

## Unique Love of Radha for Her Krishna

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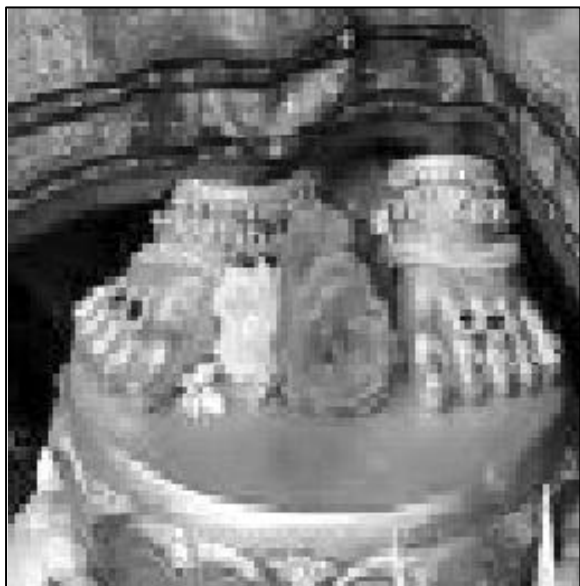
Any pleasure in this world is temporary like passing clouds. Nobody knows when one will have to leave the body. The body is ephemeral like a water bubble and the mind is restless like a mad monkey. The mind becomes restless and fiery like a volcano. Contemplation on God alone will cool the mind which is very unsteady, turbulent and dangerous. The pleasure of a transcendental loving affair with God is permanent and ever-increasing.

Go to Brindavan and listen to the air that reverberates with the hearty melodious and pulsating chant of 'Radhe-Radhe' throughout Radhastami which is her appearance day. It is celebrated on a grand scale all over Vraja, but in Her birth place Barsana, 30 kilometres from Mathura, the inhabitants revere Radha more than Krsna and Radhe-Radhe gushes forth spontaneously with their every breath, every sigh and every moment.



Radha Krishna is ever one and never separate. Radha's creation is from the left side of Krishna's body who accepted her with his two hands and was known as Radhakanta, and Devi Laxmi was created from the right side of Krishna's body who accepted her as Laxmikanta with His four hands. The abode of Radha Krsna is Goloka Dhama or Heaven itself. Radha is Krishna's spiritual energy one portion of which is the 'Ihadinisakti', His internal pleasure potency the personification of which is Radha. There is no difference between Krishna and Radha for She is His expansion. They are inseparably one. He the energetic and She the energy.

God is perfect and omnipotent. If there is any limit to his potencies, he cannot be God. As God He can do anything, even the outrageous. When the Lord incarnates in his various 'Avatars', the Ihadinisakti accompanies him as his consort.



In Vaisnava philosophy obeisances are paid first to the internal pleasure potency of the Supreme Lord. Therefore, they are always referred to as Radha-Krishna, Laxmi-Narayan, Sita-Ram, Radhe-Shyam and so on. It is said, one can reach Krishna by the grace of Radha.

Radha is the most intimate lover and greatest devotee of Krishna. All the Gopis of Brindavan give pleasure to Krishna, but Radha pleases Him the most of all. Her love for Krishna is like an ocean while the love of other Gopis is like small pools of water. Like the ocean, Radha is also the Source of all the water in all the pools in all the universes. As per *Çhaitanyacharitamruta*, Krishna enchants the whole universe, but Srimati

Radharani is dearer to Krishna than all the other Gopis of Braja, for She possesses the unique qualities, that can infuse Krishna with transcendental pleasure.

Krishna's 'rasalila' is nothing but the conjugal relationship of Krishna with the Gopis of Braja, particularly with Radha. These are a part of His eternal Rasalila. It is easy to misunderstand Krishna's Rasalila, which appear as lusty affairs but in reality it is spiritual in nature. Relations in 'Madhurya Bhava' are entirely devoid of any material Sensuality. The other four Bhavas that a devotee can have are, Shanta (in awe), Dasya (in Servitude), Sakhya (in friendship) and Vatsalya (in parenthood). Of the five Bhavas Madhurya Bhava is the pinnacle of perfection, ecstasy and bliss.

As per *Bramha Baibarta Puran* it is said that Radha was not born to any human being. Kirtida, the king Brushavanu's wife, while going to bathe in a pond, found a baby floating on a lily-flower sleeping and she brought her home. The eyelids were closed for three days after which she opened her eyes when she saw Krishna in the lap of Yashoda. Jabat, the present name of which is Barasana, was her father's house (Brusabhanu).

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