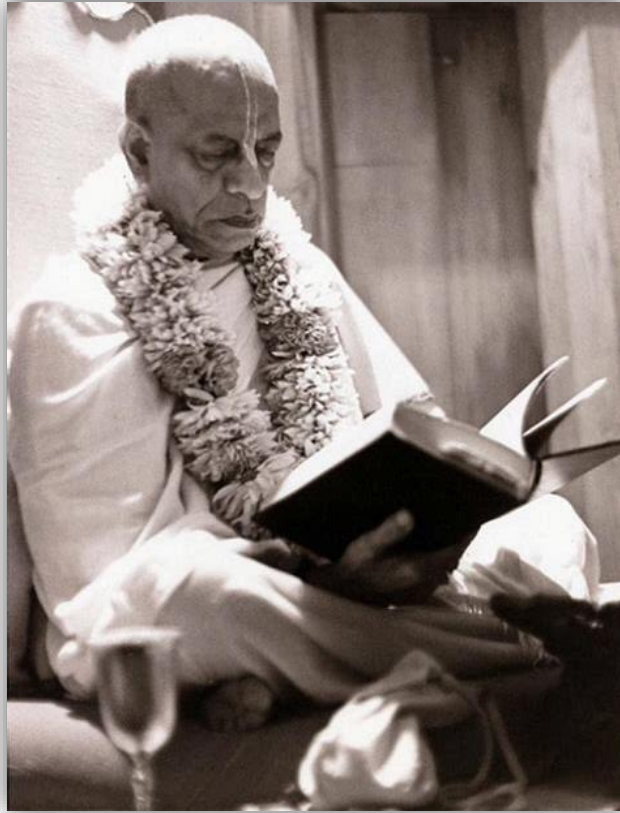


Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

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A Dialogue Outline Study Guide

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3. Write text-numbered notes (that you select) below dialogue groupings.
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5. Use (subscript) endnotes to include additional notes in "Supplementals" at end of the canto.

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Canto 3: “The Status Quo”

*so 'haṁ nṛṇāṁ kṣulla-sukhāya duḥkhaṁ
mahad gatānāṁ viramāya tasya
pravartaye bhāgavatam purāṇam
yad āha sākṣād bhagavān ṛṣibhyaḥ*

Maitreya Ṛṣi: “Let me now begin speaking on the Bhāgavata Purāṇa, which was directly spoken to the great sages by the Personality of Godhead for the benefit of those who are entangled in extreme miseries for the sake of very little pleasure.” [SB 3.8.2]ⁱ [Bhakti Vaibhāva Exam]

Śrīla Prabhupāda: “If one comes in contact with the book Bhāgavatam as well as with the devotee bhāgavata, who knows what the Bhāgavatam is, then such a fortunate man gets out of the material entanglement. Therefore Śrī Maitreya Muni, out of compassion for the suffering men in the world, proposes to speak on the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam first and last.” [SB 3.8.2/Purport]

Introduction

At the conclusion of the previous canto (SB.2.10.51), Śrī Sūta Gosvāmī replied to Śaunaka Ṛṣi’s inquiry (SB.2.10.49-50) regarding the dialogue between Śrīla Śukadeva Gosvāmī and Mahārāja Parīkṣit, including why Vidura gave up his family connections, as well as, what Vidura’s activities were while traveling on pilgrimage, etc.

Sūta—Śaunaka (SB.2.10.51):

“Śrī Sūta Gosvāmī explained: I shall now explain to you the very subjects explained by the great sage [Śukadeva Gosvāmī] in answer to King Parīkṣit’s inquiries. Please hear them attentively.”

Chapters: 1-33.

(This dialogue outline follows a nonlinear chronological format)

3.1. “Questions by Vidura”

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (1-2):

Parīkṣit—Śukadeva (3-4):

Sūta—Śaunaka (5):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (6-10):

Vidura—Dhṛtarāṣṭra (11-13):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (14):

Duryodhana—Dhṛtarāṣṭra (15):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (16-25):

Vidura—Uddhava (26-45. End):

3.2. “Remembrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa”

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (1-6):

Uddhava—Vidura (7-34. End):

3.3. “The Lord's Pastimes Out of Vṛndāvana”

Uddhava—Vidura (1-28. End):

3.4. “Vidura Approaches Maitreya”

Uddhava—Vidura (1-10):

Kṛṣṇa—Uddhava (11-13):

Uddhava—Vidura (14):

Uddhava—Kṛṣṇa (15-18):

Uddhava—Vidura (19-22):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (23-24):

Vidura—Uddhava (25):

Uddhava—Vidura (26):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (27):

Parīkṣit—Śukadeva (28):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (29):

Kṛṣṇa (thinking to Himself) (30-31):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (32-36. End):

3.5. “Vidura's Talks with Maitreya”

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (1):

