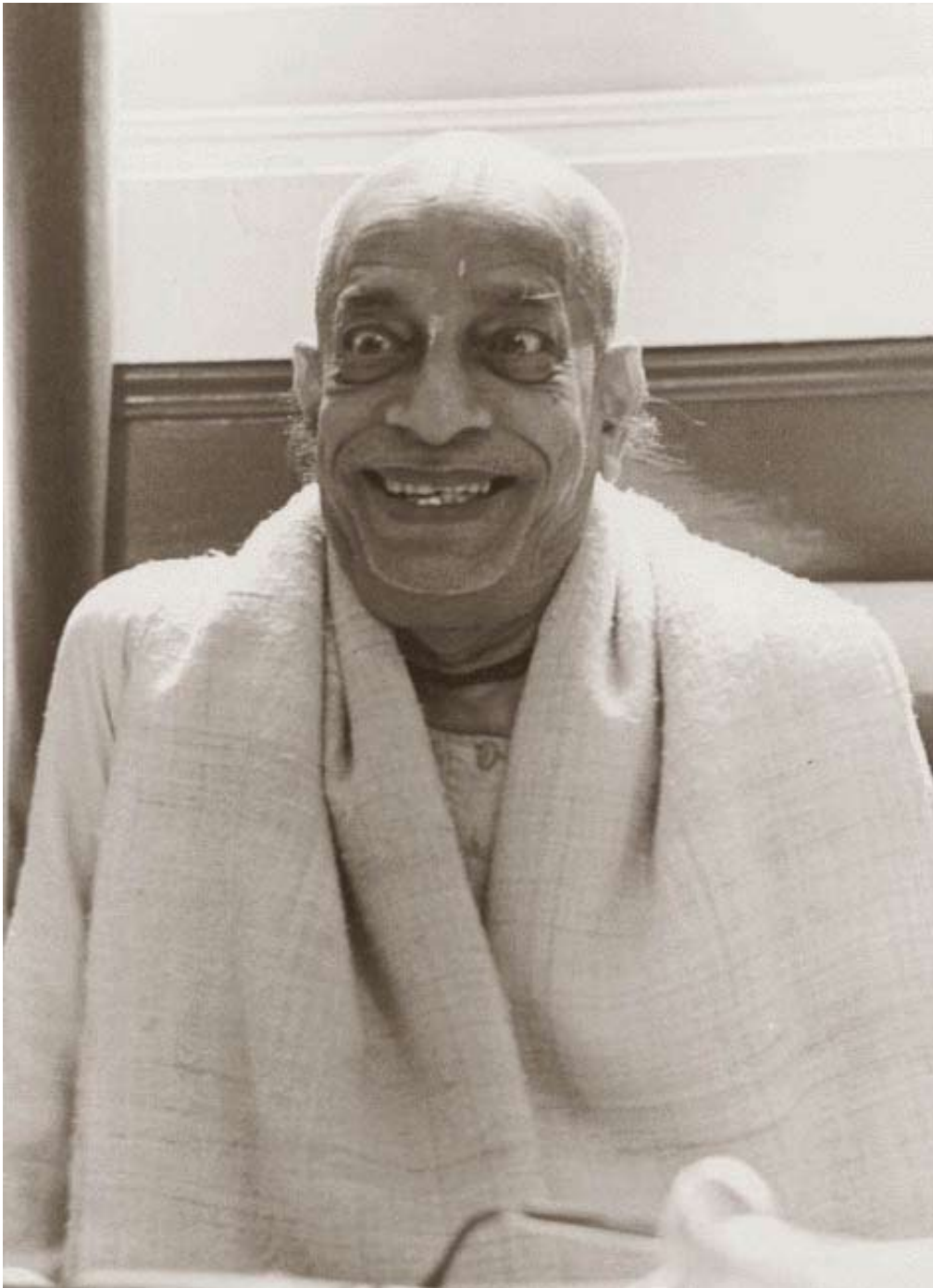


a response to: Bhakti Charu's many deviations

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Bhakti Caru Swami Caught Cheating

May 2000

One of the key points that we quote in *the Final Order* to show that any *diksa* Gurus in ISKCON would have had to be specifically authorised by Srila Prabhupada, is the following verse from the Srimad Bhagavatam:

“One should take initiation from a bona fide spiritual master coming in the disciplic succession, who is authorised by his predecessor spiritual master. This is called *diksa-vidhana*.”

(S.B. 4.8.54, purport)

The key part of this quotation is the **‘authorised by his predecessor spiritual master’**, since this smashes their current bogus Guru program as it requires them to show specific authorisation from Srila Prabhupada.

