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PREFACE

I offer my prostrated obeisances at the Lotus feet of my eternal spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who is perfectly executing the order of his Guru Maharaj, Sri Srīmad Bhaktisīdhanta Sarasvatī Gosvami Maharaja Prabhupada in the matter of preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the Western countries.

vanca kalpa taru byas ca kṛpa sindhu bhya eva ca
patitanam pavan ebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namah

I beg for the mercy of all Vaisnavas and mostly those in the line of disciplic succession which begins with Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, Brahma, Narada, Vyasa, Madhva, Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Sri Nityānanda Prabhu, the Six Gosvamis of Vrindaban, and Srīla Bhaktivinode Thakur.

I am indebted to the special kindness shown by my godbrothers who have tried untiringly to train me in Kṛṣṇa consciousness especially His Holiness Viṣṇujana Swami, Srīman Karandhar das Adhikari, Srīman Jayatīrtha das Adhikari and Tulsi Das Brahmācari.

Finally, I thank my first sikṣaguru, who made me a new bhakta, Srīman Madhukanta das Adhikari who took compassion on me in Westwood, California in the month of June, 1970. In Srīla Prabhupada's own words, "You have a very good friend in Srīman Madhukanta das, he has actually saved you from the clutches of maya." (initiation letter to Dana Das in 1971)

With the mercy of the readers and of all the above mentioned devotees I will try to offer something concerning the Bhakta Program.

INTRODUCTION

The Bhakta Program will provide an enlivenment for each temple. Summararily describing the sequence of events which constitute beginning such a program are as follows:

- 1) Pick a devotee to head it up full time
- 2) Set aside one room for resting the new bhaktas
- 3) Begin acquiring some supplies
- 4) Start or continue with a daily chanting party
- 5) Preach at the Sunday Feast
- 6) Enliven others to bring interested guests to the āśram
- 7) Set up a schedule with many classes for the new bhaktas
- 8) In General, gear the new bhaktas around the Deities' schedule and everything else around attracting and training new bhaktas

It is natural that in the beginning many souls will come to stay at the temple, but only a few will remain. Please do not be discouraged. Keep trying, for Lord Caitanya will send hundreds and thousands more as soon as we are ready to take care of them in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

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Your worthless servant,

Danavir das Adhikari

Danavir Das Adhikari

(Phoned in) February 25, 1976

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING GUESTS

I. AT THE TEMPLE

- A. All visitors should be greeted in a friendly, warm, accomodating manner.
- B. Further discussion should be restricted to those who express interest in basic teachings of Krsna Consciousness.
 1. The host should utilize his valuble time with the guests most apt to request shelter at the asram. Either at the present or in the near future.
 2. The host should allow other temple members to tend to guests not deemed suitable for possible lodging in the asram.
For Example: 1)Alchoholics
2)Blatent Homosexuals
3)Beggars or unclean persons who request only lodging and no spiritual guidance
4)Severe cases of mental disturbance
5)Violent or offensive persons
 3. Proper care and attention for those:
 - 1)From India
 - 2)Who have transferred from other ISKCON temples where they resided for a period of more than 2 weeks.
 - 3)Extremely elderly persons, 50 years and over
 - 4)Extremely young persons, under 16 years of age.
 - 5)Married families with children
 - 6)Married couples over 35 years of age should be provided for by departments other than the Bhakta Program.
- C. Generally the asram provides suitable lodging accomodations for single persons, 18-35 years of age, and married couples 16-35 years of age with no children.
 1. The Bhakta Program specializes in counciling these persons in Krsna Consciousness.
 2. These persons are presently the most likely candidates to become initiated disciples and carry on the active propagation of the Movement.

II INTERVIEWS AT THE TEMPLE

- A. Guests who are viewed initially as possible candidates for the Bhakta Program enrollment should be provided a comfortable place fo discussion.
 1. The Bhakta Program office is preferable (it will be elaborately described later).
- B. The guest should be offered the Lord's Prasad, etc.
- C. The host now inquires from the guest as a counselor:
 1. The extent of the candidate's knowledge of Krsna Consciousness; such as:
 - a. Literature read, visits, experience in chanting, association time affiliated with ISKCON, etc.
 2. Candidate's life history
 - a. This is most necessary information for proper counseling.
 - b. Everything the candidate says is val ble and especially valuable are topics such as : 1)Schooling, 2)Family relationships, 3)Past occupations, 4)Interests, 5)Illnesses 6)Drug experience, 7) Police record, 8)Personal philosophy on life, 9)Acceptance of authority, 10)Independence.

- c. The counselor should listen carefully to all details such as dates, places and times etc. for possible dishonesty.
 1. The counselor should politely bring the interview to a close in the light of certain discoveries such as:
 - 1) The candidate has had numerous hospitalizations for mental illness,
 - 2) The candidate has had a history of unnecessary violence to other human beings,
 - 3) The candidate has withheld information in the interview,
 - 4) the candidate has failed to tell the truth,
 - 5) the candidate does not show sufficient interest in the program.
- d. The purpose of the interview is to find out what the candidate is attached to and how to help him obliterate the material impediments preventing surrender to Krsna.
- e. The counselor should explain the purpose of life -- Krsna Consciousness and present the ideal arrangement for success namely surrender to Krsna at this asram without delay.
- f. Generally the candidate will basically agree with the premise proposed, but will counter-present a score of reasons such as attachment to:
 - 1) Job obligations and room for advancement
 - 2) School obligations and room for advancement
 - 3) Smoking cigarettes
 - 4) Family
 - 5) Yoga and meditation practices
 - 6) Other so-called "gurus"
 - 7) Impersonalism
 - 8) Debts and obligations
 - 9) Fear of giving up association in general with the opposite sex
 - 10) Health food diet
 - 11) Music
 - 12) "Traveling," independence
 - 13) Joining at another ISKCON center
 - 14) Living in the forest or mountains, etc.
 - 15) Remaining outside the asram while continuing to follow all the rules and regulations
 - 16) Helping other friends, etc. who don't know anything about spiritual life.
 - 17) the fear of distress caused by desisting later from Krsna consciousness
 - 18) doubting the philosophy
 - 19) drugs, meat eating, illicit-sex and gambling
 - 20) Medication presently taking
 - 21) Christianity or some other religion.
- g. The counselor should tactfully begin to repudiate each argument of attachment philosophically by beginning with the candidate's most cherished attachment. The following will be a series of instructions to counselors and a presentation of recommended approaches that should be used by counselors. Corresponding numbers will be used to indicate the aforementioned attachments.
- h. The counselor should be determined to convince, with the grace and desire of the Lord, the candidate to not venture back into the quicksand cesspool of materialistic life ever again. This may be the candidate's last chance for an extremely long time.

as the future can never be trusted however bright it may appear

- i. The counselor should now begin to instruct the candidate about Krsna Consciousness from his knowledge of the Vedic scriptures presented by the bona fide spiritual master. The counselor now must be very firm yet compassionate, determined yet not emotional or sentimental, philosophical yet not stuff or stereotyped and dynamic yet always unattached to the result as Krsna is the Supreme Controller.
- j. If the candidate is very materially attached, the counselor should suggest a two or three-day vacation from the material world. This should begin at present and should not be delayed or postponed to a later time. Sometimes this plan should be presented as a primary premise and sometimes it should be offered as a last resort.

(1) JOB Candidate: "I cannot stay because I have to work and make money to keep alive."
 Counselor: --"You are not really attached to that job. . . etc."
 --"there is no love there. . . etc."
 --"why should an intelligent person work for money only? What are the necessities of life? They are food, shelter, clothing, companionship and happiness and those things are already being supplied automatically by Krsna. 'Nityo nityanam cetanas cetananam, eko bahunam yo vidhahati kaman (then translation) etc... and those things are also provided at Krsna's asram."
 --"If you must work, you should work for Krsna."
 --"Who will you be helping by working in that way? Nobody! Just deepening your karmic entanglement."
 --"You should not associate with these non-devotees."
 --"You are too intelligent for such foolishness."
 --"Get out of maya, after all, even if you try staying here for sometime you may always return to your previous engagements at any time."
 --"the mudha, jackass, also works for his livelihood. . . etc."

(*NOTE) If the candidate shows interest now, the counselor should suggest that the candidate's employer be called to announce the plan. The candidate should be convinced of the unimportance of such responsibilities (using the quote on page 66 of Bhagavad-gita is always wonderful) as trying to please karmis. Even if the candidate agrees to stay one night at the asram, he may derive enough spiritual strength in that time to be able to conquer may

(2) SCHOOL Candidate: "I'm enrolled at college and I can't miss any classes."
 Counselor: "Srila Prabhupada explains how the modern universities are taking the cream of American youth and butchering them with non-pertinent knowledge of the materialistic demeanor... etc."
 --"Real knowledge comes from the Vedas. . . etc."
 --(*NOTE: The counselor must be very well-versed in all of the revealed scriptures and be able to present all angles of the philosophy)

--(*NOTE : Now is the time to present these points. Also the counselor should present the "Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is Authorized" booklet with many professor's quotes commending Prabhupada's books. He should explain how devotees are lecturing at hundreds of college classes per semester all over the world.)

--(*NOTE : The counselor should be very emphatic to stress the fact that real knowledge is here not at these colleges because the candidate actually wants desperately to be convinced).

(3) SMOKING

Candidate: "Will I have to give up smoking cigarettes?"
 (*NOTE: Generally persons who have not been able to previously give up the habit of smoking cigarettes are very very nervous and whimsical. Ordinarily they actually are not ready for asram living. It is better to advise them to visit often the temple until the habit is curtailed)

(5) YOGA

Candidate: "I'm already practicing yoga, meditation etc."
 Counselor: "Yoginam api sarvesam. . .Bg. etc. and translation.

--"It is not practical to perform other systems of yoga in this age. . ."

--(*NOTE: These candidates may be difficult to convince. Even if they are allowed to stay at the asram they find it hard to give up their illusions)

Candidate: "If I stay here will I be able to practice my exercises and breathing routines?"

(*NOTE: The counselor may agree to this, setting aside a specific time for the candidate to perform his exercises. However the candidate may not be allowed these concessions for any extended period of time past a few days)

(7) IMPERSONALISM

Candidate: "I believe we're all one and whatever we is O.K."

--(*NOTE: The counselor should use this opportunity to defeat the Mayavadi philosophy very decisively. It is unlikely that this candidate will stay presently but such philosophical thrashing will increase his chances for the future. See how Lord Caitanya criticizes the Mayavadis in Cc.)

(6) OTHER "GURUS"

Candidate: "I have accepted Swami Mudhā-ananda as my guru and he is guiding me and giving me the truth."

(*NOTE: The counselor should begin calmly explaining the real qualifications of a guru and if the candidate is impervious to the fact that his "guru" is not bona fide, the counselor should explain very enthusiastically how such so-called "gurus" are cheating the public. Also the followers of such cheaters should be considered quite foolish.)

(4) FAMILY

Candidate: "I have to do some things for my family."

--(*NOTE: The counselor should quote many verses explaining how service to God includes service to family, friends, country, humanity, etc. He should speak kindly and peacefully)

Counselor: "Of course we love our parents and relatives however we must see that they are unhappy and not full of all knowledge. Correct?"

Candidate: "It would really destroy them if I became a Hare Krsna."

Counselor: "If you become a pure devotee, you automaticall liberate 100 generations of family members, forward and backward.

--"In the Bhagavad-gita Ar juna was asked to fight against his beloved relatives by Krsna Himself:

--"They may not understand now, but in time they'll see that you are happy and if they really care for you they'll also be pleased. I can cite dozens of such instances. . ."

(*NOTE: Persons under 18 years of age are required by law to secure permission from their parents to stay in the asram. Those over 18 are not.)

(8) DEBTS & OBLIGATIONS

Candidate: "I just have a few more things to finish up and then I'll be ready to join."

(*NOTE: The counselor should use similar evidence to that given in connection with "family" above)

(*NOTE: The counselor should assure the candidate that whatever the business to be transacted may be, now the ISKCON Organization is fully prepared to offer its assistance. For example; business techniques, expertise, manpower, trucks, mechanics, lawyers, funds etc

(*NOTE: The counselor should delineate the exact business matters to be tended to. All matters can be cleared up by appropriate phone calls, and letters or postponed until later. This is a fact. However, sometime candidates are insistent upon physically going to a place. In this circumstance, the counselor should try to convince him again otherwise.)

(*NOTE: If the candidate is dead-set on going but still claims that he'll return immediately after the disposal of these "loose ends" the counselor now stresses constant association with devotees)

Counselor: "Even Srila Prabhupada always travels with devotee Association is so important in Krsna Consciousness. Otherwise we have the tendency to fall down. Right

Candidate: "Yeh, you're right. I wouldn't mind if a devotee came with me."

Counselor: "That's a very intelligent idea. I'll come with you myself. When shall we go? (*NOTE: This will be later described in detail)

(*NOTE: The candidate should never be encouraged to go anywhere without the association of Vaisnavas for such negligence may result in illusion for millions of kalpas)

(9) ATTRACTION FOR WOMEN

Candidate: "Do any of the people who become devotees ever become married?"

(*NOTE: The counselor should explain Krsna Conscious marriage i.e. how nice it is. The counselor should not try to avoid this question. If he does the candidate will avoid surrendering)

(*NOTE: The counselor should explain how the protection of women is Vedic and that our spiritual master has advised his students to get themselves married to a suitable girl and together peacefully prosecute Krsna Consciousness)

--Counselor: "The girls here are learning to be very pure and chaste, and each male student may choose one for marriage. However this is not done until after at least a one year training period. It takes that long to become fixed up and responsible in Krsna Consciousness. Then if students marry they raise nice children in Krsna Consciousness and become supremely blissful in spiritual advancement. Employment and residential facilities are provided by ISKCON"

(*NOTE: The candidate should never be discouraged from the idea of marriage but rather encouraged. Of course the candidate must wait the prescribed amount of time of one year before marrying and chances are that in one year's period his ideas on the subject may change, as a result of purified intelligence)

(*NOTE: It should be understood that the whole society today is gearing its offspring toward becoming gyanedis and sexists. So it is not astonishing that an intelligent young man will inquire about his future household possibilities within the framework of ISKCON)

(10) HEALTH FOOD

Candidate: "I'm eating a special diet that I must continue."

