Stage 1: Listen to audio, use template, clean up transcription and add *minimal* metadata Stage 2: Listen to audio, add paragraphs, add sub-headings and complete *all* metadata

Stage 3: Listen to audio, verify ST1 & ST2 compliance and proofread transcript

Output: Final Transcription File

## Stage 3 Coordinator Checklist

This checklist attempts to serve the coordinators in their kind efforts on the RNS Project Transcribe <u>https://www.radhanathswami.com/project-transcribe/</u>

- Kindly refer to the Stage 3 Proofreader Checklist here: <u>https://www.radhanathswami.com/download/23340/</u>
  √ This is a short but very important checklist for this stage.
- This is the very final stage of the transcription before it is filed, distributed and/or published.
- It is worthwhile to mention that the transcript must *faithfully* represent the *Vanī* of His Holiness Radhanath Maharaja, *even without listening to the lecture*.
  - ✓ The transcript should clearly convey the mood of the lecture, using *appropriate punctuation and markers*.
  - $\checkmark$  The reader of the transcript should be *able to follow along* the spoken sentences and themes.
  - $\checkmark$  There *must not be any confusion or ambiguity* in the narration when reading the transcript.

With the above objectives in mind...

- The *ST3 coordinator* is only required to view the submitted ST3 file, and skim through it for a final verification.
  - ✓ If the proofread ST3 file appears *complete in content* and *consistent in formatting* during the visual verification, then mark the submission as "*Stage Complete*" in the "Submissions" tab of the transcription database.
    - Tip: Keep the ST1 guideline handy in case it is needed to perform the visual verification
  - ✓ If there appear to be some *minor misses* in formatting, such as missing italics for the book names, or hyphenation for the book names, etc. kindly fix these and *re-submit as a proofreader* to update the database.
    - Then, this re-submission may be marked "Stage Complete"
  - ✓ If there appear to be *many inconsistencies* in the formatting of the different elements, or if when reading the transcript the sentences do not read correctly, kindly *send the transcript back for correction* to the proofreader.
- The proofreader is expected to be *self-sufficient* in the ST3 service, however, there may be inaudible, or indistinct portions of the lecture audio, which are marked as [*inaudible* 39:05] or [*indisctinct* 1:05:14]
  - ✓ Sometimes a *fresh perspective* is all it takes.
  - ✓ Therefore, if possible, listen to only the marked portion of the audio and attempt to identify the inaudible or indistinct words spoken by Maharaja
  - $\checkmark$  Then, update and resubmit the transcript *as a proofreader* to update the database.

We sincerely thank you for your kind efforts on this project