

Dear Radhanatha Swami Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I want to express my deep appreciation for all the amazing preaching and projects you and your followers are doing in India and elsewhere. Srila Prabhupada has obviously blessed you with an enormous ability to preach and spread this movement in a large way.

I am greatly concerned, nonetheless, that your mission will ultimately fail to fructify as we have seen with many other successful preachers who ignored Srila Prabhupada's warnings and advice. ISKCON was never meant to be a vehicle for our own ambitions, and when Srila Prabhupada saw the numbers of his neophyte disciples increasing, he left this world early, although he could have stayed longer. Srila Prabhupada commented the same thing with regard to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta—that he could have stayed longer but was disappointed that his disciples were remaining hard-hearted and materialistic and were thus expanding the ranks with *prakrita-bhaktas*.

In 1972 Srila Prabhupada wrote to many leading preachers and advised them to not go on constantly canvassing for converts but to **“boil the milk.”** He said, **“What is the use of some many devotees if none of them are knowledgeable?”** And **“When the waves of *maya* attack, your little sentiment for Krishna may not save you. All of my disciples must be thoroughly trained in the philosophy of Krishna consciousness.”**

Although your way of management and organization is certainly very effective in the short run, it cannot possibly last and fructify into pure Krishna-*bhakti*, since the whole show is based on false pretense, disobedience and/or misunderstanding. We have all seen so many repeated examples of this fallacy in our ISKCON mission.

You are in a unique position to rectify ISKCON leadership and save the day, so to speak, by helping to reestablish our eternal tradition of hearing from and following with careful attention our *paramahansa* Vaisnava *acaryas*, who are all embodied in the person and teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Unfortunately, at present, most ISKCON devotees are not being trained to hear constantly from Prabhupada and follow him carefully with rapt attention. Many, if not most, prefer to hear *sahajiyā bhajans* and the recorded lectures of upstarts and pretenders, many of whom are already gone or incapacitated.

All these guru enterprises are an unauthorized distraction and division in Prabhupada's mission and an impediment in the lives and services of innumerable devotees who are attracted to Prabhupada's movement but not trained to understand that Srila Prabhupada is their personal savior, initiator and guide. They are not trained to understand that they may develop a direct, personal relationship with Prabhupada through *diksa* and *shiksa* and practical service to him, particularly through hearing. They are rather led to believe they must shop around for a guru in ISKCON, sometimes repeatedly, until they find one who is steady. Thousands of devotees have thus left the special shelter of Prabhupada's ISKCON mission to follow persons of more steady character who claim to be *acaryas* of the Gaudiya Matha.

Srila Prabhupada said, **“What we have heard from the spiritual master—that is living.”** Srila Prabhupada is our living guru, living still in sound.

I hope you will carefully read and understand the enclosed article and booklet and do the needful. I do not blame you for your misdirection but blame your associates like Kirtanananda Swami, Jayapataka Swami, and Tamal Krishna Goswami. You naturally looked up to your senior Godbrothers due to your soft-hearted nature, but these men have done the greatest disservice by polluting the mission with false ambitions, the original sin of all conditioned souls.

Srila Prabhupada warned, **“You can cheat but it will not be effective.”** (At least not in the long-run.)

I hope this meets you well and look forward to your guidance in these matters. I hope you will forgive me for any offenses in this presentation. I realize you are an advanced devotee, and for this reason only I write personally to you alone in this regard.

Although you are a strong devotee, the weight of the sinful reactions of so many neophyte disciples-- along with the ill-will and disdain of so many other devotees you have offended by your actions, associations and disregard for Srila Prabhupada’s clear orders regarding initiations and book change-- may soon crush you, the way it did your above-named heroes and so many others like them. It is, of course, never too late to rectify, but sooner is better than later for the good of all. Don’t remain on the wrong side of ISKCON history. Srila Prabhupada is the SAD Guru for the Golden Age!

Your old friend and aspiring servant in Prabhupada-*pada-sevanam*.

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