

Śrī Caitanya-Śikṣāmṛta

Nectarean Teachings of Lord Śrī
Caitanya

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Chapter – 6

Prema Bhakti

Part-4

System for cultivating the
name

At that stage, they do not want to give up chanting the name.

By ^{Niṣṭhā} constantly chanting with respect, a ^{juṣṭi} taste for the name is born.

At that time, sin the seed of sin or desire, and the root, ignorance,
are destroyed.

During the preliminary stage the devotee must eagerly strive to
chant without offences.

It is absolutely necessary.

→ TO AVOID OFFENSE

This will happen only by avoiding bad association and taking
instructions from the devotees.

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|| 11.28.27 ||

tathāpi saṅgaḥ parivarjaniyo
guṇeṣu māyā-raciteṣu tāvat
mad-bhakti-yogena dṛḍhena yāvad
rajo nirasyeta manaḥ-kaṣāyah

Progress
↓
Diligently chant
without offenses
↓
Give up bad associates
↓
Create enjoyable good
association

Nevertheless, until one has completely eliminated from his mind all
attraction to sense objects by firmly practicing devotional service to
me, one must very carefully avoid associating with the material
modes, which are produced by my illusory energy.

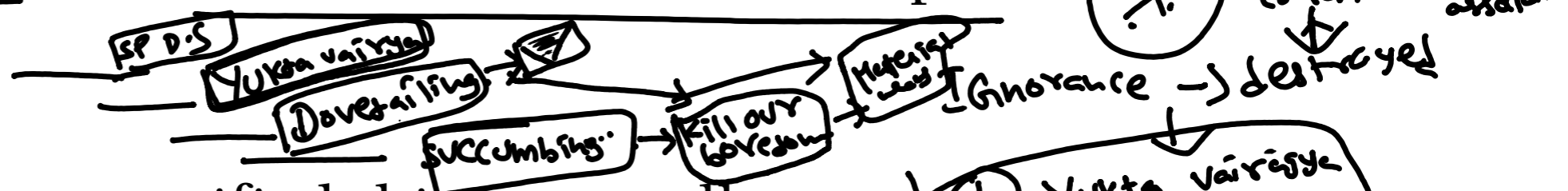
When the ^{anīṣṭhita bhāṣa} (preliminary stage is past), ^{niṣṭhā} (with constant chanting) ^{namyuci} (taste for the name) and (compassion for the living entities increases)

There is no need of assistance from karma, jnana or yoga.
→ gñāna-karvāḍi anāvṛtan. → jīva daye.

If their effects are still strong, they help the practitioners in maintaining their bodily existence.

① By chanting the name ② with concentrated mind ③ in association of devotees, in a short time the heart becomes pure and ignorance is destroyed.

As much as ignorance is destroyed, yukta vairagya and sambandha jnana make their appearance, and make the heart even more pure.



The learned devotees have verified this repeatedly.

- ① Yukta vairagya
- ② sambandha jnana
- ③ heart even pure

By chanting the name while understanding its meaning and praying to Krsna with tears in the eyes, gradually, by Krsna's mercy, the chanting will advance.

If this method is not followed, it will take many lifetimes to reach perfection, as with karma and jnana.

Those who chant are of two types: bhara vahi (load bearer) and sara grahi
(essence drinker).
① ②

Those who are attached to the material world, to bhukti and mukti, become
taxed with the heavy burden of trying to attain dharma, artha, kama, and
moksa.
Goals

They do not know about the essence that is prema.

Thus these people, though they labor hard, do not become spiritual elevated
by chanting.

Those who understand the essence aim for prema and very quickly attain
their desired end.

These are the devotees aspiring for prema.

They will very quickly attain prema and become natural paramahamsas,
drinking the nectar continuously.

If the bhara vahis learn to appreciate the essence, then they too can quickly
become aspirants of prema.

Key TS अक्षरानुसंधान
blāṣṭa-vāhi → Śeṣa-gṛehi

॥ 2.7.46 ॥

te vai vidanty atitaranti ca deva-māyām
strī-śūdra-hūṇa-śabarā api pāpa-jīvāḥ |
yady adbhuta-krama-parāyana-śīla-śikṣās
tiryag-jaṇā api kim u śruta-dhāraṇā ye ||

Women, śūdras, Hūṇas, Śabarās (strī-śūdra-hūṇa-śabarā) and other sinfully born persons also (pāpa-jīvāḥ api) certainly cross over the material world (te vai atitaranti deva-māyām) and know the Lord (vidanty) if they learn (yady śikṣāḥ) about the qualities of the devotees of the Lord (adbhuta-krama-parāyaṇa-śīla). If even animals can understand (tiryag-jaṇā api), how much more quickly can humans, who hear from the mouth of guru, understand the Lord (kim u śruta-dhāraṇā ye)?

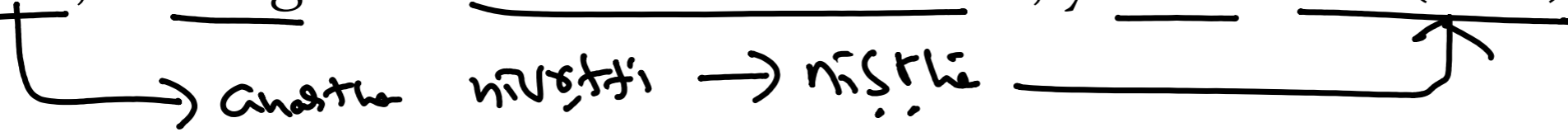
On the strength of performing many actions favorable to devotion over many lifetimes, faith in the process of bhakti eventually arises.

अनिरता-सुकृति

↓ सिद्धि

↓ निःशुद्धि

This faith, through association of devotees, yields taste (ruci).



By chanting in the association of pure devotees, sadhana bhakti directed towards prema arises.

If, by the mercy of those pure devotees, the candidate accepts the correct practice of chanting, very quickly the person comes to the stage of aspiring for prema.

Instructions from mixed devotees → enhances the bhāra-vāhi bhāraṅga.

If, however, the aspirant take instruction from a mixed devoted or a semi-devotee, it will be difficult for them to attain prema.

- ① Impurity → Impure faith
- ② Impurity → Impure values
- ③ Impurity → Impure mood.

They cannot become fully surrendered devotees.

Result of associating with mixed devotees

As sinful impressions still influence such devotees, they do not appreciate the pure devotees; crookedness appears and their hearts become deceptive.

In this condition, the practitioners must spend many births as neophytes, kanistha adhikaris.