

**His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja**

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**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** ...[Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura] told that, "I'm the sweeper in the *Nāma-hatta* of Nityānanda Prabhu."

And Prabhupāda told that, "I'm one of the sticks in the broomstick in the hands of Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura is *jarudar*, the broomstick in his hand. I'm one of the sticks."

And if he's sincere, if this remark is sincere, if we take it sincerely, and not imitation or not any false assumption, if his sincere liking is for that then we are to measure, this is the unit with which we must construct our body and then we shall hope to enter, venture to hope to enter into Vaikuṅṭha, in Goloka, in the camp of the Vraja *vāsīs*. So:

*trṇād api sunīcena, [taror api sahiṣṇunā / amāninā mānadena, kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ]*

["One who is humbler than a blade of grass, more forbearing than a tree, who gives due honour to others without desiring it for himself is qualified to always chant the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa."] [*Śikṣāṣṭakam*, 3]

This is not a figurative word, not ornamental thing, but this is real, substantial. If we think like that, in what level should I come, should we take ourselves to be qualified to enter into the domain of the Lord, in Goloka? Not least ambition; cent per cent dedicative agent. Meanest of the mean, with this idea; this is the qualification to enter into that domain, what is required of us. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. *Trṇād api sunīcena, taror api sahiṣṇunā*, because in cent per cent humility there cannot be any trace of enjoying spirit. No aggression is possible. The meanest of the mean, that is to eliminate fully the aggressing nature. Aggressing nature cannot be present there only. Enjoyer must be aggressor. The aggression is a property of this world, of exploitation. And dedication of this quality is necessary for the entrance of that domain. This is reality; otherwise all concoction, all imagination. If this is imagination then that is also imagination. If this is concrete reality then to them Goloka is reality. In that plane they will come in contact with Goloka, in such subtle and fundamental plane they will come in contact with that thing really. Otherwise this is all in fool's paradise, to live in fool's paradise. Gaura Haribol. If we have faith in this then that is real to us, otherwise we'll be given the ambition to live in fool's paradise. Nitāi Caitanya Dayal. Nitāi Caitanya. Gaura Haribol. I think I did something to give vent to the feeling of my Gurudeva today; his position, to clear his position, I did something today. Gaura Haribol.

*pūjāla rāgapāṭha gaurava bāṅge, [mattala hari-jana viṣaya range]*

["The path of divine love is worshipping to us and should be held overhead as our highest aspiration."] [*Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura*]

This is enough, *tad dāsa-dāsa-dāsānām dāsatvaṁ dehi me prabho*. This is not a figurative thing. This is not mere poetry. Mahāprabhu says:

*nāhaṁ vipro na ca nara-patir nāpi vaiśyo na śūdro  
nāhaṁ varṇī na ca gr̥ha-patir no vana-stho yatir vā  
kintu prodyan-nikhila-paramānanda-pūrṇāmṛtābdher  
gopī-bharttuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ*

["I am not a priest, a king, a merchant, or a labourer (*brāhmaṇa, kṣatriya, vaiśya, śūdra*); nor am I a student, a householder, a retired householder, or a mendicant (*brahmacārī, gr̥hastha, vānaprastha, sannyāsī*). I identify myself only as the servant of the servant of the servant of the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Lord of the *gopīs*, who is the personification of the fully expanded (eternally self-revealing) nectarean ocean that brims with the totality of Divine Ecstasy."] [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 13.80*]

This is not ornamental thing only, this is reality. This is reality. To become ostentatiously mean is really to become eligible for the higher service. So selflessness, so self-abnegation is necessary for a unit here of the lower order to enter into that domain, so self-abnegation is necessary; then we can come into that plane. There is a plane undercurrent, undercurrent plane, and if we really want to contact with that, we shall have to be such finest of the fine, in our [mood] and no demand. In this negative way we are to transform ourselves; then we can have touch of that plane where we can come. The least exploiting speck of the ambitious life won't take us there. This is another thing, *pratiṣṭhā*. *Pratiṣṭhā* means that is self establishment; or what is that?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Aggrandisement.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Aggrandisement, no, *pratiṣṭhā*, the hard stability, to be stable, to be immortal, to be invincible. Not self giving but self establishing tendency, *pratiṣṭhā*; 'I must stay. I must live.' If necessary I must die for the interest of Kṛṣṇa.

