

Subhashita 2. Forgiveness

V. Rajagopal Bhat requires no introduction to the Chitrapur Saraswat community. Honoured by the title " धर्मप्रचारक " by Param Poojya Swamiji Himself, Rajagopal maam devotes a great portion of his time to helping people develop an insight into our ancient scriptures and texts. This he does through regular lectures and talks. As the editor of "The Chitrapur Sunbeam," beginning August 2002, many more will benefit by his keen perception.

Last week, when addressing a group of sadhakas, he explained the meaning of सत् in the prayer ॐ असतो मा सद्गमय.... , during which he touched upon the topic of "क्षमा । "

Forgiveness, is a virtue that must be developed, for it has the capacity to express the hidden divine qualities within oneself. With क्षमा , comes forbearance and control of the mind and senses. Doesn't that open up a whole new divine world?

Here is a सुभाषितम् that has brought up the importance of क्षमा most beautifully.

नरस्याभरणं रूपं रूपस्याभरणं गुणः ।
गुणस्याभरणं ज्ञानं ज्ञानस्याभरणं क्षमा ॥

नरस्य a man's आभरणं ornament (is) रूपं form (in this context , to mean a good form, beauty). रूपस्य Beauty's आभरणं ornament (is) गुणः virtue. गुणस्य Virtue's आभरणं ornament (is) ज्ञानं knowledge. ज्ञानस्य Of Knowledge (couldn't get myself to say "knowledge's") आभरणं the ornament (is) क्षमा forgiveness.
