## Teaching Truth in Bengali

## STUDY 51

### **VOCABULARY 51.1**

দাস	daas	slave / servant
প্রভু	prabhu	lord / master
পরিণত করা	pari <u>n</u> ata karaa	to change
চিরস্থায়ী	cirasthaayii	lasting to time indefinite
দীপ্তি	diipti	light
দীপ্তিম্য	diiptimay	enlightening
বেশ	besh	(adjective) excellent
বেশ	besh	(noun) dress / guise
ধারণ করা	dhaara <u>n</u> karaa	to put on / to catch / to bear
পৃথক	prrithak	separate
টাকা	<u>t</u> aakaa	unit of money (c.f. rupee)
রূপ	ruup	form / appearance / sort
ধারণা / ভাব	dhaara <u>n</u> aa / bhaab	idea
/ কল্পনা	/ kalpanaa	
অনুমতি	anumati	permission
ব্যক্তিগত	byaktigata	personal

## "নিজে" "nije" and "ষ্মং" "svayan""—"Oneself", "One's Self"

"নিজে" "nije" means "oneself". The word "নিজে" "nije" *must* always reflect the plurality and declension case, even if other words convey the plural already.

"ষ্য়ং" "svayan" is used in the context of "oneself", "personally", "by oneself", "in oneself", "self". "ষ্য়ং" "svayan" does *not* take adjustment for plurality or case declension.

সে নিজে বাংলা লেখে।	She writes Bengali herself.	
se nije baan°laa lekhe.		
বোনেরা নিজে হলে যায়।	The sisters go to the hall	
boneraa nije hale <u>y</u> aay.	themselves.	
সে নিজেকে শ্য়তানে পরিণত করলো।	He changed himself into Satan.	
se nijeke shay-taane pari <u>n</u> ata		
kar-lo.		

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### "আপনি" "aapani"—"Oneself Personally"

"আপনি" "aapani" not only applies to <u>you</u>. It can be applied to other persons. It can mean "oneself personally", and it can represent "myself personally", "his self personally", and so on.

For example, "তিনি আপনি" "tini aapani" means "<u>he</u> himself", "<u>he</u> personally".

In order to decline "আপনি" "aapani", postpositions are attached to "আপনা–" "aapanaa-".

আপনি চিরস্থায়ী হবে।	It itself will stand to time	
aapani cirasthaayii habe.	indefinite. [Daniel 2:44]	
[daaniyel 2:44]		
যা তিনি আপনি আমাদের কাছে প্রতিজ্ঞা	That which <u>he</u> personally	
করেছেন, তা অনন্ত জীবন।	promised us, that is eternal life.	
yaa tini aapani aamaader kaache	[1 John 2:25]	
pratijnaa (~"pratigyaa")		
karechen, taa ananta jiiban.		
[1 <u>y</u> ohan 2:25]		
তোমরা প্রতিমাগণ হতে আপনাদেরকে	Guard yourselves from idols.	
রষ্ফা করো।	[1 John 5:21]	
tomaraa pratimaaga <u>n</u> hate		
aapanaader-ke rak <u>s</u> aa karo.		
[1 <u>y</u> ohan 5:21]		
আপনাকে ও আমাদেরকে রক্ষা করো।	Save yourself and us.	
aapanaake o aamaader-ke rak <u>s</u> aa	[Luke 23:39]	
karo. [luuk 23:39]		

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শ্য়তান আপনি দীপ্তম্য় দূতের বেশ	Satan himself keeps
ধারণ করে।	transforming himself into an
shay-taan aapani diiptimay	angel of light.
duuter besh dhaaran kare.	[2 Corinthians 11:14]
[2 karinthiiya 11:14]	
তোমরা যদি জগতের হতে, তবে জগৎ	If YOU were part of the world,
আপনার নিজস্ব ভালো বাসতো।	the world would be fond of
tomaraa <u>y</u> adi jagater hate, tabe	what is its own. [John 15:19]
jagat` aapanaar nijasva bhaalo	
baas-to. [ <u>y</u> ohan 15:19]	
আমি আপনা হতে কিছুই করতে পারি	I cannot do a single thing of my
ना।	own. [I cannot do anything at
aami aapanaa hate kichui kar-te	all from my own initiative.]
paari naa. [yohan 5:30]	[John 5:30]

# "নিজের" "nijer", "নিজ নিজ" "nij nij", and নিজম্ব" "nijasva"—"of Oneself, One's Own"

This possessive form, "নিজের" "nijer", means "of oneself" or "one's own possession". The word "নিজের" "nijer" must always reflect plurality, even if other words convey the plural already.

