

man is not prepared to avail himself of it. His base mind drags him away from the Divine. This earth-bound mind is very useful to him to procure those things only that are detrimental to spiritual growth. Its vagrant behaviour continues through several births before discrimination dawns on it. When right understanding develops, the mind submits itself to be directed Godward. It is then weaned from the world and dedicated to the Lord. The mind that had erstwhile been the den of base tendencies is converted into the sanctuary of the Divine. And this is a sublime and soul-redeeming turning point in man's life.

As the devotion to the Lord increases, the devotee imbues the divine qualities of the Lord. In her excessive love of Sri Krishna, each Gopi thought she was herself Sri Krishna. And this is the goal to which pure devotion leads the devotee. While in the process of getting fixed in it a divine madness overtakes the devotee; the Lord in his turn becomes mad for His devotee.

When the love for a person overshadows the love of wealth, all the wealth is willingly sacrificed for that person, even as parents do for their children. To a devotee nothing in the world is dearer than his Lord. His offering therefore as sacrifice all his possessions and ultimately himself too, is but a matter of course.

Prostration is a mark of subordinating one's individuality to the greatness of another. The devotee delights in prostrating himself before his Lord,