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THE DISCIPLE'S DUTY IS TO PREACH

His Divine Grace

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Spreading Krishna consciousness is Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mission; therefore his sincere devotees must carry out his desire.... The devotees of Lord Chaitanya must preach Krishna consciousness in every village and town in the world. That will satisfy the Lord. It is not that one should act whimsically for his own personal satisfaction. This order comes down through the *paramparā* system, and the spiritual master presents these orders to the disciple so that he can spread the message of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. It is the duty of every disciple to carry out the order

of the bona fide spiritual master and spread Lord Chaitanya's message all over the world. 🙏

— From the purport to Cc. madhya 16.64.

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S GRIHASTHA BEHAVIOUR

A memory of the life of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

I would frequently visit Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Maharaja's *maṭha* at Bagh Bazaar in Calcutta, and it was there that I first met Sri Abhaya Charan Prabhu [Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada's name as a *grhastha*] in 1927. We used to associate together in the *maṭha*. I made a close friendship with him at that time, although I was a brahmacārī and he was a *grhastha*. Because he waited eleven years before he took initiation, I was initiated before him. However, he was older than me and senior in many ways — senior in age, senior in qualification, and even senior in meeting our gurudeva.

Abhaya Prabhu behaved very humbly to everyone, even though he was senior in many ways to most of the people who came later during those eleven years. He would always pay respect to others just because they had taken initiation first. Though he had made that devoted connection with our gurudeva first,

he didn't formally take initiation until later on because of his family and his business. I clearly recall how very serious, simple and humble he was.

Sometimes when I was in Calcutta I would go to visit him at Sita Kanta Banerjee Lane where he had his home and chemist business. Satprasangananda Brahmachari and Satish Prabhu used to accompany me when I visited his house on Sita Banerjee Lane. He was very affectionate to us. He always welcomed guests into his home. He opened his house to any *vaiṣṇavas* from the *Gauḍīya Maṭha*, whether they were his godbrothers or young *brahmacārīs* who weren't godbrothers and hadn't even been initiated.

When we used to go out on preaching programs in Calcutta, we would sometimes finish very late at night. We would go to his house at that late hour, and his policy was always to open his door to have us stay with him, even though we had not given him any warning. We would come and knock on his door and he would always open the door and welcome us in. Often, he would even give us his own room and sleep out in the living room himself. When we woke up in the morning he would cook and offer *prasādam* to us. We came there so many times. On many occasions I also came as a guest at his house along with Srila Bhakti Prajnan Keshava Maharaja.

I recall that later, when Abhaya Charan Prabhu was living in Calcutta, he told us that he didn't keep installed deities in his home at that time because his wife and family weren't so favorable. His wife was actually initiated by Bhakti Saranga Maharaja, who was one of his godbrothers. Prabhu had arranged for her to be initiated, but she wasn't so much involved. He had his own room in the house, and he kept it very *pakka* to a very high-class standard. He had photos on the altar of Radha-Krishna deities, Sri Sri Nitai Gaura, and his gurudeva. He worshiped all those pictures every day, and offered all the *bhoga* in the house to them. He did most of that *sevā* himself. We noticed how carefully he kept that standard.

As far as I understood, Abhaya Charan Prabhu kept the highest standards from the time that he first met Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, and especially later. We saw that he chanted sixty-four rounds a day, even though he hadn't requested formal initiation, and this was during the time that he was working full time in his business. Whenever we met him he was chanting one lakh of names (64 rounds) every day. Whenever he got time off from work, he would immediately go to associate with the different devotees of the *Gauḍīya*

Maṭha. He often went to Bagh Bazaar, and sometimes he would also go by train to Nabadwip and Mayapur. ❀

— From an interview with Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada's disciple, Sripad Nayananda Das Babaji Maharaja, recorded on 9 March 1999. From, *Our Srila Prabhupada a Friend to All: Early Contemporaries Remember Him*. By Mulaprakriti Dasi. New Delhi. Brij Books. 2004.

“WE MUST TAKE KRISHNA ALL OVER THE WORLD”

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada

The ancient tirtha known as Alarnath Brahmagiri, near Jagannath Puri, is where Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu began his preaching tour of South India. This place was very dear to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada. During his last visit there, on 19 May 1934, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta made the following prophetic statement that was eventually fulfilled by Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada:

*ākāśayāna bimāna rathare śrī jagannātha devaṅku
iṣṭabarṇa landanaku nebāḅku heba, seṭhāre ālālanātha
heba, gauḍīya nātha o gopīnātha prakāṣa hebe sarvatra śrī
caitanya mahāprabhuṅka arccā prakāṣa karibāḅku heba,
nacet manuṣya-jātura maṅgala heba-nāhiṅ.*

We must take Lord Jagannath in an airplane chariot to Eastbourne, London. There Alarnath, Gaudiyanath [Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who is the Lord of the Gaudiya Vaishnavas] and Gopinath will appear. We must install the deity of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu everywhere in the world, otherwise there will be no auspiciousness for the human race. ❀

— From the Odiya magazine *Paramārthi*. Feb. 1976, p. 34. Translated and published in *Sri Krishna Kathamrita* magazine, issue 5. Page 68. Gopal Jiu Publications. ISKCON Bhubaneswar.

