

*śrī-caitanya-bhāgavata grantha śuddha-bhakti-mata
kahe sadā śrī-bhaktivinoda
nirantara pāṭha-phale kubuddhi yāibe ca'le
kṛṣṇa-preme labhibe pramoda*

Śrī Bhaktivinoda would always say that Śrī Caitanya-bhāgavata describes the process of pure devotional service. By constantly studying this book, one's sinful mentality is destroyed and one will achieve the joy of ecstatic love for Kṛṣṇa.

*nijendriya-prīti-kāma nahe kabhu bhakti-dhāma
vaiṣṇava-sevāya nāhi bhoga
bhakta-sevā-phale prema sei mūlyavān kṣema
vigata haibe sarva-roga*

The desire to satisfy one's senses has no place in devotional service. There is no question of sense gratification in the service of Vaiṣṇavas. As a result of serving the devotees, one attains *prema*, the most valuable asset, and all material diseases are vanquished.

*līna haibāra āśā cālile kapāta-pāśā
dūre yā'be sakala maṅgala
sthūla sūkṣma deha-dvaya bhakti-bale haya kṣaya
bhāgavata-bhajana-kausāla*

The desire to merge in the existence of the Lord is as crooked as playing dice, for it deprives one of all auspiciousness. The gross and subtle bodies of a person expert in the worship of the *bhāgavatas* are destroyed by the strength of his devotional service.

*śrī-vārṣabhānavī āśa tānhāra dayita-dāsa
bhāṣya-lekhakera paricaya
bhakati-vimukha jana viṣayete kliṣṭa-mana
tabu yāce prabhu padāśraya*

The writer of this commentary is Śrī Vārṣabhānavī-dayita-dāsa, who desires to attain Śrī Vārṣabhānavī and who is the servant of Her beloved Lord. Although he is averse to devotional service and his mind is attached to material enjoyment, he begs for the shelter of the Lord's lotus feet.

*śrī-gauḍa-maṇḍala-mājha navadvīpa tīrtharāja
māyāpura gaura-janma-sthala
tathāya caitanya-maṭha nāhi vase yathā śaṭha
gaura-jane kariyā sambala*

Śrī Caitanya Maṭha is situated within Śrī Gauḍa-maṇḍala in Māyāpur-Navadvīpa, the topmost *tīrtha* and site of Gaura's appearance. No cheaters are residing therein; only Gaura's devotees live there.

*bhaktivinoda-dāsa-saṅge mora sadā vāsa
tāndera anujñā śire dhari'
cāri-śata-cha' calliṣe samāpinu jyaiṣṭha-śeṣe
uṭakāmaṇḍera śailopari*

I always reside in the association of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda's servants. Accepting their order on my head, I completed this commentary on the hill of Uṭkāmand at the end of the month of Jyaiṣṭha, in the Gaurābda year 446 (A.D. 1932).

*bhāṣya-racanāra kāle bhakta-gaṇa more pāle
gaurava-sambhrame more chale
avakāśa sadā diyā bhakti-pathe cālāiyā
snehera ḍorikā diyā gale*

While writing this commentary, the devotees took care of me and deceived me with awe and respect. They bound me with ropes of affection by always providing facilities for me and encouraging me in my devotional service.

*śrī-gaurāṅga-bhakta-gaṇa śrī-bhaktivinoda-jana
tāndera carane mora gati
bhāṣya-likhanera vyāje tridaṇḍi-sevaka-sāje
rahu yena nityā-sevā-mati*

May my mind always remain fixed at the lotus feet of Lord Gaurāṅga's devotees like Śrī Bhaktivinoda. May my mind always remain fixed in eternal service as it was while writing this commentary as the servant of the *tridaṇḍi-sannyāsis*.