They cannot palm us off with some vague notion that it is *‘automatic’*, or that it is a *‘timeless order’* or that it is *‘tradition’* or any other such nonsense. They need to show authorisation from Srila Prabhupada directly.

And as we have shown repeatedly they cannot do so. So hard-pressed are they do this, that after 23 years they still can only trot out the same *‘appointment tape’* with its 5 different transcripts and 4 different official GBC interpretations - which have been used to justify different guru systems by the GBC.

- So what to do?

Simple. Get rid of this troublesome quote.

And that is exactly what Bhakti Caru Swami has done in his Bengali translation of the *Srimad Bhagavatam*. As the official BBT Bengali translator for the *Bhagavatam*, he has translated the above as:

“Manuser Kartabbo hoche guruparampara dharay sadguru kach theke diksa Grahan kara. Eka bale diksa-bidhan”.

“One should take initiation from a bona fide spiritual master coming in the disciplic succession. This is called *diksa-vidhana*.”

(S.B. 4.8.54, purport)

Yes, he has simply removed the troublesome phrase - the literary equivalent of *‘splicing’*. This proves two things:

1. That the above quote does deliver a death-blow to the current ISKCON Guru system just as *‘The Final Order’* claims. Otherwise why take it out?
2. That Bhakti-Caru Maharaja, who of course is one the current illegitimate *diksa* Gurus in ISKCON, has shamefacedly engaged in this blatant cheating to try and save his Guruship. He has desecrated the teachings of Srila Prabhupada simply to keep his Guru ambitions afloat.

Never mind being a *sannyasi* and a Guru. Such an example of blatant dishonesty does not even qualify him to be a *Brahmin*.

- Do these people have no shame?

Having realised that the game is up they can only resort to the last refuge - cheating - to try and prop up their bogus temporary occupation of Srila Prabhupada’s seat.

Bhakti Caru’s Anger At Lack Of Worship

6th October 2000

The GBC Gurus have been continually trying to portray the illusion that they are always endeavouring to put *“Srila Prabhupada in the center”*; and that they themselves are simply nothing but assistants in this most noble task. Bhakti Caru Swami more than anyone specialises in this technique.

He will go out of his way to try and show how he is always concerned that Srila Prabhupada be in the center rather than himself. This charade is used no doubt to deflect attention from the real picture, which is that they have replaced Srila Prabhupada, stolen his disciples, and are busy enjoying the result of this disobedient activity. But do not take our word for it.

Please read the following accounts of the *‘pastimes’* of Bhakti Caru Swami, including the recent *‘Vyasa-puja’* celebrations of Bhakti Caru Swami, and please decide for yourself just who it is that is really in the *‘center’* here:

"The next morning, at 6:30, Guru Maharaja went to Mayapur by car, accompanied by another vehicle. [...]"

Then the *kirtan* kept going and Guru Maharaja circumambulated the main deities three times, sometimes dancing lightly with his hands held in the air. Finally, he went upstairs to his quarters, again accompanied by a huge trail of devotees all running up the stairs one after another. When Guru Maharaja came in and sat down on his *Vyasasana* (the regular one that always stays in the front *darsan* room), a *Guru Puja* was started. As the many devotees sang and danced, Guru Maharaja distributed 3 types of cookies to the small children first and then to the rest of the devotees, as they came to him and offered a flower at his lotus feet. At the end of the *Guru Puja*, Guru Maharaja gave the following talk. [...]

On *Vyasa Puja* day, Guru Maharaja was in the temple for *Mangala aroti*.

[...] After that, Guru Maharaja went to Srila Prabhupada's *Vyasasana* to be the one to offer the more than 60 preparations that had been offered for the occasion, including an enormously long cake (it took 8 devotees to carry it). [...] Then, there was supposed to be readings of *Vyasa Puja* offerings to Guru Maharaja in the GBC conference room at 4:30. At 5:15 Guru Maharaja went up there, sat down on the same *Vyasasana* as the previous night, but he noticed that there were hardly anyone there! Indeed, only about 30 devotees were sitting there. Guru Maharaja got a little upset with Ganga Narayana das, the organizer of the event. He grimaced, got up and left. As he walked away, he said, "I didn't even want to do this! There is practically no one here, so what is the use?" [...]

After some time, Guru Maharaja came out of his room and sat on the *Vyasasana*, his anger completely gone. Then, for 3 hours, so many devotees stood up and read their offerings to Guru Maharaja. At the end, Guru Maharaja said a few words again in glorification of Srila Prabhupada and of the need in our society to put all emphasis on him."

