

Śrī Manah-śikṣā

Splendid Instructions to the  
Mind

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Elements of Rāgenvṛga Śloka

- ① Smaraṇam
  - a) Kṛṣṇam
  - b) aṣṭa vṛsthaṁ
- ② attachment to
- ③ vṛkṣe vṛṣe

Verse-9

Bhajana Darpana

by

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

## Verse-9

Rāgahuga bhajan  
→ smaranam

① Meditation on P

② Meditation on Rādhikā

(mad-īśā-nāthatve vraja-vipina-candram)

(vraja-vane-śvarīm tan-nāthatve)

③ Meditation on Lalitā

(tad-atula-sakhīye tu lalitām)

④ Meditation on Vrīṣakṣī devī

(viśākhām śikṣālī-vitarana-gurutve)

(priya-saro-

girindrau tat-prekṣā-lalita-rati-datve smara manah)

⑤ & ⑥  
Meditation on Rādhā-kuṇḍa & Govardhana

O mind (manah), meditate on (smara) Kṛṣṇa, the moon of the Vṛndāvana forest (vraja-vipina-candram), as the lord of my leader, Śrī Rādhikā (mad-īśā-nāthatve). Meditate on Śrī Rādhikā (vraja-vana-īśvarīm) as his most dear object of love (tad-nāthatve). Meditate on Śrī Lalitā (lalitām tu) as her incomparable friend (tad-atula-sakhīye). Meditate on Śrī Viśākhā (viśākhām) as the foremost guru (gurutve) distributing the teachings of love (śikṣālī-vitarana). And meditate on Rādhā-kuṇḍa (priya-saro) and Govardhana (girindrau) as givers (datve) of the sight (tat-prekṣā) and love of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa (lalita-rati).

**Girīndra (smara): Meditate on  
Govardhana, who bestows sublime  
love to the lotus feet of the divine  
couple**

**Govardhana-vāsa-prārthanā-daśaka**

**Ten Prayers requesting Residence near  
Govardhana**

**by**

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# Text 1

nija-pati-bhuja-dandac-chatra-bhāvam prapadya

① Jivirāji as the umbrella.

pratihata-mada-dhr̥ṣṭod-dhanda-devendra-garva

② destroyed the pride of Indra

atula-prthula-śaila-śreṇi-bhūpa! priyam me

③ King of all mountains  
④ PLS grant me residence near you

nija-nikāṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

bhūpa

atula

prthula

śaila-śreṇi

“O Govardhana (govardhana), O king of all (incomparable) (great) mountains (atula-prthula-śaila-śreṇi-bhūpa!), O hill that became an umbrella (chatra-bhāvam prapadya) with the arm of your own Lord as the handle (nija-pati-bhuja-danda) and then <sup>pratihata</sup> destroyed the <sup>garva</sup> (pride) of the <sup>devendra</sup> (deva) king (pratihata-devendra-garva) (madly) (attacking) with (raised weapons) (mada-dhr̥ṣṭod-dhanda), please grant the residence near you (nija-nikāṭa-nivāsam) (dehi) (tvam) that is so dear to me (priyam me).”

## Text 2

pramada-madana-līlāhkandare kandare te  
racayati nava-yūnor dvandvam asminn-amandam  
iti kila kalanārtham lagna-kas tad-dvayor me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (govardhana), please grant to me the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi tvam) that will guarantee the sight of the youthful divine couple as they enjoy transcendental amorous pastimes (pramada-madana-līlāḥ) in your caves (kandare kandare te).”

## Text 3

Govardhana as a personal  
Playground. (fully earned)

(incomparable) (jeweled courtyard) (jeweled lion-thrones)  
(anupama-maṇi-vedī-ratna-simhāsanā)

(ruha-jhara-daraśānu-droṇi-saṅghesu-raṅgaiḥ

saha bala-sakhībhiḥ saṅkhelayan sva-priyaṁ me

nija-nikāṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi govardhana! tvam

③ Playground of  
Balarāma & friends.

“O Govardhana (govardhana), O hill where Lord Kṛṣṇa happily plays (saṅkhelayan) with Balarāma and His friends (saha bala-sakhībhiḥ) in the incomparable jeweled courtyards (anupama-maṇi-vedī), jeweled lion-thrones (ratna-simhāsana), trees, (waterfalls) (ruha-jhara), mountain-brooks, caves, peaks, and valleys, please grant the residence near you (nija-nikāṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi tvam) that is so dear to me (sva-priyaṁ me).”



## Text 4

rasa-nidhi-nava-yūnoḥ sākṣiṇīm dāna-keler-  
dyuti-parimala-viddhāṁśyāma-vedīm (prakāśya)  
(rasika-vara-kulānām modam āsphālayan) me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

Govardhana as  
the witness of  
dāna-keli pastime.

bestower of bliss  
to the rasikas

“O Govardhana (govardhana), O hill that provides (prakāśya) the <sup>dark</sup> courtyard (śyāma-vedīm) that is imbued with (viddhām) fragrance (parimala) and splendour (dyuti) that witnesses the dāna-keli pastime (sākṣiṇīm dāna-keler) of the nectar-treasure (rasa-nidhi) youthful divine couple (nava-yūnoḥ), O hill that brings great bliss (modam) <sup>bliss</sup> āsphālayan <sup>loving</sup> to the best of those who relish transcendental nectar (rasika-vara-kulānām), please grant me (tvam me dehi) the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam).”

