

# **HUMANISTIC INKLING**

**(Part-II)**

From the previous session, everyone must have understood that –

Humanistic approach to life should not be my approach to life...

My approach to life should be my approach to life !

That means soul's approach to life...

Soul's approach to blissful living !

No interference for any human thoughts, emotions, dealings, actions.

It is not human being's march towards happiness..., it is my march, the soul's march towards happiness.

In this material world, very often, people say: I am very emotional and other sympathizes with such a person. You ask yourself: is there anything to sympathize? You are emotional, in what sense? As a human being, right? This is like humanness....dogness; dog has dog-ness mentality....doggish mentality, human~humanish mentality. It is all species-based mentality; someone has donkey-ness ~ craziness of identifying oneself as a donkey, someone has craziness of identifying oneself as a dog and someone has craziness of identifying oneself as a human being.

So what's great about it? When soul is in the body of a donkey, one is drawn by the emotions of a donkey, and when soul is in the body of a dog, he is drawn by the emotions of a dog, and when soul is in the body of a human being, he is drawn by the emotions of a human being; so what's great about it? Identifying yourself as an ass or a dog or a human being, what's great about it? It's just craziness....sheer craziness of identifying oneself as a human being.

What is good about it, drawn by species' emotions...emotions of a dress? All species...body is just like a dress for the spirit soul. You **actually what you think you are, you are not**; so when you are considering yourself that- you are not; it is nothing more than a sheer madness and one who calls mad person as good, like if a person calls, who is very emotional person as a good person, he himself is mad.

What does emotional means? Human emotions... species emotions, but you are not human, so all this is totally worthless. Are you human? No! Only one emotion of yours...of ours... of everyone's is genuine; what is that emotion? To always render loving devotional service to Kṛṣṇa; this is bonafide emotion. If this is not there, then we are all emotional mean..., all emotional means ass....ass like emotions; it is a symptom of ignorance. Human emotions means ignorance. Being emotional means totally doggish mentality.

Being emotional means considering I and mine; this is mine...my daughter...my husband...see, how great I am! This is what we want to prove - my husband, my

daughter, alright! Then what happens? If we consider ourselves as humans, we won't want that our son should go away from us, isn't it? Just like a dog, he has puppies; if you go there near him, he will bark at you~ how dare you touch my puppies? And if you take his puppy, even to go to America, it will bark but what does the dog want? That his puppy should stay always with him, that's all. Dog will not even see good done even to his puppies. So, if someone is trying to take the puppy away, this is called emotional and one reacts; I and mine. Similar is our state. Saints....Holy people....Spiritual Master, they connect our kids....our near dear ones, to The Lord then we become like dogs ~ oh! You are taking my wife....my kids; they will do pure devotional service, oh... Then, you become like dogs....doggish mentality; my daughter is going away from me...I just want to be with my daughter etc....wife!

Actually, we don't even want good of our kids.... of our husband.... of our wives. We have so much of jealousy....so much of 'I' centeredness....so much of nija sukha ~ desire for one's own happiness....just concerned with one's own concepts of happiness....only I should remain happy, everyone should act according to me and then, we say: I am so nice.... I am a family man; reality is, you are not a family man, you are a dog, concerned only with one's own happiness.... only I...I...I...I....I, what is this?

We become distressed by seeing wife happy; if wife is advancing, husband becomes dog....kids advance in bhakti, then parents become dog and if parents advance, kids become dog; this is all doggish mentality. What is the reason behind this? I have considered myself as a human being, that is the reason. Just one thought and it has spoiled my entire life and destroyed everything about me...around me. Just one thought: I am a human being. We will have to work very hard on it, to get rid of this nonsense conception of me as a ~ I am a human being.

At least after this session, we are going to know, there is a new direction existing, that means I don't have to consider myself as a human being. We consider, this thing so great that I am very emotion, what does it mean? This is...It is meaningless, we are not human beings; Lord is not a human being. Lord and we has some similarities, from external appearance that Lord has two hands, we too have....He has two feet, we have two feet....He has two ears, we have two ears.... similarly, two ears....nostrils; there many similarities, but neither The Lord is human, nor are we. Only one emotion is genuine: service to Kṛṣṇa; rest all is lust-centered... lust based, concerned with one's own happiness.

Maximum, which emotions we have? Human emotions! But actually we are not humans. Lord is served by His servants....Lord is served by pure souls; their bodies are made up of sevā rasa....they don't have humanistic desires....they just want to serve The Lord, in a capacity, that's all.

