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Whenever I walk around Giriraja Govardhan, I see this person who always speaks to my heart. I've never talked to him because I assume he doesn't speak a word of English. When I pass by, I see him sitting at his place and singing for the Lord or sometimes reading out loud to the Lord from a sacred scripture. He sits there facing Giriraja and is lost in his *bhajan*, his devotion. He doesn't seem to note the many pilgrims walking by. But he has a profound influence on anyone with an open heart - he lights a flame in their heart.

It is said: one sign of Krishna's mercy is that you meet a saint. Such a saint can light the oil lamp of devotion in your heart. It is contagious, his or her devotion, it is invasive, it influences you strongly. Once you received this flame - what keeps it burning? It is your relationship to and experience of Krishna. That oil must be given into the oil lamp of Krishna consciousness, which burns in the heart. It is this light, which is received from a bona fide saint that ultimately enables you to see even in the darkness of this world. It makes you capable to see Krishna standing before you.

There are various ways in which we can meet a saint. Not all of us circumambulate Govardhan and see my friend with a pair of *karatalas*, sometimes crying, sometimes shouting, "*Hari Haribol*" or "*Gaur Gaur*" or "*Giriraja Dharan Prabhu tu mi sharan*" or whatever. Not all of us have this opportunity.

However, saints are present in their sound vibration. For instance, we can hear a lecture from Srila Prabhupada and be touched by a point he makes, which lights the flame in our heart. We can go to bona fide devotees, who are real in what they do, ask them questions and listen to what they have to say. Somehow or other, saints have the power to light the lamp in the heart that ultimately lets you experience Krishna. Try it. If you can't meet through physical presence, try to meet them in sound vibration and you will become enlightened in your heart.