

That was time when we were in India. Prabhupada was quite upset because some of his God-brothers were critical about sannyasi because they couldn't speak or they couldn't read Sanskrit. Prabhupada said, "Where does it say that one must be able to read Sanskrit to go back to Godhead? Where does it say that?" He was adamant. He said, "My disciples may be disqualified in so many ways, but they have one qualification; whatever I tell them to do, they do. They have full faith in what I say." I appreciated that point because compared with gentlemen there, there were saintly persons, in terms of etiquette, we certainly were not qualified. In fact, Prabhupada said, "I know they often make mistakes in terms of etiquette. But whatever I tell them to do, they do." Our good fortune was that we were following the Lord's pure devotee and despite all disqualifications, that one qualification surpassed every good qualification anyone else might have.