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WHEN THE SERVANT THINKS HE IS MASTER


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Everyone is serving his senses, but he is thinking that he is master. That is *kaitava*, cheating, or *māyā*. The conclusion is that since we are constitutionally servants, we must remain servants and not falsely try to become masters. By experience we see that by giving service to so many material things, no one is satisfied. Let us look at family life, for example. A man serves his family with heart and soul throughout his life, and when he is old, if he asks permission from his wife, "My dear wife, whom I have served so much. Let me take *sannyāsa* now," the wife will never give permission. She will say, "What have you done? I have got to do so many things. Your son is not yet settled; your daughter is not yet married. How you can take *sannyāsa*? You cannot." Actually, he is the servant of the wife, but he is thinking, "I am master of the family." This is called *māyā*, illusion. And any religious system established on the platform of this false understanding is also cheating.

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Therefore it is said, *dharmah projjhita-kaitavo 'tra* [Bhāg. 1.1.2]. *Kaitava* means cheating, that which is not characteristic of dharma. The characteristic of dharma is, "I am eternally the servant of God." If instead of serving God, I serve dog, that is called cheating religion. No one is meant for serving a dog, but because by nature I am a servant, if I haven't got sufficient engagement as a servant of God, then I keep a dog instead.

The conclusion is that constitutionally I am a servant of God, but instead of giving service to God, I am now engaged in the service of dog. This means false service. 

— Lecture on *Śrīmad-bhāgavatam*. Caracas. 24 February 1975.

CUTTING ONE'S OWN NOSE

*Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta
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From Upākhyāne Upadeśa

Upākhyāne Upadeśa is a collection of short stories with explanations gathered from the spoken lectures and other teachings of Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur and compiled by his disciple Sri Sundarananda Vidyavinode. It was first published in 1940.

There were two friends named Susanta and Kritanta who lived near each other in their village. Later they had some disagreement and



were always quarreling. After some time, Susanta decided to go on pilgrimage to get away from the bickering. Accordingly, he fixed an auspicious day to start for Puri.

Kritanta realized that there would hardly be any chance for him to harass Susanta if he left. So he decided that by hook or by crook, Susanta should stay in the village so that there would be opportunities to pick quarrels with him.

Kritanta knew that Susanta held some strange superstitions. For instance, he considered it very, very inauspicious to see anyone on the onset of a journey whose nose had been amputated. Considering this, Kritanta amputated his own nose and took a seat in front of Susanta's house with his mutilated face exhibited conspicuously.

As soon as Susanta came out of his house to begin his journey, he saw Kritanta's disfigured face and immediately decided to cancel his pilgrimage.

PURPORT: Atheists behave similarly in plotting ominous designs, even at their own heavy cost, to hinder the *vaiṣṇavas'* progress in devotional practices. These atheists create their own spiritual harm by foolishly trying to create disturbances on the *vaiṣṇavas'* journey towards Vaikunthalok.

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108 SWEET NAMES OF SRI CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU

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(*Kāmoda-rāga*)

jaya jaya gaura-hari śacīra-nandana
śrī-caitanya viśvambhara patita-pāvana

Glory, glory to Lord Gaura-hari, the son of Mother Sachi, the auspicious living force, the maintainer of the universe, and the purifier of the fallen!

jaya mahāprabhu gauracandra dayāmaya
adhama-tāraṇa nātha bhakata-āśraya

Glory to the supreme master, the golden moon, who is full of mercy, the deliverer of the fallen, my protector, and the shelter of the devotees!

jīvera jīvana gorā karuṇā-sāgara
jagannātha-miśra-suta gaurāṅga-sundara

Glory to the fair complexioned life of the *jīvas*, the ocean of mercy, the son of Jagannath Mishra, who has beautiful golden limbs!

premamaya prema-dātā jagatera guru
śrī-gaura gopāla-deva vāñchā-kalpa-taru

Glory to the personification of ecstatic love, the giver of ecstatic love, the guru of the universe, Lord Gopaladeva himself in golden form, a wish-fulfilling tree!

nityānanda-ṭhākurera mahānanda-dātā
sarvābhīṣṭa pūrṇa-kārī sarva-citta-jñātā

Glory to the giver of transcendental bliss to Nityananda Thakur, the fulfiller of all desires, and the knower of every heart!