*mārobi rākhobi yo icchā tohārā, [nitya-dāsa prati tuwā adhikārā]*

["Slay me or protect me as You wish, for You are the master of Your eternal servant."] [*The Songs Of Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, p 13*]

A suicidal soldier: "For the cause of the country if necessary I must die. I must efface myself, I may be effaced. If it is necessary my very existence may be effaced if it is necessary for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa." Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Caitanya. My very existence may be effaced if it is necessary. Such temperament, such selflessness of such degree is necessary to find out that plane; so subtleness. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Caitanya Dayal. Mahāprabhu. Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa. Let us be blessed by the, by Prabhupāda Saraswatī Ṭhākura. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Caitanya.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Tridaṇḍī Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja kī jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Nitāi Gaura Haribol.

**Devotees:** Jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gandhi told once, that gentleman, "Gandhi kī jaya. Mahatma Gandhi kī jaya." Then they're singing glory to a particular form. If I go away from that position, they'll go, "Down with Gandhi, down with Gandhi." So it does not concern me," he says. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. So that *jaya* goes to somewhere else. All glory to Guru and Gaurāṅga.

**Devotees:** Jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** All glory to Guru and Gaurāṅga.

**Devotees:** Jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Śrīpāda Bhaktivedānta Swāmī Mahārāja kī jaya.

**Devotees:** Jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Sevā Vṛnda kī jaya.

**Devotees:** Jaya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. You are helping me to take out from my inner heart so many beautiful and so many valuable things. It is through your help that these old memories are again becoming fresh to me. I'm forced to take out those things from the inner nature of my previous life which I got from my Gurudeva, the wealth – again I show, I got the chance of seeing that treasury. I was given the opportunity, by this recapitulation what I heard from the divine feet of Gurudeva.

Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. What's the time?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** We should go now. It's nine thirty.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Nine thirty. But are you dissatisfied?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No, no. I'm always satisfied.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** By this connection the valuable thing; and this is what is our education what I got from the divine feet. I just sincerely put it to you all. It is such.

Gaura Sundara. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. *Pūjāla rāgapāṭha gaurava bāṅge.*

He told me, "We must not go and live in Rādhā-kuṇḍa." Our, one day in the, near Lalitā-kuṇḍa, the Śvānanda-sukhada-kuñja is there and there the first story, and he told, "A second story is necessary, but I won't be able to live there."

I told that, If you don't live in the first floor, then who will live there? What is the necessity of further construction?

"No. You don't know. Better persons will live there, Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, Gaura Kīśora Bābājī Mahārāja, they will live there. And we'll live in the ground floor and we serve them, and we come and live on ground."

Again he told, "I shall live in Govardhana. Rādhā-kuṇḍa is the highest place, the place of our Guru Mahārāja, our Gurudeva. They will live here in closer connection with *līlā*. And we are not fit to live there. We shall live Govardhana, a little far away, because we shall have to come and serve our Gurudeva, so we must be, but we must not live in closer connection with them. We are not fit."

*Pūjāla rāgapāṭha gaurava bāṅge*, the whole tenor of his life was such, *pūjāla rāgapāṭha gaurava*. "That is high, high, and from below we are to honour that. To establish in the whole world this sort of posing that that is too high."

One day in Allahabad, perhaps that very year Swāmī Mahārāja was initiated, in Malaka, in a park when he was speaking he told, "I'm out to give *miydarn*."

*Miydarn* means to wrestle, a challenge to wrestle. Wrestling, what is it? *Miydarn*, that in a meadow, two fighters. Just as that one who became Mohammedan from Christian?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Mohammed Ali.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Mohammed Ali. What is that, the wrestling?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Boxing.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Boxing. “I’m ready to fight with any person, for the, to show that the highest position is occupied by my Gurudeva, Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, Gaura Kīśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, Mahāprabhu. Let anyone come to fight with me to decide. I’m ready.” That he told. “I’m ready to give *miydarn* to anybody and everybody. Let him come and fight with me. I want to establish the throne in the highest place, of my Gurudeva.”

Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. *Pūjāla rāgapāṭha gaurava bāṅge*. Nitāi Caitanya.

Then: this garland?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Jaya. Hare Kṛṣṇa. That stick – bring that stick.

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