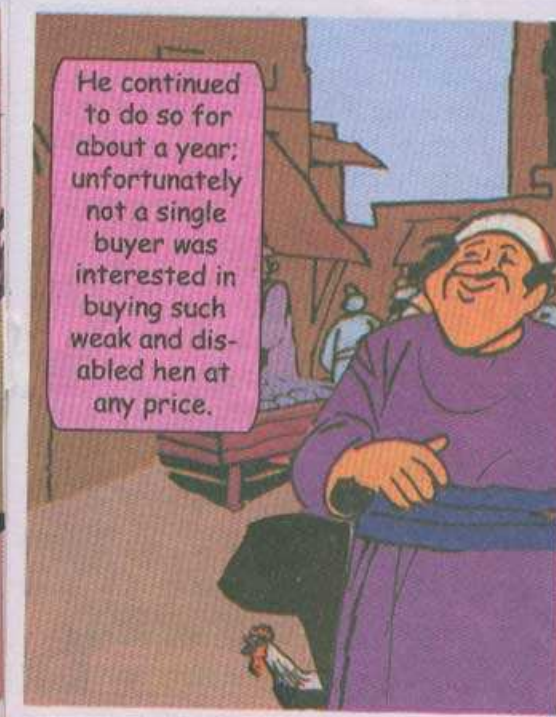
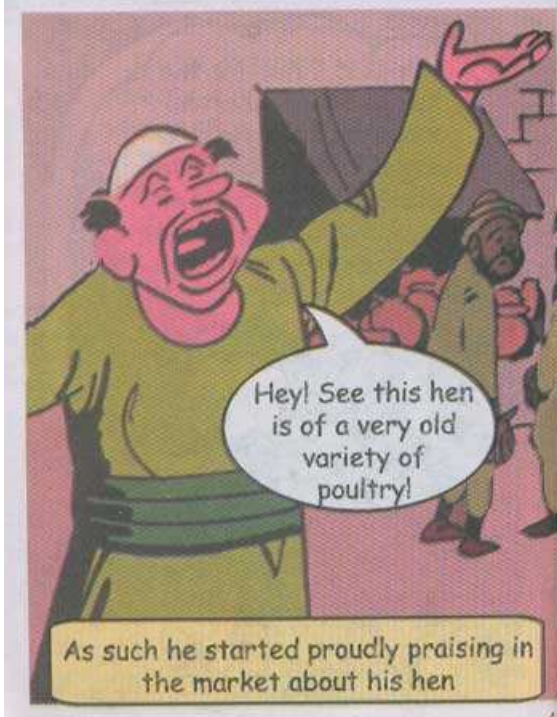
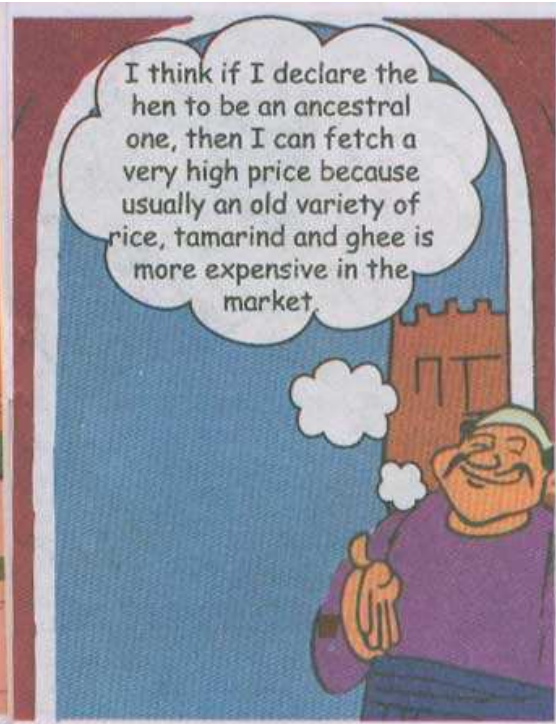
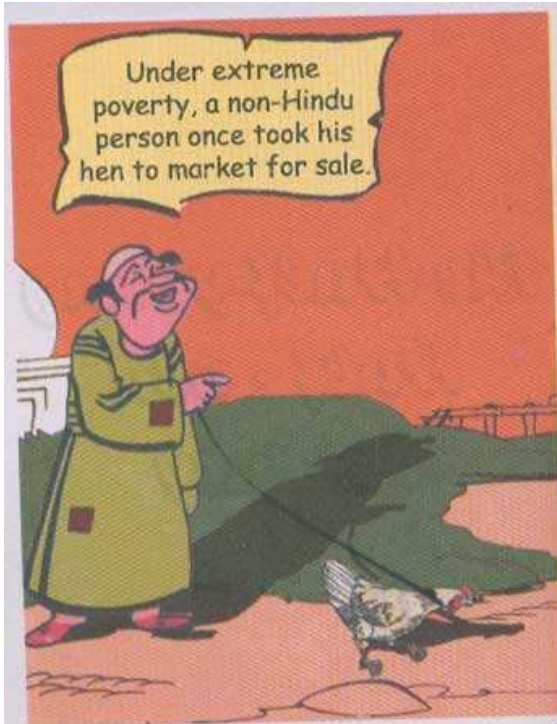


