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Vishnu Sahasranama Part 45: Dhatur Uttam, The Supreme Source by Shri Chandan Goswami Maharaj

All the ancient *acharyas* have explained this sacred Name in a similar way. Adi Shankaracharya states, धातुः विरिञ्चेरुत्कृष्टः इति *dhātuḥ viriñcer utkrṣṭaḥ iti*, "Dhatuh means the one who is superior to Virinchi (Brahma)." Similarly, Shri Parashar Bhatt says: यो वै स्यात् धातुरुत्कृष्टः स च स्यात् धातुरुत्तमः *yo vai syāt dhātur utkrṣṭaḥ sa ca syāt dhāturuttamaḥ*, "He who is superior to the creator, Brahma, is called Dhatur Uttam."

Shri Baldev Vidyabhushan says,

अतो धातुरुत्तमः धातुर्विरिञ्च्वादपि
जनकत्वादिनोत्कृष्टमित्यर्थः।

*ato dhāturuttamaḥ dhāturviriñccādapi
janakatvādinotkrṣṭam ity arthaḥ।*



"He is superior to the creator Brahma and others, because he is their source."

Many people try to equate various gods and goddesses with Shri Krishn. However, Baldev Vidyabhushan explains that while all gods, goddesses, and the universe originate from Brahma, Brahma originates from Shri Krishn. This explanation is based upon Dand Pupika Nyay.

According to Dand Pupika Nyay, once meaning has been established, other meanings can be inferred based on that meaning. For example, Brahma originates from Shri Krishn, and other deities originate from Brahma. Therefore, stating that Krishn is greater than Brahma and is Dhatur Uttam (the Supreme Origin), automatically means that he is also greater than all the other deities.



Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Shikshashtakam **Part 3, The Wildfire** **by Shri Chandan Goswami Maharaj**



We all have a limited capacity to process information. Like an old computer, our minds can become overloaded with unwanted data, and when the mind overheats, we start to burn. Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says, "*bhava mahadavagni nirvapanam*." Everyone is burning in the fire of worldly life.

A small fire can be easy to control, and food can be cooked with it. But this is not that kind of fire. Mahaprabhu says, "Material life is a vast wildfire." Recently, in California, a forest fire spread everywhere, destroyed many homes, and harmed many people and animals. In the very same way, all the information in this world is like a wildfire.

The only fact we need to receive is that "I am Krishn's eternal servant." Once this is understood, we should focus on our spiritual

goal. But we are not doing this because we are so involved in all kinds of useless things happening in our lives. Unfortunately, we store 100% of these worldly experiences and memories, whether it is useful to us or not.

We are already overloaded with our life data and that of our family members. But now, with social media, our circle has widened considerably. And we are trying to capture all the data from every person's life. "Oh! This person said something to that person; these other two people fought", and so forth. We are receiving all sorts of data, which is completely useless. This is the first point we have to understand.

The Wildfire

If a forest has 10,000 trees, each one is connected to the others. A tree cannot say, "I don't want to be with the other trees, I want to grow in some other place." In the same way, we are all connected. The moment we are born, we have connections with our mother and father, our relatives and community, and all the information, the fire, they bring. It's not in our hands; it happens naturally.

In nature, when 10,000 trees sway in the wind, the friction between them can lead to a fiery outbreak. In the same way, all our negativity, anger, desires and other defects are already burning us from within, and it only takes a little wind, or a minor incident, to create a raging outburst amongst multiple people.

When this type of friction occurs, we think, "Oh, I hate my relatives, my friends, my mother and father, my sister and brother," because of all the negativity already stored in us. We get to a point where a momentary spark causes a fire that rips through us, and we become completely furious.

When our bad qualities rub against another person's bad qualities, it results in anger. All of us have desires and various defects. When our imperfections meet with another person's, it causes a blaze that burns us further. All this happens due to our previous life's *karm*, which is known as *prarabdha karm*. Whatever good or bad we have done in past incarnations is calculated by Chitragupta, and we receive our next birth accordingly based on the results of that calculation. Then you think, "My father is awful..." but your father is bad because of your *prarabdh karm*. Because of something you did in a previous life, you were supposed to face that punishment or situation in this life. No one can avoid that.

Likewise, the soul does not choose to be born in a particular family; rather, because of our *prarabdh*, we get a specific community, friends, situations, and so forth.