(*NOTE: This attachment is generally not a serious impediment to entering the asram if properly handled. The counselor, upon identifying the particular diet (within the vegetarian category of course) should assure the candidate that provisions for every type diet have already been made at the temple)

(*NOTE: As will be later described, a temple should provide well-rounded diet of prasadam that could even satisfy 1) no sugar diets, 2) only fruit diets, 3) no milk diet, 4) low-starch diets, 5) high protein diets, 6) unintelligent fast diets, etc.)

(*NOTE: In this connection it should be noted that although the candidate is encouraged to live in the asram, nothing special will be prepared for him, rather different combinations of temple prasadam may be presented)

(11) MUSIC

Candidate: "I'm in a band."

Counselor: "Oh, what type of instrument do you play?"

Candidate: "Guitar, keyboard, horns or drums."

(*NOTE: This music attachment is very strong because it is practically inseparably interwoven with sex-life, for the karmis. Breaking it is an acute science. Also, nowadays over half of the young people i.e. 18-25 years are musicians of some degree, especially those who come to ISKCON temples)

Counselor: "Really, far out. You know George Harrison is into Krsna Consciousness and he helped us record an album on Apple label."

(*NOTE: Counselor should now proceed to play the album (tape for the candidate. Especially selections, Govindam, Om Purnam, Hare Krsna, Samsara Dava)

Counselor: "George played and chanted on each of these cuts. You probably heard his record "MY SWEET LORD" where he sings Hare Krsna."

Candidate: "Yes, it's a favorite of mine. I really dig George Harrison's music."

Counselor: "That's because he is a devotee. After purchasing the beautiful Bhaktivedanta Manor for our Spiritu Master in 1973 (*NOTE: Counselor should show a picture of Bhaktivedanta Manor) George has practically been living there since. He loves it, you know, staying with devotees in the temple. I mean who wouldn't relish such bliss-rising early, chanting with nice godbrothers and godsisters, so much nice philosophy, big festivals all over the world, and tremendous food too."

(*NOTE: The counselor should now discuss Golden Avatara Productions and play some selections for the candidate. Recommended are "Gopinath" and "Ohe Vaisnava Thakura.")

(*NOTE: The counselor should select music, that is kirtans, that will be appropriate for the candidate's taste. For example: If he likes soul music the counselor should play Dinanath chanting, and tell him how Stevi Wonder just included the devotees chanting Hare Krsna on his newest album. The counselor may tell of how Neil Diamond is so much moved that on his "Johnathan Livingston Seagull album" he included on the inside cover pictures of the Krsna Books and the Bhagavad-gita As It Is.

(*NOTE: If the candidate likes music from India, the counselor should mention Ravi Shankar and how he sings and records Vaisnava songs and visits ISKCON temples frequently. Then the counselor may personally show the candidate how to play the instruments New devotees especially like the Mrdunga)

(*NOTE: The counselor should mention that many devotees now living in the temples were previously also in groups.

Counselor: "One devotee used to be in the Jefferson Airplane and now he sings and plays for Krsna - listen."

(*NOTE: Now the counselor should play the Radha-Damodar tape)

(*NOTE: After this showing the candidate in many ways how music and Krsna Consciousness go well together, the counselor should explain how desiring to be famous as a musician is useless (i.e. Jimmie Hendricks, Janis Joplin committed suicide)

Candidate: "Oh I'm not into it for fame and money, I just think it's very spiritual to play music. I get very high doing it."

(*NOTE: The counselor should agree and suggest that the candidate continue to be musically inclined for Krsna and thus most likely make many albums at Golden Avatara Productions after a period of basic training at this center.)

(*NOTE: The counselor should explain how ordinary music is binding and benefits no one.

(*NOTE: The counselor should be confident that this attachment will diminish almost to nil after the candidate becomes enlivened by repeated kirtans)

*(NOTE: The candidate may be allowed to play his instrument in the Bhakti Program Office with kirtans there-for a while, until his attachment decreases)

(12) TRAVELING

Candidate: "I just like to keep traveling. I really love my independence."

(*NOTE: The counselor should encourage the candidate's traveling attraction by explaining how it is natural to travel)

Counselor: "We have a hundred centers (*NOTE: the candidate should be shown some pictures of other temples and hear of the different "exciting" cities that they are located in) all over the globe. I've been all over the world in Krsna consciousness although I never got such an opportunity before. This is because surrendering to Krsna automatically satisfies all desires."

(*NOTE: The counselor should mention our traveling buses and he will soon be eligible to tour with. Also mention how Srila Prabhupada has established this center as "training asram" with the intent of training devotees and then sending them all over the world.)

Counselor: "In fact, I just sent two boys to Korea to join Trivikrama Swami there. I just sent two boys to Satsvarupa Maharaj for a world-wide library distribution tour."

--Counselor: "I just sent 30 devotees to India and you'll be going as well, if not this year, probably next year with all expenses paid."

(*NOTE: The counselor should now chant the glories of such personalities as Narada, the eternal spaceman, interplanetary space travel and ultimately visiting the Krsna-loka planet through Bhakti yoga)

(*NOTE: Now the counselor should show the Hare Krsna People movie if time allows)

(13) JOINING ANOTHER CENTER

Candidate: "I was planning to join the movement at a farm."

Counselor: "Oh that's very nice.. I definitely think that is a first class idea. However, our farms require a person first be trained at a training center for usually 6 months, or the time needed to become initiated by the Guru. This center has been established, especially chosen by our spiritual master as the headquarters for this whole area. In fact when people go to the farms they send them here for initial training. We have 14 beautiful farms in ISKCON, and we're always sending men to one of them who needs help in a specific field, etc..")

--Counselor: "Krsna is all cognizant and He has brought you here knowing this is the best place to begin, so you should accept the Lord's plan and then expect to be on a farm shortly. Srila Prabhupada personally requested me to take special care of all nice boys who are interested in Krsna consciousness."

(*NOTE: Srila Prabhupada wants the world to become Krsna conscious, so all counselors must be willing to extend themselves to help save these poor fallen souls)

(*NOTE: The candidate's mind should be eased about the farm or any other center that the candidate was planning to join. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.")

(*NOTE: This method of advising should be carried out in a cool, calm, friendly, peaceful, enthusiastic, unattached, sharp, strong, common sense, matter of fact way with real love for this jiva)

(*NOTE: The counselor should personally show the candidate the dorm asram and secure all needed paraphernalia for his stay.*To be later discussed in detail)

--Counselor: "Why not stay here tonight and I'll call the other center in the meantime and see if there is any possibility of your staying there."

(14) LIVING IN FOREST OR MOUNTAINS

Candidate: "I don't want to live in the city, I can't take it. I must live in the forest or mountains."

Counselor: "Jai. That's because you're situated in the mode of goodness. But the forest itself alone is not transcendental. Krsna told Arjuna to stay and perform his spiritual duty. If you attain transcendental consciousness you can transcend the whole miserable world. etc. . . ."

--"Suffering is going on in the forest. . .etc."

(*NOTE: The counselor should describe the ISKCON mountain retreat vividly with its waterfalls, and frolicking antelopes etc..)

(*NOTE: Later on the candidate may be told how the real forest is Vrndavana and how one can meditate on it and actually be there constantly)

(15) LIVING OUTSIDE WHILE FOLLOWING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Candidate: "I want to live outside on my own for a while until I get stronger. I'll still keep chanting 16 rounds and following the principles etc."

Counselor: "Yes, this is a very nice sentiment but Srila Prabhupada tells us that we must live with devotees. . .etc."

(*NOTE: The counselor should offer many examples to corroborate this statement such as 1) The stick and the bunch of sticks example, 2) The wave and foam example, 3) The NOD example of associating with non-devotees.

Counselor: "Frankly, most people I meet, I do not advise them to live in an asram, but when there is a person already able to follow the regulative principles it is a crime for him to not fully serve Lord Krsna in the temple."

(*NOTE: The counselor should encourage the candidate giving him confidence in himself. Also the counselor should ascertain what doubts the candidate is feeling about asram living)

(*NOTE: These doubts will have to be separately dispelled with philosophy and practical application. *They will be discussed at length later.)

(16) PREMATURE GURU

Candidate: "I want to help many people in the material world who don't have any information about spiritual things. They really need it, you know?"

(*NOTE: The counselor should explicate in no uncertain terms that the candidate is not at all qualified to help anyone on his own, in his present conditioned state)

(*NOTE: The counselor should give the ISKCON timetable, i.e. 1) 6 months-initiation, 2) 1½ years-brabmana initiation, and 3) in some cases sanyassa after 3 or 4 years. The counselor should encourage the candidate to become very fixed up and then become a guru and liberate thousands of people)

(*NOTE: The candidate should be informed that unqualified teachers of spiritual knowledge are a great hinderance to society)

(*NOTE: The candidate should hear about innumerable instances where such headstrong so-called altruists have fallen down from spiritual practices and advancement in just a short period of time)

17) AFRAID OF FUTURE AFTER SURRENDER

Candidate: "What happens if I take to Krsna Consciousness but later decide due to world-mindedness? Then I will have no standing in any sphere."

Counselor: "I think the best thing is not to make any commitments now at all, rather my suggestion is that you just test out living here for a few days etc. . ."

(18) DOESN'T ACCEPT THE PHILOSOPHY YET

Candidate: "I don't fully accept that this is the only way to reach the Supreme. So I'm not sure I want to dedicate myself yet."

Counselor: "Fine, that means that you are a thoughtful person . . . etc."

--"My suggestion is that you take this opportunity to study this philosophy while living with actual practitioners in a sanctified atmosphere."

--"I'll arrange a nice schedule for you with a recommended list of study and then each day you and I can meet and discuss things. O.K.?"

(19) DRUGS, MEAT-EATING, SEX-LIFE, GAMBLING

Candidate: "How will I be able to give up drug, sex, gambling and meat-eating?"

Counselor: "Simply by being in association with devotees all the unwanted things are discarded."

(*NOTE: The counselor must receive a firm commitment from each and every person who wants lodging and board in the asram that they will abide by these 4 regulative principles without fail. Any breach of these items means immediate expulsion.)

(*NOTE: These items are not very difficult to abstain from for most while staying in the asram itself.)

(20) MEDICATION

Candidate: "What about my medication? I have to take it thrice daily."

Counselor: "That is quite acceptable."

(21) OTHER RELIGIONS

Candidate: "Well, I'm still a Christian, what does Krsna consciousness say about that?"

(*NOTE: The counselor should reassure the candidate that devotees of Krsna are Christians as well, because they are following the Supreme Lord's instructions without whimsical interpretation)

(*NOTE: The counselor should also have some nice quotes from the Bible ready to present. In a past issue of BTG --Rasa lila picture on the cover-- Hayagriva Prabhu listed many such quotes in relationship to the Sankirtan of the holy name.)

Counselor: "Srila Prabhupada said we are also lovers of Christ. . . We are simply after love of God, never mind Christian, Hindu or Jew, etc. . ."

I ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESIDENCE IN THE ASRAM

- A. If the candidate has items that he desires to offer to Krsna, the counselor should assist.**
- B. In certain circumstances, it may be incumbent to arrange for a prompt visit to the previous place of residence of the candidate.
 - *1. Especially in the following situations:
 - a. The candidate's rent is expired
 - b. The candidate is very impulsive and wishes to go
 - c. Candidate is strongly impelled to inform his friends and family of his decision (*NOTE: This is generally discouraged)
- C. It is the duty of the counselor to inform the candidate that donations to the Supreme Lord are favorable for one's advancement in Krsna Consciousness.
 - 1. Also such contributions help free one from unnecessary material entanglement, and attachments.
 - 2. Everything is the property of the Lord and should be rightfully returned to Him, to be used in His devotional service.
 - 3. The material things are transformed into spiritual things because of their use in Krsna's service.
 - 4. One should have no material attachments outside the interest of the Lord.
 - 5. The asram provides all the needs of its inhabitants
 - 6. Maintenance of material attachments will tend to draw the candidate into the mask of sense gratification.
- D. Sometimes it is preferable to postpone such expeditions. For example when:
 - 1. The trip would entail more expense and time than it is worth
 - 2. There might be some harmful criticism and hindrance by the residents there.
 - 3. The candidate does not desire to go presently.(*NOTE: The counselor should always accompany the candidate or send a qualified devotee for association.)
- E. Picking up of the items that the candidate wishes to surrender from his previous residence should be done in a separate temple vehicle.
 - 1. If at all possible transporting of donated goods should be completed in one trip.
 - a. if necessary trucks and more helpers should be utilized
- F. The counselor or accompanying devotee should diagnose the entire expectant situation with regards to the persons who are likely to be present.
 - 1. The counselor should have extensive information concerning the attitudes, interests and expectant reactions of those who could be present. This information should be obtained from the candidate prior to the expedition.
 - 2. The counselor should be sure that the candidate is prepared to successfully complete his desired result, namely, picking up the items to be donated and returning to the temple in good consciousness.
 - a. The counselor should suggest different possible situations that could occur and see that the candidate is competent in handling the proper Krsna conscious response

**see footnote on beginning of next page

**(NOTE: A general rule to follow is that all material loose ends should be eliminated as soon as possible under the the direction of the supervision of the counselor)

(*NOTE: All vehicles to be surrendered must be legally turned over to ISKCON. The vehicle title or a lost-vehicle form (which is acquired from the department of motor vehicles) must be properly signed and sometimes it is necessary to have it signed in front of a notary public.

(*NOTE: All temples should have one steady and responsible devotee become a notary public. This saves time and \$)

b. The counselor should brief the candidate as to the methods sometimes employed by disapproving parties

3. The counselor should bring prasad for all persons.

4. Upon reaching the dwelling, the counselor and candidate should enter with respect and proper etiquette.

a. After greetings and exchanges the counselor should offer prasad and begin to elucidate the intent of the visit.

b. If verbal opposition arises, the counselor should take the position of an instructor and thus disarm the parties with genuine spiritual knowledge.

Counselor: "My dear friends, it is the encumbant duty of each and every living entity to serve our dear Lord to the fullest extent. You should not only be pleased that this person has realized this but you should yourselves surrender to the Supreme. We have plenty of room for you also at our temple. Have you ever chanted Hare Krsna? etc. . ."

