

Tridandisvami Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Maharaja

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FOR THE FUTURE

[A Darsana in Srila Narayana Maharaja's Quarters]

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Badger, California: May 17, 2003

[At a darsana in Badger, in May of 2003, some of the senior devotees came to Srila Narayana Maharaja to express their concern that all may not go well in his sanga after his departure from this world. They had some proposals. Here are some of the exchanges that took place at that darsana:]

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[Devotee:] We want to present our conclusions and recommendations.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I am old now, and at any time I may pass. But I am not very anxious. I know Kala (Time Personified). Now you can go and discuss, and make some proposal. But don't make it in a controlling mood. Try to always do everything with love and affection.

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One thing more you should know. You should not be anxious if anyone comes and goes. I have heard that at the time of Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura thousands came and went. At the time of my Guru Maharaja, so many expert and very learned, intelligent persons came and left. You know Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja – thousands came, and are still going and coming. No one can do anything about this. So we should not try very hard, and we should try to reconcile.

I want that we should make some committees for book distribution and publishing and for social work also, because without social work we cannot have government approval in India or anywhere. In this life we will have to also do social work – like feeding the poor, giving clothing, giving medicine, helping children and making schools. We should make some proposals.

[Devotee:] What you are saying about Kala (the time factor) and the influence of Kala – most of the senior devotees have seen this also.

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[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Not like me.

[Devotee:] You have seen it millions of times more.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I have some realization. You should think that I have hundreds of times more than you; so you should not think your advice is so important.

[Devotee:] Some of the senior devotees are very concerned for the work you have done, on our behalf and for the whole world. We are concerned that it will be preserved, now and in the future, as much as possible. Kala may come and change it all.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I know that you want this, but if you are not developing your own Krsna consciousness, you will never be able to do anything. So try to develop.

[Devotee:] We need this sanga to develop. For so many years we have tried to practice on our own, and now we have found a home where we can have like-minded devotees; so we are concerned.

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] I know you will try, but at last you will see: "Oh, zero." I know this. This world is controlled by Kala (Time) and kali-yuga. Kali-yuga will not give you permission to do all these good things. You will make a plan, and in a moment the result will be zero.

[Devotee:] Should we try though?

[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] You should try. To try is bhakti. But I never want that rules and regulations should govern bhakti. Some persons forcibly tried to give lessons and control other devotees by kicking them out of the mission. I told them that this is against bhakti. When they did not want to follow my advice, I told them it was better for me to resign; and still I will help in all ways. Now I am satisfied.

Try to realize. Do bhajana and don't be engaged too much in these things. I am never involved in this.

You should realize my mood, and if you don't realize it you will have so many troubles. I have served my Gurus a little, and that is why I do some little bhajana. That is why I can reconcile all these things, and I never become unhappy. I have never been unhappy in my entire life.

[Devotee:] So you are saying we can try, but our bhakti should not be disturbed.

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[Srila Narayana Maharaja:] Yes, you should do that; and I will be happy.

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