

The Message

Letter from Sadananda to Hella
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Into English, within square brackets, footnotes, and

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Dear Hella, [...]

You must not feel dejected when you perceive that many who listen to Vamandas' message are driven into helplessness and rationalisation. What we have to say is so completely against what is called man's 'natural' (?) instinct, his instinctive thinking.

Except for God Himself – Shyama Krishna and Gaura Krishna, when They make Themselves directly visible, *no one* can arouse a movement of bhakti in human beings.¹ There will only be a few elevated souls², who can truly perceive something of the exquisite nature of the seva that intensifies endlessly – for most persons it will be an intellectual and emotional novelty, a sensation that will soon fade.

Vamandas and his Hella are those I admire because they do seva – for His and Her sake – and that Both of Them accept your seva is without any doubt. If people understand, praise or criticise is irrelevant, but if one or two show up, is this the outer proof that Both of Them are within you and stand behind you. Something about Shyama Krishna and Gaura Krishna must enter Western literature so that, in the near or distant future, those who are genuinely seeking can discover this unique literature in libraries.

My best thoughts for you both,
always Sadananda

¹ Note: Bhakti is not dormant in the atma; it has to be transmitted by God or His bhakta. An uttama-bhakta, a bhakta of the highest rank, can bestow bhakti upon an atma. Krishna-Caitanya Himself can bless a great number of atmas in both moving and non-moving living beings not only with bhakti, but even prema-bhakti.

² Those who have seeds of bhakti from previous lives.