

Śrī Manah-śikṣā

Splendid Instructions to the
Mind

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Verse-8

What if we do not have the association of a
very excited devotee to serve?

Bhajana Darpana

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If there is absence of the association of devotees, the devotee is exalted in mercy an:

(a) Remove wickedness from heart

(b) Give Premā

(c) Inspire within my heart the process of worshipping R & K.

yathā duṣṭatvaṁ me davayati śaṭhasyāpi kṛpayā
yathā mahyaṁ premāmṛtam api dadāty ujjvalam asau
yathā śrī-gāndharvā-bhajana-vidhaye prerayati mām
tathā goṣṭhe kākvā giridharam iha tvam bhaja manah

Humility

Even though I am a cheater (śaṭhasya api), the Lord's mercy (yathā kṛpayā) can drive away (davayati) my inherent wicked nature (duṣṭatvaṁ me), give me (yathā mahyaṁ dadāty) the glowing (ujjvalam) nectar of divine love (premāmṛtam api), and inspire my heart (yathā prerayati mām) with the process to worship Śrī Gāndharvikā (śrī-gāndharvā-bhajana-vidhaye). Therefore (tathā), O mind (manah), with pleading words (kākvā), you should worship (tvam bhaja) Śrī Giridhārī (giridharam) here in Vṛndāvana (iha goṣṭhe).

Ślokārtha: Meaning of the Verse

3rd benefit of accessing ॐ's mercy

Śrī-Gāndharyā bhajana: Worship of Śrī Gāndharvikā

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The infinitesimal living being in its limited capacity to experience bliss may sometimes experience brahmānanda (the bliss of realizing Brahman) or ātmānanda (the bliss of knowing oneself to be a spiritual soul).

However, without the mercy of the internal pleasure potency (hlādinī-śakti) one can never experience the transcendental ecstasy of paramānanda (the supreme bliss of loving service).

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How does one get śhrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy?

One gets that mercy when, after hearing about the eternal loving emotions of the eternal residents of vraja-dhāma, a greed may awaken in the heart of the practitioner to achieve that very same devotional sentiment.

Sincerity to beg & pray for that sentiment begins @ the stage of ruci & lobha.

In this way the sincerity to beg and pray for that sentiment will begin.

Once that sincere desire has awakened, the devotee should take shelter of and serve one of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's girl friends (sakhīs or manjarīs).

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Only by the (mercy of the sakhīs) can one be eligible to serve the divine couple.

comes in the form of their writings.

By getting the mercy of a sakhī, one will gradually obtain the mercy of Śrī Rādhā.

obtain a that mercy → Bhava
continuous manifestation of that mercy → Prema.

With the increase of (such mercy) hlādinī-śakti proportionally manifests in the heart, which makes the spiritual bliss of service to the divine couple eternally available to the soul.

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As long as a practitioner maintains mental masculinity, he remains ineligible to serve in this way.

Handwritten notes:
→ ~~mental~~ mental meditation } → Enjoys control.
→ material mental.

There is no connection of one's worldly male and female body to this mood and service.

In its original form, the jīva has a spiritually feminine nature.

If a person superimposes concepts of material gender everything is destroyed.

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ŚRĪLA BHAKTIVINODA
ṬHĀKURA'S

MANAḤ-ŚIKṢĀ BHĀṢĀ

SONG EIGHT

MANAḤ-ŚIKṢĀ BHĀṢĀ

Verse-1

(vraja-bhūmi cintāmaṇi), (cidānanda-ratna-khani)
yathā nitya rasera vilāsa
jīve diba gūḍha dhana, ciniti' kṛṣṇa vṛndāvana,
jaḍe āni karila prakāśa

The land of Vraja is a wish-fulfilling gem; indeed, it's a jewel (mine) of consciousness and bliss, where Śrī Kṛṣṇa's eternal sweet playful pastimes manifest. Kṛṣṇa thought, "If I bring Vṛndāvana and make it manifest on earth, then I can give the greatest, most secret treasure to the souls there."

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Verse-2

kṛṣṇa mora dayāra sāgara
tumi mana, vraja-dhāma, bhrami' bhrami' avirāma,
ḍāka kṛṣṇe haiyā kātara

My Kṛṣṇa is an ocean of mercy! O heart! Keep wandering in
Vraja ceaselessly and cry out for Kṛṣṇa in despair!

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Verse-3

(avidyā-vilāsa-vaśe), (chile tumi jaḍa-rase),
duṣṭatā hṛdaye pāila sthāna
haile tumi śaṭha-rāja, bhulile āpana kāja,
hṛdaye varile abhimāna

You were in the grip of illusory delights reveling in mundane
romance, and evil found a place in your heart. You became a master
cheater, forgetting your own duties, and began to foster ego in your
heart.

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Verse-4

ebe upadeśa śuna, gāiyā yugala-guṇa,
goṣṭhe goṣṭhe karaha rodana
dayā kari' giridhara, śuniyā kākuti svāra,
tabe doṣa karibe śodhana

(Now listen to this instruction): sing the glories of the divine couple
and cry, right here in the pastures of Vraja. When Giridhārī listens
to such pitiful weeping, he will cleanse me of all my faults.

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Verse-5

ujjvala rasera prīti, śrī-rādhā-bhajana-nīti,
anayāse (dibena āmāya)
rūpa-raghnātha more), (kṛpā kari ataḥpare.)
ei tattva gopane śikhāya

(He will give me) (that bright and shining sweetness of love), (easily
showing me the ways of worshiping Śrī Rādhā. When Rūpa and
Raghunātha have mercy on me, they will teach me all these
mysteries in secret.