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Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: ...portion of my own inner self, I'll be sure that the paraphernalia is also similarly sure and concrete and reality. So dive deep into reality. This is outer cases, eliminate this body of flesh and blood, all external. Go on within, in the mind, from mind to intelligence, from intelligence *ātmā*, from *ātmā* to Paramātmā, Vāsudeva, then Vaikuṅṭha, Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa, in this way *rasāmṛta-murtiḥ*. The *rasa*, inner demand everywhere is for ecstasy, is for *ānandam*, that is happiness, joy. That is the inner-most principle everywhere. Everyone is searching for maximum pleasure, joy. And according to that the standard will be measured, what is what.

Just as gold is the standard, the mark is there, and the rouble, the pound, the dollar, but the common measurement is gold. Something which as got real value, instead of papers and stamp.

So the *rasa* is the measurement like gold standard. And thereby we're to judge the value of things, how much *rasa*. *Rasa* is the most intrinsic necessity, necessary thing for our satisfaction, not knowledge. And *rasa* is mercy, or beauty, or love, *rasa* - similar thing. And our inner hankering, our inner cry is for that *rasa*, that beauty. Reality the Beautiful, and Reality the Love Divine, harmony. So that is the inner hankering, demand, or cry, and we must march towards that, consciously not blindly, eliminating all unnecessary things of different gradation.

That from *Bhāgavatam* the full fledged theism, Śrī Caitanyadeva came, Kṛṣṇa as Caitanya came and pointed out. "This is your destination My boy, My friends, this is your destination. Try - eliminate all other proposals that will come to you on the way."

anyābhilāṣitā-sūnyam, jñāna-karmādy-anāvṛtam / ānukūlyena-kṛṣṇānu-śīlanam bhaktir uttamā

["One should render transcendental loving service to the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa favourably and without desire for material profit or gain through fruitive activities or philosophical speculation. That is called pure devotional service."] [*Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindu*, 1.1.11] & [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā*, 19-167]

& [*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, 11.21.11, purport]

Gaura Hari bol. So who will come to seek the same thing, the destination, they're our friends. By mutual help we shall march towards that. That is our campaign. This is ISKCON. Search for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. In *Vedānta* search for Brahman. Brahman means all accommodating, all comprehensive Brahman, *athāto brahma-jijñāsā*. And Mahāprabhu, when that *brahma-jijñāsā* of *Vedānta* came in the hand of Mahāprabhu He gave *kṛṣṇānusandhāna*, the living Brahman, not abstract. Not only the power of knowledge, but power of heart. Heart is the main thing, not the brain. Brain utilised for many things, but the recipient is the heart. Heart's satisfaction can really give us fulfilment. So when that *brahma-jijñāsā*, the enquiry after the all comprehensive which is comprehending everything, what is that, where we are? When it came to Mahāprabhu it became 'where is Kṛṣṇa?' My beloved friend, the Lord of My heart.' That was transformed into Kṛṣṇa, Brahman, the Lord heart. *Brahma Vedānta, brahma-jijñāsā*, that intellectualism came here in the form of service for the Lord, dedication for the Lord wholesale, and to be gratified, enlivened, got life. The *Vedānta* got life in *Bhāgavatam*. And Mahāprabhu's Personality came, how to do that practically. He hinted, came and by His own practice He taught us. In this way we shall go on Kṛṣṇa. Through the Name, through the service of the devotees, *śravaṇa, kīrtana*, Name, and everything connecting this heart's satisfaction. *Kṛṣṇānusandhāna*. Lord of our heart, we must search for Him.

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

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...automatically, we may not care for these little comforts here and there, more than that.

Devotee: Yes, something higher. Yet such high comfort you're giving us, we cannot compare to the best comfort in the material world.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: A sincere man will look after that. That is all. Anyhow to go on with this material life, but our attention will be towards that. Food and comfort for the self. Bodily comfort and food etc anyhow of middle class, not very bad and not very good. Anyhow to...

Devotee: We found very good. We've already feasted three times. Very good food here, everything.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Gaura Hari.

Devotee: Because of Your Grace we're having this hope of proceeding towards what you have described to us. Otherwise we could not go on, because we would not see where we're going. But you're describing to us where we're going. Therefore by Your Grace we're feeling some necessity to go that way.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Hare Kṛṣṇa. Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Kṛṣṇa is dealing correspondingly with you. As we deserve so we have.

