

Serving God in the Form of the Poor and Destitute

Sri Sri Ma's Special Kheyāla

A few days ago someone approached Mataji with the following question : "Ma, so many people are nowadays in dire need of food and clothes. What is the remedy? What can be done for them?"

Mataji replied : "Is this your problem? Look, the sublime has to be adopted and pleasure relinquished. The most sublime gift is complete dedication of oneself to God—after which the question of giving or not does not arise anymore. When one has started to serve, giving becomes more and more one's natural expression, until giving one's all, giving oneself—total self-dedication, comes about. The giver, the act of giving, and receiving, are they not all the one God—for those whose goal is the Supreme? God in the form of the poverty-stricken has to be served. If you like, you may forgo your evening meal once a month, once a fortnight or once a week, and with great reverence donate the equivalent in money to God, the needy."

Mataji sometimes says : "God Himself is the supreme father, supreme mother, supreme friend, beloved, lord. One should ever keep in mind that everyone without exception is the offspring of the Immortal." Mataji always speaks of "*Jan Janārdana*," God in the form of man. Thus it is our hope that all who come to know of it will gladly join in this fast in the service of God in the shape of man, contributing their share to this work of human welfare.

