

Respected Readers, Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

And please accept my humble apology. Just now Srila Narayana Maharaja personally told me that I mis-edited something in his lecture called "Be careful of This", dated July 8, 2007. Srila Narayana Maharaja was explaining the advanced stage of devotion called bhava-bhakti, wherein the devotee has reached the platform of spontaneous loving service (raganuga-bhakti). At this stage the devotee follows a particular associate of Sri Krsna in Vrndavana. He executes service externally as a regulative devotee as well as internally from his self-realized position (siddha-deha). [This is also discussed in Srila Rupa Gosvami's verse "seva-sadhaka rupena siddha rupena catra hi, tad-bhavalipsuna karya, vraja lokanusarata]

So, Srila Narayana Maharaja actually said, **“Srila Rupa Gosvami is Sri Rupa Manjari (in his form as a gopi), but outwardly he was following all the limbs of vaidhi-bhakti. If, by the mercy of one’s qualified Guru, one has actual greed in his heart – if he is internally serving Krsna on the path of raganuga in his siddha-deha (his original, self-realized position) - he must be at the stage of rati. Real greed will manifest at that stage. Before this, a person has no real greed. In the name of greed, males will be attracted to ladies and the ladies will be attracted to men. This is very dangerous, for they will go to hell. They will not go to the transcendental world to be manjaris.”**

In the lecture we sent out, I had misunderstood that he said, **“If one has actual greed in his heart to internally serve Krsna on the path of raganuga, and to have his siddha-deha from any qualified Guru, he must be at the stage of ruci.”**

Again, please excuse me.

Your aspiring servant,  
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