When Lord Plays His flute, all Gopīs, come very eager towards Him, so how are we going to hear Lord's flute here? Through Hari-Kathā...through kīrtana, Lord is playing His flute in this world, we can hear that through the kīrtana... through the Hari-Kathā.

If after attaining human form of life, we continue searching for happiness by craziness of identifying ourselves as humans.... I mean humanness....humanistic perceives.... humanistic thinking, what is our state? Our state practically becomes like a dog. We are just trying for happiness, is just like trying to find something out of a bone, dog tries but he can neither eat it nor he can throw it away. Similarly, even in this humanistic pursuits of, that is craziness of identifying oneself as a human being, all the relation one has, one neither can keep and nor he can throw away. So we just have to accept the reality that: happiness is only Kṛṣṇa; it doesn't matter that one is married or not.... one has kids or not, it simply doesn't matter.

Like I had told earlier that we consider bondage as liberation and liberation as bondage, for example: we are free but we start thinking, why I am not having a son? Dear! You are free, why do you want a son? Why do you want to be in bondage? You are already liberated....free. Will you get Kṛṣṇa from having son? Will you get happiness....Kṛṣṇa? Kṛṣṇa is happiness; anyone who has a son, do they have happiness? Happiness is happiness! Son is son! So, we consider liberation as bondage and bondage as liberation.

For example: Kṛṣṇa was tied with the rope, so what do we say? Oh! He is tied. In reality despite of being tied, He is free...The Lord is free and despite, apparently we are free, we are tied; there is just a difference in vision. We are ignorant of reality. Lord takes birth in jail, we say: oh! Lord is born in jail. Actually Lord is not born in jail, we are in jail; He appears that He is in jail and we are free but actually He is free and we are in jail. So, liberation appears to us as a bondage and bondage as liberation; surprising but truth. Similarly, this manuṣyapanā...the craziness of identifying oneself as human being, this is actually very-very dangerous, it spoils all our relationship with The Lord and with The Guru and is practically, the cause of our fall downs, time and again.

What are **the symptoms of craziness of identifying oneself as a human being**? What does... This is a disease, so what are its symptoms?

- **The desire to celebrate birthdays**, ask yourself: what special or extraordinary thing happened, which we need to celebrate about? Whose birthday are you celebrating? Mr. Human...Of some human; are you human? No, so why are you doing all this? Will this activity, take you closer to the state of,

*“trṇād api su-nīcena taror iva sahiṣṇunā,  
amāninā māna-dena kīrtaniyaḥ sadā hariḥ”*

(Śrī Caitanya Caritāmṛta, Ādi Līlā 17.31)

When people sing happy birthday to you....you cut the cake, do you feel yourself lower than the blade of grass, in the street? What will happen...what happens by all these things? It increases your servant hood? You think yourself more as a dāsa or your, enjoying mentality increases? We consider ourselves as enjoyers; actually in reality, we are servants.....Kṛṣṇa dāsa~ jīvera svarūpa. We don't need to be Ph. D, to understand all these things. When we celebrate our birthday, what are we going to consider ourselves, as a dāsa or enjoyer? Enjoyer! But actually, enjoyer is only one ~ Śrī Kṛṣṇa,

*“bhoktāraṁ yajṣa-tapasāṁ sarva-loka-maheśvaram  
suhṛdaṁ sarva-bhūtānāṁ jñātvā mām śāntim ṛcchati”*

(Bhagavad Gītā 5.29)

All of us are dasā....servants....dependent-enjoyers, dependent on Him, for happiness. All these are silly desires...silly thoughts which are, with the society... so-called parents...friends etc, have inculcated in us. Oh! It's your birthday, so wear some new dead matter in the form of clothes, over this dead body; what will happen from this? Are you going to become dāsa from this? And if you will not become dāsa, then how are you going to be happy? Only the dāsa....servants of The Lord, always happy; this is a science.

This devotee; it was good that, it was her birthday and she was mopping the floor that day; this is very nice, we all should do this way, on our birthdays. We should clean the floor....clean the toilet...we should do sevā the whole day; feel that: I am a dāsa. It is not that you cannot die on your birthday and if you die on your birthdays, in your normal thinking ~ the greatest tragedy will happen to you; the greatest human emotions...feelings, you are going to die with.

We start preparations for our birthdays a week...10 days before, oh! I will buy new clothes....I will ask my husband to hang stones, in form of diamonds, around my neck; really... You know really crazy stuff!!Even devotees celebrate birthdays, so disgusting!

