

Some Thoughts from Kundali Dasa

“Prabhupada expects us to discriminate on the basis of his instructions and to follow his advice and practice upeksha. He expects us to neglect those persons who display the symptoms of being jealous or envious, even though in the dress of Vaisnavas in the Krishna consciousness movement. These “jealous people in the dress of Vaisnavas in this Krishna consciousness movement” cannot be the pot washers. The only reason to be a jealous person and remain in the Krishna consciousness movement is because one has vested interests in keeping that position. An envious non-Vaisnava who is not exploiting the role has no motive to remain in the Krishna consciousness movement. To remain, he must have a vested interest. Naturally, such a person will be very careful to do his utmost to maintain his guise of being a Vaisnava. He will protect it at all costs. After all, it is his means of livelihood. But try as he might, he will not be able to hide his envy. When his character is studied one will find that this person, instead of being non-envious, has a penchant for controlling things. He will be unable to cooperate with anyone; rather others must cooperate with him. For him, cooperation is not a two-way street. He will be like a petulant child, needing to have his way or be miserable. He will be unabashed about making politics, diplomacy, and intrigue in his attempt to sway the universe to his fancy. All of these are non-Vaisnava symptoms. They are symptoms of envy and jealousy.

Srila Prabhupada’s instructions about such persons in our midst is that they should be neglected. That is his recommendation, provided one discriminates enough to detect those symptoms. He says that there is no need to serve such an envious person in the dress of a Vaisnava. Rather he says, “When Narottama dasa Thakura says chadiya vaisnava seva nistara payeche keba, he is indicating an actual Vaisnava, not an envious or jealous person in the dress of a Vaisnava.” To neglect such persons we first of all must spot them. We have to identify them. But if we are afraid or too crippled to apply critical thinking, we will never be able to make sense of this instruction and will be victimized by the disguised mundane person.

The conclusion is that we must take responsibility for discriminating so we can

benefit from the warnings that Prabhupada has given us. This responsibility falls on all devotees' shoulders because we are all responsible for the legacy of Srila Prabhupada."

Kundali's words are as relevant now as they were then, and we recommend that serious followers of Srila Prabhupada read his books. They will see that nothing has changed offering proof of the truths therein, truths we do well to pay heed to.

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