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Preparation or resolution for a religious ceremony A ritual that is performed before the offering The first mantra to be recited A religious ritual for a specific purpose

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Noun

- Initiation (Diksha, deekshaa)
- Dedication (Diksha)
- Sacrifice (Deeksha)

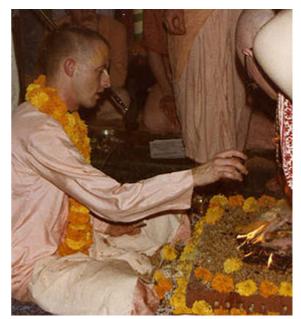
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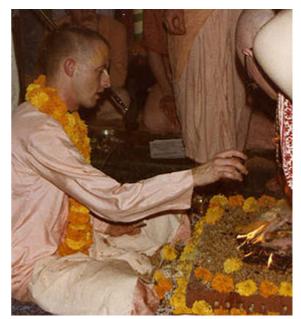
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