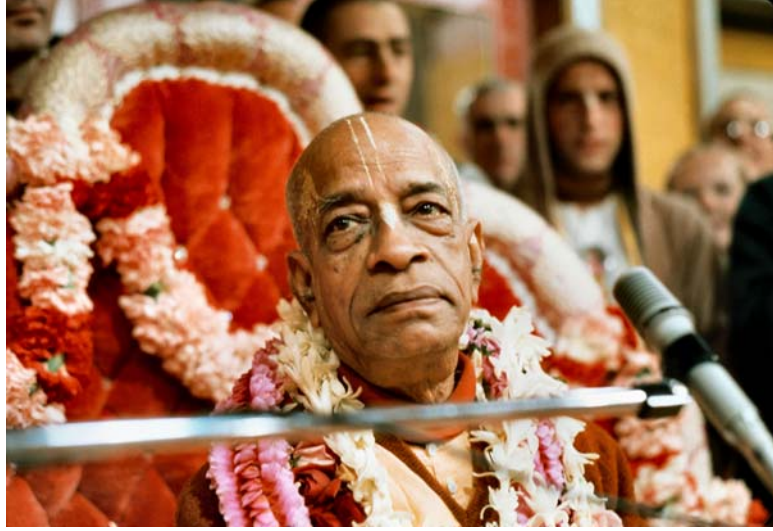


Uttama-adhikaris or Uttama-aparadhis?



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda
- Founder and Ācārya of ISKCON -

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta- svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi- pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Uttama-adhikaris or Uttama-aparadhis?

By Yasoda nandana dasa and the Prabhupada anugas

In the aftermath of the re-entry in Goloka Vrindavana, of our beloved acharya, His Divine Grace Ac Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, in November of 1977, His leading secretaries informed the devotees of the Krishna Consciousness movement, that Srila Prabhupada had appointed eleven of his senior disciples as acaryas and diksha-gurus.

A brief history.

This momentous announcement was delivered by the secretaries in a position paper issued at Mayapur West Bengal, India, on March 26, 1978. The first official position paper on the position of the new "gurus" stated: "In consultation with higher authorities." Who are these higher authorities? When did Srila Prabhupada ever inform us of higher authorities than Him in His society? The secretaries were silent on this point.

MINIMIZATION OF SRILA PRABHUPADA'S WORSHIP

Soon after the meeting, the leading secretaries and founders of the self-appointed acarya sabha (SAAS) started the living guru experimental project (LGEP) The first point on the agenda of the SAAS was to organize society-wide propaganda to promote the myth that the original eleven has been appointed as diksha-gurus [initiating spiritual masters] and were fully realized pure devotees, Maha-Bhagavatas and uttama-adhikaris, to install vyasa-asanas and start simultaneous guru puja directly in front of Srila Prabhupada in all His centers, along with self-bestowed pranama mantras, pada titles, etc...

Several senior devotees cautioned the SAAS that accepting separate worship in front of one's own guru was a serious aparadha, according to the teachings of the six Goswamis. In their collective wisdom, the SAAS decided to reject the sastric advice, pleading that "this restriction was not in Prabhupada's books" and "Prabhupada did it, and we can do it."

The SAAS would not listen to any reasonable argument. The minimization and impudent imitation of the Samprayada-Acarya, Srila Prabhupada, was in full swing. The LGEP was progressing. The pious belief that the original eleven members of the SAAS were uttama-adhikaris (first class devotees) and fully realized pure devotees was disseminated through society-wide propaganda. Srila Prabhupada cautioned us about minimizing the pure devotee.

THE DANGER OF MINIMIZING THE EXALTED POSITION OF A PURE DEVOTEE LIKE SRILA PRABHUPADA

Śukadeva Gosvāmī was then surrounded by saintly sages and demigods just as the moon is surrounded by stars, planets and other heavenly bodies. His presence was gorgeous, and he was respected by all

PURPORT:

In the great assembly of saintly personalities, there was Vyāsadeva the brahmaṛṣi, Nārada the devarṣi, Paraśurāma the great ruler of the kṣatriya kings, etc. Some of them were powerful incarnations of the Lord. Śukadeva Gosvāmī was not known as brahmaṛṣi, rājarṣi or devarṣi, nor was he an incarnation like Nārada, Vyāsa or Paraśurāma. And yet he excelled them in respects paid. **This means that the devotee of the Lord is more honored in the world than the Lord Himself. One should therefore never minimize the importance of a devotee like Śukadeva Gosvāmī.** Srimad-Bhagavatam The Appearance of Sukadeva Gosvami : SB 1.19.30

WHAT IS THE POSITION OF A PURE DEVOTEE LIKE SRILA PRABHUPADA?

Srila Prabhupada explains why the pure devotee's voice is so powerful.

A pure devotee always engages in the service of the Lord, taking shelter of His lotus feet, and therefore he has a direct connection with the saffron mercy-particles that are strewn over the lotus feet of the Lord. Although when a pure devotee speaks the articulation of his voice may resemble the sound of this material sky, **the voice is spiritually very powerful because it touches the particles of saffron dust on the lotus feet of the Lord.** As soon as a sleeping living entity hears the powerful voice emanating from the mouth of a pure devotee, he immediately remembers his eternal relationship with the Lord, although up until that moment he had forgotten everything. For a conditioned soul, therefore, **it is very important to hear from the mouth of a pure devotee, who is fully surrendered to the lotus feet of the Lord without any material desire,** speculative knowledge or contamination of the modes of material nature. Srimad-Bhagavatam : Canto 4: "The Creation of the Fourth Order" : SB 4.20: Lord Visnu's Appearance in the Sacrificial Arena of Maharaja Prthu : SB 4.20.25

SRILA PRABHUPADA REVEALS HOW THE PURE DEVOTEE IS FREED FROM ALL CONTAMINATION.

