

DIVINE THOUGHTS



His Divine Grace
Srila Bhagavata Bhusana Guru

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For your Perfection

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To our beloved Spiritual Teacher, Paramahansa Thakura Sri Srila Bhagavata Bhusana Guru, on the sacred day of his appearance, Sri Sri Vyasapuja.

His disciples



Prayer to Glorify
SRILA BHAGAVATA BHUSANA GURU

vandarū-jana-mandara kṛṣṇa karnamṛta priyam
dayardra-hṛdayam-gadha radha-tattva-nivedakam
gaura-prema-pradīpena loka-kalyāṇa karakam
srīla sṛīdhara-devasya śiṣyavaryam guṇojjvalam
vandamahe gurum bhaktya śrī bhagavata bhusanam

Traduction

I offer my profound obeisance's to my loving Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Bhagavata Bhusana Gurudeva, who is the best and foremost disciple of His Spiritual Master, Paramahansa Thakura Srila Sridhara Deva Gosvami Maharaja. He is brilliantly adorned with all the divine qualities of his Spiritual Master.

Our Divine Master, Srila Bhagavata Bhusana Gurudeva, is

eternally surrounded by his dear and sincere disciples who are constantly glorifying him; and is worshipped and adore by those who are seekers of enlightenment. He is like a wish fulfilling tree that satisfies all desires with the most astonishing pastimes of Sri Radha and Krsna, which are life giving nectar to the ears. He is illuminated from deep within by his love and devotion to beautiful Sri Radha, which he is magnanimously distributing to the entire world.

He also sports in the pastimes of Sri Radha and Krsna, and he adores hearing live-giving poetry of the Divine couple. He is an ocean of mercy personified, and he is very compassionate with the lost and fallen souls of this world. He brilliantly shines with love for Gouranga Mahaprabhu, the great teacher of love of devotion through whose divine light he woks selflessly for the highest benefit of mankind by magnanimously distributing the Personal Power Mantras of the Supreme Lord and His potencies to illumine all souls.



Preface

A book should not be judged by its size, but by its content. This surprising Breviary is a valuable legacy of inspirational phrases, wise advices and sublime thoughts, compiled in the writings and conversations of his divine grace Bhagavata Bhusana Guru, eminent and prolific author of numerous spiritual writings.

Each thought from his illuminated heart is a transcendental shining gem that day by day disperses the fog of ignorance and neglect in the lives of sincere lectors.

Each phrase of his divine word is a beacon of light, wisdom, truth and depth that will guide our steps and conduct our spirit towards its ultimate destiny: a life full of love and service in the highest plane of divinity, where Sri Krsna, the Absolute Sweet, reigns with Sri Radha, the potent enchantress of his love.

Without further ado, we invite the lector to profoundly submerge in this grand book, one drop of the infinite ocean of compassion and divine love that is fully manifested in the sweet and magnanimous heart of our adored Spiritual Master for the eternal benefit of all souls.

The Editors



Introduction

This magnificent book, “Powerful thoughts for you perfection: Jewels that satisfy all desires”, have been extracted from the writings and informal conversations of our admirable Spiritual Master, Paramahansa Thakura Sri Srila Bhagavata Bhusana Guru.

The wonderful messages contained in this masterpiece, which flow like a powerful spiritual current from the magnanimous heart of our beloved Spiritual Master, once penetrated into our being will lead to a positive transformation in our lives.

Thoughts are the pillars of our existence, personality, beliefs. If we can change our beliefs, then our thoughts will automatically change our modalities. Where my energy goes, my attention and my thoughts will go as well.

Our beliefs produce our consciousness, that of which originates our thoughts and in turn, our behavior. So we can improve the quality of our lives once we improve the nature of our thoughts through the power of our beliefs; because a man is made of what he believes.

In these pages we will find the substance that clarifies our vision and comfort our heart, when we are met at every step of our reading with a divine presence that will manifest itself as resplendent in all aspects of our lives.

