

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

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**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Gaura Haribol. Nitāi. *Satyam, śivam, sundaram, sat-cit-ānanda.*  
Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol.

[*varṇāśramācāravatā*] *puruṣeṇa paraḥ pumān*  
*viṣṇur ārādhyate panthā nānyat tat-toṣa-kāraṇam*

["The only way to please the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Viṣṇu, is to worship Him by properly executing one's prescribed duties in the social system of *varṇa* and *āśrama*."] [Viṣṇu-Purāṇa, 3.8.9] [Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya, 8.58] [Gauḍīya-Kanthahara, 14.2]

*Varṇāśrama* has been designed on the plane of theism, morality as well as theism, moral theism. The basis of religious life is there: and then go up. *Para śloka śabdera nirnaya* [?]

Quote authority and say what should be our object of search, aim of search. The enquiry, the quest, what should we seek? How should I, we, regulate our searching faculty? The first answer came, *varṇāśramācāravatā*, morality and theistic basis.

And not like Śaṅkara, the imaginary theism. *Śeṣya, Īśvara, Īśvara* means *saviśeṣa*, the master, who is master, who can have the power of dispensation. That is not impersonal. To get faith in such mastership, or masterhood in the management of the Absolute, and also some sort of conception of duty towards the neighbour. *Śeṣya naiyitik* [?]

Here *varṇāśrama* begins: and then go on gradually, march towards, make advance towards theistic conception more and more, higher from higher.

So, 'For Itself, Reality is for Itself, for Itself.' Your existence is subservient, subordinate. Absolute is there, and you must have some relation with Him, and try to find out what happy relation you have got with the Absolute. We are searching, always searching for something, to fulfil our fleeting desires. That search should be converted into some scientific and universal search. That is what is necessary. Search should be there, but such search should be regulated properly. That is what is necessary.

So *brahma-jijñāsā*, and Jaiminī says *dharma-jijñāsā*, what should be our duty. According to Śaṅkara *brahma-jijñāsā*, what is the most comprehensive. And Mahāprabhu says *kṛṣṇānusandhāna*, search after a friendly guardian. That is enlivened, not a dead search, that I am subject, I am analysing and searching something in the objective world. No! Search for your guardian. Search for higher entity than you are. You are limited, it is very plain, it is very plain to you and all that you are limited, insignificant. So search means who can satisfy you that must be of higher level, so conduct your serving endeavour towards higher plane. And there is gradation and finally you'll have to come to Kṛṣṇa conception of Godhead. It won't have its satisfaction anywhere.

So Mahāprabhu says, "Age kaha ara." [Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 8.59], "Go further, go further." In Rāmānanda Rāya. "Go deeper, go further. It is superficial, it is superficial. Yes, it is, but still go further. Yes, it is good, go further. Yes, it is very good, a little more, go." In this way, step by step He's drawing out what is our real necessity in a very scientific way and systematic way what should be our quest.

Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

So I want to retire now.

So Jayatīrtha Mahārāja's rikshaw should be arranged for him. You two will go?

**Jayatīrtha Mahārāja:** Yes. Myself and several others...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** One attendant?

**Jayatīrtha Mahārāja:** I think I have two with me. Kīśora Kīśori perhaps...

**Aranya Mahārāja:** And Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam dāsa.

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Devotee:** I'll ask \_\_\_\_\_ to arrange two rikshaws.

**Aranya Mahārāja:** Maybe just one.

**Devotee:** When would you like to have, just now?

**Jayatīrtha Mahārāja:** Yes, now.

...

**Vipramukhya:** You were talking in such a way because I'm so foolish. Me, just like some ass, you must beat the ass.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** You have got some, I can see you have got some, from so far away you have come to consult with me. You have some affection for me, some reliance on me, so you have come. And there are so many you're not going to meet, so I appreciate you, your attempt. Because you have heard that I'm closely connected with Swāmī Mahārāja so long you have come for that. I'm a stranger to them. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol.

