

# Look beyond

(AND OVERCOME TYRANNY IN REALM OF THOUGHT)

Dear Maharajas and Prabhus,

Please accept my humble obeisances all glories to Srila Prabhupada. While trying to avoid acaryas such as Sisupala and Rama Chandra Puri, we will endeavour again to present some food for thought. We don't claim to know the mind of Srila Prabhupada, or know all the answers to our troubled society but if anyone can extract something positive from this letter then it will be worthwhile.

There are many members of ISKCON who work very hard in their office or in the factory or some other place and whatever they earn they give to the society. Such highly elevated souls are actually samnyasis and are situated in the renounced order of life. B.G.18.11.

Srila Prabhupada writes: Thus even though externally a devotee may not render full service, if he is internally sincere and serious then the Lord welcomes his service. He takes the essence of one's devotional mentality. 8.23.2. Examples: Hanuman & Spider, Brahmin & Prostitute..... Why an exclusive club? When Krsna accepts everybody's offering." Patram puspam phalam toyam." Where is the "house in which the whole world could live"...

Srila Prabhupada attracted people by his purity and his dedication to his spiritual master, rather than fascinating people with the products of modern mystic power. Tom Hopkin's sales techniques, big buildings and projects, money, men, fear, fast cars, tractors, etc..... So if Krsna appears to take some things away we should not be surprised.

Management is democratic, where as Guru is autocratic. When Guru becomes a manager autocracy disappears. There are different interests when you have a shadow reality. Manager needs money for project. A conflict will appear under a Madhyama Adhikari's insufficient guidance. Practical example is the large collector being kept out on the street by twisted philosophy, at the loss of his spiritual life, two years and becomes resentful of ISKCON.

"A person may have many disciples but he should not act in such a way that he will be obliged to any of them for some particular action or some favor and should also not be very enthusiastic about constructing new temples." Rupa Goswami. Nectar of Instruction.

"more disciples means more money" V "Na dhanam na janam na sundarim."

"TOP OF THE CHRISTMAS MARATHON FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING, A GOOD INNINGS, MADE LOTS OF ADVANCEMENT? WHO'S NEXT"

Other acaryas who were on the "road to ruin" order, are uncountable Hansadutta, JayaTirtha, Bhagavan, Kirtanananda.....

"Unless one is very advanced one is unable to utilize everyone's contribution to further the Krsna consciousness movement".

Srila Rupa Goswami.

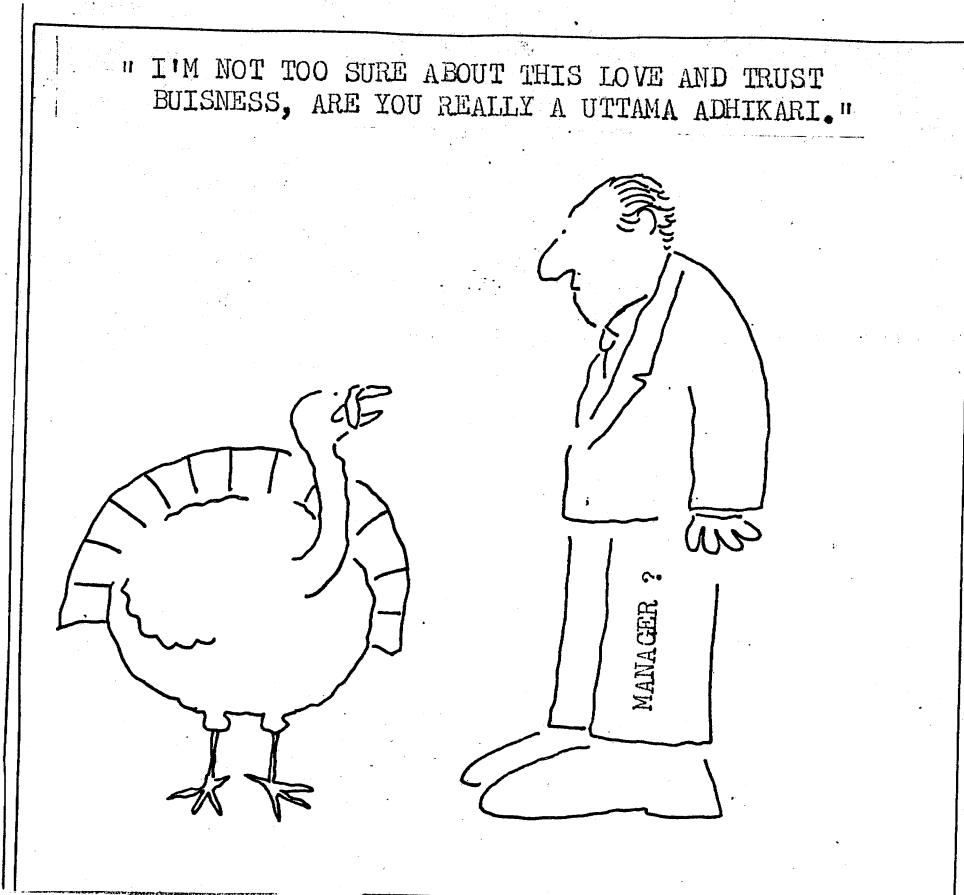
Must become qualified before Krsna will act. Can't force the result, can't make Krsna dance just to entertain us.

