

# Anugatyam

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[...] Translating the word “anugatyam” as “following someone” is not clear enough. This word awakens the association that the bhakta – in his future cit-shakti-body, which he will receive later – shall do what they do who are Krishnas intimate, direct beloved, those who partake of His love plays. This is completely wrong.

The Sanskrit word “anugatya” means “to stay *behind* someone who is doing something”, and the word “gopi-bhava” does not mean to feel or think that one is this or that gopi who serve *Him directly*, or that one is a gopi who serve Him directly. It means to serve Him with *the same purity as they do*, which means to be free from every expectation of [any kind of] experience [enjoyment] or happiness. It is a matter of “how” one shall serve, not “that” one shall do *what* they do in their service. Gopi-bhava means to attach oneself serving, lovingly in the form of a handmaid of those who serve Him directly in the love play. [...]

Since eternity, the highest rasa or realization of the love play in the service of Krishna is *only* attainable by His Own eternal beloved ones. Shringara rasa or the realization of the service of Krishna as His beloved ones is the monopoly of His eternal beloved shakti-s. These handmaids and beloved ones are so dear to Krishna because they unselfishly only want to serve Radha and Krishna, to serve only for Her and His sake. [...]

(Sadananda, Corrections, page 208)