Śrī Śikṣāṣṭakam

Emanated from the lotus mouth of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

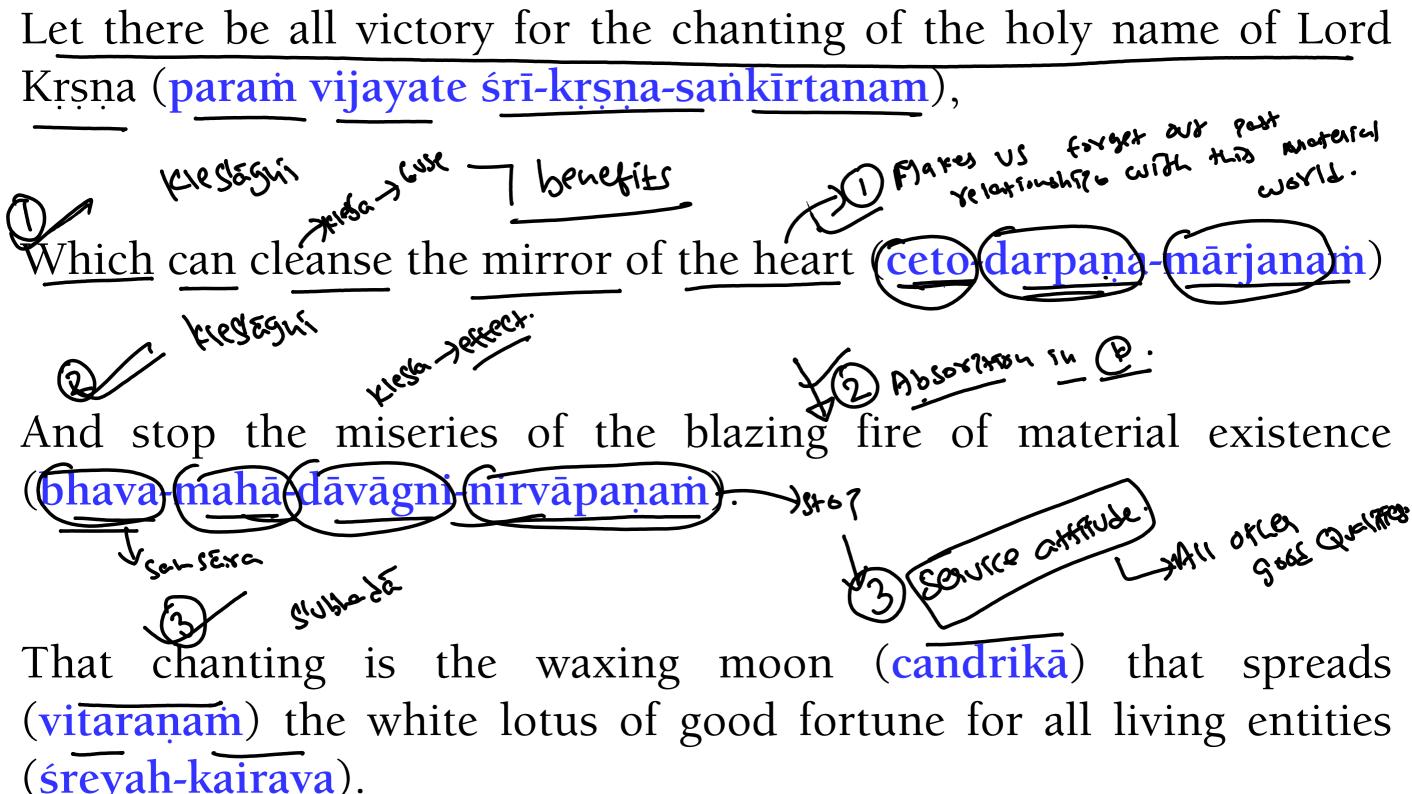
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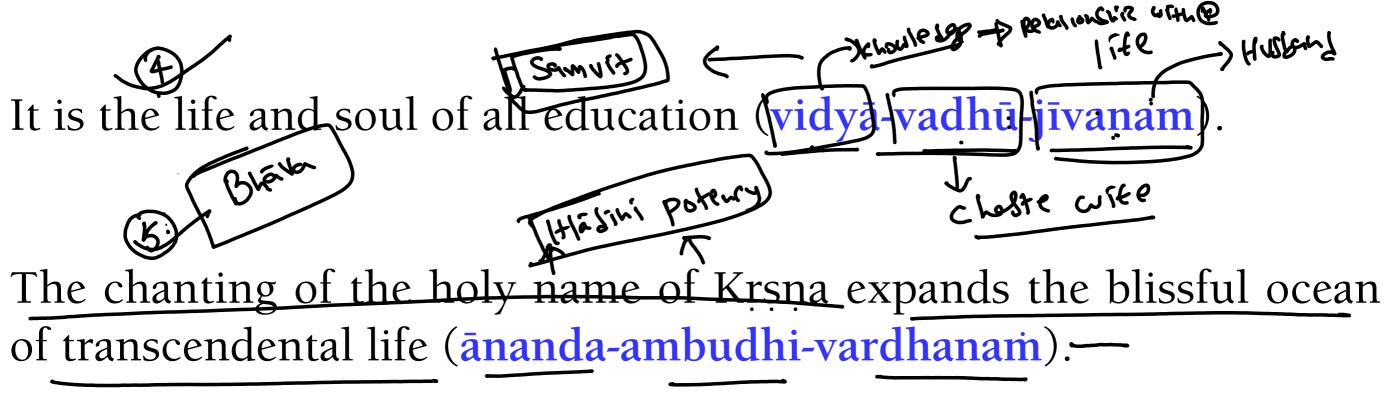
Śloka One - Nāma Tattva

ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgninirvāpaṇam

Śrī Śikṣāṣṭakam Śloka One

ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaraṇam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam ānandāmbudhi-vardhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam







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And enables one to taste full nectar (purna-amrta-āsvādanam) at every step (prati-padam).

Śrī Sanmodana Bhāṣyam



ko nv īśa te pāda-saroja-bhājām sudurlabho 'rtheṣu caturṣv apīha tathāpi nāham pravṛṇomi bhūman bhavat-padāmbhoja-niṣevaṇotsukaḥ

What among the four goals of artha, dharma, kāma and mokṣa (kah nu artheṣu caturṣv apīha) is difficult to achieve (sudurlabhab) for one who worships your lotus feet (te pada-saroja-bhājāṃ)? O Lord (bhūman)! I therefore (tathāpi) do not accept these things (na aham pravrnomi), since I am enthusiastically engaged in serving your lotus feet (bhavat-padāmbhoja-niṣevaṇa utsukaḥ). (SB 3.4.15)

sālokya-sārṣṭi-sāmīpyasārūpyaikatvam apy uta | dīyamānam na gṛhṇanti vinā mat-sevanam janāḥ

The devotees (anā) do not accept (na gṛhṇanti) living on my planet (sālokya), having similar powers (sārṣṭi), staying close to me (sāmīpya), or having a similar form (sārūpya), what to speak of merging into me (ekatvam apy uta), when these things are offered (dīyamānam), unless it involves service to me (vinā mat-sevanam). (SB 3.29.13)

Śrī Sanmodana Bhāṣyam

12. Spiritual happiness is completely pure

In this stage one final question. may still arise: is this happiness self-motivated, and thus contrary to the principles of pure spiritual love?

If so, how can the jīva's happiness be called unalloyed and spiritual?

To allay any such confusion or doubt, Lord Caitanya uses the expression sarvatma-snapanam: the bliss of Krsna consciousness is completely pure, wholly free from any desire for self-satisfaction.

That is to say, in the natural course of pure devotional service, one attains the form of a maidservant of Srīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who embodies the zenith of mahābhāva, or unsurpassable heights of exultations; and in Her service the jīva participates in conjugal pastimes with the Lord and experiences unlimited ecstatic bliss.

This sublime mood is therefore untainted by even the slightest tinge of selfish lust or self-indulgent craving.

This phrase also indicates that neither the contamination of sayujya-mukti, i.e. the desire to merge with the Lord, nor the impurity of self-gratification, can contaminate the heart of the jiva in this state of perfect bliss.

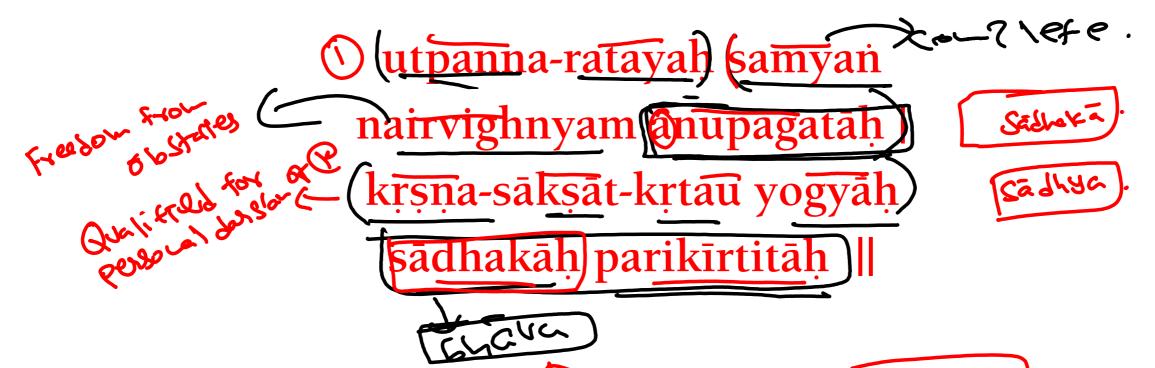
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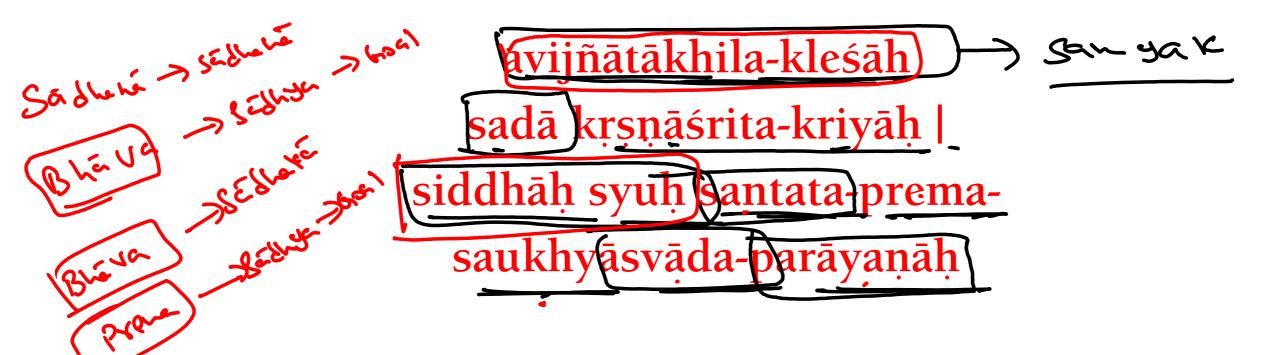
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Those are called practitioners (sādhaka) (sādhakāh parikīrtitāḥ) who have developed rati for Kṛṣṇa (utpanna-ratayah) and are qualified to see Kṛṣṇa directly (kṛṣṇa-sākṣāt-kṛtau yogyāḥ), but who have not completely extinguished the anarthas (samyak nairvighnyam anupāgatāh).