All the glory to our beloved Spiritual Master, who is profusely distributing these vital transcendental teachings for our own benefits.

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Divine Thoughts

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There are different manifestations of Divinity, but we are only concerned with that divine manifestation of love, the origin of all origins, the Lord of all.

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The highest principle in this world is love. The most attractive principle is love... charm... beauty... So these aspects of the absolute we focus upon, we don't focus upon the all-powerful, the omniscient, and the all-knowing aspect. We consider these to be external and far-fetched. We want a relationship of love where we can reciprocate with Him.

3

The Lord is searching for us. He is searching for us in a more intense way than we are searching for him. There is a difference between the eastern system and the western system. The western philosophers generally believe in the ascending process, that through their senses, through their minds, through their intelligence, they may be able to capture the infinite.

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The eastern philosopher's minds are trained differently, their minds are trained to make their hearts a clean place, a suitable place, and automatically divinity will descend.

Intellect does not have sufficient power, but if we can make the heart a proper place, then automatically Divinity will descend.

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This knowledge is descending, it is not ascending, accept only what descends. It will carry more devotional value than the intellectual value of everything that is ascending.

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Religion is according to time, place and circumstance. We know that, it is there in every scripture. There is change; otherwise it will lose its dynamic nature. As much as possible we should try to follow the form, but the form has to follow the substance, not the substance follow the form.

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If the form is not doing its job, then it will have to go behind the cart. You have to put the horse in front of the cart. The substance, the inner conception, that is what is most important.

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Dogma, dogmatic, pragmatic. These are conceptions given by the atheist, not by the devotees. For example, they will say that that scriptures are dogmas, but actually they are revealed truth.

Because the atheists have no way of externally proving the different precepts, the different revelations, they regard them as dogmas. But they are revealed truth, the truth that descends.



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In the beginning stages, one who practices the dogmas of revealed truth evolves subjectively. After practicing for sometime, when he develops faith, he begins to “taste” these truths, a “taste” for them comes. Then that conception of being dogmatic disappears from his mind.

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The meaning of self-realization is that I understand my position; I understand that I am separated from the flock, from my Lord, and now I want to make positive progress. Srila Guru Maharaja used to call it positive immortality, the positive side, not just freedom from the negative side but also there is progress, subjective progress in the positive side, positive immortality.

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If you vibrate this world, then this world will vibrate within you, in any manner or form. But if you vibrate the spiritual sky, then that will vibrate the holy name and the whole spiritual sky will begin to vibrate within you. If you desire this world, then this whole world will vibrate within you, and the nature of this world is anxiety...anxiety...anxiety.

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Don't ask why this great disaster is happening to me. Search within yourself. Nothing happens by chance, nothing happens by accident, there is an internal reason, and there is a divine reason, the divine will. You will find there is a connection with the highest, with the supreme.



The Krsna conception is all-accommodating. Acintya vedaveda tattva. it is inconceivably one and simultaneously different, it can accommodate all philosophies. It is an ocean where all rivers flow into.

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The Krsna conception is a universal conception. It is not secular; it does not belong to any particular group. After many fortunate lives in human forms, one gets the opportunity to come in connection with such universal type of philosophy, which includes everything and more.

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The conception itself is managed to break through our secularism, a universal conception, and what is the proof? That our laws are universal laws. It is a science based on universal laws: The law of cause and effect, action and reaction. These are universal laws, they do not deal with a particular part of the universe or a particular planet. They deal with the entirety.

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Where else do you find this? So if you are looking for an universal conception, a wholesale conception, not in part but in whole not in steps but in full, then the Krsna conception will give you the necessary light, the necessary illumination.



Every aspect of the Krsna conception is pointing towards divinity is producing divinity.

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My spiritual master used to say that your conscience, which has been guiding you all through your life, has brought you to this point. that your conscience, which is the representation of the supreme Lord in your heart, won't betray you. It is guiding you and will continue to guide you in the right direction.

