

Frogs and Stone



*Instructive Stories from teachings of
His Divine Grace*

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Founder Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness

Some frogs were worshipping a stone. It was their tradition that this stone next to their frog pond was their deity, their God. So they would go to this stone and they would bow down and pray.

**Why have these frogs been bowing down to this stone for generations ?
What's so special about this stone anyway ?**

So one day in the middle of the worship when all the frogs were bowing down before the stone, this young frog jumped over the stone. Everyone was shocked.

You've jumped over the stone !

Oh ! You've jumped over God !

Yes ! So how can that be God? Why have you been worshipping this stone for so long ? If that was God, how could I have jumped over it ?

Yes, it's true what you're saying. We've been so foolish ! So, our dear young frog, then you please tell us what should we worship?

You should worship an entity who is so tall that you cannot jump over him.

Oh? Who is that ?

I have seen one big, white bird with a long beak. The stork. He's very tall. A frog cannot jump over a stork.

***Oh very good !
Let's go to the stork***



So they all went to the stork and they were paying obeisances.



Aah! For so long I've had to hunt for frogs to eat, but now they're all coming to me. Very nice.

Stork ate them all.



MORAL :

This story is to illustrate that when one is bewildered, in an inferior state of consciousness, then his conception of the absolute will always be inferior. He can play these mental games, finding faults in previous conclusions and inventing new conclusions, but they're all taking place on a very inferior platform, like the frogs.

- Srila Prabhupada