

## Bhakti Das Certificate (Devotion and Service Certificate)

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The Mahajrya provides ordinations and positions in its clergy only when members are teaching the official wisdom of the Mahajrya, either to groups or individuals. We ordain as Adhyapaka, Dikshaka or Acharya, those who already teach, in various forms, yet clearly organized as such, which excludes unplanned conversations. It is therefore encouraged to start transmitting the Mahajrya wisdom even before receiving the first ordination. We only grant these ordinations when we are reassured of the mental stability and pedagogical skills of the teacher.

The Mahajrya does not see the point of offering a position in its clergy for member practicing only for themselves. At the individual level, the benefits of practicing the wisdom should be its own reward. The only purpose of the Mahajrya, as an institution, is to transmit its wisdom.

The main goal of the clergy ordinations is to provide a mystical support to the teachers through an initiation of the 13 seeds, and the transmission of the consciousness of the 5 masters of the Mahajrya. However, some members of the Mahajrya, without actually teaching, often provide support that promotes or facilitates the transmission of the wisdom. We thus offer the BhaktiDas ordination to these important support members for their devotion and services. It is an opportunity for these devoted members to benefit from the initiation of the 13 seeds, and the consciousness of the 5 masters.

The BhaktiDas ordination is performed as a recognition to those who have been in service and devotion to the Mahajrya Sangha for a certain time. This special initiation does not provide an actual position in the clergy of the Mahajrya, yet it provides an exceptional title to those who are not part of the teaching clergy, who nonetheless facilitates the transmission of the wisdom. We should keep in mind that the benefits of these initiations (seeds, masters) would also come naturally to any individual who practices for themselves the techniques for an extended period.

While the BhaktiDas title is often offered to members for helping the organizing of events and supporting the transmission of the teachings, it can also be offered when a member is especially charitable to the students, or the Mahajrya itself, for an extended period, or in the case of sustained promotion of the Mahajrya. We wish to avoid giving a title to someone who had a temporary surge of devotion or charity, who then loses motivation, or who had ulterior motives.

While it will be difficult to quantify acts of charity, we give as examples: 2 years of sustained service in the scope of 4 or more major events, or weekly support to classes, or individual support to the members of the Mahajrya, or promoting the Mahajrya and gathering new members in a respectful way. For these acts of charity to be authentic, the members cannot expect remuneration or other gain as a result of their services, which would defeat the purpose of charity. We count on the discernment of the Acharyas to know when to offer such an ordination.

Only members of the teaching clergy may use the Mahajrya name and logo in their publications or advertising. Other members may always use the Mahajrya name and logo with permission, granted by a member of the council.

