

The True Guru

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[...] One thing is certain – : Whenever we think this or that person has made people “bhakta-s”, we are from the very start on the wrong track.

The fact is: If a person has *aprakrita sukriti*¹ then the Paramatma causes the person to meet the *shiksha-guru* who is the instrument to instruct the adept.

The guru *never* poses as the great man who imparts *bhakti* to others, because it is the *hearing of Hari-katha*² from the lips of the guru, that leads to *shraddha*³ in His seva.

It is Krishna Who uses the *guru* as *instrument*. [...]

Sadananda

¹ *Sukriti*: the sum total of the elevating results of one’s karma. *A-prakrita*: beyond the guna-s of Maya/Prakriti. *Aprakrita-sukriti* = bhakti-vasana-s or seeds/impressions of bhakti-shakti from previous lives.

² Accounts of Hari.

³ Firm conviction in His Service and determination to act accordingly.