

(HEAR FROM SRILA PRABHUPADA) the essence of the “poison” issue

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Since the words of His Divine Grace are of the utmost importance to his followers, we present them as the essence of our investigation. Please find below, a part by part revelation of the “poison conversations” held at the bedside of His Divine Grace just prior to his departure from this world. We have provided a CD, which is an audio version of the segments transcribed below. It is recommended, for a better understanding, that one listen to the CD while reading through the translations. Thank you.

PART 1. Selected segments with Hindi and Bengali translations where Srila Prabhupada (SP) and his caretakers converse about Srila Prabhupada being given poison. Segments dated November 8 to November 10, 1977.

Segment 1: Page 354, begin line 1. Srila Prabhupada reveals in Hindi: ["Someone said I have been poisoned...it's possible"](#).

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Ye apki darshan ke liye Balaramji Misra. Aap jante hai inko? Caitanya Mahaprabhu ke...**

Trans: *Here is Balaram Misra come to see you. Do you know him? (He) is from Caitanya Mahaprabhu's...*

Balaram Misra: (Bengali) **Aami edike aachi Maharaja. Aami Balaram Misra, chinte perechen to aamake?**

Trans: *I am over here Maharaja. I am Balarama Misra, do you recognise me?*

SP: **Han.**

Trans: *Yes.*

Balaram Misra: (Bengali) **Kaviraj'er shonge aamar onek purono aalap aache. Taa, kalke aamar shonge dakhai holo. Bole ...Maharaja aamaye dekechen? Aamar to boro shoubhagya to.. mane eyi shutre aamaro dakhaa hoye jabe. Keno bohudin purbe jokhon thakur bosheni takhun...**

Trans: *I am known to kaviraja for a long time. Well, yesterday I met him (kaviraja), he said, Maharaja (SP) has called for me. It is a great honour for me...that is.. this way I get a chance to meet you. Because many days ago, when the deity had not been installed ...*

SP: **oi ta ke?.. se aldah?** (Difficult to confirm what is actually said)

Trans: *Where are they (deities)? Are they there?*

Balaram Misra: **Han. Aache. Aache Maharaja. Ami bhaablaam jadi ektu dakhaa kore aashi aamio...**

Trans: *Yes. They are there. They are there Maharaja. I thought, if I could come and see you...*

SP: **Hothat hoye galo.**

Trans: *It all happened suddenly.*

Balaram Misra: **Hain.**

Trans: *Yes.*

SP: **Besh kaaj cholche?**

Trans: *Is work going on well?*

Balaram Misra: **Hain.**

Trans: *Yes.*

SP: (Unintelligible)...whispers.

SP: **Ka bole je poison korechhe...hote pare.**

Trans: *Someone said (I have) been poisoned...it's possible.*

Balaram Misra: **Hmm?**

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Kya farmarahe hai?**

Trans: *What are you saying?*

SP: (Hindi) **Koi bolta hai je koi poison deya hai.**

Trans: *Someone says that somebody has given (me) poison.*

Kaviraja: **Kisko?**

Trans: (to) *Whom?*

SP: **Mujhko.**

Trans: (to) *Me.*

Kaviraja: **Kaun bolta hai?**

Trans: *Who is saying?*

SP: **Ye saab friends.**

Trans: *All these friends.*

Bhakticaru: (Bengali) **Ke boleche Srila Prabhupada?**

Trans: *Who said, Srila Prabhupada?*

SP: **Ke boleche.**

Trans: *Someone said.*

Tamal Krsna: **Krsna das?**

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Aapko kaun poison dega? Kisleye dega?**

Trans: *Who will give you poison? For what/why?*

Tamala Krsna: (English) **Who said that, Srila Prabhupada?**

SP: (English) **I do not know, but it is said...(whispers).** (Conch).

Segment 2: page 354, begin line 24. Srila Prabhupada (SP) and Kaviraja speak in Hindi, where Srila Prabhupada reveals further that "Someone said that when given (poison) this happens", referring to his symptoms. The Kaviraj replies "Anyone who thinks about doing this is a demon".

