

**SB 1.2.33: The Supersoul enters into the bodies of the created beings who are influenced by the modes of material nature and causes them to enjoy the effects of these modes by the subtle mind.**

1. To explain something we simply say it is happening by “nature’s way”, as we do not know the details of how it is actually working.
  1. Kṛṣṇa is the one pushing the buttons of this automatic machine. **(Nothing is automatic)**
2. The Lord as Paramātmā helps the living being to get the material happiness.
  1. All the living entities, from Brahmā, down to the insignificant ant, are enjoying the material world according to the desires of the subtle mind and gross material body.
    - The gross material body is based on the conditions of the subtle mind, and the senses are created according to the desire of the living being.
      - We possess exactly the bodily features we desired and deserved.
    - This enjoyment is just in the mind, and is Maya. But the real enjoyment is beyond these senses. **(Real enjoyment)**
      - **Example:** Indradeva was so happy in the hog’s body that he did not want to return to the heaven. **(I am very happy)**
      - **Example:** Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati thakura often used to say the happiness in this world is like licking the bottle of honey.
  2. The living being is helpless in all respects even in obtaining what he desires. He proposes, and the Lord disposes.
3. But, the Lord is not in any way affected directly by the suffering and enjoyment of the living entities.
  1. Though all the living entities are His sons and the sufferings and enjoyments of the sons are indirectly the sufferings and enjoyments of the father, the Lord is unaffected being neutral and transcendental. **(aham bija-pradah pita, BG 14.4), (pāpaṁ na caiva sukṛtaṁ, BG 5.15)**
  2. He is so kind that He constantly remains with the living being as Paramātmā and always tries to convert the living being towards the real happiness.
    - **Analogy:** Two birds on the tree; the eating bird and the witnessing bird. **(Two birds on the tree)**
4. As practicing devotees if we remain in kanistha (prakṛta-bhakta) stage, we are also enjoying just the effects of the modes. We have to come at least to the madhyama stage.
  1. Characteristics of prakṛta-bhakta stage:
    - Satisfied only with the regulative principles for worshiping the Deity in the temple and follows the regulative principle daily, but does not try to go beyond that.
    - Can fall down very easily.
    - Executes devotional service with some material purpose.
    - Advancement is very slow.
  2. We have to move from material platform to the nirguna platform. How?
    - We have to associate with the advanced devotees - uttama-adhikaris.
    - We have to follow the regulative principles very strictly and sincerely. Then gradually we will be purified and come to the spiritual platform.
  3. We have to become transcendental to the three modes of material nature by doing everything only for Kṛṣṇa’s pleasure. **(Rising above the modes)**

**SB 1.2.34: Thus the Lord of the universes maintains all planets inhabited by demigods, men and lower animals. Assuming the roles of incarnations, He performs pastimes to reclaim those in the mode of pure goodness.**

1. Lord (Viṣṇu) incarnates Himself in each and every one of the universes and in each and every type of living society and manifests His transcendental pastimes just to create the desire to go back to Godhead.
  1. The Lord does not change His original transcendental position, but He appears to be differently manifested according to the particular time, circumstances and society.
  2. The Lord wants the suffering living beings to go back home, back to Godhead.
    - The happiness which the living beings are hankering for is not to be found within any corner of the innumerable universes and material planets.
    - The eternal happiness which the living being wants is obtainable only in the kingdom of God, but the forgetful living beings have no information of the kingdom of God.
    - God is more anxious to get us back to home, back to Godhead, therefore He comes personally.
  3. Lord reminds people that the real business is to conquer over the repetition of birth and death, punar-janma-jayaya. (*Real advancement*)
    - People are busy exploiting the resources of material nature.
    - The knowledge of the real purpose of life is lost.
    - Krsna is always joyful. Being part and parcel of Krsna, we are also meant to be always joyful. But we are facing so many problems in life due to this body. (*Krsna is always joyful*)
  4. The Lord comes to propagate the message of the kingdom of God, either personally as an incarnation or through His bona fide representative as the good son of God.
    - There are innumerable incarnations, just like waves of a river.
    - The propaganda for going back to Godhead is not only made within the human society, but in all types of societies, amongst demigods and those other than human beings.
  5. To accept the incarnations, we have to follow the direction of the Shastra otherwise we will be misled.
    - If we are fortunate enough we can see and accept the incarnation. (*sevon mukhe hi jihvadau, CC Madhya 17.136*)
    - People who are unfortunate, naradhamas will go on researching for God or inventing their own Gods. (*na mam duskrtino mudhah, BG 7.15*)
      - There are so many evidences in Shastra to state Lord Caitanya as incarnation of Krsna. But people who are blind do not accept it.
    - No one should claim themselves to be an incarnation.
      - **Example:** Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who was God Himself, used to block His ears with His hands and chant the name of Lord Visnu, when people called Him God. (*Lord Caitanya being called as God*)