"...A pure devotee of the Lord does not live on any planet of the material sky, nor does he feel any contact with material elements. His so called material body does not exist, being surcharged with the spiritual current of the Lord's identical interest, and thus he is permanently freed from all contaminations of the sum total of mahat-tattva. SB 1.13.550 **Adi-Lila 5.36.**

LORD SRI KRSNA SENDS HIS PURE DEVOTEE LIKE SRILA PRABHUPADA.

"...For example, Kṛṣṇa comes like an ordinary human being, He comes as a devotee like Lord Caitanya, or He sends His representative, the spiritual master, or pure devotee. This is also the planned activity of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. They come to canvass and educate, and thus a person in the illusory energy of the Supreme Lord gets a chance to mix with them, talk with them and take lessons from them, and somehow or other if a conditioned soul surrenders to such personalities and by intimate association with them chances to become Kṛṣṇa conscious, he is saved from the material conditions of life. Kṛṣṇa therefore instructs..." **Books : Srimad-Bhagavatam : Canto 4: "The Creation of the Fourth Order" : SB 4.21: Instructions by Maharaja Prthu : SB 4.21.27 : PURPORT**

SRILA PRABHUPADA IS A NITYA-SIDDHA SENT BY KRSNA'S ORDER.

Bhakti-rasamṛta-sindhu has given considerable discussion about nitya-siddha and sadhana-siddha devotees. **Nitya-siddha devotees come from Vaikuntha to this material world to teach, by their personal example, how to become a devotee.** The living entities in this material world can take lessons from such nitya-siddha devotees and thus become inclined to return home, back to Godhead. **A nitya-siddha devotee comes from Vaikuntha upon the order of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and shows by his example how to become a pure devotee (anyabhilasita-sunyam).** In spite of coming to this material world, the nitya-siddha devotee is never attracted by the allurements of material enjoyment. [Srimad Bhagavatam 7.10.3]

SRILA PRABHUPADA CLARIFIES THE EXALTED POSITION OF THE LIBERATED SOULS COMING FROM THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.

"...You should know that the great liberated souls and incarnations who appear from time to time in this material world are not actually coming back, because they are never subject to material contamination or the laws of material nature. For the purpose of delivering the fallen living entities they come here temporarily and then go back when their business is finished, and this is all under the direct order of the Lord. So the appearance of the Lord or the great liberated souls in the material is different from the appearance of the contaminated living entity who is forced to take birth in the material world due to his desire to lord it over the world..." Letters : 1969 Correspondence : June : Letter to: Vrndaanesvari -- New Vrindaban 6 June, 1969 : 69-06-06

BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE EVEN ATTEMPT TO FIND FAULT WITH OR DEPRECATE THE POSITION OF AN EXALTED ACARYA, ESPECIALLY SOMEONE LIKE SRILA PRABHUPADA AND THE PREVIOUS ACARYAS [MAHAJANAS]?

"Influenced by an envious temperament and dissatisfied because of an attitude of sense gratification, mundaners criticize a real acarya. In fact, however, a bona fide acarya is non-different from the Personality of Godhead. And therefore to envy such an acarya is to envy the Personality of Godhead Himself. This will produce an effect subversive to transcendental realization." (*Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta* - 1975 Unrevised Edition . *The Spiritual Masters* *Adi-Lila* 1.46)

Note: As the SAAS and the LGEP developed, many of its members could not conceal their true colors and their resentment of the exalted eternal position of Srila Prabhupada.

A few gems from the past.

MINIMIZATION AND FINDING FAULT WITH THE ACARYA, SRILA PRABHUPADA.

1979 Vrindavana, India - GBC Meeting. Kṛṣṇa-Balarama guesthouse. 27 February 1979. Early afternoon.

Not accepting reality.

"It is no longer practical, now that Prabhupada is dead, that Prabhupada is not here, just to emphasize Prabhupada. I mean this is not accepting reality... Wait a minute, who has got those tapes...?" **ISKCON Guru from Dallas, Texas, Late February 1979, GBC meeting in Kṛṣṇa-Balarama temple guest house, Vrindavana,**

More than Prabhupada?

" All the things that Prabhupada wanted done are now being done more than when Prabhupada was here" ISKCON Guru from South America and GBC representative, late February 1979, Morning Srimad-Bhagavatam class, Vrindavana, India.

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S POSITION:

Srila Prabhupada, you have described the philosophy that the guru is dead and gone [as in post samadhi] as mayavada, materialistic philosophy..

"...It is not that he is **dead and gone**. That is not spiritual understanding. Even ordinary living being, he does not die. *Na hanyate hanyamāne śarīre* [Bg. 2.20]. And what to speak of such exalted, authorized personality like Bhaktisiddhānta. He is seeing. I never feel that I am alone ..."if you don't keep in touch with the original link, then it will be lost. **And if you keep touch with the original link, then you are directly hearing Kṛṣṇa. Similarly, Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's representative, spiritual master, if you keep always intact, in link with the words and instruction of the superior authorities, then you are always fresh. This is spiritual understanding. *Na jāyate na mriyate vā kadācit nityaḥ śāśvato 'yaṁ purāṇo* [Bg. 2.20]. *Purāṇaḥ* means very old. Just like Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Being. He must be very old because He is the original person. But the *Brahma-saṁhitā* says, *advaita acyuta anādi ananta-rūpam ādyam purāṇa-puruṣa nava-yauvanam ca* [Bs. 5.33]. *Purāṇa-puruṣa*, the oldest person, but you will find Him *nava-yauvanam ca*, always a fresh youth. That is God. God is not a material, that it gets old. The body gets old."** **Lectures : Festival Lectures : His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Prabhupada's Appearance Day, Lecture -- Atlanta, March 2, 1975 : 750302BA.ATL**

"...So better remain a foolish person perpetually to be directed by Guru Mahārāja. That is perfection. **And as soon as he learns the Guru Mahārāja is dead, "Now I am so advanced that I can kill my guru and I become guru." ...Then he's finished...** "