śrī-gadādhara prāṇa akhīlera pati
lakṣmīra sarvasva-dhana agatīra gati

Glory to the life of Sri Gadadhara, the master of all, who is everything to Goddess Lakshmi and the refuge of those who are bereft of shelter!

śrī-viṣṇupriyāra nātha nityānandamaya
sarva-guṇa-nidhi sarva-rasera ālaya

Glory to the Lord of Vishnupriya, who is full of eternal bliss, a treasure house of all transcendental virtues, and the abode of all transcendental mellows!

jagadānandera priya navadwīpa-candra
advaita-ārādhyā kṛṣṇa puruṣa svatantra

Glory to the dear one of Jagadananda, the moon of Nabadwip, and the supremely independent person, Krishna, who was worshiped by Advaita Acharya!

vaiśīra vallabha navadwīpa sunāgara
bhuvana-vijayī sarva-jana-mugdha-kara

Glory to the dear one of Vamsidas, the hero of Nabadwip, the conqueror of the worlds, and the enchanter of everyone!

rasikendra cūḍā-maṇi rasika su-ṭhāma
bhaktādhīna bhakta-priya sarvānanda-dhāma

Glory to the crest jewel of the best of those who relish transcendental mellows, whose form, qualities and activities are all relishable, who is controlled by his devotees, is very dear to his devotees, and who is the abode of all bliss!

*svarūpera sukha-dātā rūpera jīvana
śrī-sanātanera nātha nitya sanātana*

Glory to the delight of Swarup Damodar, the life of Rupa Goswami, the lord of Sanatan Goswami, and the eternal absolute truth!

*śrī-jīva-vatsala prabhu bhakata-vatsala
bhaṭṭa gosāñīra priya durbalera bala*

Glory to he who is affectionate to Sri Jiva Goswami, who is the supreme master, who is affectionate to his devotees, who is very dear to Gopal Bhatta Goswami, and who is the strength of the weak!

*śrī-raghunāthera nātha śrīvāsera vāsa
bhagavān bhakta-rūpa ananta-prakāśa*

Glory to the master of Sri Raghunath Bhatta Goswami, the abode of Srivas Thakur, the Supreme Personality of Godhead manifest as a devotee, who has unlimited manifestations!

*lokanātha lokāśraya bhakata-rañjana
śrī-raghunātha dāsera hṛdayera dhana*

Glory to the master of the worlds, the shelter of everything, the delight of the devotees, and the treasure of Raghunath Das Goswami's heart!

*abhirāma ṭhākurerā sakhā sarva-pātā
cintāmaṇi cintanīya hari-nāma-dātā*

Glory to the friend of Abhiram Thakur, the protector of all, the transcendental touchstone, the singular object of meditation, and the giver Lord Hari's holy names!

*parameśa parāt-para duḥkha-vimocana
jagāi mādhai ādi pāpī uddhāraṇa*

Glory to the supreme controller, who is greater than the greatest, who relieves all sorrows, and who is the deliverer of Jagai, Madhai, and a host of other sinners!

*rasa-rāja-mūrti rāmānanda-vimohana
sārvabhauma paṇḍītera garba vināśana*

Glory to the personified king of transcendental mellows, the enchanter of Ramananda Ray, and the destroyer of the pride of Sarvabhauma Pandit!

*amoghera prāṇa-dātā durjana-dalana
pūrṇa-kāma nirmalātmā lajjā-nivāraṇa*

Glory to he who gave life to Amogha, who punishes the misbehaved, who fulfills all desires, the supremely pure one, and the remover of the devotees' shyness!

*paramātmā sārāt-sāra vaiṣṇava-jīvana
sukha-dātā sukhamaya bhuvana-bhāvana*

Glory to the indwelling Lord, the ultimate essence of everything, the life of the devotees, the bestower of bliss, the personification of bliss, and the creator of the worlds!

*viśva-rūpa viśva-nātha viśva-vimohana
śrī-gaura govinda bhakta-citta-surañjana*

Glory to the form of the universe, the master of the universe, the enchanter of everyone in the universe, who is handsome and fair, Lord Govinda himself, and the delighter of the devotees' hearts!

*nayanera abhirāma bhāvuka-ramaṇa
bhakta-citta-cora bhakta-citta-vinodana*

Glory to the delight of the eyes, the pleasure of the ecstatic devotees, the thief who steals the devotees' hearts and fills those hearts with happiness!