True religion however instruct people to be satisfied with the bare necessities of life while cultivating Krsna consciousness. B.G.

Religious institutions that become more concerned with outer forms than with inner divine substance also get eroded by inexorable time, kala..... Due to arrogance we preach knowledge which is not realized while claiming to be on that platform. False state of reality is produced, shadow state of reality is seen which has form and shape but no substance. Isolation & insulation = False age. Simply ploughing the sand.....



"Let us go to Dhrtarastra and enquire about the proper course of action. Asvatthama replied the resolution that has appeared in my mind is the only thing that is capable of dispelling my grief. I have been born in a high cast family of brahmins, due to misfortune I have taken up the duties of a ksatriya this being the case I can not decide what to do according to the practices of a brahmin."



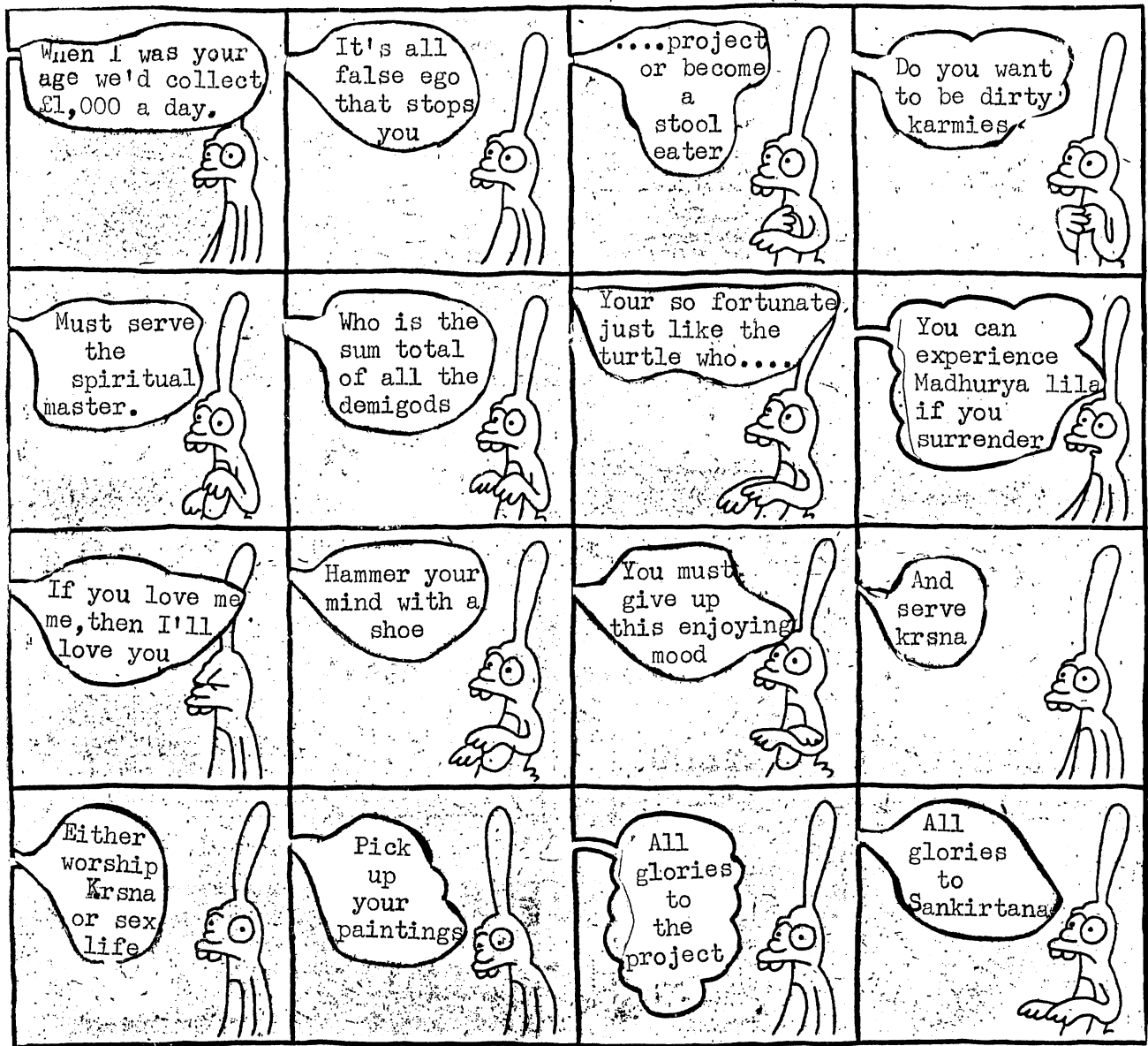
Bhagavatam speakers should be careful to deal straightly with the philosophy and not complain about their own problems, careful not to pontificate on relative or political matters, from the Vyasasana, or think that you are now absolute in everything you do.

"We can see in the life of various acaryas in the line of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu that they are not very enthusiastic about constructing temples. However if somebody comes forward to offer some service, the same reluctant acaryas will encourage the building of costly temples by such servitors. For example Rupa Goswami was offered a favor by Maharaja Mansingh, the commander in chief of Emperor Akbar and Rupa Goswami instructed him to construct a large temple for Govindaji which would cost vast amounts of money. So a bona fide spiritual master should not personally take