

## **DIVINE MADNESS: Sitting at the Feet of the Master – PART 2**

### **From the Nārada Bhakti Sūtra ~ Translated by Venerable Sumati Marut**

5 13 sarvadā sarvabhāvena niścintaiḥ bhagavāneva bhajanīyaḥ | 79

**The Lord alone is to be worshiped always and with one's whole being by those without doubt.**

5 14 sa kīrtyamānaḥ śīghramevāvirbhavaty anubhāvayati bhaktān | 80

**The Lord, being glorified like this, quickly appears and reveals Himself or Herself to the devotees.**

5 15 trisatyasya bhaktireva garīyasī bhaktireva garīyasī | 81

**Devotion is the most important thing in the three realities; devotion alone is the most important thing.**

5 16 guṇamāhātmyāsakti-rūpāsakti-pūjāsakti-smaraṇāsakti-

dāsyāsaktisakhyāsakti-

vātsalyāsakti-kāntāsakti-ātmanivedanāsakti-tanmayatāsaktiparamavirahāsakti-

rūpā ekadhā api ekādaśadhā bhavati | 82

**Although one, it has eleven forms: attaching oneself to the divine qualities; attaching to the form; attaching to the rituals of worship; attaching to constantly remembering; the attaching a servant has; the attaching a friend has; parental attachment; the attachment of a lover; the attachment of dedicating one's whole self; that attachment of being identified with That One; and the supreme attaching oneself to the love that's generated in separation.**

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### **From the Bhāgavad Gītā ~ Translated by Venerable Sumati Marut**

vyāmiśreṇeva vākyena buddhim mohayasīva me |

tadekaṁ vada niścitya yena śreyo'hamāpnuyām ||

**You confuse my mind with so many seemingly inconsistent teachings.  
Can't you just tell me one invariable thing through which I may attain the  
highest good? (3.2)**

**I JUST LAUGH**  
**Kabir**

If I told you the truth about God,  
you might think I was an  
idiot.

If I lied to you about the Beautiful One  
you might parade me through the streets shouting,  
“This guy is a genius!”

This world has its pants on backwards.  
Most carry their values and knowledge in a jug  
that has a big hole in it.

Thus having a clear grasp of the situation  
if I am asked anything these days

I just laugh!

Kabir,  
Love Poems From God – Translated by Daniel Ladinsky, Pg 212

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**From the Bhāgavad Gītā**

*tad viddhi pranipatena pariprashnena sevaya  
upadekshyanti te jnyanam jnyaninas tattva darshinah*

**IV.34 LEARN THESE THINGS  
BY BOWING YOURSELF DOWN,  
BY CONSTANTLY ASKING QUESTIONS,  
AND BY SERVICE OF YOUR TEACHER.  
AND THEN THE BEINGS OF WISDOM,  
THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN SUCHNESS,  
WILL SHOW YOU WHAT WISDOM IS.**

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5 01 bhaktā ekāntino mukhyāḥ | 67

**The highest of the devotees are those who are single-pointed in their devotion.**

5 02 kaṅṭhāvarodharomañcāśrubhiḥ parasparam lapamānāḥ pāvayanti  
kulāni pṛthivīm ca | 68

**Speaking with one another with lumps in their throats, hair standing on end, and tears in their eyes, they purify their families and the whole world.**

5 03 tīrthīkurvanti tīrthāni sukarmī kurvanti karmāṇi saccāstrīkurvanti  
śāstrāṇi | 69

**They make sacred places sacred; they make actions beneficial; they make the scriptures holy.**

5 04 tanmayāḥ | 70

**They are filled with That One.**

5 05 modante pitaro nṛtyanti devataḥ sanāthā ceyam bhūrbhavati | 71

**Their ancestors rejoice, the gods dance, and this world is endowed with great masters.**

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## From the Bhāgavad Gītā

*shri bhagavan uvacha*

*loke asmin dvividha nishtha pura prokta mayanagha  
jnyana yogena sankhyanam karma yogena yoginam*

**III.3 AND THE BLESSED ONE,  
THE GLORIOUS ONE, SAID:  
O YOU WHO ARE FREE FROM FAULT,  
I HAVE IN DAYS OF OLD  
SHOWN HOW EVERYTHING  
HERE IN THE WORLD**

**CAN BE INCLUDED IN TWO GROUPS:  
THE YOGA OF KNOWLEDGE,  
FOR THE PHILOSOPHERS,  
AND THE YOGA OF ACTION,  
FOR THE PRACTITIONERS.**

*na karmanam anarambhan naishkarmyam purushoshnute  
na cha sanyasanad eva siddhim samadhigachati*