Vidura—Maitreya (2-16):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (17):

Maitreya—Vidura (18-38):

The Demigods—Lord Viṣṇu (39-51. End):

3.6. “Creation of the Universal Form”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-10):

Maitreya (cont.)—Vidura (11-40. End):

3.7. “Further Inquires by Vidura”

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (1):

Vidura—Maitreya (2-7):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (8):

Maitreya—Vidura (9-14):

Vidura—Maitreya (15-41):

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (42):

3.8. “Manifestation of Brahmā from Garbhodakaśāyī Viṣṇu”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-38. End):

3.9. “Brahmā’s Prayers for Creative Energy”

Brahmā—Godhead (1-25):
Maitreya—Vidura (26-28):
Godhead—Brahmā (29-43):
Maitreya—Vidura (44. End):

3.10. “Divisions of the Creation”

Vidura—Maitreya (1-2):
Sūta—Śaunaka (3):
Maitreya—Vidura (4-9):
Vidura—Maitreya (10):
Maitreya—Vidura (11-30. End):

3.11. “Calculation of Time, from the Atom”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-15):
Vidura—Maitreya (16-17):
Maitreya—Vidura (18-42. End):

3.12. “Creation of the Kumāras and Others”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-9):
Brahmā—Rudra (10-11):
Brahmā (cont.)—Rudra (12-14):
Maitreya—Vidura (15-16):
Brahmā—Rudra (17-19):
Maitreya—Vidura (20-29):
Brahmā’s Sons—Brahmā (30-32):
Maitreya—Vidura (33-35):
Vidura—Maitreya (36):
Maitreya—Vidura (37-57. End):

3.13. “The Appearance of Lord Varāha”

Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (1):
Vidura—Maitreya (2-4):
Śukadeva—Parīkṣit (5):
Maitreya—Vidura (6):
Manu (and his wife)—Brahmā (7-8):
Brahmā—(Manu and his wife) (9-13):
Manu—Brahmā (14-15):
Maitreya—Vidura (16-20):
Brahmā (Marīci, the Kumāras, and Manu) (21-22):
Maitreya—Vidura (23-33):
The sages—Lord Varāha (34-45):
Maitreya—Vidura (46-50. End):

3.14. “Pregnancy of Diti in the Evening”

Śukadeva [3.13.5]—Parikṣit (1):
Vidura—Maitreya (2-4):
Maitreya—Vidura (5-9):
Diti—Kaśyapa (10-15):
Maitreya—Vidura (16):
Kaśyapa—Diti (17-29):
Maitreya—Vidura (30-33):
Diti—Kaśyapa (34-36):
Maitreya—Vidura (37):
Kaśyapa—Diti (38-41):
Diti—Kaśyapa (42-43):
Kaśyapa—Diti (44-50):
Maitreya—Vidura (51. End):

3.15. “Description of the Kingdom of God”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-2):
Demigods—Brahmā (3-8):
Demigods (cont.)—Brahmā (9-10):
Maitreya—Vidura (11):
Brahmā—Demigods (12-23):
Brahmā—Demigods (24-31):
Four Kumāras (the Sages) (32-34):
Brahmā—Demigods (35):
The Doormen—Four Kumāras (36):
Brahmā—Demigods (37-45):
Four Kumāras—Godhead (46-50. End):

3.16. “The Two Doorkeepers of Vaikuṇṭha, Jaya and Vijaya, Cursed by the Sages”

Brahmā—Demigods (1):
The Lord (Godhead)—Four Kumāras (2-6):
The Lord (cont.)—Four Kumāras (7-12):
Brahmā—Demigods (13-15):
Four Kumāras—The Lord (16-25):
The Lord—The Kumāras (26):
Brahmā—Demigods (27-28):
The Lord—Jaya and Vijaya (29-30):
Brahmā—Demigods (31-34):
Brahmā (cont.)—Demigods (35-37. End):

3.17. “Victory of Hiraṇyākṣa Over All the Directions of the Universe”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-27):
Hiraṇyākṣa—Varuṇa (27-28):

Maitreya—Vidura (29):
Varuṇa—Hiraṇyākṣa (29-31. End):

3.18. “The Battle Between Lord Boar and the Demon Hiraṇyākṣa”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-2):
Hiraṇyākṣa—Varāha (3-4):
Hiraṇyākṣa (cont.)—Varāha (5):
Maitreya—Vidura (6-7):
Hiraṇyākṣa—Varāha (7):
Maitreya—Vidura (8-9):
Varāha—Hiraṇyākṣa (10-12):
Maitreya—Vidura (13-21):
Brahmā—Nārāyaṇa (22-23):
Brahmā (cont.)—Nārāyaṇa (24-28. End):

