Dr. Frog’s Thesis

Instructive Stories from teachings of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur

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Not far from the ocean there lived a frog in a well. The frog was, in fact, born and brought up within the said well and never went outside it. Nevertheless it was still a puffed up creature.
I am the sole proprietor of the well
One day another big frog from the seaside came across the well and by chance it fell inside.
There seems to be a new prey! Let me try on it.
No! No! This is also a frog!
The resident frog asked the newcomer

Where do you come from?

From the seaside
How small is the sea compare to my well?

Ha! Ha! Ha! The sea is beyond any comparison with this well.
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Is it this large?
How long, a jump can you attempt, the sea is far bigger than your well.
This much big! Impossible! Nothing larger than this can exist.
Please make an effort to look above this well and see how large the ocean actually is!
You appear to be extremely fanatical. I am sure that the ocean may very well be as large as this well. I am not so narrow-minded that I am going to declare my well the biggest place of all. Your ocean must be as big as my well, because water is there in both the places. This is my strong conviction. You must be simply boasting about your ocean like a fanatic for your own satisfaction.
Purport:

In the material world as well, there are so many pedantic compromising pandits who insist their own viewpoints are the best ones but ultimately fail to support their own hypotheses. They finally try to equate devotional service with other types of services. They behave just like highly learned Dr. Frogs, but in fact their perception about devotional services is far from satisfactory.