

## Boyfriend & Girlfriend



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What is the origin of Boyfriend-Girlfriend idea? If we look in to the *Vedic sastras*, we can see that the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord *Sri Krishna* and His eternal consort *Srimati Radharani* played the role of Boyfriend and Girlfriend. In fact, the couple actually remains eternally as a boy & a girl and they never become old, neither are They separated nor do They die. When Lord Krishna was in *Dwaraka*, He took part in the *Kuruksetra* battle. At that time He was one hundred and twenty five years old, but He would look exactly like a twenty year old boy. Sometimes, His queens would be puzzled to find out which is Krishna and which is Her grandson. Even today He is still a young boy and *Srimati Radharani* is only a young girl. That is said in *Brahma-samhita: adyam purana purusam navayauvanam ca*. They are eternally youthful.

Being envious of *Radha* and *Krishna*, we come to this world and try to imitate Them. When we try to enjoy like Them, how long do we remain young? Without our notice, old age comes, our capacity to enjoy gradually diminishes, glamour is over, whereas the enjoying tendency is still not satiated and hankering for more. It is really miserable until death, and at any moment we have to die without choice. That's why *Vedic* scriptures tell us, this human form of life is very rare and very valuable. In this life we can inquire about: why we have to die, why old age comes, where do we go after death, who has arranged the object of our enjoyment, and how & why all these things are happening?

When we purchase a machine, we get a guidebook, which tells us about the machine, how it works, how to operate it etc. Similarly the creator of the whole cosmos has given us the directions in *Vedic* literatures on how to lead our lives very systematically and make it a real success. From childhood itself, boys are trained to build an ideal character and the girls maintain chastity and learn 64 arts. At the proper age they get married by the arrangement of the guardians. Then they live as husband and wife, taking care of each other until death and produce quality children for the future society with moral values. In turn those children produce and responsibly bring up godly children again. Those children look for the ultimate purpose of their lives, which is to love God and serve Him. Finally they say goodbye to this material and

miserable world. They look after their parents and grandparents as well. In this way the future generations are also in safe hands.

If we do not do so, and lead our lives like the modern day boyfriend and girlfriend, how long does the relationship remain so sweet as we expect? Most of the times they disagree with one another, split up and look for a new one etc. If they have any children, who will look after them? All of these things are painful. As a result many become seriously depressed. From an irresponsible person we cannot expect any responsible offspring in future. Obviously the child will not be godly, rather dogly. You can expect nothing good (unless there is an exception) from such children; they are *varnasankara* (unwanted children). They will behave as their parents did or worse than that. Trying to imitate Krishna only results in suffering; a complete waste of human form of life. In comparison, suffering will be much more than enjoyment. However there may be sexual diseases as well, because of having sex with many people, who knows who has or had what disease? Their future is totally uncertain, like a boat without a rudder.

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In contrast, the children born of the proper parents may be better in many aspects (unless an exception). Lord Sri Krishna says in the *Bhagavad Gita: dharmaviruddho bhutesu kamo'smi bhartarsabha* "I am sex life which is not contrary to religious principles." So the best way is to follow the guidelines given by the original authorities, who have created the world as well as us. Enjoy a sober, responsible & meaningful life and finally go back to your eternal home, the spiritual world. There you can enjoy friendship with your real friends headed by Lord Sri Krishna and *Srimati Radharani*, who are eagerly waiting for your association.

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