**Vipramukhya:** I think that we should all take leave.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. I am still a friend to ISKCON, wholesale. What I had to do, what my Guru Mahārāja wanted me to do, at least to certain extent, my brother Swāmī Mahārāja he has done that very thing so well and extensively and wonderfully. We cannot but feel sympathy, affection, gratitude, love for him. Otherwise I'd be a stone, a satan. Hare Kṛṣṇa. So you may go now, take some *prasādam*. Gaura Haribol.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** If you want to stay here \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** You can come here any time. I've not asked any one of these friends to remain, but I've asked them, if you like you can stay, so they are staying.

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

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

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ Bon Mahārāja \_\_\_\_\_ [?]  
Swāmī Mahārāja was the first man to announce, “That here, Europe is defeated by Asia.”

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Devotee:** Within a few minutes Bon Mahārāja was quietened.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** And Swāmī Mahārāja was sitting on the front there. I’m here, Bon Mahārāja here, then Swāmī Mahārāja, then [Herr] Schulze [later, Sadānanda dāsa], these four, within a round table, and hot discussions.

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

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

Standing, who are they?

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No seats?

**Parvat Mahārāja:** A little more comfortable. Oh yes, it’s all right. Can see you better.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ha, ha, ha. Hare Kṛṣṇa. \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Our Guru Mahārāja told, “See by the help of the ear.” Ear should direct our vision, our eye. What I see, independent of ear, that is defective.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ah, \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Babu went to see the *āratī* of Jagannātha in Purī. And Prabhupāda could not find one who has delivered a carton [?] lecture. We were all, had to do that, and \_\_\_\_\_ [?] was sent. He was an advocate, renowned advocate, and also son of *zamīndār* in Bahura [?]

Then, “Where is \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Babu?”

“He has gone to see the *āratī* in the Jagannātha Temple.”

“Oh, he has gone for eye exercise.”

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Next morning when he came, he was present, then that was repeated. “You went to have an eye exercise there.” So such revolutionary remarks we are accustomed with.

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

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

*Vede pasyanti pandita.* By the standpoint of the Vedic advice, a Vedic scholar, a devotee, will try, will learn to see things, not as seen by this fleshy eye. But the standpoint that is given to us by the revealed truth we should accept. Try to see that. Try to read the nature, the environment, in accordance with the instructions of the revealed knowledge.

Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

**Devotee:** Govinda Mahārāja \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ Ha, ha, ha, ha. \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

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

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ go to Māyāpur now?

**Jayatīrtha Mahārāja:** Yes, sometime, soon.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Sometime, yet in your hand?

**Jayatīrtha Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** Jayatīrtha Mahārāja not taken *prasādam* today. All day he's fasting.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That I'm undermining them.

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Should I go in? With your consent!

...

[*sattvam viśuddham vasudeva śabdītam*], *yad īyate tatra pumān apāvṛtaḥ  
sattve ca tasmīn bhagavān vāsudevo, hy adhokṣajo me namasā vidhīyate*

["I am always engaged in offering obeisances to Lord Vāsudeva in pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is always pure consciousness, in which the Supreme Personality of Godhead, known as Vāsudeva, is revealed without any covering."] [*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, 4.3.23]

This is uttered by Mahādeva. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

*Sattvam viśuddham vasudeva sattva.* In comparison to ordinary *sattya-guṇa*, *sattya*, *raja*, *tama*, three planes of misconception, and to differentiate from that *sattya-guṇa*, the pure consciousness is known as *viśuddha sattva*, *śuddha sattva*, *viśuddha sattva*. That transcending all qualities of mundane colour, *viśuddha sattva*, the purest consciousness, not mixed with *māyā*,

mundane thought. Hare Kṛṣṇa. *Viśuddha sattva*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. *Satya* means truth, *satya* means *jīva*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?] and Nadiyā dāsa.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Nadiyā dāsa?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He's Jayatīrtha Mahārāja's disciple.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Jayatīrtha Mahārāja doing well there?

