

THE DEVOTEE WHO KEPT HIS TILAKA



Once there was factory where all the workers were vaisnavas. The vaisnavas had freedom to wear their vaisnava tilaka, and they also displayed other vaisnava paraphernalia.



But after some time, the factory went to new management, and then the proprietor was a Muslim.



On taking over the business, the Muslim owner made his own rules.

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Most of the workers obeyed, and on the given date announced by the owner, they appeared at the factory without their tilaka.



What else we can do!

We have to obey the management!

Better to come without tilak.

One employee, thought that he would take chances. So he went to work wearing very clear, white vaisnava tilaka.

Better I should depend on the Lord and wear tilak and go rather trying the other way around.



The Muslim proprietor saw all the assembled workers.

Ah! this person is so bold and courageous so he should be rewarded accordingly.



He talks to his secretary.

That one devotee who has worn Vaisnava tilaka is very courageous. He may be permitted to continue wearing the tilaka at work. But all others are forbidden to wear it any more.

MORAL :

**We should not unnecessarily abandon
our Vaisnava culture.**

- Srila Prabhupada