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ALL GLORIES TO THE AGE OF QUARREL

Here is a surprise for you: you live in the best of ages.

Yes, there are no problems in our current age of Kali! According to Sridhar Swami it was not possible for the living entities to attain perfection in the previous ages like it is possible now in Kali-yuga. Jiva Goswami explains that the highly qualified humans of Satya-yuga could not imagine that chanting the Holy Name is the complete process and that the Lord's Holy Name is our shelter in this universe. They could sit in meditation for thousands of years without eating or getting tired and couldn't fathom a process that merely included moving the tongue and lips.

However, in Kali-yuga the living conditions are unbearable and the circumstances obnoxious. The environment is polluted and our bodies are ridden by physical and mental discomfort. Even simple self-preservation is so troublesome that the conditioned souls intensely cry out Krishna's Holy Name, begging for relief from the onslaught of troubles.

In this way the difficult circumstances of the age provide a strong impetus for us to learn to surrender fully to and place all our hopes and faith into the Lord's Holy Name. Therefore, Jiva Goswami says: Kali-yuga is the best age because in this age the conditioned souls become disgusted with the kingdom of illusion and surrender fully to the Lord's Holy Name – more than in any other age! And then, when they reach this full surrender they attain a state, called *paramam shanti*, highest peace.

This is something to consider. But see – chanting only works, if you do it with devotional feelings, a sense of surrender. Then Krishna will listen to your chanting and reciprocate in most wonderful ways.



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