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My dear Hridayananda Maharaj:

Jai Srila Prabhupada. Please forgive my offenses at your feet committed during our recent GBC meeting in Miami. Thank you for your kind hospitality and on my behalf, please thank all the pure Vaishnavas who performed a truly miraculous task with their selfless service.

I am writing to confirm my acceptance of your challenge for debating the issue of "Prabhupad's Legacy and Will on the role and authority of the initiating Gurus". I feel your opening this topic for discussion amongst Vaishnavas is very much appropriate and I congratulate you for your commitment to the Truth. I further realize that I am no match to yourself but feel compelled to explain the Truth as I see it, which I feel has been misrepresented by most of the existing leaders in our Movement. I am sure there will be many qualified devotees who will in the future take up this challenge, but at this time I humbly offer to be an agent to clarify the issues involved.

I suggest we debate in Mayapur, on March 3rd, in the presence of an assembly of all Prabhupad disciples, for the duration of two hours to be followed up by another two hours of discussion and questions and answers.

I also suggest that Balavanta and Ravindra Swarup Prabhus act as referees to ensure that the participants stick to the issues and maintain the standards and rules they establish and we approve of. I accept the audience and history as the judge, and the knowledge gained as my personal reward in this endeavor.

Please inform me if the above suggestions meet your approval.

Looking forward to your favorable reply, I remain,

Your humble servant,

*Atreya Rsi Das*

CC: Ravindra Swarup & Balavanta Prabhus; Srila Prabhupad Disciples.

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