

## Wisdom Sharing in Bratislava, Slovakia - Our Attitude towards Enemies

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Like in the past years we wanted to observe the annual the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. A hot issue nowadays is the role of religious figures inciting violence and discrimination. It is obvious that they act in contradiction to their own teachings. But how do we personally act if we face rejection and persecution?

How to show respect to those with whom we might profoundly disagree? To reflect about these points UPF Slovakia organized a round table discussion on 8 February in an office building in Bratislava. A dozen people from various faiths, including a Roman Catholic priest listened to the elaboration of representatives of Hare Krishna.

Raghunátha Priya das spoke based on the Vedas about sectarianism and traditions which cause divisions and hostility while his lovely wife Sucitra Devi dasi served us delicious cakes. The couple became Ambassadors of Peace last February.

At the conclusion of the two-hours meeting, we read excerpts from our founder's autobiography, including the poem Crown of Glory. "The presentation was enriching and helpful to understand a minority faith which is much discriminated in Slovakia.

UPF Slovakia plans to organize more such round table talks to build bridges among faiths," says UPF Secretary General Milos Klas.