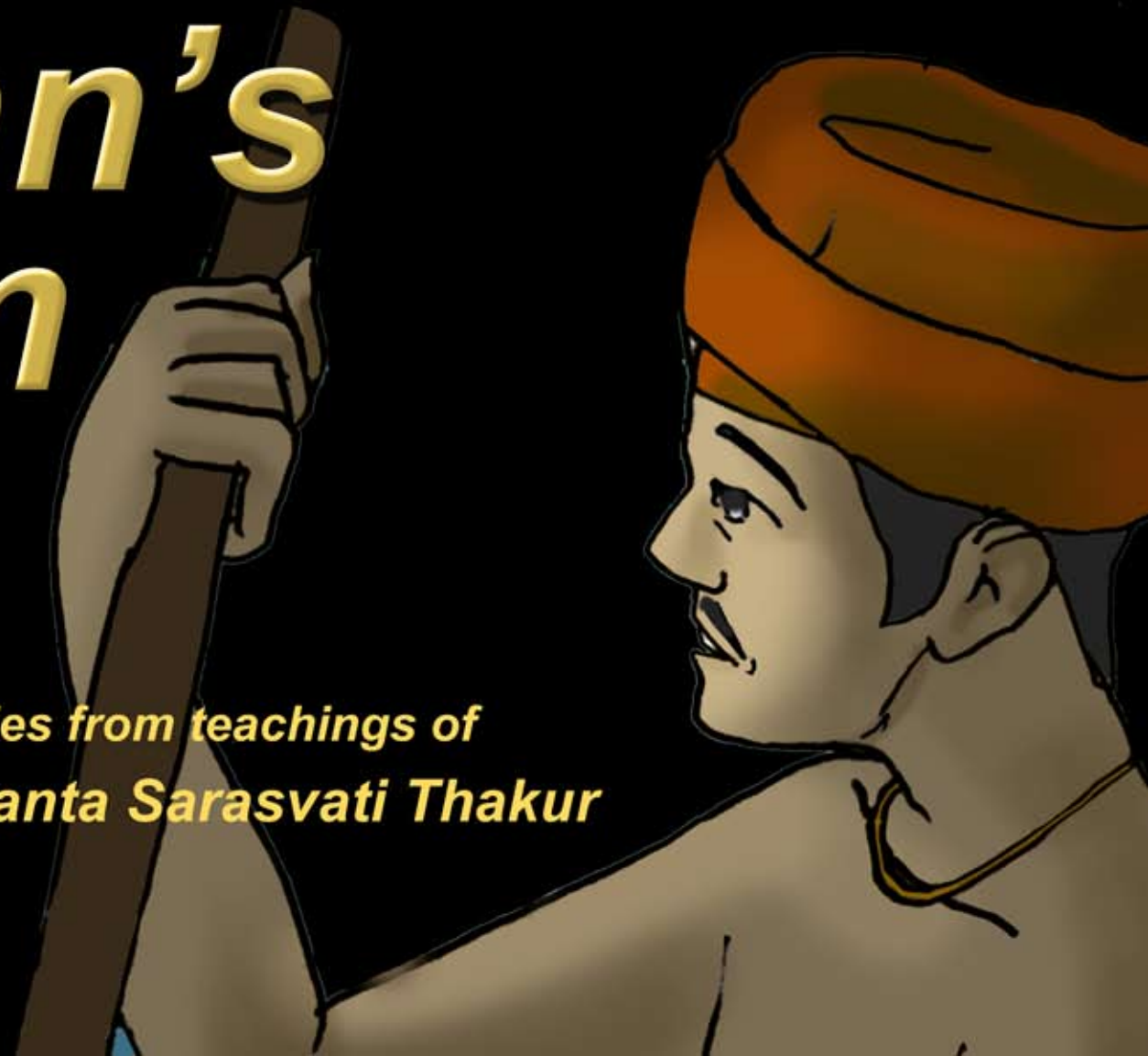


# *Boatman's Dream*

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**Once a boatman was rowing his boat  
along a thorny river bank.**



*The soles of his feet were cut all over.*



*He thought to himself...*

***I am not able to walk properly because of the cuts by the thorns.***



*If I could make lots of money by towing the boat, I could spread a long foam cushion all along the river bank so that my feet would not be cut by the thorns. Thus my towing business would be more efficient as I will be able to walk more comfortably.*



**Purport :**

**Many people speculate like this boatman.. They tend to ascribe anthropomorphic or zoomorphic proclivities on the Supreme Lord. What would be the need for the boatman to pull along the riverside when the boatman becomes rich and wealthy? It simply reflects one's ignorance in tugging a boat along with a foam-covered river bank, just as it is in attributing material imperfection and deficiency to Vaikuntha, the transcendental abode of the Supreme Lord.**

**The existence of para-brahma or the Absolute Supreme Being anywhere should eventually confirm the non-existence of all sorts of shortcomings, objections or material wants whatsoever.**