

Krishna-darshana

Letter from Svami Sadananda Dasa
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Dear Vamandas, dear Hella, dear friends, [...]

I have neither supernatural powers of yoga, a sentimental smile nor even tears at my disposal, and I am not interested in creating a momentary commotion in the European public. [...]

Please also note that there is *no Krishna-darshana with one's eyes* (bahih-sakshatkar) [a direct encounter with Krishna in the outside world] since Krishna and Mahaprabhu were no longer visible here on earth [as avatara-s]. Everything that is said about God's darshana in modern India is nonsense. Neither *He*, His parishada-s [eternal companions] nor His realm (dhama) become visible until the next day of Brahma [a new kalpa] and the three worlds emanate again.

Bhagavata-Puranam and everything belonging to it *is* the Sun to enlighten kali-yuga, and this Puranam says that nothing else [belonging to the category of Reality] remains here [when Krishna and Mahaprabhu are not visibly present anymore]. And Mahaprabhu has emphasized this several times. It is pure nonsense when it is said that this and this person have received Krishna's darshana [in the outside world], and that others saw this or that someone showed this to others. Krishna enters the heart through the ear, and is seen – if ever – inwardly, in the heart. When we have given up our body, our heart, mind and soul and have received a body etc. of cit, *then*, when we have been received into the community of His parishada-s [eternal companions], subordinated to them, then, in order to be able to serve directly, we can directly see and serve Krishna and His parishada-s. This cannot be made clear enough, as there are poor creatures here and in the West who say that they can show “Bhagavan” to the people, just as one can see a calf with five legs on the fair. Such a fellow has cropped up here again, near Calcutta, where the stupid ones are heading.

Always Your Sadananda