The Pandavs had Dhritarastra and Duryodhan in their life. They didn't choose this; it had to happen. They were born in a family where a hundred cousins were ready to kill them. Nobody would choose such a life, but due to *prarabdh karm*, we get the life we deserve, and everyone has to accept it.

People may speak to us wrongly, or certain characters may enter our lives, and we cannot change them, and everyone knows it. They may provoke us just by their presence, give us negativity, and make us upset or angry. So this is what Mahaprabhu is saying: everyone is burning. We are not sadhus yet. We want to be, but we are not.

Controlling Our Actions

Ultimately, nobody else is responsible for our burning in this fire except us. Often, we feel that our parents, siblings, spouse, or friends are wrong. No, they are merely playing a role because of our *prarabdh*. Now, how do you react to that?

If you are reacting according to *dharm*, in the right way, then there is no issue. Then you're behaving in a manner that is good for your future. But if you respond inappropriately – if someone is ready to put you on fire and you're so set to burn yourself down – then you are creating a new *karm* for yourself. This is the *karm* cycle.

If someone has spoken badly about me, very good, very nice – I will not say anything. Because if I do, then that will become my *karm*. So I am not going to say a single thing to anyone. I don't want to create new *karm* for my life because I want to attain Eternal Vrindavan. It's as simple as that.

To be continued . . .



Braj Animal Care



Bachpan Se Seva - Nurturing Kindness from Childhood

At Braj Animal Care, we believe that compassion starts young. That's why we launched Bachpan Se Seva (*Service from Childhood*) in May 2025, a special initiative introducing young children to the animal welfare world.

A Day of Joy and Purpose - 11 May 2025, Vrindavan

Thanks to generous support from our patrons and tireless volunteers, we hosted a heartwarming event filled with learning, creativity, and service.

Children began the day by feeding familiar street dogs along our regular route, carefully supervised for safety. They delighted in interacting with the animals, showing remarkable gentleness and empathy.

Back at Bhakti Dham, the children participated in a poster-making session to reflect on their experiences. They also attended a brief, interactive presentation on Braj Animal Care's work—how we began during the pandemic and how we continue to treat and protect stray animals today. Our unique balloon-based dog-catching demo was a clear favourite!





Learning Through Fun

After enjoying refreshments (including various fruits and a Spider-Man cake!), the children joined a lively Q&A session, followed by animal-themed games. Each child received a certificate and an eco-friendly bamboo tumbler from our new merchandise range.

The event concluded with soulful *kirtans*, uniting parents, children, and volunteers in a spirit of community and shared compassion.

Why It Matters

Bachpan Se Seva helps children:

- Build empathy and emotional intelligence
- Learn responsibility through action
- Grow into compassionate, conscious citizens

Be Part of the Next Chapter

Join us in our efforts and help us raise a generation that truly cares.

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Maharajji's Latest Updates



When Dharma Meets Drama Online

In an age where every thought finds a platform and every voice an audience, social media and the internet have become both a sanctuary and a battlefield. The digital world can be emotionally and mentally taxing for spiritual seekers, especially those deeply rooted in tradition and scripture. I will share my honest reflection, shaped by personal experience and some understanding of how the human mind works.

1. Not All Knowledge is Meant for Everyone

Spiritual knowledge, like the teachings of the *Bhagwad Gita*, *Ayurveda*, or different paths of yoga, was originally given to sincere and qualified students. Just as one must study hard to understand subjects like physics or medicine, understanding scripture also requires preparation. Qualities like humility, self-discipline, and a pure, focused mind are necessary to absorb these teachings.

But today, the internet has removed all filters. Just as one wouldn't argue with a surgeon during an operation based on a Google search, it's equally inappropriate to debate deep spiritual matters without foundational understanding. Yet, we now live in an age where opinion often masquerades as expertise, and this causes immense frustration for those who are truly trained in the subject.

Psychology Insight: This phenomenon is known as the Dunning-Kruger effect, where individuals with limited ability overestimate their knowledge. For spiritualists, this often leads to involvement in unproductive debates with individuals who lack both the training and the temperament to engage meaningfully.

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Spiritual Questions and Answers with Maharajji

Q: These days, we see Laddu Gopalji being served as if he were a child or son, without any particular *niyam* (discipline or regulation). Is this appropriate?

A: Television and media have largely popularised this trend. It is neither *shastriya* (scripturally based) nor *Vedic bhakti*. It is often observed that such practices are mostly followed by individuals who do not have a Guru. Therefore, this is not considered *sampradayik bhakti* – devotion taught within an authorised discipline.

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Vaishnav Calendar

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