## Text 5

*Govardhan the secret  
gazer at R-k's pastimes  
along with Rādhā-kuṇḍa*

hari-dayitam apūrvam rādhikā-kuṇḍam ātma-  
priya-sakham iha kaṇṭhe narmaṇā līngya guptaḥ  
nava-yuva-yuga-khelās tatra paśyan raho me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (govardhana), O hill that, hiding (guptaḥ) as you playfully (narmaṇā) embrace (līngya) the neck (kaṇṭhe) of your dear friend (ātma-priya-sakham), Lord Hari’s dear (hari-dayitam), unprecedented Rādhā-kuṇḍa (apūrvam rādhikā-kuṇḍam), secretly gazes (paśyan raho) at the pastimes (khelās) of the youthful divine couple (nava-yuva-yuga), please grant me (tvam me dehi) the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam).”

## Text 6

Govardhana as  
"Go" "vardhan"  
→ the nourisher of cows

sthala-jala-tala-śaspair bhūruhacchāyayā ca  
prati padam anukālam hanta samvardhayan gāḥ  
tri-jagati nija-gotram sārthakam khyāpayan me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (govardhana), O hill that by nourishing the cows (hanta samvardhayan gāḥ) at every step (prati padam) and at all times (anukālam) with its land, water, flat surface (sthala-jala-tala), grass (śaspair), and the shade of its trees (bhūruha cchāyayā ca) declares (khyāpayan) to the three worlds (tri-jagati) the appropriateness (sārthakam) of its own name (nija-gotram), please grant me (tvam me dehi) the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam).”

Govardhana is highly honoured by  
① for providing new homes for  
the Vrajavāsīs during Indra's fierce attack

## Text 7

sura-pati-kṛta-dīrgha-drohato goṣṭha-rakṣām  
tava nava-gr̥ha-rūpasy āntare kurvataiva  
agha-baka-ripuṇoccair-dattamāna! drutaṁ me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

You are highly honoured (<sup>very high</sup> uccaiḥ <sup>give</sup> datta <sup>honour</sup> māna) by Sri Kṛṣṇa, the enemy of Agha and Baka (agha-baka-ripuṇa <sup>by the enemy</sup>), who protected His community (goṣṭha-rakṣām kurvata eva) from the onslaught (dīrgha-drohath) of Indra (sura-pati-kṛta) beneath your form (tava āntare) as their new home (nava-gr̥ha-rūpasy). Please quickly (drutaṁ) grant me (tvam me dehi) the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam).”

Govardhana ag  
hari-dāsa varya

## Text 8

giri-nṛpa! (hari-dāsa-śreṇī-varyeti) (nāmā-  
mṛtam) (idam) uditam śrī-rādikā-vaktra-candrāt  
vraja-nava-tilakatve klpta! vedaiḥ sphuṭam me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

O king of mountains (giri-nṛpa)! When the nectar of your name (nāmāmṛtam) “Hari-dasa-varya: the best of the Lord’s servants (hari-dāsa-śreṇī-varya)” came forth (iti idam uditam) from the moon-like face of Sri Radhika (śrī-rādikā-vaktra-candrāt), you were clearly established (klpta sphuṭam) by the Vedas (vedaiḥ) as the new tilak of Vraja (vraja-nava-tilakatve). please grant me (tvam me dehi) the residence near you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam).”

## Text 9

Govardhana as  
the only bestower of  
happiness to people, animals  
& birds of Vraja

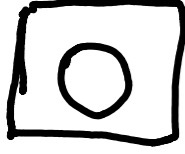
nija-jana-yuta-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-maitrī-rasākta-  
vraja-nara-paśu-pakṣi-vrāta-saukhyāika-dātaḥ  
agaṇita-karunatvān-mām urī-kṛtya tāntam  
nija-nikāṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

You alone give happiness (<sup>happiness</sup> saukhyā <sup>only giver</sup> eka-dātaḥ) to the people, animals, and birds of Vraja (vraja-nara-paśu-pakṣi-vrāta), who are filled with the mood of friendship (maitrī-rasākta) towards Radha, Kṛṣṇa (rādhā-kṛṣṇa), and Their companions (nija-jana-yuta). You are immeasurably merciful (agaṇita-karunatvān). So, please accept me (mām urī-kṛtya), a wearied soul (tāntam), and give me a dwelling near you (tvam nija-nikāṭa-nivāsam dehi), O Govardhan (govardhana)!



## Text 10

Even though  
an a cheater, please  
accept me, as CM  
has offered me to you



nirūpadhi-karuṇena śrī-śacī-nandanena  
tvayi kapaṭi-śaṭho 'pi tvat-priyeṇārpito 'smi  
iti khalu mama योग्यायोग्यातām तामग्रहṇan  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“Although I am a cheater and a criminal (kapaṭi-śaṭho 'pi),  
unlimitedly merciful Lord Śacīnandana (nirūpadhi-karuṇena śrī-śacī-nandanena),  
who is very dear to you (tvat-priyeṇa), has given  
me to you (tvayi arpito 'smi). O Govardhana (govardhana!), please  
do not consider whether I am acceptable or not (iti khalu mama  
yogya (ayogyatām) tām agrḥṇan), but simply grant me residence near  
you (nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi tvam).”

Phala  
① residence in Govardhana  
② quick attainment of personal service.

## Text 11

rasada-daśakam asya śrīla-govardhanasya  
kṣiti-dhara-kula-bhartur-yaḥ prayatnādadhīte  
sa sapadi sukhade ’smin vāsamāsādyā sākṣāc-  
chubada-yugala-sevā-ratnam āpnoti tūrṇam

One who (sah yah) carefully studies (prayatnād adhīte) these ten nectarean verses (rasada-daśakam) describing the king of mountains, Sri Govardhan (śrīla-govardhanasya asya bhartuh kṣiti-dhara-kula), will soon attain (sah sapadi āsādyā) a dwelling (vāsam) at this joyous place (asmin sukhade) and quickly attain (tūrṇam āpnoti) the precious jewel (śubada ratnam) of personal service to the Divine Couple (yugala-sevā).