

"The Appointment Tapes"

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Prabhupad: Just see. For cutting the throat of cow, he's going thousands of miles. This is the civilization. He's an expert butcher and he has got service in Australia and he'll go.

This is *the Personal*. What a nonsense business and

. Ma jiva va maro. The butcher is advised, "Don't die, don't live." If you live it is a horrible business and if you die you'll go to hell. And don't die, don't live.

TKG: He has a question to ask. He says, "Is it permitted to use shells for making jewelry, crowns, etc., for Deities. Or is it to be considered as the bone of an animal? "

Prabhupada: No. You can do it.

TKG: Cause they're very beautiful.

Prabhupada: The bone of animal is the concept. But that is used in Deity room. It is conchshell is nothing but bone of an animal.

TKG: He says that he has a plan. We want to inlay the thrones for the new temple with beautiful shells if it is permitted.

Prabhupada: Oh yes.

TKG: He's says he's trying to increase the book distribution by arranging a big door to door program.

Prabhupada: That is my earnest desire. Fulfill it.

TKG: That's all he has to say. That is all the mail that came.

Prabhupad: You can send him some old newsletter with a note, how your other Godbrothers are doing. Compete with them in this line.

TKG: Okay.

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Prabhupada: Simply fighting for the... Fighting between brother and brother, that is going on perpetually. But do something for the father. By right ~~the~~

TKG: Yeah. Satsvarupa's... Ramesvara sent an article. One of Siddha's papers they published an article which was against the devotees.

Prabhupad: Who?

S.P.O.L

TKG: Siddha Svarup's. And it was against the devotees. Book distribution tactics. So...

Prabhupad: We can send that this is not good. Let him know.

TKG: So Satsvarupa wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper. It's a newspaper which is put out by Siddha's people saying that this is not at all proper that you should do this. He gave so many sastric references why it is not good.

Prabhupada: It will be corrected.

TKG: Yeah, I mean the main... It's not so serious. The main point is as you said, they're chanting and all these other activities.

Prabhupada: Yes. So we shall go now?

TKG: Yes. It's getting late.

Prabhupada:

(break)

TKG: Everything was "probably" in their books.

Prabhupad: "Probably," "maybe."

TKG: Those are their favorite words. Srila Prabhupada? We're receiving a number of letters now. People who want to get initiated. So up until now, since you were becoming ill, we asked them to wait.

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TKG: That's what we were doing. Formerly the local GBC, sannyasis

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from the support because of the process

were chanting on their beads and they were writing to your Divine Grace and you were giving a spiritual name. So should that process be resumed or should we...I mean one thing is that it's said that the spiritual master takes on the...He takes on the...He has to cleanse the disciple by...So we don't want that you should have to...

Your health is not so good so that should not be...That's why we've been asking everybody to wait. I just want to know if we should continue to wait some more time. *(sounds of water)*

Prabhupad: *No senior sannyasis*

TKG: So they should continue to...

Prabhupad: *You can give me a list of sannyasis*
Continue

You can do. Kirtanananda can do. Satsvarupa can do. So these three can do.

TKG: So supposing someone is in America, should they simply write directly to Kirtanananda or Satsvarupa?

Prabhupad: Nearby. Jayatirtha can do.

TKG: Jayatirtha.

Prabhupada: *and he can do also,*
Bhagavan. ~~In Eastern Europe~~, Harikesa.

TKG: Harikesa Maharaja.

Prabhupada: Five, six men may divide. Who is nearest.

TKG: Who is nearest. So persons wouldn't have to write to ~~your~~ Divine Grace. They could write directly to that person. Actually they are initiating the person on Your Divine Grace's behalf.

Those persons who are initiated are still your...

Prabhupada: Second initiation *think?* we shall ~~see~~. Second.

TKG: ~~This~~ This is for first initiation, okay. And for second initiation for the time being they should...

Prabhupada: Again have to wait. Second initiation that should be

TKG: Some devotees are writing you now for second initiation and I'm writing them to wait awhile because you're not well. So can I continue to tell them that?

Prabhupada: *They can do second initiation.*

TKG: By writing you.

Prabhupad: No. These...

TKG: These men. They can also do second initiation. So there's no need for devotees to write to you for first and second initiation. They can write to the man nearest them. But all these persons are still your disciples. Anybody who would give initiation is doing so on your behalf.

Prabhupad: Yes.

TKG: You know that book I'm maintaining of all of your disciples names? Should I continue that?

Prabhupada: Hm.

TKG: So if someone gives initiation, like Harikesa Maharaja, he should send the person's name to us here and I'll enter it in the book. Okay. Is there someone else in India that you want to do this?

Prabhupada: *India I am here, we shall see.* In India, Jayapataka.

TKG: Jayapataka Maharaja.

Prabhupad: You are also in India. You can note down these names.

TKG: Yes, *I have them* ~~I'm writing.~~

→ Prabhupada: Who are they?

TKG: Kirtananda Maharaja, Satsvarupa Maharaja, Jayatirtha Prabhu, Bhagavan Prabhu, Harikesa Maharaja, Jayapataka Maharaja, and Tamal Krsna Maharaja.

Prabhupad: That's all. Now you distribute.

TKG: Seven. There's seven names.

Prabhupada: For the time being, seven names. *You can make*
Ramesvara.

TKG: Ramesvara Maharaja.

Prabhupada: And Hridayananda.

TKG: Oh yeah. South America.

Prabhupada: So without waiting for me, whatever you consider deserves.
That will depend on *discretion*.

TKG: Oh yes. Discretion. That's for first and second initiations.
Shall I send a kirtan party Srila Prabhupada?

(break)

Prabhupada: If we say that Dr. Bannerji *prescribes* ~~describes~~
every place. Therefore we finished the
bottle very quickly. He was the biggest customer for
Tincture *And he*. So he was very famous doctor. And Abhinav
Chandra Bannerji, he went to Allahabad very poor condition. Then
by medical practice he became very rich man. I think simply by the
mercy of So one must know the right *way*.

TKG: How's your cold Srila Prabhupada?

Prabhupad: There is nothing.

TKG: Is it changing the condition at all? We should think how to
get rid of it.

Prabhupada: How to rid?

TKG: I remember one thing you were taking to loosen the phlem in
Mayapur when you had a cough. We were taking a little hot lemon
juice in the mornings.

Prabhupada: You can give me.

TKG : I remember that. It seemed to have good effects. It also helped
for digestion.

Prabhupada: So any other?

TKG: No. ^{Actually} I'm right in the middle of doing these accounts so I probably should...

Prabhupada: (coughing) So this bank manager came, it means they are little serious.

TKG: Oh this is a real good sign. The last request of the head office is a very good sign. The head office is requesting, now please take the letter for him to...^{sign} It means that they're planning how to get the branch open. And I told this man that if you get this open then surely we will open your branch in our Mayapur center as well in all other centers.

Prabhupada: That's nice.

TKG: They are a good bank. ^{There's} no doubt.

Prabhupada: That Mr. ^{Neta} ^{came}?

TKG: His name is Mr. Pattak isn't it?

Prabhupada: Oh Pattak; yes. That's all right.

TKG: After massage I can come and see you and give some...

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