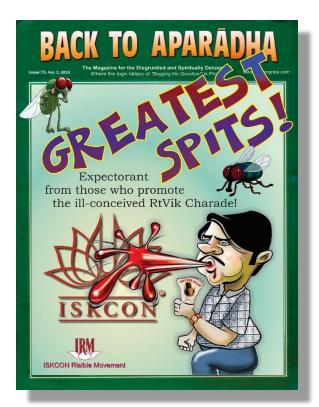
RtVik Dearth: NO Accountability!

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Three Levels of Existence

- One of the first things established in the Bhagavad Gita is to not confuse the mundane concepts we have of ourselves with who we really are. We learn that to identify with our nationality, our race, our talent, family traditions, chosen career, or sex, are false designations. One who has understood the Gita realizes that our real identity is not based on bodily distinctions but the relationship we have as the eternal servant to the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna!
- When that is understood we can see how each independent spiritual spark of the lord can manifest in one of three different ways. The first two are examples of how the soul gets embodied with senses that can either entangle us, or free us from the illusions of this temporary material world. Although that temporary existence is real, it is not our proper eternal home which transcends all material designations. That is what we commonly refer to as our *Spiritual Nature*.

1st Our Gross Body

- The most primitive form of false identity is to think we are the gross material body consisting of the five elements: *earth, water, air, fire, sky.* To falsely think that I am strong, pretty, young, old, black or white because we currently have a body distinguished with those qualities is to be under the throwing potency of maya. When that occurs, we are literally entrapped by material illusion. However; an advanced soul knows how to take advantage of this *"Bad Bargain"* by finding what dharma he is most well suited for based on his body and talents. He is then able to dovetail all his material potential into rendering service to the Supreme Lord. Having neglected that in the past is how we ended up in this material world, and disciplining ourselves to take up that eternal loving relationship once again is how we will escape it.
 - "The living entity in the material world carries his different conceptions of life from one body to another, as the air carries aromas. Thus he takes one kind of body and again quits it to take another. *The living entity, thus taking another gross body, obtains a certain type of ear, eye, tongue, nose and sense of touch, which are grouped about the mind*. He thus enjoys a particular set of sense objects."-Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 15 "The Yoga of the Supreme Person", Text 8-9.

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It is with the utility provided by the gross body we interact with the material world and create the karma and consciousness that determines our future forms of existence.

2nd Our Subtle Body

The more subtle effect of the material world is the way the soul becomes conditioned by the *mind*, *intelligence and ego*. It is these subtle senses that influence how we behave and they are what impacts the process of transmigration/reincarnation.¹ How we engage our gross senses affect our subtle senses which we become more aware of when we dream. When we engage in the service of the Lord our subtle senses become purified. Otherwise, when misused, these subtle senses become a huge impediment in the process of surrendering to the will of the Supreme Lord. Advanced souls are blessed to remember how humility becomes our greatest boon because it opens the door to bhakti. Conflicted souls become enamored with false pride which leads to envy and eventually the blaspheme of the Vedic process for self-realization.

"Bewildered by false ego, strength, pride, lust and anger, the demons become envious of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is situated in their own bodies and in the bodies of others, and blaspheme against the real religion." -Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 16 "The Divine and the Demoniac", Text 18

- Those who are materially entangled become enamored by the assets of the gross material body, particularly when the hormones of youth are most active. The wise individual gives proper attention to the subtle senses which determine the level of awareness an individual possesses. The last six chapters of the Bhagavad-Gita gives extensive guidance regarding the full spectrum of how the three modes of nature impact the soul. There we find many examples of the various symptoms that distinguish between a mature individual saturated with the mode of goodness, the average soul engaged in the passion of living, and the fallen soul covered by the modes of ignorance.
- Learned transcendentalists do not confuse the soul with the body, but that does not mean they become mechanically cold and indifferent when a loved one departs. It is the loss of the immediate affection and good counsel we lament when a dear associate leaves this material dimension. One of the most dramatic confirmations of this fact is found in how the departure of Lord Krishna affected all of those who had the good fortune of His personal association. Arjuna graphically describes how it impacted him:
 - "Due to grief, Arjuna's mouth and lotus like heart had dried up. Therefore his body lost all luster. Now, remembering the Supreme Lord, he could hardly utter a word in reply. With great difficulty he checked the tears of grief that smeared his eyes. *He was very distressed because Lord Krsna was out of his sight, and he increasingly felt affection for Him.*" -Srimad Bhagavat Purana, Canto 1 "Creation", Chapter15 "The Pandavas Retire Timely", Text 2 &3.

