

Racial Prejudice

SB 4.14.45, purport

It is said in the *sastras* that the head of the body represents the *brahmanas*, the arms represent the *theksatriyas*, the abdomen represents the *vaisyas*, and the legs, beginning with the thighs, represent the *sudras*. The *sudras* are sometimes called black, or *krsna*. The *brahmanas* are called *sukla*, or white, and the *theksatriyas* and the *vaisyas* are a mixture of black and white. However, those who are extraordinarily white are said to have skin produced out of white leprosy. It may be concluded that white or a golden hue is the color of the higher caste, and black is the complexion of the *sudras*.

BG 2.7-11, New York, March 2, 1966

Professor Einstein, he was living here in America. He was a German Jew, and I think he was living in America. He was a great student of this Bhagavad-gita. Hitler. Hitler was a great student of Bhagavad-gita.

Letter to: Satsvarupa, San Francisco 9 April, 1968

Certainly we are not going to say these things about the negro people publicly; we have no distinction between black or white, or demon or demigod, but at the same time, so long as one is demon or demigod, we have to behave in the proper way. Just like Caitanya Mahaprabhu; He had no distinction between a tiger and a man. He was so powerful that He could convert even a tiger to dance. But so far as we are concerned, we should not imitate and go to some tiger and try to make him dance! But still, tiger is equally eligible like a man. So, you can understand that these talks are not for the public, as they have not got the ability to understand. Basically we have not got hatred for anyone, but when one is demoniac or atheistic, we should try to avoid their company. A preacher's business is to love God, to make friendship with devotees, to enlighten the innocent, and to avoid the demons. This principle we shall follow. But in higher devotional life, there is no such distinction.

Talk Before Class, November 29, 1968, Los Angeles

I think in our apartment also somebody must remain. Here this is... In New York also I lost my typewriter, tape recorder. In 72nd St. at daytime, at nine o'clock. I went to take my meals in Dr. Misra's place at about nine, and when I came back I saw the door is broken. That superintendent, he was a Negro. He has done, I know that. This is very common case here.

Conversation with Bajaj and Bhusan, September 11, 1972, Arlington, Texas

Prabhupada: Yes. Janmastami, Krishna's birthday, is observed by every Indian still, although artificially they are being checked not to take to Krishna. Krishna is presented by government in so many bad way. You see? In government there is a paper. It is called "Indian Culture," something. In that paper Krishna is depicted as a "Bil Boy." (?)

Guest (3): What?

Prabhupada: "Bil Boy" means just like black, Negro. And He is worshiped. Such a rascal. Krishna is worshiped, and for Krishna worship so many Vedic literature, and government is presenting Him as "Bil Boy." Just see what kind of government we have got.

SB 1.16.4, Los Angeles, January 1, 1974

So here, this man was cheating. Because here it is said: *nrpa-linga-dharam*. He was dressed like a king. Just like king is very gorgeously dressed. But his bodily feature, he was a black man. The black man means *sudra*.

Room Conversation, October 5, 1975, Mauritius

This is Vedic civilization: plain living, high thinking. And poor thinking, poor in thought, poor in behavior, and living with motorcar and this, that, nonsense. It is all nonsense civilization. A first-class Rolls Royce car, and who is sitting there? A third-class negro. This is going on. You'll find these things in Europe and America. This is going on. A first-class car and a third-class negro. That's all. Is it not?

Sannyasa Initiation, Bombay, November 18, 1975

You have got good opportunity. You are going to Africa to deliver these persons. Sukadeva Gosvami says, *kirata-hunandhra-pulinda-pulkasa abhira-sumbha yavanah khasadayah, ye 'nye ca papa* [SB 2.4.18]. These groups of men are considered very fallen, *kirata*, the black men. They are called *nisada*. *Nisada* was born of Vena, King Vena. So they are habituated to steal; therefore they have been given a separate place, African jungles. That is there in the Bhagavatam. So, but everyone can be delivered. *Kirata-hunandhra-pulinda-pulkasa abhira-sumbha yavanah khasadayah ye 'nye ca papa*. These are known (as) sinful life.

Discussion with Syamasundara dasa about John Dewey, 1976

Sudras have no brain. In America also, the whole America once belonged to the Red Indians. Why they could not improve? The land was there. Why these foreigners, the Europeans, came and improved? So *sudras* cannot do this. They cannot make any correction.