August 16, 1976 Bombay, India

"...The puzzled people who visited Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu were actually seeing Lord Kṛṣṇa, but they were mistaken in thinking that Lord Kṛṣṇa had come to Kālīya Lake. They all said that they had seen Kṛṣṇa directly performing His pastimes on the hood of the serpent Kālīya and that the jewels on Kālīya's hoods were blazing brilliantly. Because they were speculating with their imperfect knowledge, they saw Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu as an ordinary human being and a boatman's light in the lake as Kṛṣṇa. One must see things as they are through the mercy of a spiritual master; otherwise if one tries to see Kṛṣṇa directly, he may mistake an ordinary man for Kṛṣṇa or Kṛṣṇa for an ordinary man. Everyone has to see Kṛṣṇa according to the verdict of Vedic literatures presented by the self-realized spiritual master. A sincere person is able to see Kṛṣṇa through the transparent via medium of Śrī Gurudeva, the spiritual master. Unless one is enlightened by the knowledge given by the spiritual master, he cannot see things as they are, even though he remains constantly with the spiritual master. This incident at Kālīya-daha is very instructive for those eager to advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness..." (Books : Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta - 1975 Unrevised Edition - Lord Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu's Visit to Sri Vrindavana : Madhya 18.99)

INSULTING AND FAULT FINDING - FAULT WITH THE GREAT MAHAJANA AUTHORITIES.

Note: By 1979-1980, some leading members of the SAAS started to experience some difficulties. Notwithstanding the tremendous amount of propaganda to promote the

myth of the appointment and that the original 11 were fully realized pure devotees, the weight of guru-aparadha and guror-avajna, started to manifest.

Note: August 1980, Dallas, Texas. The LGEP had to convene its fire brigade to calm the upheaval caused by the some of its deviated embers and they attempted to explain to the rank and file devotees, how an "appointed pure devotee" could possibly exhibit such material conditioning and deviant behaviors..

One the other hand, the "living gurus," fallen early into embarrassing manifestations of material conditioning or impurity, strained to explain it all away by singing of the eternal preceptor's alleged character lapses.

For example, in their August 1980 GBC report, in an attempt to explain some deviant behaviors of some of the "living gurus" the LGEP advocates alleged, "Even Bhishmadeva, who was one of the great Mahajanans or authorities in understanding Krishna consciousness, was affected by this materialistic association (of women and money). If even Bhishmadeva can be affected by materialistic association, then what to speak of ourselves."

Lest we be misled, Srila Prabhupada certifies Bhishma's absolutely liberated status, "**Sri Bhishmadeva is a great devotee of the Lord in the relation of servitorship (an eternally pure relationship with God)**)." (SB 1.9.34)

"As a Mahajana or authority he was on the level of Brahma, Narada and Shiva, although he was a human being. Qualification on a par with the great demigods is possible only by attainment of spiritual perfection." (SB 1.9.34)

Note; The 1980 G.B.C. report continued: "There are examples in the Srimad Bhagavatam of great devotees having difficulties... Lord Brahma was affected by sex attraction for his daughter." (!)

But Srila Prabhupada establishes Lord Brahma's liberated and pure status: "This extraordinary immorality on the part of Lord Brahma was heard to have occurred in some particular kalpa (epoch), but it could not have happened in the kalpa in which Brahma heard directly from the Lord the four essential verses of Srimad Bhagavatam, because the Lord benedicted Brahma, after giving him lessons on the Bhagavatam, that he would never be bewildered in any kalpa whatsoever. **This indicates that before the hearing of Srimad Bhagavatam he might have fallen victim to such sensuality, but after hearing Srimad Bhagavatam directly from the Lord there was no possibility of such failures.**" (SB 3.12.28)

Note: When did Lord Brahma experience some apparent sex attraction? Before hearing the essential Bhagavatam verses. Yet the GBC failed entirely to mention that Lord Brahma's illusion had occurred before he heard the Bhagavatam verses. The GBC implies, quite unfairly, that Brahma's illusion occurred after he had heard the Bhagavatam and had become a liberated eternal preceptor guru.

Srila Prabhupada further explains, with brilliant clarity, the nature of Lord Brahma's position in a letter, dated 23rd of March 1969, to Himavati devi dasi: "There are many other stories also, but such apparent falling is without any influence to very, very advanced devotees. A neophyte should always be careful. One should not discuss about such great devotee's apparent fall-down. Just like one should not discuss about the sun who evaporates urine from the earth; it is possible for the sun to do it, and still remains the sun, but for ordinary man if he lives in a filthy place he will be infected. **So Lord Shiva or Lord Brahma, they are highly elevated devotees, and we should not try to criticize about their behavior even though it appears against the rules.**

"...So far Lord Brahma and his attraction for his daughter; this illustration should be taken by conditioned souls, that even a person like Brahma is sometimes victimized, how much careful we should be. Not that even Brahma was enticed, so we shall become enticed more and more. This is an example set for us by great devotees."

Note: It is thus clear that a progressing candidate on the path of devotional service must use the greatest caution while analyzing the exalted position of Brahma and other Mahajanas. It is obvious from the LGEP writings that they did not understand the difference between an eternal associate of Kṛṣṇa (nitya-parsada), and a regular sadhaka (practitioner in devotional service).

The GBC also claimed about another exalted liberated devotee, "Dhruva maharaja became overwhelmed by anger at the yakshas for killing his brother."

Srila Prabhupada clarifies, **"Dhruva Maharaja was a liberated soul, and actually he was not angry with anyone,"** but because he was a ruler, it was his duty to become angry for some time in order to keep the law and order of the state." (SB 4.11.13)

Srila Prabhupada writes, **"Dhruva Maharaja was a maha-bhagavata, or a first class pure devotee..."** (SB 4.12.8)

"It is our duty to remember always that in comparison to Dhruva Maharaja, we are very insignificant. We cannot do anything like what Dhruva Maharaja did for self realization, because we are absolutely incompetent to execute such service." (SB 4.8.73)

And "By associating constantly with the Supreme Personality of Godhead in his heart, **Dhruva Maharaja naturally became equal to the** greatest, Brahman, by His association and thus he became the heaviest, and the entire universe trembled." (SB 4.8.78)

Note: The 1980 G.B.C. report even chides Arjuna, for outright "losing sight of Krishna": "Arjuna had difficulties in the beginning of the battle of Kuruksetra, but it was due to his losing sight of Krishna, not because of his accepting a superior position to Krishna. It was Arjuna's duty to accept the Supreme Lord as his chariot driver in his fight against Duryodhana's forces. Similarly, it is the duty of ISKCON's initiating gurus to sit on their Vyāsāsanas (high seats meant for pure devotees) and defeat the ignorance of the age by their strong preaching. Some of our men may have difficulties, but their problems are due to their having lost sight of Krishna for the moment, not due to sitting on a Vyāsāsana." The SAAS and the GBC's rather boldly and impudently compared the abominable illicit activities manifest in the "living guru" project (LGEP) to the so-called illusions of Krishna's eternally pure associate.

