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## Make the Choice Here and Now

Most of us fail in our endeavours because of procrastination or making wrong choices. It is sad irony indeed that we defer the decision-taking to a future date, which in fact never comes, and the result is that we meet with despair, dejection and despondency. We make wrong choice of doing things at wrong times. We delay and postpone the implementation of our good or superior plans and make an undue haste in the implementation of the bad or inferior plans. The central protagonist of the Ramayan, Lord Ram, was adept in making right plans at the right time and ensuring their implementation at the right time. On the other hand, Ravana erred in making his choices. He had a plan to make stairs to the Heaven, but he procrastinated and deferred this superior plan for a future date which infact never came. He made undue haste in incurring the enmity of Ram by kidnapping Sita and the result of it is for all to see. The tragedy of Ravana is in fact the tragedy of making wrong choice at the wrong time and postponing the doing of right thing at the right time. It is imperative for us, therefore, to choose always the way that seems the best, and not to make unnecessary and undue delay in the implementation right plans.

An American gentleman was telling a man to call him by the name Ambarish and not by his old name Alfred. After he had finished his conversation with that person, I dared ask him why he had liked to pass for a Bharatiya. He replied, "It is not to look like a Bharatiya or to pass for one but there is a stronger reason behind my choice of name." He went on to say, "when I was very young and idealistic I was restless, I yearned for peace of mind. However, I came in contact with Sri Prabhupad. I became a totally different person. My idea about life in general underwent total transformation and I was reborn as Ambarish Das. The reason is simple. Sri Prabhupad himself had given me this name, and whatever Sri Prabhupad has given me, I hold extremely close to my heart."

So, we can clearly see what transformation to a better or dearer personality is like. Alfred used to use his possession, wealth, energy etc. for qualification of inferior things, qualification of his senses, but now he is using them for superior purposes and "I concentrate upon purpose of elevation and evolution as directed by Sri Prabhupad Ji. I do so as Ambarish, so I like to be addressed as Ambarish. As Alfred I used to make use of God head's inferior energy. Now as Ambarish, I utilise God head's superior energy." Sadly enough, most of us do not utilise God head's superior energy for noble purposes such as charity, upliftment of the poor, downtrodden, suppressed people etc., not even for self elevation or evolution. We use God head's

inferior energy, for inferior purposes. The result is for all to see—channelising money for wrong purposes, misrepresentation of religion, confused thoughts, arousal of violence, merciless killings etc. The best example of this is Osama Bin Laden. He himself was part and parcel of God, and he was hellbent on destroying other parts and parcels of the same Supreme Being-force just because of a few wrong ideals in his life. George Bush, President of America, the richest and the so-called civilized country in the world, in the name of saving the values of life and humanity, made attacks on Afghanistan and Iraq, killed thousands of