

SP Guidelines for Teaching

[Letter to Danavir -- Bhubanesvara 26 January, 1977:](#)

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter of January 11th along with enclosures regarding the Bhakta Program and it is very nice.

It is good to hold more classes with the bhaktas, but they should all be on the basis of our books. You should not go beyond the jurisdiction of our teaching. The idea of theater, based on Bhagavatam topics is also a very good way to introduce the philosophy to the people in general. Go on preaching with vigorous enthusiasm and increase your program for bringing new men to live in Krsna Consciousness.

You yourself must be ideal in following the rules and regulations, rising early, and restricting eating and sleeping. The less a person is concerned with material enjoyment such as eating, sex and sleeping, the more he is spiritually advanced. If the "devotee *himself lives like a hog or dog how can he preach?*

“Just like milk. We may thin it more and more with water for cheating the customer, but in the end, it will cease to be any longer milk. Better to boil the milk now very vigorously and make it thick and sweet; that is the best process. So let us concentrate on training our devotees very thoroughly in the knowledge of Kṛṣṇa consciousness **from our books, from tapes, by discussing always, and in so many ways instruct them in the right propositions.**” * [_](#)

We will work to create systematic training programs to apply the philosophy of *Bhagavad-gītā* and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* in life and completely transform a participants' worldview, rather than provide formal academic courses that create the illusion of knowledge but change nothing in real life.

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