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Krsna consciousness means to dive deep into the heart, into the self and allow that eternal nectar, that immortal nectar to freely flow from within.


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It is said that the soul is eternal. What does this mean? jivera swarupa hoy krsnara nitya dasa. I am the eternal servant of the Lord. This is the nature of the soul. The highest theistic conception was given by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, we have to trace that. To understand the soul alone is not sufficient,

abandoning the body, that is not sufficient. Not in these days. But to understand that I am the servant of Krsna, this is the eternality of the soul.

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One should question himself, what is death for me? If it is only abandoning the body, that would be animal consciousness.

What does death means to me?  Automatically the answer will come; death means for me that I can not do my service, that I have abandoned my service. Offending the vaisnavas, that is worst than death for me.

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Not being able to chant, to describe the nama that was given to me, not to follow the order of my spiritual master, that is worse than death for me.

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Time is very precious. Time is meant for the perfection of life. It is not meant for all the different aberrations, all the distractions of this world, It is not meant for exploiting and renouncing, but for increasing devotion. So try to make the best use of your time. Whatever you put into it that is what you will get out. Try to acquire this wealth that is in the heart. Don't waste time.

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Time is a very precious commodity. The moments that are lost cannot be regained. So try to put all your energies, focus all your

energies in this line of devotion and automatically everything will come. All your desires will be fulfilled, everything will be manifested. This is the nature of devotion.

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One should bear in mind what is the ultimate goal of life. Any activity which does not provoke attraction, inclination to the Supreme Lord, is a waste of time, any association that does not increase the association with the devotees is to be avoided also.



One is the creator of his own destiny, because he is inviting his destiny to come an every moment in his life. Thus, the devotee continuously asks, "Where is the Lord of my life?" At every moment he is inviting Him to come. He can't live any longer without his Lord, and that devotion is irresistible, you can't resist it.

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Life is very short, anything can happen at anytime. Most persons are living in the past or dreaming about the future, and in the meantime the present is slipping by. Don't fall into this category. Try to live the present. Remember Krsna always in the present and automatically all unwanted things will fly out.

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Don't search knowledge, it will kill you. Search devotion. Don't think: "Oh, I already know this, and I don't know that..., oh this is something new!" Don't move on that level that is suicide. Move

in the level of the heart, on the level of attraction, where everything is ever fresh and ever new.

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A sincere, an earnest heart is the breeding place of devotion. Devotion means love and love is sacrifice, without self-sacrifice it is not possible any type of love. Because of love a mother sacrifices for her children, friends sacrifice for friends, servants for masters, husband for wife, wife for husband, men for society, society for the Country.



So, sincerity, earnestness, are the innate qualities of the soul and these are the breeding places of devotion, love.

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Devotion is not mechanical. Devotion is a spontaneous, an irresistible current that flows from the heart. The different processes that we practice are for making the heart a suitable place for this devotion to descend and flow. It is the innate nature, the innermost, the innate-most nature of the soul. And it is acquired from heart to heart.

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We are servants of the Lord , but somehow or other we have been separated from Him and by serving Him devotion is awakened. It has been lying dormant since time immemorial, but by serving, by associating with the Divinity, we are able to awaken such devotion

in the heart.

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This devotion is the only treasure of the soul, the highest treasure. It is above knowledge, above power, above all other manifestations of Divinity. It bores to the central core of the whole spiritual world!

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This is the age of Kali, the age of quarreling. We are told that in this age men have short lives, are very lazy by nature, very easily disturbed and always quarreling.

Live like a child in the eyes of god Avoid quarreling. Quarrel takes all your energy away. It kills you, Avoid it! It is better to be humble, as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says. More power will come; more energy will come in tolerating.

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Humility and tolerance, these are the necessary tools to prepare, not only in the beginning but all through your devotional career.