No More Soul Piercing Glances

- Death tears us apart from appreciating the physical skills, talents and affection of the teachers and loved ones that influenced our life and mold us into who we become. Death is the unforgiving reminder that the loving, interactive exchanges we relish, when associating with those we care about, has come to a very permanent and final end.
- No matter how committed Srila Prabhupada was to the service of translating the entire Srimad Bhagavatam, when he departed his disciples were filled with oceans of grief knowing that service had come to an abrupt halt. At that same time, we were overwhelmed with trepidation because there would be no more illuminating purports. No more extraordinary morning walks or personal classes. No more personal letters, and no more soul piercing glances. We were consumed with the fear of: *"What will happen now, after Srila Prabhupada's brilliant light of pure devotion left our physical presence? Who will be there to correct our mischievous ways?"* We were filled with the same void Arjuna expressed when Krishna departed from this earth.
 - "0 Emperor, now I am separated from my friend and dear most well-wisher, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and therefore my heart appears to be void of everything." -Srimad Bhagavat Purana, Canto 1 "Creation", Chapter 15 "The Pandavas Retire Timely", Text 20.
- When Krishna departed, the age of kali grabbed at his opportunity and his influence was immediate. When Srila Prabhupada departed, pride and chaos found the opportunity to creep into our space that had been guarded by his loving oversight. We were on our own like a newborn cow weaned away from its mother. We found some

¹ The soul is covered by two bodies: the external and internal. External means these gross elements -- earth, water, air, fire, sky. And internal means the mind, intelligence and ego. They are also material. Within that two covering... Just like our body is covered by shirt and coat, similarly, the soul is engaged in two kinds of bodies. When this gross body is finished, the subtle body, mind, intelligence and ego, they are there. The soul is covered. The gross body is finished. That is called death. But people do not know that there is no death for the soul. The outward cover is finished, the inward cover is there, and the inward cover will carry the soul to another gross body. That is called transmigration. - Bhagavad-gita Lecture 1.32–35 – July 25, 1973, London

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shelter in the soothing words of Srila Bhktivinoda Thakuras eloquent couplet but we knew things would be different:

He reasons ill who says that Vaishnavas die, When thou art living still in sound!

The Vaishnavas die to live, and living, try to spread the holy name around.

Although we philosophically understood that "*Those who are wise* lament neither for the living nor for the dead."² that knowledge failed to appease our solitude.

Gone Means "Can Not Supervise"

- The responsibility for moving forward without the immediate counsel of His Divine Grace loomed in front of us like inexperienced mountaineers assigned to ascend the great peaks of Everest. We were aware enough to mechanically embrace the concept that Srila Prabhupada was not "spiritually" dead... but it was painfully clear that he departed and that was the thorn of our angst.
 - "Krsna says, "No, he is not dead. *He has gone on to another body*." And dhiras tatra na muhyati: [Bg. 2.13] "Those who are sober are not disturbed by the outward show of the body's death. They know that *the soul who lived within has gone to his next life."* The real person is still living. He has simply gone from one dwelling place to another. -The Quest for Enlightenment, Chapter 1 "Understanding the Soul"
- What to do now? Our association with Srila Prabhupada in this dimension was undeniably over. He had gone on to serve Krishna in some other place and capacity. He was blessed and for that we were happy. But as the depth of our own personal dilemma sunk in, there was an unspoken intrepid comprehension of a very challenging and ominous future.

3rd Our Spiritual Body

It is the Spiritual aspect of the soul which is eternal, not bound by material limitations and which constitutes our true nature.³ It is this aspect of the soul that Srila Prabhupada was referring to when he boldly declared:

Prabhupada: "I will never die...I shall live for my books, and you will utilize." - Press Conference, July 16, 1975, San Francisco-

- Although Srila Prabhupada physically departed in 1977, he continues to inspire millions and they are showing up everywhere and surrender to the life of bhakti. This is tangible proof that HDG certainly lives on in his books and the instruction he left for everyone benefit.
- However, since Srila Prabhupada's physical departure, his sanguine council *regarding the issues of the day* is no longer accessible to us because *he has moved on*. We are still conditioned by the limitation of our senses, which are *grouped about the mind*,⁴ but he has transcended.

