



## The Divine Insurance Company

Gurudev would drop in the Sivananda Primary School occasionally, and would give the students a brief four-line lecture. One of the lectures went: “Insure your life with God. All other company may fail. But the Divine Insurance Company will never fail.”

Today is the day of Raksha-bandhan, a day of depending upon someone to grant you security, protection and help. Instead of making human being your source of protection, support, security and help, why not tie your *raksha* to the Supreme Being? For, if you depend upon a human individual with all his inevitable foibles and shortcomings, you may find that just when you need help, the other person may be in a condition where he himself needs help more than what you do. So if you want to have unflinching, absolutely assured security and guaranteed help, support and strength, then you make the Divine “*Tvameva Sarvam Mama Deva Deva – O Lord, you are my all in all*” and even more. Then you are absolutely secure. For your all in all – He who is omnipresent, says that His assurance is absolutely certain: “*Kaunteya Pratijaaneehi Na Me Bhaktah Pranashyati – O Arjuna, know this well, My devotee never comes to grief.*” [Gita 9.31] A famous Sanskrit verse is: “*Anyatha Sharanam Nasti Tvameva Sharanam mama | Tasad Karunya Bhavena Raksha Raksha Maheshvara – There is no refuge for me elsewhere; Thou alone art my sole refuge. Therefore, out of a sense of compassion protect, protect O Supreme Lord.*”

All other supports may fail, but never the Divine support. Draupadi, Markandeya, Savitri and many other proved it. This has been the experience of many *bhaktas*. And that shall always be true in the lives of firm believers and true devotees of God who do *atma-samarpana* (self-consecration). It is an eternal truth that one who depends upon God lacks nothing. “*Jako Rakhe Saiyan, Maar Sake Na Koi – No one can harm him who is protected by God.*”

One of the psalms in the Old Testament says: “The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want; He makes me lie in green pastures. He leads me in the paths righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

God Bless You!

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