

The Novice

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[...] Fact is that whoever begins, has to get into the exact terminology and start from the very beginning. [...]

One has to proceed step by step [...]

My experiences in India and Europe have taught me to be *very careful* when it comes to *speaking about* or giving things to *read* to those who lack the necessary qualifications, otherwise it will all end in split personality, mysticism and edifying obscurity.

Only those who *think* and *behave* in a matter-of-fact manner can gradually advance. Bhakti doesn't begin with being guided. It starts with one's own initiative, the wish to serve; not *as I want myself*, but *as bhakti* says.

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