Birthdays of those should be celebrated, who have come....descended mercifully like The Lord... Lord's devotees i.e., the reason for celebration, that someone has come...specially has descended, for our liberation. We are celebrating our birthdays; we are already conditioned....we will become more conditioned. Why to celebrate

birthday? Which historical event, occurred that day; tell me? We have already died millions of times; millions of times, we have been born.

My words might not be sounding good to your ears but it is good for you, the soul. You must be thinking: we were so peacefully sitting at our home, kind of sweet dream was going on but someone is required, to wake us up, from this illusion. *Jāgrat! Uṭhiṣṭa! Uṭhiṣṭa! Jāgrat!* Get up! Wake up on your birthday, go to temple, clean the bathroom....clean the toilets....cook dishes, for Guru...for Gaurāṅga... from morning till night serve devotees. There is no need to cut any cake. When you will do sevā, only then you will feel yourself as a dāsa or a servant; isn't it?

There are so-many complexities in our mind and one who removes these complexities is called Guru. It is not that mere dikṣā, will do everything. No. The complexities of the mind have to be solved and who solves? Who gives the light? Guru removes all the complexities of the mind;

*“om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ”*

(Śrī Śrī Prema Bhakti Candrikā-1)

He removes all the ignorance... all the humanistic thinking... all the wrong thoughts. Guru removes all our complexities....cures us but again and again, we form new complexities. Two days, we come to Guru, we get our mind repairing job done, and then 5 days we go away, then form new complexities; if you know, more humanistic thinking. We should not waste, the spiritual blood, of The Guru...His endeavors on curing us.

We want to do our maximum loss, on birthdays. We do activities such that, on birthday's, I am surely not a dāsa; maybe I am a dāsa, on other remaining 365 days...364 days. We often say so: I am dāsa but don't say anything to me, today; today it's my birthday. Acchā! What happened that day, really? This crazy stuff ! And this stupid activity of celebrating birthdays is not even held amongst dogs. So this craziness of celebrating birthdays, even worst than the activity of a dog. Have you ever heard any dog or a donkey or an elephant, celebrate his birthday? We are actually not even like animals; we are even one step more fallen than animals.

Celebrating birthday means we have written on a poster....written on a t-shirt that: I don't want to go to Lord's Dhāma...I don't want to go to Goloka; I want to continue searching for humanistic happiness...I want to be here, for unlimited births and deaths, despite hearing all philosophy...I do not want to go to The Spiritual World.

We have to demonstrate to Kṛṣṇa: Hey Kṛṣṇa! Hey Rādhe! I am really sincere...I don't want anything....I don't want to celebrate all this silly birthdays and

demonstrate: Kṛṣṇa! I am not sincere. You have given me devotees...You have given me Gurudeva...You have given me prasāda...You have given me scriptures, everything... but see, I am still the same ~ ass! Just see, as it is. Bhagavad Gītā as it is, kept as it is, on the shelf, I am also as it is, despite hearing so many... so much philosophy. I don't understand anything; see, I am an ass; I have doggish mentality....mentality of an ass. Our disease is not just confined to craziness of identifying ourselves as humans. It is disease, which is destroying us, every moment of our lives. Identifying ourselves humans...behave lower than animals, this disease is even worse than just mere identification as a human.

What else are our disease?

- **We want to celebrate marriage anniversary;** you tell me: what happened on that marriage anniversary? Marriage takes place between male and a female and we are souls, so marriage cannot take place... did not take place. And usually, if we ask husband and wives, they will say: given a chance, I would not remarry such a person, given a chance! But we are celebrating... just think: are we really happy? One who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, he can never be happy; this is such a diseased condition. No one can be happy in this diseased condition of life. All these are sheer craziness of identifying oneself as a human being, that's all.

We should encourage our spouse for pure devotion because if she will, she is going to be happy and if I will be around a happy person, I will be happy and if we are staying with diseased person, who celebrates birthdays and marriage anniversary, he himself is going to be distressed and you are around him, you are going to be distressed too. We should not stop our spouse...our kids to do pure bhakti. If we stop our spouse...kids, you know, we are not realizing that it is actually for our own benefit, that they do pure bhakti. Can we be happy, by staying with the person, who is always distressed? Or can we be happy, with a person, who is always...always-always happy?

We should stop considering our spouse...our wife, to be the source of our enjoyment. These words, which I am speaking, may appear revolting... the words of Spiritual Master appear revolting to us; it feels as if all our illusionary palaces are being destroyed. Kabīra also says: I have burnt my illusionary, flowery palaces and now I will destroy yours also; why? Only because then you can be happy. No person can be happy in all these silly misconceptions...humanistic desires...humanistic pursuits.

