**9 points re:**

**The Bona fide Spiritual Master**

**from Srila Prabhupada's *Bhagavad-gétä As It Is***

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**1. "The conclusion is that a spiritual master who is *100%* Kåñëa-conscious is**

 **the Bona Fide Spiritual Master."**

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 2.8 purport**

**2. "One *must* approach a Spiritual Master who is IN the disciplic succession."**

 **—*Bhagavad-gétä* 2.7 purport**

**3.** **"The rescuer must be liberated.**

 ***Therefore*, *only* Lord Kåñëa, or His Bona Fide Representative the Spiritual Master,**

***can* release the conditioned soul** *[from the 3 modes****]*."**

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 7.14 purport**

**4. "When the Spiritual Master is Bona Fide, then one can *hear Bhagavad-gita* *directly*,**

 **as Arjuna heard it."**

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 18.75 purport**

**5. "Under the guidance of the Bona Fide Spiritual Master one can attain the *highest* stage." —*Bhagavad-gétä* 4.10 purport**

**6. "The order of guru should be the *life and soul* of the disciple."**

 **—*Bhagavad-gétä* 2.41 purport**

cited in a lecture on *Srimad Bhagavatam*, given on November 6th, 1976, Vrindavana

**7. "That order of Kåñëa comes *through* disciplic succession from the Bona Fide Spiritual Master."**

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 18.57 purport**

**8. "If one refuses to act under the direction of the Supreme Lord, then he is *compelled***

**to act by the modes in which he is situated."**

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 18.60 purport**

**9. “A Bona Fide Spiritual Master is IN the disciplic succession *from time eternal*,**

 **and he does not deviate at all from the instructions of the Supreme Lord**

 **as they were imparted millions of years ago to the sun-god, from whom the**

 **instructions of *Bhagavad-gétä* have come down to the earthly kingdom.**

 **One should, *therefore*, follow the path of *Bhagavad-gétä* as it is expressed in**

 **the *Gétä* itself and beware of self-interested people after personal aggrandizement**

 **who deviate others from the actual path**. ”

**—*Bhagavad-gétä* 4.42 purport**