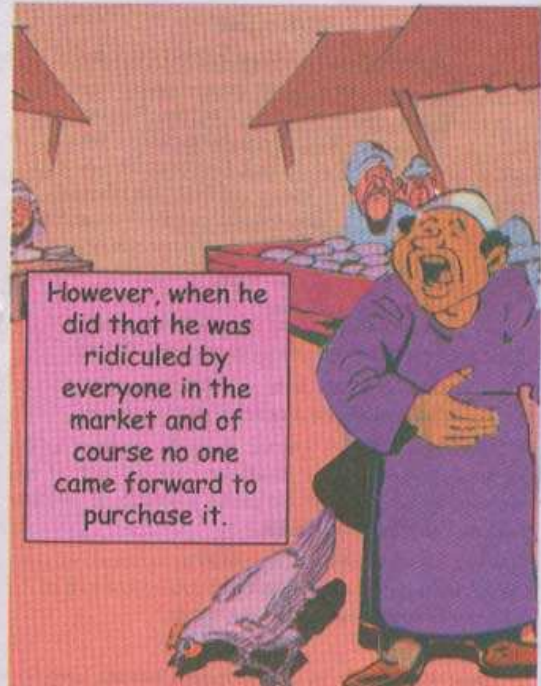
*The Half-young
Half - old
Fallacy*



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.



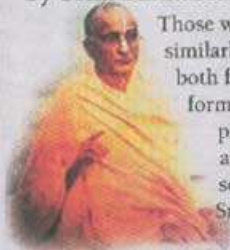
Seeing his condition an elderly man



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

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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-vidhaisvaryya-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."

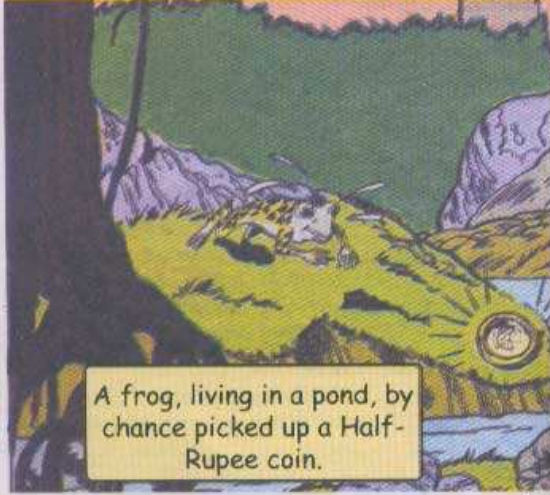
(Cc,Adi. 7/138,140)

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.



The Frog's Half-rupee Coin



A frog, living in a pond, by chance picked up a Half-Rupee coin.

