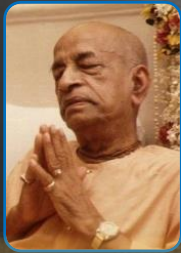


Freedom Newsletter



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder Acarya of the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness

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IN NATURE THERE ARE NO MISTAKES

This exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, his disciple Dr. Thoudam D. Singh, and guests occurred in December 1973 during a walk at Venice Beach, in Los Angeles.

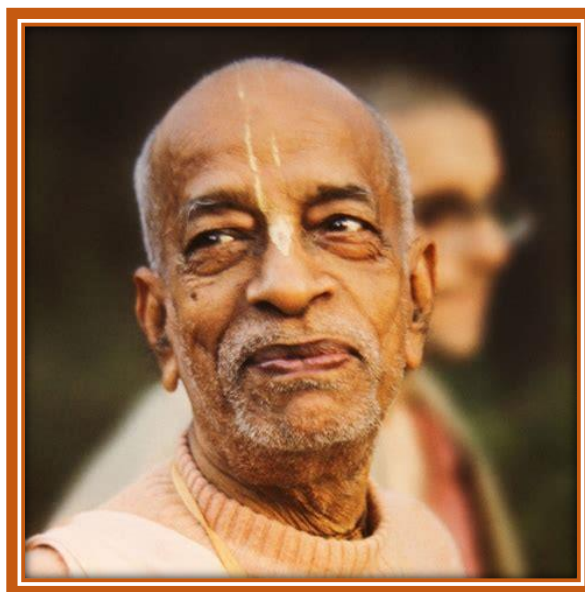
Dr. Singh: Now scientists have organized a whole department called gerontology, in which they study how to prolong life.

Srila Prabhupada: Their real aim should be to stop the suffering. Suppose an old man is in great pain, suffering from many diseases, and suddenly the doctors increase his lifespan. What is the profit?

Dr. Singh: That is what they do with heart transplants.

Srila Prabhupada: It is nonsense! Let them stop death; *that* would be an achievement. Let them stop all disease: ah, *that* would be an achievement. They cannot do these things! Therefore, all their research is simply a struggle for existence. Kṛṣṇa says in *Bhagavad-gīta* [15.7], “The living entities in this conditioned world are My eternal, fragmental parts. Due to conditioned life, they are struggling very hard with the six senses, which include the mind.”

Student: Now there is a shortage of oil.



Srila Prabhupada: Yes, we have built a civilization that is dependent on oil. This is against nature's law, and therefore there is now an oil shortage. By nature's law, winter is now coming. Scientists cannot stop it and turn it into summer. They wrongly think they control nature. In *Bhagavad-gita* Krsna says that the living being thinks himself to be the doer of activities that are in actuality carried out by nature. The sun is now rising. Can they make it dark? And when it is dark, can they command the sun, "Get up!"? They do not realize that if they really want to conquer nature, they should try to conquer birth, death, old age, and disease. In *Bhagavad-gita* [7.14] Krsna says, This divine nature of Mine, consisting of the three modes* of material nature, is difficult to overcome. But those who have surrendered unto Me can easily cross beyond it.

Dr. Singh: So, is it very hard to overcome nature's laws?

Srila Prabhupada : For the materialists, it is impossible. But if one surrenders to Krsna it becomes easy.

Dr. Singh: To explain why there are so many varieties of living entities, the scientists say that at a certain time during evolution, the cells' genes, which normally reproduce themselves perfectly for the next generation,

sometimes make a mistake in copying—something like the printing press that sometimes makes mistakes. In some circumstances these mistakes, or mutations, have stood, and different species of living entities have been formed because of the difference in the genes.

Srila Prabhupada: But that "mistake" has been continuing since time immemorial, for you will find that all varieties of living entities have always existed. Therefore the "mistake" is eternal. But when a "mistake" is permanent, it is not a mistake; it is intelligence!

Dr. Singh: But scientists say that without mutations there would be only one kind of living entity in the whole universe.

Srila Prabhupada: No. Every living entity has a different mind, and therefore there are so many different species of life to accommodate the different mentality. For example, we are walking here, but most people are not coming to join us, because they have different mentalities than we do. Why does this difference exist?



Dr. Singh: Maybe it is a mistake.

Srila Prabhupada: It is not a mistake. It is their desire, and at the time of death everyone will get a body exactly according to his desire. Krsna says in the *Bhagavad-gita* 18.61, "Whatever state of being one remembers when he quits his body, that state he will attain without fail." What you are thinking of at the time of death exactly determines your next body. Nature will give you the body; the decision is not in your hands, but in nature's, and she is working under the direction of God.

Dr. Singh: But science seems to have evidence that different species of life do arise by mistakes.