3.19. “The Killing of the Demon Hiraṇyākṣa”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-9):
Varāha—Hiraṇyākṣa (10):
Maitreya—Vidura (11-27):
Brahmā—Demigods (28-29):
Demigods—Varāha (30):
Maitreya—Vidura (31):
Maitreya (cont.)—Vidura (32):
Sūta—Śaunaka (33-38. End):

3.20. “Conversation Between Maitreya and Vidura”

Śaunaka—Sūta (1):
Śaunaka (cont.)—Sūta (2-6):
Sṛīla Vyāsadeva (7):
Sūta—Śaunaka (8):
Vidura—Maitreya (9):
Vidura (cont.)—Maitreya (10-11):
Maitreya—Vidura (12-25):
Brahmā—The Lord (26-27):
Maitreya—Vidura (28-31):
The demons—The girl (32):
Maitreya—Vidura (33):
The demons—The girl (34-36):
Maitreya—Vidura (37-50):
The Demigods, etc.—Brahmā (51):
Maitreya—Vidura (52-53. End):

3.21. “Conversation Between Manu and Kardama”

Vidura—Maitreya (1-5):

Maitreya—Vidura (6-12):
Kardama—Lord Viṣṇu (13-21):
Maitreya—Vidura (22):
Lord Viṣṇu—Kardama (23-32):
Maitreya—Vidura (33-49):
Kardama—Svāyambhuva [Manu] (50-56. End):

3.22. “The Marriage of Kardama Muni and Devahūti”

Maitreya—Vidura (1):
Svāyambhuva—Kardama (2-14):
Kardama—Svāyambhuva (15-20):
Maitreya—Vidura (21-39. End):

3.23. “Devahūti's Lamentation”

Maitreya—Vidura (1-5):
Kardama—Devahūti (6):
Kardama (cont.)—Devahūti (7):
Kardama (cont.)—Devahūti (8):
Maitreya—Vidura (9):
Devahūti—Kardama (10):
Devahūti (cont.)—Kardama (11):
Maitreya—Vidura (12-22):
Kardama—Devahūti (23):
Maitreya—Vidura (24-50):
Devahūti—Kardama (51-57. End):

3.24. “The Renunciation of Kardama Muni”

Maitreya—Vidura (1):
Kardama—Devahūti (2-4):
Maitreya—Vidura (5-9):
Maitreya—Vidura (10-11):
Brahmā—Kardama and Devahūti (12-17):
Brahmā—Devahūti (18-19):
Maitreya—Vidura (20-26):
Kardama—Viṣṇu (27-29):
Kardama (cont.)—Viṣṇu (30-34):
Lord Kapila—Kardama (35-40):
Maitreya—Vidura (41-47. End):

3.25. “The Glories of Devotional Service”

Śaunaka—Sūta (1):
Śaunaka (cont.)—Sūta (2-3):
Sūta—Śaunaka (4):
Maitreya—Vidura (5-6):

Devahūti—Kapila (7-10):
Devahūti (cont.)—Kapila (11):
Maitreya—Vidura (12)
Kapila—Devahūti (13-27):
Devahūti—Kapila (28-30):
Maitreya—Vidura (31):
Kapila—Devahūti (32-37):
Kapila (cont.)—Devahūti (38-44. End):

3.26. “Fundamental Principles of Material Nature”

Kapila (cont.)—Devahūti (1-8):
Devahūti—Kapila (9):
Kapila—Devahūti (10-72. End):

3.27. “Understanding Material Nature”

Kapila (cont.)—Devahūti (1-16):
Devahūti—Kapila (17-20):
Kapila—Devahūti (21-30. End):

3.28. “Kapila's Instructions on the Execution of Devotional Service”

Kapila—Devahūti (1-44. End):

3.29. “Explanation of Devotional Service by Lord Kapila”

Devahūti—Kapila (1-2):
Devahūti—Kapila (3-5):
Maitreya—Vidura (6):
Kapila—Devahūti (7-45. End):

3.30. “Description by Lord Kapila of Adverse Fruitive Activities”

Kapila—Devahūti (1-34. End):

3.31. “Lord Kapila's Instructions on the Movements of the Living Entities”

Kapila—Devahūti (1-11):
The human soul says (12-14):
The human soul prays (cont.) (15-21):
Kapila—Devahūti (22-48. End):

3.32. “Entanglement in Fruitive Activities”

Kapila—Devahūti (1-38):
Kapila (cont.)—Devahūti (39-43. End):

3.33. “Activities of Kapila”

Maitreya—Vidura (1):
Devahūti—Kapila (2-8):

Maitreya—Vidura (9):
Kapila—Devahūti (10-11):
Maitreya—Vidura (12-37. END):

End of Canto 3: “The Status Quo”

Next, Canto 4 Of 12: “The Creation Of The Fourth Order”

Supplementals

ⁱ For those who wish to take the Bhakti Vaibhāva exam, this is one of 75 verses that must be memorized.