

ing Vast difference in power and wealth among the worldly people creates a gulf between man and man. But the greatness of God is no hindrance to the insignificant man gaining free access to Him. Arjuna feels instinctively the filial love of the son for the father. But there is a certain amount of reverent aloofness of the son from the father. That handicap is removed by raising the relationship to that between two intimate friends moving on terms of equality. This love is further made charming and sweet by converting it into the dotage of the lovers upon each other. None is dearer to man than God.

When man develops ecstatic love, he feels God as his own. It is like the Gopis of Brindavan identifying themselves with Sri Krishna. They always claimed Him as Gopinatha and not as Jagannatha.

—Sri Ramakrishna

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अदृष्टपूर्वं हृषितोऽस्मि दृष्ट्वा भयेन च प्रव्यथितं मनो मे ।

तदेव मे दर्शय देव रूपं प्रसीद देवेश जगन्निवास ॥ ४५

अ-दृश्-न्त-पूर्वम् हृषितः अस्-मि दृश्-त्वा भयेन च प्र-व्यथितम् मनः मे ।

तत् एव मे दर्श-य देव रूपम् प्र-सीद देव-ईश जगद्-नि-वास ॥

adr̥stapūrvam hr̥sito 'smi dr̥stvā

bhayena ca pravyathitaṁ mano me ।

tad eva me darśaya deva rūpaṁ

prasīda deveśa jagannivāsa ॥

अदृष्टपूर्वम् *adr̥stapūrvam* what was never seen before
हृषितः *hr̥sitaḥ* delighted अस्मि *asmi* (I) am दृष्ट्वा *dr̥stvā*
having seen भयेन *bhayena* with fear च *ca* and प्रव्यथितम्
pravyathitaṁ is distressed मनः *manaḥ* mind मे *me* my