(The above is taken from the BCS Istaghosti conference on com)

Please Note:

1. He receives regular *Guru-Pujas* as he sits on his *Vyasasana*, with flowers offered to his 'lotus feet', and he hands out cookies to Children.
2. He has a lavish *Vyasa-puja* celebration with 60 preps and a cake so huge it needs 8 devotees to carry it.
3. He is overcome with 'anger', 'grimaces' and walks out in a huff because there were 'only' 30 disciples waiting to read *Vyasa-puja* offerings to him.
4. As soon as there are enough disciples gathered to glorify him, so that the offerings last for a full 3 hours, he is happy to sit on his *Vyasasana* and listen. He had claimed that he did not even want to listen to these offerings, yet he gets angry when something he claims he does even want to do does NOT happen but appears fine when it does happen!
5. Then after having spent 100% of his time ensuring that the emphasis was 100% on only him, he has the cheek to pontificate to everyone else that the society needs to 'put all the emphasis' on Srila Prabhupada!!! This has to be the height of hypocrisy.

The charade detailed above epitomises perfectly his technique of receiving massive adulation and glorification for hours on end, and then simply SAYING that actually we should all emphasise Srila Prabhupada. This technique serves two purposes:

- a) It distracts everyone's attention from the massive '*Srila Prabhupada imitation*' that has just gone on.
- b) It makes Bhakti Caru Swami less guilty for having just engaged in an orgy of self-glorification.

It seems that Bhakti Caru's absorption in meditating on the pastimes of Srila Prabhupada in order to make his film of Srila Prabhupada's life, has simply resulted in him actually trying to ACT OUT these pastimes himself!

Further, to judge the result of having substituted Srila Prabhupada from the center with himself, one only needs to read a snippet of the '*Vyasa-puja*' offerings which were made to him this year:

"Due to Your direct mercy we are progressing in our Krishna Conscious lives and we cannot understand how much we have lost out in our lives.

We thank You for picking us up from the gutters and accepting us as Your children; we pray that we live up to Your expectations. [...] Please give us Your spiritual guidance, we need it to make our lives successful and have an opportunity to go back home, back to Godhead."

"Dear Father, You have so very mercifully lifted us up from the gutters of material nescience and given us the wonderful opportunity to establish our lost relationship with the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna"

- Isn't it actually Srila Prabhupada who is doing this?
- Is Bhakti Caru Swami really keeping Srila Prabhupada in the center when he has trained his disciples to ascribe to him the characteristics which are really actually only applicable to Srila Prabhupada?

- And is it really keeping Srila Prabhupada in the center when as he have just seen above he tries to imitate the position of Srila Prabhupada?

Please re-read all the above and judge for yourselves.

One final note is that even some of Bhakti Caru Swami's disciples themselves knew that his '*Vyasa-puja*' celebrations were an embarrassment for someone who claims that he is concerned with '*keeping Srila Prabhupada in the center*'. That is why they put out the story that this was not really a '*Vyasa-puja*' celebration but just a '*normal Birthday party*'.

Besides the fact that the activities clearly prove it was a standard *Vyasa-puja* celebration, all we can say is - that was some birthday party for a supposedly 'humble' *sannyasi*!

So the next time you hear Bhakti Caru or anyone else pontificate about how they are keeping '*Srila Prabhupada in the center*', please remember:

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

And we can see very clearly that the actions do not match the hypocritical weasel words.

BCS Goes on Defensive Following IRM Expose

15th October 2000

Last week we exposed the real truth about Bhakti Caru Swami's supposed desire to '*keep Srila Prabhupada in the centre*'. While he may **SPEAK** about keeping Srila Prabhupada in the centre, when it comes to **ACTING** he ensures that **HE** is very much in the centre. Following our revelations last week, he has now been stung into releasing the following message on his '*BCS Istaghosti*' COM:

"Guru Maharaja's reply to the Vyasa Puja offerings

Text COM3611362 (80 lines)

Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2000 09:00 +0630

From: Bhakti Caru Swami <Bhakti.Car.Swami@pamho.net>

To: BCS Istagosthi

Dear ,

Please accept my blessings. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you very much for your *Vyasa-puja* offering. I was very happy to read it. As you know, for the last few years I have not been celebrating my *Vyasa-puja*. This year, however, I promised the devotees of Mayapur that I would be there for that occasion. As usual, they made quite an elaborate arrangement. I was not able to stop them from doing this, but I made it a point to turn it into a "Srila Prabhupada Memorial Festival".

The name of the person this letter was written to is omitted, and it was apparently written a week ago. Thus the purpose of posting this letter now is clearly to try and counter our expose of his actions.

