question is: it has been explained that the Supersoul accompanies the living entities wherever he goes. Does the Supersoul also accompany the spirit soul when he goes back to the spiritual sky?**

Yes, when one develops a loving relationship with Kṛṣṇa, then the Supersoul does not remain as the inactive four-handed Supersoul anymore. He reciprocates with the devotee and the devotee perceives Him as his iṣṭa-deva – as his worshipable Lord in the heart. Say, in our movement, we are devotees of Kṛṣṇa, so when a devotee develops the transcendental loving relationship with Kṛṣṇa then he will see Kṛṣṇa in his heart. Kṛṣṇa will always be there with him, until he goes back to the spiritual sky. Actually, there is no difference: a pure devotee's heart and Goloka Vrindavana are non-different. Kṛṣṇa performs His pastimes in the heart of a pure devotee. A pure devotee means a devotee who is constantly absorbed in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. He is always thinking of Kṛṣṇa.

What happens? When we become free from our material contamination and we become pure, we constantly see Kṛṣṇa's pastimes. Therefore, then we do not see Him as Supersoul; we see Him as Kṛṣṇa. Only the yogis see Him as Supersoul, devotees do not.

**HH BCS: The question is that it has been mentioned that the loving relationship is reciprocal. But then again in the class, it has been mentioned that when the living entity rejects Kṛṣṇa, He still loves him and goes with the living entity wherever he goes - despite the fact that the living entity doesn't love Kṛṣṇa.**

Yes. Here, this love is one-sided. That's why this love is not complete. Kṛṣṇa loves out of His affection for the living entities, just like a father loves the son. The son may reject and stop loving the father, but the father can never stop showering his affection. The father can never forget the son. Similarly, our Supreme Father, Kṛṣṇa, continuously cares for us. But that cannot be considered to be love in its true sense because a loving relationship or love is complete only when the living entity begins to reciprocate. Yes, otherwise it is one-sided and that is why it is incomplete. That is why the living entity is not enjoying or experiencing the bliss. That is why the living entity is suffering, despite Kṛṣṇa providing him with everything that he needs. But as soon as the living entity begins to love Kṛṣṇa, then immediately Kṛṣṇa reciprocates and the living entity becomes submerged in an ocean of joy, ocean of ecstasy.

**Could you give us your realization how we could conquer the envy?**

HH BCS: Yes. Envy can be conquered by love. Envy develops when love is not there. You see, when we love somebody, then we cannot envy him, right? The definition of envy according to Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura is to be happy in other's distress and be distressed in other's happiness. That is the definition of envy. But love or compassion is being happy in other's happiness and being distressed in other's distress. Now, how do we feel like that? When do you become happy when you see that others are happy? It is when you love him. If you love somebody and you see that he became very rich, how will you feel? You will automatically feel happy, because the person you love became happy. Or when you see that someone who you love very much is suffering, how do you feel? You feel very distressed. Therefore, by developing our love for Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's devotees, we conquer envy. Hare Krishna.