

*mano buddhiḥ* with mind and intellect dedicated to me यः *yah* who मद्भक्तः *madbhaktaḥ* my devotee सः *saḥ* he मे *me* to me प्रियः *priyaḥ* dear

He who hates no being, who is friendly and compassionate to all, who is free from the feeling of 'I and mine,' even-minded in pain and pleasure and forbearing, 13

Ever content, steady in meditation, self-controlled and possessed of firm conviction, with mind and intellect fixed on Me, he My devotee is dear to Me. 14

The feeling of oneself as alien to others is born of ignorance. An aggressive form of this feeling is hatred, capable of creating poison in the system. This destructive feeling therefore has no place in the wholesome life of a devotee.

Mere avoidance of hatred is not sufficient. Stones and stone-like people do not hate; but they are none the better for it. Life should take a positive turn. Feeling oneself friendly to all is the mark of a devotee's life.

Careerists often cultivate friendship with all, with the base motive of self-advancement. But a devotee of God is he who has nothing to seek, but everything to give. He is so compassionate that he ever promotes the welfare of the others.

Of all forms of egoism, the spiritual egoism is the most dangerous one. If one develops the egoistic feeling that he is rendering spiritual help to others, he can hardly ever get out of that harmful quagmire. A true devotee is always free from the feeling of 'I and mine.'