

A Safe Organization – a Mother

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Hella, Vamandas, friends, [...]

One thing You must *not* forget. Such people need a support, a protection, a safe organization, a *mother*. Bhakti is difficult, the individual is completely *alone* with God and it is very, very difficult for one – even if he had his guru – to actually *practise* bhakti in the West, i.e. to sense what is *cit* behind the veil of the seemingly *Indian* appearance and covering (externally and linguistically).

99,9 % of those who listen to You and read Your books while they search will cool down after their first enthusiasm and go on searching somewhere else. People want to bring themselves, the concrete man himself, into bhakti – man, whose worthlessness they are unable to realize, because they don't know and experience anything else than what they daily and since millions of lives before know and experience as their "I".

Even Mahaprabhu and His Own co-players came to a deadlock – when no one else was eligible to receive bhakti. Not to expect anything, not even physical and mental "shanti", inner peace, in one's heart of hearts, as God's gift in return for our efforts – this is only for those few who are the noblest of the noble. And while it is so rare, I love You both so much, Hella and Vamandas. [...]

Haven't I myself, before the war¹, given lectures, explained the Shastrams? Thousands – and except a few, has anyone been able to make a 180° turn from self-centredness to God-centredness? And yet, those two or three are worth the effort [...]

Always Your Sadananda

¹ From 1935 to 1939 all over India.