**III.4 YOU CANNOT REACH THAT PLACE  
BEYOND ALL ACTIONS  
BY REFUSING TO UNDERTAKE  
ANY ACTIONS AT ALL;  
NOR CAN YOU REACH  
ALL THE GOALS YOU SEEK  
BY SIMPLY SITTING THERE.**

*yajïärthätkarmaëo'nyatra loko'yaà karmabandhanau|  
tadartthaà karma kaunteya muktasaigaù samäcara| |*

**EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD IS BOUND BY ACTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE  
DONE AS SACRIFICES. SO PERFORM ACTION WITH THAT AS THE  
PURPOSE, ARJUNA, FREED FROM ATTACHMENT. (3.9)**

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*yo mäm paśyati sarvatra sarvañ ca mayi paśyati|  
tasyāhañ na prañśyāmi sa ca me na prañśyati||*

**I WILL NEVER BE SEPARATED FROM ONE WHO SEES ME EVERYWHERE  
AND SEES  
EVERYTHING IN ME, NOR WILL HE EVER BE SEPARATED FROM ME.  
(6.30)**

*sarvabhütasthitañ yo mäm bhajatyekatvamāsthitañ|  
sarvathā vartamāno'pi sa yogi mayi vartate||*

**ONE WHO RESIDES IN THIS ONENESS WORSHIPS ME AS ABIDING IN  
ALL BEINGS. THAT  
YOGI, NO MATTER WHAT HE IS DOING IS ENGAGED IN ME. (6.31)**

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## From the Bhāgavad Gītā

yatkaroṣi yadaśnāsi yajjuhoṣi dadāsi yat |  
yattapasyasi kaunteya tatkuruṣva madarpaṇam ||  
**Whatever you do, Arjuna, whatever you eat or offer or give, whatever  
austerities you undertake, do it all as an offering to me. (9.27)**

manmanā bhava madbhakto madyājī mām namaskuru |  
māmevaiśyasi yuktvaivamātmanam matparāyaṇaḥ ||  
**Have your mind fixed on Me; be fully devoted to Me; make sacrifices for  
Me; offer obeisance to Me. Yoke yourself to Me, take refuge in Me, and  
you will reach Me. (9.34)**

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mayyeva mana ādhatsva mayi buddhim niveśaya |  
nivasiṣyasi mayyeva ata ūrdhvaṁ na saṁśayaḥ ||  
**Focus the mind on me; fix the intellect on me. There is no doubt that you  
will dwell only in me from then on. (12.8)**

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iti te jñānamākhyātāṁ guhyādguhyataraṁ mayā |  
vimṛśyaitadaśoṣeṇa yathecchasi tathā kuru ||  
**So it is that this most secret of all secrets has been revealed by Me. Consider  
it fully and then do what you will. (18.63)**

sarvaguhyatamaṁ bhūyaḥ śṛṇu me paramaṁ vacaḥ |  
iṣṭo'si dṛḍhamiti tato vaksyāmi te hitaṁ ||  
**Hear once more My highest words, the most secret of all, for you are surely  
dear to Me so I will tell you for your own good. (18.64)**

manmanā bhava madbhākto madyājī maṁ namaskuru |  
māmevaiśyasi satyaṁ te pratijāne priyo'si me ||  
**Keep your mind on Me, be devoted to Me, sacrifice to Me, prostrate to Me.  
I promise that you will come to Me, for you are dear to Me. (18.65)**

sarvadharmānparityajya māmekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja |  
ahaṁ tvā sarvapāpebhyo mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ ||  
**Surrender all your religious ambitions to Me; go for refuge only in Me. Do not grieve, for I will free you of all your vices. (18.66)**

idaṁ te nātapaskāya nābhaktāya kadācana |  
na cāśuśrūṣave vācyaṁ na ca mām yo'bhyasūyati || 18 67  
**Never speak of this to one who is devoid of austerity, who has no faith, or who refuses to listen, or to one who is annoyed with Me. (18.67)**

ya idaṁ paramaṁ guhyaṁ madbhakteṣvabhīdhāsyati |  
bhaktiṁ mayi parāṁ kṛtvā mām evaiṣyatyasaṁśayaḥ ||  
**The one who teaches this highest secret to those dedicated to Me has performed the highest act of devotion to Me. That one, without a doubt, will reach Me. (18.68)**

bhavitā na ca me tasmādanyaḥ priyatara bhuvī |  
**And no one can do anything for Me that I value more; no one on earth will be more dear to Me than someone like that. (18.69)**