

**SB 1.2.22: Certainly, therefore, since time immemorial, all transcendentalists have been rendering devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Personality of Godhead, with great delight, because such devotional service is enlivening to the self.**

1. This "therefore" means that one is firmly convinced, beyond all doubts. (*chidyante sarva-samsayah*, [SB 1.2.21](#))
  1. It is not a sentiment. We can explain how God created just by desiring.
  2. By following this bhagavata-dharma, one can become completely doubtless that God is a person, sentient, the supreme director, the supreme knower, the supreme physicist, the supreme chemist - everything, supreme.
  3. We do not blindly accept Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme personality of Godhead. We have got all our arguments, scientific and philosophical understanding and everything else.
  4. How does the devotee know Kṛṣṇa, who is unlimited?
    - Kṛṣṇa helps from within. (*teṣāṁ satata-yuktānāṁ*, [BG 10.10](#))
    - Guru helps from without.
  5. Even a third class devotee can come to first class position of doubtlessness. He needs to:
    - Stick to the devotional service according to the rules and regulation. (*vasudeve bhagavati bhakti-yogah prayojitah*, [SB 1.2.7](#)).
    - Take up all this devotional service in right earnestness to serve the Lord
    - Not slacken in following the rules and regulations.
2. Bhaktim atma-prasadanim – Devotional service is enlivening to the self.
  1. If we actually want happiness, pleasure, satisfaction then we must dovetail our activities with Kṛṣṇa. It is for our interest.
  2. The Lord being fully satisfied, the offering of service only benefits the devotee. Just like if one's face is decorated, the reflection of one's face in a mirror is also seen to be decorated. ([SB 7.9.11](#))
3. The speciality of devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is specifically mentioned herein.
  1. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the svayaṁ-rūpa Personality of Godhead, and all other forms/avatars/manifestations of Godhead are Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa's plenary portions and integrated parts. (*kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān svayam*, [SB 1.3.28](#))
    - Kṛṣṇa is the original candle from whom all equally potent candles (his expansions) are lit. (*The original candle*)
  2. The living entities are separated parts and parcels of the Personality of Godhead.
  3. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the original form of Godhead. (*mamaivāṁśo jīva-loke*, [BG 15.7](#))
  4. He is the last word in the Transcendence. (*bhagavān iti śabdya*, [SB 1.2.11](#))
  5. He is more attractive to the higher transcendentalists who participate in the eternal pastimes of the Lord.
  6. In no other forms the Lord offers intimate personal contact as in the transcendental pastimes of the Lord at Vrajabhūmi. (*The most attractive one*)
  7. Lord's pastimes are eternal and are manifested in due course once in a day of Brahmājī, as the sun rises on the eastern horizon at the end of every twenty-four hours.

**SB 1.2.23: The transcendental Personality of Godhead is indirectly associated with the three modes of material nature, namely passion, goodness and ignorance, and just for the material world's creation, maintenance and destruction He accepts the three qualitative forms of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva. Of**

these three, all human beings can derive ultimate benefit from Viṣṇu, the form of the quality of goodness.

1. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa and all His plenary parts are viṣṇu-tattva, or the Lordship of Godhead.
  1. Śrī Kṛṣṇa -> Baladeva -> Saṅkarṣaṇa -> Nārāyaṇa -> second Saṅkarṣaṇa -> Viṣṇu puruṣa-avatāras.
2. Lord Kṛṣṇa expands himself into Lord Viṣṇu, Brahma and Śiva for smooth execution of the affairs in the universe.

Kṣīrodakaśāyī Viṣṇu or Paramātmā	Deity of goodness	Maintenance
Brahma	Deity of passion	Creation
Śiva	Deity of ignorance	Destruction

3. Details about this material world
  1. Simply by glancing over the material nature and agitating the three modes of material nature, the whole creation comes out.
  2. It is temporary - It is created, maintained and annihilated. But the creator, Kṛṣṇa is ever existing.
    - **Analogy:** Like the flashlights - yellow, red, blue come and go, but the person controlling the lights always exists. (*Creator is existing but not the creation*)
  3. This creation is a chance given to the conditioned soul to bring him to his senses that he is eternally a servant of Kṛṣṇa and that his only business is to satisfy Kṛṣṇa.
  4. **Analogy:** Like in a mela, temporary township is created to facilitate the pilgrims, this material world is temporarily created to give a chance for purification. (*The material world – A chance*)
4. The ultimate benefit of liberation from repeated births can be obtained only from Viṣṇu.
  1. The Viṣṇu forms are always controllers of the material energy. (*daivi hy esa gunamayi, BG 7.14*)
    - Living beings appear in the material world with intentions of being lords, and thus they become entrapped by the three modes of nature.
    - The living entities have to change their material coverings for undergoing different terms of imprisonment.
    - Jīvas are sometimes subjected to the control of material energy
  2. Our conditioned life is due to our disobedience to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So unless we surrender unto Him, again become obedient, there is no question of liberation. (*mām eva ye prapadyante, BG 7.14*)
  3. The prison house of the material world is created by Brahmā under instruction of the Personality of Godhead.
  4. The materialists and the foolish human beings worship Brahmā and Śiva respectively.
    - One can obtain relative facilities for temporary relief. (*antavat tu phalam, BG 7.23*)
    - One continues prison life in the material world.
    - Passion and ignorance contaminate us with greediness and lust and entangle us. We will never come to our senses. (*tada rajas-tamo-bhavah kama-lobhadayas ca ye, SB 1.2.19*)
    - No demigod can release the imprisoned living being from the conditioned life of material existence.
    - **Analogy:** Just like if a prisoner pleases the superintendent, he may get some temporary facilities, but the superintendent cannot release him from the prison

house, only the government can. Similarly only Vishnu/Krsna can relieve us. ([No other method will relieve us](#))

5. **Analogy:** Tree grows from earth and gives wood. If we burn wood first we will get smoke and then fire. Really we need fire, not smoke or wood or earth. ([Necessity is fire](#))
5. Lord Viṣṇu is worshiped by devotional service only.
6. Krsna is the origin of all visnu-tattva. Therefore becoming Krsna conscious is the highest benefit of Life.