Devotee: Ha, ha, ha. I do not deserve but by causeless mercy He's brought me here.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Then what has taken you here? Eh? You don't be ungrateful to your inner hankering. So many things to hanker after. That noble awakening within you, ignoring the charming environment and taking you to somewhere else. *Śraddhā*, faith, that is our guide, faith.

Devotee: I have no choice. By your charm you have forced me.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: _____ [?] easily got.

brahmāṇḍa brhamite kona bhāgyavān jīva, [guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja]

["Wandering throughout the material universe, the very fortunate living entity who receives the grace of Guru and Kṛṣṇa receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service."]

[*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā*, 19.151]

While wandering through the eighty four *lākhs* of species, so many different births, innumerable, very fortunately can get, have, a point of that faith, a drop. A drop of that faith, that is acquired unconsciously by the grace of the devotees, the divine agents, anyhow acquired, differently. Suppose I'm a cow, my milk is taken for the service of Kṛṣṇa: I'm a creeper, my body has been cooked for the curry of Kṛṣṇa: in this way unconsciously I have collected. Anyhow my energy

is taken towards Kṛṣṇa's service by the so many agents that are moving here to distribute Kṛṣṇa. In this way we have collected that faith, *sukṛti*. *Sukṛti* can produce that faith, and when faith comes we associate with persons that have similar faith. And then by their help, glory.

brahmāṇḍa brhamite kona bhāgyavān jīva, guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

māli hañā kare sei bīja āropaṇa, śravaṇa-kīrtana-jale karaye secana

["When a person receives the seed of devotional service, he should take care of it by becoming a gardener and sowing the seed in his heart. If he waters the seed gradually by the process of *śravaṇa* and *kīrtana*, the seed will begin to sprout."] [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 19.152*]

*upajiyā bāḍe latā 'brahmāṇḍa' bhedi' yāya, ['virajā,' 'brahmaloka,' bhedi' 'para-vyoma' pāya
tābe yāya tad upari 'goloka-vṛndāvana', 'kṛṣṇa-carāṇa'-kalpavṛkṣe kare ārohana]*

["The creeper of devotion is born, and grows to pierce the wall of the universe. It crosses the Virajā river and the Brahman plane, and reaches to the Vaikuṅṭha plane. Then it grows further up to Goloka Vṛndāvana, finally reaching to embrace the wish-yielding tree of Kṛṣṇa's Lotus Feet."]

[*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 19.153-4*]

Different stages of this material life of exploitation here we're to pass through and goes to Vaikuṅṭha, then to Goloka, in this way. So you also should be grateful to your faith that was acquired by the grace of so many *sādhus*, saints, in your past. It is their grace, accumulated, combined, has opened your inner tendency. And that is searching for the proper soil, that is discoursed, opened, the inner hankering, and that is trying for his own soil, where we can live, where we can thrive. In the association of the *sādhu* I can thrive. Inner _____ [?] crops, from the seed the first sprout, that sprout has come and wants the soil where I shall live and grow.

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

So valuable thing, that *śraddhā*, so *śraddhā* is a most valuable thing which has differentiated from the world outside, _____ [?] of the world, crying for exploitation of different types, madly running for exploitation tendency facility outside. And to try to save from that struggle, and in a peaceful way to grow so that to catch the Holy Feet of the Lord for service. The affection, the friendly Lord, not Lord, Fatherhood of Godhead. "Lord, Father, give me bread." Not only that, enter into the family of God. Eternal service, family service, very intimate service of God. *Mayātma-bhūyāya ca kalpate*.

*[martyo yadā tyakta-samasta-karmā, niveditātmā vicikīṣito me
tadāmṛtatvaṁ pratipadyamāno, mayātma-bhūyāya ca kalpate vai]*

["One who is subjected to birth and death attains immortality when he gives up all material activities, dedicates his life to the execution of My order, and acts according to My directions. In this way, he becomes fit to enjoy the spiritual bliss derived from exchanging loving mellows with Me."]

[*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, 11.29.34*]

“They come and enter Me, that enters My family, enters My group, and gets the confidential service.”

Always under the guidance of the higher eternal servitors they can attain that, that friendly life ___ [?] different group, Rādhārāṇī. Eh?

Devotee: _____ [?]

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