

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

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**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** ...so now there's a lot of political pressure coming from China and Russia. But India is aligning itself with Russia.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. And China is backed by America.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** And China is backed by America, right. So, I noticed one thing that since the disappearance of Kṛṣṇa, the seat of world power has moved gradually west, from India, to Egypt, to Greece, to Rome, to Europe, then to America, and now it is moving to China. At least it appears that way. And the Chinese are now very, and Napoleon said about the Chinese so long ago, he said, 'There lies a sleeping tiger. Better let him lie, because when he wakes he will move the world.' Even Napoleon said so long ago.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What did he say; Napoleon?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** When he was asked about China he said, 'There lies a sleeping tiger. Better let him lie, because when he wakes he will move the world.'

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** China?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Yea.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Because of its characteristics or population?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Hmm.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Population as well as nature; sleeping?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Hmm.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Sleeping by taking opium.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Opium. But they have stopped that now. The communists have stopped this drug taking, this opium.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Japan has aroused them.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Yea. Japan and Russia, Russia on one side, Japan on the other side.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Japan attacked China and oppressed like anything, very cruel. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** One year, Śrīla Prabhupāda said that he thought that the next great war will be fought in India.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** The next great war?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** The next great war will be fought in India.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** India?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Will begin in India, between India Pakistan. Americans will back up Pakistan, Russians will back up Indians. Because they don't want to fight in their own country, they want to fight on some other place, so they think...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** India is also clever, but now the tendency that near about Iran...

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Right.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Or that Vietnam or so...

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Right. Yea.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Indira Gandhi she's clever enough, to keep it at a safe distance. But the higher dispensation is in evidence. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. Mahārāja, you want to take your rest now, bath, everything?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What is it?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Fifteen minutes after ten. Ten fifteen.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** After ten? Another fifteen minutes I can stay, easily. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Rādhā Govinda wants to ask you something. He wants to give you something.

**Rādhā Govinda:** We were thinking to make a new pair of glasses for you.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Spectacles. He wants to make you some new spectacles.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** New spectacles.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Yea. Ha, ha, ha.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That I can see?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Is it possible?

**Devotee:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Such improved glass is to be found now?

**Devotee:** Yes. And nice frame also that stays up.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I do not want any nice frame, but if improved glass can give, can help in my sight, then that is very welcome to me. There are microscopic glass or telescopic glass, so many glasses now invented.

**Devotees:** We'll have to get his eyes checked, if you want to improve the glass. We'll have to bring a person here then.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I asked Dāmodara or someone if any improved quality glass maybe secured anywhere. I told it is in Germany, there's some sort of microscopic glass or telescopic glass. A little sight can be enhanced. And there was one microscopic glass here but they're no longer useful.

\_\_\_\_\_ [?] Previously that helped me a little, a great deal, now no longer. This glass helped me for a long time. Now it is not useful; very little.

**Devotee:** We can get another one. Would you like another one?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** But what is its power I don't know. What power may help me? I can't read. Big \_\_\_ let me have the glass. Very little. This is quite vague and with the help of the glass I can have some slight connection\_\_\_\_\_ Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. I heard in Germany they've evolved a glass, only a slight vision can be utilised in any way to read and to see.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** We have to bring someone to check your eyes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ha, ha. If Kṛṣṇa's willing, then it may come, for His service. Eighty five years old. I may not expect any more any longer, to live an easy life as I did previously. What do you say?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** You don't look so old.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What is his age? Your age?

**Devotee:** Twenty.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Twenty. So young, and come to the, very fortunate to the divine feet of Kṛṣṇa, Guru, Kṛṣṇa, Mahāprabhu, in this age, quite young. And his age?

**Devotee:** Twenty six.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Twenty six. Mahāprabhu took *sannyāsa* at twenty four. At eighteen He defeated the Digvijayī Paṇḍit; before eighteen. One Mr. Pitt was Prime Minister of England [1783] when he was eighteen [twenty four] [William] Pitt [the Younger], he was Prime Minister of England once, only at the age of eighteen [twenty four]. And Napoleon was general, at how old?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** He was very young; twenty eight, something like that.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That also very young.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Very young. But he didn't live very long. Such men like Napoleon, they're also empowered? Must be. Prabhupāda once said that, 'Hitler was a *śaktyāveśa avatāra*.' I said, 'How is that?' He said, '*śaktyāveśa avatāra* doesn't always mean he does a good thing. He may do something destructive. But no one can do anything great unless he has that power, so he must be.'

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** *śrīmad ujita medava tatta dev ava gatcha tam muhuti amsa* [?]

Wherever you see the intense collection of energy, the will, the divine will backing; otherwise it is not possible.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Even if it is, apparently, bad or evil? That must be energy of Kṛṣṇa?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Through *māyā*.

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Through *māyā*; indirect, *śakti*. *Māyā śakti*.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** *Māyā śakti*. In Russia, Russia sending his force through China, the opposite; it is necessary for Russia, that America, through China, is sending his force, for Russia. But China is opposite to America but utilising it.

Churchill told, when he took the help of Russia; Russia was a communist country at that time, so when, in the fight against Hitler he had to join with Russia. Then some people told, "You are going to make alliance with the communists?"

"But in the present position, even if it is necessary, I shall have to make alliance with the Satan, with the hell; what to speak of Russia. In such a position at present we are. If necessary we shall have to make alliance with the hell."

So that also may be utilised sometimes.

China and America's ideal; different ideals. But only for the presence of Russia, America had to make alliance with China, to cope with Russia. And Russia also trying its best to make alliance, to keep India nearby, at any cost. Big population these two countries, China and India; first China and next India, the second largest population in India, and resources also many.

Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Nitāi.

Who is there in your Laṅkā Maṭh?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** Laṅkā Maṭh we have some German devotee, his name is Cakravartī.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Cakravartī? Bengali?

**Haṁsadūta Mahārāja:** No, no. He's a German. He's householder with his wife and child. And we have one Tamil boy from Śrī Laṅkā. He has a B.A. in Chemistry. And one American household couple, then some local devotees. So Śrī Laṅkā...

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