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Devotional service is the only thing powerful enough to give us quick relief in such a short lifetime nowadays most persons reach fifty, sixty, seventy, and they are gone! And, as I repeat all the time, you can't take anything with you, only your faith, after death there is darkness and faith is the only light, Faith is the only light

in the afterworld.

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So build up the faith, see the faith in other devotees. That will help you to progress very quickly. If you see something good, that goodness will come to you. If you see something that is bad, that bad will also come to you. So try to see the faith in the devotees, how strong their faith is how they are trying, how they are struggling in so many different ways, and then automatically that faith will come to you.

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Faith is the internal sun, the internal light in which we are able to see our souls, to see ourselves in relationship to the supreme.



Faith is a particular light, a particular potency that emanates from Srimati Radharani, [the enchanting pleasure potency of the Lord], to develop a relationship with Krsna, A particular potency that shines internally and shows our position, which shows us who we are and what is our relationship with the supremacy of everything.

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Faith can save us from any situation living or dead. Faith is not treacherous. Whatever we do with a sincere heart, with deep appreciation, that will come to help us. Sometimes Srila Guru Maharaja used to refer to faith as sincerity, confidence in the Higher. He also referred to faith and sincerity as internal

appreciation, earnestness, and earnest desire.

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Faith is transferred from one heart to the next, and the only interest is an intense desire for the Sweet Absolute, This is the process of faith. Faith means pouring water on the root, not on the leaves or the branches. To know Him is to know everything. To serve him means all is served. To see Him means everything is seen. This is the Seed of faith that is planted in the heart.

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Faith is like the sun. It will automatically reveal everything, no separate Endeavor is necessary. Only chant and serve, and you will see that everything will become manifested. The eternal is self-manifested. Faith has its own power; it is its own source.



Faith means that you hear something, it enters into the heart, and there it begins to dance. That is faith. It is self-manifested, just like the Sun, it shows itself and it shows everything else.

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Faith is the beginning. Faith is the intensity of the inner appreciation we have got for the Sweet Absolute. It is the crude form of love. Sentiment in its crude form is faith. When faith is refined, it becomes love.

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The company of the devotees is the greatest protector of faith. The devotee tries to protect the faith of other devotees at the sacrifice of his own self; this is the judgement of a devotee. He will sacrifice himself to push others forward.

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In the service of the Lord, it is not safe to depend on one's own strength; This is the whole point of devotion. What strength do we have? If we train our mind to think that we are working on our strength, the mind will flicker, because strength flickers also.

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So, change the conception. Instead of depending on my own strength, my own intelligence, which is limited and defective, let me depend on that which is perfect. The sense of discrimination must be very strong. We must know the difference between what is perfect and what is not perfect, what is spiritual and what is material. Our own strength is material.

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That which comes from the Lord, from His devotees, from the holy name, from the scriptures, that is spiritual. And if we learn to depend on that, then that is like the vast ocean. We will never be in want.

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Sharpen the sword of discrimination. Distinguish between what is spiritual and what is material. This power of discrimination should

be very strong, very clear in your mind. We should sharpen the sword of discrimination and keep it sharp. That will help one to enter into the spiritual kingdom very quickly; it will help us to progress very quickly.

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This knowledge of discrimination will come through hearing, by continuously hearing about the glories of the Lord, by continuously associating with His devotees. Then automatically you will begin to realize what is spiritual and what is material, what gives the heart satisfaction, pleasure. And what gives the heart pain. You will get it from the scriptures, it is clearly written there.

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You will get it by hearing from the spiritual master; you will get it through associating with the devotees. You will get it from your own intuition. Krsna from within the heart will direct you. Taste. It depends on taste. Once taste is acquired, then immediately that type of discrimination comes.



By chanting the holy name and by serving, automatically a strong sense of discrimination will come. by understanding what is the ultimate goal of life then automatically we will see in perspective all these temporary priorities that are here, if you want to learn how to play football, then associate with the football players; automatically you will learn how to play football, you will learn how to pass the ball.

