

# The Nature of Manjari-Seva

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[...] It is a mistake to think that Yashoda-Nanda's *inner* kind of bhakti could ever be had by any human being, even in the remotest way. This bhakti is characteristic of the cit-forms [eternal co-players] of *Vraja*, in contrast to the bhakti characterising other cit-forms of *Vaikuntha*.

It is more important to try to correctly understand what bhakti is, and it is a great mistake wanting to insist that what one does as seva here should be *exclusively* accepted, pushing *others* into the background. Krishna loves the manjari-s so much because they render seva for Radha and the sakhi-s without *any* wish for their own sukha [happiness] and don't *want* to push their way forward to be in Radha's and Krishna's *direct* presence.

In our *seva* in this world, we must try to do it in the same way, be without any expectation that our personal seva should be appreciated, accepted and praised. [...]