

## Parampara means continuation of transcendental knowledge not physical body succession

"Parampara means to hear the truth from the spiritual master."

(Sriila Prabhupada Room Conversation, December 20th, 1976)

'Parampara means they do not change the word of Krishna. That is parampara'

(Sriila Prabhupada Lecture, 11/8/1974)

"So although a physical body is not present, the vibration should be accepted as the presence of the spiritual master, vibration. What we have heard from the spiritual master, that is living."

(Sriila Prabhupada lecture, January 13, 1969)

"Reception of spiritual knowledge is never checked by any material condition." (Srimad-Bhagavatam 7.7.1, purport)

"The potency of transcendental sound is never minimised because the vibrator is apparently absent."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 2.9.8, purport)

"[...] Similarly, the spiritual master can be present wherever the disciple wants, **A spiritual master is the principle, not the body.**"

(Sriila Prabhupada Letter, May 28th, 1968)

Brahma, the prime spiritual master of everyone, is the living example of this process of receiving transcendental knowledge.

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(Srimad-Bhagavatam 2.9.8, purport)

Ganesa: "Sriila Prabhupada, if the knowledge was handed down by the saintly kings, evam parampara-praptam, how is it that the knowledge was lost?"

Sriila Prabhupada: "When it was not handed down. Simply understood by speculation. Or if it is not handed down as it is.

They might have made some changes. Or they did not hand it down. Suppose I handed it down to you, but if you do not do that, then it is lost. Now the Krishna consciousness movement is going on in my presence. **Now after my departure, if you do not do this, then it is lost. If you go on as you are doing now, then it will go on.**"

(Room conversation, May 9, 1975,)

"Yes, whoever you tell the chant to, it is effective. [...] Because you have heard it from a pure devotee of the Lord, therefore it is transmitted from you to another. Just as an aerial message, is transmitted from one place to another, similarly, this guru parampara system is working. **My disciples are my agents, my representatives, so by hearing it from them, you are receiving it from me.**"

(Sriila Prabhupada Letter, March 6th, 1968,)

"If death takes place, let it take here. So there is nothing to be said new. Whatever I have to speak, I have spoken in my books. Now you try to understand it and continued your endeavour. Whether I am present or not, it doesn't matter."

(Sriila Prabhupada arrival address, May 17th, 1977, )

"Now, here also it is stated, sa kaleneha mahata yogo nastah parantapa: "My dear Arjuna, oh, you're are the great hero.

Now, that the Bhagavad-gita, the instruction which I imparted to the sun-god, was coming by disciplic succession. Now it is

lost." Now, we have to note down this point. Why it is lost? Do you think that there was no learned man during that time?

During Krishna's time? Oh, there were many learned sages. Not only one, two, there were dozens of learned stages. But

still, the lord said, Krishna said, that "They... That knowledge which I exactly imparted to sun-god is now lost." How is it lost?

There were many scholars, and still, how it is lost? **The lost means that the purport of Bhagavad-gita is lost.**"

(Sriila Prabhupada letter, November 8, 1973)