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Any science you want to learn, if you associate with those that are adept in it, you will learn it, if you want to sharpen the sword of discrimination, associate with the devotees, they have the most unique way of helping.

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Blessed are those who are able to practice this process and also help others to improve themselves. They not only try to improve themselves, but they also try to help others, these are blessed persons and they are very few. That is our line. By helping others automatically we help ourselves.

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Give the flower of compassion a chance to bloom in your heart. When you see people on the streets instead of seeing them as objects of exploitation, see how they are suffering.

Then compassion will arise in the heart. He thinks: "that soul is suffering, that soul does not have Krsna consciousness. He is not conscious of the Supreme Lord. He is missing something."

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He who is not conscious of the Supreme Lord is like many zeros

without the one, his life has no value. Let me try to help him". Automatically you will be helped also. This is the way we will attract the attention of the higher. You will be able to attract the attention of the Supreme Lord when he sees, Oh, how selflessly My servants are working to tell others about Me, to make others know about Me".

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My spiritual master used to say that the mind may know power and the intellect knowledge, but the heart can only feel love, affection. From that love and affection comes self-sacrifice, compassion.

No other quality is worth living for, only compassion and love. Compassion is born from love, so don't get caught in this world of exploitation.

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To give ourselves, to sacrifice ourselves is the most unique form of practice.

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Self-interest, desires, these are the killers. So don't approach the absolute with any personal interest, otherwise you may be hurled back further from where you were picked up.



My Guru Maharaja used to consider personal interest, self-interest, to be one of the biggest impediments. If it can be removed, then automatically the divine flow will take place, everything will

come, understanding, inspiration, taste, association with the devotees in the proper mood, it is all there. The treasure is there within your heart, just remove all impediments and it will gush forward with full force.

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The Lord's loving search for the lost servant, He is waiting. We have the holy name; we have the association of the devotees. Chant and the mountain of impediments will be removed, then automatically the inner flow will come, we feel the inner desire that will be something substantial.

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If you are always preaching, if you are always speaking about Krsna. If you are always kind to everyone, giving respect to everyone and not wanting any respect for yourself, if you always remain very humble, then there will be a continuous flow of devotion in your heart, a continuous flow of divinity in your heart. Avoid self-interest; try to avoid the 'I, Me and mine'.

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We must come to that subjective evolutionary stage where we are ready to do anything for Him. This is the highest philosophy. Nothing can defeat this.



Dedication is soft, it is sweet, it is massaging to the heart. It will

fulfill all your desires.

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Preaching is the substance because it is the fastest way to advance. When we preach we have to put our total attention, our total energy, we have to be conscious of the person we are talking to. It is the most living process.

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When the heart becomes soft by chanting the holy name, then naturally it wants to give, it does not care for itself. It is not there for its own egotism, for its own selfishness, It wants to give. In this way, the process is to distribute the grace of the Supreme Lord.

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The whole point of distribution is selflessness. The desire to give, not the desire to take, the desire to give is a very magnanimous quality, a beautiful, a charming and wonderful quality. And it is already there in the soul. It is just a matter of associating with those who already have that quality.

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In the beginning stages it may be necessary to train the mind in certain thoughts, because the mind has the tendency to think, everything is for me, and in this way it does not want to distribute. So sentiment, pure sentiment, real sentiment will not come.

But when one begins to distribute, automatically that love

sentiment comes. He forgets himself. Self-forgetfulness.

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One of the most famous expressions of Srila Guru Maharaja was, 'no giving no getting', if you don't give, you don't receive". It dries up in the heart and then we begin to intellectually think about feeling. But you can't think about feeling.

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As soon as you go to think about sentiment, it disappears. It is so natural! But in the process of distribution, in the process of giving, of being magnanimous, automatically that sentiment will come.

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Distribution magnanimity is the quickest and best method to produce, to awaken sentiment in the heart.