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Yeh Maharaja, yeh kotha aap kaise bola aaj ki koi bola hi ki poison diya hai? Ye aapko kuuch abhaas hua hai, kya?**

Trans: *This (thing) Maharaja. You know how you said today that somebody said that poison was given? Did you get some indication about this, what?*

SP: **Nahin. Eyse koi bola jo denese ye hota hai. Shayed koi kithabme likkha hai.**

Trans: *No. Someone said that when given (poison) this happens. Maybe it is written in some book.*

Kaviraja: **Woh koi khana se ho jata hai. Kaccha mercury se ho jata hai. Ye aur koi bhi cheez aisa hai jis se ho jata hai. Mane aapke liye kaun karega? Ham to yeh samajhta... ki aise devpurush ke liye koi manshik aisa bichar karega woh be rakshasa hai.** (break)

Trans: *That happens from some foods. Raw mercury makes it happen. And there are other things from which it can happen. I mean, who would do that to you? My understanding is this... anyone who thinks about doing this to a saint, is a demon.* (Break in recording)

Segment 3: Page 359, begin line 6. Srila Prabhupada (SP) replies to Tamal Krishna, repeating an earlier point made to the Kaviraja in segment 2 above. He says, "He (the someone referred to earlier) said that these (Srila Prabhupada's) symptoms are seen when a man is poisoned".

Tamala Krsna: **Srila Prabhupada? You said before that you....that it is said that you were poisoned?**

SP: **No. These kinds of symptoms are seen when a man is poisoned. He said like that, not that I am poisoned.**

Tamala Krsna: **Did anyone tell you that, or you just know it from before?**

SP: **I read something.**

Tamala Krsna: **Ah, I see. That's why actually we cannot allow anyone else to cook for you.**

SP: **That is good.**

Tamala Krsna: **Jayapataka Maharaja was telling that one acarya, Sankaracarya, of the Sankaracarya line--this was a while ago--he was poisoned to death. Since that time, none of the acaryas or the gurus of the Sankaracarya line will ever take any food cooked except by their own men.**

SP: **My Guru Maharaja also.**

Segment 4: Page 367, begin line 11. Bhakticaru tells the others what Srila Prabhupada (SP) has just stated. Bhakticaru says "**Someone gave him(Srila Prabhupada) poison here**". Tamal Krishna says, "**Srila Prabhupada, Sastriji says that there must be some truth to it if you say that (that someone has poisoned you). So who is it that has poisoned (you)?"** There is a long discussion about murder by poison cases.

Tamala Krsna (again): **What did Prabhupada just say?**

Bhakticaru: **Prabhupada just said that I mean, this morning his condition was bad not now.**

Bhavananda: **Prabhupada was complaining of mental distress this morning also.**

Bhakticaru: **Srila Prabhupada?**

SP: **Hmm?**

Bhakticaru (Bengali): **Ota ki byapaar hoyechelo...mental distress?**

Trans: *What is that problem...mental distress?*

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Boliye, boliye.**

Trans: *Tell (us), tell (us).*

SP: (Hindi): **Wohi bat, jo koi hamko poison kya.**

Trans: *That talk, that someone has poisoned me.*

Bhakticaru: **O' aacha. Uno soch na ki koi...**

Trans: *O' okay. He thinks someone has....*

Bhakticaru: (English) **Someone gave him poison here.**

Note: The "unidentified devotee" in the BBT publication who says, "Someone gave him poison here" is Bhakticaru).

