

**Manah siksha verse 6
Commentary by His Holiness Bhakti vijnana
goswami maharaja**

Humility and Our Relationship with Guru

**The beginning of
true humility**

**Begins with surrendering my false ego to
my guru.**

**In our relationship with guru, we practice :
Humility of body, mind and speech
(tad viddhi pranipatena...)**

Humilty of mind

**We no longer act out of self interest but for
the pleasure of our guru.**

**We want to serve our guru and do what he
wants us to do.**

Relationship with spiritual master is a non-negotiable thing

True humility is not possible without a relationship with guru (or a guru figure).

Because true humility is born out of a desire to serve. (pranipat and sevaya go together)

The relationship with guru leads to the mood of dasya which brings humility.

Through our relationship with Guru, we attain relationship with Krishna. Hence, connection with Guru is very important.

★ Therefore, the first 3 limbs of devotional service are related to accepting and serving a Guru. And taking siksha and diksha from him.

**Be devoted not to the
cult of personality but
to the message he
teaches**

Srila Prabhupada to Govinda dasi

**your love must be directed not so much towards the physical
manifestation of the guru, but towards the spiritual message he
carries**

**"By lovingly serving the teachings of our guru we prove our love
for his physical manifestation."**

**Take devotional
service very seriously**

**It is never too late to start; Kṛṣṇa is infinitely merciful and can give
us complete happiness.**

In our bhajana we must show two qualities:

honesty or simplicity, frankness;

the second is determination to go to the end by any means

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Commentary by Her grace
Urmila devi dasi**

**To hold the jewel of Radha-Krishna's
love, one should be clean and polished.**

**The fortunate devotee seeks to bathe
and become clean.**

**Bathing in the ocean of pure
delight coming from the lotus
feet of Gandharvika-Giridhari**

**This will fully wash away deceit
and hypocrisy.**

**Bathing in the trickling urine of
an ass**

**the jewel becomes covered in
the donkey urine and can not
show its brilliance**

**Hypocritical tendencies in
the 3 types of bhakta
(Srila Bhaktivinoda
Thakura)**

**sva nistha vaishnava: instead of serving
pure vaishnavas, they serve rich people**

**Parinistha bhakta : outwardly they show
everyone how firmly they are following
everything while internally being unable
to do so**

**Nirapeksha vaishnava : collects money
from everyone as much as possible and
associate with materialists all the time**



**These activities often appear like bhakti but they are
something else.**

**Watering the
weeds!**

**seka-jala pāñā upasākhā bāḍi' yāya
stabdha hañā mūla-sākhā bāḍite nā pāya**

**Weeds grow along with bhakti creeper, if we
are not able to distinguish them, we will
water the weeds**

**Possible
consequences of
cheating**

Eventually inner hypocrisy may become strong enough to again attract the thieves of lust and his friends.

Person again becomes interested in material enjoyment and liberation.

Practitioner stops feeling the bliss of devotional service .

His spiritual progress stops.

He starts engaging in fault-finding and criticism.

Some may lose faith in the process and just externally keep practicing.

Solution

Give up pride

In great humility, admit your fault of bathing in donkey's urine

Bathe in the nectar emanating from the lotus feet of Radha-Krishna

SBVT says
meditate on Radha-Krishna's names, forms, qualities, and eternal pastimes in the eight parts of the day (aṣṭa-kālīya-līlā).

Remain vigilant as the root of hypocrisy still remains!

