

# Pashandi and Papi

Letter from Sadananda

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Dear Vamandas, dear Hella, dear friends, [...]

*Pashandi* or *pashanda* means the same: a *person* who hears and intellectually knows *who* and *what* God etc. is, and *consciously rejects* it; let us say a sinner [an *aparadhi*] against the Holy Spirit.

A *papi* or sinner is someone who performs deeds violating the laws God has given society and the individual, the *observance* of which *makes it easier* for a person to *become* affected by (but still not gives him) God's Own potency of pure knowledge [*bhakti*], which is present *everywhere*.

The *first* contact with this power is called the *power of Mercy*, and it bestows the ability to stop thinking of *one's own happiness*, the happiness of one's own soul, heart, atma – in this world or the next, completely contrary to the *conception of mercy* in the religions [of the world] and what man expects from the image of God he has fabricated himself, in accordance with his own taste.

A *pashandi* can also be a *papi*, sinner. But he who is only a sinner is someone who is so entangled in his worldly concerns that the thought of God does not even comes to his mind, and much less the thought of denying what God says of Himself.

A *sinner* wears a dirty vest, a *pashandi* an armour of rubber, hermetically sealed, like the ones the nuclear blokes wear, and he insists upon keeping it on. To kill him quickly is *Mercy*, because his mortal sins against the Holy Spirit increase all the time. – But you know that the atma in him is *eternal* [...] and neither Krishna nor Brindaban Das [the author of Caitanya-Bhagavatam] beat the skull in of his non-brother. He lets him do what he is set on. He just gives a warning: not to associate with him. [...]

Always your Sadananda