Kaviraja (speaking over Bhakticaru): **Dekhiye bat yehi hai ki kisi rakshas ne diya ho...(Bhakticaru: Someone gave him poison here)...Caru swami.. (Bhakticaru says "yes")... kisi rakshas ne diya ho. Yeh to ho sakta hai. Impossible nehi hain. Woh Sankaracarya the; unhe kisi ne poison diya. Cheh mahina tak woh bari taklif paye. Kanch to hota hai na? botal ke kanch, yeh pees ke khane mein khila diya. To usko kya nitaja hua, bara mahina baad mai, leprosy ho gaya sab sharir ki undar. To karam to apna bhugte hai. Kintu jo medicine ham dai raka hai; jadi koi uska effect hoga poison to rahe nahin sakta, guarenteed bolta hai. Ki woh be effected hoga to rahin nahi sakta. Ki abhi to ham pakar nahin saktai usko unko diya hua hai. Abhi bhi pakarta hai jab kidney kharab ho gaya, kisi kahena ya bimari se ho, chai grahan se ho, chai poison se.**

Trans: *Listen, this is the understanding that some demon (may) have given (poison). (Bhakticaru: "Someone gave him poison here"). Caru swami (Bhakticaru says, "yes")...some demon has given (poison). This can happen. It's not impossible. There's that Sankaracarya (person), someone gave him poison. For six months he suffered. There is glass you know? Bottle glass? It was ground and fed in food. What befell him: after twelve months leprosy spread inside his body. Everyone suffers their karma. But the medicine I have given, if any (poisonous) effect occurs it cannot stay. I give a guarantee, that even if there are effects they will not stay. Because right now I cannot detect (poison) has been given to him. It is detected when the kidneys go bad, or by some symptom of disease, by (effects) of the eclipse/stars, or by poison (symptoms).*

Tamala Krsna: **Prabhupada was thinking that someone had poisoned him?**

Bhakticaru: **Yes.**

Tamala Krsna: **That was the mental distress?**

Bhakticaru: **Yes.**

Kaviraja: **Yeh bolte hai to isme kuch na kuch satya he. Isme koi sandeha nahin.**

Trans: *This is what (Srila Prabhupada) says, then there must be some truth in it. In this there is no doubt.*

Tamala Krsna: **What did Kaviraja just say?**

Bhakticaru: **He said that when Srila Prabhupada was saying that, there must be something truth behind it.**

Unidentified: **Sssss!**

(Everyone begins speaking together)

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Koi rakshas hai...daina wallah. Pan me ek cheez de doon. Kya batun...doodh me de doon. Khana ek pan me dwai de doon, subhe me jindagi be bhool sakhoge.**

Trans: *It is some rakshasa...the (poison) giver. (He) will put something (poison) in pan... how to explain...(or he will) put it in milk. To eat, (he) will put a medicine in pan, by the morning (your) whole life can be forgotten.*

Tamala Krsna: **Srila Prabhupada, Sastriji says that there must be some truth to it if you say that. So who is it that has poisoned?**

Srila Prabhupada does not answer (pause).

Kaviraja: **Sabse bada poison to hota hai woh mercury ka hota hai.**

Trans: *The biggest (worst) poison is mercury.*

Bhakticaru: **Woh to Gaya tha woh jo...**

Trans: *That was Gaya, that which....*

Kaviraja: **Nahin nahin.... woh to Svarupa Guha tha. Aap para tha na Swamiji? Kalkatte me?**

Trans: *No, no....that was Svarupa Guha. You read about it didn't you Swamiji? ...in Calcutta?*

SP: **Hmm?**

Kaviraja (repeats): **Svarupa Guha?**

Bhakticaru: (Hindi) **Unko malum nahin.**

Trans: *He doesn't know (about it).*

Kaviraja: **Uska patni ne diya tha.**

Trans: *Her husband had given it.*

Bhakticaru: **Aacha.**

Trans: *Okay.*

Kaviraja: **Uski koi medicine nahin aatha aap ki leya. Itni dose de diya. jisko hamlok Rashkapoor bolte hain.**

Trans: *It does not come in a medicine form. Such a heavy dose was given. It's what we call Rashkapoor.*

