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Srila Prabhupada's books smash the wall of the false ego

Maharaja: We are acting blindly, like you know, dumb animals. There is this expression "bull in the China shop". Do you know this? Do you have this expression ?

Translator: Yes Maharaja! In polish it's just an elephant!

Maharaja: Elephant! Aaa! Ok! So the China shop, so to speak, is a place where they have very delicate items, like cups, very delicate. So one has to handle them so carefully. And this is what SP said, that in KC one has to be careful with every detail. Because everything is Krishna's energy, everything is connected to Krishna. But when one is big and dull, animalistic, like the elephant or the bull coming into the china shop. Buuaaughhaa! Crash! boomm! (The table fell on the ground.) {laughter} AAhhe! That woke you up!. {laughter}

So you see SMASH! CRASH! BANG! BOOM! Now for every SMASH! CRASH! there is a reaction. Ya! Because you see, this is all Krishna's. It's Krishna's china shop. He owns all the cups and the plates and if we smash them, then we are responsible to Him. And yes, if we misuse His energy then we are punished. So the false ego must be removed. And that is done through this particular quality of sound, *sastra mulaka*, which is sound-rooted in the scripture. And which comes down to us through *guru-parampara*. It is not that one can accept one's own mind as *guru*, and in that way read the *sastra*, that is still the *laukika*, the ordinary sound.

That is already what we are doing, right now. I was explaining how everything we experience is already coming from sound. That sound comes from Krishna, everything is in the *sastra*, everything is resting on sound already. So why aren't we seeing it like that? Why aren't we experiencing ecstasy at every moment, being always in contact with transcendental vibration? It is because of the mind! There is an interesting sentence in the Rig Veda, which says that the mind is the root of our material existence, the mind is the cause of our material existence, and desire is the cause of the mind.

So we see everything is this way. Here we are in this garden of sensual delights, this material world. Instead of seeing... Here we are... in Vaikuntha. So we see things in this way because of the mind. And what that actually means is that we are hearing the Vedic sound in a certain way, because of the mind. And why are we hearing it in that way? Because of *kama*, lusty desires!. That desire has to be changed, then the mind will change, and that is why we have to receive this sound purely, not through the mind's desire. That is the *sastra mulaka* sound, to hear from *guru, sadhu, sastra* purely.

So this potency is there in Srila Prabhupada's books. There is *sastra*, the original verses. Just like now you have started a new verse, first verse. Prabhupada has explained very nicely in his purport, how by Divine Grace in this translation work now he has started the fourth canto. So this first verse of fourth canto and then following this verse follows the Bhaktivedanta purport, the *sastra mulaka* elaboration.

So the distribution of Srila Prabhupada's books throughout the world is actually breaking down the false ego. The mass false ego, which is separating the consciousness of the people from Krishna. It is smashing that wall, making big big cracks. Now, then by our preaching, we can also remove... Because Prabhupada has smashed the wall, smashed it to pieces stacked on one another. So we can remove, pull them down very easily now. This is the businesses of every devotee in ISKCON - to assist Srila Prabhupada in clearing away the rubble of the formidable wall of the false ego, which Srila Prabhupada continues to smash with his book distribution.

Every one of SP's books that goes out, it is such a powerful... We are talking about different kind of sound, so this it the most powerful kind of sound. It is like when the jet-plane flies faster than the speed of sound, so it creates a big wave that moves along the ground. If that jet is flying low enough, then a powerful wave of vibration comes along and it makes a big BOOM. It can be so strong that it can smash every window in the house. So every one of Prabhupada's books is like that! { laughter } It's a big BOOM in the heart and it smashes, shatters the false ego.

That is why the demons they become very alarmed by Prabhupada's book's. They don't want to get near them. They want to stop the distribution. But anyway, it's Lord Caitanya's will, so it cannot be stopped. So then every book is booming, smashing the false ego, and then our duty besides distributing the book's - that's the first duty - then the second duty is to clear away the rubble. That we do by preaching and especially by answering questions. When persons read Srila Prabhupada's books, then their false ego cracks, but still there are pieces there blocking the vision. So they have questions, they have doubts. By preaching that is removed.

In this way, by broadcasting the transcendental sound, the *sastra mulaka* sound, throughout the world, the whole world will become Vaikuntha. And it is very logical, it is not some magic, Abracadabra! It's very logical that the false ego separates us from Krishna, that's all! That's all! Otherwise Krishna says that every living entity is his part and parcel already, right now. He says that very clearly in the *Gita*. He doesn't say that "I'm over here and all the living entities are way over there." He says *mamaivamsa*, they are all part of Me. So that is the fact right now.

And why don't we know that? Only because of the false ego. So this is our businesses... Just like when Djinkings Kahn rode with his big army, these wild horse back riding Mongol warrior's... They came out of the East around the year 1200 and they were riding into Europe, the Christian Europe, and also into the Muslim world in the Middle East. So there were in these places in the Christian and Muslim world big cities big fortresses surrounded by huge thick walls. And the Mongol warriors they would ride up completely

fearlessly on their horses right up to those walls and on top of the walls the soldiers would be firing arrows, but they were just fearlessly riding up. They had *shikas* also, big *shikas*... They came riding up and from China they had taking the art of gun powder, using gun powder to make bombs. And this was totally unknown in the Christian and Muslim world. They didn't know what gun powder was. So then this fearless Mongol warriors would ride right up to the wall and they would BANG! HAMMER! HAMMER! and make a hole in the concrete between the big stones and then put in some gun powder. And ignite it and BOOM!. And those walls would break. And then they would clear away those walls and ride though to capture the fortress. So in a transcendental sense this is what... { laughter } ...what we're... This is our mission also! { laughter }

So Prabhupada has given us this spiritual gun powder science. These *Mlecchas* and *Yavanas* they don't know this. So like those Mongol warriors we should be fearless. We have the advantage. These materialistic demons they have no such weapon like this. But we have to be fearless, that's the thing. We have to ride up right up to the wall and all kinds of arrows, boiling oil and all kinds of stuff, it's all coming down. And you have to ride right up to the wall of false ego and put the book right inside. CRASH! And ignite... PPPZZZZZEEE!!! BOOOOMMMM!!! And blow the wall down { BIG laughter }. And then this movement will break down all these huge demoniac edifices of sense gratification and mental speculation. Humm! And the world will become Vaikuntha!

Once these walls go down then everyone will see... “AAAHHH ! Yes! This is the spiritual world! { laughter } There is Lord Caitanya, His devotees, chanting the holy name of Krishna. Let us all join in... and CHANT! HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE, HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE!” And experience the transcendental ecstasy, the nectar of love of God, which Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is so freely distributing.

SRILA PRABHUPADA KI JAY !!!!

Any questions?.

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