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Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: ... such sweet development. Servitors may have such position that is only possible in Kṛṣṇa *līlā*, *nara-līlā*, *nara-vapu tāhāra svarūpa*.

*kṛṣṇera yateka khelā, sarvottama nara-līlā, nara-vapu tāhāra svarūpa
[gope-veśa, veṇu-kara nava kiśora, nata-vara, nara līlāra haya anurūpa]*

[“Lord Kṛṣṇa has many pastimes, of which His pastimes as a human being are the best. His form as a human being is the Supreme Transcendental Form. In this form, He is a cowherd boy. He carries a flute in His hand, and His youth is new. He is also an expert dancer. All this is just suitable for His pastimes as a human being.”] [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā*, 21.101]

Of all the pastimes of Kṛṣṇa, this humanly pastimes, that is the highest of all, sweetest of all. It is there. Just like ordinary mundane things. Nearest approach of the infinite to the finite. Infinite’s nearest approach, extreme approach to finite. The infinite is approaching to finite and in its extreme form, it is in Vṛndāvana, we find. He’s playing at the hands of His servitors of different types, in different ways. The extreme approach of the infinite to finite, so most beautiful, most dignified, and most prospect-giving, unique. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari.

Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja: Mahārāja, Ayodhyā is in Goloka Vṛndāvana?

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: No, midway. The *vātsalya rasa* is there. It is not under Vaikuṅṭha. Vaikuṅṭha is hemisphere. *Santa*, *dāsya*, and half of *sākhya*, no *vātsalya*, Lakṣmī Devī has no parents, Nārāyaṇa also no parents, but in Rāmacandra we find parents. Sītā Devī somewhat, but Rāmacandra’s *vātsalya* _____ [?] the service of affection open there. So, then the *mādhurya*.

Vaikuṅṭhāj janito varā madhu-purī [*Śrī Upadeśāmṛta*, 9] Why? *Janito, janma līlā heto*, for birth, this birth ceremony is added in Mathurā, not in Vaikuṅṭha. So, it is greater, the service of higher type to be found in Mathurā, the *rasa*. So in the measurement of *rasa*, Mathurā holds superior position to Vaikuṅṭha, because the *rasa* is variegated and more intense there to be found. The measurement of high and low, will come according to the *rasa*, the actual measurement of the ecstasy that can be felt by the servitors.

Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Do you follow?

So, the nearest approach of the Absolute towards the mundane finite is found in Vṛndāvana, so, Vṛndāvana is so great for us. We may find here, *yasya linde para brahma* [?]

He’s astounding. The *yogīs* and *jñānīs* and other seekers, enquirers, they’re trying their utmost to find out Him, and He’s nowhere. And here He has come down, taking, sucking breast, on the lap, and being whipped, and stealing, and so many displays, He has come. It is inconceivable and untrustable. [Untrustworthy] We cannot put our confidence in that, which cannot put faith in, which is not trustworthy, beyond the reach of our trust.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari bol. So, stop here today. Gaura Hari bol...

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