Bhakticaru: **Nahin. Woh jo mercury isme tha.... woh makhadwaja...**

Trans: *No. That mercury was in... the makhadwaja.*

Kaviraja: **Nahin, nahin. Woh mercury nahin hain. Uska doosra nam bolte hai.**

Trans: *No, no. That's not mercury. It's called by another name.*

Bhakticaru: **Aacha.**

Trans: *Okay.*

Bhavananda: **What did he say?**

Bhakticaru: **He said that it's quite possible that mercury, it's a kind of poison.**

Bhagatji: **That makhadwaja?**

Kaviraja: **Rashkapoor**

Bhakticaru: **Rashkapoor?**

Kaviraja: (Bengali/English) **Aamer Rash. woh ekta preparation aache... Eta very poison.**

Trans: *Aamer Rash. That's one preparation...It's very poisonous.*

Bhakticaru: (Hindi) **Woh to makhadwaja jaise hai, kya?**

Trans: *Is that like makhadwaja?*

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Makhadwaja to amrit hota hai, inke liye nahin suitable hota hai, yeh bat doosri. Baki woh to sab ki liye poison hota.**

Trans: *Makhadwaja is nectar. It's not suitable for him (SP), that's a different story. The rest is poison for everyone.*

Bhavananda: **What medicine was he taking before that?**

Bhakticaru: (Hindi) **Konsa...?**

Trans: *What...?*

Kaviraja: **Kuuch nahin.**

Trans: *Nothing.*

Bhakticaru (English): **He was referring to a case, a big murder case in Calcutta, the husband poisoned the wife.**

Bhavananda: **Guha?**

Kaviraja: **Svarupa Guha...abhi uska case...**

Trans: *Svarupa Guha...The case is now...*

Bhakticaru: **Shankara Bannerjee was...**

Bhavananda: **Our lawyer is the...**(he sniggers).

Tamala Krsna: **Bhagatji doesn't think the....**

Kaviraja (Hindi): **Manye inka sharir aisa hai, jeh bajra hai ki acchar...woh kuuch nahin hona.**

Trans: (In my mind) *His health is such, that only a weapon... (?)...or nothing should (go wrong).*

Bhakticaru: (Hindi) **Nain ghabrana ka jo.... Bhagvan jise raksa karte hai, waise to Prahlada Maharaja ke bhi to...**

Trans: *No need for bewilderment.... The way God protects, similarly Pralahada Maharaja was also...*

Kaviraja: **Swamiji, ek sloka yaad aata hai....(sloka)... Apto siddhanta Maharaja to, isliye koi shankhya karneka darkar nahin hain.**

Trans: *Swamiji, one verse comes to my mind...(verse)...you are a divine soul, that is why there is no need to be anxious.*

Tamala Krsna: **No poison is strong enough to stop the Hari Nam Srila Prabhupada.**

Kaviraja: (Hindi) **Bas. Hari Nam ke samne...woh Mira ko jitna poison diya tha; ek boond parjanese aadmi ka death ho jate. Woh sub pegeya. Woh batlayie? Jo Bhagvan ke prasad lag jate na, woh poison amrit ho jata, samajhte.**

Trans: *That's all. In front of Hari Nam...The amount of poison that was given to Mira; one drop could cause a man's death. (Mira) drank it all. Explain that? When one is feeling God's mercy, that poison becomes nectar. (I) Believe.*

Devotee: **Prahlada Maharaja?**

Bhakticaru: **Prahlada Maharaja.**

Kaviraja: **Prahlada se jada poison diya tha Halahal isko Mira. Itna jabardast banaya woh...Jaise ek alopath me ek poison aata ka uska taste aaj tak koi bataa nahin sakaa.**

Trans: *Halal gave Mira a stronger dose of poison than Prahlada got. It was so strongly made...Like there is one poison in allopathy, till today no one has been able (lived) to describe it's taste.*

Segment 5: Page 370, begin line 4 from bottom. Srila Prabhupada (SP) states that whatever his caretakers have tried, everything has failed, and he requests that he be let go by them.