And it is the method that causes that sentiment to evolve to perfection. If we don't give, whatever we have inside will dry up.

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We are told that whatever you distribute comes back to you. If you distribute a book, then the knowledge of that book comes to you, this in the nature of transcendence.



Distribution is the life of the devotee. This is the specialty of the advent of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, to distribute, to make others happy. Then automatically that feeling of happiness will come within us. Any devotee who is attracted to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission must feel that sentiment. He wants to distribute, he wants to give, and this is a most natural sentiment.

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Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is chanting and tasting, and automatically whatever He is tasting He is distributing, and from that distribution he is able to taste more, and then distributes more. In this way it goes on.

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Preach and distribute. Make that your life and soul and you will be eternally blessed by Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Prabhu. It can only produce a better life.

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The essence of distribution is the association of the holy men, sadhu sanga.

If you get the association of the sadhus, those who are convinced deep in their hearts that they are doing something for the eternal benefit of humanity, and then automatically you will go out [and distribute.



When we are chanting or when we are hearing, it is not as living, it is not as dynamic as preaching, so our Guru Maharaja says that when we preach we are able to advance fastest and quickest.

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We may say, "Oh, we don't have anything", and that is correct! we don't have anything but the propriety of our Guru Maharaja,. it is there within us, If we give whatever he has deposited (in us), whether it is a little, a little bit more, or a lot, whatever is there, then it will be multiplied millions of times more and come back to us.

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So the best benefit we can receive is by giving benefit to others, giving others the chance for the service of Sri Radha, this is the best you can do for anyone in this world.

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How happy are our guardians, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Sri Nityananda Prabhu, when a new soul who is suffering in this world gets the chance to chant harinama, the holy names of the Lord.

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There is a special joy in this world that is not even found the spiritual sky, the joy of seeing a new devotee being offered to the

lord, a new devotee gaining entrance into the kingdom of Krsna.



What you sow in what you reap. What you give, that's what you get. If you don't give, you don't get. No giving, no getting, this is a universal principle.

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In kali Yuga, in this particular era of time, it is most difficult to be generous. Only very few are able to sincerely and without any motive sacrifice their lives for giving.

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We are told that slackness, laziness, lethargy and luxury, are our enemies. Our Guru Maharaja used to give the example of the army. The opposition side is attacking and we don't understand that they are attacking. The environment is attacking and if we are not ready, if we are not there producing and distributing, then we will loose the war. Means we will have to surrender and become prisoners of this world.

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Do, do or die, one must be convinced in his heart that what he is doing is for the eternal benefit of all. Then automatically some impulse, some propelling force will come. When you taste something that is sweet, immediately you want to distribute it.

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The steady and dependable wins the race. When the mind is not steady, you will not be a dependable person. Radharani, She depends on her Sakhi Manjaris to do their service, She does not have to worry about it.

They are given their service and  they go and do their service..., and they do it!

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Love is demonstrated by the steadiness and dependability. If you are not dependable the highest confidence will not fall with you. The highest confidence will not descend in the heart, which is not dependable. Srila Guru Maharaja used to say: □ if the mind is steady, then automatically the siddhanta, the essence of scriptures will come".

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If dependability is there, it has a place to sit, a place to stay. But for the fickle minded, the knowledge, the understanding, the devotion, the practices, will be like pouring water in a basket.

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Only those who are steady and dependable will reach the supreme destination, the highest point, love is in the dependence. Love will only come in the heart that is steady and dependable, that is real love, otherwise it is something else, it is just a mental thing.

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Those thoughts, those ideas that come to our mind, if we are able

to translate them out into service, then that is magnanimity, that is generosity, That is the generosity of the higher. If we are able to translate them into service, then that is the extra. Otherwise, if we are feeling sentiments but we are not doing any service, those sentiments are not real; they can betray us at any time.



But those sentiments that come with steady service, they are something substantial, something we can depend on.

