

All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga

Rising and Setting Sun

āyurharati vai puṁsām, udyannastaṁ cha yannasau
tasyarte yat-kṣaṇo nīta, uttama-śloka-vārtayā

(Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.3.17)

“Both by rising and by setting, the sun decreases the duration of the life of everyone, except one who utilises the time by discussing topics of the all-good Personality of Godhead.”

—Śrī Śukadeva Goswāmī

Quoted by Śrīla Govinda Mahārāj in correspondence October '98.

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Just Run and don't look back

“Just run — and don't look back — whether your eyes are open or closed it does not matter, you won't fall down.

“We cannot guess from here how much joy and ecstasy is there in our home, how much happiness and enjoyment.”

— Śrīla B.S. Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

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Sincere Dedication

leads one to a higher society

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“One who is sincere to dedicate himself naturally comes into contact with a higher and more subtle plane of life. By his readiness to give and serve, he will attain to a higher society and achieve an appropriate master.”

—Śrīla B.R. Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

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Surrender and Serve

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“Twenty-four hours a day service to the Lord is necessary, but the nearest Lord is Guru, Vaiṣṇava, and Mahāprabhu. We are to fully surrender there, not only surrender and lie down, but surrender and serve. We are to surrender and serve with our full energy twenty-four hours a day, and then we must reach our transcendental destination very easily and without caring about anything. That is the devotional mood.”

—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

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Swiftly the Lord Enters

śṛṅvataḥ śraddhayā nityam, grṇataś ca sva-ceṣṭitam
nātidirghena kālena, bhagavān viśate hr̥di

(Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.8.4)

“Swiftly does the Lord enter into the hearts of those who with faith constantly hear and chant the glories of His personality.”

(Quoted from Śrī Śrī Prapanna-Jīvanāmṛtam)

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The Absolute Magician

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**“Only the absolute magician,
the Supreme Lord, is capable of
bestowing all good fortune.”**

—Śrīla B.R. Śrīdhar Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

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The mind must be captured by Transcendence

“If at the time of dying I remember a dog then I shall go to the womb of a dog. Such danger is there. So we must do everything for the service of our Śrīla Guru Mahārāj, then nothing can disturb us. It is necessary that the mind be captured by the transcendental environment.”

—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj

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The Servitor's nature

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“The servitor's nature is that he does not wish to give any trouble to his Lord. Even when the Lord is lying down and sleeping, the servitor will not stop: he must engage in his Lord's service. Nothing can separate him from his Lord's service, just as the soldier-ant cannot give up his grip even if his head becomes torn from his body in the attempt.”

—Śrīla Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswāmī Mahārāj