**Devotee:** He's here Mahārāja since yesterday.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh, since yesterday he's here?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes, so he hasn't been to Māyāpur, recently.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Mādhava Prabhu, he was just in Māyāpur, oh you weren't there. Viśuddha Sattva was in Māyāpur.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Those that were to come, they've all come, hmm, perhaps? All GBC must have come there?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He said Hamsadūta has not come. Atreya Ṛṣi has not come.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Atreya Ṛṣi not come?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Who else?

**Devotee:** Adi Keśava Mahārāja not come.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Adi Keśava not come.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He resigned.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** The Harikeśa come?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He's there, Harikeśa?

**Devotee:** Yes, Harikeśa is there.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Only Adi Keśava, Hamsadūta, and Atreya Ṛṣi.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Is Balavanta there?

**Devotee:** Not yet.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Not yet come. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** And they made Rūpānuga the Chairman, he's new Chairman.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh, Chairman already selected?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes, on the first day Chairman is selected.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh.

**Devotee:** Bhakti Svarūpa Dāmodara, in the meeting he says that he's accepting you as a more elevated Vaiṣṇava in the planet, and as your *śikṣā* Guru. So the decisions they have made look like everybody who came to take *sannyāsa* from you is considered to be outside of ISKCON.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What does he say?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He says that Bhakti Svarūpa Dāmodara told in the GBC meeting he accepts you as the most elevated Vaiṣṇava on the planet, and you as his *śikṣā* Guru. But they're deciding that, the general GBC, that anyone who takes *sannyāsa* from you is outside of ISKCON.

**Devotee:** So he want to speak with Mādhava before he take *sannyāsa* and maybe he's the chance that he can speak in front of all the GBC about what is his feelings.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Mādhava?

**Devotee:** Yes.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He says Bhakti Svarūpa he wants to speak to Mādhava Prabhu before taking *sannyāsa*, and perhaps give him the opportunity to address the GBC about his personal feelings.

**Devotee:** Rūpānuga Prabhu is friend of Mādhava and he's the President so he can arrange for that.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** What? I can't follow.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Rūpānuga...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That, before this.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Oh. That they may give Mādhava Prabhu the opportunity to address the GBC, why...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** To draw?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No, to speak to the GBC, why he wants to take *sannyāsa* from Your Divine Grace.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** But he wrote a letter, but they want to hear something aurally from him, is it?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** They may give him the opportunity to speak, I don't know if they're requesting.

**Mādhava Prabhu:** Mahārāja, I'm Mādhava. I'm thinking they simply want to lecture to me because they're taking the absolute position. So I was going to request that they come here and speak all together, in an inoffensive atmosphere.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hmm, what does he say?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He says, it may not be that they want to hear from him, but they may want to speak to Mādhava. But his suggestion to them would be that they come here, to see Your Divine Grace, and in that atmosphere they can discuss this point.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** At this time this is too much to expect from them, that they will come here and consult about yourself.

**Devotee:** Mahārāja, Bhakti Svarūpa Dāmodara he want to come here but it is very sick, so he tried to come many time. So I ask him to come when he's feeling well.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Rūpānuga Mahārāja, his zone is where?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** His zone...

**Aranya Mahārāja:** Florida, oh, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee...

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Southern United States.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Southern?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** United States. That is Mexico and others...

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No. South Eastern United States, like Georgia, Florida, Tennessee.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Anywhere outside America?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** And who will be the Vice President?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Jayapataka.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Jayapataka Mahārāja, and Secretary?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** And Secretary is Bhagavān.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Bhagavān Mahārāja, previously he was President once, is it?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. He was Chairman before Bhāvānanda and Jayapataka was Secretary.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes, and Secretary is Bhagavān Mahārāja, and Assistant Secretary?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No Assistant Secretary.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** No Assistant Secretary.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Three officers.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. Any proposed *sannyāsī*, or new member of GBC?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** There's proposals for new *sannyāsīs*: how many?