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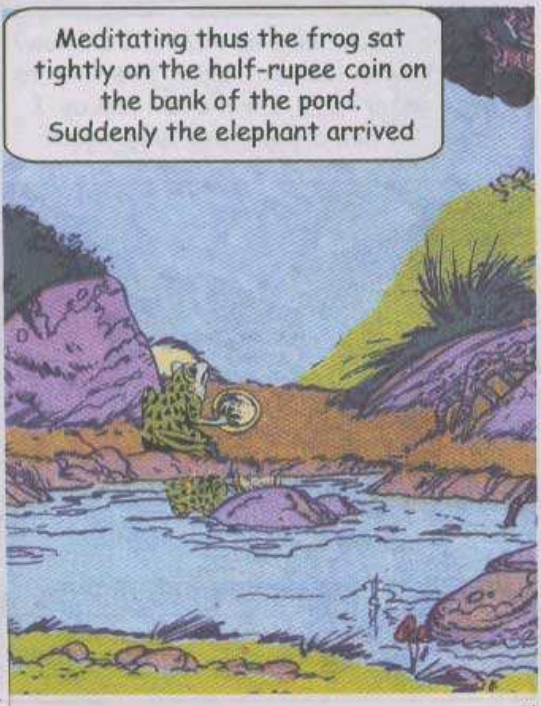
Hey!
I got a coin.

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Is there anyone else as rich as I am now?
If the king's elephant comes this time to
drink water here, I will chain him up. I
won't let him drink water here again!




Getting the coin, the frog became
puffed up.



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Those who are simply puffed-up with their great sphere of mundane activities in this material world, prove themselves to be insignificant like the 'half-rupee coin of the frog' whenever they are confronted with a situation of real assessment. The great valour of an untiring worker in this material world may be crushed underfoot at any moment under the pressure of the mundane spell, as it is nothing but a gift from the material nature.

Thus the Bhagavad - Gita says :

prakrteh kriyamanani gunaih karmani sarvasah /
ahankara-vimudhatma kartaham iti manyate //

"The spirit soul bewildered by the influence of false-ego thinks himself the doer of activities that are in actuality carried out by the three modes of material nature." (BG 3.27)

The activities performed under the influence of different modes of nature, are considered by the living entity to have been done by himself under the illusion of "I am the Lord".

Such a puffed-up person under illusion thinks himself

to be the lord of enjoyment in this world and thus wants to lord it over the world. They fail to realize, however, that mother nature can at any moment crush down their tall edifice of boasting as a great worker. There is no use of independence and its related conceit in this material world. Today's king may be tomorrow's beggar on the street. Today's pauper may become puffed-up with unlimited wealth and opulence. So the great saint sings :

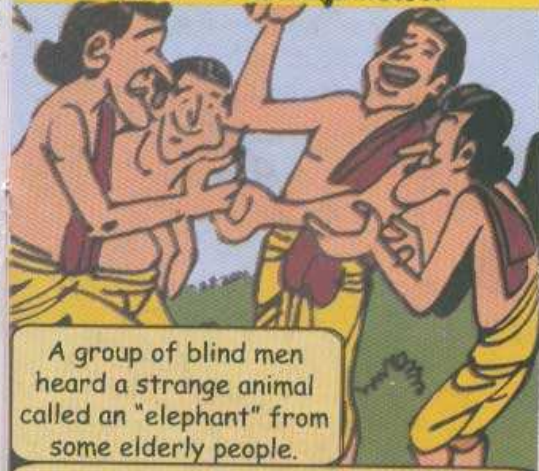
rajar ye rajyapat yena natuur nat
dekhite dekhite kichu noy /
hena maya kare yei, param isvara sei
tanre mana sada kara bhaya //

"The king's kingdom is like the dancer's dance, in an instant it can be finished. In the same way, Maya, the supreme controller, acts. O mind, be always fearful of her!"



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The Blind Men & the Elephant



A group of blind men heard a strange animal called an "elephant" from some elderly people.

Naturally they had a very strong urge to have first-hand experience of such an animal through their sense of touch.

