

SB 1.2.26: Those who are serious about liberation are certainly nonenvious, and they respect all. Yet they reject the horrible and ghastly forms of the demigods and worship only the all-blissful forms of Lord Viṣṇu and His plenary portions.

1. People do not know what is “mumuksavah”, desiring to be liberated.
 1. The so-called scientists, philosophers of the modern age do not know, yet they are the heads of education and public leaders.
 2. **Example:** Srila Prabhupada challenged at the meeting for “nonviolence” and explained the leaders are actually committing violence by making people lose the opportunity for liberation. (*Real nonviolence*)
 3. They are thinking liberation in terms of politics.
 4. Liberation means to get out of the cycle of repetition of birth and death.
 5. There is a great necessity to educate people in the goal of life.
2. Anasuyava – being non-envious
 1. One has to be free from envy to accept Krsna as the Supreme.
 2. Those who are envious of Krsna worship demigods.
 3. **Example:** Srila Prabhupada’s presentation of Krsna to Indians is not successful due to their envy toward Krsna. (*Envious of Krsna*)
3. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, expands Himself in two different categories, namely integrated plenary portions and separated parts and parcels.

Integrated plenary portions	Separated parts and parcels
Svamsa	Vibhinnamsa
viṣṇu-tattva	Jiva-tattva
As powerful as the original form of the Personality of Godhead.	Do not have unlimited power
All vishnu forms	Jivas and demigods
Award liberation	Cannot award liberation

4. One should never classify the viṣṇu-tattvas, in the same categories with the parts and parcels. If anyone does so he becomes at once an offender by the name pāṣaṇḍī.
5. Based on how they are influenced by modes, people have various objects of worship.

Material mode	Object of worship
Ignorance	Kāla-bhairava, Śmaśāna-bhairava, Śani, Mahākālī and Caṇḍikā
Passion	Brahmā, Śiva, Sūrya, Gaṇeśa and many similar deities.
Goodness	Viṣṇu-tattvas: Nārāyaṇa, Dāmodara, Vāmana, Govinda and Adhokṣaja.

6. The candidates for liberation deliberately reject the worship of the demigods, although they have no disrespect for any one of them.
 1. Knowing the demigods to be different servitors of the Lord, they have all respect for them, even though they may look ghastly, like Kāla-bhairava or Mahākālī.

- **My incident:** After coming to Krsna consciousness when my parents took me to Kali temple.
2. They concentrate only on the forms of Viṣṇu because they are serious about liberation from the material conditions.
 - Viṣṇu, and none else, can bestow upon us mukti, liberation and is therefore called mukti-pāda.
 - The demigods, like other living entities in the material world, are all liquidated at the time of the annihilation of the material structure.
 - The demigods can award the worshipers some temporary benefit only, and not the ultimate one.
 - **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)*
 - They are themselves unable to get liberation, and what to speak of giving liberation to their devotees.
 - **Example:** Hiraṇyakaśipu underwent a severe type of penance to become eternal in life, but his worshipful deity, Brahmā, said “I cannot grant you immortality as I myself am not immortal”. *(I cannot grant you immortality)*
 - Demigod worship is meant to elevate lowest class of men, who are attached to sense enjoyment, otherwise there is no necessity.
 3. That’s why ISKCON is called “Krsna consciousness” instead of “God consciousness”. *(Come to Krsna and you will be saved)*

SB 1.2.27: Those who are in the modes of passion and ignorance worship those in the same category — namely the forefathers, other living beings and the demigods who are in charge of cosmic activities — for they are urged by a desire to be materially benefited with women, wealth, power and progeny.

1. Those who are influenced by modes of passion and ignorance desire women, wealth, power and progeny.
 1. Those in the mode of goodness desire liberation, mumuksavah.
 2. A devotee does not want anything. He simply wants to be a faithful servant of Krsna. *(mama janmani janmanisvare bhavataḥ bhaktir ahaituki tvayi, Sri Siksastakam, Text 4).*
 3. **Example:** Lord Caitanya mahāprabhu also said, “*na dhanam na janam na sundarim*”.
2. If one is serious about going back to Godhead, there is no need to worship demigods.
 1. Those who are mad after material enjoyment approach the different demigods for temporary benefits, which are meant for men with a poor fund of knowledge. **(BG 7.20, 23)**
 2. Material enjoyment should be accepted only up to the point of the bare necessities of life and not more or less than that.
 3. To accept more material enjoyment means to bind oneself more and more to the miseries of material existence.
 4. More wealth, more women and false aristocracy are some of the demands of the materially disposed man because he has no information of the benefit derived from Viṣṇu worship.
 5. By Viṣṇu worship one can derive benefit in this life as well as in life after death.
 6. The aim of life is to end the miseries of life and not to increase them.

3. Even for material enjoyment there is no need to approach the demigods.
 1. The demigods are but servants of the Lord and they are duty-bound to supply necessities of life in the form of water, light, air, etc.
 2. We can directly approach Krsna for our material desires. (*akamah sarva-kamo va*, [SB 2.3.10](#))
 3. **My incident:** When trying to conceive, Mukunda prabhu advised to say a prayer to Krsna and not the demigods.
 4. **Example:** Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, when He was personally present at Vrajadhāma, stopped the worship of the demigod Indra and advised the residents of Vraja to worship by their business and to have faith in God.
 5. Even if Krsna breaks our hearts, we should never leave His lotus feet. (*Love of Krsna*)
4. There is only one religion in the world to be followed by one and all, and that is the Bhāgavata-dharma, or the religion which teaches one to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead and no one else.
 1. Worshiping the multi demigods for material gain is practically a perversity of religion. (*kaitava-dharma*, [SB 1.1.2](#))
 2. One should work hard and worship the Supreme Lord by the fruits of one's hard labor for existence, and that should be the motto of life.
 3. One should be careful to execute occupational service with faith in God in the proper way, and that will lead one gradually on the progressive march back to Godhead.