

Do not allow worldly thoughts and concerns disturb your mind. Discharge your duties as and when they present themselves to you. But fasten your mind ever at the feet of the Lord.

— Sri Ramakrishna

ये तु धर्म्यामृतमिदं यथोक्तं पर्युपासते ।

श्रद्धधाना मत्परमा भक्तास्तेऽतीव मे प्रियाः ॥ २०

ये तु धर्म्य-अमृतम् इदम् यथा उक्तम् परि-उप-आस-अते ।

श्रद्ध-दधाना मद्-परमाः भक्ताः ते अति-इव मे प्रिया ॥

*ye tu dharmyāmṛtam idam yathoktam paryupāsate ।*

*śraddadhānā matparamā bhaktās te 'tīva me priyāḥ ॥*

ये ye who तु tu indeed धर्म्यामृतम् *dharmyāmṛtam* immortal dharma इदम् *idam* this यथा उक्तम् *yathā uktam* as declared पर्युपासते *paryupāsate* follow श्रद्धधानाः *śradda dhānāḥ* endued with Sraddha मत्परमाः *mat paramāḥ* regarding me as their supreme भक्ताः *bhaktāḥ* devotees ते *te* they अतीव *atīva* exceedingly मे *me* to me प्रियाः *priyāḥ* dear

They, verily, who follow this immortal dharma described above endued with Sraddha, looking upon Me as the Supreme Goal, and devoted—they are exceedingly dear to Me. 20

*Sraddha* is the common factor to all the forms of spiritual practices. It is therefore linked here with the path of *Bhakti*. On the ground of his holding the Lord as the Supreme Goal, the devotee does not abandon work. He holds fast to the practice of dharma. *Mukti* and Immortality being the outcome of the practice of dharma, it is here equated with Immortality. It is also called the Sanatana Dharma. He who conforms to dharma never comes