any responsibility for constructing temples, but if someone has money and wants to spend it in the service of Krsna an acarya like Rupa Goswami may utilize the devotees money to construct a nice costly temple for the service of the Lord.....simply in the name of so called spiritual advancement. Rather his first and foremost activity should be to preach. In this way Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saravati recommended that a spirilual master print books." Nectar of Devotion...

It is very easy to laugh at the example of S.T. Francis because of his idea of renunciation as opposed to utilization, yukta vairagya. In his day utilization had been contaminated so maybe we can put forward more humility in our present day yukta vairagya, are we really qualified ?

"A person's spiritual position will be ascertained merely according to external symbols and on that same basis people will change from one spiritual order to the next. A persons propriety will be seriously questioned if he does not earn a good living. And one who is very clever at juggling words will be considered a learned scholar." 12 canto

# BRAIN TWISTERS



5, 10 and 15 years as devotees who have had to compromise the highest standards as a result of recognizing their own weakness being branded as animals etc. We tried to batter them into submission by inducing feelings of guilt over their own personal inebrieties so that they would inevitably turn to our shelter. The more we battered the more we built a wall between us and the outside world, even the world of good hearted souls who craved the shelter of Krsna and the devotees. Condescending and arrogant preaching---the more dispirited, unenthused and alienated the "outsiders" were. Actually the outsiders were really the insiders. And could be more of an insider than those who were living in the temple.

