**Room Conversation, July 7, 1977, Våndävana**

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Everything was "probably" in their books.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: "Probably," "maybe."

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Those are their favorite words.

Çréla Prabhupäda?

We're receiving a number of letters now, and these are people who want to get initiated.

So up until now, since your becoming ill, we asked them to wait.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: The **local**, mean, senior *sannyäsés* can do that.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: That's what we were doing...

I mean, formerly we were...

The **local GBC, *sannyäsés***, were chanting on their beads, and they were writing to Your Divine Grace, and you were giving a spiritual name.

So should that process be resumed, or should we...?

I mean one thing is that it's said that the spiritual master takes on the...

You know, he takes on the...

He has to cleanse the disciple by...

So we don't want that you should have to...

Your health is not so good, so that should not be...

That's why we've been asking everybody to wait.

**I just want to know if we should continue to wait some more time.**

**Çréla Prabhupäda: No**, the senior *sannyäsés*...

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: So they should continue to...

**Çréla Prabhupäda: You can give me a list of *sannyäsés*.**

**I will mark who will**...

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** Okay.

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** **You** can do.

**Kértanänanda** can do.

And our **Satsvarüpa** can do.

So these three, you can give, begin.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** So supposing someone is **in America**, should they simply write directly to Kértanänanda or Satsvarüpa?

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: **Nearby.**

**Jayatértha** can give.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Jayatértha.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: Bhavänan..., er, **Bhagavän**.

And he can do also. **Harikeça**.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Harikeça Mahäräja.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: And... Five, six men, you divide who is **nearest.**

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Who is **nearest.**

So persons wouldn't have to write to Your Divine Grace.

They could write directly to that person?

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** Hm.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Actually they are initiating the person on Your Divine Grace's behalf.

Those persons who are initiated are still your...

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** Second initiation we shall think over, second initiation.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** This is for first initiation, okay.

And for second initiation, for the time being they should...

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** No, they have to wait.

Second initiation, that should be given...

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** Should...

Some devotees are writing you now for second initiation, and I'm writing them to wait a while because you're not well.

So can I continue to tell them that?

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** They can do second initiation.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: By writing you.

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** No. These men.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: These men, they can also do second initiation.

So there's no need for devotees to write to you for first and second initiation.

They can write to the man **nearest** them.

But all these persons are still your disciples.

Anybody who gives initiation is doing so on your behalf.

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** Yes.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** You know that book I'm maintaining of all of your disciples' names?

Should I continue that?

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** Hm.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** So if someone gives initiation, like Harikeça Mahäräja, he should send the person's name to us here and I'll enter it in the book. Okay.

Is there someone else **in India** that you want to do this?

**Çréla Prabhupäda: India, I am here**.

We shall see.

In India, **Jayapatäkä**.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** Jayapatäkä Mahäräja.

**Çréla Prabhupäda: You are also in India.**

**Tamäla Kåñëa: Yes**.

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** You can note down these names.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** Yes, I have them.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: Who are they?

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: **Kértanänanda Mahäräja, Satsvarüpa Mahäräja, Jayatértha Prabhu, Bhagavän Prabhu, Harikeça Mahäräja, Jayapatäkä Mahäräja and Tamäla Kåñëa Mahäräja**.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: That's nice.

Now you distribute.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Seven. There's seven names.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: For the time being, seven names, sufficient. *(a little time passes)*

You can make **Rämeçvara**.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Rämeçvara Mahäräja.

**Çréla Prabhupäda:** And **Hådayänanda**.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** Oh, yeah. **South America**.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: So without waiting for me, **wherever** you consider it is right...

That will depend on discretion.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: On discretion.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: Yes.

**Tamäla Kåñëa:** That's for first and second initiations.

**Çréla Prabhupäda**: Hm.

**Tamäla Kåñëa**: Okay. Shall I send a *kértana* party, Çréla Prabhupäda?