(*NOTE: This positive approach, taking the offense not a defense will most likely put a stop to the avid arguments of the other parties)

5. Simultaneously the candidate may gather the things to take back.

6. If, however, the situation appears to be entangling, just bid a farewell without further consideration

7. The other parties should not be permitted to cajole the candidate

G. If the party lived alone:

1. The counselor should note all the items present

2. The counselor should advise the candidate to separate his things from those belonging to others, i.e. friends, borrowed from family, etc..

3. The counselor should allow the candidate to do the packing or have a godbrother help the candidate.

4. The counselor should read from sastra aloud relevant topics to surrendering

5. All items should be taken back to the temple. Nothing of his need be left.

6. If appropriate, notice of departure should be given to the landlor

7. All balances, securities, etc. should be withdrawn from the candidate's bank, etc. and surrendered at the lotus feet of the temple Deities or to Their representatives.

a. The candidate should transact all these matters personally with the help of the counselor or Bhakta Program director.

H. Utilization of Donated Items

1. Back at the temple: Usable items such as cars, tape recorders, etc may be engaged at the temple

2. Small non-temple usable items should be sold promptly at swap mee

3. Large non-usable items such as t.v.'s, cars, trucks, beds, etc. may be advertised in the newspaper for sale.

4. Care should be taken with all these items. Never should the general public of asram members be allowed to "rummage through them.

(*NOTE: This "rummaging through" may cause unnecessary psychological disturbance to the candidate)

RESIDENCY QUESTIONNAIRE

Purpose: To help the aspirant understand the requirements for residing in the asrama (place for spiritual advancement). Also this helps the devotees to know best how to engage the aspirant according to his/her talents and tendencies.

Personal Inf.

Name: Last, middle, first _____
Address: number street: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ Date of birth: _____

Parents: Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M F

Address: number street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

I. YOGA and MEDITATION

What previous yoga and meditation practice have you had? Also please list the books you read in connection with these experiences.

Books: _____

III RELIGION (give brief explanation)

Previous faith, training, and understanding derived (conclusion)

THE BHAKTA PROGRAM MANUAL

I. FACILITIES

A. BHAKTA QUARTERS

1. The room should be separate from other rooms with its own door
2. The room should be maintained neatly, cleanly and orderly. One bhakta should be assigned this engagement
3. The style of the room should be simple and in the dormitory principle.
4. The room should contain the following equipment:
 - a) Three-tiered bunks, if possible. Each bunk should have individual shelves covered by a sliding door. *(This is important, if not imperative, as each person is given a greater sense of privacy and belonging).
 - b) Tilaka trays with small mirrors, and tilaka signs with the required mantras posted for each of the body parts to which tilaka is to be applied.
 - c) A bulletin board containing spiritual verses that are guidelines for the bhaktas which indicate what they should and should not do.
 - d) Good bright lighting
 - e) windows that easily open and close, and afford sufficient ventilation.
 - f) Walls that are painted white and are not posted with any pictures.
 - g) A suci bucket containing water and some disinfectant which is to be used by the bhaktas to cleanse their bunks on rising from them each morning.
 - h) A cabinet stored with Krsna Conscious literature for free reading
 - i) The heater should provide 70° F. continually.
 - j) Cleaning Utensils

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. tooth powder 2. mustard seed oil (applied to bodily gates before showering) 3. Coconut oil 4. Aspirin 5. Foot powder 6. Soap (preferably Castille which lathers quickly with cold water) 7. Shaving soaps and brushes 8. Razors-non electric 9. Razor blades 10. Electric razor & pre-shave lotion** 11. Limamont for aching muscles-De's or Ben Gay 12. Sinus & chest decongestant 13. Ear cleansers-Q Tips 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Combs 15. Hair brushes 16. Nail clippers 17. Finger nail brushes 18. Pumice stone for cracked feet 19. Castor oil- to relieve constipation 20. Anticeptic-germicid mechurochrome 21. Tissue paper or paper towels 22. Vitamin C tablets- for colds and health enthusiasts 23. Band Aids 24. Vaseline 25. Dry skin cream
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**No colognes or fragrant oils should be used by brahmacaris as mentioned in Lord Caitanya's discussion with Jaganananda Pandit.

B. BHAKTA COUNSELING OFFICE

1. Uses

- a) Rendering spiritually oriented advice to curious persons, prospective devotees or neophyte devotees.
- b) Counseling bhaktas presently involved in the program
- c) Having kirtans with devotees and interested guests
- d) Transacting any business related to the Bhakta Program
- e) Showing our ISKCON organization "progress" films and/or slides to guests and/or bhaktas
- f) Guidance to staff members
- g) Studying Srila Prabhupada's books
- h) Reading orally with bhaktas from Prabhupada's books

2. Desirable Equipment

- a) low desk for floor sitting, similar to Prabhupada's
- b) cushions- about 5 - for the director and guests to sit on
- c) An Indian rug, if possible
- d) Walls nicely painted-bright, positive, cheerful
- e) Bright lighting
- f) Musical instruments--tamboura, harmonium, karatals, mrdunga, tamborines, ekatars etc.
- g) Paintings or posters of Lord Krsna, and Lord Caitanya, Prabhupada and the Disciplic Succession--and all nicely framed
- h) quality incense
- i) All of Prabhupada's books, and extra copies for atmosphere
- j) A tape recorder-stereo if available
- k) Recorded tapes, especially: 1) Krsna Stories (KS 1,2,3) which new persons find highly deightful 2) Yoga System series 3) Radha-Krsna Temple Album containing the "Gopinath" selection which is expecially enthralling to music lovers; the Ohe Vaisnava Thakur selection--very captivating to guitar players and 4) Prabhupada kirtan tapes
- l) A movie and slide projector
- m) Films, such as:
 - 1) The Hare Krsna People
 - 2) CHALLENGE MY SERMON, filmed in 1974 by N.B.C. T.V. showing Umapati das preaching to a panel of challenging representatives of various faiths (30 minutes); it is extremely impressive--the color, filming and dynamic convincing delivery of Umapati explaining the real meaning of God and religion.
 - 3) The Prasadam Distribution Film (ISKCON Cinema, 12 minutes)
 - 4) As Brilliant As the Sun, a fine film showing how the BBT produces and publishes Prabhupada's books. (IKSCON Cinema, 23 minutes).
- n) Telephone o
- o) Heater- 70 F. always
- p) Draperies
- q) Prasadam-cookies or sweets, a variety if possible
- r) Paper or plastic cups, plates and spoons
- s) Stationary needs--pens, pencils, writing paper, carbon paper, paper clips, staple machine, staples, "liquid paper."

C. LAUNDRY AND SUPPLY ROOM

1. The laundry supply room should be within or adjoining the bhakta dormitory-- it should resemble a large closet.
2. The supply room should contain many shelves for clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, sweatshirts, dhotis, kirtas, tie-bottom pants, brahmana underwear, socks, tee shirts, long underwear, towels, etc; it should also have a bright light and a chair.
3. The room should have a door split in the center (Dutch door style) which enables a laundry attendant within the closet to be half exposed to a bhakta outside the closet who may need clean articles. The top half can be closed or locked when necessary, and prevent entrance into the closet.
4. The split door, when the attendant is not within it, and is not expected to return to it for a few minutes, should ALWAYS be locked, --not just closed -- by a key lock or a combination lock used solely by the attendant.
5. There should be a slot in the upper part of the door's top half so that dirty laundry can be deposited by the bhaktas when the door to the closet is locked. A hamper is on the other side of the door to catch the articles for washing.
6. The laundry is washed and dried daily by machine, in or off our premises-- at least 2 hours before lunch prasadam is taken. Enough time must be allowed for the laundry attendant to fold and place the newly cleaned articles on their respective shelves.
7. The laundry attendant, generally between 3-3:30 a.m. and 5:40-6:15 p.m. issues to all the bhakta roommates their cleaned clothes, (For each bhakta 2 dhotis, 2 kirtas and one sweatshirt are allotted and marked with the bhakta's name) The clothes issued at this time are worn for the evening program, and the following day's activities. These articles consist of 2 towels, 1 pair of socks, 1 tee shirt, 1 kirta, 1 dhoti (and if necessary for uncommitted or unsurrendered bhaktas, 2 pairs of tie-bottom died saffron baggy pants). Sweatshirts neednot be washed as frequently as other cloths, but rather as necessity dictates.
8. The laundry attendant should also be ready to issue clean clothes to the bhaktas in the early morning, before Mangala Aratika, if and when it is necessary
9. The laundry attendant should issue clean clothes only to the bhakta roommates, otherwise the clean laundry supplies will all be consumed when they are yet needed.

C. LAUNDRY AND SUPPLY ROOM (contd.)

10. The following supplies should always be stocked:

- All items mentioned previously as cleaning utensils (4j) and bodily aids (4k)
- Tooth Brushes (especially for bhaktas who suddenly decide to join the program without even returning to their residence to bring their personal effects.
- Tee shirts
- Socks
- Kirtas
- Dhotis
- Brahmana underwear (many sets)
- Sweat shirts with hoods
- Shoes (non-leather)
- Metal cups-for drinking
- Bead bags
- Counter beads
- Japa beads and malas containing 108 beads
- Neck beads and fishing line
- Electric hair clippers
- Knit ski caps for cold days, and to prevent long hair from falling during kitchen duty.
- Heavy jackets
- Long Underwear- for when it is cold enough
- Prabhupada's books for issuance to bhaktas:
 1. Sri Isopanisad
 2. Bhagavad-Gita (Paperback complete edition)
 3. Songs of the Vaisnava Acharyas
 4. Nectar of Instruction
 5. Nectar of Devotion
- Note pads
- Pens and pencils
- Tilaka
- Towels
- Tape recorder
- Prabhupada's recorded tape-Hare Krsna
- An alarm clock
- Incense
- Laundry soap

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

I. THE DIRECTOR

- A. The director of the Bhakta Program is also known as the counselor, supervisor, etc. in this booklet.
- B. His motto should be "make more bhaktas."
- C. His devotional service should be full of "enthusiasm, patience, and determination."
- D. He should have as many of the following qualifications as possible:
 - 1) a brahmana
 - 2) well acquainted with the shastras
 - 3) clean, neat.
 - 4) expert in playing all instruments
 - 5) can lead kirtans
 - 6) able to do business, familiarity with common procedures
 - 7) can drive vehicle
 - 8) is willing to make sacrifices
 - 9) is extremely regulated
 - 10) proficient in managing others
 - 11) over 25 years of age
 - 12) loves to preach
 - 13) experienced in sankirtan distribution
- E. Whatever is lacking, Krsna will carry if the devotee is striving with devotion.

II. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- A. He should be very submissive and full of trust
- B. He should be learning all the above-mentioned qualifications.
- C. He should be at least initiated and preferably a brahmana

III. THE LAUNDRY MAN

- A. Should be a new student
 - B. He should be steady and able to work alone
 - C. He should go out on the afternoon chanting party, daily.
- (*NOTE: the same qualifications should be there for the student engaged in cleaning the bhakta room, as a daily function)

Bhakta Program Outline

I Screening

A. Original - 1st day

1. Basic background
2. Is interest sincere?

B. Intensive - when he decides to stay

1. approx. 4th day
2. fill our residence questionnaire
3. personal interview (review questionnaire with him)

II Orientation

A. Basic issuance - 9:05 P.M.

1. bhajana kuti- residential quarters
2. resting paraphernalia
3. bhakta pants -1
4. kirita - 1
5. socks - 1
6. brahmin underwear -2
7. Towel -2
8. toothbrush
9. beads and card
10. schedule and introduction
11. prayer sheet #1
12. principle sheet #1

B. Second issuance - after intensive screening

1. sweat shirt
2. shoes
3. bead bag and counter beads
4. neck beads
5. Bhagavad-gita, NOD, 1 trilogy volume
6. small and large notebook
7. book bag
8. principle sheet #2
9. prayer sheet #2
10. cup

C. General Principles for first day

1. how to wear underwear
2. brush teeth (before shower, upon rising)
3. how and where to pass stool & urine
4. how and where to shower (cover yourself, don't run water why cold)
5. laundry sytem explained
6. tilok application-forehead only on 1st day
7. dressed

8. take to temple and instruct in japa
9. follow shcedule

D. Bodily cleanliness standards *(4,5 & 6 are on cleanliness sheet #2)

1. mustard oil on gates before showering
2. shower after stool, , before sundar na aratrika
3. change underwear after every shower
4. nails clean and short-(don't leave clippings around-clip before shower)
5. shave before shower
6. shave under arms
7. wash hands, feet, and mouth after urinated
8. wash hands after touching mouth
9. keep feet clean

E. General Cleanliness

1. clean sleeping area after resting
2. wipe up after eating, if at an irregular time
3. lockers must be clean and neat
4. sleepings bags rolled up and out of the way
5. put dirty clothes in hole
6. clothes become contaminated in stool room, laying on sleeping bag, on SKP, and after dirty work- avoid wearing them in the kitchen or temple.

F. Devotional standards

1. right hand used for eating, chanting offering and accepting things from others.
 2. apply tilok to all parts of the body
 3. don't touch feet to anything, inappropriate
 4. don't step over books, prasadam, devotees, or sacred articles
 5. nothing should go on the ground (kartals, books, pens, etc..)
 6. after dropping something on ground, touch it to your head
 7. respect sacred articles-don't throw books, etc.
 8. pay obeisances to someone in morning & evening
 9. serve 5 other devotees daily
 10. no saving prasad
 11. don't take other's possessions
 12. don't sleep on stomach-sleep facing the east or the south
 13. you must finish eating all the prasadam on your plate. Also, whatever you've left on the floor must be eaten.
 14. eat prasadam only in prasadam room
 15. if a sacred object falls on the ground put it to your head and recite obeisances to the spiritual master.
 16. no sacred articles in the stool room
 17. japa beads out of bag should not be hung on a hook
 18. no snacking-prasadam is at 8:00, 1:15, & 9:00
 19. upon rising chant the jayati mantra
 20. do not associate or speak with women unless ABSOLUTELY necessary
 21. don't put hands in mouth- the mouth is dirtier than the anus
 22. don't talk in temple.
- Only devotional activities should be done in front of the Deities.