Lokanatha swami in I.W.R. : You can not become part of ISKCON just by moving into a temple. ISKCON doesn't refer to some place-some building- and if you move into there you become part of it. ISKCON implies becoming Krsna conscious. If you are able to maintain Krsna consciousness where ever you are, then you are very much part of ISKCON.

Faith determines if one is in ISKCON or not. Inside means in the association of devotees, if you lose faith you go outside the association of devotees.

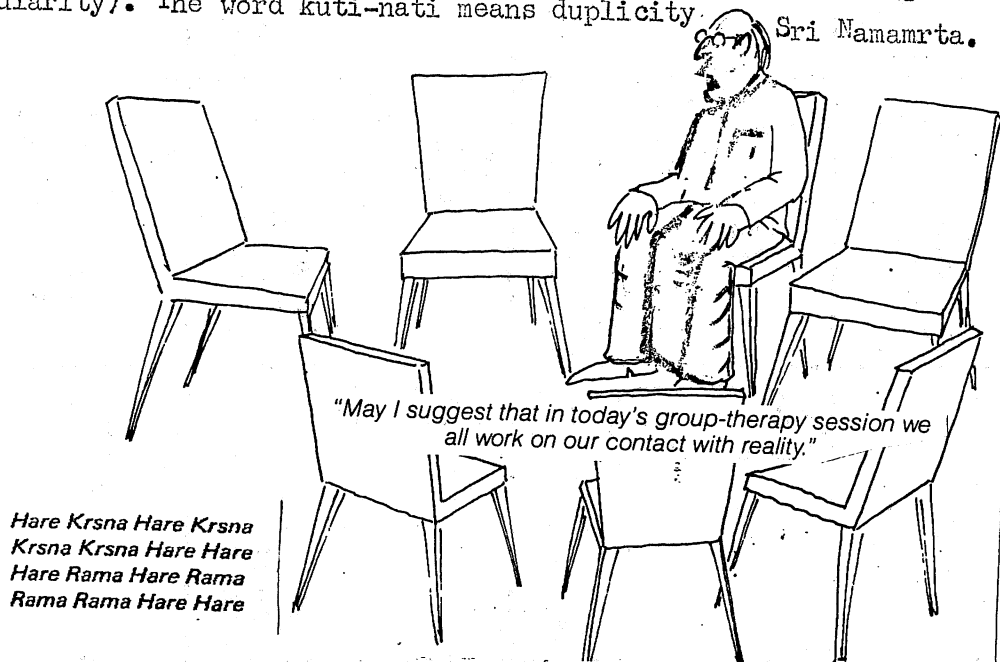
If devotees living outside to be an asset to the mission of ISKCON the best thing they can do is to maintain Krsna consciousness. Chant 16 rounds, follow the four regulative principles, take Krsna prasadam, organize mangala arati and read the scriptures. If they do that, then they can assist the mission of ISKCON, not otherwise.

Better not to concentrate just on maintaining the family institution but also keep in the forefront of the mind that there is also a world wide institution of their spiritual master Srila Prabhupada, that also has to be maintained.

"One should not imitate the behavior of the advanced devotee or maha bhagavata with out being self realized, for such imitation one will eventually become degraded." Rupa Gosvami.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saravati Thakura explains that even though one may become free from the desire for fruitive activity, sometimes the subtle desire for fruitive activity comes into being within the heart. One often thinks of conducting business to improve devotional activity. However, the contamination is so strong that it may later develop into misunderstanding, described as kuti-nati (faultfinding) and pratisthasa (the desire for name and fame and for high position), jiva-himsa (envy of other living entities), nisiddhacaara (accepting things forbidden in the sastra), kama (desire for material gain) and puju (hankering for popularity). The word kuti-nati means duplicity.