He tries to show how magnanimous he is that he attempted to turn his '*Vyasa-puja*' into a 'Srila Prabhupada Memorial Festival'. But if he had not decided to actually **HAVE** the *Vyasa-puja* Festival to begin with, then the question of him needing to turn into something else would not even have arisen in the first place. So what is the value in creating the problem, and then making some gesture to try and rectify it! Take the next part of his letter as a case in point:

"After this, the devotees were supposed to have my foot bathing ceremony as well as my guru puja. But instead, I decided to show the 9th capsule of 'Abhay Charan'."

This is simply just another meaningless gesture, since even on other non-*Vyasa-puja* days he has Guru-Puja and foot bathing anyway, as was reported in our newsletter last week. Thus it is neither any real sacrifice nor does it actually solve the problem.

Finally we note in the beginning of his letter he claims that he only had *Vyasa-puja* since he had promised his disciples to attend. But why is he promising something to his disciples that will only take them further away from Srila Prabhupada? And if that is **NOT** the case, then why has he not been having *Vyasa-puja* for the last few years?

In other words, celebrating his *Vyasa-puja* is either going to assist his disciples to come closer to Srila Prabhupada or it isn't.

If it **IS**, then he should always be having them.

And if it isn't - then he should **NEVER** be having *Vyasa-pujas*.

Instead he cancels them for a few years as a grandstanding gesture, but then decides he needs some worship again. This charade fools no one. He also claims he could not '*stop*' his disciples from making an '*elaborate arrangement*' for himself.

- So is he the Guru or is he the disciple?

He has to have *Vyasa-puja* for the 'benefit' of his disciples, and he is unable to 'stop' them worshipping him opulently. By this logic he is behaving as the servant of his disciples. As Srila Prabhupada states:

"He's most dangerous. He's most dangerous. He is opportunist. He's finding out customer, something here...According to the customer he is giving something, as the customers will be pleased. So he is not guru. He's a servant. He wants to serve the so-called disciples so that he may be satisfied and pay him something. He's servant. He's not guru. Guru is the master. You cannot disobey guru. But if you become a servant, you want to please the disciple by flattering him to get his money, then you are not guru, you are servant. Just like a servant pleases the master. He's not guru. He's servant. So our position should be servant, yes, but servant of the Supreme. So guru means heavy. You cannot utilize him for satisfying your whims. That is not guru."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversations: Answers to a Questionnaire from Bhavan's Journal, June 28, 1976, Vrindavan).

How about this for a novel suggestion - why not stop the 'substitute Guru's' *Vyasa-puja* festival altogether - then **EVERYDAY** would automatically become a "Srila Prabhupada Festival" - just as it was when Srila Prabhupada was here. This is why the IRM stance is known as '**No Change**'. Keep things as they were in 1977, and Srila Prabhupada will automatically be everyone's focus just as he was then. Rather BCS's plan is to **FIRST REPLACE** Srila Prabhupada with himself, and **THEN** offer some of the worship which is directed to him back to Srila Prabhupada as a grand gesture. What is not realised is that had he not **FIRST** decided to replace Srila Prabhupada with himself, then all the worship and offerings would automatically be going to Srila Prabhupada anyway!

As we said last week:

"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS"

BCS's charade fools no one.

ISKCON Leaders Losing Faith in ISKCON

22ND OCTOBER 2000

We have already reported on how even the GBC chairman has stated that the ISKCON society is 'disintegrating' (please see issue No. 21 - "*GBC Special Issue - GBC Chairman Admits ISKCON 'Disintegrating'*"). Now we have the following shocking statement from Abhirama Dasa. Abhirama Dasa is acting as the Managing Director of the S.M.D.P. (Sri Mayapur Development Project) which is the single most important and expensive project in the history of ISKCON. He is also a Regional Secretary for ISKCON South India, the Chairman of the M.V.T. (Mayapur Vrindavana Trust), and was/is on the board of the ISKCON Foundation.

However this is what he said recently in a confidential e-mail sent to a co-Temple President of an ISKCON Temple in South India under his charge:

"I am not a fanatical ISKCON man. Actually, I am no longer sure that the institution is a useful preaching tool. In many ways it has become a burden to the preaching of Gauranga's message. It was a sharp sword in the hands of Srila Prabhupada, but has become a dull blunt instrument in the hands of very incompetent and sometimes foolish hands. It is also a focus of envy for many people who are themselves failures and insincere. My interest is not to protect ISKCON at any cost, but to see how to increase people's love for Hari kirtan, and to have faith in Srila Prabhupada. This has meant promoting ISKCON, in the past, because it represented these goals. Nowadays, the actions of some people are gradually separating the mission of Srila Prabhupada from the mission of ISKCON. I am shocked that I should say this, because I never thought it would come to this, but I must now say it."

