





Man is made by his belief. As he believes, so he is. – Shri Krishna in Bhagavad Gita.

**DIARY
OF
A
DEVOTEE**

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Shri Ganesh Shaye Namaha !

I. INTRODUCTION

All my life I was devoted to five important guiding principles in life namely: the Almighty God, My Grand Parents, My Parents, My Gurus (Teachers) and My Family. Through my devotional deeds I was granted all that I needed for my good living.

For me my devotion was my love, my loyalty and my enthusiasm for specific people, institutions and activities. When I devoted myself to the people, I took a vow and I pledged my devotion—whether to uphold the law or to honour the word of God. It should be no surprise then that devotion and its related verb *devote* come from the act of taking a vow. This diary is my vow to various people and institutions that I adored in my life.

2. MY DEVOTION TO ALMIGHTY GOD

“Fill your mind with me; love me; serve me; worship me always. Seeking me in your heart, you will at last be united with me.” - Shri Krishna Bhagavad Gita.

I believe in the power of one that has created this universe, protects His loving disciples and destroyed all those that are evil and unbelievers. My home is my temple and my heart is where the soul of the Almighty dwells. This firm belief gives me the needed peace, prosperity and progress for a life that I am enjoying with the blessings, kindness and love of God Almighty.

It is very difficult to find a real guru these days, but if one takes God and Gita as their guru, there is no difficulty. There is no greater well-wisher than God. God

**gives anything if one sincerely asks for it.
My feelings are adequately depicted and
displayed in this poetic expression.**

**Satan, the devil within us and the
adversary of God is the statue of evil and
dismay,**

**This entity will seduce us into sin and
falsehood and will attempt to throw your
life in disarray,**

**Satan is typically regarded as a metaphor
for "evil inclination", or as an agent
subservient to God luring us into danger,
evil and temptation,**

**And all the false promises, acts and
words will lead you astray because it is
identified as the cause of illness and
temptation.**

**So, I have remained away from it because
it is worthwhile to believe in the powers
of the Supreme Being,**

**My God is Omnipotent in power, wisdom,
and goodness and is my Omniscient and
Omnipresent Being.**

**I have always worshiped Him as the ruler
and creator of this universe and prayed
without any selfish wishes,**

**I have always hailed His guiding principle
of faithfulness, kindness, love and good
wishes.**

**The messages of goodwill, giving and
serving are reiterated by the God for the
well-being of humanity,**

**I have always been aware of Satan and
his followers lying in wait to destroy the
world and humanity.**

**If we stay away from God we are certain
that the devil will attempt to lead us into
the fiery pits of hell,**

**We should never be duped by the false
promises of the devil or else we are sure
to dwell in hell.**

**I was taught by my Ancestors and my
Gurus to stay away from all which I deem
to be unholy,**

**So all my life I have refrained from the
mythological power of the devil that
makes us unholy.**

**I accept the teachings and offerings of
Lord Krishna as He preaches us in the
Bhagvad Gita as God,**

**I do this I adore the glory of God and try
to become worthy of complete devotion
to Almighty God.**

**The more I pray, the nearer I will be to
my God who will be blessing me and
granting me all that I need,**

**It is my total belief that makes me follow
the ethics of humanity to be full of
goodness, beauty, honesty indeed.**

**I want to live a happy life and serve my
people to help them remain away from all
the sufferings and sins.**

**I thank God for granting me all the
wisdom, love and protection for I know
that the devil will never get any wins.**

**Finally let me place a few words of Lord
Krishna from the Bhagavad Gita.**

**“Whatever has happened, has happened for
good; whatever is happening is also for good;
whatever will happen, shall also be good.”**

**“What have you lost that you cry for? What
did you bring into this world that you have
lost? What did you create that was
destroyed? Whatever you have taken has
been from this universe. What you have given
has been given to you from here.”**

“What belongs to you today belonged to someone yesterday and that will be someone else’s tomorrow.”

“Change is the law of The Universe. “

Shri Krishna in Bhagavad Gita.

All that we are is the result of what we have thought. We are made of our thoughts and we are moulded by our thoughts.

The Bhagavad Gita deals essentially with the spiritual foundation of human existence. It is a call of action to meet the obligations and duties of life yet keeping in view the spiritual nature and grander purpose of the universe.



Jai Shri Krishna

3. DEVOTION TO GRANDPARENTS

As far as my devotion to my grandparents and parents is concerned it can be assessed from these presentations. MY GRAND FATHER

His steps were short like mine in those days
But he did not ever say, "Now hurry up!"
He always took his time to let me be
Other people around us had to hurry
They did not stop and see
I was glad that God gave me my grandfather
He was unrushed and young like me
I learnt a lot from him and I thank him, you see.
My grandfather was my treasure of wisdom
He was a gift of the greatest price
There was no one quite as special
And there was no one quite as wise.
Granddad I miss you and I love you
I thank you for all you did for me
Your Sunday morning stories were great
So were the bread, jam and honey we ate
Boy, how I miss all those now!
My grandfather was a small man but good all round
His speech so gentle he made sure he was understood
I felt so safe and protected when he held my little hand
He spoke to me of wondrous things that I now fully
understand
He loved his country and his people
He saluted the flag and the leaders
I learnt to be loyal to the family and the nation
He was not an ordinary man, might I say
My grandfather will always be my special hero
He kept the family united like a true hero
My friend, my teacher and my guide
With him I had a pleasant ride.



MY GRAND MOTHER

**My grandmother was a great lady; stone-
hearted but kind and considerate. She
knew what family life was about because
I saw that no one left her home**

- **With an empty belly**
- **Without getting a bear hug**
- **Without her saying “I love you”**
- **Without her saying “come again”**

- **Without her blessings.**

**She touched my heart and soul and gave
her richest love from my birth to her
passing away. She did the same to all the
family members, relatives and friends.**

**My grandmother was unique and I miss
her very much.**



4. DEVOTION AND LOVE OF PARENTS

**I wish I had known and fully realized
How sweet and kind my parents were
How gentle and how wise they were
Their tender loving care I've now
realized.**

**I simply took for granted from day to
passing day**

**Each sacrifice they made for me in the
loving way**

**But then I grew and finally learnt as all
children do**

**Their love meant a lot and they were
thoughtful too**

**So I look back to my parents with all the
thanks**

**They deserve my love and affection with
thanks**

**There aren't two dearer parents than the
ones I had**

**Let me send my love to my beloved mum
and Dad.**

**I have built my home on a hill to be
nearer them**

**Fruit trees, flowers and shrubs plenty to
please them**

**When I dwell in the yard, I feel I am with
them**

**They keep giving me the blessing and I
thank them.**



Mother

For as long as I can remember...
You were always by my side,
To give me support, confidence and help.

For as long as I can remember...
You were always the person I looked up to,
So strong, so sensitive, so pretty.

For as long as I can remember...
You always provided stability within our family,
Full of laughter, full of tears, full of love.

For as long as I can remember...
And still today,
You are everything a mother should be.

Whatever I have become is because of you...
... and I thank you forever for our relationship.

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