RELISH AND DISTRIBUTE WRITINGS OF THE PREVIOUS ACARYAS

Srila Thakur Bhaktivinode

Newspapers that make the readers happy by daily writing of new topics only write about varieties of the material world, but the topics of Lord Hari are different. They never become old. The more one hears or speaks of the Lord, the more one relishes these topics. O readers! If you have any attachment for the topics of Hari, then relish the descriptions written by the *mahājanas* again and again. Although this newspaper is very small, nevertheless in each edition the conclusive descriptions of the mellows of devotional service written by the previous *mahājanas* are published part by part.

Since there is no question of worldly stories in this paper, we must publish some compositions of the

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Jayadev Goswami and Gītā Govinda

previous great learned scholars. The material world is full of nonsense talks; therefore, do not avoid relishing the pastimes and the science of devotional service available in this small newspaper *Śrī Sajjana-toṣaṇī*. There is no doubt that the compositions of the previous great saintly persons will be more covered than our own writings.

Another point of consideration is that those who are fond of reading should certainly read the devotional work of the previous saintly persons. If such readers gradually enter into and relish these writings, they will obtain immense pleasure. Unfortunately, we love to read our own writing or the writing of some new modern authors. But when we deeply absorb ourselves in the compositions of the *mahājānas*, we no longer like the modern compositions. The point is that we think we can compose better than the *mahājānas*. But when this illusion is destroyed we no longer like the modern compositions. Great personalities and poets do not always come to the material world. They are rare. Therefore it is very difficult to find great poets after Jayadev Goswami and Sri Rupa Goswami. Only when some recipients of Sri Krishna's mercy appear in this world will we again see books like *Śrī Gītagovinda* and *Śrī Bhāgavatāmṛta*. To feel happy by reading the work of modern authors and poets is like

imagining one is relishing milk by drinking buttermilk because there is an absence of milk.

We do not find any writing sweeter than the writing of the *mahājānas*. Oh! What can be a more instructive book about *rasa* than *Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu*? All glories to Sri Rupa Goswami! All glories to Sri Sanatan Goswami! We do not find any sweet and conclusive composition other than their compositions. O readers! Please daily relish the essence of *Śrī Brahma-saṁhitā*, *Śrī Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta*, and *Śrī Bhāgavatāmṛta*. ❀

— From *Sajjana-toṣaṇī* 10.5. From *Śrī Bhaktivinoda Vāṇī Vaibhava*. Pp 337-338. Compiled by and with questions from Sri Sundarananda Vidyavinode. Translated by Sri Bhumipati Das, Published by Sri Iswara Das and Touchstone Media. Vrindavan. 2002.

PREACHING IS A NECESSITY

Sri Srimad Gour Govinda Swami Maharaja

Let me go to hell and suffer there, but I must go out and preach, glorify the name, fame of the Supreme Lord, and thereby so many sinful, fallen persons will be delivered. They will take shelter at the lotus feet of such a *vaiṣṇava*, and their sinful reactions must come to that *vaiṣṇava*. But the spiritual master will never suffer fully because he has kept Krishna in his heart. Such a *premi-bhakta* will never suffer fully, only partially.” ❀

— From a lecture in Bhubaneswar on 13 February 1994.

THE GOSWAMI'S PRAYERS FOR BOOK DISTRIBUTION

Adapted from Srila Narahari Chakravarti's Śrī Bhakti-ratnākara 6.215-231

Gathering together, all the *gōsvāmīs* of Vrindavan decided in their hearts that Srinivas should at once be sent to Gaudadesh. Everywhere in Vraja the news spread, “Srinivas will carry the books to Gaudadesh. He will distribute the jewel-like books in place after place.”

As Srinivas prepared for the journey, tears flowed from their eyes, and everyone said, “How will we remain peaceful at heart?” The wise *vrajavāsīs* could not remain peaceful. Srinivas Acharya was everyone's very life. Who was not delighted by Srinivas's activities? Even wretched and fallen people honored him.

Seeing how Srinivas walked on the path of devotional service, Srila Jiva Goswami always felt limitless joy in his heart. One day, with joyful hearts, Srila Jiva Goswami and the other devotees assembled at Sri Govinda's temple.



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Narottam, Srinivas, and Shyamananda

*śrī govinda-deve kahe sumadhura bhāṣe
grantha-vitarāṇa-śakti deha śrīnivāse*

With sweet words they prayed to Sri Govindadev, “Please give Srinivas the power to distribute the holy books.” (224)



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As the devotees spoke this prayer, the garland around Sri Govinda’s neck broke and fell to the ground. The Lord wished to give that garland to Srinivas. Quickly, carefully, and with tears of divine love, the *pujāri* gave the garland to Srinivas. Srinivas respectfully accepted the garland. Gazing at Govinda’s face, Srinivas became wild with ecstatic love. Again and again he fell to the ground to offer his respects. He could not check the river of tears that flowed from his eyes.

Seeing how Lord Govinda bestowed his mercy, with very joyful hearts everyone praised Srinivas. At that time Srila Jiva Goswami and the others decided on the day when Srinivas would depart for Gaudadesh. Everyone agreed that in the month of *Agrahāyana*, on the fifth day of the bright fortnight, Srinivas would begin his journey. 🌸

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