

The Half-young and Half-old Fallacy

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Under extreme poverty, a non-Hindu person once took his hen to market for sale.

I think if I declare the hen to be an ancestral one, then I can fetch a very high price because usually an old variety of rice, tamarind and ghee is more expensive in the market.



As such he started proudly
praising in the market
about his hen

*Hey! See this hen
is of a very old
variety of poultry!*



He continued to do so for about a year; unfortunately not a single buyer was interested in buying such weak and disabled hen at any price.



Seeing his condition an elderly man advised...



What are you doing man? Buyers will be reluctant to buy your hen as you have been declaring it to be an old one. Naturally the buyers will be interested if you could present it as a young virgin.

However, when he did that he was ridiculed by everyone in the market and of course no one came forward to purchase it.



Purport :

Those who are impersonalists speculate similarly advocating that Brahman is both formless and as well as with a form. In fact, the realization of completeness of Brahman is greatly affected unless its eternal and transcendental potency is accepted.

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu thus says -

**brhad-vastu brahma kahi-sri-bhagavan
sad-vidhaisvarya-purna, para-tattva-dhama
tanre narvisesa kahi, cic-chakti na mani
ardha-svarupa na manile purnata haya hani**

Brahman, who is greater than the greatest is the Supreme personality of Godhead. He is full of six opulences, and therefore He is the reservoir of ultimate truth and absolute knowledge.

When we speak of the Supreme as impersonal, we deny His spiritual potencies. Logically, if you accept half of the truth, you cannot understand the whole.

(Cc,Adi. 7/138,140)

Those who glorify Sri Gaurasundara, but not Lord Sri Nityananda ,or glorify Lord Sri Nityananda without glorifying Lord Sri Gaurasundara or offer obeisances to Lord Sri Krsna, but not to Lord Sri Gaurasundara; or pay respect to Lord Sri Gaura but not to his spiritual master ,or accept Supreme Godhead, neglecting His devotees or honour His devotees without honouring the Supreme Lord simply speculate on the basis of the fallacy of the half-old and half-young hen.