The Fickle Mind

- Krishna explains that the mind is under the control of the intelligence⁵ so how we engage our senses is a reflection of our spiritual maturity. To drive this point home, Krishna provides extensive instructions specifically to protect us from becoming a victim of a dangerous and uncontrolled mind. We learn that the mind...
 - ... of an advanced souls sees everyone equally (Bg. 6.9)
 - ... is the sitting place for the lust which covers the living entity. (Bg. 3.40)
 - ... can be carried away by the senses transforming one into a lusty pretender. (Bg 3.6; 2.60,67)
 - ... when uncontrolled it is our worst enemy, restless, unsteady, difficult to control (Bg6.6,34;13.29;15.7)
 - ... when controlled one is not entangled, dear to everyone, a friend to all, and tranquil (Bg. 5.7; 6.5, 6.19-21,24;11.49,51;12.9;18.33,51)
 - ... cannot be steady without a strong connection with the supreme (Bg. 2.66; 3.7,43;4.21,27; 5.11,17,27-28; 6.10-15,25-27,35-36;7.1;8.7-8,10,12;9.28,34;11.4;12.8,12,14;17.16;18.72)

² -Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 2 "Contents of the Gita Summarized", Text 11

³ "As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, the soul similarly accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones. The soul can never be cut to pieces by any weapon, nor burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind." -Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 2 "Contents of the Gita Summarized", Text 23-24

⁴ "The living entity, thus taking another gross body, obtains a certain type of ear, eye, tongue, nose and sense of touch, which are grouped about the mind. He thus enjoys a particular set of sense objects." -Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 15 "The yoga of the Supreme Person", Text 9

⁵ "The working senses are superior to dull matter; mind is higher than the senses; intelligence is still higher than the mind; and he [the soul] is even higher than the intelligence." -Bhagavad Gita As It Is Chapter 3 "Karma Yoga", Text 42

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These symptoms provide clear indicators that can be readily observed and reflect the degree of how spiritually mature an individual is. We were charmed by Srila Prabhupada because he always behaved with deep personal integrity and maintained a peaceful demeanor even under pressing situations. These are the symptoms of Pure Goodness. The explosive increase in the attendance in the annual Mayapura Gaura Purnima festival is indisputable evidence that HDG is still very spiritually present as he said he would be. However, the various unresolved controversial managerial issues facing ISKCON confirms his physical departure. It is because that aspect of his association is *"Gone"* we have been in debate about the prudence of introducing the Female Diksha Gurus for over five years. If Srila Prabhupada still had the command of a physical body this would not be an issue. It would have been immediately resolved on the first simple inquiry.

Do Not Try This on Your Own!

- The fact that Srila Prabhupada no longer has a physical body to definitively instruct us about current events is an important distinction obfuscated by the RtViks. They do that by exploiting how easily the inattentive mind can be manipulated. The spiritual master need not be present to inspire his disciple, but if he is not present how can he guide his student in daily affairs? Publishing generic instructions is fine for navigating the gross material nature impacted by the modes of nature but personal training requires one to be physically present.
- The fluctuations unique to each generation are not predictable like the sound from a scratched vinyl record or a wind-up toy. We live in the ever-changing dynamic age of Kali where there is danger at every step. To think one can simply study the literature composed by great devotees and properly apply it to our lives in an ever-fluctuating world on our own is arrogant ignorance. Without a current spiritual master present to give detailed guidance through the nonstop waves of controversial issues that have destroyed civilizations is the epitome of foolish thinking. Srila Prabhupada confirms this very essential point very emphatically.
 - "So if you want to understand Bhagavad-gita, then we must understand in the same way as the person who directly heard from. This is called parampara system. Suppose I have heard something from my spiritual master, so I speak to you the same thing. So this is parampara system. *You cannot imagine what my spiritual master said. Or even if you read some books, you cannot under-stand unless you understand it from me.* This is called parampara system. You cannot jump over to the superior guru, neglecting the next acarya, immediate next acarya." -Class/Lecture S.B. 1.15.30, Los Angeles, December 8th, 1973
- A ruminative mind will quickly appreciate this important instruction. Yet, proud, disturbed or individuals who have had their trust violated, will have difficulty embracing this directive. They will have difficulty appreciating the dedicated souls who led ISKCON to the tremendous success it has today and that is very unfortunate. Instead of cooperating with Srila Prabhupada's vision of an International Society that works as a team to promote Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement, they slip under the spell of convoluted separatist ideas dreamed up in undisciplined rebellious minds.
- One of the most visible examples of this is the RtVik revolution which is based entirely on what Srila Prabhupada specifically said NOT to do! "You *cannot jump over to the superior guru,* neglecting the next acarya, immediate next acarya!" Being misled by arrogance, ignorance, or unresolved emotional wounds they have misused their mind in very creative ways to evade the fact that Srila Prabhupada is no present to give personal guidance like he could when he responded to every letter sent to him from ANY disciple. Since then, the world has evolved with new and extremely controversial challenges that devotees have to be clear about and deal with.

