

Initiation Oath

for initiation candidates of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami

It is my sincere, voluntary and loving desire and request to be accepted by His Holiness Bhakti Charu Maharaj ("Guru Maharaj", disciple of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada) as his initiated disciple. To clarify what this signifies to me and to all concerned, I hereby solemnly make the following declarations and vows:

1. I accept Guru Maharaj to be my initiating (diksa) and instructing (siksa) spiritual master (guru). It is my desire and commitment to help Guru Maharaj in his devotional service to Srila Prabhupada and the previous acharyas in the guru-parampara.
2. I vow to follow throughout my life the instructions, etiquette, and principles prescribed according to Srila Prabhupada's instructions, Bhagavata-dharma sastras (Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrta, etc.) and ISKCON Law in my dealings with my spiritual master.
3. I vow to follow the four regulative principles of avoiding the following sinful activities:
 - (a) Eating meat, fish, eggs, onion, garlic and any non-vegetarian food products;
 - (b) Taking all forms of intoxication including alcohol, drugs, tobacco, caffeine, coffee, tea, etc.;
 - (c) Doing gambling, highly speculative business investments and frivolous sports;
 - (d) Engaging in illicit sex in any form.
4. I vow to chant 16 rounds (16 × 108 mantras) of Hare Krishna Maha-mantra japa every day.
5. I vow that I shall follow the general and specific individual instructions given to me by Guru Maharaj. I accept these instructions as representing Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Krishna's will.
6. As an initiated disciple I understand that I am accepted as a member of and under the eternal shelter of the Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya-(ISKCON) disciplic succession coming through Srila Prabhupada and I vow to accept my further spiritual instructions and initiation from Guru Maharaj and in such circumstances where he is not present in this world to give them I shall accept the same only from bona fide ISKCON spiritual master representing Srila Prabhupada.
7. I shall always remain loyal to ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) as an extension of Srila Prabhupada and I shall avoid doing anything detrimental to the mission of my spiritual master and to ISKCON.

I declare the above to be true.

Signature of the Candidate

Place

Date

Witness Signature

Witness Name