

His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

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Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: ...the beneficiary is He. I'm not the beneficiary, a selfless worker.

*karmaṇy evādhikāras te, mā phaleṣu kadācana
mā karma-phala-hetur bhūr, mā te saṅgo 'stv akarmaṇi*

[“I shall now describe *niṣkāma karma-yoga*, the path of selfless action. You have a right to perform your natural prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to any fruits of that action. You should neither act with desire to enjoy the fruits of your work, nor, as a result, should you be attached to neglecting your duties.] [*Bhagavad-gītā*, 2.47]

A great warning. Because the fruit of the action, you are not the beneficiary, so why should you work, take so much trouble to work? Never! That is the most heinous curse, because I'm not the beneficiary so I'll not work. So, selfless activity, that is also of a lower order, but Godly activity, for the satisfaction of the Supreme Lord we shall work. That is *bhakti* and there is also gradation: *viddhi-bhakti*, *rāga-bhakti*, a big division, calculative and spontaneous. And the master is not a constitutional king, but He's autocrat. That is the highest conception of our sacrifice. To work for an autocrat, what degree of selflessness and courage is required? And what type of faith is required, to work for an autocrat? Despot, liar, who is up to anything, not only that, His normal position is such, not a temporary temperament of Him, but His eternal inner nature is such. And we are to sacrifice for Him, because He's the Absolute good and beauty and love. Such faith; selflessness to what degree? If we can accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness as our highest ideal, how much sacrifice is necessary? And sacrifice means life. Die to live! So no loss but gain, by sacrifice, by giving our hearts out.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

So, in many ways, in direct approach, approach by the books; then by *saṅkīrtana*, so many aspects by which we can approach the souls. By helping them, we can help us. We can help our own fortune, own fate, by helping in this way to others. *Kīrtana* has been accepted as the means to the end, also. Not only that the others will be benefited, but as a reaction of that, I will be benefited infinitely.

Mā te saṅgo 'stv akarmaṇi. “Because you are required to work for Me, so you will stop work? Don't go to that dangerous reaction. Then you will be doomed. *Mā te akarmaṇi 'stv saṅgo*. No attachment for strike, stop-work. Because you cannot thrive by your work so you stop it, no. That is a dangerous vacuum. Don't jump there in the eternal vacuum. But work for Me, and you'll thrive there most.”

Hare Kṛṣṇa. So much so,

*sarva-dharmān parityajya, mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja
[ahaṁ tvām sarva-pāpebhyo, mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ]*

[“Totally abandoning all kinds of religion, surrender exclusively unto Me. I will liberate you from all kinds of sins, so do not despair.”] [*Bhagavad-gītā*, 18.66]

“My position is such. I'm your guardian, your friend, everything. Your goal of life is in Me. Believe it Arjuna, at least I must not deceive you, you are My friend, you can take it for certain.”

*man-manā bhava mad-bhakto, mad-yājī mām namaskuru
mam evaiṣyasi satyaṁ te, pratijāne priyo 'si me*

[“Think of Me, serve Me, worship Me, offer your very self unto Me, and surely you will reach Me. Sincerely, this is My promise to you because you are My dear friend.”] [*Bhagavad-gītā*, 18.65]

“My dear friend, I am *pratijāne*, I promise on oath. I am speaking to you that I am everything. You try to come to Me. I am the goal, I am the fulfilment of the life of you, not only you, but everyone. This is My position. What can I do? From the Absolute calculation, My position is such. At least you are My intimate friend, I won’t deceive you, you can believe Me. I promise that I am such and such.”

How shamelessly Kṛṣṇa is expressing Himself. Because of our defect, He has come to plead for Himself, so much, for our benefit. A record is kept there in *Gītā* for our guidance.

Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.
Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi.

Then what about Mahāprabhu? Kṛṣṇa Himself came as Mahāprabhu to preach Himself. He came as His own canvasser, with a group and took even Rādhārāṇī along with Him.

“If necessary, I shall show you how charming position you have got in service, how beautiful the service can be; the other half, how dignified that may be. You come along with Me.”

And that Baladeva came as Nityānanda to canvass for Him, Themselves. The Vṛndāvana has come canvass itself in Navadvīpa.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari.

