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**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** He generally neglects all religious preachers. But he was much impressed with their talk. So many things are \_\_\_\_\_ [?] There are many remarks.

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Kṛṣṇadāsa Bābājī.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ah! Kṛṣṇadāsa Bābājī he told, "You must give attention to him, properly, he has got much qualification."

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I had some tendency come in my life that yesterday your *sannyāsa* took place so I should say something about you, but I controlled that. But when suggestion came from outside then I could not but do.

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Guru Mahārāja. I was also thinking like that.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** That thought came in my mind also, why I have done this yesterday? What is explanation, what is the purpose? I thought I should do something, but I suppressed it. But when the same symptom came from outside then I had no other alternative but to deal with this.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ah! Tirtha Mahārāja and Keśava Mahārāja, they failed. Then at that time Keśava Mahārāja remarked, "The Govinda Mahārāja, whatever he desires, he has got the capacity to fulfil that."

Because Keśava Mahārāja failed, and Tirtha Mahārāja from Calcutta with men and money, the whole resourcefulness, he also failed. Both big parties they failed to do something, and Govinda Mahārāja could successfully do. At that time that remark came. "Whatever he wants to do he has the capacity to do that. We could not do with so much resources. But he, not apparently possessing so much resources as we had, but he has done by his intelligence." That was told.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** That was all by the blessings of Your Divine Grace.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Once in Vṛndāvana, in a meeting, Goswāmī Mahārāja is delivering lecture, and he's sarcastically throwing some remark against Bon Mahārāja. And Bon Mahārāja is looking at the face of Govinda Mahārāja, what *he's* thinking, in this way. "Others may not

understand this remark, but this boy he's surely understanding the remark that this is sarcastic." So he looked at his face only.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Swāmī Mahārāja, I told something that Govinda Mahārāja was requested also to speak something. And he rose and began.

*kam prati kathayitum īse, samprati ko vā pratītim āyātu  
[go-pati-tanayā-kuñje, gopa-vadhūṭi-vitaṁ brahma]*

[To whom can I tell it, and whoever will believe it, that the Supreme Absolute, Param Brahman, the Paramour of the damsels of Vraja, is enjoying in the groves on the banks of the Yamunā?"]  
[*Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā*, 19.98]

With this *śloka* he began his lecture. Kṛṣṇadāsa Bābājī told me afterwards, "When he began with this *śloka*, I thought then he will conquer this assembly."

He told in that meeting that, "Prabhupāda was a super man. Mahāprabhu wanted to preach His doctrine by him specially. And he had many qualified followers. But he selected Swāmī Mahārāja to preach in the west, though he had many qualified followers, selected him. And what he's done that is of course wonderful." In this way. "And he behaves in such a way that he accepts my Guru Mahārāja as his *śikṣā* Guru, and he has got affection for me as one of his children." In this way he went on.

Then Swāmī Mahārāja afterwards in his remark told, "What Govinda Mahārāja has spoken here it is true to the point. I look after him with affection as my child. And also I look after his Gurudeva Śrīdhara Mahārāja as my *śikṣā* Guru." He gave reply clearly to this, what he told he admitted the whole thing.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** And he gave "Jaya" in my name, with this clarification, "Om Viṣṇu-Pāda Goswāmī."

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Then Mahārāja, Govinda Mahārāja...

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Once when he went to preach in the Radhadesa [?] when they're going the village boys they say, "Oh, you have come for collect of rice, but you won't be able, we won't allow you to take any rice from him, no collection."

Then Govinda Mahārāja told, "Yes, we shall take a cartload of rice from here."

**Devotees:** (Group laughter)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** And when they're carrying out the cartload, "Oh, these people, whatever they told they've done to the point. A cartload they're taking away, and we could not oppose."

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Mahārāja, he's definitely a *niropadi* Vaiṣṇava. Govinda Mahārāja, he's definitely *niropadi* Vaiṣṇava.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Oh. And there was one gentleman who gave some rice, a *mānā* or two *mānā*, something. Then his villagers came to complain. "We're your villagers, and we when come to beg from you for collection then so miserly you are you gave us one rupee or so. And you have given them so much rice."

The man he marked, "He talked with me and filled my heart with joy, supernatural joy. So if he wanted more I could have given more. And you can't do that. So his very talk with me has given me the feeling of such supernatural joy, so I have given. And you can't do so."

Hare Kṛṣṇa. He's got something from his previous life. And that may be utilised in the service of Mahāprabhu. We all hope and pray to the Lord, that He may accept the wholesale service from him, for long time. And the world will be benefited thereby. We have got such conviction.

