

SACRED VOW

Initiation Acceptance Oath

A formal declaration by the candidate at the time of dīkṣā

*It is my sincere and voluntary request to be accepted by **Devakīnandan Dās (MVG)** as his initiated disciple. To clarify what this signifies to me and to all concerned, I make the following declarations, and I hereby solemnly take the following vows.*

MY SOLEMN VOWS

Vow 01 I accept **HG Devakīnandan Dās** to be my initiating (*dīkṣā*) and instructing (*śikṣā*) spiritual master (Guru) in ISKCON.

Vow 02 I vow to follow, throughout my life, the **instructions, etiquette, and principles** prescribed by His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda's instructions, his books (the Bhagavad-gītā, Śrīmad Bhāgavatam, Caitanya Caritāmṛta, etc.), the Governing Body Commission (GBC) and ISKCON Law.

Vow 03 I vow to follow the **four regulative principles** by avoiding the following sinful activities:

- Eating meat, fish, eggs, onion, garlic and any non-vegetarian food products.
- Taking all forms of intoxication, including alcohol, drugs, tobacco, caffeine, coffee, tea, etc.
- Engaging in gambling activities.
- Engaging in illicit sex.

Vow 04 I vow to chant a minimum of **16 rounds** (16 × 108 mantras) of the Hare Kṛṣṇa mahā-mantra japa every day.

Vow 05 I vow that I shall follow the **general and specific individual instructions** given to me by my spiritual master His Grace Devakīnandan Dās. I accept these instructions as representing Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Lord Kṛṣṇa's will.

Vow 06 As an initiated disciple, I understand that I am accepted as a member of, and under the eternal shelter of, the **Brahma-Mādhva-Gauḍīya (ISKCON) disciplic succession** coming through His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. I vow to accept my further spiritual instructions and initiation from HG Devakīnandan Dās.

Vow 07

I shall always remain **loyal to ISKCON** (the International Society for Krishna Consciousness) **and the GBC** as an extension of Śrīla Prabhupāda, and I shall avoid doing anything detrimental to the mission of my spiritual master and to ISKCON.

BY SIGNING BELOW

I solemnly affirm the declarations and vows set out above, take them as binding upon my conduct and consciousness, and pray for the mercy and blessings of my spiritual master and the Vaiṣṇava paramparā to assist me in fulfilling them.

NAME OF
INITIATE

SIGNATURE OF
INITIATE

PLACE OF
INITIATION

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