(Abhirama Das, 15/10/00)

Yet this is the person who has been entrusted with the biggest project in ISKCON's history, and has also been given a whole chunk of India and a lot more besides to look after. Clearly he is just following in his Chairman's footsteps. The malaise therefore obviously runs deep, beginning right at the top and running through all the sections of ISKCON's leadership. Recently His Holiness Bhakti Caru Swami (BCS) also stated the following:

"I don't hesitate to say that things are a mess in our society."

(Bhakti Caru Swami giving Srimad Bhagavatam Class on October 5th in Vrindavana)

So we have a disintegrating society in a mess, which is nothing but a dull and blunt instrument in the hands of very incompetent and sometimes foolish hands, and which is nothing but a burden on the preaching. And this is what ISKCON's **OWN** leaders are saying - not us! You would think that with this state of affairs there would be some humility in their attitude towards others.

Unfortunately not! Whilst freely admitting that their leadership has brought ISKCON to the brink of collapse, they still tried to

expel the IRM - **TWICE** - just because we did not wish to surrender to this morally and spiritually bankrupt leadership!

Another example of this double standard can be seen in the same *Bhagavatam* lecture of BCS quoted above. In this he also says:

“When Srila Prabhupada was here, the spirit was so high; the preaching was going on so strongly. All the temples were full of devotees and so many individuals were just rushing to join this movement. And that is the *Sankirtana* spirit. We should revive that spirit. When Srila Prabhupada was here, individuals took so much risk; they risked their lives to go to different corners of the world and spread this movement. But unfortunately, we are missing that spirit today. Young devotees, 2 or 3 months in the movement, went out to spread and establish this movement all over the world.

Now when we look back and think, we can say, “what are we doing? Where is that spirit?” what to speak of going out and opening new temples, many of the temples that Srila Prabhupada gave us are empty today. Why? We have to consider this. [...]

So let us try to revive that spirit of Srila Prabhupada’s *Sankirtana* movement. Let us revive the spirit of ISKCON once again. [...]

I’ll take the liberty of being very frank and I’ll say that our first mistake was in our initiation system after Srila Prabhupada’s disappearance.

The mistake was that when Srila Prabhupada left the planet, some individuals took up the responsibility of becoming gurus, and they more or less assumed that to become a guru means to become like Srila Prabhupada; to be a guru means to have the same position as Srila Prabhupada. In doing so, consciously or unconsciously, we obscured Srila Prabhupada’s position; we obscured Srila Prabhupada’s greatness. And since then, it is a history of losses in our society.”

(Bhakti Caru Swami giving Srimad Bhagavatam Class on October 5th in Vrindavana)

Here BCS states that:

1. We must **REVIVE** the ISKCON society. He states this 3 times.
2. He states that this revival must be based on restoring the spirit of how things were pre-77 - i.e. **NO CHANGE**
3. He states that the problem in the movement was that we made a mistake in the initiation system in 1977. That this led to Srila Prabhupada’s position to be obscured, and that we must re-instate Srila Prabhupada’s greatness back into the center of our society.

Now, there is a group that wishes to **REVIVE** ISKCON back to how things were in 1977 on the principle of **No Change**. This group also states that we made a mistake in 1977 in our initiation system, and that this has led to Srila Prabhupada’s position being obscured and that we must therefore simply promote Srila Prabhupada’s greatness to solve this problem. This group is called the **ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM)**.

You would therefore think that Maharaja would have some sympathy with this group - since they are simply trying to the best of their ability to put Srila Prabhupada in the center as he keeps saying we must. Unfortunately no! BCS’s response has been simply to support their expulsion - twice! Which again raises the question of just **WHO BCS REALLY** wants in the center. Because as soon as a group actually **DOES** try and put Srila Prabhupada in the center they are expelled for doing so. Even if we are putting Srila Prabhupada **TOO MUCH** in the center, at least we have the same goal in mind, which should bring some support and sympathy - not expulsion.

- And in any case how is it even possible to put Srila Prabhupada **TOO MUCH** in the center in his **OWN** society?

This again exposes BCS’s pontification regarding the obscuring of Srila Prabhupada’s position as being nothing more than double-talk to try and obscure his **OWN** worship.

Bhakti Caru Contradicts Sastric Injunctions

“We can consider: what is the use of *diksa* without *siksa*? Therefore what is more important, *diksa* or *siksa*? *Siksa*!”

