

# **Bhakti is pure and includes love with God and His Devotees**

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Chaitanya Mahaprabhu started the sankirtana movement. sankirtanaika-pitarau

pitarau means two – Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was Krsna and Nityananda Prabhu was Balaram. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was Ram and Nityananda Prabhu was Laksman.

They appeared in Bengal. The Lord comes for 'dharma sansthapan', for re-establishing the principles of religion. Caitanya Mahaprabhu propagated religion by the process of sankirtana. For this Maha Vishnu, Narada Muni, Radharani and team appeared with Him.

He established the dharma of 'kaliyuga'. i.e. the Sankirtana movement.

We are not Hindus. God did not establish Hindu or Muslim or Christian. The Muslims said that people who resided on the banks of the Sindhu River are Hindus. Gita or Srimad-Bhagavatam or the Veda/Puranadoes not have the name Hindu. Dharma is either Bhagavad dharma or Varnasrama dharma or Sanatana dharma. For Kaliyuga the dharma is Sankirtana dharma.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu is God. He is Krsna. He descended to deliver us and for the upliftment of the conditioned souls Caitanya Mahaprabhu together with Nityananda Prabhu established the sankirtana movement.

Then 400 years later Srila Prabhupada took the task to spread this message. Srila Prabhupada preached alone in New York's footpath at the age of 70. He had no associate, but as soon as Srila Prabhupada did kirtana, people were attracted.

Hare Krishna is God. This is Radha and Krishna. "j?v j?go, j?v j?go, gaurac?nda bole"

Who is calling? Gaura Chand (moon). "Get up!" He calls with the Hare Krishna mantra. He is telling us to take shelter of the Holy Name .

Srila Prabhupada started to preach all over the world, spreading the Dharma, the dharma of the Hare Krishna mahamantra. Now this preaching has reached Yavatmal. Lord Krsna has reached Yavatmal in the form of the holy name. An Avatar (incarnation) took place. The appearance of the Lord happened in one place, but Harinama appeared in all places for all persons. Each person has an avatar for himself/herself. We have to experience the feeling – anubhav, bhagwad sakshatkaar. This realisation or anubhav that Harinama is the avatar for this age is our goal of life. 'I will see Krsna in this body with these eyes.' This is the goal of life. It should be realised that HARE KRISHNA is Lord. Our Human form is for the realisation that the name is cintamani, the wish fulfilling stone. This is raskhaan (the mine full of mellows), this realisation that God and His Name are one, this realisation is the goal.

For this realisation we have to do sadhana throughout our life. To understand that Hare Krishna is Radha Krishna. For this the devotees are bringing on behalf of Srila Prabhupada, Parampara, Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the Bhagavad-Gita, Srimad-Bhagwatam. Through these scriptures they are giving us the Hare Krishna mahamantra.

We do say that you should take the name. At the same time, we also guide you on how to do sadhana as per the sastra/scriptures. You are given all the do's and dont's.

There are 10 offenses against the holy name. By doing Japa

with offenses we cannot realise God in the name. It has to be realised that the Name is nectarean. When we realise nectar, we are avoiding offenses. Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu (Nectar of devotion) is a guide on how to do japa. You all are becoming sadhakas, so you have to learn the 10 offenses to the holy name.

The 1st offense is sadhu/bhakta/jiva ninda or blaspheming the devotees who are propagating the holy names of the Lord. So chanting with blaspheming will not bear any fruit. It can take lifetimes with blasphemy. But we do not want to wait. We need to do something urgently. For example in business we want immediate profit, not that profit will come after lifetime. Similarly Hare Krishna is like a business. So the profit of japa is Love of Krishna and returning to the abode of the Lord. We do not want to stay here.

So there are 9 more offenses.

Kali means age of quarrel & hypocrisy (pakhand, tanta, dhong). Wherever there is quarrel and hypocrisy, there is the existence of Kali. We do not want kali in the Hare Krishna movement otherwise this will also become a den of kali. We HAVE to keep kali OUT . For this the progress has to be there – naam ruchi, jiva daya, vaishnav seva. We all are vaishnavas and we will progress. If hatred(dvesha), jealousy(irsha), blasphemy(ninda) is done in the Hare Krishna temple, it becomes like the general world. Drain this out and take shelter of Krishna (mam ekam saranam vraja).

Caitanya Mahaprabhu said to always do japa. To make this continuous chanting possible Caitanya Mahaprabhu instructed – t??d api sun?cena taror api sahi??un?/ am?nin? m?nadena k?rtan?ya? sad? hari? – become humble, tolerant. Do not expect respect and always give respect. This will help to constantly chant the name of God. Caitanya Mahaprabhu has an expectation in Yavatmal, that all do sankirtana. If we always want to kirtana, follow the instruction of Chaitanya mahaprabhu.. And then those who regularly do kirtana will be glorified like how

Hanumanji was glorified. Ravana also took the name of the Lord but with a different attitude. Thus glories came to Hanuman's side and defamation to the side of Ravana (vikhyaat versus kuvikhyaat). There is so much difference in the character of Hanuman and Ravana.

You spread the glories of the holy name. Glories as in Srimad-Bhagwatam, Ramayana, Caitanya Caritamrita, etc. is to be spread all over. People are sad and this is a BIG problem. Lots of miseries are there – adibhautik, adhyatmik, adidevik. All are troubled by these miseries. Only the devotees know this. Yavatmal residents will be benefited by spreading the glories of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We will be purified by taking prasada. We will do cow protection. Even in China people are taking to vegetarianism. No intoxication

No illicit sex. Not following this is creating many problems. Men should follow the vow of a single wife and women should be pativrita (chaste) No gambling. These 4 are the dens of Kali. There should be no talks of what is in the mind (man ki baat) but talk of Krsna.

There are as many number of roads as there are number of opinions. Having our own opinions without a base is cheating. This cheating is also gambling. So Krsna's opinion has to be followed. Everything else is gambling. Therefore Srila Prabhupada gave us Bhagavad-Gita As It Is. This movement of Srila Prabhupada is very, very Important.

It is really good that everyone is connecting. The Hare Krishna population is increasing, and this is good indication that Krsna's opinion is being followed.

Srila Prabhupada said that Purity is the force. So this Hare Krishna movement is to be kept pure, in the mode of goodness. Raja guna (mode of passion) divides while satva guna (mode of goodness) unites. So to keep united we have to come to the mode of goodness.

'He is mine, he is not' is low class thinking. This type of

thinking is not Krishna Consciousness. So purification is needed just as water is to be purified to keep diseases away.

Bhakti is pure and includes love with God and His devotees. Keep this in mind. You are all volunteers. Quantity increase should be complimented by increase in quality to decrease the influence of MAYA(illusion). Yavatmal volunteers should avoid the influence of Kali.

Love devotees!

A kanistha (low level) devotee is one who loves God, but hates devotees. Get promoted to madhyam (middle class) and Uttama (High class) devotees by loving God and loving devotees. A 3rd class devotee is one who hates. We do not want 3rd class devotees.

Hare Krishna