SP: **Yes. Mm. You've tried doctor, kaviraja, medicine, everything. Everything has failed. Now I suppose I am taking the risk of death, what is wrong? When the... I am dead you go India, within India, you go and bring the body either in Mayapur or Vrindavan. Mayapur the land is already there. Vrindavan I think on the gate side, that's all. That's wherever you like you'll do.**

Jayapataka: **Srila Prabhupada, you commented that when Thakura Bhaktivinoda was put on the gate side that was no way to respect a Vaisnava.**

SP: **Mm.**

Jayapataka: **So then doesn't seem proper to put you by the gate.**

SP: **No, not by the gate. There is ample land. Or in Mayapur, that will be very nice. Mm.**

Jayapataka: **This kaviraja assures that by taking little milk frequently during the day...**

SP: I will take milk. Milk is available everywhere... (laughter)... I shall take little milk and sleep, that's all. If I live, that's all right. If I don't live, that doesn't matter.

Bhavananda: Very nice program. We can all accompany you at different times of the month.

SP: Yes. Not very many, but you can come and go back.

Jayapataka: Which holy places you would like to visit, Srila Prabhupada?

SP: India is full of holy places.

Jayapataka: Krsna-lila, Mahaprabhu-lila.

SP: Gradually go to Mayapur...Is someone here?

Tamala Krsna: Yes, Srila Prabhupada.

SP: I...

Bhavananda: He has heard everything.

SP: Mm.

Jayapataka: By you going to the holy places, you will purify the holy places.

SP: There are two things, life or death. So if I die where's the wrong? And if there is death, that is natural.

Jayapataka: For you Srila Prabhupada, to be alive or to die is no different because you are in the transcendental position, but for us when you leave the body then we are bereft of your association. So for us it is very unfortunate.

SP: Then live by my words, by my training. Mm. (pause)...So you like this idea? Mm?

Hamsaduta: I liked it.

SP: Who is it?

Adridharan: It's Hamsaduta Maharaja.

SP: Oh. (pause)...Most places you beg from the local bread and subsist, otherwise purchase.

Jayapataka: **You are very famous, Srila Prabhupada, wherever you go there will be crowds of people to have your darsan.**

SP: **So they will see me, I have no objection. I want little milk from them, that's all. (pause)...So far my presence is required (for) management, I think I have bequeathed, properly you can manage. Hm. It is to be admitted failure, the so-called medical treatment, failure. (pause)**

Jayapataka: **All the doctors say that you defy all medical laws. Sometimes you become very weak and sometimes you become immediately strong. (pause)**

Giriraja: **I think this is a good idea.**

SP: **Who's this?**

Devotee: **Giriraja.**

SP: **Oh.**

Giriraja: **Because, I mean, I don't have any faith in the doctors or their treatments because they're never working and ultimately it depends on Krsna and Krsna is everywhere. He can exercise His will in any condition and you know, as you say, that if you go out and if you recover then it's very good. And even otherwise, I mean, if that is the decision of Lord Krsna, then this is a very glorious way. (pause)**

SP: **All seriously consider this submission and let me go.**

Segment 6, page 373 begin line 1. Srila Prabhupada (SP) continues to want to leave his caretakers and go on *parikrama*. He says that he will drink milk and continue the same treatment. He is also given milk to drink, which he finds too sweet. Just before he is given the milk, the taperecorder by his bedside picks up very incriminating whispers, which have been audio enhanced and 'denoised' for clarity. The enhanced whispers are at the end of the conversation segments on the CD and can be heard on most decent audio CD players.

Bhavananda: **We should begin the *parikrama* in Vrindavan.**

SP: **Yes.**

Bhavananda: **Because quite honestly, Srila Prabhupada, I think most of us are very worried. If you go off down the road and send us all back to our different assignments, we would not be able to serve with our full attention, knowing that our beloved father and spiritual guide was in such weak condition. So if we begin in**

Vrindavan, we're all here now, we can see so that we know what arrangements to make for the future when you want to leave.