Srila Prabhupada: That is *their* mistake! In the laws of nature there are no mistakes. In railway cars there are first-class, second-class, and third-class sections. If you

purchase a third-class ticket but by mistake go to the first-class section, you will not be allowed to stay there. It is not a mistake that there are sections: that is the arrangement. But it is your mistake that you have gone to the wrong section. So, God is so thorough that He knows all the mistakes that will be made. Therefore, according to the mistakes you commit, you enter a particular body: "Here, come here. The body is ready." There are 8,400,000

species of life, and nature works, assigning different bodies, with mathematical precision. When the government builds a city, it builds a prison even before the city is complete, because the government knows that there will be many criminals who will have to go to prison. This is not the government's mistake; it is the criminals'. Because they become criminals, they have to go there. It is *their* mistake.

In nature there are no mistakes. Krsna says, "This material nature is working under My direction, O son of Kunti, and producing all moving and nonmoving beings." [Bg. 9.10] Nature works under the supervision of God, Krsna, so how can nature make mistakes? But *we* commit mistakes, we are illusioned, our senses are imperfect, and we cheat. That is the difference between God and man. God does not have imperfect senses; His senses are perfect.

Dr. Wolf-Rottkay: Because our senses are defective, the technological enlargements of our senses, like microscopes and telescopes, must also be defective.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Material existence *means* defective existence. If you construct something with defective knowledge and imperfect senses, whatever you construct must be defective. Therefore we conclude that whatever the scientists say is defective.

Dr. Singh: But they seem quite satisfied.

Srila Prabhupada: The ass is also satisfied to carry the load of the washerman. In some parts of India one may

sometimes see a dog starving to death. But as soon as it gets a female dog, it is satisfied with haying sex. Is that satisfaction? The dog is starving, but still it is satisfied with sex. Everyone is satisfied, even the worm in the stool. That is nature's law. 🌸

Book Distribution Story!

The Transforming Potency of Srila Prabhupada's Books

By Bhakta Caleb

I was doing a book table on the street and a drunk, homeless guy walks up and angrily says, "Do you know Jesus Christ?"

I replied, "Yes, he's the son of God."

He looked at me in shock and disbelief.

"You believe that?"

I confirmed. Suddenly he was pacified. He started looking at the books. He picked up one and said, "I got this book! I thought it was rubbish so I flushed it down the toilet."

Then he pointed to an *Easy Journey to Other Planets*.

"Can I have that one?" he asked. "I'll give you a donation."

"OK, just don't flush this one down the toilet."

He promised me that he wouldn't and became very enthusiastic. I tried to give him prasadam, but he strongly refused.

"I only eat alcohol."

The next week, while doing books in the same place, the drunk comes to the table again, his eyes beaming.

"Hare Krishna! Hare Rama!"

He told me that he'd read the whole book and thoroughly enjoyed it, exclaiming,

"I want to give up drugs, alcohol, and gambling! I want to go to Goloka Vrindavan!"

I was speechless. He started diving into the book table and picked up a *Bhagavatam* 1.1, asking me whether this is the book mentioned in *Easy Journey*. I said yes.

He looks at it a bit but wasn't convinced. So I showed him *Bhagavad-Gita As It Is*, and he flicked through it but still was not enthused. Then he sees *The Path of Perfection*.

"Woah, can I have that one?"

and opens it up, looks inside for two seconds and says,

"Yep! I'll take this one!"

He gave a donation. I offered him prasad, but still he rejected it. He took the book and left.

The next week he comes past the table with his head shaved, and he looked quite sober and peaceful. He told me his name and said that he finished reading *Path of Perfection* and was completely convinced by Prabhupada's teachings.

"Krishna is the way!"

He picked up *Beyond Illusion and Doubt* and asked whether he could have it. I said yes and also gave him some beads so he could start chanting. Then he asked,

"Do you think I could have a

muffin?"

Finally! He took prasad and walked off, happy and peaceful. For me, this solidly proved how powerful Srila Prabhupada's books are. They can turn a seemingly hopeless, homeless, and angry drunk into devotee of Krishna.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! 🌸



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GOVARDHAN-PUJA

Govardhan-puja, the worship of Govardhan Hill, is a festival begun by Krishna Himself to honor a prominent feature of the rural land of Vrindavan, Krishna's hometown. His father and the rest of the village elders had prepared a sacrifice for the demigod Indra, but Krishna suggested that they worship Govardhan Hill instead, since the hill was so integral to the livelihood and recreation of His cowherd community.

Indra himself was not pleased by this, and sent torrential rain, intended to devastate the entire area of Vrindavan. In response, Krishna lifted Govardhan Hill with the little finger of His left hand, and held it above His head for seven days, sheltering all the residents of Vrindavan from the deluge. Indra finally realized his mistake and after he apologized for causing such an inconvenience to Krishna and His townsfolk, everyone resumed worship of the hill, offering immense quantities of food in a festival, which is commemorated up to the present day by Krishna's devotees.



The whole story of Govardhan-Puja is in the Kṛṣṇa Book, chapter 24.

