

His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

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Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: _____ [Ten minutes of mostly Bengali (?) spoken]
 _____ intolerable for us to look that the whole thing, major portion is going to die. We cannot tolerate this situation, so _____ Some remedy must be thought out and must be accepted, so _____ Most orthodox to stick to their power _____ Come and readjust your position, reconsider, otherwise we shall be under painful necessity to make progress independently _____ [?]

Bhakti Caru Swāmī: _____ [?]

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: If you are so many good men, good followers of Swāmī Mahārāja, are exhaustively frustrated, then you may do one thing. You may call a meeting, a mass meeting of the followers and well-wishers of your Prabhupāda. And there you _____ you may discuss the present hopeless situation of the society; that it is gradually dwindling and dwindling, and it is intolerable to us. We are well-wishers of this mission and it is intolerable. We cannot tolerate it any more so what is the path before us to redress the wrong? So invite a general meeting and you also invite some of the GBC members and even if possible Ācāryas like Rāmeśvara and so, and you _____ amongst yourself, you consult among yourselves what to do. And then give an ultimatum to the Ācārya Board, that our resolution in the mass meeting of the followers of Prabhupāda is this, that you should readjust your position. Otherwise we shall be under painful necessity to take the line independently for the welfare of the whole mission. We cannot be a sightseer that so many are going astray, and so many dying, and so many are going to be killed, and these things. It is intolerable; high time, and you must come to the ready, along with us. In this way you can go. If you feel that the mass will be with you, or at least substantial portion will be with you. And those that are gone astray, that Pradyumna and others, you may also invite them, the dissatisfied. And before mass meeting you can have a selected meeting also, first, and then after consultation you go on to prepare yourself for a mass meeting.

Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja: Yes.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: First, selected few meeting.

Dhīra Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja: Definitely at our Māyāpur meeting next year there will be some meeting also of the temple presidents who are also dissatisfied.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: So there are many. The stalwarts meet first and then a mass meeting you arrange, and after the stalwart meeting, meeting of the handful of leading persons amongst you, you may give some ultimatum to the Ācārya Board that, 'This is going to happen and the publicity will be great and it will be to your discredit. So try to come to our terms, consultation, and readjustment. But if you are adamant then we'll be forced to prepare for a mass meeting of our God-brothers and to do the needful.' This process you may take. But before that your group committee resolution should be intimated to them and last appeal to their good sense. 'The mass mind revolted against you, we feel. We are also sincere workers. We want to sacrifice our life and think our life is valuable. So, seeing that you are going ostentatiously we see that you are leading astray we cannot remain impartial viewers, only a visitor. We have got interest in the mission; you should know this, and not less than you.' In this way you can do. What do you say?

Devotees: Yes Mahārāja. Yes.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: A selected meeting and then to approach them with a resolution and next a mass meeting, if you're prepared for real fighting, then everything you may do like that.

Bhakti Caru Swāmī: I think it is going to be like this now...

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Personal contact, those that are going indifferent, hopeless, disappointed, going off, away from the association; you may meet them personally one by one. 'Why? Let us come together.' In this way, the stalwarts meeting will be first and then the resolution will be given, notice given to them - and then mass meeting. And there it should be mentioned that, 'We cannot be sightseers. We have got life interest in the mission. We've come to be saved and we say in the name of saving you are all killers. We cannot tolerate that. We have got also the fire, the spark from our Guru Mahārāja.'

Bhakti Caru Swāmī: I think first, Rāmeśvara Mahārāja will try, after this, after he hears this tape, he will try to get the other Gurus to get together and come to you for advice.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Yes. I'm open to all. But generally I want that both parties will come and I shall try to help that it may not be broken asunder, torn asunder. That is that such a great thing has been done by Swāmī Mahārāja. I love it very much. That a worldwide movement, organisation, that will be broken into factions, I can't tolerate this. So I like that both parties will come and I shall try to find out a middle solution. But the party in power they may not care to come.

Bhakti Caru Swāmī: That's the problem Mahārāja.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: But I am, from long time I'm feeling whenever I have come to disconnection a portion is going dissatisfied, dissatisfaction is growing within the party, I am uncertain and unhappy. But the party in power does not care to come to me. Both the parties come I want that some sort of compromise, or course, helpful compromise, not a formal compromise, helpful compromise may be effected and the united front will be kept up intact. That is desirable, for me at least. I have no time, a long time to live. I am sufficiently old but I don't like to see that Swāmī Mahārāja's great work is disturbed in such a way, so laudable a thing.

prthivīte āche yata nagarādi-grama / sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma

[Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is the pioneer of Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. He said: "I have come to inaugurate the chanting of the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa, and that Name will reach every nook and corner of the universe."] [*Caitanya-Bhāgavat*]

This great maxim undertaken by Swāmī Mahārāja and effectively successful, and that is going to be ruined by internal feud; intolerable. So if both the parties come I shall try my best before I die that it may, I want to see a united front and healthy thing, healthy institution. That is my heart's desire.

Bhakti Caru Swāmī: That's what most of the God-brothers also feel. They feel that whatever Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja says we'll accept that decision.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Yes. From the core of my heart I desire such, that it may not be broken, it may remain a united front and do the victory over the other religious principles. There are so many enemies in the name of religion there flourishing. And such a great future will be smashed; it is intolerable.

And specially Prabhupāda [Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākura] asked me to go to the west, I could not go, but Prabhupāda has come, the west to me. So I must have got some holy duty to discharge about that, I feel.

So anyhow it may not be broken into pieces. United we stand divided we fall; but if hopeless, then no other alternative. For the sake of the truth we must always side with the truth and not with the falsehood. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Devotees: Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: Gaura Haribol.

Devotee: _____ [?]

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: _____ [?]

I can feel, I saw that in him. And Swāmī Mahārāja he took the responsibility of that great unfinished work and did wonderfully successful work. And we feel proud for him. We feel pride for his activity. And how can we tolerate in our lifetime within two or three years after his departure it will be broken into pieces. It is intolerable. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Devotee: Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja: But if for the sake of quality, for the sake of truth, we are to face such situations, can't be helped. Truth is everything. *Satyam param dhīmahī* [Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, 1.1.1] Gaura Haribol. Nitāi Caitanya. _____ [?]

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