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Sentiment means affection, love, and it exists in relation to others, so it is only expressed when we help others.

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The lord wants your heart. The devotion mood, the conception with which you are performing your services, that is what He is devouring, that is what He wants.

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The Lord takes the devotion, that is what he is taking, and devotion is an eternal substance. It is his way of understanding that you love him, through your attitude. When the devotee comes to the point of understanding that everything is for the satisfaction of Krsna, that every atom in his body is for pleasing Him, then the Deity will fully reveal Himself, every movement of the deity will

be seen.

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There will be no Question of this world or that world, because all becomes Aprakṛta, spiritual. The substance prevails, the form goes under. It is our Lord that we are decorating, serving, worshiping. He is the Lord of our heart.



The Deity is in the heart of everyone, but because we cannot see Him, He is so mercifully manifested externally for us. For those who can see, He is dancing, He is having so many wonderful pastimes.

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According to the purity of heart, according to the conception, we will see this is directly Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He is dancing there. You will see his movements, you will see everything. This worship is not man-made; it descends from the highest quarters. We are dealing with the eternal, with the infinite. So everything we do is eternal.

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Anything that evolves objectively, externally, dies. That which evolves subjectively, lives eternally. So they call this world □ the land of mortals, because everything is producing death. The only life is a life of love with the Lord. Serving Him and his confidence. Confidential service is the only life, it is written in all the scriptures, if we are able to extract it.

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Try to get the association of the devotee, and then you will understand the eternality of all things.

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The only thing that is necessary is desire. Bhaktivinoda Thakura says; my inspiration comes from my desire". Desire and you will be inspired.



Everyone has a desire, it is a natural function. Our inspiration comes from our desire to serve. The more we desire service is the more inspired we are. The more we do, the corresponding aspect is the more we feel we are not doing anything. If you are not inspired to serve, then certainly it must be because the desire is in another direction. "In the river of hope, let me be swallowed by the whirlpool of desire".

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The inner nature of the soul is to serve; the most natural desire is for service. If we rise early in the morning and pray for service then we will always have service and that service itself will produce the energy and the inspiration to do it. It is not that we are doing that service, but that service is performing itself through us, this is the correct vision.

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The internal conception with which you should be chanting and hearing is that "whatever energy I have, it will be utilized for his service". I am doing everything for Him, I can't do for anyone else but Him"

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Wherever your energy goes, that's where your mind goes. So Srila Guru Maharaja used to say: When you go to serve give your full attention to your service, and then when you go to chant, you will see the results".



Every aspect of Krsna conception is infinite, transcendental, beyond ourselves. It is working in the plane of the soul; it is not working in the plane of this body, this mind, or this intelligence. We are not chanting Harinama with this body, we are chanting with the soul. It appears as if the tongue is chanting, but in actuality it is the soul, the innermost part of us, there is where the action enacts.

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When we rise early in the morning and chant the Maha Mantra, in effect we are praying for that service to flow through us. And like a river with its current, along with that flow the inspiration will come automatically.

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Eagerness, want for the higher, this is the only qualification. You have to want it, without any self-interest. "Seek and you shall find".

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Desire itself will show you the appropriate attitude at the appropriate time. In the mainstream the attitude is: "I want to be a servant, I desire to be a servant. Within the word servant, the mood is there, the attitude is there.



If you want to attract the attention of the Supreme Lord, serve His devotees.

Then He will become indebted, automatically. "My devotees worship me but they do not give me the opportunity to serve them. But when others come and serve them then I have the opportunity to serve the servants of the servants". Krsna Himself wants to serve the servants of His servants.

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To have the association of devotees who are carrying fire in their heart, that is the way to increase and intensify our service.

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Service means self-giving. The more we give ourselves is the more we can make progress.

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We don't want to accept any service from the higher plane but we want to offer our service in every way. This is Kama-rupa, in the words of Srila Guru Maharaja,

"The suicide squad, those who are willing to serve in any position according to the necessity of the Lord's pastimes and completely forgetful of themselves.



