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Pre-Eminence of a Disciple in Attaining Salvation

(Kalyaan mein Shishya ki Mukhyataa)



Tvameva Maata Cha Pita Tvameva
Tvameva Bandhusha Sakhaa Tvameva
Tvameva Vidyaa Dravinam Tvameva
Tvameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva

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In case when a *Guru* is a (*Mahanta*) head of a particular sect, in case where he possesses millions of dollars, then in order to gain that wealth, there is pre-eminence of a *Guru*. When the *Guru* accepts a disciple, then only the disciple will get the money. Without the consent of the *Guru*, a disciple cannot take the money from the *Guru*. Therefore, for obtaining wealth, the role of a *Guru* is prominent, but to gain knowledge and to attain salvation, the disciple alone is of primary importance. If a disciple does not have a deep yearning for his salvation, then a *Guru* can't help him attain salvation, but if a disciple has a deep hunger for his salvation, then even without being accepted as a disciple by the *Guru*, he will attain salvation.

Swami Ramanandaji refused to initiate *Kabir* as his disciple. So one day *Kabir* lay down on the stairs of *Pancaganga*. When *Ramanandaji* passed from there to take a bath, he unknowingly stepped on *Kabir*. And he uttered "Ram- Ram." *Kabir* accepted the name "Ram" as his *Guru mantra* (given by the *Guru* for the disciple's spiritual guidance) and started his spiritual practice. As a result, *Kabir* became a universal saint amongst all the other saints. In another incident, *Dronacharya* refused to accept *Ekalavya* as his disciple. So *Ekalavya* made a statue of *Dronacharya*, and treating it as his *Guru*, started learning archery and as a result became even more perfect than *Arjuna* in archery. Therefore, it is not essential that by engaging in a formal *Guru-disciple* relationship only, you attain salvation. If

that was the case, have all those persons who have made someone their *Gurus*, attained salvation? Have they attained God? The one by whose teachings and guidance, we attain salvation, is the true spiritual guide for us, whether we consider him a *Guru* or not or whether he treats us as his disciple or not, and even if the *Guru* is not aware of this. *Dattatreya*ji talked about his 24 *Gurus* but did any one of them say to him that I am your *Guru* and you are my disciple? A *Guru* should be such that he remains unaware that he has a disciple.

Narayana ! Narayana !! Narayana !!!

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