



Mandarins of Mendacity

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Feb 19, 2015 – USA (SUN) – A Response to Madhavananda and Bhaktarupa's ghost writer.

Below is a letter I wrote to Madhavananda Prabhu in regards to his article that he wrote with Bhaktarupa Prabhu. It is followed by the response of Hari Parsha das, the actual "ghost writer" of their paper. My comments to his text are in **red**.

Dear Madhvananda Prabhu,
PAMHO AGTSP

I will not waste your time but be to the point. I used to entertain some notion that you were some kind of scholar putting out your "Bindu" magazine, but after reading "**An analysis of the paper "Some Evidence Regarding Education and Guruship for Vaishnavis"**" [] I now have a much different (lower) estimation of you. The author of the papers is very gentle in dealing with you but it becomes obvious that you were clearly dealing in subterfuge in the way you presented your paper. I have to conclude that your are either deceitful or a fool thinking themselves wise and who will try to cover their misdemeanor by your highly cultivated art of false humility that we see in the sahajiya contingent of ISKCON of whom you have become a leader.

We shall from this day forward delete anything you write including talks you might give as it is all just sarpa ucchista.

Question did you become twisted this way by yourself of did you learn if from an older protege?

Citralekha dd

respected mother chitralekha,

dandavats! jaya prabhupada!

On receiving your letter of concern and criticism of Madhavananda Prabhu, I should clarify that quite a lot of quotes in that paper were compiled by me.

Hence, the blame should ideally be taken by me. I am the pseudo-scholar who threw out much of the sarpa-ucchishta that was in the original paper.

Whatever lower estimation you may want to have, kindly have it for me.

Noted and I do. But why then are you hiding behind the names of others? You claim later in your letter that "Golokaranjana" is hiding but actually it appears it is you who are doing so and blaming him. More subterfuge and "pot calling kettle black." But Madhavananda and Bhaktarupa are equally odious characters as you are. All perverse fools wanting to introduce feminism into ISKCON.

You have said that I took to subterfuge in dealing with the arguments in the paper. Please give me a chance to explain how I arrived at this subterfuge.

I myself studied in a Vedic Gurukula in my childhood where girls were taught all knowledge in addition to boys. One of the founding members of this gurukula was Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (a person who used to take shiksha from Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura). I'm not sure if you've heard, but Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was the founder of the Benares Hindu University (the best university for Sanskrit knowledge and scholarship in India, and definitely much better than any university we iskcon devotees have created till now). When Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was about to start the university in the 1930's, there was a request from some girls that they wanted to study the Vedas. There was stiff opposition from a certain section of traditionalists and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya got scholars from all positions and opinions in Benares to get some thorough research done on this topic. After about an year of research, the committee of scholars concluded on 22nd August 1946 that women have the right to learn and teach the Vedas, and this is a practice which is continuing in the Benares Hindu University even today. You can go and see it for yourself.

Via my husband I am aware of this university but it is hardly a standard that vaisnavas should follow. Even other mayavada sampradayas don't do this. And no respectable Vasinava gurukula would do this. It seems more along the lines of the Sanda and Amarka style of gurukula.

We have already seen that you can gather a group of moneys and call them scholars as in the case of ISKCON's own Sastra Advisory Committee. Similarly you expect me to accept the conclusions of this group of so called scholars without seeing their arguments?

Some time ago I read the website of the old Sankacaraya of Kanci and he pointed out how a bunch of "liberal" scholars from Iyengar and Iyer community went to great lengths to twist the sastra in order to have child marriage and polygamy made illegal in India all so that could be seen as progressive and help control India's population that they thought was increasing because of these two things.

So quoting such foolish pandits is not convincing. The niti sastras are full of stories of convocations of foolish pandits and their "deliberations" and "conclusions." Our acaryas like [Srila Prabhupada, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta and Srila Bhaktivinode] didn't concur with the "pandits" of BHU. So why do you expect me to be influenced by them just because you have had your mind contaminated by going there? Show me a real gurukula run by Madhvas or Sri Sampradaya that does such nonsense?

Also by the way, Srila Prabhupada allowed ladies to take the Bhakti Shastri course, and one of the books taught in this course is the Ishopanishad, which is nothing but the last section of the Shukla-Yajurveda. So I think the ladies are already studying the Veda in ISKCON Bhakti-Shastri courses. Maybe Srila Prabhupada also got influenced by these mayavadi pandits?

As Golokaranjana Prabhu pointed out there are limited portion of Vedas that are permissible

for women and sudras. So what exactly is your point?