Note: As recently as January 7th 1990, while giving a Bhagavatam class, prior to a temple president's meeting on the so-called guru issue, a "living guru" based in East India, (also one of the co-authors of the August 1980 GBC report) alleged that sometimes, for a few minutes, great eternally liberated guru devotees such as Bhishma and Arjuna fall under Mahamaya, the Lord's deluding energy, which covers those who are envious of the Lord.

Yet Srila Prabhupada has very different things to say: "Arjuna conquered both sleep and ignorance because of his friendship with Krishna. **As a great devotee of Krishna, Arjuna could not forget Krishna even for a moment, because that is the nature of a devotee.** Either in waking or sleeping, a devotee of the Lord can never be free of thinking of Krishna's name, form, qualities, and pastimes. Thus a devotee of Krishna can conquer both sleep and ignorance simply by thinking of Krishna constantly. That is called Krishna consciousness." (Unedited unrevised Bhagavad-Gita As It Is 1.24)

And Srila Prabhupada also writes of Arjuna, **"His intelligence could not be polluted at any time,"** because he was a devotee and constant companion of the Lord, as is clear in the fourth chapter of Bhagavad-gita. Apparently Arjuna's intelligence became polluted because otherwise there would not have been a chance to deliver the teachings of Bhagavad Gita for the good of all polluted conditioned souls engaged in material bondage by the conception of the false material body..." (SB 1.9.36)

Srila Prabhupada further illuminates Arjuna's awesome liberated status: "Although Arjuna is with Krishna in innumerable different material universes at one time, still there is only

one spirit soul who is Arjuna. This spiritual soul expands into many different bodies, and thus you can understand that there are also incarnations of devotees as well as incarnation of Krishna. This is the power of the spirit soul, that it is unlimited. Such conception cannot be understood while one is in the conditioned state." (Letter, 12 December 1968)

Further the concept that a pure devotee (fully realized) may forget Krishna, even for a moment, is not supported by Srila Prabhupada and the previous acharyas. "As indicated by the word *satatam* and *nityasah*, which mean 'always,' 'regularly,' or 'every day,' **a pure devotee constantly remembers Krishna and meditates upon Him....A pure devotee cannot forget the Supreme Lord for a moment, and similarly the Supreme Lord cannot forget His pure devotee for a moment.**" (Bhagavad-Gita As It Is 8.14)

The Absolute Truth, or the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is realized by hearing about Him in all submission and love **from a bona fide authority who is a representative of the twelve great authorities mentioned in the Srimad Bhagavatam. SB 3.5.31**

It is not wonderful for persons who have accepted the transient material body as the self to engage always in deriding great souls. Such envy on the part of materialistic persons is very good because that is the way they fall down. They are diminished by the dust of the feet of great personalities.

Everything depends on the strength of the recipient. For example, due to the scorching sunshine many vegetables and flowers dry up, and many grow luxuriantly. Thus it is the recipient that causes growth and dwindling. Similarly, *mahīyasām pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekam*: the dust of the lotus feet of great personalities offers all good to the recipient, but the same dust can also do harm. **Those who are offenders at the lotus feet of a great personality dry up; their godly qualities diminish.** A great soul may forgive offenses, but Kṛṣṇa does not excuse offenses to the dust of that great soul's feet, just as one can tolerate the scorching sunshine on one's head but cannot tolerate the scorching sunshine on one's feet. An offender glides down more and more; therefore he naturally continues to commit offenses at the feet of the great soul. Offenses are generally committed by persons who falsely identify with the impermanent body. King Dakṣa was deeply engrossed in a misconception because he identified the body with the soul. He offended the lotus feet of Lord Śiva because he thought that his body, being the father of the body of Satī, was superior to Lord Śiva's. Generally, less intelligent men misidentify in that way, and they act in the bodily concept of life. Thus they are subject to commit more and more offenses at the lotus feet of great souls. One who has such a concept of life is considered to be in the class of animals like cows and asses.

Srimad-Bhagavatam : Canto 4: "The Creation of the Fourth Order" : SB 4.4: Sati Quits Her Body : SB 4.4.13 :

INSULTING AND THINKING THE ACARYA, SRILA PRABHUPADA AN ORDINARY MAN.

Don't say so much 'Prabhupada said'!

"You should not say so much 'Prabhupada said' you should say Goswami Maharaja said"! ISKCON Guru from Dallas, Texas to a senior Prabhupada disciple, 1980. Central USA.

"Prabhupada was his kind of acarya and I am my kind of acarya"

GBC AND GURU FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Note: By 1983, the LGEP continued in its *aparadha-buddhi*.merntality, In the publication of the revised Bhagavad-Gita As it is, the editors and the founding members of the SAAS deleted **Srila Prabhupada's honorific title "Greatest exponent of Krishna Consciousness in the Western world."**

Pictures of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Prabhupada, Srila Gaura Kishora Dasa Babaji, and Srila Jagannatha dasa Babaji are deleted by the editors.

SRILA PRABHUPADA AS ORDINARY MAN!

"Entering the room I see Prabhupada as ordinary, in my unloving eyes"! ISKCON Guru from Potomac, Maryland and former GBC, December 14, 1985.

SRILA PRABHUPADA AN IDOL!

