

PREFACE

Everyone should care for the welfare of the Hare Krishna movement, for in a healthy state it can uplift human society from its current degraded condition. The spiritual master of the Hare Krishna movement, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, says:

"... Therefore our philosophy is to educate people how to love God. That is real religion ... So if people take seriously this movement, how to love God, then human society will be first class."

Before July 9, 1977, Srila Prabhupada would often accept disciples by sending a letter of approval to the local representative, and an initiation ceremony would be performed on his behalf.

By naming the eleven zonal initiating representatives on July 8, 1977, Srila Prabhupada is now introducing a more specific procedure of initiation to be done on his behalf, to continue on after his departure.

Please carefully study our report herein on the matter of initiation procedures for ISKCON after the physical departure of our beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

INTRODUCTION

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the beloved representative of the Lord (who spread the Holy Name of Krishna throughout the entire world), had become very ill in Mayapura, India in March of 1977. It was the concern of his disciples that Srila Prabhupada was too ill to travel to Bombay from Mayapura. Nonetheless, Srila Prabhupada considered it a good opportunity to spread Krishna consciousness and decided to go.

His health did not improve in Bombay; thus, in early May of 1977,

Srila Prabhupada went to Hrsikesa to try to improve his failing health. But in Hrsikesa there was a violent storm, and while the storm raged there came a drastic turn for the worse in Srila Prabhupada's health.

On May 17, 1977, in Hrsikesa, Srila Prabhupada said: *"The symptoms are not good; I want to leave for Vrndavana."* If it was time for him to pass away, he said, *"Then let it be in Vrndavana."*

While in Vrndavana, Srila Prabhupada instructed Hari Sauri das in Australia to initiate Clayton on his behalf (1st initiation) and also Anupam das and Bimala dasi for second initiation.

From 1973 to 1977, Srila Prabhupada's senior disciple representatives initiated thousands of new disciples on his behalf when he was physically unable to do so. Thus, the ritvik system of initiating on behalf of Srila Prabhupada was a common practice.

LIBERATED SOULS SEE PAST AND FUTURE

Srila Prabhupada (May through November 1977) was not very able to travel and instruct his new disciples, nor were they able to come easily to him for instructions, yet he was still taking on disciples.

He knew he would be with us for

only four more months until early November 1977, for liberated souls can see the past and the future.

So he then put in motion (July 9, 1977) initiations on his behalf with official zonal representatives that would be effective both while he was still physically here and when he would not be physically here.

Therefore we can understand that the representatives appointed on July 9, 1977 were to initiate on Srila Prabhupada's behalf only, and were to begin immediately and continue when he would no longer be with us physically (in the future). Srila Prabhupada had announced in Vrindavana: *"So I have come here to leave my body, but you should not lament. I have given you everything in my books. If you simply read my books and cooperate with your godbrothers, everything will go on nicely."*

Srila Prabhupada left his body November 14, 1977. Now that we are living in that future, let us go forward and adopt this beautiful, scientific initiation system established by our beloved Srila Prabhupada, and continue to initiate on his behalf today.

Srila Prabhupada expected his new disciples, now and in the future, to receive his instructions from his books and tapes, and from his elder disciple representatives, and to receive his guidance from within:

"I shall remain your personal guide whether I am physically present or not, just as I am getting guidance from my Guru Maharaja." (SPL1-77)

It is clear that Srila Prabhupada was not an ordinary guru to take on disciples up to and after the point of his departure. He is supremely powerful to continue guiding and protecting us, even though not physically present, being empowered by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna.

**DISCIPLES OF
SRILA PRABHUPADA
◆ NEWSLETTER ◆**

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**PURPOSES OF THE
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In 1966, Srila Prabhupada put into writing the purposes he wanted his disciples to fulfill: "(1) To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to society at large and to educate all peoples in the techniques of spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in life and to achieve real unity and peace in the world; (2) To propagate a consciousness of Krsna, as it is revealed in Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam; (3) To bring the members of the Society together with each other and nearer to Krsna, the prime entity, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krsna); (4) To teach and encourage the sankirtana movement, congregational chanting of the holy names of God, as revealed in the teaching of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu; (5) To erect for the members and for society at large a holy place of transcendental pastimes dedicated to the personality of Krsna; (6) To bring the members closer together for the purpose of teaching a simpler, more natural way of life; (7) With a view toward achieving aforementioned purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, books, and other writings." **ALSO:** (8) To glorify our beloved Spiritual Master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, by carrying out his instructions and pushing forward his movement as well as by educating the people in general of his wonderful attributes.; and (9) To initiate disciples on behalf of Srila Prabhupada as he ordered.

