

Lobha, the Greed to Serve

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[...] From the lips of the bhakta-s, who explain the authoritative Word Revelation to him, the bhakta has received knowledge of God and wants to serve Him. At this stage, however, the bhakta cannot serve Him directly in His Own realm, because God has not yet made Himself visible to him. Through the authoritative Word Revelation, however, God gives him knowledge of the indirect form of service, and when – during his listening to Krishna’s lila, whose signification becomes known to him through the potency of bhakti – the bhakta receives the greed to serve the eternal co-players, then this potency of service will make the bhakta aware of in which way and in which cit-form he will serve and which his specific forms of service are that will be incumbent on him in God’s realm.

It is neither the wish and will to “participate in the lila”, nor to participate by *servi*ng in the lila that inspire him. It is the strong desire, the greed to *serve*, lobha. If it was the desire to participate in the lila, then it would be the desire to attain the two forms of mukti called salokya and samipya: to dwell in His realm and in His vicinity, which is something that the bhakta always rejects. It is through this greed of wanting to serve the eternal bhaktas that he later – when his time comes – receives a body and mind etc. consisting of cit-shakti, through which he can serve.

Only those who are without a vestige of bhakti want to be able to participate in the lila; [which means] that they will never be able to participate in the lila. All those who are truly rendering service, and this is what all His bhaktas do in every realm of His, they serve, being one with their service. [...]

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