"...Oh, the murti [Srila Prabhupada's murti] looks like an idol." ISKCON Guru from Potomac, Maryland, USA, and former GBC, December 14, 1985.

SEND HIM A LETTER AND...?

"Why don't you send Prabhupada a letter and please tell us what he [Srila Prabhupada] replies." ISKCON Guru-from Philadelphia, PA, USA, GBC January 14, 1990, San Diego, CA, USA right in front of Srila Prabhupada's divine murti.

EVEN SRILA PRABHUPADA MADE MISTAKES?

"...Oh, even Prabhupada made mistakes. He even made mistakes..." ISKCON Sannyasi to two Srila Prabhupada disciples, ISKCON Tucson, AZ, USA, September 1992.

IS KRISHNA-LILA MYTHOLOGY?

"I confessed I battle constantly with doubts whether Kṛṣṇa-Līlā is mythological!"(18) ISKCON Guru from Potomac, Maryland, USA, and former GBC "Here is Srila Prabhupada" pg. 56. 11.00 a.m.

Srila Prabhupada: The Supreme Lord can never be understood by irresponsible persons who think the pastimes of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa to be ordinary affairs. The rāsa dance is arranged by Kṛṣṇa's internal potency yogamāyā, and it is beyond the grasp of the materially affected person. Trying to throw mud into transcendence with their perversity, the sahajiyās misinterpret the sayings tat-paratvena nirmalam and tat-paro bhavet. By misinterpreting tādṛśīḥ kṛīḍāḥ, they want to indulge in sex while pretending to imitate Lord Kṛṣṇa. But one must actually understand the imports of the words through the intelligence of the authorized gosvāmīs. Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura, in his prayers to the Gosvāmīs, has explained his inability to understand such spiritual affairs. Sr Caitanya-caritamṛta - 1975 Edition The Confidential Reasons for Lord Caitanya's Appearance Adi 4.34

"...The froggish philosophers and mundane wranglers in science and mathematical calculation may not believe in the inconceivable potency of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, but they are sometimes puzzled by the wonderful jugglery of man and nature. **Such jugglers and magicians of the mundane world are actually puzzled by the jugglery of the lording in His transcendental activities by saying it is all mythology... There is nothing impossible or mythological in the Supreme Omnipotent person.**" Srimad-Bhagavatam 3.6.40

THE DEMONS SIMPLY ARGUE AND LABEL ALL THESE HISTORICAL INCIDENTS MYTHOLOGY.

Since He is floating innumerable planets with many hundreds and thousands of Mandara Mountains, why can't He lift one of them with His hand? This is not mythology, but the difference between the believers and the faithless is that the devotees accept the incidents mentioned in the Vedic literatures to be true, whereas the demons simply argue and label all these historical incidents mythology. Demons would prefer to explain that everything happening in the cosmic manifestation takes place by chance, but demigods, or devotees, never consider anything to be chance. Rather, they know that everything is an arrangement of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. That is the difference between the demigods and the demons... Srimad-Bhagavatam 8.6.38

SUCH PERSONS DESCRIBE THESE ACTIVITIES AS KALPANA-MYTHOLOGY OR IMAGINATION

Kṛṣṇa appears as an incarnation when real spiritual life declines and when rogues and thieves increase to disturb the situation of the world. Unfortunate, less intelligent persons, bereft of devotional service, cannot understand the Lord's activities, and therefore such persons describe these activities as kalpana-mythology or imagination- because they are rascals and the lowest of men (na mam duskrīno mudha prapadyante naradhamāḥ [Bg. 7.15]). Such men cannot understand that the events described by Vyāsadeva in the purāṇas and other āśtras are not fictitious or imaginary, but factual. Kṛṣṇa, in His full, unlimited potency, here shows that He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, for although the two trees were so large and sturdy that even many elephants could not move them, Kṛṣṇa, as a child, exhibited such extraordinary strength that they fell down with a great sound. From the very beginning, by killing Pūtaṇā, Śakatasura and Trṇavartasura, by causing the trees to fall, and by showing the entire universe within His mouth, Kṛṣṇa proved that He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The lowest of men (mudhas), because of sinful activities, cannot understand this, but devotees can accept it without a doubt. Thus the position of a devotee is different from that of a nondevotee.

Srīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.10.34-45

JUMPING OVER TO THE TENTH CANTO.

What he cannot do, he takes as mythology.

Srīla Prabhupada: No, no... It is... Kṛṣṇa-līlā is in the Srīmad-Bhāgavatam. So Srīmad-Bhāgavatam, why don't you begin from the first chapter of the Srīmad-Bhāgavatam? Janmady asya yataḥ [SB 1.1.1]. Just show how Kṛṣṇa is supreme, how everything is coming, coming from Him. Janmady asya yataḥ anvayad itarata carthesu abhijña svarat [SB 1.1.1]. These things explain by picture. That will be real education. Why you jump over on the Tenth Canto immediately? That is my point. **Srīla Prabhupada**
Conversation, January 22, 1977 Bhubhanesvara, India

Guest (1): No, we understand. We are depicting the...

Srīla Prabhupada: Begin.

Indian man: ...aspect, supreme superman.

Srīla Prabhupada: Just like one learns from ABCD, not jumping over M.A. class. That is my point. Teach people from the ABCD. So this is the beginning of Srīmad-Bhāgavatam. Janmady asya yataḥ [SB 1.1.1]. What Kṛṣṇa? He is the original. Aham sarvasya prabhavaḥ [Bg. 10.8]. Show that by film, how He is sarvasya prabhavo. That will be...

Guest (1): So He is always supreme power.