(Bhakti Caru Swami giving Srimad Bhagavatam Class on October 5th in Vrindavana)

Here BCS states that *Siksa* is more important than *Diksa*. Yet Srila Prabhupada states that the *sastric* injunctions declare that there is **no difference** between the *siksa* and *diksa* Gurus:

“According to *sastric* injunctions, there is no difference between *siksa-guru* and *diksa-guru*, and generally the *siksa-guru* later on becomes the *diksa-guru*”

(S:B, 4:12:32 Purport)

- If there is **no difference** between the *diksa* and *siksa guru* then how can *siksa* be **more important** than *diksa*?

Classic Quote No. 7

Bhakti Caru Obscures Srila Prabhupada's Position

"The diksa guru obviously gives siksa. The diksa is based on siksa. [...] Not only that, but since we are not putting the importance on siksa, Srila Prabhupada's position as the pre-eminent siksa guru of this movement for all the devotees for all time has been minimized."

(Bhakti Caru Swami giving Srimad Bhagavatam Class on October 5th in Vrindavana)

1. Here BCS clearly states that the *Diksa* is **BASED** on *Siksa*.
2. He also states that Srila Prabhupada is giving the pre-eminent *Siksa*.

The word pre-eminent means '*surpassing all others*'. Thus BCS agrees that Srila Prabhupada's siksa surpasses any other siksa. Thus if Diksa is based on siksa then:

- a) Since Srila Prabhupada gives the pre-eminent siksa, and diksa is **BASED** on this, Srila Prabhupada must also be giving Diksa.
- b) Since out of all the siksa that exists in ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada's siksa surpasses all the other siksa on offer, he must **ALSO** be the pre-eminent DIKSA Guru in ISKCON, since Siksa is **BASED** on Diksa. And since one can only have **ONE** Diksa Guru, by definition Srila Prabhupada must be the Diksa Guru of ISKCON - just as we state:

"A devotee must have only one initiating spiritual master because in the scriptures acceptance of more than one is always forbidden."

(CC, Adi:1:35)

Yet even after admitting all this, BCS decides to steal all of Srila Prabhupada's disciples and worship for **HIMSELF**, thus obscuring Srila Prabhupada's true position, and thus doing the very thing he claims he is trying to combat.

Srila Prabhupada - ISKCON's pre-eminent Diksa Guru - accept no substitutes!

The Hypocrisy Continues

3RD NOVEMBER 2000

Please read the following statements carefully:

1. "But today, when I look back, I can see that soon after Srila Prabhupada's disappearance we took it for granted that Srila Prabhupada is not here any more - like any other mortal, as he left his body, he is no more. I very strongly feel that this is the greatest mistake we have made."
2. "Let us recognize that Srila Prabhupada has not gone away. Rather, he has simply disappeared from our vision. Although we are not able to see him any more with our mundane vision, he is very much there, watching us from the spiritual sky. He will always be there to guide us, provided we remain fixed up at his lotus feet. He will reward us when we please him and he will chastise us if we make mistake."
3. "Therefore, with all sincerity, I say that we are losing everything because we had been thinking that Srila Prabhupada is now dead and gone, and we started to claim our shares of our inheritance."
4. "How natural it is to see that Srila Prabhupada is 'the guru' of ISKCON, still today. It occurred to me how clear a fact that is. Still, how seldom we act according to that understanding! Or do we ever act at all with that understanding?"
5. "Nevertheless, everyday, in all the temples of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada is worshipped by everyone. Then why do we hesitate to tell a new comer who is searching for a guru that Srila Prabhupada, the best guru the world has ever seen, is still here, and one can surrender unto him and go back to Godhead very easily? When we have such a great good fortune, why do we not take full advantage of it? It is only when we do so that the glorious days of ISKCON will come back again and we will witness Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement starting to spread in leaps and bounds all over the world."
6. "If we really love ISKCON and if we sincerely want the Krishna Consciousness movement to spread all over the world in every town and village, then let us broadcast all over the world that Srila Prabhupada is still with us and that anyone who wants to receive his mercy can approach him and establish his eternal relationship with him."
7. "Let us take up the solemn responsibility to recognize the fact that he is always present in his ISKCON, and that whoever

wants to can come and meet him here, still today.”

The statements make it very clear that:

- a) Srila Prabhupada is still here today, watching us, **GUIDING** us, **REWARDING** us and **CHASTISING** us if we make a mistake
- b) That Srila Prabhupada is the Guru of ISKCON today.
- c) That anyone looking for a Guru, need only surrender to Srila Prabhupada, the best Guru there is, and go back to Godhead.
- d) That Srila Prabhupada is here today to *APPROACH*, to *MEET*, and to establish an eternal relationship with.
- e) That all the problems in ISKCON are based on NOT accepting the above facts, and that ISKCON will only flourish **ONCE** the above facts are accepted.