The Ever-Expanding Parampara System

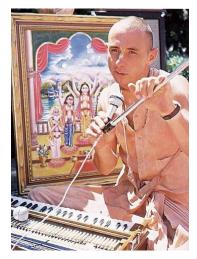
- The dynamic brilliance of the Parampara system is that it remains current with the changing of the times. As the years pass, traditions change. Old ones die and new ones are adopted, each with their own flavors and following. These evolving twists present new challenges, some of which can be used in serving Krishna, and others that should be completely avoided. RtViks trivialize how this impacts each new generation and wrongly declare all one needs to do is read and study Srila Prabhupada's books which he specifically said could not be properly understood on your own. That is because such an endeavor can never equate the same level of awareness of those he personally trained as his disciples.
- An objective observer can easily understand how ignoring the way society evolves will produce a disenfranchised culture like the Amish who shun modern technology, including electricity, cars, telephones, and computers. Srila Prabhupada's vision was a society that led the populous by a class of brahmanas whom he described as: "Brahmana means the most intelligent class of men of the society.⁶ How can that be possible if we discard the realizations of Vaishnavas who are raised in, are wary about and know how to parse the cultural trends of the day?

⁶ Lecture: Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.13; November 10, 1968, Los Angeles

Concurrence on the Importance of a Living Guru

The End of the "Road Show"

- RtViks deny the necessity of a current living guru, but at least one of the many waring RtVik denominations acknowledge how important Srila Prabhupada's personal presence was. On page two of the *Back to Aparadha*⁷ Issue #75, Vol 4, 2022, the author tells how devotee performers pooled their talents together to create a "Road Show" for attracting people to Krishna Consciousness. Their idea was to use entertainment to introduce the public to Lord Chaitanya's mercy by giving free performances in the parks and universities. But when Srila Prabhupada learned about it, he was not pleased and immediately dispatched a letter with the following instruction:
 - "...these things should be stopped. Simply perform our kirtana...All these things are nonsense inventions... It will be another hippie edition. Gradually the Krishna Consciousness idea will evaporate: *Don't manufacture ideas.*" -Letter To Sudama from Vrindaban Nov 5, 1972.



Vishnujana and the Road Show

It is interesting to stop here and note how the portion of the letter that condemns the way the RtVik-Charade was manufactured 20 years after Srila Prabhupada

departed was left out! When this letter to Sudama was cited in *Back to Aparadha* the author cut out the part where His Divine Grace specifically instructed: *"Don't manufacture ideas."* This suggests an awareness of how those with a hippie like mentality completely manufactured the RtVik Charade despite the fact that they acknowledged by this reference how importance the presence of a living guru is!

One of the greatest responsibilities of a guru, is to be vigilant about protecting his disciple from the influences of maya. This is inevitable due to our conditioning and that is compounded significantly as new technology, beliefs and cultural trends continue to change the world. The RtVik model completely purges that important fact out of the formula and that is what makes it such a heretical blunder!

Devolution of the Self!

