

# The Higher Taste

*For those who want to stay high for ever!*

**Let's Bring on the Rain**

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Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore wrote,

*“The sky seems to ride fast upon the madly rushing rain; The water in the river is loud and impatient; women have hastened home early from the Ganges with their filled pitchers. The evening lamps must be made ready.*

*O child, do not go out! The road to the market is desolate, the lane to the river is slippery. The wind is roaring and struggling among the bamboo branches like a wild beast tangled in a net.”*



These lines by the Great poet do not seem like reality anymore. In June, the Science and Technology Ministry forecasted that monsoon will advance over most parts of the country except northwest India by June end. In northwest India, the monsoon will onset in the first week of July, And July has already started. Also current observations suggest that north-west will receive only 81% of the Average rainfall much below the national average of 93%. And this drought like situation is not restricted to north-western states but also Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

The rains ultimately affect the agriculture. It is the agriculture that provides the substance so essential for life. We may have industries high on technology churning out various products and services with higher quality and low price, but the fact remains we can't survive on nuts and bolts. Food, i.e. grains, vegetables and fruits are so necessary for our physical well being. And milk, which is provided by the mother cow necessary for intellectual and spiritual pursuits. Unfortunately, in current scenario both are being over-looked.



There are state sponsored slaughterhouses where legalized murder of innocent cows along with many other innocent animals is perpetrated without any shame. What can the people of a country expect, where a dog is pampered at a beauty saloon, but the cow who is like our mother for providing milk is slaughtered. The Mother Nature is bound to respond!

This is confirmed in Bhagavad Gita as Lord says.

*sarva-yoniṣu kaunteya mūrtayaḥ sambhavanti yāḥ  
tāsāṁ brahma mahad yonir ahaṁ bīja-pradaḥ pita*

*“It should be understood that all species of life, O son of Kuntī, are made possible by birth in this material nature, and that I am the seed-giving father.”*

The sufferings of the child can all go away at once when he calls out for his father. Once his father accompanies the child, it is assured of protection and comfort.

He gives a very intelligent proposal for our Rain Shortage problem.....

*annād bhavanti bhūtāni parjanyaḥ anna-sambhavaḥ  
yajñād bhavati parjanyaḥ yajñāḥ karma-samudbhavaḥ*

“All living bodies subsist on food grains, which are produced from rains. Rains are produced by performance of yajña [sacrifice], and yajña is born of prescribed duties.”

Recently, devotees in Chandigarh did a 12 hour sankirtan and the same evening there was a downpour. This was captured by all the major Punjab daily newspapers and national news channels also!



The father and mother are even more pleased when the siblings live in harmony with each other. They give all their blessings, when they see their children helping and protecting each other. That can be done by living peacefully with our fellow living beings. It is hypocrisy of Government to provide protection to one type of citizens and not others. Animals and even trees who take birth in the country are its citizen.



So Krishna Consciousness proposes a 2 point solution for our current suffering. Glorify the holy name of Lord Krishna by chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra and go for a vegetarian diet as Krishna wants us to do. Thus living peacefully engaged in lord's service we can experience the ever increasing bliss in this material world itself.

Please chant Hare Krishna and be happy.



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