Now any sane individual would simply conclude that they have just been reading the preaching of the IRM - for indeed the above is **EXACTLY** what we say. Alas no. It is actually stated by the same individual who has supported the expulsion of the IRM **TWICE** from ISKCON, for the crime of simply stating the **EXACT SAME** thing which he now states!

Our readers could be forgiven for doing a double-take at this most bizarre situation. However it all makes sense when we reveal that the individual who made the above statements is that master of double-talk and bluff - our old friend Bhakti Caru Swami (BCS). Yes, the above *Ritvik* message was given by BCS as part of his lecture on Srila Prabhupada's Disappearance day. As we revealed in our last newsletter, BCS also said we must **REVIVE** ISKCON back to the way things were pre-77 i.e. '**No Change**' - again the manifesto of the IRM (ISKCON Revival Movement). Yet despite preaching this we will note that he has not asked the GBC to expel himself for preaching this same '*deviant*' philosophy!

Thus it is very clear that despite these weasel words, the biggest **EXPONENT** of acting as if Srila Prabhupada is '*dead and gone*' and **NOT** here to guide as the Guru who will take us back to Godhead, is Bhakti Caru Swami **HIMSELF**, for we have reported in previous newsletters:

- How he gets angry when there are not enough disciples glorifying him on his '*Vyasa-Puja*' day as the one who is performing all the functions of being their eternal Guru which he now claims Srila Prabhupada actually fulfils.
- How he loves to be honoured with lavish worship and daily *puja* as the Guru of his disciples (cake requiring 8 devotees to carry it - included!).
- How he continues to take disciples and collect *Daksina* (gifts and money meant to be used in the service of God, not for personal sense gratification) under the plea that they must have a '*living guru*' like him to '*surrender to*', to '*approach*', to take back to Godhead, to '*chastise*' and to '*guide*' i.e. even though he now agrees that Srila Prabhupada does this - which of course begs the obvious question as to why we need him **AT ALL?**!

If anyone wants proof as to **WHY** Kali-Yuga is known as the age of **HYPOCRISY** - they need look no further than Bhakti Caru Swami himself. We have proven that hypocrisy positively oozes from every single pore of his body. How else can one explain that the **MORE** he acts as the '*living*' Guru to be worshipped as '*Good as God*', the **MORE** he is preaching the **COMPLETE OPPOSITE!**

We had opened this newsletter with a story about the '*GBC'S Best Trick Yet*'. We apologise. BCS has gone one further:

PREACH that Srila Prabhupada is the Guru **PRACTICE** that **HE** (BCS) is the Guru And then both cheater (BCS) and the cheated (his disciples) feel satisfied that they are honoring Srila Prabhupada. Thus we can see very clearly why Srila Prabhupada stated that the bogus '*guru business*' in *kali-yuga* is simply a collection of the cheaters and the cheated. We only wonder how long BCS thinks he will be able to get away with this charade of glorifying Srila Prabhupada with **WORDS**, but having **HIS OWN SELF** worshipped in **DEED**.

At least no follower of BCS can ever object to assisting the mission of the IRM, since their Guru Maharaja is now preaching the very same message

More Hypocrisy

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We have been reporting in the previous newsletters on how BCS has perfected the art of preaching the exact opposite of what he himself actually **DOES**. Indeed every time he opens his mouth he produces yet another gem of hypocrisy. Recent weeks were no exception. The following is an excerpt of a letter he wrote to a '*disciple*':

“You should try to understand that your relationship with your spiritual master is not a material relationship. Therefore it is not simply limited to the physical presence. Our relationship is spiritual and whenever you are spiritually situated, we are together. Srila Prabhupada used to say that when you chant Hare Krishna, I chant Hare Krishna. Through the Holy Name we are together. Therefore please try to develop this understanding.”

(From 'BCS Istagosthi Com', 22/11/00)

Now this is very interesting. One of the reasons that we are told as to why it is necessary to have a 'living' Guru is because we need his *'physical presence'*. Srila Prabhupada is not 'physically present' to chastise us or instruct us personally, we are told. So we must surrender to one of his 'physically present' representatives, such as BCS.

- And yet when you surrender to BCS, what does he say?

That since it is not a *'material relationship'*, it is **NOT** limited to the physical presence. That one can be together with the spiritual master just by chanting Hare Krishna.

- Now pardon me for pointing out the obvious - but why can't we just do that with Srila Prabhupada, and be 'spiritually situated' with HIM?
- Why do we need BCS to begin with?

It can't be for his physical presence, since the relationship is not limited by the need for such physical presence. So this is just another classic BCS gem to be added to the '**H Files**' - the 'hypocrisy files'. *'You have to surrender to me because you need the physical presence of the spiritual master, and thus Srila Prabhupada is not enough. However when you do surrender to me, you must realise that we can be together spiritually, since the relationship with the Spiritual master is NOT limited to the physical presence!'*

Like we said before - 'Do as I say, not as I do' - is the BCS motto!