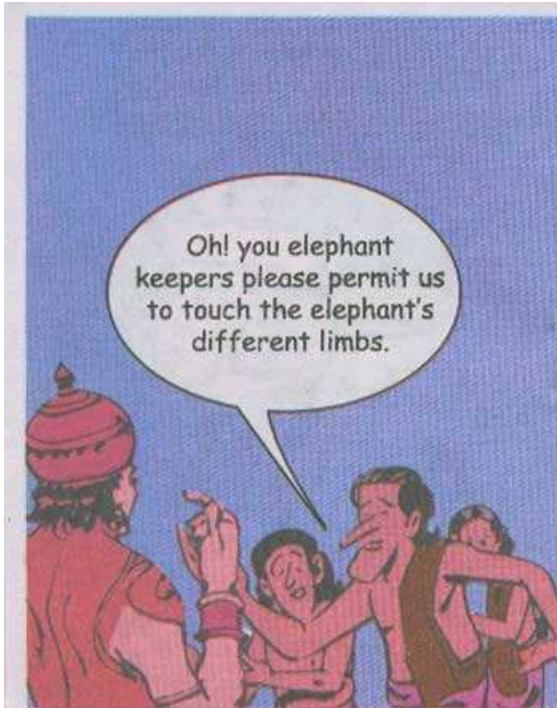
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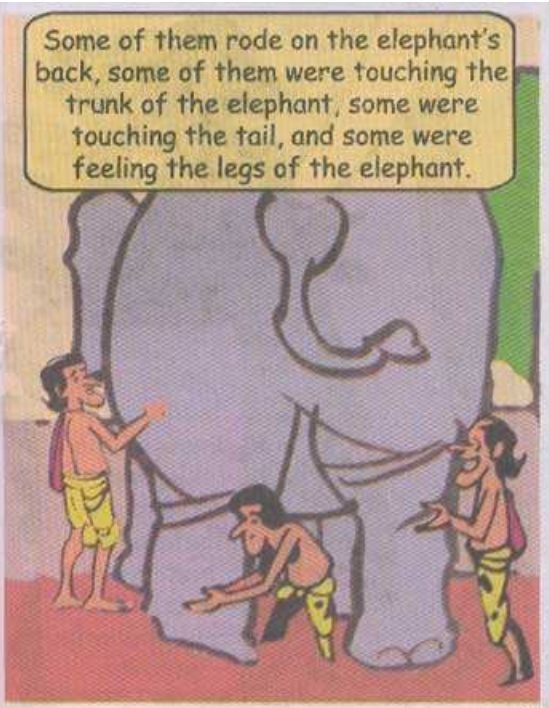
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Oh! you elephant keepers please permit us to touch the elephant's different limbs.



Some of them rode on the elephant's back, some of them were touching the trunk of the elephant, some were touching the tail, and some were feeling the legs of the elephant.



The blind person who touched the trunk of the elephant decided that the elephant must be an animal with the form of a large serpent.



The one who touched the legs assumed that it was just like a pillar.

Another who touched its ears thought that it must be something like winnowing platter.



The one who touched its belly came to his own conclusion that the elephant must be an animal like a big drum.

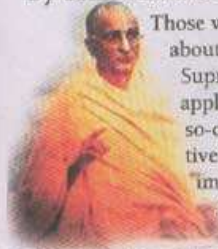
Thus, the understanding of the elephant was not perfect to any of the blind persons.

to be considered imperfect and unfounded, unless and until it is supported by a true vision and realization of his real position of a true devotee.



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Those who arrive at their own conclusion about the constitutional form of the Supreme Personality of Godhead by applying their materialistic knowledge, so-called mundane education or objective observation also suffer from such imperfect and concocted conception of the truth.

It is because of this kind of endeavour for realisation of the Supreme Godhead through one's direct observation and speculation that various atheistic philosophies like illusionism, skepticism etc. have become established. But when one is enlightened, which means, initiated into transcendental knowledge from a real devotee of the Supreme Lord, and is fortunate enough to enjoy a vision of the Lord, then, and then only, the perfect constitutional form and position of the Lord can be properly realized.

Those who are not devotees of the Lord and are under illusion from material knowledge, deliver only such ideas about the Supreme Lord that are simply imperfect, concocted and speculated "isms" only. Any conception of formlessness of the Lord, or of his transcendental form, is