

## CONVERSATIONS BOOKS ON NEW GURUS

A discussion ensued about Hansadutta's problems in Germany, as he apparently had tried to assume a post of initiating guru, causing complaints.

**Srila Prabhupada:** *No, you become guru, but you must be qualified first of all. Then you become... What is the use of producing some rascal guru?*

**Tamal:** *Well, I have studied myself and all of your disciples, and it's clear fact that we are all conditioned souls, so we cannot be guru. Maybe one day it may be possible...*

**Srila Prabhupada:** *Hmm.*

**Tamal:** *...but not now.*

**(COMMENT:** In only 7 months, eleven disciples proclaimed themselves "zonal aharyas" of ISKCON.)

**Srila Prabhupada:** *Yes. I shall choose some guru. I shall say, "Now you become acharya. You become authorized." I am waiting for that. You become acharya. I retire completely. But the training must be complete.*

**Tamal:** *The process of purification must be there.*

**Srila Prabhupada:** *Oh, yes, must be there. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu wants that. Amara ajnaya guru hana. "You become guru." (laughs) But be qualified. Little thing, strictly follower...*

**Tamal:** *Not rubber stamp.*

**Srila Prabhupada:** *Then you'll not be effective. Just see our Gaudiya Math. Everyone wanted to become guru, and a small temple and "guru." What kind of guru? No publication, no preaching, simply bring some foodstuff... My Guru Maharaj used to say, "Joint mess," a place for eating and sleeping. (Joint mess means a type of cooperative hotel in India) (Con:32.356-7)*

**(COMMENT:** On May 28, Srila Prabhupada said that his disciples could become guru "on my order." No order ever came, however, for disciples to become acharya or full, initiating diksha guru.)

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Then Srila Prabhupada explained what to do after His departure.

*"The system of management will go on as it is now. There is no need of changing. The money which is in my personal name in different banks, that is being spent for the society, and it will be society property."*

(Con:33.204-209)

See his May 23 WILL.

May 25, 1977. *"I shall appoint some sanniyasis as acharyas; the symptoms are very bad."* (TkgD.48)

**(COMMENT:** This acharya appointment statement is unconfirmed anywhere else besides Tamal. Perhaps this is the occasion when Srila Prabhupada first mentioned His plan to appoint rtvik acharyas. On May 28, Tamal asked, "Is that called rtvik-acharya?" and thus revealed he knew about them from a previous, unrecorded

discussion.)

**AUTHOR'S COMMENT:** Was this when Srila Prabhupada had discussed with Tamal about rtviks prior to the May 28 rtvik appointment? Since Tamal did not use the word rtvik in his May 28 diary entry, perhaps he is omitting the use of this word for the May 25 entry? At some point in the sorting out of the guru question in the Hare Krishna movement, Tamal will be asked to bring forth his diary for examination by an investigative committee to see exactly how the original diary entries were expanded or paraphrased in his book, **TKG's Diary. END COMMENT**

*"Among yourselves, there is no strong man. That is the defect. All like child. That is the defect. And it requires a very strong man. That is lacking. In every minute details I have poked my nose."* (Con:33.233)

**AUTHOR'S COMMENT:** Satsvarupa Maharaj's biography subtly alters the actual May 28 statements of Srila Prabhupada, the oft studied *"appointment tape"* discussion, by portraying Srila Prabhupada's choosing *"rtviks"* as the appointment of regular gurus. Today, in 1999, most leaders of ISKCON admit there was not an appointment of gurus, and now ISKCON has a system of no-objection certification for new gurus "authorized" to initiate their own disciples. For over twenty years, senior disciples of Srila Prabhupada have variously interpreted or twisted Srila Prabhupada's teachings and instructions for the sake of their own positions.

Satsvarupa's quotations do not quite match the actual tape transcriptions. His biography was written in 1983 when the self-appointed *"acharyas"* were busy establishing their supposedly divinely ordained positions. To compare Satsvarupa's version in his *"authorized"* biography, Volume 6, pgs. 324-5, and Tamal's version in **TKG's Diary** pg 52-53, with the actual transcription of tape recordings (Con:33.269-270) published by the Bhaktivedanta Archives, see **APPENDIX 5**, and note the differences and omissions. **END COMMENT**

**JULY 20:** This morning Srila Prabhupada said as He looked at His hands and legs, *"It is reducing so much, soon I will be only bones ."* (TkgD.125)

Srila Prabhupada received news from Hansadutta in Ceylon and dictated a reply, *"Nobody is going to disturb you there. Make your own field and continue to become rtvik and act on my charge. People are becoming sympathetic there. The place is very nice."*