The body is considered to be very valuable. It is like a boat in which the soul crosses the ocean of nescience. Krsna is considered to be the favorable breezes and the captain of the boat is the spiritual master. If the breezes are favorable then very easily we can cross, by utilizing the body in the service of the Lord. Service has its own initiative, its own power.

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Service is always eternal, whether done to the deity or to the Vaisnavas. Service is an eternal mark in the transcendental notebook. The worship of the Deities, the chanting of the holy

name these are activities on the plane beyond this material world and beyond certain plains of the spiritual sky. It is the center that is our Reality the Beautiful.

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Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura says that saranagati, to surrender, to give yourself, is a very rare gift. Remove your suspicions; otherwise they will cause the suspension of your soul, of your devotion. Once again your soul will become suspended, without movement, dead. So remove suspiciousness, doubt, from your heart. Don't suspect.

115

The Higher becomes pretty attracted to the soul who has faith. For the doubting soul the Higher, the divine reality, the divinity, lies far away. It is not possible to capture divinity when there is doubt in the heart.



We must always be careful not to think that we have got something, that now we have learned something. As soon we think we have got it, it is gone, this is the nature of the absolute, once we think we have it in the fist of our palms, that we can control it then it is gone. It is only controlled by love.

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Love means wholesale surrender, complete surrender.

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Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has come to give the supreme sentiment of madhura-rasa manjari bhava, this means self forgetfulness to the extreme. Those tears that come from this deep sentiment of self-forgetfulness are real tears and one of them can inundate the entire world.

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Selfishness has to be fully eradicated. that is the higher conception we have to fix in our mind.

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Wherever the devotee is, there is the devotee and there is also the Lord. The devotee never moves without god consciousness. The Lord may come down and perform His pastimes, enjoy Himself and go back, but the devotee has the real task of sanctifying, pushing all towards the Lord, so there is something more there, there is magnanimity. In the devotee you will find a more intense manifestation of magnanimity than in the Lord.



The devotee is the incarnation of magnanimity, of the magnanimous aspect of the Lord. But because he is an individual, he is simultaneously different, inconceivably different. The devotee is an incarnation of the mercy, of the generosity of the Lord, which is more powerful than the Lord, because it can attract Him and bring Him under control.

122

The Ganges comes from the lotus feet of Visnu, ordinary men bathe in it and deposit the reactions of their previous actions. But when the devotee goes, because he is carrying the Lord with him, he is able to purify that same Ganges that comes from the feet of the Lord. Inconceivable, but it shows the position of the devotee.

123

That Infinite Lord, that most powerful, omnipresent, omnipotent Lord, he descends, he transforms, He becomes like one of us in order to have a reciprocation of love, in order to reciprocate with us.

124

Guru is the most merciful manifestation of divinity. Gurudeva has given us Him. He is the rescuer from this world of separation. He is even more merciful than Krsna, because He can do what Krsna does not do. And His representation is eternal also; it is a source of eternal inspiration.



When you hear from the spiritual master, or when you read what the spiritual master has given you, that is coming in the Parampara, (the succession of spiritual masters). He is tasting that and He is giving that to you to taste. That is not intellectual, that is Prasada that is eternal.

126

By the blessings of our spiritual master we advance, He is continuously praying to the Lord: "please help these disciples, please help them".

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"And die to live is the only way to reach the center". The present ego must die. As we think we are, that must die. Then the golden ego will come out in its full splendor, the golden ego will manifest itself.

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Receiving the grace of Gurudeva means that Gurudeva has given His confidence to us and we will feel that as an explosion of bliss in our heart.

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Submission to guru, serving His order that will take us into that safe region, that safe position, where effortlessly, spontaneously, we will advance.

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The most purifying thing is to hear from the spiritual master and to follow His order.

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The best leader is a good follower.

