

# Act But Do Everything For Krishna

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### Srimad Bhagavad-Gita 3.33

sadrisam ceshtate svasyah  
prakriter jnanavan api  
prakritim yanti bhutani  
nigrahah kim karishyati

sadrisam — accordingly; ceshtate — tries; svasyah — by his own;  
prakriteh — modes of nature; jnana-van — learned; api — although;  
prakritim — nature; yanti — undergo; bhutani — all living entities;  
nigrahah — repression; kim — what; karishyati — can do.

Translation by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

Even a man of knowledge acts according to his own nature, for everyone follows the nature he has acquired from the three modes. What can repression accomplish?

Purport by Srila Prabhupada

Unless one is situated on the transcendental platform of Krishna consciousness, he cannot get free from the influence of the modes of material nature, as it is confirmed by the Lord in the Seventh Chapter (7.14). Therefore, even for the most highly educated person on the mundane plane, it is impossible to get out of the entanglement of maya simply by theoretical knowledge, or by separating the soul from the body. There are many so-called spiritualists who outwardly pose as advanced in the science but inwardly or privately are completely under particular modes of nature which they are unable to surpass. Academically, one may be very learned, but because of his long association with material nature, he is in bondage. Krishna consciousness helps one to get out of the material entanglement, even though one may be engaged in his prescribed duties in terms of material existence. Therefore, without being fully in Krishna consciousness, one should not give up his occupational duties. No one should suddenly give up his prescribed duties and become a so-called yogi or transcendentalist artificially. It is better to be situated in one's position and to try to attain Krishna consciousness under superior training. Thus one may be freed from the clutches of Krishna's maya.

om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmiltam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

In the third chapter Krishna is explaining the Karma Yoga to Arjuna. Karma Yoga means whatever one does he should offer the results of his actions to Krishna. As Krishna mentions

yat karoshi yad asnasi  
yaj juhoshi dadasi yat  
yat tapasyasi kaunteya  
tat kurushva mad-arpanam

(BG 9.27)

Arjuna, whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever austerities you perform and whatever you do give in charity, you just do it, you just offer them to Me.

Working for Krishna is the ultimate perfection of all our activities. Living entities are ( unclear). They have to act and the art of action is to act for Krishna. Sometimes people think that they are going to stop action and that is how they will become liberated from this bondage of the material nature. Specially the yogis try to do that. Yogis mean Ashtanga yogis. That process instructs that one should stop the action of the mind. The purpose of yoga is Yoga Citta Britti Nirodha. The yogis try to do that but that process is practically impossible for this age. But Krishna consciousness is the ultimate yoga system. Living entities are active and for a living entity to become inactive is very, very difficult. One may physically stop acting but it is impossible for him to stop the activities of the mind. Even to stop the activities of the body is so difficult for how long can one sit down at one place? Half an hour, one hour, two hours but then he has to get up and do something because not to act is against the nature of the living entity. What is natural for us is easy for us. Whatever is not natural for us is very difficult. And we cannot stop the activities of the body so what to speak of stopping the activities of the mind. Therefore when it came to controlling the mind, Arjuna just told Krishna – Krishna, it may be possible to control the wind but controlling the mind is not possible. It's extremely difficult to control the mind. Now to stop the activity of the mind is difficult. To stop the activity of the body is difficult. But to use the mind in thinking of Krishna, that is not difficult. To engage the body in serving Krishna is not difficult. Therefore this engagement of the mind and body and all our faculties in the service of Krishna or devotional service is very easy because it is natural for us. Therefore this bhakti yoga is the easiest process. It is possible for anybody. Even a child can be engaged in the devotional service. Even a woman can become engaged on the devotional service. Even an old man can become engaged in devotional service. Even the householders can become engaged in the devotional service. The thing is, we simply, whatever we are doing, we have to do it for Krishna. Like we don't have to stop doing anything but we simply have to learn how to do it for Krishna. We like to eat and in order to eat we have to cook food. So we prepare the food and after preparing the food, what we do? We offer it to Krishna. So we are cooking the food but for whom we are cooking? We are

cooking for Krishna. And when you do that, that action of cooking becomes devotional service. Then after offering the food to Krishna, we can take the food, we can eat, honor the food as Krishna prasadam. So that eating then becomes devotional service. Then somebody has to work to earn money. Now it is actually everybody has to earn money to maintain his family. In order to maintain household one has to earn money. But if you make your house into a temple of Krishna then the earning money for maintaining that house become devotional service. How to make your house into a temple of Krishna? Just establish an altar of Krishna in one room, turn it into, make it into a temple and worship Krishna. Then your house becomes a temple. Then whatever you do for your house becomes devotional service. When you are earning money as a businessman or as a service holder and if you use that money in maintaining that household becomes the devotional service. Then in your family, your wife, you make her a devotee of Krishna. Your children, make them into devotees of Krishna. Then your family becomes devotee family. And then to maintain your family becomes the devotional service. So in this way any action that you render, that you perform becomes devotional service by doing it for Krishna.

Jai Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladeva, Subhadra Maharani ki Jai!  
Jai Sri Sri Krishna Balaram ki Jai!  
Jai Sri Sri Gaur Nitai ki Jai!  
Gaur Premanande Hari Hari Bol!

So that is what Krishna is advising Arjuna. If somebody engages himself in serving Krishna, that is devotional service. Then whatever he does will become perfect. On the other hand if without devotional service if one tries to control his senses, that is not possible.

So what will you do? Simply act for Krishna. Will you do that?

\*Devotees \*: Yes

\*Guru Maharaja\*: Ok, very good. And how to become a devotee of Krishna?  
Always sing the glory of Krishna. And how to sing the glory of Krishna?  
Simply chant

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

So this is how please make your life successful.

Hare Krishna. Gaur Premanande Hari Hari Bol.

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