So more indebted to the canvasser, than the party real. We’re connected more intimately and we are thankful to the canvasser first, and especially when He Himself has come to canvass. How beautiful, how magnanimous, how sacrificing, what sort of love divine there?

Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

Parvat Mahārāja: Now you are canvassing for the canvasser.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. We do not know. We came to seek something good.

And Mahāprabhu proposed that, “Try to find if anything good in Me.”

I have got some charm there, that yes, it is very charming, very beautiful, very taking. Then, who can distribute such things of satisfaction to my inner heart? I searched and anyhow I found my master, that he’s canvassing exclusively for Mahāprabhu, and very strongly. And surcharged with infinite energy to work on account of Śrī Gaurāṅga. How, with what intensity the great dynamo. And then I tried to offer myself to take me in his shelter and following his order as much as I could. And now also I find that I am still in his shelter, and doing some sort of duty, as asked, ordered by him. In this way passing my days, trying to have the core of his advice from different scriptures, the *Gītā*, the *Bhāgavatam*, and other scriptures. Trying to find the corroboration what Mahāprabhu told, and our Gurudeva told, from deep, to deeper thinking, and gradually getting some satisfaction. Otherwise, if I don’t say that I’m not getting anything, then I should do something wrong about Gurudeva and his paraphernalia. No other ideas can draw my attention towards their proposal. Rather I am getting firm faith day by day in this, in the teachings of Mahāprabhu, Vyāsadeva, the Vraja *līlā*, all these things in a stronger position we find. But this is infinite, so we must be satisfied with what little I can get from it. At the same time I feel that this sort of light must be extended to others also, in my good faith. So, I am passing my days.

Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.
Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

Our Bhakti Sudhīr Mahārāja is a depot of energy. He’s Secretary. Let us see under his management how the distribution of Mahāprabhu’s nectar teachings may get a wider field.

Gaura Hari bol.
Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

So Pramāṇa Swāmī and Viraha Prakāśa Swāmī has reached here, their response to your call, that is a good omen. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

We’re not going to do anything bad, but to our conception the holiest thing, that our purpose is of holiest type ever we can conceive. So we must go forward with this program to do good to others, to do best to others, at the same time to get it our own self. What can be more holy engagement than this in the world? The holiest engagement, with the blessing of the Lord, Nityānanda and Śrī Gaurāṅga.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. It is Their duty, Their department. Preaching is the department of Śrī Gaurāṅga and Nityānanda, mainly. So Their blessings in Navadvīpa Dhāma, and absolving us from all offences, They may utilize us. This is our prayer to them. *Aparādha-bhañjan-pāṭ*. Forgive all our previous offences, and engage us in the service to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Gaurāṅga consciousness at the same time. Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Gaura consciousness.

Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol. Gaura Hari bol.
Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

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Swāmī Mahārāja appeared in this world in the day of Janmāṣṭamī, Kṛṣṇa’s appearance, Nandotsava, the day after. And his disappearance is on...

Jayatīrtha Mahārāja: Three days after Govardhana *pūjā*.

Akṣayānanda Mahārāja: *Annakūṭa*.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Three days after *annakūṭa*, Govardhana *pūjā*. Govardhana *pūjā* means for seven days, Kṛṣṇa kept up the Govardhana and the *pūjā* was begun from the beginning. Govardhana was on the finger of Kṛṣṇa.

[Bengali?] _____ [?]

“We’re helping You, otherwise it is not possible for You to carry such a big burden, so heavy a weight. We’re helping You.”

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. And the whole Vraja-maṇḍala is under Govardhana, taking shelter. And outside, so many, the storm and rain and hailstone, and severe hailstorm and rain, and all the Vrajavāsīs under the shelter of Govardhana-giri.

Govardhana, nijani katani varsan dehi govardhana tam [?]

Girirāja Govardhana, Girirāja. It is said that Giridhari is representing Kṛṣṇa, and Rādhā-kunḍa is representing Rādhārāṇī. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. In different strata of manifestation They’re playing.

