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You are Sons of Nectar

A discourse given to a large devotional gathering
in the prestigious “Multicentre,” Morelia, Mexico,

You are all my spiritual relatives, assembled here today for hearing something from me about Krishna-consciousness. I humbly pay my respects to you all because you have given me this opportunity to speak about my Lord Sri Krishna and His associates. I want to do good for you, good for myself and good for the world. I have some experience. I am an old man, and I stayed many years with my Guru Maharaj, who was vastly learned in Vedic knowledge and ultimately a siddha-mahapurush—a perfect, liberated soul. His affection, mercy, well-wishes and desire have given me something. I feel it and I cannot deny it. I may be a very low class person, but how can I deny the gift of my Gurudev? I am a very tiny and insignificant jiva soul, nothing else, this is my identity, but if I give all of you the gift of my Lord Krishna, and my Guru Maharaj—that little ecstasy I have got—if I give to your holy ear the sound vibration that is coming down from

the transcendental world—you must be benefited and I shall also be benefited. Krishna will bless me and my Guru Maharaj will be satisfied that I shall have done something in this world.

Actually we are all spiritual entities and because we are part and parcel of our Lord, our home is eternally existing in the transcendental abode of the Lord. You have heard of Upanisad, Veda, Vedanta and other Scriptures which were revealed in India in the written form five thousand years ago. Previously, this knowledge existed as sruti-mantram and it was transmitted from the rishis and munis to their disciples through the sruti-mantram or spoken word. At that time there were no books. Vedavyasa has very mercifully given us this written form of sruti-mantram called Veda. He then divided that Veda {sruti} into four: Rg, Sama, Yajur, and Atharva. He also composed the corollary literatures {smriti} like the Mahabharat which is called the fifth Veda, and the gist of the Vedas can also be found in the hundreds of Upanisads. The great Vedic research scholars have also found the Vedic knowledge in the Puranas. Thus, through the great rishis, Vedic research scholars, this transcendental knowledge is being revealed in this mundane world, and when necessary, from time to time, an incarnation of the Lord manifests and by His divine mercy we get a connection with that transcendental knowledge.

These Vedic literatures mainly try to give us transcendental knowledge and for our benefit they have proclaimed, srinvantu biswe amritasya putra: “You are all the

sons of nectar, transcendental nectar, you are from the nectarine ocean. Dive deep into that nectar;” We are all parts and parcels of the Lord, therefore we are spiritual relatives. Here in the mundane world, we are seeing many differences —some of us are born in India, some in Russia, some in Mexico, Latin America, etc., so many countries and so many completely different languages—but the spirit that is living within everybody, and without which the body is useless, that spirit is coming from the same place. We call this place the spiritual world or the transcendental world.

We want eternity, we want love, we want affection, we want mercy and ecstasy, these are our hankerings, but this mundane world cannot successfully give any of these things to us. But in the transcendental world everything is existing eternally in a very beautiful and sweet way.

Everyone will pass away from this world one day, whether he is poor or rich, rogue or scholar, animal, or tree. When we have been born, it is sure we will die. Death will not give any notice to us, “Today is your dying day or today is your birthday.” Birth and death are actually beyond our control. Maybe we can extend some time or reduce some time but when we have been born, we must die. This wave of birth and death is surrounding this world, not only our present planet but the whole universe. Beyond the orbit of this universe many universes also exist and this wave of birth and death is rolling through all of them. This knowledge has been given to us by the Vedic research scholars, and now the scientists in this age are also saying the same thing.

This world is always completely filled with quarrel. The wave of death and birth is always flowing through this world and there are so many problems. You hear many things on the radio, television and newspapers, therefore you know how much violence is going on all over. Everywhere this bad situation will come to be, as it is written in the Scriptures. It is the age of Kali. Kali means the age of quarrel. We cannot avoid it. I may be a very good man, but without cause I may be attacked by violence. Many things happen, and many good men have been killed. Then death and birth is beyond our capacity. I may be protected by so many bodyguards, like John Kennedy, like Martin Luther King Jr., like Indira Gandhi, like so many, who were protected by so many bodyguards but could not avoid death.

We are also not secure or satisfied in this world. What do we want here? We want love, affection, charm, beauty and ecstasy. Ultimately, we want eternity, but in this world it is not possible in any way to get it. Here, what is the form of love, what is the form of beauty, of affection? All are only a shadow or reflection of the transcendental world. As such, here we are playing only within the shadow. All that we are getting is in the form of shadow, and the substance is missing. We are eating rice powder mixed with water and thinking we are drinking milk. Actually, when we will get a proper taste of transcendental ecstasy and we will feel the transcendental form, then we will feel that transcendental knowledge is within me and my Lord is within me and we will understand everything very clearly and easily. That

connection is necessary for us.