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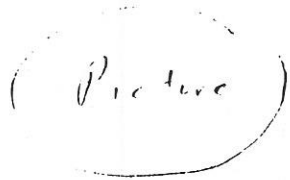
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BOOK DISTRIBUTION TOUR!!!
and Establish Srila Prabhupada as the
Authorized Spiritual Master of ISKCON**

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ORIGINAL HARE KRNAS

By KAPINDRA DAS

It is almost five years that I have been preaching Krsna Consciousness autonomously. I am very glad the Lord allowed me to begin the **Prabhupada Sankirtan Center, Inc.** in September 1986 with the wonderful assistance of Caitanya Priya Prabhu.

From the very beginning, the Lord was guiding us, giving us all facility to perform sankirtan--street chanting the Holy Names of Krsna while distributing books in New York City, wearing the traditional dress of Vaisnavas. Practically we have been business-free for all these years, simply depending on the Lord and His bona-fide representative to help.

The Lord gave us the proper understanding how every devotee has a direct relationship with Srila Prabhupada and how they can take shelter of him and take initiation from him through one of his qualified representatives. The Lord maintained our program by always having sufficient amount of books to distribute, having our own temples for programs, plenty of prasadam, and an ever-increasing amount of friends and sympathizers.

By the Lord's grace our sankirtan activities have become quite natural. So our small band of devotees finds it comfortable to wear the traditional vaisnava dress, and chant, dance, and distribute Srila Prabhupada's books anywhere. In a Vicksburg, MS parking lot, dressed the same way, distributing books only, we sold out all our literature in 2 days. In Puerto Rico in 6 weeks we distributed over 1,000 pieces of literature and 1,200

Prabhupada Speaks Out leaflets, all the while chanting the Holy Names of the Lord.

In our travels, we've found people genuinely accepting Srila Prabhupada as the natural all-worshipable guru of the Hare Krsna Movement. Srila Prabhupada is the whole show here and all the devotees love it. It is so wonderful to see our new devotees like Ralph and Bill, taking Srila Prabhupada as their guru without any problem just like the early days, and Mother Kausalya has taken shelter of Srila Prabhupada here, after seeing her "guru" fall down.

For almost 5 years we've been performing daily sankirtan--chanting and dancing, feeding the homeless at Tompkins Square Park, having the support of wonderful friends, and moreover, we are happy.

We are convinced that by performing daily sankirtan, we will see another genuine Hare Krsna movement emerge once again. Here Srila Prabhupada disciples--old and new--can work cooperatively without anxiety. Here we can rebuild our strength, depending on Srila Prabhupada, the previous Acaryas and Lord Krsna. Here we will be happy once again chanting at the kirtan, Hare Krsna and Jaya Prabhupada.

Here we can rectify our lives and change the public view of the Hare Krsna movement. We will present and glorify Srila Prabhupada to our heart's content. Here we can practice bhakti-yoga preparing for our next birth in Goloka-Vrndavana. Here we can satisfy the desire of our beloved spiritual master in spreading his mission far and wide as he wanted, so the fallen souls of this age can become happy.

This project is not a dream; it has been in full progress since September 1986, and now is ripening and maturing. The Lord and His bonafide representative have been

wonderfully taking care of The servants.

Everything here is an open secret See for yourself.

Please consider participating in the original Hare Krsna Movement once again.

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HOW PRABHUPADA SEES IT

(The following excerpts are from Srila Prabhupada's purports in the Bhagavad-Gita, As It Is - Macmillan Edition)

ABSOLUTE TRUTH - As stated in Vedic literature, Brahman, or the Absolute Truth, is that from which everything is emanating (p.376).

