

## CHANAKYA NEETHI - CHAPTER 16

na dhyātam padamīśvarasya vidhvatsaṁsāravichChittayē  
svargadvārakapāṭapāṭanapaturdharmō'pi nōpārjitah ॥  
nārīpīnapayōdharōruyugalā svapnē'pi nāliṅgitaṁ  
mātuḥ kēvalamēva yauvanavanachChēdē kuṭhārā vayam ॥ 01 ॥

jalpanti sārdhamanyēna paśyantyanyam savibhramāḥ ॥  
hṛdayē chintayantyanyam na strīnāmēkatō ratih ॥ 02 ॥

yō mōhānmanyatē mūḍhō raktēyam mayi kāminī ॥  
sa tasyā vaśagō bhūtvā nṛtyēt krīḍāśakuntavat ॥ 03 ॥

kō'rthānprāpya na garvitō viṣayiṇah kasyāpadō'stam gatāḥ  
strībhiḥ kasya na khaṇḍitam bhuvi manah kō nāma rājapriyah ॥  
kaḥ kālasya na gōcharatvamagamat kō'rthī gatō gauravam  
kō vā durjanadurgamēsu patitah kṣemēṇa yātaḥ pathi ॥ 04 ॥

na nirmitō na chaiva na drṣṭapūrvō  
na śrūyatē hēmamayaḥ kuraṅgaḥ ॥  
tathā'pi tṛṣṇā raghunandanasya  
vināśakālē viparītabuddhiḥ ॥ 05 ॥

guṇairuttamatām yāti nōchchairāsanasaṁsthitāḥ ॥  
prāsādaśikharasthō'pi kākah kim garuḍāyatē ॥ 06 ॥

guṇāḥ sarvatra pūjyantē na mahatyō'pi sampadah ॥  
pūrṇēnduh kim tathā vandyō niṣkalaṅkō yathā kṛṣaḥ ॥ 07 ॥

parairuktaguṇō yastu nirguṇō'pi guṇī bhavēt ॥  
indrō'pi laghutām yāti svayam prakhyāpitaирguṇaiḥ ॥ 08 ॥

vivēkinamanuprāptā guṇā yānti manōjñatām ॥  
sutarām ratnamābhāti chāmīkaraniyōjitat ॥ 09 ॥

guṇaiḥ sarvajñatulyō'pi sīdatyēkō nirāśrayaḥ ॥  
anarghyamapi māṇikyam hēmāśrayamapēkṣatē ॥ 10 ॥

atiklēśēna yaddravyamatilōbhēna yatsukham ॥  
śatrūṇām praṇipātēna tē hyarthā mā bhavantu mē ॥ 11 ॥

kim tayā kriyatē lakṣmyā yā vadūriva kēvalā ॥  
yā tu vēsyēva sāmānyā pathikairapi bhujyatē ॥ 12 ॥

dhanēṣu jīvitavyēṣu strīṣu chāhārakarmasu ॥  
atṛptāḥ prāṇinah sarvē yātā yāsyanti yānti cha ॥ 13 ॥

kṣīyatē sarvadānāni yajñahōmabalikriyāḥ ॥  
na kṣīyatē pātradānamabhayaṁ sarvadēhinām ॥ 14 ॥

tr̄ṇam laghu tr̄ṇāttūlam tūlādapi cha yāchakah ॥  
vāyunā kim na nītō’sau māmayam yāchayisyati ॥ 15 ॥

varam prāṇaparityāgō mānabhaṅgēna jīvanāt ॥  
prāṇatyāgē kṣaṇam duḥkham mānabhaṅgē dinē dinē ॥ 16 ॥

priyavākyapradānēna sarvē tuṣyanti jantavaḥ ॥  
tasmāttadēva vaktavyam vachanē kā daridratā ॥ 17 ॥

samsārakaṭuvrkṣasya dvē phalē’mr̄tōpamē ॥  
subhāṣitam cha susvādu saṅgatiḥ sajjanē janē ॥ 18 ॥

janma janma yadabhyastam dānamadhyayanam tapaḥ ॥  
tēnaivā’bhyāsayōgēna dēhī chābhyaṣyatē punaḥ ॥ 19 ॥

puṣtakasthā tu yā vidyā parahastagataṁ dhanam ॥  
kāryakālē samutpannē na sā vidyā na taddhanam ॥ 20 ॥