In which way may we get it? Our sincere searching tendency can give us that connection. We must want to search. If it is possible why will we not proceed in that line? The research scholars of religion have made many contributions and made that knowledge available. If you come forward sincerely, you will get it. It is so easy to get if you have faith, chastity, and a little good fortune. Without good fortune it is very difficult to get it.

The Process of a Real Search

It is written in Sri Chaitanya-Charitamṛta,

**brahmānda brahmite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti latā-bīja**

When the jiva souls have unfortunately come into this material environment, which is not their real home, naturally, they will try to return to their permanent home. Sometimes when they will not get the proper direction, still they will try to go somewhere. They are always feeling like refugees who have come out of their own country and lived many years in another country, but cannot forget their own country. That is our situation.

The Lord has all power. Without power, creation is not possible, and without the Powerful, creation is also not possible. We can search in many ways but finally we must go to the Powerful, otherwise success is not possible. And the rishis have researched in that way—to find that power and Powerful. Through mundane knowledge it will not be possible to get it. When they understood this they tried to get it from the higher level and they researched in which way it will be possible to get it. That transcendental knowledge has been given in Srimad Bhagavad-gita by Sri Krishna.

daivī hi eṣā guṇa-mayī
mama māyā duratyayā
mām eva ye prapadyante
māyām etāṁ taranti te

“Oh my dear Arjuna, fortunately, if anyone will take shelter of Me, I will give relief to him from the illusory environment. Otherwise, to get relief from this illusory environment is not so easy, because maya is so powerful.”

We have come out from the marginal potency. Maya is ruling the shadow potency but our home is existing in the transcendental potency. Unfortunately, we have jumped into maya, but it is not our real home. Our father, our mother, everything is transcendental. We are spirit and we must live in our spiritual home but unfortunately we have come into this situation. Which way will we go back to our country, our home? That is necessary to understand.

In this material world we can see so many species of life. The research scholars of transcendental knowledge have said that there are eighty-four lakhs of species (eight million four hundred thousand) in this material world.

jalajā navalakṣāṇi sthāvarā lakṣa-vimśatiḥ
kṛmayo rudra-saṅkhyakāḥ pakṣiṇām daśa lakṣakam
triṁśal-lakṣāṇi paśavaḥ chhatur lakṣāṇi mānuṣāḥ

There are nine hundred thousand species of aquatics, two million species of plants and trees, one million one hundred thousand species of insects, one million species of birds, three million animal species and four hundred thousand

human beings. Therefore, it is very rare to get this human body but it has fortunately come to us and it is of utmost importance. With this human form one can understand and find the way for studying the spiritual world, and for seeking the essence of transcendental knowledge. Thus the value of this human body is supreme.

The animals have brains, they have willing, feeling and thinking but not in an organised way. But in the human form, one who is not a mad man has some organisational ability within his brain. Whoever will feel, will and think, is a spirit soul, living within the body. When this spirit soul leaves the body, the body becomes useless and within a few days it will decompose. Once that spirit soul has gone out of the body it cannot enter into it again. That spirit's sadness or happiness we cannot feel from here, but the research scholars, the rishis, they can feel it through their subtle level or mental level. They can understand the situation, and through their research they have given us this knowledge. Believe it and search for Sri Krishna, Reality the Beautiful;

We want reality and it is beautifully existing in our real home. There everything is transcendental, everything is beautiful, harmonious, lovely and affectionate.

**yad gatvā na nivartante
tad dhāma paramam mama**

Krishna said in Srimad Bhagavad-gita, "Once you go there it is not necessary to come back from that abode. You will not want to come back, you will be extremely satisfied." Those who are not satisfied in this material world are trying to get

liberation through renunciation. We have many things, but we have no happiness. Maybe we have no family life, and even if we have family life there are so many difficulties. In this material world we cannot expect to find satisfaction or fulfilment, it is impossible. Then, we will try to search for that place where there is some possibility of eternity, and where love, affection, ecstasy and beauty are existing. If we try to understand this we must go to the Scriptures or the sadhu, who is the living Scripture, whose experience, whose practising life and whose knowledge will give some good nourishment to us.

With the sadhu's association we will try to search, but when the searching spirit will come to us we must be on faithful ground. Faith is the main basis. There is no other way. We may be a person of any religious mood, but if we want to make progress in religion we must first be faithful; as in Christianity the first condition is that you must be faithful to the teachings.