New Dwarka - New Bhakta Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

3:00 Rise & shower
 3:30 Chant japa - temple room
 4:30 Mongal arotika - temple room
 5:00 Tulasi arotika - temple room
 5:15 Japa class - book & gift shop
 6:15 Guru Puja - temple room
 6:30 Srimad Bhagavatam class - temple room
 7:15 Greet the Deities - temple room
 7:30 Japa in front of Deities - temple room
 8:00 Morning prasadam - prasadam room
 8:30 Class - New devotee office
 9:30 Duties (assigned by temple commander)
 2:30 Class - Book & Gift shop
 1:00 Lunch prasadam - prasadam room
 2:00 Chanting party leaves - white van
 5:30 Party returns - shower
 6:15 Sri Isopanisad Class - temple room
 7:00 Sundar Arotika - temple room
 7:30 Nectar of Devotion class - temple room
 8:00 Bhagavad Gita class - temple room
 8:30 Class - small prasadam room
 9:00 Milk Prasadam - prasadam room
 9:20 Rest

Friday and Saturday

3:00 to 2:00 p.m. same as daily schedule
 2:00 p.m. Maha clean-up of temple and preparation of popcorn prasadam for distribution
 6:15 Sri Isopanisad class - temple room
 7:00 Sundar arotika - temple room
 7:45 Chanting party leaves - school bus or white van
 9:20 Party returns
 Milk prasadam & maha prasadam
 9:30 Rest

Sunday

3:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Same as daily schedule
 9:30 Duties (clean-up for Sunday feast program)
 3:00 Shave up and shower
 4:15 Arotika - temple room
 5:00 Lecture - temple room
 5:30 Kirtan - temple room
 6:15 Prasadam
 7:00 Arotika - temple room
 7:30 Clean-up of temple
 9:20 Rest

1. showers are taken upon rising, prior to evening program (5:30) and after passing stool
2. underwear and towel is put in laundry after each shower
3. brush teeth before morning shower
4. apply tilok after shower
5. after passing urine or earing, wash the feet, hands (with soap) and mouth.

BODILY CLEANLINESS PRINCIPLES

(AFTER HAIR-CUTTING CEREMONY)

1. *Mustard oil put on the 9 gates (optional)
2. Shower is taken after rising in morning, after passing stool, after SKP (unless very late at night) and before the evening program. Wash feet and toe nails. If you rest for one hour or more during the day, you must shower before going in the kitchen or temple. If you sleep in clothes they become contaminated.
3. shaving, teeth burshing, and nail clipping is done before showering. If you do this afterwards you contaminate yourself.
4. towel and underwear is put in laundry after each shower
5. do not put hands in mouth, if so wash hands
6. wash hands after drinking water.

GENERAL CLEANLINESS PRINCIPLES

1. Use only right hand for eating and giving and accepting things
2. do not touch feet to anything
3. do not walk over prasadam, books, devotees or sacred articles
4. nothing should go on the groun (especially books, karatals etc.)
5. after dropping something on the ground touch it to your head
6. respect sacred articles; don't use books to write on, don't throw them, etc.
7. pay obeisances to someone in the morning and evening
8. serve five devotees daily
9. so saving prasadam
10. no eating in ashram
11. do not take other's possessions
12. do not sleep on stomach-sleep to the south or the east
13. eat whatever you accept on your plate or whatever is on the floor in the immediate area
14. eat prasadam in the prasadam room
15. if a scared object touches the floor, touch it to your head
16. do not bring sacred articles in the stool room
17. if japa beads are out of bag, keep them ina clean place but do not hand them on a hook.
18. snacks can be taken at 5:30 P.M. after SKP. Otherwise no snacking
19. upon rising chant the jayatri mantra posted on the wall
20. do not associate or speak with any woman unless is is unquestionably necessary.
21. do not talk in front of the Deities or read or write personal letters, etc. Only devotional activities of hearing, chanting praying etc. should go on in the temple room.
22. While sitting, do not expose your feet

Basic Regulative Principles

- 1]. 16 rounds japa: "Generally, we recommend our disciples to chant 16 rounds on their japa beads daily, and this should be completed. But if one is not even able to chant 16 rounds, then he must make it up the next day. He must be sure to keep his vow."
- 2]. illicit sex life prohibited.
- 3]. gambling prohibited(or mental speculation).
- 4]. meat-eating prohibited(meat, fish, eggs incld.)
- 5]. intoxication prohibited(coffee, tea, cigarettes incld.)

"For example, a Krsna conscious boy, even if he is not very well educated by the university standard, can immediately give up all illicit sex life, gambling, meat-eating and intoxication; whereas those who are not in Krsna consciousness, although very highly educated, are often drunkards, meat-eaters, sex-mongers, and gamblers. These are practical proofs of how a Krsna conscious person becomes highly developed in good qualities, whereas a person who is not in Krsna consciousness cannot do so.

The One All-inclusive Principle

"We should always try to mold the activities of our lives in such a way that we will constantly remember Visnu, or Krsna. That is Krsna consciousness. Whether one concentrates his mind on the four-handed form of Visnu or on the form of two-handed Krsna, it is the same. The Padma Purana recommends: somehow or other, always think of Visnu without forgetting Him under any circumstances. Actually, this is the most basic of all regulative principles. For, when there is an order from a superior about doing something, there is simultaneously a prohibition. When the order is that one should always remember Krsna, the prohibition is that one should never forget Him. Within this simple order and prohibition all regulative principles are found complete.

"The regulative principles are not only for the brahmacharis (celibate students) to follow, but are applicable for all. It doesn't matter whether one is a beginner- a brahmachari-or if one is very advanced-a sannyasi. The principle of remembering the Supreme Personality of Godhead constantly and not forgetting Him at any moment is meant to be followed by everyone without fail.

[Six causes of falldown from S.Rupa Gos./Upadeshamrta.]

"He(Rupa Gosvami) states that there are six characteristics of pure devotional service, which are as follows:

- 1]. Pure devotional service brings immediate relief from all kinds of material distress.
- 2]. Pure devotional service is the beginning of all auspiciousness.
- 3]. Pure devotional service automatically puts one in transcendental pleasure.
- 4]. Pure devotional service is rarely achieved.
- 5]. Those in pure devotional service deride even the conception of liberation.
- 6]. Pure devotional service is the only means to attract Krsna.

Krsna is all-attractive, but pure devotional service attracts even Him. This means that pure devotional service is even transcendently stronger than Krsna Himself, because it is Krsna's internal potency."

"The sixty-four items of devotional service (listed entirely in Chapter 8 of the Nectar of Devotion) should include all of our activities of body, mind, and speech. As it was stated in the beginning, the regulative principle of devotional service enjoins that all of our senses must be employed in the service of the Lord. Exactly how they can be thus employed is described in the above sixty-four items....Out of these sixty-four items, five items- namely, offering water to the tulasi tree, hearing Srimad-Bhagavatam, associating amongst the devotees, sankirtana, and living in Mathura- are very important. (See Reference Sheet #2 for the list of the twenty most important principles.)

The 6 causes of falldown:

- 1]. eating more than necessary,collecting more than necessary or collecting more funds than required.
- 2]. over-endeavoring for mundane things that are very difficult to obtain.
- 3]. talking unnecessarily about mundane subject matters.
- 4]. practicing the scriptural rules blindly, or rejecting them.
- 5]. associating with worldly-minded persons(non-devotees)
- 6]. being greedy for mundane achievements.

Eating/ Sleeping/

-[Quoted from Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Chptr. 6, pg. 324-325]

Translation

"There is no possibility of one's becoming a yogi, O Arjuna, if one eats too much, or eats too little, sleeps too much or does not sleep enough.

Purport

Regulation of diet and sleep is recommended herein for the yogis. Too much eating means eating more than is required to keep the body and soul together. There is no need for men to eat animals because there is an ample supply of grains, vegetables, fruits and milk. Such simple foodstuff is considered to be in the mode of goodness according to the Bhagavad-gita. Animal food is for those in the mode of ignorance. Therefore, those who indulge in animal food, drinking, smoking and eating food which is not first offered to Krsna will suffer sinful reactions because of eating only polluted things. Anyone who eats for sense pleasure, or cooks for himself, not offering his food to Krsna, eats only sin. One who eats sin and eats more than is allotted to him cannot execute perfect yoga. A person in Krsna consciousness does not eat anything which is not first offered to Krsna. Nor can one who artificially abstains from eating, manufacturing his own personal process of fasting, practice yoga. The Krsna conscious person observes fasting as it is recommended in the scriptures. One who eats more than required will dream very much while sleeping, and he must consequently sleep more than required. One should not sleep more than six hours daily. One who sleeps more than six hours out of twenty-four is certainly influenced by the mode of ignorance. A person in the mode of ignorance is lazy and prone to sleep a great deal. Such a person cannot perform yoga." (*the spot where you have slept should be wiped-clean when rising.*)

-a brahmachari should avoid eating sweets in any quantity, especially during the week(although a minor increase is generally allowed at the weekly guest-program feast. The principle is that sweets produce sex-agitation in your body, especially honey(Prabhupada said one should not eat more than 12 drops of honey, it is such an aphrodisiac.)

[-quote C/o Harikesa dasa brahmachary]

-over-eating produces a "pushing" on the genital, the pressure in the stomach of excess food actually causing the sex-organ to become agitated. Also, disease is said to be produced from three causes: 1). overeating, 2). anxiety, 3). un-cleanliness.

-I can't find the quote somehow, but in the Fourth Canto, S. Bhag., Prabhupada states that one should eat in the following proportions to properly digest food and avoid disease: $\frac{1}{2}$ stomach capac. food
 $\frac{1}{4}$ stomach capac. water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ stomach capac. air

-prasadam should be taken hot(special cases: water, yogurt, etc.)

, especially milk prasadam, which is recommended before taking rest.

-the spot where you have eaten, even if only just one bite, should be immediately cleansed. (use a sponge or rag)*wash hands, face, +feet!!!*

Srila Rupa Gosvami states that his elder brother (Sanatana Gosvami) has compiled Hari-bhakti-vilasa for the guidance of the Vaisnavas, and therein has mentioned many rules and regulations to be followed by the Vaisnavas. He mentions the basic principles as follows:

- 1]. accepting the shelter of the lotus feet of a bona fide spiritual master.
- 2]. becoming initiated by the spiritual master and learning how to discharge devotional service from him.
- 3]. obeying the orders of the spiritual master with faith and devotion.
- 4]. following in the footsteps of great acaryas (teachers) under the direction of the spiritual master.
- 5]. inquiring from the spiritual master how to advance in Krsna consciousness.
- 6]. being prepared to give up anything material for the satisfaction of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krsna (This means that when we are engaged in the devotional service of Krsna, we must be prepared to give up something which we may not like to give up, and also we have to accept something which we may not like to accept.)
- 7]. residing in a sacred place of pilgrimage like Dvaraka or Vrndavana.
- 8]. dealing with the material world only as far as necessary.
- 9]. observing the fasting day on Ekadasi.
- 10]. worshiping sacred trees like the banyan and others.

The next set of instructions is listed as follows:

- 1]. one should rigidly give up the company of nondevotees.
- 2]. one should not instruct a person who is not desirous of accepting devotional service.
- 3]. one should not be very enthusiastic about constructing costly temples or monasteries.
- 4]. one should not try to read too many books.
- 5]. one should not be neglectful in ordinary dealings.
- 6]. one should not be under the spell of lamentation in loss or tribulation in gain.
- 7]. one should not disrespect the demigods.
- 8]. one should not give unnecessary trouble to any living entity.
- 9]. one should carefully avoid the various offenses in chanting the holy name of the Lord, or in worshiping the Deity.
- 10]. one should be very intolerant towards the blasphemy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna, or His devotees.

*Out of these twenty, the first three, namely, accepting the shelter of a bona fide spiritual master, taking initiation from him and serving him with respect and reverence-are the most important.

TRAINING

I. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION "BUILD UP"

- A. New students begin their distribution training by voluntarily distributing cards, prasadam, the holy name, leaflets, incense sticks and/or BTG magazines on the chanting parties.
- B. Most students continue following the schedule (see schedule) without change for 1 to 2 months.
 1. Those students showing good advancement are allowed to have one day a week set aside for all-day BTG distribution.
 2. For example: Each Friday Bhakta Bob will go out with the all-day distribution team.
 3. It is important to know that new students should not be forced prematurely into full time book distribution.
 4. A little patience in this matter will prove very valuable--not "penny wise and pound foolish."
 5. When a new student goes out he is given expert training and full time association of experienced godbrothers.
 6. The other 6 days of the week remain exactly the same for the "1 day out" new student.
- C. After the "1 day-out" new student shows steadiness and enthusiasm for a few weeks, he is allowed to go out 2 days a week on literature distribution. Then 3 days a few weeks later, etc. until after 6 months most boys are able to do full time sankirtan 6 or 7 days per week.
- D. This method of gradually increasing their days out on book distribution has proved extremely successful in New Dwaraka.

II. INTERMEDIATE PERIOD (3-6 Months)

- A. After 3 months the new student is transferred from the bhakta quarters to another dormitory.
 1. By this time, most students should be going out 2 to 3 days per week on sankirtan, all day.
- B. There, the student is supervised by the intermediate supervisor, who sees to it that the student continues to be regular in all of his prescribed duties around the temple, as well as increasing his book distribution schedule.
 1. A separate room just for these students is ideal
 2. The supervisor should live with the students
- C. Most students develop during this training period into "5-day out" devotees
 1. At this time the student moves again.
 2. This time he lives with the full-time distribution team and their live-in leader, and here he may increase to 7 days out
- D. If the student after this 6 month period has reached a pinnacle for his sankirtan, say 3 days out, or becomes valuably needed in another field of service, he is given over to the direct charge of the temple commander.

III. ALL DAY DISTRIBUTORS (BTG)

- A. The devotees in this program all live together with their leader and go out about 6 hours a day with one longer day a week.
 1. They have regular readings and bhajans together each day
 2. Their room is also equipped with 3 tier bunks--the same as the bhakta quarters.

B. ALL DAY DISTRIBUTORS (BTG) Outpost-Distribution Centers

1. As a devotee develops strength here, he will be asked to visit our outpost center for distribution.
 - a. One large city within the temple's territory is selected, a house rented, a leader established and regular sankirtan distribution carried out in that city daily.
 - b. Usually 4-5 distributors live there at a time
 - c. Rotating schedules are established as one man usually stays out for a month at a time. Then back to the main temple.
2. This idea has been working with great success.
3. Then the very expert devotees may be transferred to the "big-book distribution" program which is essentially the same as the other mentioned programs with the devotees who distribute big books.

