

To become a sannyasi is also another problem

We have created so many problems under the impression of different *gunas*: "I am this. I am that." To become *sannyasi*, that is also another problem. Therefore Caitanya Mahaprabhu has said that "I am not a *brahmana*. I am not a *sannyasi*. I am not a *brahmacari*. I am not a *grhastha*. I am not a *ksatriya*." All "not, not." "I am not this, I am not this." "My only identification is that I am eternal servant of Krsna," *gopi-bhartuh pada-kamalayor dasa-dasanudasah* [Cc. Madhya 13.80]. This is required. So how this position you can attain, that is described in the next verse, *anartha upasamam saksad bhakti-yogam adhoksaje*. This is the remedy. *Anartha*. These are all *anarthas*. So long I will think, "I am this; I am that," "I am this; I am that," or even if you think that "I am big *gosvami*" or "big *brahmana*," that is also *anartha*. That is also *anartha*.

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