I read on the dollar bill, "In God We Trust." This is a very nice expression to trust in God. You must first come into the faithful plane. You want eternity, you want a beautiful world, you want everything transcendental but you will not give anything to God? Not anything for God? How will you get everything beautiful from such a hellish position? Where you are living now is a hellish situation, but God is so merciful, He is giving so much love to you. His loving search for the lost servant is our wealth, not the wealth of God. Loving search for the lost servant is our property. But I must keep

my faith in my religion, otherwise how shall I get it? It is impossible. In all the religions the basis is faith.

I cannot see the rishis and munis. I have not seen my own birth. My mother told me, “He is your father.” Then I believe it, “Yes, he is my father,” and I believe the government will give me my father’s inheritance. Why? My mother said he is my father and the father’s property goes to the son. This is the rule, and we all believe it. Only when it comes to believing in God we are very unfortunate. Come to the faithful level and try from there. *Srnavantu visve amrtasya putra* You are all the sons of nectar, you must search for Sri Krishna, Reality the Beautiful, and you will get everything.

If you can enter into that transcendental abode you will find five kinds of relationships with the Lord. There is some procedure and it is an easy procedure. Many spiritual things are revealed to us. It is only necessary for us to have some searching tendency and chastity. Without chastity and without a searching tendency, how will we get it?

We can spend this life anyway we choose. I sometimes tell people that they have some holidays but I have no holidays. I have a holiday when I can discuss Krishna consciousness, that is my holiday.

Krishna said in *Srimad Bhagavad-gita*,

*mātrā-sparśās tu kaunteya
śītoṣṇa-sukha-duḥkha-dāḥ
āgamāpāyino ’nityās
tāms titikṣasva bhārata*

You have happiness, sadness, disease, beauty, everything, but

they are not eternal; only for the time being they will be with you. The sun is rising then setting, night is coming then passing, again the sun is rising—this is the nature of the material world. We see everything but if we will give a little time to understand what is what easily we can understand it. There are various paths in front of us, many religious personalities and many religious books are existing in front of us. They do not want anything from us. What does Lord Jesus want from us? He wants us to submit to our Lord, that is his expectation of us. “You are all the sons of God, give your obeisance, give your faith, give your love, give everything to Him.” He has shown us how to deal with each other. It is very near to Vaishnavism. Christianity is very near to what we are practising.

I read Solomon’s Songs and I was surprised by what I found there. I read the Bible also, but Solomon’s Songs are very attractive. They attracted me because in our Vaishnava religion you will get five kinds of relationship with the Lord, and there is a similar idea presented in Solomon’s Songs. This is not expressed so much in the Bible, but in the Srimad-Bhagavatam, other Puranas, Vedanta, Upanisad—all the Vedic Scriptures declare that the Lord is sach-chid-ananda-vigraha. He has an eternal, spiritual, cognisant form of ecstasy, not like mine. My form is material. I cannot grasp what is material and what is spiritual, therefore real knowledge remains hidden from me. Many religions have manifested in this material world but having seen our position, having seen how much we can

conceive and how much we can digest, the religious teachers have preached accordingly.

From five thousand years ago the research scholars tell us that God has form and He is sach-chid-ananda-vigraha. He is the Creator of all creation. He has a brain. He has a face. He has everything. His form is like our human form, but it is not human. He is Krishna, He is always attracting our mind. We can join within His eternal Pastimes. We can have a relationship with Krishna as our friend rather than as our God. There are five kinds of relationships we can keep with the Lord: santa, dasya, sakhya, vatsalya and madhurya. We can play with the Lord through our love. If my Lord will play football with me, what sweet feelings will come to me, how sweetly they will come.

The Eternal Play

One kind of Play of Sri Krishna is on the bank of the Yamuna, or the bank of the Ganges; chanting and dancing with his girlfriends and boyfriends. His eternal Play is going on with His father and mother. There everything is beautiful and eternal. Some description of Vrindavan has been given in Sri Brahma-samhita:

śriyaḥ kāntāḥ kāntaḥ parama-puruṣaḥ kalpataravo
drumā bhūmiś chintāmaṇi-gaṇamayī toyam amṛtam
kathā gānaṁ nāṭyaṁ gamanam api vaṁśī priyasakhī
chid ānandaṁ jyotiḥ param api tad āsvādyam api cha

There all the girls are beautiful like Laksmi Devi, all beauty and wealth is in them in a very concentrated form. Krishna's form is so beautiful and He is the enjoyer of those girls—kantaḥ parama-purusah. All the trees there are kalpa-taravo. If you want anything from a tree he can give it to you. If you ask a banana tree, “Give me an apple,” immediately he will give you an apple. If you ask an apple tree for a papaya he will give you a papaya. The transcendental world has that type of character. There the feelings are not artificial in anyway, all the feelings are natural, a natural flow is there. Krishna is not thinking “I am God,” and the friends of Krishna are not thinking “Krishna is my Lord,” not that way. “He is my bosom friend,” in this way their feelings are coming.

