

Our Eternal Support

The fundamental of the Vedic way of life is *dharma*, which is often translated as righteousness. But actually, as God alone is, it represents His way of functioning or being in this world. And so when the scriptures tell us that *dharma* supports those that support *dharma*, it simply means that if we try to harmonize ourselves with God's will, then God's will will support us.

While *dharma* is normally considered to be righteousness in our daily life, they also say that God-realization is the highest *dharma*. But then, it should be recognized that God-realization is not some experience. Rather, as the word says, it is making God real. Not in some experience, but in our daily life, so that we too could eventually say with Gurudev, "I see nothing except God." To repeat, to make God real, to realize Him, doesn't mean some experience—which can point the way—rather, it means to see nothing except God in our normal life. To recognize this means that we never ignore *dharma* in our ordinary life.

There are some who feel that the practice of the virtues and being concerned about *dharma* in our daily life is simply a preliminary. They want to get on to the higher yogas, not recognizing that they are simply a means to the end of how we live our daily life. For example, we are not concerned about whatever experience Gurudev or Pūjya Swāmī Chidānandajī may have had except as a matter of interest. We have learned from them by what they have taught and demonstrated in their daily life. Thus, by their teachings and their examples, it is our daily life that we must be concerned with, and that is *dharma* from beginning until end.

Therefore, we are meant to follow whatever path is natural for us, but it is *dharma* in the beginning, *dharma* in the middle and *dharma* in the end. *Dharma* will forever support us if we support *dharma*—and never forget it, thinking, falsely, that something else is higher.