The subjective tendency can open our eyes to those eternal, current *līlā*. It is always being, it is always taking place. The subjective interference can show us, can connect us with all these variegated *līlās* of the Absolute. It is always, not that only in Dvāpara-yuga, but always they’re present in a plane, *nitya-līlā*. And we can have a peep by the interference of the subjective ultimate principle, *kṛṣṇe chai* [?] The spring of all will is that centre, *iccha śakti adar* [?] Through Baladeva, willing. Willing commanded by Balarāma, the energy department. But *iccha śakti*, the suggestion comes from Kṛṣṇa.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

And all pastimes fulfilment, fulfilling, comes from Rādhārāṇī, *hlādinī*. The fulfilment, the energy, the freedom, the fulfilment, three thinking positions, and energy and fulfilment. Trinity: *jñāna*, *bala*, *krīya*, *ca*, thinking, feeling, willing, three principles. When the whole world is analysed it comes to be classified under three heads; *jñāna bala krīya ca*, in *Upaniṣad*.

Western philosophers also say, thinking, feeling and willing.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Enjoyer, enjoyed and Yoga-māyā. The mutual con ____ ation [?], trinity, *Bhāgavata* trinity. In the *Bible*, trinity; God the Ghost, God the Father, God the Son, or Guru.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

Hlādinī, *sandhīnī*, *saṁvīt*. *Samvīt* representing Kṛṣṇa, *sandhīnī* Baladeva, and *hlādinī* Rādhārāṇī. The three springs of all this *līlā*, positive or negative side, direct or indirect. *Artheṣu abhijñāḥ svarāt, satyaṁ param* [*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, 1.1.1]

I'm told that _____ [?] has given interpretation that *satyaṁ* in *Bhāgavatam* has been meant as Gandhi soil [?] So, he has got his conception about the truth. Truth, the inevitable incidence, the flow. Truth, the inevitable flow. But what for, this flow? And who can command, who can stop, or conduct it any other way? Hare Kṛṣṇa. The providence, the inevitable flow of incidence, that is truth; the providence, the destiny.

Gaura Hari bol. *Satyam, śivam, sundaram*. If *sundaram* is taken away from the inevitable flow, it is meaningless, fulfilment. *Raso vai saḥ*.

satyam bhriyat, priyam bhriyat, na bhriyat satyam apriyam [?]
priyam ca mam etam bhriyat esa dharma sanatana [?]

Satyam bhriyat. Speak the truth. Don't tell lie. *Priyam bhriyat*. At the same time you should be mindful not to be eager to give delivery to unpleasant truth. *Na bhriyat satyam apriyam*. *Priyam ca mam etam bhriyat*. And that does not mean that you will speak all lies because it is pleasing. Don't do that. *Esa dharma sanatana*. But *satyam bhriyat, priyam bhriyat*. *Satya*, this condition, I shall speak truth: but there should be any condition? Must be *priya*, otherwise I shall not, unnecessarily I shall not say that. Then, what is *priya*, what is the position of *priya*? *Priya* means tasteful, pleasing. Truth is not pleasing. What is that element of pleasing? *Satyam*, that is above truth. That is of the mercy character. Truth is justice, something like justice, truth. But pleasing, that is in the category of mercy, above justice. It is possible. Something more than truth. Something more than the naked truth, that sympathy, that mercy, that grace, that love, that charm, beauty. Without that, truth will be rigid law, non-tasteful.

And generally, ultimately, that will come to non-differentiated Brahman conception. *Līlā* means beautiful, life-giving, love. Without love *līlā* is useless. That is *māyā*. So we can have the conception of mercy above justice. We can have some positive conception of the ultimate reality, how He is, how well-wisher He is. We're sinner.

Krsne karunacay bala nandan adi bachay navagichay sacharan [?]

For which Nityānanda Prabhu approaches from door to door and appeals to His utmost.
“Accept the truth, Accept what is beauty, because mercy is there.”

We may not deserve, but still there is hope if the land of mercy is there. Crossing our preservation it may come to me. How hopeful to the needy. This is *prema*. Being aggrieved, being opposed, still Nityānanda Prabhu is distributing to Jagāi, Mādhāi. So what is mercy? He's going to give him His own welfare, but being opposed and damaged, still He's giving. Then how hopeful? The existence of mercy is above truth. And this is what is love Divine. This is what is *sundaram*. This is what is this charm, fascination, attraction, from the Absolute realm. Spontaneous, automatic, and that is the prime, at the root of everything. Good will at the basis of everything.