TRANSMIGRATION OF THE SOUL - Since every living entity is an individual soul, each changing his body every moment, manifesting sometimes as a child, sometimes as youth, and sometimes as an old man. Yet the same spirit soul is there and does not undergo any change. The individual soul finally changes the body at death and transmigrates to another body ... either material or spiritual (p.89).

WOMEN - Both children and women require protection by the elder members of the family. By being engaged in various religious practices, women will not be misled into adultery (p.64).

ANIMAL SLAUGHTER - The animal killers do not know that in the future the animals will have a body suitable to kill them. That is the law of nature (p.679).

Naturally this includes our beloved spiritual master Swami Prabhupada, the present link of self-realized Acaryas going all the way back to the Lord Himself.

Being a powerful Acarya authorized by Lord Krsna, he may make necessary adjustments as he sees fit, to help the Godless people of this age return home, to the spiritual kingdom after death.

Srila Prabhupada, the Lord's beloved agent, provided a special initiation system on 7/9/77 before he departed (11/14/77), so his future followers could also become his direct disciples. This is his compassion. In other words, people today who read Srila Prabhupada's books can experience the same loving relationship with Srila Prabhupada as did the early disciples, by also becoming a disciples of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada's nectar is still flowing.

This service of initiating on behalf of Srila Prabhupada today is being provided by the PRABHUPADA SANKIRTAN CENTER for those who qualify.



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Their Lordships Sri-Sri Nitai-Gauranga The Presiding Deities of the Prabhupada Sankirtan Center

By KAPINDRA DAS

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Here is the proof that the ritvik system is to continue indefinitely on into the future. Otherwise, why the choice of the word "henceforward"?

An example definition in Srimad Bhagavatam (original, unedited, 1960 printing), p.12 of "henceforward" by Srila Prabhupada is as follows:

"He declared thenceforward nobody will put hindrance in the sankirtan movement started by the Lord. The Kazi of Nabadvipa has left his will for his future descendants that nobody would hinder the samkirtan movement started by the Lord. This incident happened 500 years ago and the order (henceforward) is still in effect today."

Henceforward here means indefinitely--from this time on. If Srila Prabhupada wanted initiations done on his behalf only for the present, he would have stated it. Otherwise, he would have said "for the time being" or "up until I leave my body--then you become gurus." But there isn't anything like this in this letter, as you can clearly see.

The final proof that Srila Prabhupada is to continue to initiate from July 9 on, was written in a letter of July 11, 1977 from Tamal Krsna Goswami, Srila Prabhupada's secretary, to Kirtananda Swami. He wrote:

"A letter has been sent to all of the temple presidents and G.B.C. which you should be receiving soon describing the process for initiation to be followed in the future. Srila Prabhupada has appointed these eleven representatives who will initiate new devotees on his behalf."

5. THEY ARE SRILA PRABHUPADA'S DISCIPLES

These representatives may accept the devotee as an initiated disciple of Srila Prabhupada."

The newly initiated devotees are disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. The above eleven senior devotees acting as his representative.

Thus, the greatest oversight in the history of religion came when the leaders of Iskcon did not see Srila Prabhupada's clear instructions in the Ritvik letter of July 9, 1977 regarding initiations after his departure.

6. APPROVED: A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI

This final document on initiation was approved by Srila Prabhupada with his personal signature, large and clear. Therefore, this ritvik initiation letter is as good as if he wrote it himself.

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE WITH SRILA PRABHUPADA AS OUR GURU?

Everyone will be happy. Everyone will feel himself the friend of everyone else. No more sectarian feelings for Srila Prabhupada has the power to give shelter to all people of the world.

And if we take seriously the science of Krishna under his guidance, we may in one lifetime become happy, free from anxiety, and free from the cycle of birth and death, and return home, back to Godhead, and be with our blessed Lord Sri Krishna once again.

The serious students of Srila Prabhupada have the responsibility to assist him in uplifting human society from its degraded position. Convinced that if they follow Srila Prabhupada strictly, accepting him as their bonafide spiritual master, many people can be saved from this hellish condition of life, by the Lord's grace.

Thank you for carefully going over this important subject matter.

IS SRILA PRABHUPADA THE PRESENT INITIATING SPIRITUAL MASTER OF ISKCON?

Please send us your reply.

