

## QUESTIONS BY VASUDEVA TO NĀRADA & NIMI TO YOGENDRAS

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**11.2.7** - O brāhmaṇa, although I am satisfied simply by seeing you, I still wish to inquire about those duties which give pleasure to the Supreme Personality of Godhead [*dharmān bhāgavatāms*]. Any mortal who faithfully hears about them is freed from all kinds of fear. **8** - In a previous birth on this earth, I worshiped the Supreme Lord, Ananta, who alone can award liberation, but because I desired to have a child, I did not worship Him for liberation. Thus I was bewildered by the Lord's illusory energy. **9** - My dear lord, you are always true to your vow. Please instruct me clearly, so that by your mercy I may easily free myself from material existence, which is full of many dangers and keeps us constantly bound in fear.

### REPLY BY NĀRADA

**11.2.11** - Śrī Nārada said: O best of the Sātvatas, you have quite correctly asked about the eternal duty of the living entity toward the Supreme Lord [*bhāgavatān dharmān*]. Such devotional service to the Lord is so potent that its performance can purify the entire universe.

**11.2.14** - To explain the devotional service of the Lord, sages have related the ancient history of the conversation between the great soul King Videha and the sons of Rṣabha.

### NINE QUESTIONS OF MAHĀRĀJA NIMI TO THE NINE YOGENDRAS (Kavi, Havi, Antarikṣa, Prabuddha, Pippalāyana, Āvirhotra, Drumila, Camasa and Karabhājana)

#### ONE

**11.2.30** - Therefore, O completely sinless ones, I ask you to kindly tell me what the supreme good [*ātyantikarṇ kṣemarṇ*] is. After all, even half a moment's association with pure devotees within this world of birth and death is a priceless treasure for any man. **31** - Please speak about how one engages in the devotional service of the Supreme Lord [*dharmān bhāgavatān*], if you consider me capable of properly hearing these topics. When a living entity offers loving service to the Supreme Lord, the Lord is immediately satisfied, and in return He will give even His own self to the surrendered soul.

#### ANSWER TO ONE: ŚRĪ KAVI 11.2.33-43

#### TWO

**11.2.44** - Mahārāja Nimi said: Now please tell me in greater detail about the devotees of the Supreme Lord. What are the natural symptoms by which I can distinguish between the most advanced devotees, those on the middle level and those who are neophytes? What are the typical religious activities of a Vaiṣṇava, and how does he speak? Specifically, please describe those symptoms and characteristics by which Vaiṣṇavas become dear to the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

**ANSWERTO TWO : ŚRĪ HAVI 11.2.45-55**

**THREE**

**11.3.1** Now we wish to learn about the illusory potency [*māyām*] of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Viṣṇu, which bewilders even great mystics [*māyinām*]. My lords, please speak to us about this subject.

**ANSWER TO THREE : ŚRĪ ANTARĪKṢA 11.3.3-16**

**FOUR**

**11.3.17** O great sage, please explain how even a foolish materialist [*sthūla-dhiyaḥ*] can easily cross over the illusory energy of the Supreme Lord, which is always insurmountable for those who are not self-controlled [*akṛta-ātmabhiḥ*].

**ANSWER TO FOUR: ŚRĪ PRABUDDHA 11.3.18-33**

**FIVE**

**11.3.34** Please explain to me the transcendental situation [*niṣṭhām*] of the Supreme Lord, Nārāyaṇa, who is Himself the Absolute Truth and the Supersoul of everyone. You can explain this to me, because you are all most expert in transcendental knowledge [*brahma-vit-tamāḥ*].

**ANSWER TO FIVE: ŚRĪ PIPPALĀYANA 11.3.35-40**

**SIX**

**11.3.41** O great sages, please speak to us about the process of *karma-yoga*. Purified by this process of dedicating one's practical work to the Supreme, a person can very quickly free himself from all material activities [*karmāṇi*], even in this life,

and thus enjoy pure life [*naiṣkarmyam*] on the transcendental platform. **3.42** Once in the past, in the presence of my father, Mahārāja Ikṣvāku, I placed a similar question before four great sages who were sons of Lord Brahmā. But they did not answer my question. Please explain the reason for this.

**ANSWER TO SIX: ŚRĪ ĀVIRHOTRA 11.3.43-55**

**SEVEN**

**11.4.1** King Nimi said: The Supreme Personality of Godhead descends into the material world by His internal potency and according to His own desire. Therefore, please tell us about the various pastimes Lord Hari has performed in the past, is performing now and will perform in this world in the future in His various incarnations.

**ANSWER TO SEVEN: ŚRĪ DRUMILA 11.4.2-23**

**EIGHT**

**11.5.1** King Nimi further inquired: My dear Yogendras, all of you are most perfect in knowledge of the science of the self. Therefore, kindly explain to me the destination of those who for the most part never worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, who are unable to quench their material desires and who are not in control of their own selves.

**ANSWER TO EIGHT: ŚRĪ CAMASA 11.5.2-18**

**NINE**

**11.5.19** King Nimi inquired: In what colors and forms does the Supreme Personality of Godhead appear in each of the different ages, and with what names and by what types of regulative principles is the Lord worshiped in human society?

**ANSWER TO NINE: ŚRĪ KARABHĀJANA 11.5.20-42**