IV ISTĀGHOSTĪ (meeting for the practical discussion of temple life)

- A. The director should establish such a meeting to be held at the same time each week for 1-1½ hours. All the students in the program must attend.
- B. This meeting is to unite the group around Srila Prabhupada's instructions.
 1. Basically this meeting discusses topics such as Vaisnava etiquette, temple behavior, surrendering attitudes, regularity and how to develop love amongst godbrothers.
 2. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THIS ISTAGHOSTI ONCE A WEEK
- C. Throughout the week the director keeps a list of points to be brought up at the weekly ISTAGHOSTI.
 1. This allows the director the opportunity to tell all the students the same thing at once. i.e. Standardize all bhakta procedures.
 - a) Otherwise constantly correcting each boy throughout the week simply results in uneasiness
- D. An average ISTAGHOSTI would cover 8 or more points as follows:
 1. It is a reminder so the topics are reviewed again as new students continue to come in.

SAMPLE ISTAGHOSTI (Begin with kirtan)

1. Stick to your duty
2. 3 principles of Deity worship (prompt, clean and doing it nicely)
*NOTE: This should apply to all devotional service
3. Sit properly in the temple
4. Don't leave articles all over
5. Rise quickly in the morning and begin chanting
6. Water the tulasi plant each day
7. Caranamṛta should be 3 drops only --not 3 handfulls, etc. . .

NEW STUDENT WELFAREI. CONCERNING CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. All devotees wishing to give through the Bhakta Program must do so
- B. All devotees wishing to offer through the Bhakta Program must do so
 - 1. Otherwise the new students must include that they (i.e. the new students) or that others are picking on
- C. The New Bhakta staff should show students to prevent the necessity do so.
 - 1. New students should be of general etiquette and procedure stis.
- D. In case of other devotees, e of not instructing the new bhakta or should immediately explain to are.

II CONCERNING PHONE CALLS

- A. No new students may be taken from their management to answer phone calls coming into the temple.
- B. All calls for new students should be logged on a message tablet and then transferred to the New Bhakta Office with the following information: 1) name 2) phone# 3) nature of business.
- C. The counselors should notify the new student as to the phone message at designated times.
- D. The counselor must give advice to the new student with regards to the nature of the phone call.
- E. All callers should be treated with great respect.
- F. The counselor should advise avoidance of offensive callers.
- G. For outgoing calls from new students:
 - 1. Calls should be made from the Bhakta Program Office with the authorization of the staff.
 - 2. Time limits for calls may be necessary

III VISITORS TO SEE NEW STUDENTS - GENERAL POLICY

- A. At Temple: Only at established times.
 - 1. New students may not be called from assigned engagements to accomodate visitors at unestablished times.
 - a. exceptions may be determined by the Bhakta Program staff
 - 2. Generally guests are invited to visit on Sundays at the festival open to the public.
 - 3. The counselor will greet visitors with new students.
 - 4. VISITING RIGHTS ARE REVOKED TO OFFENSIVE VISITORS.

IV NEW STUDENTS VISIT OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE JURISDICTION

- A. ONLY WITH AUTHORIZATION AND ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO NEW STUDENTS - GENERAL POLICY

- A. Incoming: Transferred by receptionist to Bhakta Program Office
 - 1. New students should open and discuss all mail with Bhakta Program director.

2. The Director should advise the new student on possible action and/or replies to mail.
3. All donations should be given to Krsna.
 - a. The Lord is the proprietor of everything

B. Outgoing; From new students

1. Must always be authorized by supervisor
2. It is recommended to send parents the "Krsna Consciousness is Authorized" pamphlet.
3. Letters of an intimate nature should be discouraged, "tapasa, brahmacaryena ca damena ca"
4. Letters inducing friends to join the movement may be sent 3 months after one enrolls-not before.
5. Strong philosophical letters to past acquaintances often cause more perturbation than simple, short letters.

VI VISITS FROM WOMEN TO NEW STUDENTS

- A. Brahmacharis (celibate students) are strictly forbidden to freely associate with women (young or old)
 1. Engagements should be arranged accordingly and visitation restricted.
- B. Brahmacharis should be reminded repeatedly how one should not try to enjoy seeing, thinking about, touching, speaking to, hearing, associating with or hearing about women.

VII CONCERNING ILLNESS

- A. Illness is caused by "uncleanliness, overeating, and anxiety" (In Temple)
- B. Pre cautions and instructions should be given to illucidate the above mentioned discrepancies.
- C. Free medical service should be investigated from the county welfare agency, county hospital, etc. ahead of time.
 1. In California there is Medical
- D. If a new student falls ill in the Bhakta Quarters:
 1. Directions as to procedure should be given by one supervisor only to avoid contradictory instructions.
 2. General policies for common illnesses.
 - a. Diet may be varied
 - b. more rest, less strenuous activity, keep warm
 - c. maintain prescribed number of rounds, attend both morning and evening aratikas and classes (unless completely immovable)
 - d. use morning sunshine for health
- E. Establish of Separate Isolated care facility (Dispensary) for more Accute illnesses.
 1. Separate, clean, with tape recorder and tapes
 2. Attendant who maintains above and
 - a. provides prasad (water, fruit and boiled vegetables are nice, brahmastra juice)
- F. Extreme Illnesses - Hospitalization Required
 1. The new student who is hospitalized should have as much good association as possible (with devotees)
 - a. regular visits
 2. Supplies should be provided (for spiritual upliftment)
 - a. Prasada, book, flowers, tape recorder, tapes, head phones,
 3. Precautions should be taken to assure that his diet will be vegetarian.

4. Instructions should be given to the new student concerning behavior and philosophy (i.e. working off bad karma, boiling impurities out etc.)
5. Payments and fees should not be discussed with patient
 - a. This often causes undue anxiety
 - b. Most county hospitals provide services for unsalaried monks, etc..

PERSONAL GRIEVANCE SOLUTIONS

I. If a student is having trouble adjusting to temple living and feels the need to leave, the counselor should explain the following:

A. ISKCON DISCIPLIC SUCCESSION AND WORLD WIDE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENT

1. The counselor should trace the message of the Supreme Lord, Krsna through the chain of disciplic succession reaching His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
2. Then the counselor should trace the set-up of the G.B.C. receiving authority from the Guru, the temple presidents acting under the direction of the G.B.C. and the other officers within the temple similarly engaged.
3. The counselor should point out that all disciples of Srila Prabhupada must accept ISKCON in order to advance. (i.e. quote famous paragraph about ISKCON from Bhag. 4.4)

B. APPEALS

1. The counselor should inform the student that if a devotee questions the decision of his immediate supervisor, that devotee has the right to present the question before the next higher authority and so on up to, if absolutely necessary, the supreme authority, the bona fide spiritual master.
(*NOTE: Srila Prabhupada stated in a letter that this appealing to higher authority is like the system of courts of appeal used in legal cases. One always has the right to appeal a decision made by a lower court but in the meantime he must abide by that decision.)

C. INTER-TEMPLE DEVOTEE TRANSFERS

1. At the Mayapur resolutions of 1975 the following was decided:
 - a. All transfers of devotees within the same zone must be with the approval of both temple presidents.
 - b. All transfers of devotees within different zones must be with the approval of both G.B.C. secretaries.
 2. The counselor should explain this thoroughly to the student.
- D. The above-mentioned three ISKCON guidelines should be discussed with the student, first of all, as soon as the counselor learns of the student's intention to leave.

(*NOTE: The counselor should inquire whether the student agrees to abide by this system)

Counselor: "So, you now know what Srila Prabhupada wants and you're speaking with me which is correct procedure. Now, after we discuss things, I'll give you my advice. If you however are not satisfied, you should according to proper procedure present the situation to the temple president, for his consideration, etc. If you agree to remain a member in good standing of ISKCON by agreeing to follow the correct procedure I am then interested to hear your reasons for feeling the way you do, and I am prepared to do anything within my power to help you."

(*NOTE: If the student does not agree to follow the proper procedure, in other words, he doesn't respect ISKCON, then there is absolutely no use for the counselor to advise him further.)

- (*NOTE: If the student agrees to accept the ISKCON procedures, then the counselor should with pad and paper note all of the grievances the student has.)
- (*NOTE: After listening to the students' difficulties or misunderstandings the counselor should then one by one solve each one with logic, philosophy, and practical adjustments, beginning with the most difficult ones first.
- (*NOTE: The counselor should now see the degree of cruciality of the situation and should thus give his full attention to solving this matter, which will save a devotee from leaving the temple

Examples:

1. READING

- Student: "I do not get enough time to read"
- (*NOTE: The counselor should immediately arrange for more time)

. SLEEP

- Student: "I am too tired, not enough sleep"
- (*NOTE: The counselor should immediately arrange for more time)

. SANSKRIT

- Student: "I can't learn all this Sanskrit."
- Counselor: "That's all right, Kṛṣṇa understands all languages, including English, etc."

. BUSINESS

- Student: "I have to finish up some business at home"
- (*NOTE: The counselor should find out the specific things to be done, and then try to finish them up by phone, mail, truck, telegrams or whatever needs to be done to alleviate the student's anxiety and allow him to stay)
- (*NOTE: If this is unsuccessful, then the counselor should try to have a devotee go with the student (a very experienced one) to finish things up.
- (**SPECIAL NOTE: For more details on this subject refer to the section of this manual entitled "Arrangements for Residence in the Asram)
- (*NOTE: If this is not successful, chances are that the student is hiding his real desires, namely sex and will do anything to get away and satisfy his lust.)

. DIET

- Student: "There is not enough fruit or in the diet here."
- (*NOTE: The counselor should arrange for more for him. Again see section-- "Arrangement for Residence in the Asram, for more detailed explanation)

. ADVANCEMENT

- Student: "I'm not advancing."
- Counselor: "Yes you are, etc. . ."
- (*NOTE: The counselor should explain and use the different examples (i.e. mother and aunt see child's growth differently). This student is obviously suffering from a superiority complex and he needs to be encouraged by positive statements about his service)

. AUSTERITY

- Student: "It's too austere for me here. You know, cold showers etc."
- (*NOTE: The counselor should make appropriate concessions)

8. SOCIAL INTERACTION

Student: "Some devotees, I mean they're always making things difficult."

(*NOTE: The counselor should find out the specifics, i.e. what are the difficulties, which devotees are involved and try to smooth things out.)

9. ENGAGEMENT

Student: "I don't like my engagement."

Counselor: "What would you rather do? I'll arrange it for you."

10. LEAVING

Student: "I just want to go away and get my head together."

(*NOTE: The counselor should explain how maya will not supply the knowledge needed for getting free.)

January 16, 1975

Vaisnava Fruits Part I - (CHANTING SAMKIRTA PARTY)

yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayam stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam vande guruh sri caranaravindam

1974 saw over 4 million devotional seeds (in the form of transcendental literatures) sewn into this earth planet. By the unlimited mercy of Lord Chaitanya the "original gardener" and His able assistant, Om Visnupada Paramahansa Sri Srinad Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, some seeds are finding fertile areas for growth. Each seed has the potential of transforming a soul into a glorious Kalpa vrksha tree and producing endless vaisnava fruits in the form of devotees. Therefore each ISKCON center which is a branch of Lord Chaitanya's tree can cultivate their prospective devotees by the watering process and loving care.

The Radha-Damodar traveling party as well as New Dvaraka pick many vaisnava fruits weekly. The following is a quote from a letter sent to Upendra Prabhu on July 5th, 1969 from His Divine Grace:

"Now Tamal Krishna will be the supplying agent of devotees to many temples, because he is attracting many new devotees in the Los Angeles temple. So the program is after being trained up here, some of them may opt either to open new branches or go where they are required. But I wish that you should also attract new devotees from your quarters. Instead of importing devotees, it is better to attract devotees from your own area. And the basic principle for doing this is SAMKIRTA PARTY."

Book distribution and chanting the holy names of the Lord congregationally go quite well together. A chanting party is valuable in many ways: (1) It benedicts the world, (2) It attracts new devotees, (3) It provides perfect engagement for new devotees, (4) It sometimes distributes prasadam, (5) It trains up new devotees in basic arts, such as chanting, dancing, instrument playing, song-learning, preaching and distributing, etc., etc., (6) It enlightens even veteran devotees, (7) It is inexpensive, (8) It is authorized - Hare Nama, Hare Nama, Hare Nama eva kevalam. Kalau nastyeva, nastyeva, nastyeva, gatir anyatha. "In this age of Kali, the only means of deliverance is to chant the Holy Name of the Lord, chant the Holy Name of the Lord, chant the Holy Name of the Lord, and there is no other means of success."

Srila Prabhupada has said that the devotional creeper requires watering (namely hearing and chanting) for growth. By the grace of Srila Prabhupada's books and Lord Chaitanya's Harinama chanting party, in only two months (and with a shaky beginning) New Dvaraka has yielded a nice crop of 20 new devotees. Some are doing valuable service as chanters, some cleaners, and some even as book distributors.

By Krishna's grace we'll be discussing one important aspect of developing a fine "new devotee program" each week. Included topics will be "CHANTING SAMKIRTA PARTY", and the importance of "Sunday Love Feasts", attractive "Preaching Techniques", "Orientation and Training Programs", "Follow-up", "College Festivals", and others. Let us make all endeavor to follow the order of Sri Gouranga and assist our spiritual master in reclaiming all the fallen souls back to Home, back to Godhead.

Your worthless servant,

Radha Kishan das Acharya
Danavir das Adhikary

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VAISNAVA FRUITS PART II - "The importance of the 'Sunday Love Feast'"

When our beloved Spiritual Master, Srila Prabhupada, first came to this continent some 9 years ago he began by chanting the Hare Krsna Mantra on sankirtan and then when interested persons would come to visit he would cook sumptuous prasadam feasts and distribute them. Gradually, the "Sunday Love Feast" developed as a standard program for all ISKCON temples.

In a recent lecture Srila Prabhupada stated that the reason for maintaining temples is to attract the fallen souls to become devotees. By thinking of the temple as a sankirtan vehicle there is freshened impetus for cleanliness, hospitality and nice preaching. Wherever the Lord resides, that place is transformed into a holy place. Srila Prabhupada once told Sruti kirti prabhu that the Los Angeles Temple is Vaikuntha.

