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**3H PRINCIPLES OF DEALINGS  
WITH VAISHNAVAS**

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## Topic : 3H Principles of Dealings with Vaishnavas

### **Humility - foundation of any devotee and consciousness in community.**

- Radhanath swami said, you may come in top but always aspire to be the servant of servant and behave as if you come in last. humility is always prominent and that becomes the foundation in our krishna consciousness also, our mood should be das anu das in the midst of devotees.
- in chowpatty, even walls have ears and devotees performed with so much devotion and enthusiasm, rather than appreciating you made some comments which are true but may be true but no need to share in that moments, even if something is true it is not necessary that has to be spoken in that moment to that person whoever around without considering the consequences. what to speak of young devotees who is trying to please devotees through performing these dramas and we should encouraged them, even if you and me give lecture then we are eager to anxious that devotees are happy or not. so that anxiety of devotees always that I perform the seva and are the devotee pleased with seva? and that moment they are expecting to devotees are pleased and if we give these kind of feedback that can be affect their consciousness and that would affect our own krishna consciousness.
- humility is to realize that I may have best observation but is this the best time and circumstance by which I can serve this devotees at this moment and to keep quiet is the best service than to speak up.

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- Radhanath swami said, that we should remember that devotees are more empowered than you and me having difficulties in spiritual life because they encountered pride. prataprudra maharaj accepted by LCM because of his humility, not with expertise.
- and he said that preacher should not think that he or she is better than even a simple potwasher.
- one of the biggest challenge is to deal with false ego and we have to be extremely careful and dependent on devotees and allow them to correct them and transform them because journey to krishna is a long journey.
- Radhanath swami pointed out the brahmachari
- ashram, things are very uncleaned and we should do this about this. and we should do something about this. Radhanath swami personally started sweeping the floor and abhiramthakur pr started cleaning.

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Radhanath swami mentioned that 6 things to maintain brahmachari ashram

1. ashram or a community performing good sadhana, that transforms the consciousness
  2. cleanliness in ashram or community - it cultivates mood of goodness, and if you are tolerating ignorance, because you are in the ignorance, therefore it is need to be clean
  3. loving relationship - so that we will feel that we are at home
  4. avoid laziness, we should be active in community and taking responsibility in our spiritual life
  5. avoid sense gratification
  6. avoid political dealings while dealing with devotees.
- sometimes we get into the action mode and forget that unless is foundation is strong then we will not able to survive in our spiritual life.
  - our temple should be revolutionary cleaned.

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High level vision - seeing the big picture

- chowpatty is always the worshipping and seva to radha Gopinath and we comes together to serve the family of devotees.
- overall festival, deity sevas and temple hall is renovated, it is all that so that our radha Gopinath gets pleased and his devotees get pleased.
- is there any need to put so much attention? ==> when we are serving krishna, we have to be extremely conscious that we are doing for the Lord's pleasure.
- To please krishna is not easy, opportunity to please krishna is the privilege and therefore attention to the detail is the symptom of love.
- it may take lot of effort but once you come to the perfect thing is the offering to krishna and devotees forever. it is a worth to put the effort and pain to bring the things to this perfect level

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Harmony amongst devotees, and members of ashrams

- when there is humility and we see the big picture and even if there are smaller disagreements and things which do not make sense because ultimately we are concerned with harmony.
- Radhanath swami said, bhakti is that harmonizes 3 different tattvas, jivatattvas, bhagavadattvas, prakriti tattvas.
- maharaj always emphasizes that there may disagreements, difference of opinions, but we should always communicate our differences respectfully, and one should never cross the boundaries of respects when we come to Vaishnava dealings.
- there is zero tolerance for political behavior, envy, criticism, etc which is against principle Vaishnava behavior. we should always remember what devotees did to us and do not take their services lightly.
- now u see the temple hall soundsystem is outside, originally speakers were inside the box but that change was happenings and speakers were no longer inside the box and speakers was about to installed outside and I told maharaj it is now irrelevant to keep this box inside the temple, let us remove it. maharaj said, is that way we deal with Vaishnava culture when someone is serving, contributing, effectively we respect them and once stop contributing we remove them? they serve for 8 years,they should be here forever.
- Hospitality - whenever this kind of dealing happenings do not take lightly and be very conscious that you are dealing with vaishnavas and every reciprocation with the vaishnavas very consciously and respectfully that make sure that we dont do mistakes that leads to the displeasure of vaishnavas.