- Historians remind us that since His Divine Grace departed in 1977 the world has changed more significantly than in any other time in history. A plethora of personal-empowerment movements have blossomed and have become very popular. They encourage people to NOT conform to anything, especially if it is slightly dogmatic or has its origin in faith! Children are encouraged to identify and develop their hidden, inner WOKE being! Self-help entrepreneurs have capitalized on the concept of the "*New Found Me*" and make a fortune marketing books, workshops, seminars, and other resources under the guise that they empower individuals to achieve their unfulfilled goals.
- Now people are told the belief systems of years gone by interfere with realizing a fulfilled life and therefore the primitive trends of the past must be abandoned! The older the tradition, the more barbaric it is! The result is a whole new spectrum of social paradigms that promote feminism, open LGBTQ lifestyles, impersonal self-absorbed mindfulness, booty yoga, and ego driven, daily affirmations to become and/or get whatever you want! Much of this is done by flooding the airways with subtle messages intended to convince you that: *"You are your body and regardless of how sick, fat, proud or intoxicated you may be, you are still whole, perfect and complete... just the way you are!*

Exposing the Real Cheaters

On the top of page 6 in the same edition of *Back to Aparadha* we find an article entitled "*Cheating. V. Ignorance.*" Here the intent of the author is to humiliate Bhakti Vikasa Swami (BVKS) by accusing him of cheating because he accepted the serious task of giving others diksha initiation. But Srila Prabhupada repeatedly stated that is exactly what he wanted his disciples to do!

"That is our request, that you, *all of you, become guru."* (Lecture, Honolulu 5/21/76)

"...you each be guru ," Lilamrta VI, p.167-9)

⁷ This is a reference to a quarterly publication that takes great pleasure in vilifying those who have dedicated their lives to the propagation of the Holy Name of the Lord. This is the very first of the ten offences every neophyte devotee knows but it is completely replaced with proud rationalizations by nearly all those who have fallen for the RtVik-Charade. Therefore, the name given to this odious publication is so misleading I prefer not to refer to it with such a grievous misnomer but call it by what it is widely known for: "*Back to Aparadha!*".

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- "You become a guru -everyone." (Sannyasa Initiation, Mayapur 3/16/76
- "...every student is expected to become acarya." Tusta Krishna, 12/2/75))
- "...the cult of sri caitanya mahaprabhu is that you become, *every one of you, you become a guru.*" Lecture cc 1.4, Mayapur 3/28/75)
- "... Gradually they will be initiators. At least first initiation." -Conversation with the gbc, May 25, 1972, Los Angeles]
- The use of the word *"initiators"* confirms that he is referring to diksa giving "spiritual masters", not just siksa instructing teachers along the way!

Promoting WOKE Irresponsibly

- One of the most critical flaws in the RtVik paradigm is that it does not accommodate any means for correction when the disciple takes a wrong turn on their devotional path. They cannot explain how the spiritual master will be able to successful discipline his disciple if he isn't able to communicate his wishes? How will the sincere disciple even know if the service he chooses for himself will please his spiritual master if he isn't available to ask?
- The answers RtViks typically give to this important question is as flakey and unconvincing as what the charlatans say when promoting their own version of New-Age metaphysics. RtViks behave as if they have some divine hotline with Srila Prabhupada who guides and condones whatever they do with impunity. But such a belief should send any rational individual fleeing from that type of association as far as possible. The atheist group *"Freedom From Religion"* had documented hundreds of examples of schizophrenic people who sometimes commit very horrible crimes based on their belief that *"God Told Me To Do It.*8" Srila Prabhupada would never condone the RtVik paradigm because it offers absolutely NO chain of responsibility and that is all a rational individual needs to know to abandon such a farce.
- In an attempt to address the critical deficiency of an unembodied guru initiation, some RtViks attempt to make up for the lack of spiritual discipline by foisting that responsibility onto all the other devotees.

"Ideally, anyone in Srila Prabhpada's movement who contacts a newly aspiring devotee *should accept responsibility regardless of the position or title of the mentor,* for the advancement of the newcomer...(*like Vasudeva Datta did!*)"⁹

This attempt to resolve this problem contradicted the RtVik claim that: "*Nobody is qualified to give Diksa initiation.*" When needed however, devotees as exalted as Vasudeva Datta are expected to provide daily instruction and guidance to the new RtVik Initiate! Vasudeva was so advanced, he prayed to be the last soul liberated from material bondage but RtViks don't even understand proper Vaishnava etiquette so who among them is so advanced? Such an idealistic appeal fails to salvage the RtVik-Charade from the deathblow curse that exists after the sacrificial fire go out. No matter how high the flames got, no-one is karmically bound to anyone in the RtVik their staged initiation. When there is a bona-fide initiation both parties vow to accept a mutually binding covenant which is witnessed by Agnideva and sealed with the offering of a bananas. In that contract, the Spiritual master accepts the karma of his disciple in exchange for the disciple vowing to follow his orders and serve him faithfully.