**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** In Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura's song \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ha. Ha. Once in Calcutta, he was perhaps in that Swāmī Mahārāja's same house, nearest house. He was wandering in the street and some gentleman of the locality he challenged him.

"What type of *sādhu* you are? You're worthless."

"Oh." He challenged. "You'll have to see that at least there's one *sādhu*."

And he perhaps told in answer some hard words and went away. Within six months he suffered from such a great disease, he came himself, "Oh, you're really a *sādhu*. I talked roughly with you, and you told that you'll at least see there is one *sādhu*. Yes, you're really a *sādhu*. From that day I'm gradually come to this position. Now please help me." \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Yes, you're a real *sādhu*."

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ha. Ha.

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ah! I was almost dying, and suddenly he came and gave some medicine. And that helped me, that gave me new life. So some *siddhi*. When his mother got him she prayed to Śiva. Nearby Bamunpara there is a Śiva, Dharmarāja or Buddharāja. She got, praying to that Śiva, "I may have a child." And then he was born. Perhaps Śiva has given one of his *parśada*.

**Devotees:** (Group laughter - Haribo!!)

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** So some sort of *siddhi*, mystic power he might have possessed, I think sometimes.

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Ah! When he came here then his previous relatives they came in a body to take him back with his mother. Then there was one Vedānta Tīrtha Paṇḍita, and other relatives, they wanted to take him by force. He caught the rod of the window, won't go. Then there was someone who was carrying him. He was a boy of sixteen or so, seventeen. Then one was carrying him.

There was one milkman \_\_\_\_\_ [?] told, "Don't take him forcibly. If he goes voluntarily you may take. But we won't allow you to take him forcibly from this Maṭh." Then they left and he remained here.

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Also Mahārāja, one time he was - his mother kept him on the road, and one tiger came.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Where?

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** I don't know where.

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** There was a tiger on the road?

**Badrinārāyaṇa:** Yes.

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** I don't remember that.

**Giri Mahārāja:** Mahārāja. One time you were speaking and Govinda Mahārāja you thought he was asleep. And you asked him to reply to the point, he immediately did so.

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Yes. Once on the lower veranda I was explaining *Bhāgavatam* or something. And some fine point came in course of the lecture. And he was drowsy, he was half sleeping, that way. But I thought that so many fine points are coming from my mouth and at this time the boy is drowsy. But afterwards I put a question to him and in the midst of that drowsiness that fine point he caught properly. At that time, by chance or anyhow he was fully awake and got that thing fully. There are so many.

Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Let us all hope and pray to the Lord for his future successful life as an Ācārya in the world for long time. Gaura Hari bol.

**Devotees:** Gaura Hari bol. Jaya.

**Devotee:** Bhakti Sundara Govinda Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupāda kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

**Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāja:** Nitāi Gaura Hari bol. Sometime Devī asked Mahādeva, "Of all services, or worshipping, whose worship is the best?"

*ārādhānām sarveśām, viṣṇor ārādhanaṁ param  
[tasmāt parataram devī, tadīyānām samārcanam]*

["Lord Śiva told the goddess Durgā:] 'My dear Devī, although the *Vedas* recommend worship of demigods, the worship of Lord Viṣṇu is topmost. However, above the worship of Lord Viṣṇu is the rendering of service to Vaiṣṇavas, who are related to Lord Viṣṇu.'" [Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, 11.31]

Then Mahādeva told, "Of all the services, phases, worshipping, the worship of Viṣṇu is the best."

Then Devī Durgā her face became little pale. "So I'm not doing that."

But the next line came, *tasmāt parataram devī, tadīyānām samārcanam*. "But to serve the servants of Viṣṇu is more important and effective."

Then the mind of the Devī, "That I'm serving the servant of Viṣṇu, Mahādeva, so I'm doing something more, more profitable."

So to serve the favourite, to help the favourite of the Lord, He has told in His own words. "The service of My servant is more important, a greater service to Me. That is tangible. I'm more or less abstract. But if once one serves My servant that is tangible and practical. That is something concrete."

There is a saying, "If you love me love my dog. If you love me really you'll have to love my dog. That will be the greater proof of your love towards me."

So Lord says here also, *ārādhānām sarveśām, viṣṇor ārādhanaṁ param*. And,

*[ye me bhakta-janāḥ partha, ne me bhaktāś ca te janāḥ]  
mad bhaktānām ca ye bhaktās, te me bhaktatamā mataḥ*

[Kṛṣṇa says, "Those who worship Me directly are not real devotees; real devotees are those who are devoted to My devotees."] [Ādī-Purāṇa]

He Himself says, "Who loves Me, he's not My real devotee. But who loves My devotee, My servant, he's a real lover of Myself, real devotee is he."