Those who experience no suffering at all (avijñāta akhila-kleśāḥ), who perform all actions while taking shelter of Kṛṣṇa (sadā kṛṣṇa āśrita-kriyāḥ) and who always taste the happiness of continuous prema (santata-prema-saukhya-āsvāda-parāyaṇāḥ), are known as the perfected devotees (siddhāḥ syuḥ).

Śrī Sanmodana Bhāṣyam

13. The holy name is evervictorious

May the chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa be ever-victorious, for it is adorned with seven transcendental qualities, It is the embodiment of eternality, it is knowledge, and it is the highest bliss, steeped in the wonderful and variegated amorous pastimes of Śrī-Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

Supporting passages are also found in Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta [Antya-lila 20.11, 13 and 14]:

Madhya 19.149

kṛṣṇa-bhakta—niṣkāma, ataeva 'śānta' bhukti-mukti-siddhi-kāmī—sakali 'aśānta'

"Because a devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa is desireless, he is peaceful. Fruitive workers desire material enjoyment, jñānīs desire liberation, and yogīs desire material opulence; therefore they are all lusty and cannot be peaceful.

nāma-sankīrtana haite sarvānartha-nāśa sarva-śubhodaya) kṛṣṇa-premera ullāsa

"Simply by chanting the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa, one can be freed from all undesirable habits. This is the means of awakening all good fortune and initiating the flow of waves of love for Kṛṣṇa.

sankīrtana haite pāpa-samsāra-nāśana citta-śuddhi, sarva-bhakti-sādhana-udgama

"By performing congregational chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra, one can destroy the sinful condition of material existence, purify the unclean heart and awaken all varieties of devotional service.

kṛṣṇa-premodgama, premāmṛta-āsvādana kṛṣṇa-prāpti, sevāmṛta-samudre majjana

"The result of chanting is that one awakens his love for Kṛṣṇa and tastes transcendental bliss." Ultimately, one attains the association of Kṛṣṇa and engages in His devotional service, as if immersing himself in a great ocean of love."

Purport by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvati

There are innumerable ways to execute devotional service; the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and the Hari-bhakti-vilasa have described many of them.

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Broadly speaking, some sixty-four limbs of devotional service are considered the main disciplines or processes of bhakti-yoga.

They are all grouped under the categories of vaidhi-bhakti (devotional service according to rules and regulations) and raganuga-bhakti (spontaneous devotional service).

In Śrīmad Bhāgavatam, Prahlada Mahārāja especially glorifies pure spontaneous devotional service.

As Lord Gaurasundara has said: "The congregational chanting of the holy name of the Lord is the most perfect form of devotional service."

Purport by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvati

1. Approaching the Supreme

Those who are knowledgeable in the transcendental science of the Absolute Truth have defined the supreme nondual substance, understood in the preliminary stage through jnana, as brahman.

Understood further in its eternal aspect, it is defined as paramatma, or the Supersoul.

In the full and complete manifestation of all its potencies and its transcendental nature of complete knowledge, eternity and bliss, that Supreme Absolute Truth is known as bhagavan.

Bhagavan, or the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is called Vasudeva when He manifests His supreme opulence, and Kṛṣṇa when He covers His opulence with His conjugal loving mood.

Lord Narayana responds to His devotees in two main devotional mellows, or rasas, while Lord Kṛṣṇa is the worshipable object of all five rasas.

Lord Balarāma, Lord Krsna's vaibhava prakasa expansion manifested in relation with <u>His excellences</u>, is the <u>Supreme Lord of Vaikunthaloka</u>, residing there permanently in <u>His eternal</u> catur-vyuha expansions.