

**Yes !  
No !**

**Very Good !**

*Instructive Stories from teachings of  
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A simple villager picked up some English through listening, such as 'Yes', 'No', and 'Very Good'.



If I memorize these three words it will be enough I think. I will be respected in front of people.

YES!

NO!

VERY GOOD!

Once some robbers commit a murder.

They leave the body outside the house of the simple villager.



Lets escape by leaving the corpse here. The police will never catch us as they will think that the murder has been committed by this simple villager.

The poor villager was caught as a suspect and brought to the court for enquiry.

Did you commit the murder?

If I could speak some English in front of judge then he might have great respect for me, and thus considering me to be a follower of western culture he might relieve me from the allegation of murder

Thus contemplating he answered



YES!!!



Was there anyone else with you?

NO!!!



Do you realize that you will have to go to jail?





VERY GOOD!

## **PURPORT :**

**Even in the field of devotional service, many people often deliver a lot of scriptural quotes in a parrot-like fashion, without proper understanding of the instructions, religious terminology and the injunctions that they receive from the pure devotees. They simply hanker for respect from the people in that manner. But eventually their position becomes similar to that of this villager. In the case the scriptural quotes and authoritative injunctions are not properly assimilated and digested, the righteous community never appreciates them. It is also not possible to be released from the clutches of `maya' or illusion through such a parrot-like verbiage.**

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***It is often observed in public meetings, assemblies and popular mundane literature that many so-called "men-of-letters of modern civilization deliver such ludicrous verbosity on the subjects of devotion, devotees, and the Supreme Godhead. Pure devotees simply consider those deliberations similar to those of the villager mentioned above, who did not realize anything beyond `Yes, No, Very good. Those persons are ultimately destined to suffer imprisonment under the merciless clutches of `maya'.***