



**CLASS SIX: SELF-CONFIDENCE VS. SELF-IMPORTANCE (Guide 7. 51-59)**

नीचं कर्म करोत्यन्यः कथं मय्यपि तिष्ठति ।

nīcaṁ karma karotyanyaḥ kathaṁ mayyapi tiṣṭhati ।

मानाच्चेन्न करोम्येतन्मानो नश्यतु मे वरम् ॥५१

mānāccenna karomyetanmāno naśyatu me varam ॥51

Why do I let another do the dirty work  
While I stand around?  
If I am not doing that work because of pride,  
Then it's best that my pride be destroyed.

मृतं दुण्डुभमासाद्य काकोऽपि गरुडायते ।

mṛtaṁ duṇḍubhamāsādya kāko'pi garuḍāyate ।

आपदाबाधतेऽल्पापि मनो मे यदि दुर्बलम् ॥५२

āpadābādhatē'lpāpi mano me yadi durbalam ॥52

**If he encounters a snake that's dead already,  
Even the crow can emulate  
The deeds of the great garuda.  
If I continue to act like a weakling,  
Even a minor slip in a vow  
Will be able to do me damage.**

विषादकृतनिश्चेष्ट आपदः सुकरा ननु ।

viśādakṛtaniśceṣṭa āpadaḥ sukarā nanu ।

व्युत्थितश्चेष्टमानस्तु महतामपि दुर्जयः ॥५३

vyutthitaśceṣṭamānastu mahatāmapi durjayaḥ ॥53

**Do you really think you could ever be free  
Living in the destitution  
Of effort lost to discouragement?  
But one who is vigorous and constantly exerting himself  
Is invincible even when faced with great adversity.**



तस्माद्दृढेन चित्तेन करोम्यापदमापदः ।

tasmāddr̥dhena cittena karomyāpadamāpadaḥ ।

त्रैलोक्यविजिगीषुत्वं हास्यमापज्जितस्य मे ॥५४

trailokyavijigīṣutvaṁ hāsyamāpajjitasya me ॥54

Therefore, with a unwavering mind,  
I will bring disaster to adversity.  
As long as I am defeated by adversity,  
My wish to conquer the three realms of suffering is laughable.

मया हि सर्वं जेतव्यमहं जेयो न केनचित् ।

mayā hi sarvaṁ jetavyamaham̐ jeyo na kenacit ।

मयैष मानो वोढव्यो जिनसिंहसुतो ह्यहम् ॥५५

mayaiṣa māno voḍhavyo jinasimhasuto hyaham ॥55

Everything should be conquered by me;  
I should be defeated by nothing!  
I should carry myself with confidence,  
For I am the child of the Conquering Lions.

ये सत्त्वा मानविजिता वराकास्ते न मानिनः ।

ye sattvā mānavijitā varākāste na māninaḥ ।

मानी शत्रुवशं नैति मानशत्रुवशाश्च ते ॥५६

mānī śatruvaśam̐ naiti mānaśatruvaśāśca te ॥56

Those pitiable beings who are defeated by pride  
Are not those who possess pride.  
**Those of confidence never become  
Slaves of the enemy, pride;  
Others have turned to slaves.**



मानेन दुर्गतिं नीता मानुष्येऽपि हतोत्सवाः ।

mānena durgatiṁ nītā mānuṣye'pi hatotsavāḥ ।

परपिण्डाशिनो दासा मूर्खा दुर्दर्शनाः कृशाः ॥५७

parapiṇḍāśino dāsā mūrkhā durdarśanāḥ kṛśāḥ ॥57

**Those whose hearts are filled up with  
The affliction of pride are by this thought  
Dragged to the lower realms;  
The feast of a human life is too  
Destroyed for them; as servants then  
They eat the crumbs from another's table;  
They are stupid, and ugly, and always feel  
Uncertain of themselves; and every  
Person they meet abuses them.**

सर्वतः परिभूताश्च मानस्तब्धास्तपस्विनः ।

sarvataḥ paribhūtāśca mānastabdhāstapasvinaḥ ।

तेऽपि चेन्मानिनां मध्ये दीनास्तु वद कीदृशाः ॥५८

te'pi cenmānināṁ madhye dīnāstu vada kīdṛśāḥ ॥58

They are everywhere looked down upon,  
Stuck up with pride and miserable.  
If these ruined ones are put in the category of those with confidence,  
Then tell me, what kind of categorization is that?



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ते मानिनो विजयिमश्च त एव शूरा

te mānino vijayimaśca ta eva śūrā

ये मानशत्रुविजयाय वहन्ति मानम् ।

ye mānaśatruvijayāya vahanti mānam ।

ये तं स्फुरन्तमपि मानरिपुं निहत्य

ye taṁ sphurantamapi mānaripuṁ nihatya

कामं जने जयफलं प्रतिपादयन्ति ॥५९

kāmaṁ jane jayaphalaṁ pratipādayanti ॥59

Those possessing real self confidence,  
These real conquering heroes,  
Use pride to vanquish the enemy, which is pride.  
Annihilating that ever-growing enemy, pride,  
They bestow the fruit of that victory  
Upon the world, whenever they wish.