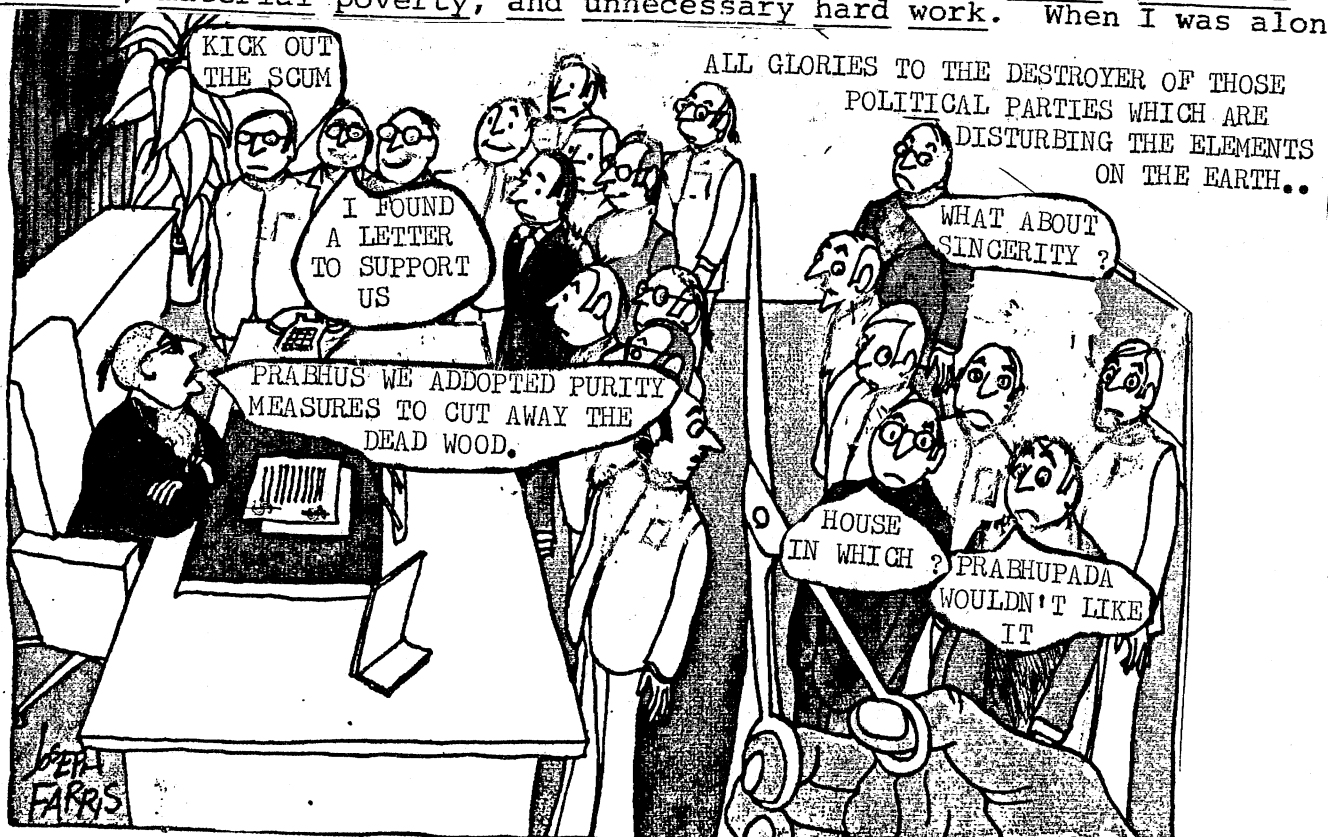
Sri Namamrta.



