LETTERS FROM THE MADHVA-MAŢHAS IN UDUPI

LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA AND THE GAUŅIYA SAMPRADĀYA

LETTER TO ŚRĪ VIŚVEŚA TĪRTHA SWAMIJĪ OF PEJĀVARA ADHOKṢAJA MAṬHA, UḌUPĪ FROM SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

18 May 2001

Respected Swamiji,

Firstly allow us to congratulate you on your assumption of the paryaya-pitham. We hope that Sri Krishna blesses you with a long life and good health to continue your seva to Him.

We are writing to you to bring to your notice a matter that is causing displeasure and disturbance to thousands of Krishnabhaktas all over the world. Over the past few years a number of young men claiming to be followers of the Sri Madhvacharya have been continuously blaspheming the Gaudiya Vaishnava community on a website dedicated to Sri Acharya Madhva (www.dvaita.org). In particular they have targeted Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who tirelessly propagated the holy name of the Lord throughout the world, resulting in thousands of young men and women of Christian, Jewish and Muslim backgrounds taking to the path of Vaishnavism.

Amongst other things, these young men have publicly declared that Swami Prabhupada is 'not even a Vaishnava' and have vilified him as a 'liar' and denounced his books as 'ludicrous' and 'very poor'. Furthermore, they have condemned Gaudiya vaishnavism as 'a perverted kali-yuga philosophy which is rubbish.' All this they do in the name of Madhva and the Ashtamathas. This unfortunate situation is breeding unnecessary hostility between our communities and projects the Madhva community in a very bad light.

Since October last year we have received over 750 letters of complaint regarding the behavior of these young men. We acknowledge that there are certain differences in siddhanta between the Gaudiyas and the school of Madhvacharya, yet these young men have crossed the boundaries of proper sad-achara by hurling low-class insults at our acharyas and sampradaya. They do not behave like brahmanas, Vaishnavas nor even decent human beings.

The ashta-mathas in Udupi have always enjoyed a cordial and warm relationship with different Gaudiya institutions such as the Gaudiya Matha, Iskcon and Sri Narasingha Chaitanya Matha in Sri Rangapatna, Gosai Ghat. If something is not done to curb this unfortunate incident that relationship may become enstranged since many devotees around the world will be of the opinion that this website reflects the mood of the ashta-mathas and ultimately the Madhva community itself.

In these current times when the Visva Hindu Parishad is struggling to unite Hinduism and Bharata (India) under a single banner, we feel that your voice to harmonize the above mentioned situation will be most effective and appreciated.

Therefore we are humbly requesting your holiness to kindly write an official letter on the matha-letterhead, mentioning that the statements of these young men, as shown on their website, do not reflect the mood of Sri Pejavara Adhoksaja Mutt and it's community.

Patiently awaiting your response.

Swami Bhakti Gaurava Narasingha (Acharya —Sri Narasingha Chaitanya Matha) Swami Bhakti Vijnana Giri (Junior Swamiji)

SRI NARASINGHA CHAITANYA MUTT

परमपुज्य स्तामिपाद् ।:

तत्र अवतां पत्रामिषीठारोष्टणातरारे अस्माकं हिर्माणीनन्दनं अङ्गीकुर्तन्तु। अञ्चलान् भी रूपाः असेनार्भः दीहार्षुरारोज्यादिकं कृता असुराक्षातु।

तिसारात्त कराप्तातां कृष्णभक्तानां स्वेद्रज्याभित्री आतंद्रकारिणीं त्रा सार्वाभेकां भवतां दृष्ट्रियणे अनितुं इरं पत्रं विकित्रगर्णणाहते। आनितं दृष्ट्रियणे अनितुं इरं पत्रं विकित्रगर्णणाहते। आतंत्रन्य स्वीत् केन्त्रन्य मुवानः , माध्यानार्ष्यव्यानुयाणिनः इती आदिनः आनार्ष्य भध्यस्यापिते कर्षणं किते ते बसेट जाते (अपण्याने अनेवानः ते भक्तिदान्त स्वामिप्रभूपार्थं स्वेद्रां निन्दा स्वेशं कृततन्तः। तत्रभवतां स्वामिप्रपानां स्वतं परिश्वाण प्रनारेणेन विकारिन अतिल्ला स्वामिप्रमानां स्वतं परिश्वाण प्रनारेणेन विकारिन अतिल्ला अनेकेनं गरनारेणं कृताहि अत्रात्रा अर्था कृत्याहि अपन्यानुयानिकां अतेकेनं गरनारेणं कृताहि अत्रात्रा अर्था कृत्याहि अपन्यानुयानिकां अत्रात्रा विद्यानिकां अर्था विद्यानिकां अर्था विद्यानिकां अर्था विद्यानिकां अर्थे अर्था विद्यानिकां अर्थे अर्था विद्यानिकां अर्थे अर्थे विद्यानिकां व

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RESPONSE FROM H.H. VIŚVEŚA TĪRTHA (PEJĀVARA SWAMI) TO SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

20 May 2001

We are rather perturbed to come across an article said to contain a statement issued by Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha about Madhwa and Gaudiya Sampradayas.

We have been emphasizing time and again that even though there are certain difference in a few aspects of the two Sampradayas, there are many more common grounds and Gaudiya Sampradaya is a part of Madhwa Sampradaya. We have great regard for Prabhupada who has spread Vaisnava Bhakti Siddhanta throughout the world.

