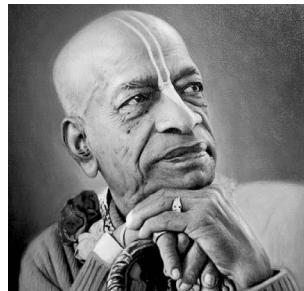


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This book is the v2.0 iteration of Initiations After 1977 position paper, or in short, IA77.

It has been such a tremendous journey, a little over two years in the making. What started off as an idea with two people in a room has now become the basis of a new wave in the ocean of nectar of Lord Caitanya's glorious movement.

The first iteration of this book was electronically released in the year 2016, on the same date as the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of ISKCON. Whether that was purely coincidental or providential, only Lord Kṛṣṇa knows.

Within these two years, the book has been translated into 13 languages and is still counting. Not only that, but we also have a video resource that complements this book perfectly. That video resource has been translated into 11 languages, and of course, still counting as well. This book, which was originally published only as a PDF, is now available in the hard copy book format in a few languages and is making a significant impact already.

Despite all that being true, the book needed a bit of a polishing in the visual layout of the content. It also needed to function as a quick reference guide for any aspect of the *Rtvik* argument so that devotees can actually quote from the book. In version 1.0 and 1.1, it served well as a book that is to be read and understood, but not something that one could quote from. It was also missing references to the ecosystem of knowledge resources multilingual translations of this book and the *Rtvik* documentary video.

Now that this book has become the centre of the new revival movement under the banner of ISKM, it has to highlight that ecosystem of resources and facilities that form the perfect *Prabhupādānugā* movement.

We have made some significant additions in version 2.0. Firstly, we added a few more *ślokas* and Śrīla Prabhupāda's quotes that add weight to our argument. We have included a list of major temples of ISKM. This list will soon become

outdated considering the rate of our expansion. Nevertheless, we have included them just for reference so that you can contact us to get to know more and to participate in our movement. For all the current addresses, please visit iskm.international/temples. Most importantly, we have now included three different indexes to make the content of the book more accessible — topic-wise index, index of *slokas* quoted, index of references from Śrīla Prabhupāda's quotes. This should be sufficient to find any reference in a jiffy, especially when one is presenting the matter to someone else in a one-to-one setting, or a one-to-many setting. Finally, we have included links (along with QR codes) to the additional resources — the English documentary video 'Ritvik — A Bona Fide System' and a portal within our ISKM website which houses all the different translations of both the position paper and the video.

At the time of the release of this version 2.0 of this book IA77, we have the version 1.1 available in a printed book format. You may want to order one or more physical copies from us in any language that is currently available. More information on this can be found in the ISKM website.

Thank you for taking interest in this most important subject matter.

Your servants in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda,
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