**Devotee:** About twelve. They want to make so many ceremonies before taking initiation: go to take bath in the Gaṅgā, and follow the Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Goswāmī's...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** All right, and any addition to the GBC, are they thinking of, no?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** They're going to have a meeting, Ācāryas will have a meeting about extending Ācāryaship.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. They'll do? Last year I asked, requested to do so, but they accepted the principle but not any practical step. Afterwards they came and told me, "We have accepted the principle of extension of Ācārya, but this year we have not done so." So the present year perhaps they will increase the number of Ācārya from eleven to twelve, thirteen, fourteen, maybe. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Perhaps that one has resigned and then fill up the gap.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Well, he was not Ācārya.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Not Ācārya?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No. GBC. He was candidate for Ācāryaship last year.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Now Gopāla Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja he's a strong candidate for Ācāryaship, is it not?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Last year also he expressed his desire to have recognition of the Ācārya post. This year perhaps he will be given recognition of Ācāryaship.

Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol.



Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Hari. Gaura Hari. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** So also, Caitanya Candra he says that Jayatīrtha Mahārāja was speaking today that around seventy five of his disciples are coming to the festival. Oh, forty, maybe less. But he wants to bring them here, and they may not approve of that.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** They may not?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** The GBC may not approve of him bringing his disciples here to see you.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh. They won't approve, even to have a look of...

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** ...of me, is it?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Well, you know what one moment's association...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I'm so poisonous to them.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** But,

*['sādhu saṅga,' 'sādhu saṅga,' - sarva śāstre kaya], lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya*

["The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment's association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success."] [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 22.54*]

Even a small association will have a strong effect on them.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** If we consider one to be a real *sādhu* then that quotation will apply, otherwise not. *Sādhu* may be of different types. Just as Guru *bhyuva* [?], *sādhu* bhyuva, who says that 'I am a *sādhu*.' A mere statement cannot make one's self to be *sādhu*. They say he's *sādhu bhyuva* [?]. He's advertising himself as a *sādhu*, not he's a real *sādhu*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. And what about that Pramāṇa Swāmī, they're still in Vṛndāvana or gone back?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** We've heard that he may have to return because of some ticket problem, but it's not confirmed.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh, both of them, Viraha Prakāśa as well as Pramāṇa?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I might have expected some wrong circumstances also may apprehend something. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol.

Nimāi was sent by me for some purpose to ISKCON Maṭha. Both Bhāvānanda Mahārāja and Jayapataka Mahārāja was staying, both of them staying at that time. When he approaches Bhāvānanda Mahārāja he says, 'Just go and ask Jayapataka Mahārāja.' And when he goes to

Jayapataka Mahārāja, 'Oh you just go to Bhāvānanda Mahārāja.'

Then he once found that they two are discussing. 'Now, this is your transcendental diplomacy,' Nimāi told, 'transcendental diplomacy.' You say go to him, he says go to him. Whom should we approach, so 'transcendental diplomacy.' Gaura Haribol.

They say, "Yes, we have got some confidence in him, but his present attitude is not conducive to our propaganda." That will be their version. "We can't understand his present policy. We think that his present policy is going against us. We are more interested with our Guru Mahārāja, and next, we may regard him. But here, now we feel that the very real interest of our Guru Mahārāja is at stake, so we cannot show such blind honour to him. According to our conscience we are to go on. What can we do?"

Mādhava Prabhu, this will be their argument, and what you are to say? Gaura Haribol.

**Mādhava Prabhu:** As they're going by their conscience, I'm also going by my conscience...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** "Yes, of course. Yes, but our collective conscience, and that has already got some certificate from Guru Mahārāja whom you also have obligation to."

Then what will be your answer?

**Mādhava Prabhu:** Prabhupāda's sanction is that when there's some confusion that we should come to you for solving the difficulty. So I think we should follow that order.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Of course, if you feel that then what will be their point they know. Then they may come to argue that, 'That Śrīdhara Mahārāja is no more living, who was friendly to our Guru Mahārāja. He seems to be changed by this time. He's too old, and his thoughts are not very regular now.'

