

Room Conversation

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Prabhupāda: ...And Viṣṇu mand... Temple we are protected from 12 sides.

Devotee: Prabhupāda if you don't have any kind of *tilaka* can you put on with water.

Prabhupāda: Hm?

Devotee: If you don't have *tilaka*.

Prabhupāda: Why you? Why you will not have? You can have *tilaka*. Why water?

Devotee: I mean, [indistinct] that *tilaka* is washed over something.

Prabhupāda: "Washed over," see again people. Just like ready [indistinct] powderpuff.

Devotees: [Laughs]

Prabhupāda: Why don't you do that? Why don't you do like that? Eh? If they can carry. What is that?

Devotee: [indistinct] handbag.

Prabhupāda: No there is a technical name.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Mādrī? What is that name? You never. You have left it? All right.
Param dṛṣṭvā nivartate [Bg 2.59].

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Hm?

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Anyway the ladies carry some bag.

Devotee: Lady purse.

Prabhupāda: Eh? Lady purse. That's all right. So you carry something like that. And you know there is no [indistinct]. Just like we do sometimes, sometimes in aeroplane. You have to do that. Keep always a trademark. And our trade is Kṛṣṇa business.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Eh?

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Just like you have this.

Devotee: [indistinct] sandalwood or.

Prabhupāda: No wood, any [indistinct].

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: It is called *gopī-candana*. *Gopī-candana*. This is available..

Indian: Available in the markets.

Prabhupāda: Which is known as also Multan Muskit [?] So there is agreement, so keep a little small mirror. And a piece of. There is no...

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Eh?

Devotee: [indistinct].

Prabhupāda: We are without...

Indian: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Oh yes. But. My Guru Mahārāja without mirror he could, and what is there? We can do also. [indistinct].

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Yes. Eh? There is this, *tilaka, ūrdhva-puṇḍra*. This is for Vaiṣṇavas or demigods. And this is for the demons.

Devotee: [indistinct] Prabhupāda?

Prabhupāda: Demons. Because demons are, they are devotees just like Rāvaṇa. He was a great devotee of Lord Śiva. You know that? But he was known as a demon. Is it not? Why? Rāvaṇa was a great devotee, Hiraṇyakaśipu was a great devotee of Brahmā but he was known as a demon. Is it not? Yes. Anyone who defies the authority of Viṣṇu or the Supreme Personality of Godhead, he is a demon. *Viṣṇu-bhaktō bhaved daivaḥ* [Padma Purāṇa].

[There are two classes of men in the created world. One consists of the demoniac and the other of the godly. The devotees of Lord Viṣṇu are the godly, whereas those who are just the opposite are called demons.]

Those who are devotees of Viṣṇu, they are *devatās*. And those who are opposite number, maybe devotees of anyone else. Very good man but he was a demon.

Viṣṇu-bhakto bhaved daiva āsuras tad-viṣṇu-parayāt, anyone who is not a Viṣṇu bhakta, he is a demon. What is that?

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Yes, so if we tell the truth there is demoniac.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Yes. So it doesn't matter whether a *sannyāsī*. Rāvaṇa was also *sannyāsī* his purpose was to kidnap Sītā. Is it not? He was... He kidnaped Sītā in the dress of a *sannyāsī*. Therefore he is a demon.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Eh? *Sannyāsī* is *mahātmā* a devotee. *Mahātmānas tu mām pārtha daivīm prakṛtim āśritāḥ bhajanty ananya-manaso* [Bg 9.13]

[O son of Pṛthā, those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature. They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible.]

[Hindi]

Indian: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Eh?

Indian: [Hindi]

Prabhupāda: [Hindi]

Indian: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: He's demon. The demons also are sometimes are very powerful. They are very learned also sometimes. Just like Rāvaṇa was very learned, very

powerful, but he was a demon. Kamsa was also very powerful, Hiraṇyakaśipu was so powerful that all the demigods would faint by seeing his angry eyes.

Devotees: [Laughter]

Prabhupāda: Prahlāda Mahārāja says like that. "My dear Lord, you are trying to give me material benefits, thank you very much. But I have seen my father was so materially powerful that simply by seeing his angry eyes the demigods would faint. But you have seen it, they want it. So what is the value of this, why you are offering this." So that...

What is the value of this material benefit, it is known to the devotees. Therefore it is said that they are not interested. They are simply interested in serving the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. That is their only offer. They are no more interested in anything else. And that is *mukti*, when one is situated in that position that he has no more anything to do with anything else except Kṛṣṇa. That is... he is immediately liberated.

Devotee: Śrīla Prabhupāda which Canto is [indistinct] Ajāmila

Prabhupāda: Hm?

Devotee: Which Canto in *Śrīmad Bhāgavatam* [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Arjuna?

Devotee: Ajāmila [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Eh? fifth canto? What is his question?

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Speak one. Either you speak or they speak. Why you take two? What is the question? I cannot understand. What is that?

Devotee: He wants to know what Canto, what Ajāmila story is from.?

Prabhupāda: Oh, sixth Canto. That's all right. I could not follow the Ajāmila pronunciation. Therefore I was puzzled.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Yes... Now at college, there was one Mr. Carmichael. He was Scotsman. So all the Scotsman they used to say dyuty. Not duty. Buety, that is for beauty.

Devotees: [Laughter]

Prabhupāda: So, one, one [Laughs] of our class friends, his name was Pramuka Mukarjay I remember. He was very cunning. So he stood up, "Sir, is that Scot's pronunciation?" He became very much angry. Mr. Carmichael. [Laughs] "Yes, that is English pronunciation." He said like. "That is correct English pronunciation." [indistinct].

Devotees: [Laughter]

Prabhupāda: So this pronunciation, that trouble is our. There is a secular place I think they are different soldiers from different provinces. They were speaking and nobody could understand. There was a trouble. What is that book? King Lear or something. These difficulties are always there. Even in India the pronunciations are different... No one can tell you. [end]