Bhakti Caru Swami Tries To Take Over Calcutta Temple

We have already reported on the **2** failed GBC attempts to expel the IRM devotees. Frustrated at their humiliation, the GBC/ Guru club has now decided that if they cannot take *'Mohammed away from the mountain, then they will just take the mountain away from Mohammed!'* That is, having failed to expel devotees from ISKCON temples, they are now attempting to take the temples away from the devotees. Thus they have now hatched a plot to try and seize part of the Calcutta temple. This is the large prestigious pandal and function hall, which our members use for holding programs. It is the same part of the temple, incidentally, which as we reported in newsletter no.16, was mysteriously burned down when we were attending to the mammoth *Ratha Yatra* festival in 1999. Now Bhakti Caru Swami (BCS) has proposed the following resolution to allow Mayapura to seize and take over this section of the Calcutta temple:

"That the ISKCON property situated at 22 Gurusaday Road, Calcutta 700017 be managed by ISKCON Mayapur branch. HH Bhakti Purushottam Swami, Dayaram Das, Jagadartiha Das alias Jayant Kumar Saha are authorized to take charge of it on behalf of ISKCON Mayapur branch, together or individually and use the same for the objects of ISKCON. They shall be truly responsible for maintenance, management and utilization of the property on behalf of the society and may authorize, engage, employ, remove, suspend anyone, they think fit to carry out the required duties at premises 22, Gurusaday Road, Calcutta. All concerned will abide by the decision(s) and/or action(s) taken by them jointly or severally, henceforth including Adridharan Das, Sattvik Das and other devotees, officers and employees now acting at their behest.

In exercise of their aforesaid authority they are empowered to approach jointly or individually all government authorities and court of law if necessary. This resolution is to take effect immediately."

BCS has also offered the following reason as to why this resolution should be passed:

"1. It is observed that the property at 22, Gurusaday Road has not been properly utilized till now for promoting the cause or activities of ISKCON. It is now desired that the property may now be put to proper use consistent with the objects of ISKCON, as well as for the fulfilment of the ideals of the Society."

Now this has to be the height of hypocrisy even for BCS, who as we have shown is the master in practising this *Kali Yuga* art. For over the years, no one has availed himself of the facilities at 22 Gurusadaya Road, more than BCS, as he would waft in with his followers and help himself to the lavish banquets which have been held by different parties. He never once thought then that the place was not being *'properly utilised'*. Nor did he think that the place was not being *'properly utilised'* when he was using it for months to film his '**Abhay Charan**' series. Indeed he has been helping himself very nicely to the facilities of this place in the previous years. Now that we have declared Calcutta a *'bogus Guru free zone'*, he claims that the place is not being *'properly utilised'*. It is clear that there is nothing that this person will not stoop to in his pursuit of power and worship. Indeed as those who have read the previous newsletters will know, we should not really have expected any less from BCS.

He has proposed this resolution to the ISKCON Bureau which is the entity registered in Bombay by Srila Prabhupada in 1971 and which actually controls all the ISKCON properties in India. The majority of the members of the Bureau are ISKCON Gurus and their disciples. Having had their plans to kick us out of ISKCON stayed by the court, BCS has proposed this very sneaky plan to get rid of us through the *'back door'* so to speak, by taking the actual ISKCON properties off us. Dayarama, the head of Mayapur, and also one of the 8 named in the *'abetment to suicide case'*, who has been named to take over the Calcutta Temple Property, and who has witnessed at first hand the many defeats that the IRM has inflicted on the GBC in the courts, has already been boasting about the beauty of this sneaky plan. He has been bragging that the Bureau had already arranged to have

the majority of the votes for this resolution *'in the bag'*, before it was even sent out, and thus there is no way that I can beat it. Which of course is technically correct. This is why I said it was a sneaky plan.

Many Temple Presidents in India are watching these developments nervously, for the implications of this resolution reach far beyond the IRM. If this resolution succeeds, it means that the ISKCON Gurus will be able take the Temples of the Temple Presidents at will, by simply *'re-assigning'* them to some other temple. In this way any TP in the future who did not toe the line, over **any** issue, could simply have his temple *'re-assigned'* to a GBC friendly Temple. And with the Gurus and their disciples having an in-built majority on the Bureau, they will always be able to pass the necessary resolutions.

- So will we survive?
- Will the GBC finally succeed this time in moving the IRM out, or will they suffer yet another humiliating defeat for the **3rd** time?
- Watch this space!

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