

Environmental

Solution Sutras

Overconsumption
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Devotee Association



The root cause is **overconsumption**,
It is **greedily** destroying nature.

Harmless **enjoyment** controls greed
through **Nama, Lila, and Rupa** celebrations.
And **sadhu-sanga** is the inspiration.

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Overconsumption

- Overconsumption is the root cause of environmental problems.
- The planet is using more than nature produces.
- Overuse results in depletion, degradation, and pollution.
- Globally each person, on average, uses 75% too much.
- Each person in the U.S., on average, uses 400% more than the rest of the world.
- That is greed.

Greedy Destruction

- “Hunger, thirst, and anger can be satisfied, but greed can never be satiated even by conquering the world and enjoying everything in it.” *Bhagavatam* 7.15.20
- Greed (*kāma*) leads to loss of discrimination and destruction (*praṇaśyati*). *Gītā* 2.62-63
- The *asuras*, who have no discrimination, act to do harm and aim to destroy the world. *Gītā* 16.9

Higher Taste—Harmless Enjoyment

- Laws and restrictions cannot prevent overconsumption.
- It is a global addiction.
- One must develop a higher taste. *Gītā* 2.59
- Harmful, destructive enjoyment must be changed to non-destructive enjoyment.
- The enjoyment of *nāmas*, *līlās*, and *rūpas* (*mūrtis*) is the answer.

Nāma, Līlā, and Rūpa Celebrations

- Devotees derive great satisfaction and enjoyment from Kṛṣṇa *kathā*. *Gītā* 10.10
- Śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam, celebration of *nāma*, *līlā*, etc., is *ānandāmbudhi-varḍhanam*, an increasing ocean of enjoyment. (*Śikṣāṣṭaka* 1)
- Vedic culture has *nāma* and *līlā* drama, dance, festivals, temple and home worship, processions, sculpture, art, music, literature, science, and more.
- All are enjoyable and absorbing for the mind and the economy.

Sādhū-saṅga

- Just a moment's association with a pure devotee awards all success. (*sādhū-saṅga*—CC Madhya 22.54)
- In the beginning, one develops enough conviction to associate with devotees, who engage him/her in service. (CC Madhya 23.14)
- One should give up the association of worldly-minded persons and associate with devotees. (*Nectar of Instruction*)
- By association, one can become either purified or contaminated.