



Let Divinity Be Your Keynote

Glorious immortal Atman! Beloved and blessed children of the Divine! May we pay homage to the eternal, universal Presence Divine, who is the source and substratum of all existence, who is your origin and in whom you are rooted, of whom you are a part. Being a part of that great supreme divine Presence called Brahman, you are divine. The great World Teacher, Lord Krishna forcefully recalls to us our divinity when He says, “*Mamaivamso jiva-loke jiva-bhutah Sanatanah* – An eternal part of Me, becomes the individual soul in this world of birth and death.” [Gita 15.7] This is *jivaloka* where individual souls are born due to the force of *prarabdha karma*, and it is a part of Me that becomes the individual soul.

Beloved and Holy Master Gurudev Swami Sivanandaji forcefully reminded us: “Thou art That, *Tattvamasi*. Do not identify yourself with this perishable cage of flesh and bones. Assert, affirm your Divinity. Thou art immortal Atman.” He was never tired of reiterating again and again your Divinity as the great fact of your life.

“I am divine” – this is the keynote on which you should base your consciousness. Let your consciousness never swerve from the inner centre of divine consciousness. Let that be the basis for all your thoughts, feelings and actions.

“*Manaeva manushayanam karanam Bandha Mokshayo*– Mind is the cause of bondage and Liberation of man.” [Brahmabindu Up. 2] What you think that you shall become. Ever be centred in your Divinity. There should be no darkness in the centre of your being. You should shine without exception. The *yogi* knows that he is not bound *jivatma*, he is *Purusha* – free from afflictions, ever transcending *Maya*, always in a state of “*Satyam Gnanam Anantam* – Truth-Knowledge infinite.” Think of nothing but the task at hand: “I am here to shine with Divinity. My body, mind, intellect, sentiment have been given to me as channels to radiate my Divinity. I am given a glorious chance to express what I am and to radiate my reality in thought, word and deed. Let me concern myself with this life and make it more radiant day by day. Let me awaken the inner Light and go on manifesting it. This is *sadhana*. This is divine life. Ever keep linked within with the Cosmic Being. “*Nanya pantha vidyate-ayanaya* – There is no other way to That.” [Sve. Up. 3.8]

Be centred in your Divinity always. God bless you.

■ Swami Chidananda