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One-pointed fixity of mind in God, shraddha in the Guru's words, pure and sublime bhava, these lead one quickly to God. Forgetfulness, misunderstandings, violation of disciplines, unethical conduct, these estrange the Sadhaka from divine grace. Discipline carried on with ardent devotion, is the secret of a successful career. Discipline yields fruit. A society well disciplined, is bound to prosper.

It is the duty of a mother to inculcate in her children, by the force of her own personal example, a sense of discipline, love of virtue, fear of God etc. Unless mothers become images of selflessness, they cannot become a source of subtle, morally elevating influence, for their children. One of the classic examples in selflessness is Kunti Devi, mother of Pandavas. Throne came to her children after a long period of trials and tribulations and a devastating battle against formidable forces of evil. Kunti could have enjoyed the royal luxuries and lived in the palace in the company of her victorious children. But she chose to accompany Gandhari and Dhrutharashtra, to the forest in order to serve them. Who is capable of such a sacrifice! Kunti had absolutely no trace of selfishness in her.

When Duriোধana was born, bad omens were seen. He became a burden to Mother earth. He was full of evil, deceitful in conduct, jealous of his cousins, the Pandavas, and employed all means to bring destruction on them. Though Dhrutharashtra knew his son's evil nature, he could not correct him owing to his inordinate attachment. A crow thinks that its offspring is the most beautiful of all the birds. So too, a mother who is inordinately attached to her children thinks that they are of sterling character; or even if she finds them go wrong, she has no mind to correct them. She is a slave of her own love.

Love your children by all means, but be not blinded by that attachment. Love the Divine in the children. Correct them as and when they go wrong. If you notice any vice in them, nip it in the bud. Your children should learn to live in the remembrance of the truth that God sees all their thoughts and actions. Never should they develop the perverted intelligence of the Kaurava. How strange and perverted was the logic of Duriোধana, who fancied that whatever he did was dharma! My children should be straightforward, God-fearing, lovers of righteousness and devoted to the Guru and His teaching. It is sheer arrogance to assume that one is incapable of error. In this world, there will be always such people also, who praise Duriोधana and side with his logic. But little do they ponder over the fate that befell him.

It is devotion, dedication and dharmanishta that awaken mighty spiritual force in you, detach your mind from the world and make it engage in the anusandhana of the Atman. Once the mind comes within the orbit of God-attraction, the effort of self-control gives way to spontaneous meditation.

Enduring fame, full development of mental power, Yogic vision, habitual reliance on the Divine and a constant feeling of the protective presence of God: all these are outcome of stable and single-minded bhakti. Unless you earnestly embark upon the quest of Truth, enter the path of nivritti, and cultivate love for God, you cannot rise to the plane of Brahman-knowledge. Knowledge arising from devotion is the real knowledge. Hence there cannot be a pursuit of Reality, wholly independent of devotion. Unfading cheer of mind, one-pointedness, withdrawal of mind from prapancha, all these are attained easily through bhakti.



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You are eternal Consciousness. Sense of differentiations and pairs of opposites, are all of the mind. They thrive only in the realm of prakrithi. Bhakti transports you beyond the range of prakrithi. Where differentiations drop off, personal ego is lost, and the nondual state is experienced, there jnana shines in all splendor. Through jnana, Nara (man) becomes Narayana (God). God is the inner ruler of all; the Operator of all body-machines, the runner of this show, the prapancha. In God, anchor your mind. That is the way to redemption.

The jiva is under the control of the gunas of prakrithi. When he rises above the gunas, his anthakarana is filled with pure sattwa. In such a pure anthakarana, Brahman knowledge shines forth. He who experiences Brahman alone can expound the truth of Brahman, the glory of God and the methodology of sadhana. By expounding Srimad Bhagavatam, Shuka Muni awakened that matchless listener, King Pareekshit, to Brahmajnana, within seven days. In a true satsang, spiritual fire is felt palpably by all participants. When a disciple describes the glory of the Sadguru and expounds his teaching, a fervent spiritual atmosphere must come into being. The speaker and the listeners all should become one. Then, like fire in a yajnakunda, the latent spiritual fire begins to burn brightly in the heart of all.

The fruition of vichara, indeed of all mind-disciplining sadhanas, is the dawn of perfect enlightenment. When perfect enlightenment dawns, identification of the Witness with the ego (an illusory notion persisting in the consciousness of the individual soul) will be served, and you will be able to live unattached even in the midst of the family and absorbing duties of life. When knowledge is with you, no worldly taint will be there to stick to your mind, even though you may have to function in a world of intense activity. The lotus grows in a marshy pond. Dirt is there near its stem, but nectar-like honey is there in its flower. The frog that lives near the stem is unaware of the existence of this sweet honey. It lives on dirt and knows only to make a croaking sound. But the black bees arrive from afar to drink in the nectarian honey. So also, when the Divine takes His advent on earth, even His own family members may not recognize Him, but the devotees from distant corners of the globe arrive, recognize His divinity and take refuge in His Lotus Feet. Kamsa and Duriodhana knew not the divinity of Krishna. Even those who associated with them became evil-minded and got estranged from Grace. Karna was the son of Sun God; yet he did not know the greatness of Bhagawan Sree Krishna. Where God is, there success surely is.

Guard your faith in God by all means and never walk on the wrong path. When the kitten cry mew, mew, the mother cat rushes to them to their protection. So also, when the devotee invokes God through prayer, God rushes to his rescue. To save the suppliant is the dharma of God; but to pray, to surrender, is the dharma of the devotee. May your devotion be free of the twin blemishes of commercial mentality and worldly attachments.

Guru is the ocean of wisdom. At His Feet alone you can learn Brahmavidya. But your mind should be inwardised. When your mind is overburdened with book-knowledge, it will be difficult to attain the state of inwardness, antharmukhatwa. Turn your face to God. Concentrate all your love in one place, God and look upon your Guru as God Himself. That object on which you thus concentrate all your love, is the Divine dwelling in your own heart. Once you experience Him in your own heart, you will be able to visualize His presence in all. He, who directs his devotion to numerous deities, fails to go deep into himself and reach his heart. Steadfastness in one ideal leads to fulfillment.

Blessings to you all.