Srila Prabhupada said in Montreal in August of 1968:

"We should associate by the vibration and not the physical presence. That is real association ... Therefore, we give more stress on the sound vibration, either of Krishna or the spiritual master. Then we'll feel happy and no separation ... Never think that I am absent from you. Physical presence is not essential. Presence by message is the real touch."

"I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU THROUGH MY BOOKS AND MY ORDERS." (BTG Vol.13, pp.1-2)

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PRABHUPADA'S MERCY

Although broken in health, Srila Prabhupada was still capable of translating the ancient Vedic texts, dictating letters and even traveling against the order of his physicians. He also continued to accept disciples by sending approval letters to his (local) initiating representatives per their recommendation as before.

Therefore, I will try to explain why the eleven zonal representatives appointed July 9, 1977 to initiate on behalf of Srila Prabhupada makes sense.

To the question asked of him on May 28, 1977, Satsvarupa das Goswami said: "Then our next question concerns initiation in the future when you are no longer with us. We want to know how first and second initiation would be conducted."

THE FUTURE HAS ARRIVED

Srila Prabhupada replied: "Yes, I shall recommend some of you ... I shall recommend some of you to act as officiating acarya."

Tamal Krsna Goswami said: "Is that called 'ritvik acarya'?"

Srila Prabhupada replied: "Ritvik, Yes."

Ed. Note: Ritvik means "on behalf of the initiating spiritual master."]



Srila Prabhupada said in Seattle: "One is the disciple of Christ if he follows his instructions under the guidance of some priest."

Just as Lord Jesus is present in his words today and can hear the prayers of his followers and save them, in the same way Srila Prabhupada, the Lord's beloved agent, is also present today, and under his instructions has

appointed representative priests to initiate disciples on his behalf when he is not physically present.

Thus, Srila Prabhupada can save us just as Lord Jesus Christ can save his disciples today.

DIRECT DISCIPLE

In the Hare Krishna movement everyone who qualifies can be a direct disciple of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, including our children and their children down through the future generations.

Everyone can thus rejoice now for this golden opportunity the blessed Lord has given us. As disciples and followers of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, we can end our term of suffering in this material world and then we can enter the personal abode of the Lord and enjoy our original eternal loving relationship with him.

With Srila Prabhupada as guru, the new disciples will be able to take guidance from as many senior disciples as their hearts desire, taking relative instructions from them, and asking philosophical questions. Daily engagements are under the authority of the temple president. That is the original system ordered by Srila Prabhupada.

He never appointed any one guru. He criticized the Gaudia Math for appointing unauthorized successor gurus. How is it possible that he would order a practice he previously condemned, namely appointing successor gurus?

In November of 1977, when asked who would succeed him as leader of Iskcon, Srila Prabhupada spoke thus:

"Everyone will take--all of my disciples. We have no such thing that, 'Here is the next leader.' Anyone who follows the previous leadership, he's the leader ... Leader--All nonsense. Leader means one becomes 1st class disciple."

ANALYSIS: Srila Prabhupada is accepted as an incarnation representative of Lord Krishna empowered to spread knowledge of the Supreme Lord, like Srila Narada Muni and Lord Jesus Christ. How is it possible that the Lord would send Srila Prabhupada, who gave his disciples full spiritual guidance and then after he physically departed, he would be less accessible for spiritual aspirants in future generations? How could the Lord be more merciful to those souls who personally met His beloved agent Srila Prabhupada between 1965-1977, than to the souls after his physical departure in 1977? It is not possible for the Lord to act discriminatorily. The Lord is equal to all, and the distribution of His mercy is for everyone *without* consideration of time or place; otherwise He would not be the merciful Lord.

PRABHUPADA'S POWER

He uplifted thousands of souls to sinless life by following his instructions. Many of those still lead a spiritual life today, still practicing no illicit sex, no gambling, no intoxication, and no meat eating, despite the fact that Srila Prabhupada is not physically present, thus proving that his power and mercy are still with us today. Is that mercy only available to a chosen few, original followers? How could that be?

Now many new followers of Srila Prabhupada are accepting him as their personal guide and receiving the exact same mercy as the original followers. Unfortunately, most new people interested in Krishna consciousness are unaware of the