সে তার নিজের ছেলেমেয়েকে পড়ায়।	He teaches his own children.
se taar nijer chelemeyeke paraay.	
ছেলেমেয়ে নিজ নিজ বাইবেল নেয়ে আসে।	The children bring their own
chelemeye nij nij baaibel niye	Bibles.
aase.	
আপনাদের নিজেদের কাজ পরীক্ষা করুন।	Examine <b>YOUR</b> own work.
aapanaader nijeder kaaj pariiksaa	
karun.	

### "আপন" "aapan"—"Own"

"আপন" "aapan" is an adjective meaning "own" as in "my own", "your own", and so on. It is often used to specify *close* biological relatives. This is because words like "brother" and "sister" are applied often for more distant relatives like cousins, etc. Figuratively speaking, one can apply "আপন" "aapan" to our own "spiritual" brothers and sisters who are *close* because of the bond of true Christian love.

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যে কেহ আপন ভাইকে ঘৃণা করে, সে	Whoever hates his [own]	
খোদাকে জানে না।	brother, does not know God.	
<u>y</u> e keha aapan bhaaike ghrri <u>n</u> aa	[1 John 4:20]	
kare, se <u>kh</u> odaake jaane naa.		
[1 <u>y</u> ohan 4:20]		
দাস আপন প্রভু হতে বড় নয়।	A slave is not greater than his	
daas aapan prabhu hate ba <u>r</u> a	master. [John 15:20]	
nay. [ <u>y</u> ohan 15:20]		
সে অন্যায় হতে আপন হস্ত ফিরিয়েছে।	He has turned his hand back	
se anyaay hate aapan hasta	from injustice. [Ezekiel 18:8]	
phiriyeche. [yihiskel 18:8]		

### **Prefixes for "Self-"**

"আত্ম–" "aatma-" and "স্থাৰ্থ–" "svaartha-" are prefixes that mean "self-".

আত্মপ্রিয়	aatmapriya	loving self, lover of self
আত্মবলিদান	aatmabalidaan	self-sacrifice
আত্মত্যাগ	aatmatyaag	self-sacrifice, self-denial
স্বার্থত্যাগ	svaarthatyaag	self-sacrifice, self-denial
আত্মবিরোধ	aatmabirodh	self-contradiction
আত্মসংযম	aatmasan° <u>y</u> am	self-control
আত্মদমন	aatmadaman	self-control
আত্মদর্শন	aatmadarshan	self-examination
আত্মপরীষ্ষা	aatmapariik <u>s</u> aa	self-examination
আত্মপ্রতারণা	aatmaprataara <u>n</u> aa	self-deception
আত্মবঞ্চনা	aatmaban²canaa	self-deception
স্বার্থপর	svaarthapar	selfish
স্বাৰ্থহীন	svaarthahiin	selfless
স্বার্থ চেষ্টা করা	svaartha ce <u>st</u> aa karaa	to seek one's own interests
স্বার্থচিন্তা	svaarthacintaa	thinking how to fulfill one's
		own interests

#### **Other Noun Substitutes**

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The collective plural class form in the Nominative Case was shown in *Grammar 37.1*.

অনেকে শুনেনি	aneke shuneni	many have not heard
বিশ্বাসীদের প্রার্থনাগুলো	bishvaasiider	prayers of the
	praarthanaagulo	faithful
অন্যদের কাজ	anyader kaaj	the work of others
অন্য সকলের কাজ	anya sakaler kaaj	the work of all the
		others
ধার্মিকেরা দেশের	dhaarmikeraa desher	the righteous will be
অধিকারী হবে!	adhikaarii habe!	possessors of the
		earth!