

## LESSON 17

## RAJESH LEARNS ABOUT PURITY

- RAJESH:** I learned a lot in school today. I can't believe that I am so much smarter this afternoon than I was this morning.
- RAM:** I learned a lot also. We are studying about the Red Indians, and we are building a great big teepee in our classroom. Are you doing anything like that?
- RAJESH:** That's nothing compared to what I learned today.
- RAM:** Did you read about the Vikings and the big ships fighting on the seas?
- RAJESH:** Oh, Ram! That's just kiddy stuff.
- RAM:** In our class today we learned our multiplication facts. Do you want to hear them?  $2 \times 7$  is 14,  $3 \times 6$  is 18, and  $3 \times 8$  is 24. I bet you didn't know that.
- RAJESH:** I sure did. (Shakes his head) I know something you don't know. I learned some new words today.
- RAM:** I did, too. Do you know what transportation means? I also learned what vaccination means. Do you know what the word colony means?
- RAJESH:** I sure do. It's a new kind of an electronic game they came out with.
- RAM:** You know everything Rajesh.
- RAJESH:** Well, I almost do. I bet you did not learn the words I know. Listen (whispers in Ram's ear).
- RAM:** Rajesh, that word isn't a nice word.
- RAJESH:** You haven't heard anything yet.
- RAM:** Rajesh, your mother would be so upset and disappointed with you if she heard you say that.
- RAJESH:** That's exactly why I am telling you and not her.
- RAM:** Did you know you get pap (bad karmas) for saying these bad words?
- RAJESH:** You don't get pap just by saying words.
- RAM:** It's not just the words; it's the impure thoughts that come with those words.

**RAJESH:** I know that I had some bad thoughts when I was saying those words, but I didn't know that I would get pap for them.

**RAM:** Well you did get pap, and now you need to get rid of those thoughts so you can be pure.

**RAJESH:** O.K. my friend. I better start thinking about good things so I can be a better person with purer thoughts and actions.