

## Seminar ~ Part 2

*Udilo Aruṇa*

*Kīrtana songs to be sung at dawn  
(from Gītāvalī by Bhaktivinoda Thakur)*

*kṛṣṇa-nāma-sudhā koriyā pān,  
jurāo bhaktivinoda-prāṇ,  
nāma binā kichu nāhiko āro,  
caudda-bhuvana-mājhe*

### SYNONYMS

kṛṣṇa-nāma-sudhā—the pure nectar of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa; koriyā pān—drinking; jurāo—thus satisfy; bhaktivinoda-prāṇ—the soul of Ṭhākura Bhaktivinoda; nāma binā—except for the holy name; kichu nāhiko āra—there is nothing else; caudda-bhuvana-mājhe—within the fourteen worlds.

### TRANSLATION

Drink the pure nectar of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa and thus satisfy the soul of Bhaktivinoda. There is nothing but the holy name within all the fourteen worlds.

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"Taking full shelter means to express the mood, 'O Krsna, I am Yours! I am taking shelter of You!' ~in the mind and out loud." (Jaiva Dharma Ch. 20)

### TEXT BB 2.2.28

atyajamś ca japam svīyam  
akṛtajñatva-śaṅkayā  
vismartum naiva śaknomi  
vraja-bhūmim imām kvacit

### SYNONYMS

atyajan—not giving up; ca—and; japam—chanting; svīyam—my own; akṛta-jñatva—of being ungrateful; śaṅkayā—out of fear; vismartum—to forget; na—not; eva—indeed; śaknomi—I was able; vraja-bhūmim—Vraja-bhūmi; imām—this; kvacit—ever.

### TRANSLATION

**For fear of being ungrateful, I never gave up my japa, nor for a moment was I able to forget this Vraja-bhūmi.**

### COMMENTARY

From Gopa-kumāra's point of view, the life of tending cows in Vṛndāvana was more attractive than any other circumstance, including residence in the Nandana-vana. As long as he continued chanting his mantra, this attitude could not be covered by illusion, because the natural effect of Śrī Madana-gopāla's mantra was to attract the heart to the Lord's sports in Vṛndāvana. Wanting to avoid being ungrateful, Gopa-kumāra never stopped chanting. He might justify abandoning the mantra only after attaining its final goal. If he were to stop chanting before then, he would not discover the mantra's full benefits. Thus, to stop the chanting prematurely would amount to ingratitude, for without having bothered to receive all the mantra's benefits, how could he properly acknowledge them?

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### TEXT 83

tatrāthāpy avasam teṣām  
prabhāva-bhara-darśanāt  
guru-vāg-gauravād drṣṭa-  
phalatvāc cātyajan japam

### SYNONYMS

tatra—there; atha api—still; avasam—I remained; teṣām—their; prabhāva—of power; bhara—the abundance; darśanāt—due to seeing; guru—of my spiritual master; vāg—for the words; gauravāt—out of respect; drṣṭa—having seen; phalatvāt—the effectiveness; ca—and; atyajan—not abandoning; japam—the chanting of my mantra.

## TRANSLATION

Nonetheless, I stayed there for some time, attracted by the display of great power. Out of respect for my guru's order, and because I had seen how effective my mantra was, I kept on chanting.

## COMMENTARY

The atmosphere of Tapoloka weakened Gopa-kumāra's resolve to see the Lord, but still he persevered in chanting his japa. His guru had ordered him never to stop chanting, and Gopa-kumāra did not want to be ungrateful by disobeying.

## Meaning of Mahamantra as explained in Hari Bhakti Vilas

Hare-Oh Radhe, please attract my mind and free me from material bondage.

Krsna-Oh Krsna, please attract my mind by pulling it to You.

Hare-Oh Radhe, captivate my heart by showing me Your incomparable sweetness.

Krsna-Oh Krsna, purify my mind with knowledge about devotional service given by Your pure devotee.

Krsna-Oh Krsna, give me steadiness to appreciate Your transcendental name, form, qualities and pastimes.

Krsna-Oh Krsna, may I develop a taste for serving You.

Hare-Oh Radhe, please make me qualified for Your service.

Hare-Oh Radhe, please make me eligible to relish Your transcendental name, form, qualities and pastimes.

Hare-Oh Radha, please instruct me how I can serve You.

Rama-Oh Krsna, let me hear of Your intimate pastimes with Your beloved Radharani.

Hare-Oh Radhe, please reveal to me Your pastimes with Your beloved Madhava.

Rama-Oh Krsna, please reveal to me Your pastimes with Your beloved Srimati Radhika.

Rama-Oh Krsna, please engage me in remembering Your sweet name, form, qualities and pastimes.

Rama-Oh Krsna, please make me qualified for Your service.

Hare-Oh Radhe, having accepted me as one of Your maidservants, please enjoy me as You like.

Hare-Oh Radhe, I beg You to be pleased with me.