



An Alternative to “ISKCON,” Ritvik and Neo-Mutt Deviations: The Vaishnava Foundation

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Occasionally we are asked by devotees if there is any bona fide shelter they can take advantage of that we can recommend. If “ISKCON,” Ritvik and Neo-Mutt are all deviants and asara, where can they go? The answer is that they can join us, The Vaishnava Foundation.

We are a group of devotees scattered all over the world and offer association via e-mail and Skype. We have weekly live Skype conference calls where we discuss current issues and especially philosophical questions. At this time, we are not aware of anybody that can offer a bona-fide diksa initiation, therefore we direct all non-initiated devotees to accept and follow Srila Prabhupada as their siksa guru.

If you are acquainted with the content of our websites, you know that our main objective is to point out the deviations that emerged in Srila Prabhupada’s movement, following his well known dictum that our business is to point out who is not a saint. Despite this so-called negative seva in transcendence, which can be considered creative destruction, we also provide emphasis to the positive aspects of Krishna Consciousness, although much of it is kept within the group.

Although we (the members) all live separately and individually, we are all encouraged to stick to devotional principles, read Srila Prabhupada's books, listen to his lectures, etc. If somebody reads the books seriously, many questions will arise during such study, and these are presented and discussed during our conference calls for deeper realization. The members make their inquiries and Kailasa Candra prabhu answers. These Saturday meetings via Skype have proved to be very invigorating for the members, and service opportunities are also offered during them.

Requirement for membership entails that you know what the VF stands for (by [reading the articles and watching the videos](#)) and that you fully agree with its presentation, and, that you are free from any affiliation with afore-mentioned deviated groups, named in the header. Also, members are expected to be free from meat-eating, gambling and intoxication. The prospective member also needs to write an application wherein he or she describes some of his or her past in Krishna consciousness, how he or she came to know about VF, and why he or she wants to join. The application is then reviewed by the existing members who vote on it. If you are interested taking shelter of our association, you are welcome to apply for membership. Hare Krishna.

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