

**His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja**

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**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** ...from the form. I also asked him; give a letter to the *sannyāsa* Guru, Kīrtanānanda, 'That I am again coming back to the role you've given to me. Please accept.' But Jayatīrtha Mahārāja is a very frank man, not very diplomatic, so what he felt sincerely in himself he gave vent to that, and that created the trouble.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Right.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I wanted to avoid that.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** But already, I spoke to him, and he said that he'll – he won't pursue that any more, just privately he'll have some appreciation but not publicly.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** \_\_\_\_\_ publicly \_\_\_\_\_ inwardly, privately, he may have some appreciation.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Of mine?

**Devotees:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** And publicly he's connected ISKCON – and that is what I wanted, and there will be a smooth activity with the ISKCON in harmony I thought it. But things are going otherwise. Vidagdha Mādhava this morning he told that Rāmeśvara Mahārāja has ousted you from his zone, in an insulting way. Is it true?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He used the words, "Kicked him off." I could not detect. Nimāi told me, "Vidagdha Mādhava told Rāmeśvara Mahārāja kicked him out." I could not understand why it is so.

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** Because the situation is such that Rāmeśvara Mahārāja's position itself has become very...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Position?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Well, he and I had a meeting in which we agreed that I would come and speak to you for your advice.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Advice on which?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** In my personal case, how I should continue. Then the day after I left he called for a meeting of all of his God-brothers. And he wanted to explain to them what his feelings about you were.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What is his feeling about me? What is that? Any respect or hate?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Well, he says that he's respectful, but he believes that there are some...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He's creating some disturbance.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** That's one thing that sometimes you create a disturbance; and there's some differences between you and Prabhupāda...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** ...and we should be very careful of that. See, many devotees in Los Angeles are discontent with the activities of the Ācāryas and GBC. So by hearing your instructions they became more satisfied and wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt. But then in different ways they began to speak against you.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** And some of the leaders began to speak against you.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** So they will ask people not to come to me. I'm not going anywhere to do anything against them. I'm sitting here. But people are coming and according to my conscience what I have to say to them I'm saying. I'm not an aggressor.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** So then, this disturbed many of the devotees who are appreciating your instructions, because...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Is it going against Swāmī Mahārāja what I...

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Not according to them. See, there's a difference of opinion.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** But what I said, and you all taped, but was there anything which is going against the preaching of Swāmī Mahārāja? I don't think like that.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No one thinks that.

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** It's only just them. And actually many of the God-brothers started to see things from a different perspective after...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Last time also I told them, they wanted me, what they will do, I shall give ditto to that. Then I told them, "Do you think that I'm under your committee?"

"No, no, no, no. That type we cannot do."

The day before yesterday also the same thing; they said, "We had a meeting and in our meeting we accepted the principle that the Ācārya numbers may be increased. But we did not receive any inspiration this year for extension. But this was not told to you, so we are told that you remarked that our decision is injudicious and unfortunate."

"Yes, yes, I did remark in such way, because I want to clear my position to you now, that I'm not one wholly with ISKCON, and even not wholly one with Swāmī Mahārāja. I have got my special consideration and inclination and thinking. And with other God-brothers also I differ in many ways. So everyone has got his special characteristic and I also have such. So what you think to be *śrauta-panthā*, your meeting, unanimous verdict, what you think that is

the right thing coming down, I'm not bound to pronounce the same thing that it is infallible. The meaning is like that."

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. But see, there are many devotees who feel that what you say...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** "According to my consideration your combined decision was a faulty one." Then, I did not say so clearly but that was my real opinion. "Because you have come to a common, unanimous resolution, so everyone will have to give ditto to that? I'm not a party like that. I have got my independent opinion and independent realisation and suggestions. I'm a separate person; even separate in many ways from your Guru Mahārāja, what to speak of your combination. That is my point." Some special consideration everyone may have got his own...

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** Now, one of the accusations of Rāmeśvara Mahārāja against Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja is that he's saying that Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja is trying to remove Prabhupāda from ISKCON and put you as the Ācārya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I, you got my letter? I replied, I don't want to create any party there in competition with ISKCON. Only those who are led astray, disappointed, dejected, if any help to them from my side will be beneficial, I'm ready for that only. Is it not?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. Right. Though I did not suggest that you be the Ācārya for ISKCON. He's making propaganda like that.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** So why should I not do that minimum thing? That those who came under the banner of Swāmī Mahārāja and dejected they're going away, and we should see to them indifferently? I don't like that they will go away. Some help to them, and that is also in connection with ISKCON and not independently. But if ISKCON wants to cut off the connection, then what can I do? I may try as it will be arranged by the Supreme Lord.

Who will come for help I shall try to do whatever is possible for me, a poor man sitting in a place, not moving hither and thither and moving the world. I'm sitting in one place, and you all come and put questions, I go on answering, and you tape and you preach, and now the difficulty.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Because, you told me not to proceed in the mood of competition but relief.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes, relief work, quite so, I ordered relief work.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Right, but it got to the point of where they're saying that my relief work is competition.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What to do? You all combine and settle.  
[Bengali (?) conversation with Bhakti Caru Swāmī for about one and three quarter minutes]

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** Mahārāja is telling that Jayatīrtha Mahārāja thought that Rāmeśvara Mahārāja is your good friend, but he's been disappointed.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. Mahārāja, I also do not want to create any disturbance in ISKCON, but also, I cannot deny yourself.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. What about Dayādhara Gaurāṅga, what's he doing there?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He's with Hamsadūta Mahārāja and he's...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No difficulty?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No, not that I know of.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Going on smoothly in work?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol.

**Bhakti Caru Swāmī:** \_\_\_\_\_ Jai Om Viṣṇupāda paramahaṁsa \_\_\_\_\_

[Bengali (?) conversation with Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja for about three minutes]

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Jayatīrtha Mahārāja, he wants to try and contact Pradyumna, because of your desire to see him.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes, I wanted to see him.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Also, Yaśodānandan Mahārāja he's going to California next month, and the devotees are saying that he's going to begin giving *dīkṣā*.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Who?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yaśodānandan.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. But will they give any recognition to him?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No. But he will start independently?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What was the previous name of Yaśodānandan?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Always Yaśodānandan. Before *sannyāsa*?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yaśodānandan, same name.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No, no, his previous name?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Oh, really, Yolander (?)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No, no. Nimāi? \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Nimāi:** \_\_\_\_\_ some Bill?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Some Bill? In *Ānanda Bāzzār Patrikā* one gentleman wrote about Yaśodānandan, and with some previous name as some Bill. He met him in Ayodhyā and Benares also and he was very much impressed with his company.

Yaśodānandan, I liked him very much. He came once to me, and his practices and his sentiments and his ways I appreciated much, that Yaśodānandan. I can't forget him.

[The remaining eleven and a half minutes are in Bengali (?)]

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