

## No Answers From Drutakarma

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Jan 7 -1998 - This is in response to His Grace Drutakarma prabhu's (henceforward the 'author') latest item which appeared recently on CHAKRA entitled 'Officiating *acarya*=*ritvik acarya*=*diksa* Guru'. The title alone indicates the desperation of the author as he slips further into absurdity. In arguing that the terms '*ritvik acarya*' and 'officiating *acarya*' mean '*diksa guru*', the author is directly contradicting:

### The entire GBC body in 'Gurus and Initiation in ISKCON' (GBC)

"When Srila Prabhupada was asked who would initiate after his physical departure he stated he would "recommend" and "give" his "order" to some of his disciples who would initiate on his behalf during his lifetime ... [...] Subsequently Srila Prabhupada named some disciples to initiate on his behalf, as he had previously stated." (GII, P14)

Here we clearly see the proxy (*ritvik*) arrangement made in July being exactly the same as the "officiating *acarya* - is that *ritvik - acarya* - *ritvik yes*", recommendation Srila Prabhupada spoke about on May 28th.

Thus in claiming these terms really mean '*diksa guru*' the author is directly contradicting the very body he is seeking to defend. 'Gurus and Initiation in ISKCON' (GII) is still current GBC *siddhanta* with copies sent to every Temple in ISKCON. It is the very paper we were principally challenging when we wrote '[The Final Order](#)' in the first place. For good measure the author also contradicts the following senior Vaisnavas:

### His Holiness Bhakti Caru Swami Maharaja

"In the Srimad Bhagavatam, Srila Prabhupada explained the word *ritvik* means priests who perform a sacrifice on behalf of somebody. It is a *vedic* expression that means *yajna purahit*. They perform the sacrifice for the *hota*, the person who organises the sacrifice."  
(*Spiritual Connections, Page 6, Bhakti Caru Swami*)

### His Grace Ravindra Svarupa Dasa prabhu

"First of all, I'm going to appoint some people to act as officiating *acaryas*, around the world, to initiate on my behalf as long as I'm here, because that is the etiquette."  
(*ISKCON Journal, p34, Ravindra Svarupa Dasa*)

### His Holiness Tamala Krishna Goswami Maharaja

"He was physically incapable of performing the function of initiation physically, therefore he appointed officiating priests to initiate on his behalf."  
(*Topanga Canyon Confessions*)

The [author](#) is very happy to use H.H.Tamal Krishna's understanding of the [July 9th letter](#), so why not his definition of the



















