



## SWAMIJI ANSWERS

Y. Anuradha Rajamundry

**Could you please tell us what Pancha maha pa:thaka is.**

H.H. The five great sins that are mentioned below are collectively called as *Pancha maha pa:thakas*.

- 1) Killing innocent people.
- 2) Intoxication.
- 3) Stealing others properties.
- 4) Molesting the women of other households and
- 5) Associating with people who commit the above mentioned crimes.

All these crimes were considered as abominable sins. A person who commits these acts is to be condemned according to the scriptures.

M. Uma of Vijaywada.

**Annada:nam (providing food to the needy) is considered to be the greatest charity that one can do. Selling food is also considered to be sinful, whereas some of the Mutts and Asrams of the present day are providing food against coupons, what is your opinion about such**

**apparently incorrect practices?**

H.H.- Only the people who possess something can give it to others. The same principle holds good even for food. Selling food might be sinful for the wealthy people, whereas it is not sinful for the people who sell food for their living, as it is their duty to do so. The Mutts and Asrams should definitely abstain from selling food.

S. Sashidhar of Hyderabad.

**Lord Krishna speaks about the heaven and hell that are not present in this planet, in Bhagavad Gita whereas He does not even make a mention of the other religions that are present on the face of this planet. Did He not know about the other religions?**

H.H. In this context the term religion means a system of faith and worship or practices based on such belief. Lord Krishna certainly mentions about the opinions of the seers of different systems before proclaiming His opinion in Bhagavad Gita. That shows the presence of different

religions even at that time. The systems of faith which we speak about as other religions at present were not even born at that time.

Usharani Hyderabad.

**Small children play with toys but they do not cause the death of a toy by an accident. Why does the Lord cause the death of the people by an accident, while playing with human beings like us?**

H.H.- My god! Did you ever see Lord playing with human beings? Well....! The most compassionate Supreme Lord has created a wonderful system of *Karma* in this universe. Each and everyone has to experience the fruits of his own actions. Lord does not unnecessarily meddle with the laws of *Karma* unless someone completely surrenders to Him like Gajendra (the elephant that was saved from crocodile by the Lord) did. If someone surrenders to Him like that, He will certainly save him from all sorts of miseries. All the *Ji:va:thmas* (souls) excluding such surrendered souls have to experience their *Karma*.

P. Adinarayana Kintali.

**Many seers of ancient times have said that if people chant Sundara ka:nda from the Valmiki's**

**Ramayanam there will be plenty of rainfall. If it is true, why should the great seers like Your Holiness not suggest the administrators to organize for the mass chanting of Sundara ka:nda, as the rains have completely failed in the state?**

H.H. --We have not given any such suggestions so far because free and unsolicited suggestions are of no value.

Krishna Kishore Kambam  
**What is True Knowledge that you have mentioned in the personality development Chart 25th Question ?**

HH -- What is this Nature ? How was it formed, why is it so ? etc.. are those which our science cannot explain. If it comes to Soul and God, science is too far away in recognising them. Only Sasthra has to tell about them. Upanishats contain all such details. Their activities and attributes are neither imaginary nor just like dreams as some people claim. Bhagavad Ramanuja has proved that every perception is true and it is a reality with its own attributes and actions. One should realise that knowledge from a preceptor. Just literally knowing from books etc., will not give true knowledge.

