

Glorious Vaishnava - Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja

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I first met BCSM in Mumbai. BCSM is in SP last days. That time BCSM was also came in vrindavan in evening and we used to chant little and whatever SP wants us. Than BCSM approached SP that speaking with SP with so softly , gently, and encouraging way. But not superficially encouraging. He was just massaging SP head, and his presence was so soothing and its appropriate thing in that circumstance that time.

This is the ideal of disciple. The sages told to SG that you received all mercy by spiritual master reserved for gentle disciple. An ideal of gentle disciple. In gaudiya math everyone like bcsm. They appreciate so much because they sees gentle qualities, philosophies and bcsm always in a gentle and respect others. Amanina maan dena - not to look for respect and praise but to always been looking for respect others.

One time maharaj and I were driving to mayapur. On the internal road there was a pole to restrict traffic so that they middle of the road you could remove if there are some VIP of something.

Chandrashekar pr was driving and all of sudden bcsm said whats wrong with you that how can you let my god brother do my work. Don't you see that god brother is lifting iron pole for you, whats wrong in you? Such finely true sense of who should be respectful and how, but always looking for giving respect to others. I can see when bcsm moves around with dealing with different people and he is very comfortable with dealing with other because there is no false ego or material desire have not seen what can this person do for me what should I get of this person. Just encouraging, appreciating, honoring, recognizing people so that they will feel encouraged in KC.

Just in small ways how to be nice where SP said nice and sometimes this phrase is very strong. SP said sign of kc person is that he is perfect gentleman and that quality bcsm is a perfect gentleman. And not even a way sticks out gentleman putting a air of gentleman. No he is just a gentle, nice and friend also that is also another quality of vaishnava. Everybody loves BCSM because he has wonderful quality. BCSM is an excellent cook. And whatever he is cook that one of the six goswami may be raghunath das goswami said - that whatever he cook would be just like nectar because he cooks nicely and serves nicely and arranges prasadam to serves nicely

He gave course first started in VIHE on vaishnava sadachar that was so enlightening which he

knew all finer details how to serve vaishnavas. Etiquette means to deal with vaishnavas but there is a consciousness behind vaishnava etiquette. LCM says I cannot tolerate anyone who transgresses the vaishnava etiquette. Especially westerners don't know what vaishnava etiquette. SP said I want all of them disciples to spend time in India to become cultured because how you act is not the question of philosophies but it's also the question of knowing the culture norms. There is a cultured people and vaishnavas are supposed to be most cultured people. There is consideration of others and their cultural norms than foster at least civil or congenial or loving dealings with others. And that's what impression that many people has about SP or of they just be nice.

One of my fav stories about SP was about journalist early got a tip that there is a swami from India who was kept down somewhere and he thought and his tipster said I think he is about to start new religious movement so this man went back to SP where he was staying in Bowery Loft. So with BCSM also one would appreciate him in a gentle way and vaishnava would appreciate it that here is ideal devotee. As you know GBC members has to take stand on something so he said I am like a dog when if someone threatens the master or someone intrudes than dog has to bark. So what can I do I also if someone causing problems SP society than I have to bark that's my duty.

SO, BCSM course is so available everywhere and so much worth in hearing because just how he presented in everything in practical way like for example - how to serve prasadam. BCSM serves prasadam so nicely and he sees everyone served nicely. That's important. Big part of KC is honoring prasadam. BCSM knows how to cook and how to serve. BCSM kirtan is another so nice and sweet. Serving deities, serving vaishnavas. This are so wonderful.

Just as fact practical accomplishment that the so many books of SP has translated in Bengali by BCSM like Cc, SB and other books by SP. That means to do that you need to be scholarly and think carefully about what language and everything is saying. That's wonderful contribution.

After SP disappearance days those days were difficult days in sense of many devotees were sort of marginalized and authority and everything was invested in 11 leaders of SP successors. SO BCSM was very marginalized there was suddenly he and many other senior devotees they had no place and they are not the big men, so they are just we don't count. There was a lot of that going on. The reason I bring it up because he could have very easily just join the Gaudiya Math where he would have gotten so much worth or honor and they were ready to embrace him and give him service and he would have been big person there. But he just couldn't be anything but loyal to Prabhupada and that's what is His Heart that it may be easy or difficult. I may be honored or dishonored but I cannot leave Srila Prabhupada. He always keep SP in his forefronts of His Life.

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna