



Home Deity Worship Course

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The first kind is performed with ingredients according to the means of the householder, and is therefore reduced of shortened service. The second type is the worship of the Supreme Lord as a king, in awe and reverence. In such kingly service, regular worship is a necessity; if it is otherwise, sinful reaction is incurred. Everything must be sacrificed for the satisfaction of the Lord. The strictness of the rules and regulations involved in such service, must, in all respect, be protected. The rules and regulations established according to place, time and circumstances must be strictly kept without deviation, with firm faith. Householders, and those who have given up their homes but are carrying on simple deity worship, are able to offer foodstuffs to the Lord more or less according to the needs of their own families, of associate Vaiṣṇava s, or of guest who come to them. But in kingly service of the deity everything must be regulated. On days when there is fasting, such as Ekādaśī, food grains must be offered to the Lord. On those days, the offered food grains should not be taken as *mahā-prasāda*, but saved for the next day of given to others. One should be sure to offer the Lord fruits and vegetables when they come into season (eg. in the month of Dāmodara, etc.)

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