Consorthood, paramour love, so many things are there that

here sometimes give us so much pain, but there are only giving happiness. There, there is no place for pain—only when the Play of the Lord necessitates, then some deficiency may come, but that is only existing within the Play. That knowledge will be revealed in our hearts if we will try to search, try to proceed. If we sincerely try to get that, we can. This is the gift of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Before Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu gave it to us, we did not know the process, even though it is written in the Scriptures. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu discovered it and gave it to us, “You see this is your process and it is the easiest process,” and we can understand that. He said:

harer nāma harer nāma
harer nāmaiva kevalam
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva
nāsty eva gatir anyathā

It is not necessary to collect an ocean of knowledge from the Scriptures. The only necessity is your chastity and faith in the Divine Name of the Lord. Why? Some reasons have been given that we can easily understand. In this world, so many scientists have invented many things. How are we getting email, telephone and television pictures? Through sound. In this material world it is possible, then why will it not be possible to connect with the transcendental world through sound? It can come down into this material world. We can see that ray, and through that ray we can go there. Here we are getting connection everywhere through ether. If we can

go a little further, we can connect with the transcendental Divine Form of the Lord, which is His Name. If it is transcendental, if it is divine, it must have the full power to give us this knowledge, and that Name can enter anywhere. The telephone calls are coming here without a problem, then why can't that transcendental knowledge come into my heart? Why can't that transcendental knowledge live there? We must believe it. Try to research and try to understand which way it is possible. Mahaprabhu Chaitanya-Dev said the transcendental vibration form of our Lord is the Hari-Nama. It will reveal in your heart.

cheto-darpaṇa-mārjanam
bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam
śreyaḥ-kairava-chandrikā-vitarāṇam
vidyā-vadhu-jīvanam
ānandāmbudhi-varadhanam
prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam
sarvātma-snapanam param
vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam

Mahaprabhu also described the process:

tṛṇād api sunīchena
taror iva sahiṣṇunā
amāninā mānadena
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ

Be humble, be tolerant, give honour to others, make everyone your friend. Try to get a connection with the

transcendental abode through the Hari-Nama, the Lord's Name. Practise your spiritual life and see the result. It is not dead matter. You will eat and others then will be fulfilled? It is not a fact. When you eat you will feel, "My belly is becoming full, my mind is becoming satisfied and my hunger is going away." These feelings naturally will come to you.

How will I go back to the hotel? My driver knows, "This is the way." He will not miss the way. So, we must search, but with proper guidance. If you want Newcastle coal, you must go to Newcastle, if you want Ganges water go to the Ganges, if you want Thames water go to the Thames. If you want something, go to the source. In this way your searching will take you there.

It is not necessary to blindly accept anything. My Guru Maharaj gave many English books: The Search for Sri Krishna, Reality the Beautiful; Loving Search for the Lost Servant; Subjective Evolution of Consciousness; Golden Volcano of Divine Love; Sri Guru and His Grace and other books. We have published over two hundred books in different languages for the benefit of others.

My lifetime is already finished. I am also an astrologer but I am not reading anyone's horoscope. I closed that chapter forty years ago. Still, I know my lifetime is finished, so how am I alive? It is by the grace of my Guru Maharaj. I told my Guru Maharaj, "Maharaj, my lifetime is not very long. You know this, you are a great astrologer. Why are you trying to establish me? Choose another very good man, and I shall serve him." But Guru Maharaj said, "I am giving you life. I

am giving your life an extension, throw your horoscope away.” And now I am seeing that it is possible, for it has come to me. By the grace of my Guru I have received an extended lifetime.

I have no intention to enjoy this life. I am working only for the service of Lord Krishna, and for the satisfaction of my Guru Maharaj. I must try to do good for everyone, that is the instruction of my Guru Maharaj. I want to be your friend, not your enemy. Krishna said in Srimad Bhagavad-gita:

uddhared ātmanātmānam
nātmānam avasādayet
atmaiva hy ātmano bandhur
ātmaiva ripur ātmanaḥ

You are your own best friend and your own worst enemy. You cannot conceive how much bad and how much good you can do for yourself. All power is in your hand. Try to play properly and you must get the result. The football is always going to the foot of one who can play properly, and others who are running after the football can't get it. So try to search properly, sincerely. You will get a good result and your life will be extremely benefited.