Srīla Prabhupada: That's all right. Not... You are going to produce some film. Begin from the first chapter of Srīmad-Bhāgavatam. Why you jump over the Tenth Canto? That is kept very confidential. Unless one understands... By understanding nine cantos of Srīmad-Bhāgavatam, he has no entrance. Just like you cannot enter into the law college unless you are graduate. So Sukadeva Gosvāmī has arranged in such a way that one should understand what is Kṛṣṇa by reading these nine cantos. Then he can enter into the Kṛṣṇa's līlā and Kṛṣṇa's birth. What is the purpose? He could have given Kṛṣṇa... Srīmad-Bhāgavatam is for Kṛṣṇa. So we have named this, Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa-kathā. So first Kṛṣṇa-kathā is: Kṛṣṇa is explaining Himself in the Bhāgavad-Gītā. Present Bhāgavad-Gītā. Then one accept Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme Personality... Sarva dharman parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja [Bg. 18.66]. When he comes to that stage, then Bhāgavatā begins. Dharmah projjhita-kaitavo 'tra paramo nirmatsaranam [SB 1.1.2]. Paramo nirmatsarānam. Unless one is matsara... "Oh, Kṛṣṇa is doing that? Why I cannot do it?" The sahajīya babajis, they do that. That is matsarata, that "Kṛṣṇa can do? I can also do." So he simply imitates Kṛṣṇa's rasa-līlā. And Kṛṣṇa can raise the Govardhana Hill—that is not possible. That is... What is called? Mythology. What he cannot do, he takes as mythology. And what he can easily imitate and go to hell, that is very good.

Guest (2): This very assertion, to our eyes, that... Our (indistinct) tells about Kṛṣṇa. So we can't take it otherwise.

Srīla Prabhupada: No, no, you cannot take, but the public will take like that. **Srīla Prabhupada Conversation,** January 22, 1977 Bhubhanesvara, India

Nothing is mythology

Devotee: I heard a story, Visvamisra once he grew people from trees. Is that correct?

Srila Prabhupada: Everything is possible by Kṛṣṇa's inconceivable energy. Everything is possible. That is inconceivable. It is called therefore "inconceivable." You, we cannot conceive how it is done. Our intelligence is very little. We cannot conceive. Therefore we say, "Oh, this is all mythology." Because we cannot conceive of it. Whatever we cannot conceive we take it as mythology. Nothing is mythology. Everything is possible. That is inconceivable. But they cannot understand what is inconceivable. Unless it is conceivable by them, they do not accept. That is their foolishness. We can see at night worms or flies so small Just like if you divide one grain of rice into one hundred divisions one division—such a small fly. They are independently walking, flying. Freedom. Now just imagine how their anatomic physiology is manufactured within that small (indistinct) of life. But he's exactly doing everything just like a big fly. How it is doing? Therefore I said in that, my interview.

Devotee: Oh. "They can manufacture a jumbo jet but they can't make a mosquito. Neither can they supply the pilot."

Srila Prabhupada: And the mosquito is with the pilot. They are manufacturing jumbo 747 plane. It requires a pilot separately. But Kṛṣṇa is manufacturing an airplane, mosquito—everything complete, with pilot. This is inconceivable. You can manufacture a big airplane. The pilot is separate. You cannot manufacture the pilot. Kṛṣṇa is manufacturing not only the smallest airplane, but with a pilot. This is inconceivable.

Devotee: Also he makes those, you wrote in the Bhāgavatam there are those giant birds that fly in space.

Srila Prabhupada: And there will be hundreds and thousands mosquitoes, they will fly. There will be no accident.

Devotee: No collisions.

Srila Prabhupada: No. Anywhere it will be... Not only flies. The birds, when they flock together, so there is no collision. And they very forcibly go like this, this, this, this, all together, but you won't find one accident. And this is Kṛṣṇa's inconceivable energy. What you can do? You cannot fly hundreds of planes at a time. There will be at least three, four accidents. **Srila Prabhupada Conversation**, September 3, 1976. Vrindavana, India.

GREAT PERSONS WHO CONSIDERED THEMSELVES GREAT OFFENDERS.

Examples of great personalities who considered themselves great offenders:

1. Lord Balarama, after killing Romaharsana Suta.
2. Parasurama, after killing the ksatriyas.
3. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, who refused to take mango, saying, "No, I am offender."
4. Srila Prabhupada, who begged forgiveness in his last days for offending His Godbrothers.
5. Narottama dasa and Bhaktivinoda Thakura, who lament in their songs not exactly for having committed offenses, but for wasting their lives in material life." (19) ISKCON Guru from Potomac, Maryland, USA, and former GBC, 'Guru Reform Notebook', pgs. 24-25

EVEN SRILA PRABHUPADA COULD FALL DOWN.

Devotee: So what is this philosophy that you are claiming that pure devotees can fall down?

ISKCON Sannyasi: Oh yes, in the Caitanya-Caritamṛta, it says that even a Maha-Bhagavata can fall down?

Devotee: But do you see any examples of that?

ISKCON sannyasi: [silent]

Even Prabhupada could have fallen down!

Devotee: "Do you mean to say that according to your philosophy, if all living entities can fall down, could Prabhupada have fallen down?"

ISKCON Guru: "Oh yes that is always a possibility. Even he could fall down." ISKCON Guru from Kansas City, Kansas, USA, to a senior Prabhupada disciple, August 1994, ISKCON Los Angeles, CA, USA.

There is no possibility that a first-class devotee will fall down, even though he may mix with nondevotees to preach.

Madhya 22.71 The Process of Devotional Service

It should be understood that a madhyama-adhikari, a second-class devotee, is fully convinced of Kṛṣṇa consciousness but cannot support his convictions with sastric reference. A neophyte may fall down by associating with nondevotees because he is not firmly convinced and strongly situated. The second-class devotee, even though he cannot support his position with sastric reference, can gradually become a first-class devotee by studying the sastras and associating with a first-class devotee. However, if the second-class devotee does not advance himself by associating with a first-class devotee, he makes no progress. **There is no possibility that a first-class devotee will fall down, even though he may mix with nondevotees to preach.** Conviction and faith gradually increase to make one an uttama-adhikari, a first-class devotee.

WAS SRILA PRABHUPADA JUST AN EMPLOYEE OF ISKCON?

