

like us But this position of the pseudo-moralist arises from an imperfect understanding There is not in this episode any trace of taint which the moralist would have us behold Sri Krishna, the enchanter of the Gopis had just seen nine autumns when he had concluded his sports with the milk-maids of Brindavan Is it ever possible for a boy of eight or nine to have any kind of conjugal relationship with thousands of women? Does the plan of nature admit of such a possibility? And it must be noted that those milk-maids proved themselves faithful to the core to their husbands Those Gopis were inviting the entire lot in the township to go and join them in their mirth with the divine lad Carnality has exclusiveness as its characteristic This communion of the Gopis with Krishna is just the opposite of it

And Sri Krishna is adored as Hrishikesa The meaning of this appellation is that He is the lord of the senses We, ordinary mortals, are slaves of the senses, whereas this Divine Being had complete sway over them As long as one is body-bound and is prone to body-consciousness one cannot hope to taste supreme beatitude This was the lesson that the boy Krishna had taught the Gopis The goal of human life is to transcend body-consciousness All through his earthly career Sri Krishna was delivering this message, poised in divinity His victorious encounters with the wicked demons were extraordinary In the midst of these deeds of valour He was ever established in His Supreme Self More