SP: Hm. You make me flat (whispers*)...(break)

NOTE: Whispers* (Three voices closest to the microphone are Tamala Krsna, Jayapataka and Bhavananda.) This whisper (Number 1) is picked up just before milk is brought to Srila Prabhupada and forensically confirmed to be:

Whisper 1: "GOING DOWN..(giggle)..THE POISON'S GOING DOWN."

Jayapataka: We heard that Your Divine Grace had a dream that a kaviraja of the Ramanuja sampradaya would treat you and bring you back to strength, and this kaviraja says that in a very short time, following the treatment, you would regain your strength. Although he hasn't got all of the medicines yet, but within a day or two they'll all be prepared, and he says within fifteen days you should be quite improved in strength. So far, he seems to have been quite sincere.

SP: No, no, he's sincere... I'll drink milk. Whatever strength is obtainable, there will be.

Jayapataka: Like to follow the same treatment, only while travelling. (whispers*)

NOTE: Whispers*. This whisper (Number 2) suggest that somebody is wanting to make sure that there is poison in the milk, just before it is given to Srila Prabhupada. The answer is in the affirmative. Many should be able to recognise and tell the identity of the person who answers.

Whisper 2: "IT'S NOT POISONING (or POISONED).. THE MILK" Somebody answers: "Uh, huh" (meaning it is).

Hamsaduta: So we should meet and make a program for going around Vrindavan.

SP: Yes.

Hamsaduta: You want to begin tomorrow morning?

SP: Yes.

Devotee: If Prabhupada travels in a van it would be very bumpy. He should have a big bus.

Hamsaduta: Let's discuss it.

SP: Bus?

Devotee: **A big bus.**

SP: **No, no, bus will be not good. Bullock cart.**

Bhavananda: **Bullock cart?**

Jayapataka: **That is very bumpy.**

Bhavananda: **Your Guru Maharaja used to have bullock cart travel from Hulorghat (on the banks of the Ganges in Mayapur) up to the Caitanya Matha. You told me you put a nice mattress down in the back and a cover, and you lay down there. You even told me once to go to Calcutta that way. You lay down at night; you go little bit, little bit; and in the morning, when you wake up, you're in Calcutta.**

SP: **Bullock, you get the cow dung.**

Tamala Krsna: **Cook with it.** (His voice is close to the microphone)

Jayapataka: **In this part of India it's very cold for your Divine Grace.**

SP: **Underneath the tree it is not cold.**

Tamala Krsna: **You sound like you are very determined to go, Srila Prabhupada.**

SP: **Daytime we expose in the sunshine, and camp (note: whisper here...sounds like "poison's going down") underneath a tree at night. That has to be arranged.**

Bhakticaru: (Bengali) **Srila Prabhupada, ektu doodh debo akhon?** (His voice also close to the microphone)

Trans: *Srila Prabhupada, would you like some milk now?*

SP: **Hmm. Dao. Ektu garam diyo.**

Trans: *Give. Give it a little warm.*

Bhakticaru: **Ektu han korun...Garam theek ache?**

Trans: *Open your mouth a little...Is it warm enough?*

SP: **Beshi mishti hoyeche.**

Trans: *It is too sweet.*

Bhakticaru: **Oh...Ektu han korun Srila Prabhupada**

Trans: *Oh...Could you open your mouth Srila Prabhupada.... A little more.*

SP: Bas. Aar na

Trans: *Enough. No more.*

Bhakticaru: Ektu jal Srila Prabhupada? Jal o khaben na?

Trans: *Would you like some water Srila Prabhupada?.... You won't drink water?*

SP: Na

Trans: *No*

Bhakticaru: Aacha.

Trans: *Okay...(break)*

Segment 7. Page 378, begin line 1. Srila Prabhupada (SP), after disclosing the matter of his being given poison by someone, and shortly after having most likely heard the whispers himself, much against the expectations of others in the vicinity (since the tape recorder by his bedside picked them up), now declares that his remaining with his caretakers is like committing suicide at the hands of a Ravana, and continues to request arrangements to be removed and taken on *parikrama*, in care of devotees lead by Lokanatha Swami.

