

Coming to Lord Kṛṣṇa

In the Gītā, Lord Kṛṣṇa tells Arjuna that those who worship the lesser gods go to the lesser gods. Those that worship Lord Kṛṣṇa come to Him. As seekers, it is important for us to realize that Lord Kṛṣṇa is one only while the lesser gods are many. Indeed, they are legion. And they represent not only very subtle things, but, of course, gross ones as well. The Vedas are full of chants to the lesser gods for material goods and prosperity. They are also full of mantras for better births and higher things. There are gods of doing good to others, of having wealth so you can be of service to others.

All these, noble as they may be, are lesser gods. They can be worshipped and approached by the appropriate means. The higher our motivation, the higher the lesser gods. But then, how do we worship Lord Kṛṣṇa? In Pūjya Swāmī Chidānandajī's latest book, called *Seek the Beyond*, the final talk is entitled "Want Nothing." Lord Kṛṣṇa's final teaching to Arjuna, after telling him all the things he should practice, is to tell him to abandon all *dharma*-s and take refuge in the Lord alone.

Does this mean that we do nothing? It means that we want nothing for ourselves. Is this possible? Probably not, unless we really believe the scriptures when they tell us that we are already what we are seeking: That thou art. So, if we are already Lord Kṛṣṇa, then seeking *anything* takes us away from Lord Kṛṣṇa rather than towards Him. It takes us into the realm of the lesser gods. Thus the tremendous change that sooner or later is required in the lives of all seekers is to believe the *guru*-s and the scriptures when they tell us that we are That now.

Gurudev constantly referred to us as radiant divinities. The theme of all Pūjya Swāmī Chidānandajī's talks is: You are Divine, know this truth and live to express it. He constantly tells us to live an authentic life, rather than a spurious life. An authentic life is lived by wanting nothing because we already have everything. This totally releases us from all bondage to desires and allows our true Self to express itself. This is liberation from the ego, which is what our spiritual life is all about. It is simplicity itself—not easy, but simple. It is coming to Lord Kṛṣṇa.