Now, I am as much guilty of subterfuge as much as the pandits in Benares were at that time. Of course, in our society ISKCON, we don't give any value to these useless pandits. Simply because they are not a part of iskcon. They are simply croaking frogs fit to be rejected and kicked in the face with boots that have sharp nails. So yes, I am such a pseudo-scholar that is fit to be rejected.

As I said already such has been rejected by Vaisnava sampradayas (Sri, Madhva and even Sankara) so why should we emulate what our acarayas have rejected. That is why I also reject fools like you who follow them. If they are so good then you should go back to them and have sanga with those lady pandits and have romance with one or more of them. They seem your type anyway. And instead of making you chapatis she can do her Soma yajna and memorize Panini.

The paper by Goloka Ranjan Das that you pointed out in your email has two issues. First, I have not met any Goloka Ranjana Das in ISKCON who is willing to claim authorship of that paper. Does he have a facebook profile or a photograph?

As I said, so why do you hide behind the names of others? Fie on you.

Second, the arguments in that paper can be easily replied to and countered.

Talk is cheap put your money where your mouth is. That paper has been out for over 2 weeks and I just wrote to you. If it was so easy why in 2 weeks you haven't countered yet Mr. BIG Pandit? Because unlike you that author didn't cheat and gave strait forward presentation and caught you many times quoting texts out of context. You are a mandarin of mendaciousness. Mother Bhumi can tolerate any weight except that of a liar.

So you mean my little email stopped you in your tracks? Good. Then stop spewing your disinformation and instead study [Srila Prabhupada's] books without deviating. Also listen to his lectures and stop speculating like a social justice warrior.

However, since saintly souls like your good self have already formed a fixed opinion in this matter, I think it would be better for people like me to not reply to that paper, because whatever comes out of our mouths is sarpa-ucchistha anyways.

Your genteel sarcasm aside, where you pretend like the "Heron" to be falsely humble; saintly souls have their opinions fixed in the words of GSS and are not swayed like you by modern (non-Vedic) trends. Modern by definition is illusory. Nor do we frame our siddhanta on the model of Benares Hindu University your alma mater.

"That Brahmana, who is dishonest and falsely gentle, with downcast look, of a cruel disposition, is solely intent on attaining his own ends, is one who acts like a Baka (heron)." Manu Samhita 4.196

ISKCON certainly does not need the opinion of a snake like myself, and it is better that ISKCON stops all education and guruship for vaishnavis and insists that the only duty for ladies is to get inside the kitchen and stop using their intelligence.

No they should get inside the kitchen and use their intelligence. We don't need ignorant fools like you to tell me what my stri dharma is Narada Muni and Vysadeava have already done that in SB 7.11.25-29. But then again you don't read Bhagavatam, you are too busy going over your notes from BHU. The kitchen is the domain of Srimati Radharani and Mother Yashoda and other gopis, why should I want to leave that? []

It is told that when MM Malviya (whom you admire as BHU founder) went to BSST with an intricate question on Vedanta, BSST told him to go help the pujaris wash the plates if he wanted an answer. And while washing plates without speaking a word all answers to his questions came. So yes by serving Krsna in the kitchen all intelligence will come. But what would a nampumsaka, who studied in India's oldest feminist college know about intelligence? []

My mother told me once that sometimes, ladies are their own enemies, and in such cases men should not interfere. I think I will follow her advice.

Oh really? So why you want them to teach the Vedas, do yajna, and be diksha gurus?

Since Madhavananda Prabhu told me to delete your name from the Bindu, I searched for your name in the list and could not find any subscriber for citralekha801@gmail.com. So I wanted to ask you whether you are the same Chitralekha Devi Dasi (the disciple of HH Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja) who runs the ' Srila Prabhupada Quotes ' google group? If yes, please let me know and I will remove from the list your other email id: chitralekhadevidasi@gmail.com

I never said I was a current subscriber to Bindu.

Once again, my sincere apologies for anything that might have hurt you.

Atmano mukha-doshena badhyante zuka-sArikA
bakAs tatra na badhyante maunaM sarvArtha-sAdhanam

"By the fault of their chirping, the parrots and mynahs are caught in the web of the hunter. The crane on the other hand sits quiet and is never caught. Therefore, silence is a powerful tool that can achieve anything."

your servant,

hari parshad das

Yes please from now on all of you should achieve your goals by silence. It is much better than the loud stupidity of what you have written. When you are silent we are not aware of your foolishness but when you make sounds you remove all doubt.

Yours in the service of the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu

Citrlekha devi dasi



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