So Swāmī Mahārāja while America he got some apprehension of going away. He told, I heard, "That if I die, don't be discouraged. You will think of your grandfather. Your grandfather is there. You don't be discouraged. Go on with your work, you'll go on vigorously with your propaganda. Your grandfather is there."

So that mercy is there, the grace is there, in different forms.
Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

sukha-duḥkhe same kṛtvā, lābhālābhau jayājayau
[tato yuddhāya yujyasva, naivam pāpam avāpsyasi]

["Knowing pleasure and pain, gain and loss, and victory and defeat to be one and the same - fight. You will be unaffected by sin."] [*Bhagavad-gītā*, 2.38]

"March on!"

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

Mahāprabhu told before His *sannyāsa*, drawing all His near and dear.

Apan gala mala saday gala diya akan gaura hari krsna kaha giya [?]
Ki bhojane ki sarane ki bhajane ki acintya krsna [?]

"Go to the church weekly once, or go to the mosque five times, or think of the God thrice in the day at least."

No. Always. Emergency. During war the emergent arrangement, emergency, or something like that. So, Mahāprabhu, His advice came like that, emergency. "Always think of Kṛṣṇa. *Ki bhojane*, while you are eating. *Ki sarane*, you are sleeping, you are lying. *Ki bhajane* _____ [?] while you are awake. _____ [?] Day and night always think you are in danger. Emergent position. Any moment the death can take you away from this position. So, consider it as emergency, and go on with Kṛṣṇa culture, Kṛṣṇa cultivation, *kṛṣṇānuśīlana*. By hook or by crook, try to keep up, floating on Kṛṣṇa consciousness, continuous Kṛṣṇa consciousness." And in the south also when He's going on preaching tour.

yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'kṛṣṇa'-upadeśa, āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa
[kabhu nā vādhibe tomāra viśaya-taraṅga, punarapī ei thāñi pābe mora saṅga]

["Instruct whoever you meet in the science of Kṛṣṇa. Teach them the instructions of Kṛṣṇa in *Bhagavad-gītā*, and the teachings about Kṛṣṇa in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. In this way, on My order, become a Guru and liberate everyone in the land. If you follow this instruction, the waves of materialism within this world will not affect you. Indeed, if you follow My order, you will soon attain My association."] [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā*, 7.128-9]

"Whomever you meet, speak about Kṛṣṇa. My request, My order to you all, save so many suffering souls. They're in danger. Help them! They are drowning in ignorance, illusion. Try to rescue them from this drowning position as much as you can. Rescue, rescue the drowning. *Āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa*. Take risk! Jump in the ocean, take the man out of the drowning position in

ignorance, illusion. To light from darkness, drag him, try to drag him from darkness to light. *Āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa*. Don't. There is, the fire intimation went to the authority, they referred it to the headquarters, and then the order came, then to extinguish the fire. So this is a mockery. *Āmāra ājñāya guru hañā*. I'm giving order for the relief work of all drowning in the ocean of *māyā*. Go on, relief work, relief work."

Once while in Madras Maṭha, I went to see the Education Minister for a letter. "I shall go to your province, your district, for preaching, I want a recommendation letter."

He told, "Swāmīji, they're all Tamil speaking, they do not know English, or your Bengali, or Sanskrit. Then what will you do? First you read Tamil, you learn Tamil, and then you can go."

I replied, "That suppose I'm going by the road and found in the Tamilian country, and found a boy is drowning in the tank. Should I go to learn Tamil, and then communicate with the persons? Or anyhow I shall try my best by gesture, posture, 'The man is drowning! The boy is drowning! Rescue him!' What should be the position, what should we do?"

"You are so extreme."

"Yes. With so much urgency, it is emergent. We see things something like that. That anyhow Kṛṣṇa consciousness may be injected through some mediator. There may be some Englishmen, or Hindu going to give some impression, everywhere, give some impression."

So Mahāprabhu has issued an order, *yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'kṛṣṇa'-upadeśa*. Emergency. He has pronounced emergency. "Whomever you find, talk about Kṛṣṇa. *Āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa*. Don't wait for any certificate of the authority. I am issuing general certificate for you all."

Devotees: [Group laughter] Gaura Hari bol. Gaura-premānanda.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: A letter of authority.

Jayatīrtha Mahārāja: Power of attorney.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol.

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