Morning Walk, January 22-23, 1976, Mayapura

Yes. That... One, our Sanskrit professor used to... "My dear boys, even there is beauty amongst the negroes." He used to say. And it is my... It is one's eye that she is very beautiful. It does not recommend others' recommendation. *Yar sange ye morje man kibari ki vardana* (?). It doesn't matter whether she low caste or high caste; if she is attractive, then it is all right. Therefore *rupavati bharya satruh*. Canakya Pandita's instruction are very, very nice. You know my story? My father's instruction? Yes.

BG 9.3, Melbourne, April 21, 1976

So on the whole, the conclusion is that the Aryans spread in Europe also, and the Americans, they also spread from Europe. So the intelligent class of human being, they belong to the Aryans, Aryan family. Just like Hitler claimed that he belonged to the Aryan family. Of course, they belonged to the Aryan families.

Room Conversation, August 2, 1976, New Mayapur, French farm

Prabhupada: In Bengal the, just like here, so many, black mixed up with white. In Bengal and Madras, so many Dravidian have been mixed up with the Aryan. Therefore in Bengal and Madras you'll find many black.

Hari-sauri: Dravidian?

Prabhupada: Dravidian culture. Dravida. They are non-Aryans. Just like these Africans, they are not Aryans. Now they are mixing up with Europeans and Americans. In India, it was, one from the higher section, *brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya*, they will be fair complexion. *Sudras*, black. So if a *brahmana* becomes black, then he's not accepted as *brahmana*. *Kala bahu* (?). And if a *sudra* becomes fair, then he's to be known that he's not pure *sudra*. Although we do not take very, but, this *brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya*, by birth, but still, we have seen, those who are coming purely from high caste family, their behavior and *sudras* behavior is different. The family culture. And the spiritual culture lost, still, the family culture keeps them separate.

Room Conversation, August 10, 1976, Tehran

Jnanagamya: Great books have done this. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* started a whole war against slavery in

the United states. Books and films are very potent. They can make public opinion.

Prabhupada: Books are different thing, we are publishing.

Jnanagamy: In America the Negro situation was very bad, and they made many films showing heroic Negroes and now the situation is much better. The people are not so much agitated by seeing Negroes. They think "Oh, now a Negro has some good qualities." Because of these films they have come to appreciate. So like that, if a devotee is a hero they will also appreciate.

Prabhupada: Do they? I don't appreciate. I don't think the Negro question is solved.

Jnanagamy: No, it's not, but it is making steps to that end.

Prabhupada: The whites, they do not like the Negroes still. Wherever there are Negroes, in that quarter the whites do not go in. So is it not? They do not go. Although they have been given equal right, but at heart the whites, they do not like it. Is there any improvement? I don't think. Officially, "Yes, yes, you are good, I am good."

Nava-yauvana: Because people are still on the bodily conception of life, so they are...

Prabhupada: Yes. That is the real disease. So long one is situated in the bodily concept of life, he is animal. First of all, you have to educate them. That is the difficulty.

Jnanagamy: But we are not Negroes. We are actually devotees and we are very attractive, and we have all good qualities, and people do not have to be afraid to come into our section of town. We will not kill them. That is why they are afraid of the Negroes. So we actually have good things to offer.

Conversation on Train to Allahabad, January 11, 1977, India

Ramesvara: In regards to brainwashing, they claim that our life-style tends to take the devotee and isolate him from the world.

Prabhupada: Yes. We hate to mix with you. No gentleman tries to mix with loafers. In England still, the rich quarter is different from the poor quarter. Is it not?

Hari-sauri: Not so much. It was though, formerly, very strongly.

Prabhupada: Yes. Aristocratic will never live... Even in America, they don't like to live with the blacks.

Ramesvara: No.

Prabhupada: (aside:) That child...? So that separation... Crows will not like to live with the ducks and white swans. And white swans will not like to live with the crows. That is natural division. "Birds of the same feather flock together."

Jagadisa: And honest men don't like to associate with thieves and criminals.

Prabhupada: Yes, that is natural. We are not interested even with these daily newspapers. We are interested Bhagavad-gita. We don't keep any news. We know the dogs are barking. That's all. But that does not mean we have to mix with the dogs.

Room Conversation, January 21, 1977, Bhuvanesvara

Ramesvara: That's the trend, then, everywhere, because unemployment is increasing.

