

## Letter to a Householder on proposed transfer of job

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My Dear \_\_\_\_\_

HARI OM. May Bhagavan's grace be on you.

LOVE in family is not an item of trade of business where you give LOVE and in return expect LOVE from others. LOVE is a one-way street. You love your family and do your duty irrespective of whether they love you or not.

Secondly, at one stage a family man should leave all decisions to his side and children and should NOT interfere and give his own advice. This is written in the Bhagavatam "Be like a guest in your own house." It is your mind which imagines and suffers. Even if you get transferred elsewhere, you take your mind along with you and will continue to suffer. Even if they do not need you, you take your mind along with you and will continue to suffer. Even if they do not need you, you should learn to live without self-pity or attachment and without interfering in the affairs. By giving transfer it will NOT IMPROVE YOUR POSITION. WITH A DOUBLE ESTABLISHMENT your expenditure will also increase substantially. If you leave and

control your mind and tongue and stop arguing and giving your advice on every topic, that is sufficient progress in SPIRITUALITY. This is my opinion. You are free to do as you want. In life have no expectations from anybody except GOD. *Raag-dwesh* lives in your mind and has NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PLACE YOU LIVE OR RISHIKESH. Learn to CONTROL YOUR MIND AND TEMPER and you can be happy in hell – otherwise even heaven can't give you peace of mind. RUNNING AWAY IS NOT A SOLUTION. A transfer to RISHIKESH etc. will be a punishment for yourself and NOT to your family.

I am leaving GUHA for Calcutta DAKSHINESHWAR etc. on 23-11-04 (22/11/04 is my GURU's 125<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY and from Calcutta reach TIRUVANNAMALAI by the last week of December and remain there till the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March'05. May GOD give you peace of mind. *Raag* and *dwesh* are both imaginations.

Love and Om

Shantananda

I just returned from GANGOTRI and expect to go today to KURUKSHETRA for a week.

\* \* HARI OM \* \*

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