Humanistic approach towards life means madness.  
 Martiness....Jennyness.... Amitness...  
 All these are just crazy...crazy madness !  
 And mad person can never be happy; this is common sense!

In fact, it is not even birthday; it is actually grief day, to weep that day I had come in someone's place; two people were engaged, husband and wife, in their lusty desire and what was the result? I was born; this is how my birth took place, this is my story. My father and mother could not control their lusty desires and I was born, I was actually born over a bottle of wine; this is a sad story. Sometimes, not even husband and wife; some male or a female and I was born; I was born like this.

So we should not try to cut the laws of The Lord and when we are alone, without family member also, we should behave as a devotee... not as a humanistic...silly human.

As we are not going to gain anything, by merely hearing Hari-kathā, we will continue to be a beggar like this. Hari-kathā means that the devotee is trying to give me a treasure and if I don't take, I will continue as a beggar only. Hari-kathā is of benefit, when you remember it at home...when you remember it when you are alone, not just when you are in the Class. Just by merely being into bhakti, is of no use; we should be properly connected...properly understand things, otherwise we cannot be happy, just by being here. Indra cannot be happy, just by doing bhakti, not in a proper way then how can one human being be?

In the beginning, when I was in the womb of my mother, all the human should think: I, the soul existed but the sense organs, they did not exist in the very beginning, when I was in the womb; senses....private parts....eyes....tongue, they all came later. All these things did not exist, I was just there as a lump of flesh; I existed. And now the moment, I have come out from my mother's womb, I try to gratify the senses; try to obtain happiness from them. How is it possible, when they did not exist, but you existed then also and then also you wanted what? Just happiness!

Actually, we are so fallen that we don't know, what we are doing? There is no limit to our foolishness, still we tell others that I am your father; you leave alone being father, you are not worthy of being called anything.

Śrīmad Bhāgavatam 5<sup>th</sup> canto says:



*“gurur na sa syāt sva-jāno na sa syāt  
pitā na sa syāt jananī na sā syāt  
daivam na tat syān na patīś ca sa syān  
na mocayed yaḥ samupeta-mṛtyum”*

(Śrīmad Bhāgavatam 5.5.18)

That you do not have the right to become a father... you do not have the right to become a mother, unless you can liberate your dependents from the clutches of birth and death. We are giving wrong teaching to our children; we are absorbed in humanistic thinking...humanistic desires.... humanistic pursuits, so are we inculcating those, in our children.

One devotee, wrote a nice realization, he said that: we try to rectify everyone but we don't see that, we ourselves are committing mistakes every moment...every moment...every single moment; us, a whole scripture can be written, on our mistakes, on each and every moment of our lives; about each and every moment, a single scripture can be written, about the mistakes we do...about the wrongs we do, we do things in such a wrong way.

Why we are not happy, despite performing devotion? Because on the one hand, we are lighting the fire of devotion and on the other hand, we are pouring cold water of humanistic pursuits....humanistic thinking on the flames of devotion; extinguishing it completely, so that it does not burn again, lit up again. So our disease is that we crazily identify ourselves as human being! So what's the solution?

First, one should understand: what happiness actually is?

Happiness is...

The condensed form of The Lord is happiness - Kṛṣṇa!

*“raso vai saḥ, rasam hy evāyam labdhvānandī bhavati  
ko hyevānyāt kaḥ prānyāt yadeṣa ākāśa ānando na syāt eṣā hy evānandāyati”*  
(Taittirīya Upaniṣad 2.7.1)

So, what's the solution now? Solution is by being connected to Him, by pure devotional, sarva upādhi....removing all our designations... species...conceptions of life.

This is solution to all problems; **Hari-kathā is a solution to all problems.** When we come to attend the discourse, we should have complete faith that through this

discourse, I will become completely satisfied... all my problems will completely go away..., with this faith, we should come in for Hari-Kathā.

Problem is, right now we are thinking to enjoy this material world, isn't it? We are thinking to enjoy, but I would like to tell you one thing, scientifically that: **material enjoyment is actually not possible**. We are thinking to enjoy materially but if something is just not possible, then how can one do it? Suppose, you want to make, two plus two equal to five ( $2+2=5$ ) but will this ever be done? No! Similarly human beings, they tried to have.... they have materialistic desires but they can never enjoy materially; **materialistic desires are possible but materialistic enjoyment is not possible** because soul and the dead matter....this material world, are two separate things. Spiritual person....spiritual being can never relish or enjoy dead things; this world is composed of dead material elements ~ earth, water, fire, air, ether. So, you may have silly conceptions...silly humanistic desires, to enjoy this material world; material desires, therefore, are possible but material enjoyment no. Enjoyment is only possible spiritually. Soul can only desire..., soul is spiritual and his enjoyment is also spiritual; there is no material enjoyment, either there is enjoyment or there is material. 'Material enjoyment' This is not the right word; trying to enjoy materially, that's the another issue but material enjoyment just cannot be possible in past... present or future.