Prabhupada: And especially in your country it will be dangerous because these blacks, if they don't get employment, they will create havoc, these blacks. And they are not civilized. They want money, and if they don't get money, then they will create havoc.

Gargamuni: Money and liquor.

Hari-sauri: Yes. If they do get money, they just buy it.

Room Conversation, February 14, 1977, Mayapura

Prabhupada: *Sudra* is to be controlled only. They are never given to be freedom. Just like in America. The blacks were slaves. They were under control. And since you have given them equal rights they are disturbing, most disturbing, always creating a fearful situation, uncultured and drunkards. What training they have got? They have got equal right? That is best, to keep them under control as slaves but give them sufficient food, sufficient cloth, not more than that. Then they will be satisfied.

Morning Walk, November 20, 1975, Bombay

Dr. Patel: When he... On the cross they say he uttered, "Father, don't forsake me." That is the time he went into trance most probably. Eh? He must have gone in trance when he uttered the last words, "Father, don't forsake me." And then when he was brought down in the lap of his mother and they took him in the cave, no? Under the guard of those Italian soldiers. Then there was a big hurricane or something like that and they all ran away. And after that he was smuggled away from that place. Christ has rebuilt his father's temple in true sense, the way he spread the Christianity. The churches have degenerated in his teaching, unfortunately. It is the church. That happens with every, in every, I mean, these things, teachings. Race, this race is very bold, indeed, that God choicest race, these Jews, somehow or other.

Prabhupada: Jews?

Dr. Patel: Really, it is God's choicest race. (laughter) They have produced wonderful people right from Christ up to Professor Einstein, very bold people, very bold indeed. They are truthful to their convictions. They would die for their convictions but they will not, I mean, budge an inch.

Brahmananda: But they're impersonalists.

Dr. Patel: Very brave. Very brave race.

Brahmananda: They are impersonalists.

Dr. Patel: Today still, those people really very brave. Very brave. It is the choicest race from God. It's a fact.

Prabhupada: Brahmananda is very much pleased. (laughter)

Dr. Patel: I don't know who are they, but that is a fact. When you look back to the history, it's the really choicest race.

Yasomatinandana: Giriraja is also from.

Dr. Patel: Whatever he may be. I don't know them, who are they. But historically we look back. They are really very brave people. They have died for the sake of their principle. Never budge an inch.

Brahmananda: But they are impersonalists.

Dr. Patel: Impersonalist or personalist is immaterial. (laughter) I mean I talk of boldness, very bold people. Truthful to their conviction. Truthful to their conviction, sir.

Prabhupada: They are so bold that, Shylock?

Brahmananda: Yeah, yeah, the flesh.

Dr. Patel: There are Shylocks everywhere. One Shylock does not mean a bad race. And that Shylock is the creation of that poet.

Prabhupada: No, the... In Europe the Jews are treated like that.

Dr. Patel: Are there not Shylocks in...

Prabhupada: And they are greatest scientist.

Dr. Patel: All the Marwaris, who are they? They are Shylocks. And they give you lot of money and you make them sit first before us, you know.

Prabhupada: Hare Krishna.

Dr. Patel: I am... Don't say that. [break]

Conversation During Massage, January 23, 1977, Bhuvaneshvara

Ramesvara: It's also commonly known that in the West the banks supplied money to Lenin to fight his revolution. They have no discrimination. If it seems like it is a good chance for making interest...

Prabhupada: Therefore Hitler killed these Jews. They were financing against Germany. Otherwise he had no enmity with the Jews.

Hari-sauri: Yes. They were controlling the economy. That was his one thing.

Prabhupada: And they were supplying. They want interest money — "Never mind against our country." Therefore Hitler decided, "Kill all the Jews."

Ramesvara: These banks in the West, they supported Lenin. They made it possible to finance his

revolution.

Prabhupada: Yes. They have got money. The Jews have got money. They want to invest and get some profit. Their only interest is how to get money, no nationalism, no religion, nothing of the sort. Therefore it is not now; long, long ago... Therefore Shakespeare wrote "Shylock, the Jew."

Hari-sauri: Yes. "Shylock."

Prabhupada: "One pound of flesh." The Jews were criticized long, long ago.

Hari-sauri: They were hated in the Middle Ages.

some roads are endless; keep walking for everything else there are particle accelerators