

Seminar On

VARNASHRAMA & KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

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Purposes of the Seminar

To impress the point that

1) Srila Prabhupada clearly stated that fifty per cent of his mission remained incomplete without **Varnashrama**,

2) previous Acharyas such as Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura also expressed that the easiest way one can advance as a Vaishnava is within the system of **Varnashrama**.

Bringing awareness that most of the devotees practice vaidhi bhakti therefore practicing Varnashrama is of utmost importance:

"Vaidha bhaktas should always try to bring their hearts to the lotus feet of Krsna while spending their lives situated in varnasrama-dharma. This is bhakti yoga. The main purpose of of varnasrama-dharma ..."

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura

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Purposes of the Seminar

Applying Varnasrama- Live in an open place, produce **your own food** grains, produce **your own milk**, save time, **chant Hare Krishna**. Plain living, high thinking: ideal ...

Gurukulas and Varnashrama Colleges: Srimad-Bhagavatam (9.10.50)

“As there are schools and colleges to train students to become chemical engineers, lawyers, or specialists in many other departments of knowledge, there must be schools and colleges to train students to become brahmanas, ..

Service to the Vaishnavas and society at large-

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Part I

‘Dharma samsthapanarthaya’- Sanatana Dharma

- Introduction- Sanatana Dharma - why there are two aspects Bhagavata Dharma & Varnashrama Dharma? Types of Varnashrama.
- Vedic scriptures, Four Vaishnava sampradayas, Gaudiya Vaishnava Acharyas, Srila Prabhupada on Varnashrama Dharma.
- History of Varnashrama in the four yugas.

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Introduction- Sanatana Dharma - Two Aspects

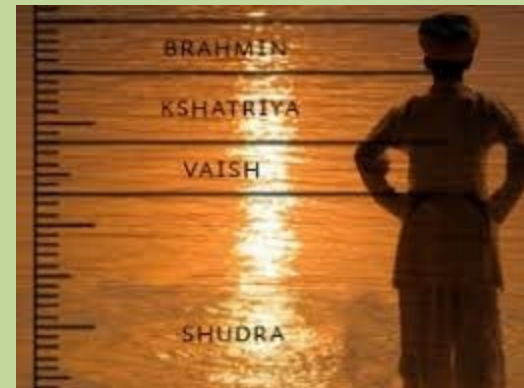
* Bhagavata Dharma

activities of the Soul



* Varnashrama Dharma

activities of the body



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Introduction- Sanatana Dharma - Two Aspects

- * Varnashrama Dharma - Vibhagasah (dividing)
- * Bhagavata Dharma- to unite in service of Krishna (nartho yas ceha karmabhih) (sva karmana tam abhyarchya)

Why divide and then unite? Bg 3.8

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Types of Varnashramas

- **SAMANYA VARNAASHRAMA (General)**
- **ASURIC VARNAASHRAMA (Atheistic)**
- **VARNAASHRAMA ABHASA (Reflection)-**
CAPITALISM, COMMUNISM, ETC
- :
- :
- :
- **DAIVA VARNAASHRAMA (Transcendental)**

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Varnashrama References from Scriptures

- Vedas- Purusa sukatam (is hymn 10.90 of the Rigveda)
Yad **purusha** vyadhadhu (divided) brAhmaNo asya mukhamAseet I
bAhoo rAjanya: krta: I ooru tadasya **yad** vaishya I padbhyAm shoodro
ajAyata || 12 ||
- Puranas-Vishnu Purana *3.8.9 varnasramacaravata
purusena parah puman.....*
- Srimad-Bhagavatam
- Bhagavad-gita

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Acharyas on Varnashrama

- Sripad Sankaracharya- established brahminical culture
- Sripad Ramanujacharya- established brahminical culture and encouraged everyone to accept bhakti.
- Sripad Madhvacharya- established brahminical culture and encouraged everyone to accept bhakti.

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Acharyas on Varnashrama

- Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura established bhakti practices for everyone and explained varnashrama to be a good tool to enhance bhakti especially in Vaidhi Bhakti.
- Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Prabhupada practically established Varnashram by introducing the Brahmachari ashram and the Sannyasi order.
- Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada established bhakti (Sankirtan yajna) all over the world and also started farm communities and gurukulas to make life simple .

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History of Varnasrama in Four Yugas

Satya: Eka Varna - Hamsas

Treta: Strict Varnashrama - Sri Rama

Dvapara: Varnasrama misused -
Dhritarastra

Kali: Varnasrama corrupted -
started from Sringeri

To be continued...