

A very strong desire is needed to see God

A pure-hearted boy went to a devotee of God and said to him: "Please help me in having the darshan of God. I take you to be my guru." That devotee was not a very accomplished person, so he told the boy very honestly: "God is everywhere, but it is difficult to find him." But that reply did not satisfy the boy. So he repeatedly pressed his guru: "No, I am certain that you can help me in having the darshan of God. You must tell me some way of accomplishing that." At that, the devotee simply told this much to the boy: "God lives in Mathura-Vrindavan. You can find him there."

The boy followed the advice and went to Mathura-Vrindavan. For two days, he wandered the cities of Mathura and Vrindavan, and asked everybody, he ran into about the whereabouts of God. People gave him all kinds of answers. Somebody told the boy: "Yes, truly there was a time when God lived here. But now He either lives in the hearts of people or in his own LOKA (world, celestial space or location)." Another told him: "What that person says is true, but through efforts we can find Him here as well." The boy moved about from one place to another, enquiring like that. But, he could not get a reply, which could serve his purpose. All the same, he kept on thinking, "Guruji's recommendation could not be untrue. If he had said that God is in Mathura-Vrindavan, then He must be here. Let me go and search for Him in the forests and groves."

Thinking like that, the boy went into a forest. When he could not locate God, he sat down to engage in tapasyaa. He decided to stay put and get up only after finding God. He neither ate nor did he drink. Three days went by like that. On the third day, a boy came to him with milk in a bowl and pressed him to drink. The boy told the newcomer: "I will eat or drink only from the hands of God, and nobody else." The newcomer repeatedly pressed our boy to drink the milk, but our boy refused to give in. Finally, seeing his firmness, the newcomer declared to him: "I am the God."

"When the boy heard that, he was very happy. But he told the newcomer: "How do I know that you are God? Only when my guru accepts you as God only then I shall accept you as God. So you must come with me to my guruji."

The newcomer said to the boy: "I will go with you, but please drink the milk at least." The boy caught hold of the hand of the newcomer and drank the milk. Thereafter, he proceeded to the home of his guruji while strongly clutching the hand of the newcomer. After reaching there, he shouted from outside of the home: "Guruji, I have brought God with me. You must look at Him, and tell me if He is God or not?"

Guruji got up, looked down from the top story, and said: "Yes, He truly is the God. But why are you holding His hand so forcefully?"

So a man's intentions and desires must be very strong. Once they are firm, nothing is impossible for a man, and God cannot be beyond his reach.

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