*nadīyā-vihārī hari ramaṇī-mohana
dvija-kula-candra dvija-kula-pūjyatama*

Glory to the enjoyer of pastimes in Nadiya, Lord Hari himself, who charms the *gopīs*, the moon among the *brāhmaṇas* and the most worshipable of the *brāhmaṇas*!

*su-kavi śrī-nidhi-dakṣa nayana-rañjana
bāreka āmāra hṛde deha śrī-caraṇa*

Glory to the topmost poet, the treasure of glory and handsomeness, and the delighter of the eyes. O Lord, this one time please place your glorious feet in my heart!

*bhāvuka sannyāsī saba jīva-nistāraka
bhāvuka janāra sukha-dātā su-nayaka*

Glory to the ecstatic *sannyāsī*, the deliverer of all living entities, the bestower of happiness upon the ecstatic devotees, and the best of romantic heroes!

*pratāparudrera abhilāṣa pūrṇa-kārī
svarūpādi bhaktera sadā ājñā-kārī*

Glory to the fulfiller of King Prataparudra's desire, who always accepts the advice of Swarup Damodar and other trusted devotees!

*sarva-avatāra-sāra karuṇā-nidhāna
parama udāra prabhu more kara trāṇa*

Glory to the essence of all *avatāras* and the abode of compassion! O most munificent Lord, please deliver me!

*ananta prabhura nāma ananta mahimā
anantādi deve yāre dite nāre sīmā*

His holy names are limitless! His glories are limitless! Neither Lord Ananta nor any other *deva* can see the limits of his glories!

*gaurāṅga madhura nāma kara mana sāra
yāñhā vinā kali-yuge gati nāhi āra*

O Lord Gauranga, please place your sweet holy names in my heart! You are the only shelter in *Kali-yuga*!

*yei nāma sei gorā jānahi niścaya
nāmera sahita prabhu satata āchaya*

Please know for certain that Lord Gaura is the same as his name. The Lord is always manifest whenever his holy name is spoken.

*gaura-nāma hari-nāma eka-i ye haya
bhāgavata vākya ei kabhu mithyā naya*

The name Gaura and the name Hari are one. This is the statement of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and the devotees. Their words are never untrue.

*kara kara ore mana nāma-saṅkīrtana
pāpa tāpa dūre yābe pābe prema-dhana*

O my mind, please chant the holy names of the Lord! Then you will drive all sins and sufferings far away and attain the treasure of ecstatic spiritual love.



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*gaura-nāma kṛṣṇa-nāma ati su-madhura
sadā āsvādaye yei se saba catura*

The name Gaura and the name Krishna are both very, very sweet. Anyone who always tastes the nectar of these holy names is very wise.

*śiva ādi yei nāma sadā kare gāna
se nāme vañcita haile kise habe trāṇa*

Lord Shiva and the other demigods always sing these holy names. How will a person cheated of these holy names be saved?

*ei śata aṣṭa nāma ye kare paṭhana
anāyāse pāya sei caitanya-caraṇa*

Anyone who chants these 108 holy names will easily attain Lord Chaitanya's feet.

*śata asta nāma yei karaye śravaṇa
tāra prati tuṣṭa sadā śacīra nandana*

Anyone who hears these 108 holy names always satisfies Sachi's son.

*śrī-jāhnavī rāma-pada kariyā śaraṇa
śata asta nāma gāya e śacīnandana*

Taking shelter of the feet of Sri Jahnavi and Ramachandra Goswami, Sachinandan Das sings these 108 holy names. ❀

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OBEISANCES TO THE BREEZE

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Śrī Rādhā-rasa-sudhānidhi, text 2

*yasyāḥ kadāpi vasanāñcala-khelanottha-
dhanyāti-dhanya-pavanena kṛtārtha-mānī
yogīndra-durgama-gatir madhusūdanano 'pi
tasyā namo 'stu vṛṣabhānu-bhuvo diśe 'pi*

I offer my obeisances to the direction that faces Sri Vrishabhanu's daughter. When the breeze coming from that direction playfully moves the edge of his garment, Sri Krishna, who cannot be attained by even the kings of the *yogīs*, thinks that his life has now become a great success. ❀

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