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ब्रह्मभूतः प्रसन्नात्मा न शोचति न काङ्क्षति ।
समः सर्वेषु भूतेषु मद्भक्तिं लभते पराम् ॥ ५४ ॥
भक्त्या मामभिजानाति यावान्यश्चास्मि तत्त्वतः ।
ततो मां तत्त्वतो ज्ञात्वा विशते तदनन्तरम् ॥ ५५ ॥

brahma-bhūta: prasannātmā
na śocati na kāṅkṣati ।
sama: sarveṣu bhūteṣu
mad-bhaktiṃ labhate parām ॥ 54 ॥
bhaktyā mām-abhijānāti
yāvān-yaścāsmi tattvata: ।
tato mām tattvato jñātvā
viśate tad-anantaram ॥ 55 ॥

“Having become Brahman, one is ever cheerful, does not grieve or crave for anything. Feeling equal towards all beings, he begets transcendental devotion to Me (the Supreme).

By devotion he comes to know Me (the Supreme) - what and who I am, in essence. Knowing Me thus in essence, he next enters into the Supreme.”

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