Contrived Prabhupada Hologram & Consequences

That does not occur when a misinformed RtVik gets initiated. After they leave their sandbox, they are free to do whatever their unchecked, error prone, restless mind wishes because they surrendered to a contrived hologram of Srila Prabhupada. He will never write a letter to them if they start their own road show! The danger of such a deceptive ceremony is evident in how one RtVik used his independence to collect huge amounts of Laxmi to building a colossal sparkling phallic symbol in Vrindaban! His personal ambitions were so selfish that it did not matter that his sanctuary would deplete the local water-supply at the cost of everyone else. All of this occurred under the cart-blanche assumption that developing the tallest temple in the world for Lord Krishna will atone for all the offences committed along the way!¹⁰ That is as absurd as the 15th century Catholic policy to sell indulgences to finance the cathedrals in Europe! This embarrassing egocentric, dream come true fantasy is the type of disgrace that occurs when there is no guru to stop this version of an unchecked "Road Show." When there is no guru to chaperon the behavior of attention seeking individuals, their bhakti quickly become tinged with the

⁸ "God Told Me To Do It" https://ffrf.org/publications/freethought-today/item/13140-god-told-me-to-do-it

⁹ Srila Prabhupada The Prominent Link, Chapter7 "Responsibility" p.53. c/o Dhira Govinda dasa 2002

¹⁰ The pursuit of this project involved the blatant violation several of the ten offences which devotees are admonished to guard against! The offences committed pursuing this ill-conceived agenda are: (1) ALL RtViks blaspheme saintly devotees who have dedicated their lives for propagating the glories of the Holy Name. (3) To disobey the orders of the spiritual master and other elevated Vaisnavas. (7) To commit sinful activities (violating 1 & 3) on the strength of the Holy Name.

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mode of ignorance.11

- In a bizarre attempt to embarrass BVKS with the insinuation that he is ignorant, the author arbitrarily pivots into declaring how the RtVik-Charade is based on the concept that Srila Prabhupada is "present with us in exactly the same way 'spiritually' (as he was prior to 1977.)"
- The obvious contradiction between what is printed on pg2 and pg6 is where the real ignorance is evident in this express train to Aparadha-loka. On pg2 we are given a clear example of the essential role only a living guru can perform. What does glorifying Srila Prabhupada's Spiritual presence on pg6 have to do with explaining how a new RtVik initiate can be disciplined by a personality who has departed? It was already established that is only possible when the Spiritual Master continues to have the necessary communication assets, such as voice, pen, and facial expressions etc. When that is not the case, and no arrangements are made to fulfill his duties as disciplinarian, we invite the fog of serious mental deviations into the parampara process. Because the RtViks ignore this essential principle, all of Vrindaban will suffer from the invasion of a 700-foot-tall environmental travesty in an already overpopulated traffic nightmare! A permit to build whatever one wants without regardless of a negative environmental impact study can be easily purchased in India.



The RtVik Hologram

On Your Own... in the Desert!

- There is no place in the RtVik-Charade for a physically interactive spiritual master and the consequence of that is how recklessly RtViks continue to produce such extraordinarily offensive literature like *Back to Aparadha!* The author of this particular periodical prides himself in how cleverly he can rationalize his unchecked belligerence which bathe him in oceans of praise offered from devotees drowning in the ocean of ignorance.¹²
- Those who understand how serious it is to deride the servants of the Lord understand that crafty faultfinding is not a sign of a good acumen but a confirmation of Five-Alarm¹³ ignorance. This is the difference between Brahmans who surrender to the guidance of a qualified living Vaishnava guru and the typical anarchist RtViks. Astute Vaishnava's are properly trained by a living guru and understand the severity of such a blasphemous mistake!
 - "The offence of criticizing the Lord or His devotee even just once steals a man's proper intelligence. ... Sri Gaurasundara has advented specifically to deliver all the fallen souls *with the exception of those who find fault with the Vaishava devotees of the Lord*. ... "Now listen to Me attentively, I say truly those who worship me directly, but neglect my servants and devotees *are the most despicable wretches who, by so doing, cut my body into pieces.* "Their worship is like burning cinders on My body. He who criticizes and offends my devotee, My name, which fulfils all desires, will vanquish him. In this way, I show my compassion for him. Every living entity is My servant and so I cannot tolerate any violence to them. *I destroy anyone who tries to hurt My servants.* "– Caitanya bhagavata Madhya Cp 19 p 145 – 155etc.
- All the competing RtVik denominations have their own convoluted way to rationalize their unsubstantiated beliefs. That is because they are too proud to accept correction from anyone and thus there is no unity between themselves! Their behavior can be compared to atheists who want to formulate their own version of the Decalogue but can't agree on how it should read because each of them are too proud to ever settle on a consensus!
- Proud and independent type individuals are specifically attracted to the RtVik-Charade because it eliminates the role of an interactive guru. It gives them the liberty to interpret everything for themselves in the same way self-affirming New-Agers like to do. Such individuals are incapable of surrendering to someone who is currently alive and far more learned than they are. They want the freedom to create their own inappropriate version of a "Road Show" without the oversight of anyone intervening. This is the trend of the times. "*The majority of the public doesn't want anybody advising them about what they should be doing*!"¹⁴