So this is a practical point for us all if we want to have real devotion. In the beginning - I'm talking of me, I thought, "We want God, and they're giving much stress for the devotees. Why someone will come between me and my Lord? That is not desirable. I must have direct connection

with my Lord." Then gradually when I came to get some real knowledge about this *śāstra* and the *sādhu*, or devotion, then I could realise that, "Yes, it is practical, tangible, and very true thing. And it is not thrusting, but it's the very necessity of our inner interest wants this. One who is a lover of a devotee he has got substantial devotion in him. Otherwise it is not possible. And that is also, his position is stable, substantial, and also safe, and also promising. Who can have faith in the devotees, it is a very practical thing for us. In this long way of our journey towards the Infinite Absolute, to have real affection with His sincere followers, that is a great hope, and reality giving, dealing things. So I give, though incomplete, the telescope system. *Tvad bhṛtya-bhṛtya-bhṛtyanam- bhṛtyasya-bhṛtya*.

*[maj-janmanaḥ phalam idam madhu-kaiṭabhāre  
mat prārthanīya mad anugraha eṣa eva  
tvad bhṛtya-bhṛtya-paricāraka-bhṛtya-bhṛtya-  
bhṛtyasya bhṛtyam iti mām smara lokanātha]*

["O Supreme Lord of all beings, O slayer of the demons Madhu and Kaiṭabha, this is the purpose of my life, this is my prayer, and this is Your grace - that You will remember me as Your servant, a servant of a servant of a Vaiṣṇava, a servant of a servant of such a servant of a servant of a Vaiṣṇava, and a servant of a servant of the servant of a servant of a Vaiṣṇava's servant's servant."]  
[*Mukunda-Mālā-stotra*, 25]

They say - it is not only abstract humility, that I'm the servant of the servant of the servant, not abstract thing, not abstract humility, but most practical thing. *Tvad bhṛtya-bhṛtya-bhṛtyanam*. So many guardians I have got. As in this world we want so many servants, I shall order and there will be so many who will obey me, carry out my order. That is the nature of the world of exploitation, all will obey me and I shall be the master.

Just the opposite there and that is a healthy life. So many guardians that are thinking well of me, I'm safe, I'm getting so many favourable, affectionate attention. So home means that. I may not take care of myself, but there are so many that are taking care of me there. So that is home. Back to God, back to home. Home means this, that I may not take care of myself, but so many are eager on all sides to take care of me. So devotee means who will take care of me, my guardian, my friend. In a friendly way he will help me towards my march towards the Supreme Lord. It is a very far and abstract way, to go through faith only. Only the faithful that can appreciate my life and they can come to help me.

So in this wide ocean of infinite knowledge we're going to the centre, so tiny souls, a particle of consciousness, and we want to have connection with the whole representing Absolute. And there these devotees they're of very practical value in our life in this wide world. So to have affection towards devotee, it is really a capital for all of us.

**Devotees:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?]

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**Śrīla Govinda Mahārāja:** My Gurudeva, something, but I'm thinking what my thing it is necessary to say. I'm thinking myself, my body and my eternal soul, and mind also, as a temple dustbin of my Guru Mahārāja. Then he can use myself any form and any time as he likes. \_\_\_\_\_ [?] But it

is necessary to say, and my prayer also, I want to serve every Vaiṣṇava and devotees and my Godbrothers, twenty four hours in my day and night, and my whole life. Guru Mahārāja can say anything. He's my master. But I'm thinking I'm very poor soul, and a dustbin of his temple. He can use as he likes. But this mentality I can maintain, I can do, maintain this mentality, it is my prayer to all Vaiṣṇava and my Lord Śrīla Gurudeva.

**Devotees:** Jaya! Bhakti Sundara Govinda Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Kī jaya!

**Sāgar Mahārāja:** Jaya Om Viṣṇu-Pāda Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Aṣṭottara-śata Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Saraswatī Goswāmī Prabhupāda kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrīla Swāmī Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrīla Jagannātha Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrīla Gaurakiśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** \_\_\_\_\_ [?] Mahāprabhu kī jaya!

**Devotees:** Jaya!

**Devotee:** Śrī Hari Nāma Sankīrtana kī ...

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[31:00 - 32:20 bhajan ?]

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