

THE MARKET PLACE OF THE HOLY NAME

	Discoveries	Practice
Amṛta Vāṇī 1	<i>the power of faith</i>	<i>silence</i>
➤ Amṛta Vāṇī 2	<i>all things will be revealed through chanting</i>	<i>controlling the mind</i>
Amṛta Vāṇī 3	<i>the name has the same effect as the form</i>	<i>purity</i>
Amṛta Vāṇī 4	<i>the fuel for spiritual life: mercy</i>	<i>contemplating the meaning of the mantra</i>
Amṛta Vāṇī 5	<i>chanting with feelings of separation</i>	<i>patience</i>
Amṛta Vāṇī 6		<i>steadfastness</i>

DISCOVERIES

ALL THINGS WILL BE REVEALED THROUGH CHANTING

How will we find out who we are and what our service is? Our *ācāryas* give us a clear answer: everything will be revealed to you by chanting the holy name. The holy name will rise within the heart of a sincere chanter like the sun in the clear sky and shine in the heart, making all these details visible. In a letter to a disciple Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura explains how this revelation takes place (*Śrīla Prabhupādera Patrāvati*, vol. 1, pages 4-5):

1. The first stage one must obtain is the stage of **offenseless chanting**.
2. Then the holy name reveals your own spiritual **form** to you. In the beginning, this is manifested by realizing that one is separate from the gross and subtle bodies. You begin to actually see and feel “I am a spiritual person.” You also realize Kṛṣṇa’s form and you become extremely attracted to it.
3. Next, the holy name reveals your specific **qualities** to you. Then you realize more of Kṛṣṇa’s qualities like his compassion and beauty, and you become attracted to them.
4. Then you will realize your particular **activities** in the spiritual world and Kṛṣṇa’s activities.
5. At this last stage you will realize your eternal **service**.



Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura ends his letter by saying, “It is unnecessary to write anything more on this subject. All these things will be revealed through chanting.”

