

Introduction

There lies a unique interesting story behind the composition of Shri-purushottama-nama-sahasra-stotram. Shri Mahaprabhuji's elder son Goswami Shri Gopinathji used to perform a daily recitation of the entire Shrimad Bhagavata, before taking meals. This rigorous vow-like routine was causing somewhat discomfort not only in daily chores but also in the Bhagavat-seva. As a solution to this problem, Shri Mahaprabhuji churned out one thousand holy names (of the Lord), resembling the wish-fulfilling gems, from the unfathomable ocean of Shrimad Bhagavata, the very name-form of the Lord; and gave those names to his elder son.

The recitation of and contemplation upon these names serve the purpose of recital of and contemplation upon all the divine sports (Lilas) described in Shrimad Bhagavata. Shri Mahaprabhuji ordains that whosoever recites these divine names, contemplating upon the meaning thereof, single-mindedly with faith, will surely attain the shelter at the holy feet of the Lord. The recitation of and contemplation upon these names also enhance one's devotion to Lord Shri Krishna. The recital of Shri-purushottama-sahasra-nama is to be taken as equal to the recital of Shrimad Bhagavata. 'sahasra¼ yaistu pa°hitai^a pa°hita¼ syçcchukçm"tam'. (Sahasram yaistu pathitaih pathitam syaat shukaamrutam.) (Those who recite Shri-purushottama-nama-sahasra-stotra are actually reciting the entire Shrimad Bhagavata, the nectar flowing (oozing) from the mouth of Shri Shukadevaji.)

Shri Mahaprabhuji composed several treatises like Bhagavathartha-nibandha, Subodhini, etc. for revealing the secret purport of Shrimad Bhagavata. However, without the help of Shri-purushottama-nama-sahasra-stotra, it becomes very difficult to realise that the ultimate aim (implied meaning) of every canon (scripture), every section, every sub-section, every chapter, every sentence, every word, and even every syllable as well as every divine sport (Lila) depicted in Shrimad Bhagavata is nothing but Lord Shri Krishna Himself only. It is hoped that this publication* of Shri-purushottama-nama-sahasra-stotra (with meanings) will help all Vaishnavs to realise the hidden purport of Shrimad Bhagavata.

*The CD has text in Sanskrit with introductions in Gujarati and Hindi. The accompanying book carries the text in Gujarati script, along with the Gujarati translation. This packet containing CD and Book costs Indian Rs.40. (Courier charges will be extra at actuals.)