See, we have to understand all these things, being Kṛṣṇa conscious means: we should have all clear conceptions, absolute clarity, no doubts whatsoever. Devotion means everything is clear; one is able to see everything clearly, no hazy vision, cloudy vision, distorted vision; everything is clear ~ what is right, What is wrong, How one can get happiness, How one can never get happiness. Even if, Brahmā comes and says something contrary, our faith should not be shaken. We should have firm conviction on the knowledge, we are getting.

The topic, I am telling you is very-very subtle...very-very subtle but it is of prime... prime importance. See, the teacher will go away, after teaching the right subject, now it is the responsibility of the intelligent student, that he properly studies the subject afterwards. So if as devotees, if we don't study the discourse being given now, properly if we don't study.... if we don't revise it.... if we don't churn... if we don't practice, then what will happen? Who is going to fail, the teacher or the student? The student will fail. So, Lord Kṛṣṇa and The Spiritual Master, They are teaching the right subject but we, if ourselves, we do not study it properly... we don't revise....understand... assimilate....practice, then are we going to be cured? When we study tuitions outside and when we come back home, don't we study them again? Don't we revise those things? If we don't then we really don't assimilate those things, chemistry or maths or whatever. So, we listen to spiritual course but we do not

repeatedly listen at home....we do not meditate, then how will we understand and practically apply? And, if we don't have the right environment.... right association of devotees, we will not be able to understand; we don't understand even material subjects like this, tau how, without sufficient endeavors, we can get rid of our humanistic approach towards life, from time immemorial....this all body-istic approach towards life.

If you do not live, the way a spirit soul should live, we are doing violence. What does violence means? Violence means that we should not do anything, which puts anyone into misery...confusion. But if you are living with humanistic thinking, we are committing violence; it is self violence. We are committing violence towards ourselves, every moment and everyone around us. We want to be like those ~ parents...family, so we are robbing ourselves from sheer happiness, by having humanistic approach towards life and we are robbing ourselves along with our family members, of Kṛṣṇa...of happiness.

Living life, on the platform of soul, is not something optional...it is not a luxury, that one may...one may not; it is a compulsory activity to live on the platform of soul, if we want happiness. It is an absolute necessity... **dire necessity to live on the platform of a soul, devoid of species conceptions of life, to become happy.** Soul can only become happy~ if he lives life of a soul, not if he lives life of something which he is not; he is not a human being....he is not Indian, Canadian.

Just as fish needs water to survive; similarly, we need to work...to live on the platform of a soul and how is this living done? Oh! This living is done very blissfully; living on the platform of soul, is the most natural thing for us....the most natural thing.... most ease...the thing which we done with most ease. Lord Kṛṣṇa says, in 9.2 Bhagavad Gītā:

*“raja-vidyā raja-guhyam pavitram idam uttamam  
pratyakṣāva gamam dharmyam su-sukham kartum avyayam”*

(Bhagavad Gītā 9.2)

Walking on the platform of a soul....spiritual life is the most easy life and it is done with extreme happiness. The path of spiritual life is very-very happy path. Every moment, *ānandāmbudhi-varadhanam...*

*“ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam  
śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaraṇam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam  
ānandāmbudhi-varadhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam  
sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam”*

(Śrī Śikṣāṣṭakam 1)

The bliss keeps on increasing and increasing and increasing.

So at the end, I would like to say, we must understand that I am not related to any species. Me, the soul, **I am not a human being having spiritual experiences.** Normally we think this way! I am actually a human being..., this is what we think, no...? I am actually human being! No, **actually, we are spiritual being, having human experiences.** We must see the psycho drama which we are doing day and night.

Happiness is not species related,  
It is not gender related,  
It is not country related, nation related.  
Happiness is happiness.

Kṛṣṇa is Kṛṣṇa, is not related with any species..., or you know any conceptions or species conceptions of life. One can get happiness, only by devotion one can get Kṛṣṇa... one can get happiness only by doing pure devotion, devoid of all conceptions of self, which we have imposed on ourselves.

Hare Kṛṣṇa!