

Control the Mouth with TAP

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Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudev!

We are all cautious always in using water and electricity. Everywhere we see the boards and notices in this regard. We are very cautious about using our wealth also. But when we talk to others we don't have any control and just like a tap without the control valve we go on and on. But the vedic literatures insist that speech must be controlled. That's why Krishna has given so much protection for the tongue. It is first closed with a set of 32 strong teeth and then covered with lips. No other sense organ is covered like this.

We have seen the mail of triple filter test in this context. Our words should go through the triple filter test of Truth, Good and Useful.

Following verse from Granthraj Shrimad Bhagvatam gives a TAP TEST to control our speech. We must always remember this TAP which acts like a control valve for the tap of our mouth.

SB 12.12.49

*mrshaa giras taa asateer asat-kathaa
na kathyate yad bhagavan adhokshajah
tad eva satyam tad u haiva mangalam
tad eva punyam bhagavad-gunodayam*

"Words that do not describe the transcendental Personality of Godhead but instead deal with temporary matters are simply false and useless. Only those words that manifest the transcendental qualities of the Supreme Lord are actually truthful, auspicious and pious."

T - Truthful - *Satyam*: Only Lord's pastimes and its discussions are satya-param tri-satyam. Everything else in this world is asat-katha and asatih [temporary]. Therefore we must see to it that we talk only about Krishna, for the service of Krishna and to please Krishna.

A - Auspicious - *Mangalam*: Words that glorify the Lord bring auspiciousness. mangalam mangalebhyopi harer naamaiva kevalam. Lord eternally dwells in that place where great souls chant His holy names alone with great devotion.

P - Pious - *Punyam*: *punya-shravana-kirtanah*. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 12.12.48, Suta goswami says, "**When people properly glorify the Supreme Personality of Godhead or simply hear about His power, the Lord personally enters their hearts and cleanses away every trace of misfortune, just as the sun removes the darkness or as a powerful wind drives away the clouds.**"

Therefore, I pray unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev that I always remember the TAP for my mouth whenever I speak.

Thank you very much.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

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