¹¹ The Bengaluru Appeal: http://jagannatha.com/the-bengaluru-files-appeal/

¹² Virtually 30% of every issue of Back to Aparadha consists of letters to the editor and they are published under the section "BTP(A) Interactive." The majority of the material shared there is not even from initiated devotees!

¹³ A concept borrowed from the Fire Department. A five-alarm fire is the highest level of response for a fire and is used to describe a very large and intense fire.

¹⁴ Ironically however many of these same people are willing to pay huge fees for psychiatric counseling or mood-control medications!

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RtVik proponents capitalize on the gap that is created when the abilities of the physically present Spiritual Master come to an end. When that occurs, they are no longer equipped to comment on current events which is why their more advanced disciples are expected to grab the baton of spiritual leadership and start training and initiating their OWN disciples.

Forced Interpretations

When Srila Prabhupada's role changed on November 14, 1977 few ambitious individuals came up with irrational ways to replace10 years of firm teachings with just a few phrased spoken during the last six months HDG was with us. Their efforts have effectively fooled many but those who understand the instructions Srila Prabhupada gave at a Vyasa Puja address in 1973 will not be led astray by the forced interpretations intended to undermine what his long range intentions were for ISKCON:

"You'll have to become spiritual master. You, all my disciples, *everyone should become spiritual master*... So if you want to become recognized by Krsna very quickly, you take up this process of becoming spiritual master," -vyasa-puja address, London 8/22/73)

Therefore, we ask; *Who really is the ignorant cheater*? It is NOT the disciples who understand the difference between the way the soul dwells among us in a body for a few short years and then moves on to his appropriate karmic destiny. It is therefore those who are NOT astute enough to understand the parampara process. Or perhaps they just have a Peter-Pan complex and feel too overwhelmed to take up giving diksa initiation to others! That is understandable and there is nothing wrong with letting others do that service but campaigning against those who do, undermines Srila Prabhupada's mission and committing spiritual suicide.

Within less than a year before His Divine Grace departed, he acknowledged the tendency for some disciples to get too comfortable in their role as his student. So he specifically addressed this issue, and there was absolutely no ambiguity about what his intentions were for ISKCON.

"So we got this information from HDG Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, and that knowledge is still going on. You are receiving through his servant. And in future the same knowledge will go to your students. This is called parampara system. Evam parampara prap... *It is not that you have become a student and you'll remain student. No. One day you shall become also guru and make more students, more students, more.* That is caitanya mahaprabhu's mission, *not that perpetually... Yes, one should remain perpetually a student, but he has to act as guru.* That is the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu." (Lecture, Hyderabad 12/10/76)

The cheaters are NOT those who have dedicated their lives to propagating the Holy Names of the Lord to distribute the honey of Krishna katha. The cheaters ARE those who have dedicated their lives to publishing the faults of such exalted individuals in their tabloid-like trash of *Back to Aparadha*. They are referred to by Srila Prabhupada as filthy ignorant *flies*!

"It is a *qualification of a Vaisnava that he is adosa-darsi: he never sees others' faults*. Of course, every human being has both good qualities and faults. Therefore it is said, saj-jana gunam icchanti dosam icchanti pamarah: everyone has a combination of faults and glories. But a Vaisnava, a sober man, *accepts only a man's glories and not his faults*, for *flies* seek sores whereas honeybees seek honey." -Caitanya Caritamrita, Adiilia, Chapter 8 The Author Receives the Orders of Krishna and Guru", Text 8, p.

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