Inviting guests to the Sunday Love Feast is a very necessary part of a "new devotee program." In most large centers mantra cards are printed and passed out to thousands, generally they include an invitation to the Sunday Love Feast. Here in New Dvaraka the chanting SKP, the book distributing SKP as well as all other forms of preaching culminate in encouraging everyone to attend the blissful Sunday Love Festival.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur sings, "Radha-Krsna bada sange cala ei matra bhika cae." "Simply chant 'Radha-Krsna' and join with us. These are the only alms we beg."

The Sunday Love Feast becomes a famous event in a city and the best advertising is satisfied customers. In New Dvaraka great care is put into the program i.e. cleansing the whole area, decorating as far as possible with colorful cloth and fern branches, nice, neat, polite devotees to greet guests, book and gift shop, blissful kirtans, simple lectures, play or dance ensemble, more kirtan, sumptuous prasadam, beautiful aratika ceremony with exquisite deities and the flavor of incense prasadam, then the "Hare Krishna People" movie or the Urmopati - N.B.C. "Challenge My Sermon" one-half hour color movie (which I highly recommend) then more preaching. Our Sunday program is based on making devotees, letting interested guests stay in the asram, matching up expert preachers with receptive persons, etc.

When Tamal Krsna Gosvami visited New Dvaraka and gave the lecture, he ended with the invitation that each person should take off a week from the material world and try it in the Krsna Temple. He said "just take a week's vacation from work, and if your boss won't let you, then maybe he's not the type of fellow you want to work for anyway." It WORKED!! People actually stayed and some became full-time devotees.

In summary, the Sunday Love Feast is prime-preaching time -- a full dosage of Krsna Consciousness. In fact Srila Prabhupada writes in the Chaitanya Charitamrta Volume II, Chapter 9, Text 50, Purport:

"In every center of our institution, ISKCON, we have arranged for a love feast every Sunday, and when we actually see people come to our center, chant, dance, take prasada, become jubilant and purchase books, we know that certainly Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is always present in such transcendental activities, and He is very pleased and satisfied. Therefore the members of ISKCON must increase this movement more and more, according to the principles that we are presently trying to execute. "Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, thus being please, will smilingly glance upon them bestowing His favor, and the movement will be successful."

Jai Sri Gurudeva!

Your lowly servant,

Danavir dasa Adhikary

Danavir dasa Adhikary

All Glory to Sri Guru and Gouranga!

om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

In a recent lecture on the 1st verse of Srimad Bhagavatam, 3rd Canto, 4th Part, Srila Prabhupada commented that the reason for establishing so many temples throughout the world is to facilitate the people in general to come and hear about Krishna. If someone comes to hear about Krishna and takes prasadam then it is just a matter of time until this person becomes a 'simply wonderful' devotee.

A few days ago I was talking with Sriman Ramesvara Prabhu about this program for actively culturing a program for new devotees. He said that our book distribution program is designed to make devotees, so if someone after reading one of His Divine Grace's books comes forward, we must have nice facilities for him to take shelter. Practically we have seen that many young people after reading our books are seriously interested in putting the teachings into practice.

His Holiness Tamala Krsna Gosvami, the foremost 'new-devotee' attractor allowed us to listen in on his method of preaching to a prospective new devotee. This was at a Sunday Feast; first he made friends with a prospect, 'Hare Krishna, how are you? That's nice. My name is Tamala Krishna Gosvami, what's yours?' etc., etc. He inquired extensively into the life of the prospect listening to every word to which would be essential later in the discussion. He asked early 'lead' questions such as 'Do you like the chanting? We feel that life is meant for a higher consciousness, don't you?' to establish the interest of the candidate.

After some time, Gosvami would begin to explain our simple but sublime life style, i.e., how we don't kill, we live peacefully without exploitation, no worries, good philosophy, nice food, stimulating philosophy, wonderful friends, bonafide guru, etc. Finally, he culminated in proposing that the person take a 'week's vacation' from the material grind and stay with us for some time. Here's where all that personal information about the candidate is needed. If Gosvami knows where the person's attachments lie, then he can gear his preaching towards severing them. Also he can use everything positively in a summary such as: 'I know, Bob, that you've got a nice job with a solid background of education, a nice girlfriend, you're good looking and bright, and I also can understand that you're at least a little attracted to this yoga process enough so to bring you here, so I thought that I would let you know about our special program which enables a person to come stay with us for a week or a few days. You know, as kind of a vacation from the

miseries, and just see what it's like. Let's face it, the material formula hasn't made anyone happy yet so why not give this a try? I'll take personal care of you and answer any questions that you have. Does the idea sound fair?'

Now our prospect will often give his excuses but Gosvami already knows them and the solutions as well such as: 'You can just take a few days off sick from work and if your boss won't let you, then maybe he's not the man to work for anyway. School certainly hasn't taught us anything about ourselves yet but here is real knowledge (show books).'

So you've noticed the technique is parallel to the selling of big books, just a little more detailed. Anyway, every center can immediately begin attracting more devotees just by trying to attract them to become devotees. People are lost and Srila Prabhupada said, 'They have taken to the philosophy of hopelessness, they want to join us, that is a fact.'

Another great 'new devotee' attractor from the South American continent, Sriman Chitsukananda das Admakari, who has brought approximately 100 Spanish speaking devotees to Krishna Consciousness, remarked when asked what makes a good new devotee program: 'Plenty of good prasadam. Make them eat till they waddle, plenty of lively kirtan and a lot of care.'

Your worthless servant,
Dhanvir das

So prabhus, the results are very encouraging and the whole temple will be enlivened by all the new bhaktas, please write me here in New Dvaraka and inform me of your success and I'll share them with the others.

Jai, all Glories to your service!

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BOOKS DISTRIBUTED	PRASADAM DISTRIBUTION
1. BTG'S _____ 2. MEDIUM BOOKS _____ 3. LARGE BOOKS _____ 4. MANTRA CARDS _____ 5. FLIERS _____ 6. LAXMI COLL. \$_____	1. TYPE : _____ A. AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED: _____ B. GENERAL RESPONSE FROM PEOPLE : _____ 2. TYPE : _____ A. AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED: _____ B. GENERAL RESPONSE FROM PEOPLE: _____ 3. COULD WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED MORE PRASAD? YES _____ NO _____ A. HOW MUCH MORE _____
TOP 3 DISTRIBUTORS 1. _____ \$_____ BTG M L 2. _____ \$_____ BTG M L 3. _____ \$_____ BTG M L COMMENTS: _____	COMMENTS: _____
PLACES AND CROWDS	GUESTS RETURNING
1. SPOT TO PARK BUS? YES _____ NO _____ 2. RECEPTIVITY: (GREAT) _____ (OK) _____ (POOR) _____ 3. CROWD: SIZE - TOP _____ AVE. _____ AGE - RANGE _____ TO _____ AVE. _____ 4. POLICE HASSLES? YES _____ NO _____ A. EXPLAIN. _____ 5. WHAT HOURS ARE BEST? _____ TO _____ 6. SPECIFICALLY WHAT AREA IS BEST? _____ 7. ANY NEW SPOTS? YES _____ NO _____ A. DESCRIBE. _____	1. NAME _____ A. PREACHER _____ 2. NAME _____ A. PREACHER _____ 3. NAME _____ A. PREACHER _____
DEVOTEE CONDUCT	SUGGESTIONS
1. ALL DEVOTEES BEHAVED VERY NICELY. YES _____ NO _____ 2. IF NO - PLEASE EXPLAIN: NAME: _____ OCCASION _____ NAME _____ OCCASION _____ NAME _____ OCCASION _____	

"...Become a Vaisnava..." (Srila Prabhupada)

"It is not that only Indians or brāhmanas can become Vaisnavas. Anyone can become a Vaisnava. Therefore one should recognize that the bhakti cult must be spread all over the world. . . . Moreover, the word maitraḥ, friendly, indicates that one who is able to preach the bhakti cult all over the world should be equally friendly to everyone."

LEADERS WELCOME

The New Dwaraka president, Tulsi Das Brahmachari, has just extended an open invitation to all ISKCON Centers developing a "Bhakta Program." They may send their man to New Dwaraka for an intense week of training and experience working with bhaktas and associating with Danavir Das Adhikari, and Citraka Das Brahmachari the New Dwaraka Bhakta Program coordinators.

TIES RECORD: ASTOUNDING 4 NEW BHAKTAS!!

This week Their Lordships Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish have attracted three intelligent jivas, namely Bhakta Bob, Bhakta Richard, and Bhakta Eric to shave up and don saffron robes. Also a new brahmacharini named Helen dove in devotional service this week.

Feast Flags Four More

Four guests stayed over this Sunday night from the feast. One of them was Bhakta Eric, mentioned above, who traveled all the way from New York to join New Dwaraka's Bhakta Program on the recommendation of Srimate Omkara dasi. The remaining three souls are John, Jack and Paul-- Best wishes for their devotional service.

New B.P. Offices Soon!

Within one month at most, the B.P. (Bhakta Program) offices will be moved to the front of the asram. They will replace the front reception room, the G.B.C. office, and other offices and rooms up front which will be re-located across the street in the new green building. The B.P. will then have 3 preaching rooms, a library and a multi-media room. More later!

B.P. Job Openings

1. Book Bag seamstress (25 needed)
2. Receptionist/typist (After move takes place)
3. Flier Chief (Distribution Chairman)

SUNDAY FEAST REVIVAL

After last weeks' reminiscence lapse, the great valiant warriors from New York rallied themselves & elected Srīman Agni Deva das Adhikari to be the new Sunday Love Feast Chairman. We are all very enlivened by the first program and are eagerly anticipating more bliss to come. Jayate! We have been promised movies, slide shows and plays alternating weekly, at the feast.

"BRING-A-GUEST CONTEST"

Who will please the Supreme Lord and His most confidential servant, Srila Prabhupada, most by bringing the most guests to the Sunday Love Feast? Initiated disciples are also offered free phones for local invitations. Vehicles are also available for local "round-ups." Don't forget the "Bring-a-Guest Contest."

NEW GOALS FOR CHANTING PARTIES

Once His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada stated that New Dwaraka should send out 10 large chanting parties daily in Los Angeles. The Bhakta Program wants to see this goal achieved by the Appearance Day of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, March 16, 1976. So this means 10 parties, with 10 devotees in each, all over Los Angeles. All are welcome to join in the nectar, sign up for your days, Monday-Thursday afternoons from 2:00 P.M. 5:45 P.M. Now!

His Holiness Satsvarupa Das Goswami Visits the Bhakta Program in New Dwaraka, on Friday, November 21st, 1975

Danavir Das: "We have 120-guests every Thursday night to discuss practical devotional practices."

Satsvarupa Goswami: "One thing that is very nice is that this program (i.e. Bhakta Program) is very serious in that you're conducting it yourself and taking close watch. Sometimes people come to Krishna consciousness and they don't actually know what it is. They are just infatuated or they themselves don't know what to do and so they join this without actually knowing what it is, out of some infatuated feelings without actually knowing that this is what a living being has to do-- serve the whole, serve Krishna. And then after a while this superficial sentiment will wear off when they see that it actually requires some austerity and they are not prepared to do it. So from the beginning, you are teaching, showing that this life is very happy, to be a brahmachari, a devotee is a life of being always jolly, but at the same time it's not for our pleasure or enjoyment. The schedule is actually for how a person can surrender his perverse desires for sense gratification, how he can serve Krishna. But you're making it so nice that a person can see from the very beginning that this is also the real pleasure in life--to surrender to Krishna and live with devotees like this. That spirit is very nice. Serious but jolly."

Your eternal servant,

Danavir Das Adhikari

Danavir Das Adhikari

October 13, 1975

RAMESVAR
"BHAKTA PROGRAM"
(Weekly Wave October 7-11th)

Eligibility for "Bhakta Program"

Devotee can be recruited from any section of human society, though it is not expected that everyone in all segments of society is well-behaved.
Noted from Bhag. 3.16.7 Purport)

Acting

tana prakarena manah krsne nivesayet
ve vidhi-nipedha shur etayor eva kinkarah

acarya should devise a means by which people may know or other come to Krsna Consciousness. First they would become Krsna Conscious, and all the prescribed regulations may later gradually be introduced."
taken by Rupa Gosvami, taken from Cc. Adilla Vol. II p.27)

Port Transcendental Transport

this week saw Sriman Priyatmaja das Brahmachari transport a boy from L.A. International Airport to New Dwaraka and boy stayed for three days.

Bhakta From ISKCON Mailorder

week Mike Anderson joined the Bhakta Program from Albuquerque, said he began Krsna Consciousness by corresponding with our guru Prabhupada and reading Srila Prabhupada's books. Now 1 1/2 years later he is here in New Dwaraka. Jai!

Prasada NEEDED

day New Dwaraka has numerous guests coming and we have had nice success by offering them prasada. Cookies are ideal. Please contact if you would like to volunteer for this important service. That is serving cookie prasadam.

Color Fliers Next Week!

has photographed Gopavindapala das Brahmachari chanting japa on top of Mammoth Mountain which will constitute the scene for the appeal. Will flood L.A. with these fliers and Jagannatha Suta das Adhikary, Editor for BTG assures us that they will be great.

Love Feast Results

guests attended (this is average for New Dwaraka now) stayed over. Preachers again led by Ramesvara das Brahmachari, were Hasyapriya das macari and Devamrta das Brahmachari.

New Jagannatha Puri sends Rep to Prep for "Bay Area Bhakta Program"

New Jagannatha Puri (Berkeley) president Bahulasva das Adhikary sent his top man, namely Sriman Haripada das Brahmachari to gather information on the "Bhakta Program" this week. Haripada prabhupada remarked, "I am astonished at the organization of this program. Is it the finest facility for training new brahmacaris I've seen yet."

Kirtas and Book Bags NEEDED

Please contact me if you can sew these items.

The Bhakta Program Thanks all

the devotees who have brought us nice prospective devotees, and a special thanks to Chitraka das for his great enthusiasm.

Bhakta Initiations letters

Several bhaktas are now eagerly writing their initiation letters. Among the candidates are Bhaktas: Pete, Japa Jim, Jaya Jon, Dave, Jim and Bhakta Michael.