"The Behavior of a Perfect Person" In the Srimad-Bhagavatam chapter entitled (SB 7.13.34) we find the following instruction

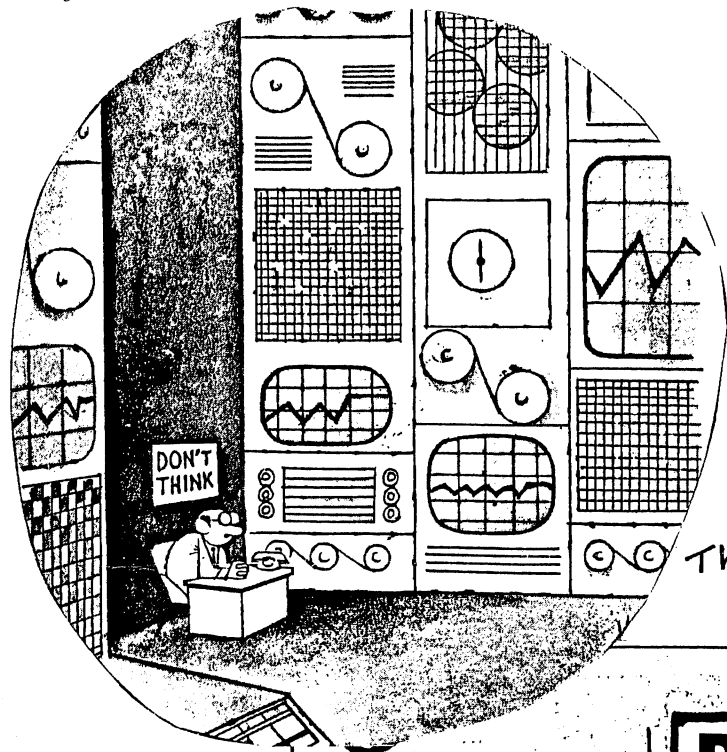
A sannyasi should have an institution

meant to preach Krsna consciousness; he need not accumulate money for himself. We recommend that as soon as money accumulates in our Krsna consciousness movement, fifty percent of it should be invested in printing books, and fifty percent for expenditures, especially in establishing centers all over the world. The managers of the Krsna consciousness movement should be extremely cautious in regard to this point. Otherwise, money will be the cause of lamentation, illusion, fear, anger, material attachment, material poverty, and unnecessary hard work. When I was alone



In 1972 GBC meeting of some members made some radical changes, followed by a telegram:

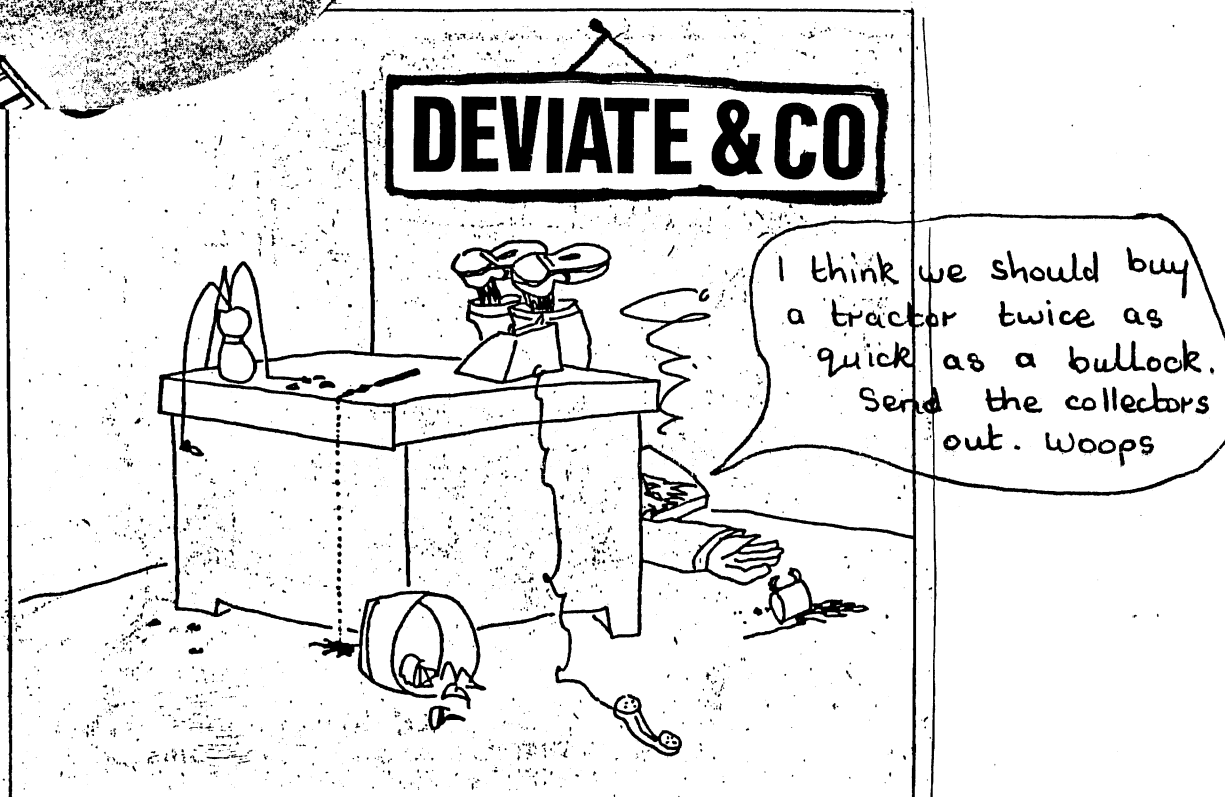
"Your material legal formula will not help you, only our spiritual life will help us. Now I have given you everything but I do not see that the basic principles of advancement in spiritual life are there and sometimes there is a tendency to neglect our real purpose in life namely to become mad after Krsna, and instead we become carried away by big big talk, so I'm still thinking how things will go on, when I'm gone. Following points are important: neatness and cleanliness of all personal bodies, chanting 16 rounds, I don't think everyone is following these principles. Temple program between 4 and 10. So in the G.B.C. program I do not see any program for reforming our past habits. Monitory matters are secondary. Better to starve than neglect our rules and regulations. We are trying to present an ideal society to the world. So we are very rightly following these principles, we are liberal to everyone for this reason we are being appreciated everywhere. Not very much on the material side, more on spiritual side. Example is better than precept, everyone of you must be perfect examples, then everyone will follow."



"All of the devotees connected with the Krsna consciousness movement must read all of the books that have been translated. Otherwise after some time they will simply eat, sleep and fall down from their position. Then they will miss the opportunity to attain an eternal blissful life of transcendental pleasure."

"Srila Rupa Gosvami advises the devotee to be intelligent enough to distinguish between Kanistha, Madhyama and Uttama adhikari. The devotee should also know his own position and should not try to imitate a devotee situated on a higher platform."

The continuing story of dharma on his back



"WITH OUT GODS GRACE EVEN EXCESSIVE EFFORT PROVES FRUITLESS"





The conclusion is up to you to look beyond the form to the substance and thereby overcome tyranny in the realm of thought.

"When a great saint leaves the world the mission he propagated will suffer a period of chaos, unless of course his followers especially his chief followers carefully abandon all self motivation and faithfully follow everyone of their guru's instructions, especially those put down in writing, touch the hearts of the common people and their leaders laity will come to understand the standard of spiritual behavior and no longer tolerate the misconduct of corrupt Kings. Nor will they tolerate those who don the dress of renunciates and accept the worship and alms meant for genuine Vaisnava sages". THE WAY OF THE VAISNAVA SAGES

" HOW FANATICAL MEN WHOSE VISION OF TRUTH BECOMES NARROWLY FOCUSED MISREPRESENT OR SPOIL EVEN THE BEST CAUSES."

A few days ago I was a Karmi Meet eater- sex monger and now I maybe wearing saffron where are my reasons to be proud. We are all beginners. This letter is presented for your meditation and feed back.

Dear Srila Prabhupada we are your puppets so make us dance according to your desire and not for you to dance according to our desire.

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