Svarupa Damodara: As your humble disciples, Srila Prabhupada, we are ready to take up any instructions that you've kindly given us, but at the same time, you have advised us many times that we shouldn't take unnecessary risk. Just like few days ago you were telling a Bengali saying, saying that when you are doubtful, don't do it. You instructed us.

SP: That is material. (laughter)

Jagadisa: Srila Prabhupada, can you tell us why you want to go on the *parikrama*?

Bhakticaru: (Bengali) Srila Prabhupada, ekhon ektu doodh diya apnake?

Trans: *Srila Prabhupada, shall I give you some milk now? (break)*

SP: Good..paddy (unclear).

Tamala Krsna: This seems like suicide, Srila Prabhupada, this program. It seems to some of us like it's suicidal.

SP: **And this is also suicidal.**

Tamala Krsna: **Hm. Prabhupada said, "And this is also suicide." Now you have to choose which suicide.** (Turns away from microphone when saying latter half of sentence)

SP: **The Ravana will kill and Rama will kill. Better to be killed by Rama. Eh? That Marici- if he does not go to mislead Sita, he'll be killed by Ravana; and if he goes to be killed by Rama, then it is better.**

Tamala Krsna: **Who is this Prabhupada's talking about?**

Devotees: **Marici.**

Segment 8, page 379, begin line 11 from bottom. Srila Prabhupada (SP), counters all arguments by Tamal Krishna, and says that he will be cured by leaving and going on *parikrama*. (He would also be in the care of Lokanatah Swami then instead of Tamal Krishna and company).

Tamala Krsna: **Better that you live for six or seven years productively than that you go on this *parikrama* and die within two hours gloriously. Why not live for six or seven years and then go on *parikrama* and die? If the *parikrama* can always be done, why not put it off for six or seven more years of preaching?**

Svarupa Damodar: **You've already been glorious, Srila Prabhupada, all over the world. Whether you're here or outside doesn't really matter. You're already glorious.**

Jayapataka: **By you're presence countless souls will attain devotional service. That's more glorious.**

SP: **But I think I shall be cured.**

Tamala Krsna: **Prabhupada says he thinks he will be cured by the *parikrama*.**

Bhakticaru: (Hindi to kaviraja) **Srila Prabhupada je ne bolta hain ki unhe sochta hain ki *parikrama* se cure ho jayega.**

Trans: *Srila Prabhupada is saying that he thinks that he will be cured by this *parikrama*.*

Kaviraja: **Hmm.**

Bhakticaru: **Yeh *parikrama* karne se...**

Trans: *If he does this parikrama...*

Kaviraja: Sab sadak tooti hoi hai, jerking lagega jerking se heart sahan nahi payega, bilkul ekdam. Pichhe theek hona ke baad, kisibhi tarike se parikrama karienge, kya hai usme? baithe baithe yahah, sote sote parikrama karlenge. Yeh bichar tyag dena chahiye..... itna khadde hai ki hamlogon ki heart mein dhakka lagte hain, wohan gari parti hain...aur bailgari ki andar? woh to sahan hi nahi kar sakta hai...pandra minit nahi kar sakthe hai.

Trans: *All the roads are broken. (He) will feel the jerking. His heart will not be able to bear the jerking. Not at all. Later, after he is better, one way or another we will do parikrama, what's the problem with this? Sitting here, or even lying down you can do parikrama (mentally). You should renounce your decision (re: parikrama). There are so many potholes that even our hearts get jolted, and we travel by car. In a bullockcart...? It cannot be done, not even for fifteen minutes.*

Hamsaduta: Under the circumstances we have to consider whether Prabhupada's opinion is more or less than the kaviraja's, is what it comes down to.

Tamala Krsna: We can't continue... consider. Srila Prabhupada has to.

