



Home Deity Worship Course

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*śailī dāru-mayī lauhī
lepyā lekhyā ca saikatī
mano-mayī maṇi-mayī
pratimāṣṭa-vidhā smṛtā*

śailī — made of stone; *dāru-mayī* — made of wood; *lauhī* — made of metal; *lepyā* — made of clay, sandalwood and other substances laid down as a paste; *lekhyā* — painted; *ca* — and; *saikatī* — made of sand; *manaḥ-mayī* — conceived of in the mind; *maṇi-mayī* — made of jewels; *pratimā* — the Deity; *aṣṭa-vidhā* — in eight varieties; *smṛtā* — it is remembered.

The Deity form of the Lord is said to appear in eight varieties — stone, wood, metal, earth, paint, sand, the mind or jewels.

Purport

Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī explains that certain Deity forms, such as those made of sand, are manifested for a brief time to fulfill a personal desire of the worshiper. Those, however, who desire to attain pure love of God should worship the permanent form of the Deity (made, for instance, of marble, gold or brass), and they should maintain continual worship. In Kṛṣṇa consciousness there is no scope for neglecting the worship of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