We have been admiring him on various occasions also. We are pained to find that the article denigrates Prabhupada and is against our opinion and philosophy.

The whole issue will be reviewed and in our capacity as the chancellor of Poornaprajna Vidyapeeta, a message will be shortly published to strengthen the mutual harmonious relationship between the Sampradayas.

Sri Sri Vishwesa Tirtha Swamiiji

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RESPONSE FROM SRI LAKSMIVARA TIRTHA (SHIROOR SWAMI) TO SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

20 May 2001

To: Friend of our Samsthanam Poojya Sri Narasingha Swamy Sri Narasingha Chaitanya Mutt, Sri Rangapatna, Mysore

From:

Sri Shiroor Mutt, Udupi Jadadguru Sri Sri Madhwacharya Peethan Udupi, South Candra

Ref: Re: Mispropoganda in www.Dvaita.org between "Sri Madhwacharya and Chaitanya Pantha."

Sri Chaitanya Sampradaya is a branch of Madhwa philosophy. there are historic proofs to substantiate this fact. The sadhana achieved by Sri A. C. Prabhupada, Acharya of "Chaitanya Sampradaya" is to be welcomed by all Vaishnavites. It is due to him people all over the world have learned about Lord Krishna. This work should have been accomplished by Madhwa followers. But Prabhupada has served the world in propagating this cult. Even in the western world he has attracted a large number of devotees of Lord Krishna, through his discourse on "Bhagavat Geeta." The book on "Bhagavat Geeta" of Sri Prabhupada is allowed to be sold in front of Krishna Mandira at Udupi. This fact is known to all eight mutts of Udupi. As well as all devotees of Udupi Kshetra.

Therefore, the blame cast on Sri Prabhupada is to be deemed as the blame on Sri Hari, Vayu and Guru. This type of behavior is not to be found in a brahmin. As such, it is a bad affair to note that a Vaishnava has exhibited such a behavior. Such contradictory statements do create split in the Vaishnava Society and do not promote any good on the Society.

Therefore we oppose the points relayed through the website.

Sri Laksmivara Tirtha Swami

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RESPONSE FROM SRI VIDYAPRASANNA TIRTHA (SUBRAHMANYA SWAMI) TO SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

20 May 2001

Sri Sri Vidyaprasanna Tirtha Swamiji Subramanya Matha Subramanya 574238

Philosophic world is very broad and wide. Each philosopher has toiled to seek the truth. The aim of all philosophers is to see that man is relieved of his temporary material happiness and attain the permanent eternal happiness. Acharyas and Mutts have strived hard to see that man is relieved of his bondage in this world.

Among the Acharyas, the famous Sri Madhwacharya has preached "Dvaita" philosophy for the world. Some other philosophers have accepted ideals that are very close to Madhwa philosophy.

Though there are minor differences among the two schools, deep study of these two schools show there are similiar ideals. People in these days are eager to grow in the field of philosophy, and should not try to develop misconception among people. It is not correct for Madhwa followers to envy "Prabhupada" followers. Many facts that are in tune with Madhwa philosophy, are hidden in the works of Sri Prabhupada.

Therefore it is our desire to see that misconception among people in this regard is not created.

Sri Sri Vidyaprasanna Tirtha Swamiji

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RESPONSE FROM SRI VIDYAVALLABA TIRTHA (KANIYOOR SWAMI) TO SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

20 May 2001

Sri Vidyavallaba Tirtha Swamiji Sri Kaniyoor Mutt Car Street, Udupi 576101

Some argue that there is no relationship between "Chaitanya prabhu parampara" and "Sri Madhwacharya parampara." We wish to put forth our opinion on the matter.

According to our views, Sri Chaitanya prabhu having embraced "virakti," approached Sri Vysatheertha, who belongs to the Madhwacharya's traditional Vyasaraya Mutt. Sri Vyasatheertha graced him offering "deeksha" to him and commanded him to spread the philosophic ideals fo Sri Madhwacharya.

As a result of his propaganda, Mutts with "Gaudiya Tradition" emerged and this is an historic event. While glancing through the aforesaid historic event, it is evident that there exists a deep relationship between "Chaitanya parampara" and "Madhwa parampara."

Therefore it is necessary that no one should wound the feelings of Chaitanya Prabhupada, making comments on him.

We humbly appeal to one and all to encourage the philosophic ideals of Sri Chaitanya Prabhupada and see this propaganda grows further without obstacles.

Sri Vidyavallaba Tirtha Swamiji

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RESPONSE FROM SRI VIDYADISA TIRTHA (PALIMAR SWAMI) TO SWAMI B.G. NARASINGHA

21 May 2001

Sri H. H. Sri Vidyadisa Tirtha Swamiji Car Street, Udupi

Sri Prabhupada has accepted Sri Madhwacharya as his "Acarya."

He has put manure and water to the seed sowed by Sri Madhwacharya. Sri Prabhupada is responsible for the spread of the branches of the tree of "Bhakti cult" all over India. It is the duty of all Madhwas to recognize the sadhana of Vaishnavite Sri Prabhupada.

It is true that there is a difference between "Chaitanya school" and "Madhwa school." In spite of the difference between the two schools of thought, one has to look into the similar thoughts that exist between the two. Therefore, the followers of these two cults should never blame each other nor envy each other.

One should not use bad words on the other. One should respect the other and vice-versa. All Madhwas should unite themselves.

Sri H. H. Sri Vidyadisa Tirtha Swamiji

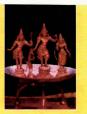


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