



KṚṢṆA SAMĀDHI



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BHAKTI BRINGS BHAGAVĀN

Kṛṣṇa tells Uddhava in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* (11.14.20):
My dear Uddhava, the unalloyed devotional service rendered to Me by My devotees brings Me under their control. I cannot be thus controlled by those engaged in mystic yoga, Sāṅkhya philosophy, pious work, Vedic study, austerity or renunciation.

Bhakti has the power to bring God under the control of the bhakta. Bhakti can bring you to the Lord and bring the Lord to you. It is what attracts the Lord to you.

In the *Madhurya Kadambini* (chapter 8) Kṛṣṇa expresses how moved he feels by the bhakti of his devotee:

“My dear devotee, you have sacrificed wife, children, wealth, and home countless times in many births. You have tolerated such sufferings as the ravages of scorching summers, freezing winters, hunger, thirst, pain, and disease only so you could serve Me as I had asked you to. You have disregarded a million humiliations from others and maintained your life by begging, yet so far I have been unable to reciprocate with you and offer you anything. This makes Me indebted to you. Now tell Me, what can I offer you? Lordship of the entire universe, the position of Lord Brahma, all the mystic opulences, and so on are not befitting, hence how can I offer them to you? Is it becoming of a gentleman to offer grass, straw, and other animal fodder to a human being? Considering all this, I offer Myself to you; although I am unconquerable and indomitable, I am won over by you-I am now your property. I shall simply depend on your gentle disposition.”

Kṛṣṇa is so moved by the love of his servant that he feels unable to repay him, he feels he cannot respond and remains

a debtor. Let us always seek the association of devotees who have bhakti in their hearts and can help us to reform our hearts. Pray for bhakti, it is all you need!



