

YOUR MOST FORTUNATE POSITION

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Kṛṣṇa is our master. We are not masters of this world. We are parts of the whole, and we have our respective duties towards the whole. Our responsibility is towards another plane of life, which is the most subtle plane. We are in a diseased condition here, but when we become healthy we will have a higher plane of living. This is the *Vaiṣṇava* conception.

There is a higher plane, beyond the jurisdiction of misconception. There is a particular place for me within this universe. What is that? I am suffering, serving the negative side, and in all of my life I find suffering. *Janma-mṛtyu-jarā-vyādhi*: birth, death, old age, and disease. But there is a conception where life is worth living, where there is something to live for. That position has been neglected everywhere, even in so many different conceptions of religious view.

Our idea is *paramo nirmatsarāñāṁ satāṁ* [the highest truth, which is understandable by those devotees who are fully pure in heart – Sb. 1.1.2.] But the realisation of others is all of the *matsarā* (envious) class. The egoistic school of men cannot give up their idea that, “I am master, I am Brahman.”

Our view is that I am a part of that ‘master’ element but I am a *subordinate* part. I am part of the subsidiary element. Still, they cannot think it out. They are *matsarā*, full of jealousy, and that is the root cause of their philosophy. But if they can give up their intrinsic concept of jealousy, and become a little generous, they may come to know of an infinitely higher plane of existence.

One must think, “I was created of smaller stuff; only with the help of that higher thing can I improve my condition. If I become *nirmatsarā* [completely pure in heart] and *Kṛṣṇa-dāsa*, a servant of Kṛṣṇa, then I can enter into that higher plane and my prospect is great.” Others cannot accommodate that. *Paramo nirmatsarāñāṁ satāṁ*. It is there in the *Bhāgavatam*, but they think, “If I can become the dictator, then my fortune will be most high.”

A submissive attitude is needed. If I can become submissive to the dictatorial aspect of that higher plane, then I will be elevated, and I shall get the highest prospect because that is the Absolute Good. So, where there is Absolute Knowledge, Absolute Good, absolute everything, then why should I not submit to Him? I have experienced that I am in such a vulnerable position, so it is suicidal not to accept that position of surrender. I am of a lower creation, and I find it at every step of my life. I am of limited creation, but at the same time higher creation may be there. Can I deny that? What right have I to deny that?

Here also I have so much experience of so many things high and low. There is a hierarchy from the stone to the scientist who is controlling the stone, so what is the trouble in believing that there is also a hierarchy in the original side, the higher side? What's wrong there? *Nirmatsarā*.

But on their side, there is too much equation, the worst kind of equation (they equate the finite with the infinite), and that is the hindrance to real progressive life. In naked terms, Mahāprabhu announced, *Jīvera ‘svarūpa’ haya – kṛṣṇera ‘nitya-dāsa’*, “You are a slave to that Highest Entity. This is your innate, natural, intrinsic position. Your self has such a relation with the Absolute.”

The Absolute, with whom you are connected, is so high. The all-attractive nature of the Centre is conscious love, and you are a slave to that great force of love and beauty. You are so fortunate. You may thank your stars you are so fortunate that you can be handled in any way by that Absolute Beauty, Charm, Knowledge, everything.

You are not disconnected by force, you are not barred from your birth from entering that domain. You have got your position there, and if you want your position there, you should be of what nature? The most subordinate. As much as you have to go higher, you will have to accept the position of a subordinate. It is clear from your own present experience. You should be satisfied with that. Otherwise, like the garbage, you'll be cast aside where the rubbish is thrown out, here in this world.

You are so limited, but you have such a high prospect. He is infinitely higher than you, but you have got a position there. Will you not be prepared to accept that honourable position there? The Lord Himself says that if you become a slave to Him, He also becomes a slave to you. What more do you need? What more do you expect?

**aham bhakta-parādhīno
hy asvatantu iva dvija
sādhubhir grasta-hṛdayo
bhaktair bhakta-jana priyah**

[The Supreme Personality of Godhead said to Durvāsā Muni: “I am completely under the control of My devotees. Indeed, I am not at all independent. Because My devotees are completely devoid of all material desires, I sit only within the cores of their hearts. What to speak of My devotees, even those who are devotees of My devotees are very dear to Me.” – Sb. 9.4.63]

Kṛṣṇa says, “Independently, I have the position of controlling everything, but this *śaranāgati* controls Me.” That is the way of affection. Not by power, not by necessity, not by intrinsic experience, but only through love can you enter into that realm. You should be satisfied with that. What more do you want? The Lord is coming to be whipped by you, and you are not satisfied!