

# The beauty of a civilized woman

**Prabhupada:** A *brahmana* is never criminal. A cow is never criminal. These are the Vedic civilization. Woman, woman is also excused. No punishment for woman.

**Jayatirtha:** Now the crime rate amongst the women is...

**Prabhupada:** Now they have been trained up. What can be done? Woman is not trained up now to become a chaste wife. That is the defect of the civilization. Formerly, woman was trained up only to become..., remain faithful to his husband, that's all. *Nari-rupam pati-vratah*: "Woman's beauty is how she is faithful to her husband." That's all. That is beauty, not personal beauty. *Vidya rupam kurupanam*: "A black man or ugly man, if he is educated, that is his beauty." *Kokilanam svaro rupam*. *Kokila*, the cuckoo, is just like a crow, but everyone likes because his voice is so sweet. *Kokilanam svaro rupam vidya rupam kurupanam nari-rupam pati-vratam*. Like that, he has given a list. These are the beauty. If a woman is trained up not to talk with any other man except her husband, that is her beauty. That enhances the beauty and prestige. This is Vedic knowledge.

**Jayatirtha:** In today's society that standard is unimaginable.

**Prabhupada:** Yes. Therefore there is no adjustment. Everyone is suffering, in spite of so-called education. Nobody is happy.

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