

THE HIGHER CONNECTION

The Heart of the *Mahā Bhāgavata* Preacher Lives Far Beyond Sectarianism

“I have most probably given many people troubles in the mind. Some of them might have thought about me that I am their enemy because I was obliged to speak the plain truth for service and devotion towards the Absolute Godhead. I have given them all those troubles only for the reason that they may turn their face towards the Personality of Godhead without any desire for gain and with unalloyed devotion. I hope one day or other they may understand me rightly.

I advise all to preach the teachings of Rūpa-Raghunātha (disciples of Lord Caitanya) with all energy and resources. Our ultimate goal shall be to become the dust of the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rūpa and Raghunātha Gosvāmīs. You should all work conjointly under the guidance of your spiritual master with a view to serve the Absolute Knowledge, the Personality of Godhead. You should live somehow or other without any quarrel in this mortal world only for the service of Godhead. Do not please give up the service of Godhead in spite of all dangers, all criticisms and all discomforts. Do not be disappointed for most people in the world do not serve the Personality of Godhead; do not give up your own service which is your everything and all, neither reject the process of chanting and hearing of the transcendental Holy Name of Godhead. You should always chant the transcendental Name of Godhead with patience and forbearance like a tree and humbleness like a straw.

We wish that this mass of our body of flesh and blood may be sacrificed at the altar of preaching the *Saṅkīrtana* Movement (congregational chanting of the Holy Name of Godhead) propagated by Lord Caitanya. We are not desirous of becoming a hero of work or a reformer of religion, but our reality may be identified with the dust of the Lotus Feet of Śrī Rūpa and Raghunātha for that is our everything. The flow of the transcendental tide of the attraction of devotion will never be blocked, and you with your all energy shall devote yourself for fulfilling the desire of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. There are many amongst you who are well qualified and able workers. We have no other desire whatsoever.

We have no love or hatred for anyone in this world. All arrangements made in this world are but temporary. There is, therefore, unavoidable necessity for that ultimate need for everyone in this world. You should attain the transcendental loving service of the objective, being situated in concerted action for that one aim. Let there be a constant flow of the ideas and thoughts as conceived by Rūpa Gosvāmī and His followers. We shall not at any time show our slightest dejection for the seven tongued “*Saṅkīrtana*” movement. If we have undaunted faith in it we shall then only achieve all perfections. ***You should all therefore preach with fearlessness and with utmost energy the message of Rūpa and Raghunātha under the guidance of the followers of Śrī Rūpa.***”

This final message of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura was spoken on 23rd December, 1936 and translated from the Bengali by Śrīla Prabhupāda.