

Proper faith in guru is the backbone of bhakti

bahu janma kare yadi sravana, kirtana

tabu ta'na paya krsna-pade prema-dhana

(Sri Caitanya Caritamrta Adi-lila 8.16)

Anyone (without full faith in the words of Guru and Vaisnavas and independently) doing sravana and kirtana for lives and lives, cannot attain krsna prema.

We have been asked many times, “How did this controversy start over Srila AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja’s svarupa ?” We always reply: “It was Madhusmita who started this.”

At Krsna Balaram Mandir, one day a devotee asked a question regarding Srila AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, and suddenly Srimati Krishna Priya Didi remembered that Swami Maharaja had appeared to Sripad BV Madhusudana Maharaja in a dream about ten years before. They had never discussed that dream with anyone outside. When Madhusmita heard about this dream, her false ego arose and she started to shout. That night she phoned Sripad BV Madhusudana Maharaja at least eight times, but Mahahara was busy doing Thakurji seva at that time and Tamal Krsna brahmachari answered. She told him that she wanted to apologize. The next day she came crying and apologizing to Srimati Krsna Priya Didi, touching her feet, she repented: “I am stupid, I have done wrong....”. Then Srimati Krsna Priya Didi said: “What happened happened, now take prasadam”. Then she took prasadam and all was forgotten.

But that same evening, in a public assembly in Gopinatha Bhavan, she stirred everyone up by shouting that Srila Gour Govinda Maharaja “would never tolerate to hear this nonsense katha that Swami Maharaja is a cowherd boy”. After this it went all over the internet and many started criticising and attacking Krsna Balaram Mandir. If Madhusmita had been silent, none of this would have happened, because it was just a general discussion. Srimati Krsna Priya didi and Sripad BV Madhusudana Maharaja never wanted to create any controversy. They had already forgotten everything, but Madhusmita by force kept bringing this subject to everyone’s attention. Some were saying that she was writing emails and going from person to person stirring up everyone, including Prabhupada disciples and Western sannyasis. Some even said she was screaming, throwing up her hands and feet in the air and shouting things like: “They are stupid!” “They are nonsense!” “They are brainwashing and bewildering everyone!” “... And all this on the basis of a dream!” However, when she saw devotees from Krsna Balaram Mandir, she would strongly deny any involvement declaring that she had had nothing to do with this controversy and that “Syamala and Govinda-priya started it and spread it everywhere”.

Srimati Krsna Priya didi and Sripad BV Madhusudana Maharaja remained silent for twenty one days, although many other devotees were insisting that they must reply as the situation was very bad. They then responded with their first article, “In the transcendental world all are very sweet” on facebook. In this article they explained everything by addressing the issues according to Gurudeva’s and Swami Maharaja’s words and mood. However, the fighting and criticism still continues.

They were saying we should not place significance on dreams.

We have heard from Srimati Krsna Priya didi, that high level devotees who have no material attachments even from their early age, have intimate naravat relationships (like family members) with Radha and Krsna and Their associates. To these exalted devotees, Radha and Krsna and Their associates can appear in any way: sometimes in a sphurti, sometimes in a dream... Kanistha devotees have no experience of this because they are full of material desires and are always materially absorbed even while they are chanting harinama and performing other devotional activities. Therefore they can neither believe in nor understand the relationships that high level devotees have with Radha and Krsna and Their associates.

Madhusmita should hear Gurudeva’s hari-katha deeply, with full undivided attention and also contemplate and study the sastras. However, without fully surrendering to Guru and Vaisnavas and

praying for their special mercy, it is not possible to understand these deep transcendental subject matters by one's own efforts. Without carefully following Gurudeva and Swami Maharaja and also taking shelter of pure sadhus, Madhusmita will continue to remain agitated and disturb everyone's bhajana. She will end up committing spiritual self-suicide (ie leave Vrindavan and leave bhajana). We may think that seva to Hari, Guru and Vaisnavas is for their benefit, but actually the benefit is only for ourselves.

We have heard from Srimati Krsna Priya didi that high class Vaisnavas have transcendental relationships with each other. Therefore, when a high class Vaisnava tells us something, we should understand that it is our Gurudeva speaking to us through that personality. If you have doubts in a high class Vaisnava and they are not able to be cleared, you must immediately leave that association to avoid aparadha.

It is necessary for us to give up false ego and any independent desires, and always pray to Srila Gurudeva and Srila AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja that "what it is true and what you want, this things should manifest in our hearts".

Now that Purusottama month is starting, Srimati Krsna Priya Didi has instructed us to switch off the internet and don't get into any discussions, but just do bhajana like in Kartik.

Madhumati dasi

Malati dasi

Savitri dasi

Syamala dasi

Vrindavanesvari dasi