**Developing Friendship in Krishna Consciousness**

Case Study: Just imagine today you are coming for a camp first time to new location in nvcc. Although amidst devotees, you don’t have anyone whom you can relate with . How you feel ? It becomes bit lonely and boring. But when you have friend you are ready to take any bold steps in KC.

We need encouragement, and friends offer encouragement at times of need.

We tend to become proud , true friends smash our fasle ego time to time.

We tend to get distracted, and true friends bring us to right track in our spiritual life.

What is the one thing that keeps one in Krishna Consicousness. And adds juice in our spiritual life ?

One word is Friendship.

Satam prasangat mama virya samvido, bhavantti hrd karno ….

True friendship is developed not by mutual sense gratification but when two or more devotees come together to serve mission of guru.

Friend in need is friend indeed.

Friends add true juice to our spiritual life . Else spiritual life just becomes mechanical experience.

My experience of friendships in life:

5th Standard – Got company of bad friends, and they create long lasting bad impressions.

12th Standard – Got company of so many friends, but all exploitative Speakign Abusive words, living life of sense graitifiation.

In first year got some friends, due to whom I shifted to VOICE …..

Spiritual life becomes very easy and smooth going when we have good friendships. It’s a lubricant inside a machine.

What is attractive principle in spiritual friendship ?

Service Attitude

Respectful Dealings, Love and Gare, Encouragement, and Seeking Help

Six Loving Exchanges – Guhyama akhyati prchhati…

Being a True Friend – Prerana Lecture

Often times in life we think that we have good friends until providence puts us in situation that we find he is either enemy or he is not there when I need him the most. According to values we have in our lfie – there is different conception of who friend is for us.

For some people – Friend is one with whom I play cards with – Go to cinema, with , Go to restaurant with and Go to intoxication and talk prajlapa – to some friend – share interest in cricket racing cars, finding girl friendship. For most of the world friendship is about all these things.

Or sometimes friend is someone to whom I can go and dump my mind onto him and he will listen to me.. but we find he told so many other people as well..

It is actually very rare to maintain friendship in this world over a period of long duration. Because essentially conditioned souls think in terms of Janasya moha aham mameti.. I am body, mine , my desire, my enjoyment is priority and some one who satisfies this – he is my friend…..else I ll find someone else. From spiritual perspective friends are those who are willing to rise at higher level , beyond fickle restless nature of mind and senses, beyond mood swings, ego, and really there to serve each other. From spiritual perspective, we are servants.

**Many times we are interested in somebody being my friend, but from spiritual perspective it is very important, TO BE A FRIEND TO OTHER PERSON is more vital.. LOVE and You will get back LOVE.**

**If both people have this consciousness of BEING A FRIEND THEN THERE IS VERY VERY DEEP SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP.**

If purpose of life is Sense Gratification then such superficial friendship makes sense but SB Saya nayam deho bhajan nr loke..

Some Examples of True Friendship ;

Vidura was real friend of Dhritarashtra.

Qualities of Vidura exhibited in his friendship : Tolerance, Sacrifice and Personal Forgiveness.

2) Prahlad Maharaj was also such a friend to all lviign beings, his father was drunk , cruel , materialistic.

Any relationship means we are instrument of Krishna’s love for all.

Friend in need is friend indeed

**Story of Bcari**

Bcari joined ashram. Family was furious. No one is told …we just encourage – 80% Exemplary – he wanted to sadhu, managerial job. One day they came to me – father mother uncle, she was weeping, uncle burning hot, why are you stealing ? Your son wants to follow in footsteps of great souls in past, shankaracharya madhvacharya 12 sanyassa, look what he has done for the world SCM at age of 24 years, look what they have done for the world 100s and millions of people in this world. Who are we to stop him, god ….You will be very proud of him. Uncle was very angry. He didn’t have ….arguement. Year or two uncle got cancer, dying really fast. Son from ashram was by his side everyday, many weeks giving prasadam, compleletly ridden, he was in good health, I walked in room crying in happiness. My nephew is best friend I had ever in life. I am going to die – all other people can do is just cry and not going to help.

**He has given me how to chant, purpose of life, I feel he is my best friend and is my guru. He has come to help me at time gof greatest need and that is love..**

Friensdship means sacrifice , an expression of love for others.

Shuffling Cow Dung- nothing in common- 20 times disliking me..somehow or other service fo rkishna , go above cultural difference, ego, etc..Only thing in common is Srila Prabhuapda service we are going to tolerate each other…..

Blessing that we didn’t like each other…..Meaning of blessing…..Unite for Higher cause…in matter of couple years…..we became best friends…and remained friends for 25 years… Proud of him , proud of me….that was love… Love came from uniting on spiritual friendship.. Spiitual friendship..real friend never become envious – Take joy in success of others and pain in failure of others…

More the friend excels we become happy and we want to speak to others of what our friend is doing..

**Mafia Boss**

Gauranga pr reminded me of one story… One Mafia Boss in Chicago,,, Vidura, prahlad, SB,, divine topics to relate with….

Monsters, Gangsters..He was alcohol…..Good Old Days , money in illegal things,…150$ per momth your store si not bombed..INSURANCE…Set the Example….

Easy EDEE – Lawyer – Gangster – Lawyer twisted law and was found innocent…very wealth city block as estate… Had a son – brand new fast cars – best clothers, shoes…any university –son was not happy - easy edeee ---- I have given him – everything,, father whom he can respect and be proud of ..fahter… dignity and integrity….out of love for son.. Testify what I know about to ganster….Something he could grow within his life..

He testified…and many gangsters put in jail and others had real tough time. He was killed…gunned …Willing to die for high principle of beng real friend….

Pilot in US Army force and he was sent on mission – airships gigantic ships fighting against Japanese, and whole fleet of bombers took of from ships pacific oceans. Buch O hare.. airport on name..Risk everything to help others. Son of Ezee Edee…..Father sacrifice – created this spirit of sacriife in him….that kind of integrity produce integrity in world.

Heroes who make deep impression in society. Nelson Mandela , Martikn Luther, Mahatma Gandhi risked life for his people . Highest platform….those enlighten others – are free one from old age , diseases and birth…

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STORY OF BCARI

EZEE EDEE

BUSH O HARE AIRPORT

HOW TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONSHIP ?

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