Guests Request

Please remember Lord Caitanya by inviting everyone to come to New Dwaraka.

ALL GLORIES TO SRI SRI RUKMINI DWARAKADISH. ALL GLORIES TO THEIR GLORIOUS SERVANTS.

Ramesvara das Adhikary

Your eternal servants,

Danavir Das Adhikary
staff: Mahatma-Das Brahmachari
and Nanda Gopa Das
Brahmachari

"Bhakta Program".

(WEEKLY WAVE October 12th-19th)

OD OF THE BHAKTA PROGRAM

oce tato vimukha-cetasa Indriyarthā
yā sukhaya bharam udvāhate vimudhan

They are rotting in material activities for transient material
measure and spoiling their lives toiling all day and night
simply for sense gratification, with no attachment for love
Godhead. I am simply lamenting for them and devising various
ans to deliver them from the clutches of maya." (Srimad-
Bhagavatam 7/9/43 spoken by Prahlada Maharaja quoted in
mag. 5:2.8 Purport)

IGIBILITY FOR THE "BHAKTA PROGRAM"

istribution of prasada, or remnants of foodstuff offered to
e Lord, even to the ignorant masses of people and to animals,
ves such living entities the chance for elevation to Kṛṣṇa
nsciousness." (Bhag. 3.29.23 Purport)

NEW BHAKTAS THIS WEEK

w Dwaraka is pleased to welcome Sriman Norman Mueller, Sriman
b Filippone and Srimate Cheryl Filippone our newest bhaktas.
rman prabhu lived next door to the ISKCON apartment building
Venice Boulevard for over a year and used to accept prasada
om the devotees.

000 MILES TO SURRENDER

b and Cheryl are in the grhastha asrama and they heard
e glories of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadisa in New Jersey
d decided to meet them in New Dwaraka. They have
telligently chosen to get trained in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness
enrolling in the Bhakta Program.

LOW-UP PHONING FUN

man Mahatma das Brahmachari has an active phoning program
ablished. Please give him names and numbers of super
erested prospective devotees.

KTA BHAKTI

devotees are requested to consult the "Bhakta Program
vice" prior to approaching any bhaktas to engage them.
ase co-operate!

BHAKTA RESIDENCES NAMAS

Each set of "bhajan kutis" is now under the care of the
Lord. The rooms names are SRI CHAITANYA, SRI NITYANANDA,
SRI ADVAITA, SRI GADADHARA, SRI SRIVAS, SRI JAGANNATHA and
SRI BALARAMA.

MORE FEAST HELP - MORE BHAKTAS

This Sunday our beloved temple president announced a
glorious plan allowing almost all New Dwarakans the
opportunity to be more instrumental in the festivities
on Sunday. By rendering 4 blissful hours of feast service
each devotee will be making bhaktas.

SUNDY LOVE FEAST RESULTS

Total guest attendance: 175 (steadily increasing)

Number of guests staying over: 1

Top Preachers: All glories all glories to the transcendental
preaching of Sri Devamrita Das Brahmachari. Thanks to Sriman Vilasa
Vigraha das Adhikary. Jaya Jayadvaita das brahmachari.

SPECIAL COMMENTS ON THE "BHAKTA PROGRAM" by Jai Advaita Das Brahmachari

Srila Prabhupada says that preaching means to increase our
family members. In other words by our preaching we should
induce others to become Kṛṣṇa Conscious devotees.

HARE KRISHNA, HARE KRISHNA
KRISHNA KRISHNA, HARE HARE
HARE RAMA, HARE RAMA
RAMA RAMA, HARE HARE

Kṛṣṇa also confirms in the Bhagavad-gita that no one is more
dear to Him than someone who preaches to the devotees. So
first make them and then train them.

FLASH WORLD'S RECORDS

This Sunday night after the lecture, the feast, the 3 hour
ecstatic kirtan upstairs, and the slide show, Sriman Tony
Winston decided to become a disciple of Srila Prabhupada.
This was his first visit to a temple but he had studied
several "Back to Godhead" magazines previously. So the
Bhakta Program celebrates its grandest week in history-
4 wonderful new bhaktas here at the lotus feet of Sri Sri
Rukmini Dwarakadish.

"BHAKTA PROGRAM"

(WEEKLY WAVE - OCTOBER 26th-NOVEMBER 2nd)

(SRILA PRABHUPADA)

KE PITY . . .

Therefore, unless the devotees of the Lord take pity on them and teach them the right path, their lives are hopeless failures. The votes of the Lord who voluntarily take the responsibility of issuing the foolish materialistic sense enjoyers are as confidential to the Lord as Lord Brahma."

GUNA TO L.A. - JAYADVAITA AND JOYFUL JIVA

s, this week Srila Prabhupada's RBT Editor, Sriman Jayadvaita das ahmacari was editing at the Laguna Beach Temple. Dan became enlivened d has thus joined the New Dwaraka Bhakta Program and is very nicely gressing in spiritual life. All Glories to Bhakta Dan's advancement Krishna Consciousness. Jayadvaita was able to take some time out from s editing work to introduce Bhakta Dan to Krishna Consciousness.

IMATE SADHVI SOLVES SWEETS SHORTAGE

is week Srimate Sadhvi dasi, a dynamite book distributor, enthusiastic-ly guaranteed us that there would always be wonderful prasadam for all ospective devotee guests. Jayate!

MORE ISKCON BHAKTA PROGRAMS

Godvardhan (San Diego Yatra) sent their newly-established Bhakta program Chairtan, Mahasomya das Brahmacari to New Dwaraka this week for aining. Recent reports are that new men are joining there already.

tsburgh Yatra's new president, Maharudra dasa Brahmacari is now arting a Program there under His Holiness Kirtanananda Maharaj's vice. Upon his request, we have sent them our 17 page Bhakta Program bklet. Haribol!

LL COLOR FLIERS NEXT WEEK?

e busy BTG staff is trying hard but time is fleeting. Let us all courage them to produce these new fliers and posters by offering em our respectful obeisances.

BOOK BUYER BROUGHT BACK

iman Mahatma Das Brahmacari this week in consultation with our ace illorder communique Sriman Swarupa das Adhikari journeyed out to ington Park. There he dragged a willing soul, Sriman Bob Bedvian k to New Dwaraka, where Bob is currently engaged as Rukmini & hrakadish's servant.

BOOK BAGS & BEAD BAGS NEEDED

ase mothers these "bhaktas" are your children. Won't you volunteer ead bags or 3 book bags for them?

SWAMI SWOONS

his Holines recent visit to New Dwaraka, Sudama Swami Maharaj very impress by seeing the Bhakta Program facilities in action.

He commented, "I like this dormitory idea. I had always wanted to see a nice program like this developed."

MOPE QUESTS - WE REQUEST

Please keep bringing in those guests (PROSPECTIVE DEVOTEES) right to me.

NEW GOVARDHAN'S PUJA - SUNDAY NOV. 9th

Our whole bhakta fleet will be pilgriaging to San Diego's Balboa Park this weekend for the 2nd Annual Govardhan Puja Parade and Festival.

COPA'S REFLECTIONS ON "BHAKTA PROGRAM"

Taken from the mouth of Sriman Gopavrndapala das Brahmacari on Tuesday November 4th, 1975. "Seeing as how Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada have given their whole lives to saving souls from the miseries of material life, I think that the new Bhakta Program is one of our most graphic exhibitions of satisfying the spiritual master's real desires. If someone is graced enough to have a hand in this special program, it can only be said that Lord Caitanya has not only given him His mercy, but rather showered it upon him."

A SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO OUR STAFF OF TEACHERS:

Sriman Jagannatha das Brahmacari, Sriman Puru das Adhikary, Sriman Duryodhana Guru Das Adhikary, Sriman Fuskar das Brahmacari, and Sriman Devamta das Brahmacari.

A SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO OUR STAFF OF KIRTAN PARTY LEADERS:

Sriman Radhapati das Adhikary, Sriman Pandu das Brahmacari, Sriman Agnideva das Adhikary, and soon Sriman Jaya Sacinandan das Brahmacari.

ALL GLORIES TO SRI SRI RUKMINI-DWARAKADISH
ALL GLORIES TO SRI GIRIDHARI

YOUR SERVANT
Danavir Das Adhikary

BHAKTA PROGRAM
"WEEKLY WAVE"

"... LODGING AND BOARD..." (Srila Prabhupada)

"Through the association of devotees, one develops Krsna Consciousness, which is dormant within. This Krsna Consciousness Movement is giving this chance to everyone. We are giving shelter to everyone who is serious about progressing in Krsna Consciousness. We arrange for their lodging and board so that they can peacefully cultivate Krsna Consciousness and return home, back to Godhead, even in this life."

(Taken from Srimad Bhagavatam 5.12.16 Purport)

FARE NAMA ATTRACTS ERIC

This week the blissful afternoon chanting party happened into downtown Los Angeles (a veritable tirtha, place of pilgrimage seeing how such exhalted souls as Visnujana Swami, Madhudvisa Swami, Tamal Krsna Cosvami, Sudama Maharaj and many others performed crores of hours of yajna there). When they returned to New Dwaraka, Bhakta Eric was aboard and since then he's been helping Sriman Bahulavan Das Adhikari on the New Dwaraka wall. Jayate.

KRSNA IN FATHER'S HEART

This week our bright new Bhakta Dan was transcendently sweating hi imminent return to the Army's Fort Lewis, but Krsna saved the day by inspiring his material father to provide a lawyer to help him receive a discharge. All Glories to Sri Paramatma!

FLIER CHIEF WANTED

To extinguish the blazing fire of material existence our spiritual master has opened an oasis here in Culver City. We need a volunteer to put up fliers and posters all over Los Angeles. Drivers License required.

SRI GIRIDHARI SENDS 3 SOULS BACK TO NEW DWARAKA

Sunday three interested souls were sent by San Diego's Deities Sri Racha-Giridhari to experiment in Krsna Consciousness at New Dwaraka. Last week Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish sent Bhakta Tony down to New Govardhan to help with festival preparations. It appears that the Supreme Lord has manifested himself in both Los Angeles and San Diego to teach us transcendental cooperation.

1st YEAR'S TOTALS

An astounding 42 new devotees joined ISKCON at New Dwaraka temple this past year. Five of these have been dispatched to help our sister centers on the west coast and the remaining 36 Vaisnavas are all happily engaged here in the kingdom of Rukmini-Dwarakadish.

The breakdown is 33 brahmacaris, 2 brahmacarinis, 6 grihastas, and 1 child. Twelve are already initiated. All Glories to Sri Caitanya's mercy.

RECRUITING FROM UNCLE SAM

New Dwaraka is now compiling a comprehensive report for ISKCON which states the vows and restrictions of a Vaisnava member. This will specifically be valuable for our prospective devotees who are now enlisted in the Armed Forces. We are very confident that the Army will not want to have such a "crazy" fellow around.

MADHAVANANDA'S REFLECTIONS

The following are the words of Sriman Madhavananda das Adhikari, who began the life membership program in England and is now trying to start this program in America. He is the former temple president of Calcutta and Paris. "Everyone should be conscious of the new bhakta program, because we are goshananda's our duty is to increase the number of devotees. Not that we become content with our own individual advancement in Krsna Consciousness. No! We want to see that others are reviving their original blissful life of devotional service. Therefore one who tries to give Krsna Consciousness to others, he actually makes rapid advancement. This is one of the most important and well-organized programs I have seen since returning to the United States."

Jon Allen Servant
Ramananda das Adhikari

"Any Sane Man"

The following is an excerpt from a letter by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada to Danavir Das Adhikari dated December 12, 1971.

"So now you defeat all sorts of philosophies, become very convinced yourself and learn our Krsna philosophy perfectly. In this way any sane man will listen to you and become convinced. Our philosophy is practical ... Approach Krsna way of life from every angle--it is perfect. So try to impress this intelligent class of men, give them nice debate, answer all questions nicely, distribute profuse prasadam, chant and dance nicely, and invite them to join us to get the perfection of their education, the Supreme knowledge."

Chicago's "Bhakta Program" Springs to life

This week we received a letter from ISKCON Chicago, where Sri Govinda das Adhikari is heading up a new "Bhakta Program." Sri Govinda writes, "...our program begins (with three new bhaktas) within a few days."

TRIUMPH- 3 New Servants for Their Lordships

This week the New Dwaraka Bhakta Program is pleased to announce the escape of three mahatmas from Maya's camp. They are Sriman William and his good wife Srimate Lori prabhus (our second grihasta bhakta team) and Sriman Larry prabhu. Jayate Sri Sri Rukmini-Dwarakadish.

Ladies Combine to Help New Bhaktas

Out of sheer necessity, the New Dwaraka ladies have been cooperating in the care of & preaching to our new Bhaktins. Especially helpful have been Srimate Varanasi devi dasi, Srimati Sadhvi dasi, Srimate Ragatmika dasi, Srimate Sita devi dasi and Srimate Maria among others.

New Yorkers Reminisce

The great New York Vaisnava force, presently residing in New Dwaraka, and famous for its glorious "600 guest" Sunday feasts is now complaining about the "lack of enthusiasm" for the Sunday feast here in New Dwaraka. ALAS. HOW IRONIC IT IS!

Srila Bhaktivinode Thakura comments in this connection:
"Forget the past that sleeps and nere the future dream at all
But act in times that are with thee
and progress the shall call."

Who Can Resist?

The latest strategy adopted by the Bhakta Program is to ecstatically envelope each lucky guest in an ambrosial sound vibrations network emanating from tamboura, mrdunga, harmonium, kartals, etc. and the holy names. When a prospective devotee steps in, he is immediately transferred to the spiritual world by tasting indescribable sweets from the remnants of Lord Krsna. Before his very eyes, the splendid pastimes of the Lord are revealed to him on a screen projected by our ISKCON slides. Then he is transformed into a devotee by seeing

the wonderful Hare Krsna People movie spectacular. What more can I describe than this? Who can resist?