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** But we can say that that GBC is no longer living.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** 'But we are still young. No defect of our brain may come down so soon. But he's too old. It is possible that his brain might have sustained some defect. He's old man.'

Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Gaura Haribol. Kṛṣṇa willing, His *līlā*!

**Mādhava Prabhu:** That is called limited conception of Guru.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hmm?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He said that is called the limited conception of Guru.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That Guru is in disease?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ha, ha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Rūpa Goswāmī has advised against such consideration.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Devotee:** Also Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Goswāmī, *vande gurūn īśa-bhaktān* [*Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *Ādi-līlā*, 1.1.]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Of course they're too old...

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja, he wrote the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, so all these things came into his mind in his old age.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That is special case. The contention will be, 'that is special case.'  
Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

**Devotee:** And Śrīla Prabhupāda he wrote *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* purports from his bed in Vṛndāvana when he was very sick, our Bhaktivedanta Prabhupāda. And the purport reads the same in the last volume of tenth canto of *Bhāgavatam* as in the beginning.

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

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** So Mahārāja, in the *Jaiva Dharma* of Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, in one section we find that a Guru is taking his disciple to meet with his Guru.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Living.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes, like Nṛsimhānanda, he was in Nṛsimhatala. And that Vaiṣṇava dāsa Guru, Paramahaṁsa, he's taking him to meet his own Guru. And he prostrated on his Guru and from there he learned how he's to deal with his own Guru. He got there that sort of lesson. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol. I remember that.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** So does that show the principle that sometimes one may initiate in the presence of one regarded as the Spiritual Master?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** And how should a disciple think?

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** As grandfather, something like that. That I told the other day to \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Mahārāja. 'The Sonhood of Godhead.' Though Yaśodā is whipping Kṛṣṇa, still Kṛṣṇa is the highest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

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...has not come there?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Caru Swāmī?

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He's not come. Bhadrīdaran [?] Prabhu come, no?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He usually stays in Calcutta.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He's in charge in Calcutta Maṭha.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. He doesn't leave that place.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Can't leave the place. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Haribol. Gaura Haribol.

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...who, that Vipramukhya, where is he? He's not taking *sannyāsa*?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Māyāpur. Yes, he's taking *sannyāsa*.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Has taken?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Taking, will take.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Take from, Rūpānuga Mahārāja?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** No. Rūpānuga, he was a *sannyāsī* many years ago, but he went back to his wife. He's not a *sannyāsī* any more.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh. He's a *grhastha*?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. But Vipramukhya he wants to take *sannyāsa* from Satsvarūpa.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes, Satsvarūpa, I heard the name.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** But sometimes Satsvarūpa likes for people to wait, and have association with him for a year before giving them some initiation. So whether he will require that of Vipramukhya or not we don't know.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. Where is that John?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** At the house, over there, in Navadvīpa but at that house.

**Aranya Mahārāja:** That's the white house. He's at the white house on the corner. He's staying with Akṣayānanda Mahārāja.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He's staying with all our devotees.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Here?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Here.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He comes from the zone of Jayatīrtha Mahārāja. Jayatīrtha Mahārāja's party not yet come? They will come is it? They're expected to come, not yet come?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes. Around March first they're coming.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** March first, today is twenty fourth?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Five days.

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Wednesday, five days.

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

**Devotee:** Mahārāja, Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura's *Hari-Nāma-cintāmaṇi* which explains about how we can liberate from *nāmābhāsa* and come to the transcendental chanting. Maybe you can explain about this.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Eh, what's he say?

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** He says that Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura in *Hari-Nāma-cintāmaṇi* is explaining how to...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Avoid *nāmābhāsa*...

**Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja:** Yes, and come to the pure stage.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** ...and to attain *śuddha-nāma*.

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