1998 Litigation between the BBT and Hans Kary. (Hansadutta dasa)

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Srila Prabhupada warned:

"...Queen Draupadī had a beautiful bunch of hair which was sanctified in the ceremonial function of Rājasūya-yajña. But when she was lost in a bet, Duṣṣāsana touched her glorified hair to insult her. Draupadī then fell down at the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and Lord Kṛṣṇa decided that all the wives of Duṣṣāsana and company should have their hair loosened as a result of the Battle of Kurukṣetra. Thus after the Battle of Kurukṣetra, after all the sons and grandsons of Dhṛtarāṣṭra died in battle, all the wives of the family were obliged to loosen their hair as widows. In other words, all the wives of the Kuru family became widows because of Duṣṣāsana's insulting a great devotee of the Lord. The Lord

can tolerate insults upon Himself by any miscreant because the father tolerates even insults from the son. **But He never tolerates insults upon His devotees. By insulting a great soul, one has to forego all the results of pious acts and benedictions also...** Srimad-Bhagavatam - The Pandavas Retire Timely SB 1.15.10

"...A Vaiṣṇava strictly follows this principle of being humbler than the grass and more tolerant than a tree, expecting no honor from others but offering honor to everyone. In this way, a Vaiṣṇava is simply interested in chanting about the Supreme personality of Godhead and glorifying Him. Haridāsa Ṭhākura epitomized this foremost order of Vaiṣṇavism. Kṛṣṇa cannot tolerate any insults or blasphemy against a Vaisnava. For example, Prahlāda Mahārāja was chastised by his father, Hiraṇyakaśipu, in so many ways, but although Prahlāda tolerated this, Kṛṣṇa did not. The Lord therefore came in the form of Nṛsiṃhadeva to kill Hiraṇyakaśipu. Similarly, although Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura tolerated the insult by Gopāla Cakravartī, Kṛṣṇa could not. The Lord immediately punished Gopāla Cakravartī by making him suffer from leprosy. While instructing Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī about the many restrictive rules and regulations for Vaiṣṇavas, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu has very vividly described the effects of offenses at the lotus feet of a Vaisnava. *Yadi vaisnava-aparādha uthe hātī mātā* (Madhya 19.156). **Offending or blaspheming a Vaiṣṇava has been described as the greatest offense, and it has been compared to a mad elephant. When a mad elephant enters a garden, it ruins all the creepers, flowers and trees. Similarly, if a devotee properly executing his devotional service becomes an offender at the lotus feet of his spiritual master or a Vaisnava, his devotional service is spoiled...**" Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta - 1975 Edition - The Glories of Srila Haridasa Thakura Antya 3.213:

"... But Kṛṣṇa does not want. **If you insult His devotee, the devotee may excuse, but Kṛṣṇa will not excuse. This is Kṛṣṇa's position.** Therefore be careful to insult a devotee. A devotee may excuse you. But Kṛṣṇa will not excuse you. **Kṛṣṇa is so strict.** He cannot tolerate any insult to His devotee..." Bhagavad-gita Lectures 1.26-27 -- London, July 21, 1973

"**Lord cannot tolerate any insult, or any, I mean to say, misbehave to a sādhu.** Although *sādhu*, they do not, I mean to say, mind if they are insulted, they do not mind, but the Lord will never tolerate if a *sādhu* is... Just like a small boy, your child, if somebody slaps him in the street... That boy may excuse, "Oh, all right," but his father and mother will never tolerate. "Why you have slapped my son?" That is the nature. Similarly, the *sādhu*, who is a great devotee of the Lord, they might be tolerant. You can crucify him, can do any misbehavior to him. He's never angry. **But God will never tolerate. We must always remember that.** He has got special protection, special vision, on the *sādhu*..." (Lectures Bhagavad-gita 4.6-8 -- New York, July 20, 1966)

"**...So this is the fact, that Kṛṣṇa will never tolerate insult on a devotee. He will never tolerate.** The devotee may excuse, *trṇād api suni aunīcena taror api sahisnunā*. He may suffer. Just like Prahlāda Mahārāja, he was suffering. His father was torturing him. He was suffering, "All right." But Kṛṣṇa never tolerated. "Oh, you have done so much. Now it is the time to kill him." This is the process. Kṛṣṇa will tolerate. Even you insult Kṛṣṇa, He will tolerate. **But if you insult His devotee, He will never tolerate. Then you are finished. Then you are finished.** Just like a big man. If you insult him, he may think "All right, let him." But if you insult or do something harm to his child, he will never tolerate. He will never tolerate. Similarly, a devotee who is dependent on Kṛṣṇa in everything, and if somebody does harm to him, insults him, **Kṛṣṇa will never tolerate.** That is explained in the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *vaisnava-aparādha*. *Tāra madhye vaisnava-aparādha hāti matta*. So we should be very careful not to offend Vaisnava devotees. Not to offend. This is greatest offense. Therefore it is said *vipra-śāpa-vimūdhānām*. *Vimūdhānām*. **Those who are rascal, fools, they will want to try to insult real brāhmaṇa, Vaisnava. Then they are finished. Of course, a Vaisnava never curses. Tolerates. Trṇād api sunīcena taror... Vaisnava tolerates, but Visnu never tolerates...**" Srimad-Bhagavatam Lectures 1.15.22-23 -- Los Angeles, December 2, 1973 : 731202SB.LA

Srila Prabhupada clearly warns all of His students not to think of the spiritual master as an ordinary man. The strongest warning in all of Srila Prabhupada's teachings is found in the Srimad-Bhagavatam:

"Therefore a devotee who engages in the service of the Supreme Lord and who constantly thinks of Him should never be considered to have a material body. It is therefore enjoined. **gurusu nara-matī**: one should stop thinking of the spiritual master as an ordinary human being with a material body. **Arcye vishnau siladhih**: everyone knows that the deity in the temple is made of stone, but to think that the deity is merely a stone is an offense. Similarly to think that the body of the spiritual master consists of material ingredients is offensive. Atheists think that devotees foolishly worship a stone statue as God and an ordinary man as the guru. The fact is however, that by the grace of Kṛṣṇa's omnipotence, the so-called stone statue of the deity is directly the Supreme Personality of Godhead. and the body of the spiritual master is directly spiritual."(29) HDGACBSP Srimad-Bhagavatam 8.3.2. [Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, Los Angeles, CA, USA. 1976]

And what is the position of a so-called Vaishnava who finds fault with an empowered pure devotee like Srila Prabhupada.