Excerpts from His Holiness Satsvarupa Das Gosvami

(A Srimad-Bhagavatam lecture delivered in New Dwaraka, 11/15/75)

"Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur said, 'The position of a Vaisnava can be tested by seeing how good a touchstone he is. That is, by seeing how many Vaisnavas he had made during his life. A Vaisnava should be a touchstone so that he can convert others to Vaisnavism by his preaching even though people may be fallen like the hunter.' This is in the story of Narada and the hunter... See how many Vaisnavas you can make. If you can make one, that is very good. Just like this new Bhakta Program, everyone is enthusiastic. See if you can bring someone to Krsna Consciousness. It is the quickest way to get Krsna's attention. Be inspired in whatever department you're in to help people come to Krsna consciousness and then Krsna will recognize you and that's the quickest way He will recognize a devotee. So in this way we can win the attraction of Krsna and so many Vaisnavas. So we have to try."

Your servant
Danavir Das Adhikari

HISTORY

Eleven months ago, the Bhakta Program was begun in New Dwaraka. The goal was to attract, keep and train persons in Krishna Consciousness temple living. The program has, by Lord Caitanya's grace helped to produce 33 wonderfully blissful Vaisnavas in that time. Ten are now initiated disciples and some of the noteworthy stalwarts are Gopigopisvara das Brahmacari, Prīatmaja das Brahmacari, Kṛṣṇānāth das Brahmacari, Mahāparūṣa das Brahmacari, Nanda Gopa das Brahmacari, Bīṣa das Brahmacari, Kumunda das Brahmacari, etc.

ASHRAM LIVING

Recently, the "Bhakta Program" under the expert direction of Srīman Tulsi Das Brahmacari, our temple president, renovated its residence hall, transforming it into a first class facility with 38 individual "Bhajan Kuntis." Each bhakta has his personal resting place, locker with shelves, desk lamp, notebook, books, etc. Also the laundry is done daily to insure cleanliness and good health. Built-in tilaka trays, new restroom facilities, and newly tiled floors, provide a nice atmosphere in which to develop Krishna Consciousness. (Please come and inspect for yourself)

CURRICULUM

The key to success in devotional service is regulation and learning how to always be engaged in Krishna's service. The bhakta schedule (please see it in glass case) includes 7 classes daily on the philosophy (5 hours total), which include Śrīmad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamṛta, Vaisnava Songs, Nectar of Devotion, Bhagavad-gītā, Kṛṣṇa Book, Brahma Samhitā and Śrī Isopaniṣad. Also included are Aratrikas, Chanting Sankīrtan, first-class prasāda at the temple, festivals, duties, etc.

TRAINING AND SUPERVISION

Now a full-time 3-brahmin staff of directors meet and train the boys in all aspects of devotional practices. They reside right with the "bhaktas" and do everything side by side the "bhaktas." Each "bhakta" gets personal care and all functions are expertly managed (Please see "Bhakta Program Outline" posted in glass case).

OUR PREACHING PLATFORM

We present to the interested soul that New Dwaraka is now established as an authorized "transcendental retreat" just suitable for an interested person to experience for a few day or a week at no charge. Free meals, residence and teaching with all the other boys is open to them.
If someone is brought to us, we immediately take all care of him, first with nice prasāda which we have especially saved, philosophy and

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The BPT has designed a wonderful full-color poster and filer due to be distributed far and wide illuminating the retreat concept, which should be ready by Wednesday, October 8th. College festivals and tremendous prasādam distribution programs are now under way.

YOU CAN HELP

Bring us personally receptive guests. If you meet someone at the temple or somewhere else bring them immediately to one of the following devotees; ~~myself~~ myself, Danavir Das, or Mahatma Das.

You can be of incalculable value by assisting this all-important effort. Please don't bring us names or phone numbers on paper as we are not set up for that type of service yet.

REMEMBER WE REQUEST NICE GUESTS PERSONALLY PRESENTED TO US BY YOU - THE GLORIOUS NEW DWARAKANS who never forget Śrī Śrī Rukmini - Dvarkadish!

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupada!
(our office is where Golden Avatara Productions used to be near Prabhupada's Garden)

Jai, Thank you,
your faithful servant,

Danavir Das

Danavir Das Adhikary

"TURN EVERYONE INTO A KRISNA BHAKTA" (SRILA PRABHUPAD) (C.C. Mad. 9 pg. 195)

"Everyone is eligible to become Krsna's devotee. One simply has to be trained according to the approved process. It is the work of Krsna's confidential devotees to turn everyone into a Krsna bhakta. If the confidential devotees do not take up the task of elevating everyone to Krsna consciousness, then who will do it?"

EMERGENCE OF THE BHAKTA PROGRAM

In pursuance of this order given by Sri Gurudeva, the captain of the ship which desires to cross over the difficult ocean of Kali, there was a necessity to develop a means to help elevate these drowning souls. They were stranded helplessly in the ocean of nescience and simultaneously being attacked by dangerous monsters such as impersonalism, voidism, and sense gratification. The life-savers, in the form of transcendental literatures were being distributed by the millions but to further expedite their elevation, a helping hand onto the ISKCON ship was still required. The "bhakta program" therefore emerged to help turn everyone into a Krsna bhakta by extending a helping hand and giving them training in the principles of bhakti-yoga. We began with a tiny crew but with much space on board as a shelter for them. When they came to the temple we gave them a nice reception which included prasada, philosophy, kirtan and comfort. We also developed the technique for assisting them in breaking their material network of attachments. Then their bodily necessities were taken care of such as; eating nice prasada, resting on nice bunks with personal shelves, and sleeping bags provided and clean clothes. A high standard of cleanliness was applied and a complete schedule of events was established. These included 8 classes from sastras daily, daily afternoon chanting parties, and weekly ishta-goshtis. They lived with experienced devotees for association and as they regained their spiritual strength, we increased the doses of devotional principles, added a facility for married couples to advance while learning separately and also began training them in the art of distributing life-savers (books) to others. Here are the rescue tallies:

CAUSELESS MERCY-NEW VAISNAVAS IN 1975

The ocean of love of Godhead is expanding in Los Angeles (truly becoming the city of angels) as 54 shining new bright-faced Vaisnavas donned their glorious robes of devotion. 38 of these newly found mahatmas appeared in saffron as brahmacharis, 5 as brahmacharinis, 5 wearing white dhotis emerged ghastha brahmacharis along with their chaste wives, and one accompanying child.

THEY'RE ENGAGED IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

44 of the saintly souls have remained in New Dvarka to this very day executing their prescribed duties. 10 others were sent out to various directions for preaching assignments. 17 have thus become full-time book distributors. 11 more are engaged part-time in temple maintenance and part-time sankirtan distribution. 5 are assisting by managing temple affairs, 6 work at the DBT, 3 at Golden Avatar Productions 2 are traveling with the BBT Library Party and 8 are new bhaktas engaged in basic training.

DECEMBER'S RESULTS

The "bhaktas" were inspired this last month and thus almost all of them went out on sankirtan. Combinedly they distributed 50,000 BTG's in December. 800 big books and accounted for retrieving over \$30,000 in laxmi back to Their Lordships. Although the entire bhakta instructing staff was also going out daily during the marathon days i.e. December 19-24th, during that period 7 wonderful new bhaktas made their way into

6 read Srila Prabhupada's books and immediately decided to become devotees, 11 decided after weekday visits to the temple. 5 took mailorder secretary's advise, 10 were captured at the Sunday love feast, 5 had devotee friends or relatives, 6 were visiting regularly other ISKCON temples, 3 cut their Armed Service careers short to join ISKCON, 2 came back with the chanting party and stayed, one joined at a Govardhana Puja outdoor festival, one came from a college program and one came almost solely from prasadam distribution.

RARE SOULS

They range from 1 to 42 years of age and outside of the child, the average age is 23 and 1/2 years. Many others spent days, weeks and months at the asram but were untimely yanked back temporarily into maya's camp. We shed a tear and then pushed on with more determination, encouraged by the twelve initiated bhaktas.

PROJECTIONS

As it is the will of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, that the universe be flooded with love of Godhead, it is our desire to assist in vacating this prison house (material universe) of its inmates and all together going back Home, back to Godhead. We at New Dvarka will not be tolerant until at least 108 conditioned souls surrender at the Lotus Feet of Sri Sri Rubmini-Dvarakadish and beg with folded hands to be initiated disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in the coming year!

PLANS OF ATTACK

The "bhakta program" has just moved in to its beautiful new office in the front. Soon there will be added a complete reception office and multi-media room (for movies, tapes, slide shows, etc.)

Just now blossoming is the ladies' "bhakta program" with it's director Srimate Govinda Rupini Gauri. They are quite determined to triple their last year's transcendental harvest.

A Spanish department of the bhakta program has been launched by Sriaman Jayatirtha das Brahmachari and some associate God-brothers. Two gorgeous new full-color posters and fliers have been printed in great quantity. One is a Sunday feast invitation, and one is a weekend retreat at the asram layout.

A new colorful mantra card has broken through this year, with a nice map, bigger Maha-mantra and ecstatic scene of kirtan by the Pancha-tattva. All thanks to Sriaman Agni deva das Adhikari.

We're awaiting the personalities to head up our college recruiting team and to begin our public relations follow-up team. Everything is unlimitedly auspicious as our beloved Gurudeva Srila Prabhupada urges us on in this mission to reclaim the fallen souls. We beg all centers to embrace a similar project and thus taste even more nectar than conceivable.

REVIEWS

"But you're making it so nice that a person can see from the very beginning that this is the real pleasure in life... to surrender to Krsna and live with devotees like this. That spirit is very nice. Serious but jolly." (quote from His Holiness Satsvarupa Maharaja.)

"So if someone after reading one of His Divine Grace's books comes forward, we must have nice facilities for him to take shelter." (quote Ramesvara das Brahmachari-DBT trustee)

"Previously I was envious that I couldn't participate in the Gurukula. Now I'm doubly envious, I didn't get the chance to take part in the "bhakta program" (quote from Sriaman Jayatirtha das Adhikari GBC).

I had always wanted to see a nice program like this developed. (quote from His Holiness Sudama Maharaja)

***** SPECIAL NEWS FLASH***** New Dvarka temple president Sriaman Tulsi das Brahmachari just disclosed plans for an immediate purchase of one large stakebed truck to be decorated gorgeously and fully equipped with a sound system, etc which will be rolling throughout the city and spreading the glory of hare nama, prasada, sastra and our guru!!!

Hoping this finds you well,
Your fallen servant,

S. Prabhupada

Dhanur das Adhikari

BHAKTA PROGRAM

"MONTHLY MONSOON" - JANUARY, 1976

BHAKTA MEANS. . . (SRILA PRABHUPADA)

Here bhakta means ~~one~~ who does not hesitate to accept the reformatory processes for becoming a bhakta. In order to become a devotee of the Lord one has to accept a spiritual master and inquire from him about how to progress in devotional service." (Bhag. 3.32.42 Purport)

RECORD BREAKING 8 NEW BHAKTAS

This month began slow after the Christmas SKP rush but gradually sincere souls began to come and surrender. Soon January had ended and when the dust of the great acaryas had settled - eight (8) brand new Vaisnavas had found their real home with Sri Sri Rukmini-Dwarakadisha!

LADIES TIE MEN

Incredibly shocking this month was the fast development of the Ladies Bhaktin Program." They moved into their own apartment, joined the dancing party during the week, established additional classes, inspired reaching throughout the community, and actually tied the veteran New Dwaraka men's program, (4 to 4). Special credit goes to Govindarupini devi dasi (director) for her efforts and Srimate Parasakti dasi (her assistant).

WESTERN ZONAL PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Priman Jayatirtha prabhu called all Western USA Zonal presidents together this month in New Dwaraka and showed them the "bhakta program" in action. Superenlivened, 4 centers immediately flew into action by pushing for new devotees at their centers. They are Berkeley (headed up by Haripada das brahmachari and Champak devi dasi), San Diego (headed by Mathuranath das dhikari), Laguna (headed by Jayadvaita das brahmachari) and Vancouver (headed by Adiyajna das Brahmachari). All these reported 3-4 guests staying over the first week.

DANCING PARTY EXPLOSION

Each day, Monday thru Thursday afternoon from 2:00 P.M. to 5:40 P.M. New Dwaraka rolls out its night Sankirtan Party. Monday the party goes downtown, Tuesday to Hollywood, Wednesday to business district USA, and Thursday to Westwood Village. Expert Sankirtana leaders go out daily including; Gnideva (Monday & Thursday), Vedavyas (Wednesday), Puru Das (Tuesday), Hitraka (Tuesday), Jayagouranga (Monday & Wednesday), Sarvadarshan (Daily), Danavir Das (Daily), and many others too numerous to mention. Ladies are invited to join the party Tuesdays and Thursdays. Average participation is 10 devotees going out each day. If interested in joining see Danavir Das dhikari.

BHAKTAS SALUTE TRIVIKRAMA SWAMI

Trivikrama Swami spent about one week in New Dwārakā this month and gave at least one class daily to the bhaktas, ate with them, danced, counceled, sang and went out on Sankirtana with them. All in all his interest in this program was overwhelmingly encouraging. He commented, "I love being with the bhaktas." In one lecture he praised the bhakta program for its way of

attracting souls to come in and then trapping them but it's a "tender trap" he daid smilingly.

BERKELEY BOOSTS (excerpt of letter from Haripada Das to New Dwaraka)

"Since Caru's return from New Dwaraka after the Rose Bowl Parade distribution a new wave of spiritually uplifting energy has enlivened all the devotees here in New Jaggānatha Purī. He was especially enlivened about the New Dwārakā Bhakta Program and his enthusiasm has given me an encouraging boost. Sounds as if the Bhakta Program there is more potent than ever and spreading the rays of Lord Caitanya's benediction moon. Caru's enthusiasm has made it possible to provide our Bhakta Program with an adequate room, 12' X 15' for an office, visitor greeting, de-materialization, re-spiritualization chamber. We are now in the process of remodeling it to suit its new purpose by putting up some wood paneling, painting walls, hangin pictures, curtains etc."

SPIRITUAL SKY PRESIDENT SPEAKS. . .

"The Bhakta Program is the pride of New Dwaraka. It is the culmination of all the other activities that go on here. Every sentence needs a verb, an object or it is incomplete. Similarly, if there were no bhakta program --incomplete, no real meaning." (Sriman Rsavadeva Das Adhikari)

LOOKING FORWARD

Evening classes for guests (specifically) to begin in the Bhakta Office 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

The long awaited flyers are about to be revealed.

Mammoth Mayapur presentation.

More Sunday Feast decorations, plays etc.

Jayate your servant,

Danavir Das Adhikari

Danavir Das Adhikari