Hamsaduta: If Prabhupada says that by going on parikrama he feels he'll be cured, then how can we continue to place arguments against him?

Section 9: page 391, begin line 5. Tamal Krishna, ignoring the words of Srila Prabhupada (SP), that the parikrama and his new caretakers would cure him, is determined to not let Srila Prabhupada go. Srila Prabhupada, maintaining an amazing transcendental consciousness, responds just as previously seen in the lives of the greatest saints and messengers of God such as Jesus Christ, Haridas Thakur, and Prahlada Maharaja. He ignores his own dangerous situation (materially speaking), and just decides to reciprocate with his caretakers based on whatever service they have done in the past.

Tamala Krsna: To go.

SP: To request... not to go.

Krsna Das Babaji: Yes.

Tamala Krsna: Well Srila Prabhupada, I'll tell you, I'm getting so upset sitting in the room upstairs. I mean I just.... I was walking around...Two of the devotees told me this road is so bad that if you go on this road, you're going to be jolted back and forth. The road is terrible. I just can't understand, Srila Prabhupada, why it has to be tomorrow that we have to go. If anybody wants you to travel, I do. My whole desire is to take you all over the world. I want to take you on *parikrama*, but why do

we have to go when you're in this condition? I can't understand it. It just.... I was standing outside. This kaviraja, he has worked so hard. He's so much disappointed. He can't understand why he...He says that now, today, you've taken half a kilo of milk. No mucus has been produced. No stool is being passed. He says that tomorrow he wants to give you a medicine that will begin to build the milk into muscles. He's going to get you to a point where you can take two kilos of milk a day. And he says very soon you'll be able to have the strength to actually do *parikrama*. So why are we throwing everything out the window, that we must go tomorrow? I cannot understand.

SP: All right.

Bhakticaru: **Jaya Srila Prabhupada.**

Bhavananda: **Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.**

SP: **I cannot refuse all your requests.**

Tamala Krsna: **And we cannot refuse your request. We will take you all over *tirtha-yatra*, to all the places. Just that you get a little stronger. You'll be free of all management. You simply go to tirthas and take *darsana* of all the Deities in India. Everyone will stay in their respective places. They'll manage. But we just want you to be stronger.**

SP: **All right..... That will satisfy you?** (laughter)

Tamala Krsna: **Babaji Maharaja also, you also thought that? We did not talk to him.**

Bhavananda: **We were just on our way down the stairs to come and see your Divine Grace.**

SP: **Bhavananda?**

Bhavananda: **Yes, Srila Prabhupada?**

SP: **You are satisfied?**

Bhavananda: **Now I am, Srila Prabhupada, yes.** (laughter) **I was in too much anxiety.**

SP: **No, no, I cannot put you in anxiety. You have done so much. You have suffered for Mayapur so much. I cannot put you in anxiety. So I shall do what you like.**

SP: (Bengali) **Ki bolen Babaji Maharaja?**

Trans: *What do you say Babaji Maharaja?*

KDB: **Na, na, thiki.**

Trans: *No, no, they are right.*

SP: **Era shob dan haath paa. Left hand right hand...I cannot refuse.**

Trans: *They are my right-hand. Left hand right hand...I cannot refuse.*

Segment 10. From various segments between November 8 and November 10, 1977

This is a replay of various whispers and conversation, just of the word "POISON" to allow the listener to hear the exact similarity between the spoken and the whispered words.

"Poison, poison, poison, poison, poison, poison" ...replayed 5 times.

Segment 11. Page 373, begin line 11.

Prabhupada: **Hm. You make me flat** (break).

Whisper 1: "GOING DOWN...giggle...POISON's GOING DOWN", replayed 7 times.

Segment 12. Page 373, begin line 20.

Prabhupada: **No, no, he's sincere. I'll drink milk. Whatever strength is obtainable, there will be.**

Jayapataka: **Like the follow the same treatment, only while travelling.**

Whisper 2: "IS THERE POISION IN THE MILK?" followed by a reply "UH HUH", repeated 7 times.