"The same principles can be applied to demoniac persons, even though they may be in the Sampradaya of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Without receiving the Lord's special power one cannot preach His Glories all over the world. Even though one may celebrate himself as a learned follower of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and even though one may attempt to preach the holy name of the Lord, **if he is not favored by Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu he will find fault with the pure devotee and will not be able to understand how a preacher is empowered by Lord Caitanya.**" (30)... HDG ACBSP Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta Madhya-Lila 11. 103 [Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, Los Angeles, CA, USA 1976]

I want you to know that nothing new should be added. Whatever I have introduced should remain. Nothing new should be added. **New things means their brain is not clear. Carefully manage things what I have established. " Letter to: Rupanuga: — Vrindaban 4 September, 1974**

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"...Ācāryam mām vijānīyān. Kṛṣṇa says, "Ācārya means I am." Nāvamanyeta karhicit: "Do not try to neglect." Na martya-buddhyāsūyeta:" **Do not consider ācārya, spiritual master, as ordinary human being and become envious.**" **These things are warned.** Ācāryam mām vijānīyān nāvamanyeta karhicit, na martya-buddhyāsūyeta [SB 11.17.27]. Familiarity breeds contempt. That is not good..." Lectures : Srimad-Bhagavatam Lectures : Canto 6: Lectures : SB 6.1: Lectures : Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.1.28-29 -- Philadelphia, July 13, 1975

'The spiritual master is as good as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and therefore one who is very serious about spiritual advancement must regard the spiritual master in

this way. **Even a slight deviation from this understanding can create disaster in the disciple's Vedic studies and austerities**" Books : Srimad-Bhagavatam : Canto 7: "The Science of God" : SB 7.15: Instructions for Civilized Human Beings : SB 7.15.27

Srila Prabhupada: ...throw him away, "Go away. I have now learned." Guru-mara-vidya, to, the knowledge of how to kill guru. Guru-mara-vidya. Their, the philosophy is that you cannot rise up. You take a ladder. But as soon as you rise, throw away the ladder. No more. No more needed. That is Mayavada philosophy . Our philosophy is dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam. (Morning Walk 1973

"The instructions given to the disciple by the Spiritual Master at the time of initiation should be strictly followed. That will make one advance to the spiritual path. **But if one deliberately defies such instructions, then his advancement is hampered from the very beginning. This defying means to disconnect the relationship with the Spiritual Master.** And anyone who defies and therefore disconnects the relationship with the Spiritual Master can hardly expect the assistance of the Spiritual Master life after life. I hope this will clear up this question sufficiently for you ..." (Letter to Jayapataka Los Angeles, 1969)

SRILA PRABHUPADA RE: WHATEVER THE SPIRITUAL MASTER SAYS IS PERFECT.

Jayādvaita: Just like Gaura-kīśora could not write. So it appeared that he did not, there was something that he did not know, although he knew Kṛṣṇa.

Srila Prabhupāda: Yes. He knows everything. Otherwise how Bhaktisiddhānta accepted him as guru? He knows Kṛṣṇa. That's all.

Nalinī-kānta: Whatever the spiritual master says, that is also perfect?

Srila Prabhupāda: Yes. Because he says nothing concocted. Whatever he says, he says from śāstra, and guru
Conversations 1975, Morning Walk -- April 8, 1975, Mayapur.

"Regarding the first question in your letter about how do we know of the spiritual abodes since once going there no one returns, you should know that the great liberated souls and incarnations who appear from time to time in this material world are not actually coming back, because they are never subject to material contamination or the laws of material nature. For the purpose of delivering the fallen living entities they come here temporarily and then go back when their business is finished, and this is all under the direct order of the Lord. So the appearance of the Lord or the great liberated souls in the material is different from the appearance of the contaminated living entity who is forced to take birth in the material world due to his desire to lord it over the world..." Letter to: Vrndavanesvari -- New Vrindaban 6 June, 1969.

BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE EVEN ATTEMPT TO FIND FAULT WITH OR DEPRECATE THE POSITION OF AN EXALTED ACARYA, ESPECIALLY SOMEONE LIKE SRILA PRABHUPADA AND THE PREVIOUS ACARYAS [MAHAJANAS].

"Influenced by an envious temperament and dissatisfied because of an attitude of sense gratification, mundaners criticize a real acarya. In fact, however, a bona fide acarya is non-different from the Personality of Godhead. And therefore to envy such an acarya is to envy the Personality of Godhead Himself. This will produce an effect subversive to transcendental realization." Books : Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta - 1975 Edition
The Spiritual Masters : Adi 1.46

BUT WHAT TO DO? SRILA PRABHUPADA GIVES A SOLUTION.

In Bhagavad-gita there is reference to bodhayantah parasparam, "discussing among themselves." Generally pure devotees utilize their valuable time in chanting and discussing various activities of Lord Kṛṣṇa or Lord Caitanya amongst themselves. There

are innumerable books, such as the Puranas, Mahabharata, Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita and Upanisads, which contain countless subjects for discussion among two devotees or more. **Friendship should be cemented between persons with mutual interests and understanding. Such persons are said to be sva jati, "of the same caste."** **The devotee should avoid a person whose character is not fixed in the standard understanding; even though he may be a Vaisnava, or a devotee of Krsna, if his character is not correctly representative, then he should be avoided.** One should steadily control the senses and the mind and strictly follow the rules and regulations, and he should make friendship with persons of the same standard. But what to do? Srila Prabhupada gives a solution. SB 3.29.17 Explanation of Devotional Service by Lord Kapila

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"HE LIVES FOREVER BY HIS DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS
AND THE FOLLOWER LIVES WITH HIM"

(Srila Prabhupada's dedication to the
Srimad-Bhagavatam, New Delhi, India 1962)

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