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Tvameva Vidyaa Dravinam Tvameva
Tvameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva

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Lord is the Guru (spiritual guide, master) of the entire World -

“Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum”

“Jagadgurum cha shaashvatam” (Manas, Aranya. 4/9)

He is not merely a Guru, rather is the eternal Master of all the Gurus.

“Sa Ishah paramo gururguruh” (Srimad Bhagwat 8/24/50)

“Tvamasya poojyasch gururgareeyaan” (Gita 11/43)

King Satyavrat says to the Lord -

“Like a blind person accepting another blind person as his guide to show path, ignorant people accept other ignorant ones as their Guru. O’ Lord! You are illumined like the Sun, the sole illuminator, inspirer of all human senses. I the Self, the seeker of ultimate truth, elect You alone in the form of a Guru.” (Srimad Bhagwat 8/24/50)

Most prominent of all devotees, king Prahlad says -

Shaastaa Vishnurasheshhasya jagato yo hrdi sthitah |

Tamrute paramaatmanam taat kah ken shaasyate || (Vishnupuran 1/17/20)

“Lord Vishnu, situated in the heart is the guide and teacher of the whole world. Dear Father! Who else can show the right path, other than the Lord Himself? No one can.” (Vishnupuran 1/17/20)
Since God is the Guru of the whole world and we too are part of this world itself, how can we be devoid of a Guru? We are the disciples of the real great Guru. There is some danger of the Gurus of present times of Kaliyug, but we need not feel scared when the world’s Almighty is our Guru. There is no chance of any loss or failure, rather there is nothing but gains. Therefore if we accept God as our Guru, study His utterances in Gita and reform our life accordingly, there is no doubt about our liberation. We may select any one - Krishna, Rama, Sankara, Hanuman, Ganesha or the Sun as our Guru.

The king of elephants Gajendra says -

Yeh kashcnesho balinontkoragaat
Prachandvegaadabhidhaavato brsham |
Bheetam prapannam paripaati yadbhyaa -

Nmrutyuh pradhaavatyaranam tameemahi || (Srimad Bhagwat 8/2/33)

“The Lord Who give protection to the devotee, who seeks refuge in Him, from a highly poisonous fast running snake of time, and being scared of Whom even death is running, I take refuge in Him.”

The essence of the Gajendra’s statement is, “Even without knowing the identity of the Lord, I take shelter in Almighty God.” In the same way if we surrender ourselves to God, either we shall get a right Guru or God himself shall become our Guru.
We are a part of God - “Mamaivaansho jeevaloke” (Gita 15/7). Therefore He is not our Guru, but he is father, mother, and everything for us. Actually we are not to bind ourselves with a worldly Guru. We have to accept our affinity with God. Real Guru is one who leads us to a deep bonding with God. We need not seek anybody’s advice for this purpose because all beings are naturally and permanently bound with God and no middleman is required for this. Why should we create the distance of a middleman, between us and God when we are ourselves capable of having an intimate and direct relationship with Him. By doing so, we shall attain salvation even without seeking -

Ati durlabh kaivalya param pad | sant puraan nigam aagam bad ||

Ram bahat soyi mukuti gosaayi | an icchit aavayi bariaayi || (Manas, Utter. 119/2)

Therefore the Lord says in Gita -

Manmanaa bhava mad bhakto, madhyaajee maam namaskuru | (Gita 9/34, 18/65)

“Fix thy mind on Me, be devoted to Me, worship Me, prostrate thyself before Me.”

Sarvadharmaanparityajya maamekum sharanam vraja | (Gita 18/66)

“Give up dependence on all duties and surrender completely to Me.”

The Lord speaks of complete surrender to Him without becoming a Guru.

Narayana! Narayana!! Narayana!!!
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