This year the Govardhan Puja is on October 26. 🌸

HARE KRISHNA for DEAF PEOPLE

By Saci Gaurasundara Dasa –(although this article was written in 2011, the information is still relevant today)

If shraavanam is so important for a devotee and it is a primary requirement how about people who are deaf? How can such people benefit in their spiritual process? In what language do they communicate for spiritual upliftment? Do we have any program in place for such souls in ISKCON?

When Dayal Gauranga Dasa first began visiting ISKCON's Bhaktivedanta Manor near London, England, in 1980, he found that it was difficult for him to participate in temple activities and to connect with the community. And he wasn't the only one. There were many others across the country, and the rest of the world, for whom access to ISKCON temples was no easy feat.

Dayal Gauranga Dasa was born deaf. Originally from Kenya, Africa, he was working in England as a teacher and assessor of British sign language, when he began learning about Lord Krishna and the Bhagavad-gita As It Is from his devotee brother Madan Mohan Dasa.

“When I started visiting the temple, and saw that there was no ISKCON Deaf Community, I decided that one had to be started because the cultures of deaf people and hearing people are more different than you



might think,” he says. “Of course, we communicate with sign language rather than speech. But there are other, less obvious issues. For instance, deaf people get

bored during a thirty-minute mangal arati kirtan, because they cannot hear it.”

So at the age of twenty-five, Dayal Gauranga established the first ISKCON Deaf community, called ‘Signs Unto Krishna.’ The name stuck for fifteen years, until it was renamed the ‘Radha Krishna Deaf People Association,’ a moniker it continues to retain, through its new incarnation’s 10th anniversary in 2010.

The primary aim of the Radha Krishna Deaf People Association (RKDA) is to show deaf people everywhere that they can learn Krishna consciousness too and are very welcome to visit temples and be involved in different services.

Dayal Gauranga has even invented a whole set of sign language words to make things easier.

“When I first started visiting the temple, the paid interpreter I attended lectures with found it difficult to sign the technical terms of Krishna consciousness,” Dayal says. “He would fingerspell many words that he himself didn’t understand, for instance ‘Chaitanya Charitamrta,’ and this slowed the fluidity of the interpretation. So I felt the need to create signs for technical Krishna conscious terms, just as Christians have created signs for their own terms.”

Many of Dayal Gauranga’s signs were based on inspiration from pictures—for instance, the sign for Krishna mimes holding a flute. Others were more difficult, such as prasadam, or more abstract terms that did not have pictures relating to them, like ‘Karma.’ Others were very creative: for instance, the sign for ‘Vrindavana,’ Krishna’s birthplace, includes signs for the words, “swap” and “babies”—since Krishna was brought to Vrindavana and swapped for another baby—and ends with a ‘V’ shape.

Interpreting classes and events are easier today than they were in the earlier years since Prema Pradipa Dasa—a hearing devotee who has studied sign language for many years—interprets instead of an

outside interpreter without knowledge of ISKCON terminology. Still, difficulties arise.

“We always have to ask the temple authorities in advance for permission to have an interpreter present at classes, since sometimes they can distract the hearing devotees’ attention,” Dayal Gauranga says. “And we have to do the same with festivals, and to explain our needs clearly—for instance we need to make sure we can have an interpreter standing closer to us on the stage during performances so that we can see his interpretations clearly.”



But the biggest problem, Dayal Gauranga explains, is that there are just not enough interpreters at ISKCON temples. “Prema Pradipa is the only full-time devotee with sign language skills at the Manor, and he is overburdened,” he says. “We really need four or five interpreters. For example, there may not always be an interpreter around when a deaf devotee

wants to hear a particular class, or they may miss an important announcement. Or they may not be able to take advantage of an opportunity to visit the holy places in India such as Vrindavana and Mayapur, because there are no interpreters available.”

As something of a remedy, RKDA arranges special programs for the deaf community at London’s Bhaktivedanta Manor and Soho Street temples, as well as at the homes of various deaf devotees. These programs include kirtan, lectures, and group discussion, all in sign language. RKDA also arranges special versions of certain festivals, such as Diwali, for deaf people, and produces special dramas about the pastimes of the Lord and his avatars using sign language.

The RKDA has been many deaf peoples’ only chance to become devotees. For instance, Nirmal Thakkar, who was born deaf in India, moved to the UK as a child, and grew up as a Christian, began visiting the temple when

he desired to learn more about his Hindu background—but but could not understand anything.

When Dayal Gauranga invited him to attend some of RKDA's programs, however, he found like-minded association and was able to ask questions. He made many friends who regularly encouraged him on his spiritual path, and his life changed completely. Nirmal clarified many doubts he had had about his relationship with God and the problems of life that no other religion



could answer for him. He was deeply inspired by the Bhagavad-gita, and now teaches it to others. He also married another deaf devotee, and they have a hearing son who at four years old can already sign 'Hare Krishna.'

Without RKDA, the chances of any of this happening would have been extremely limited. Dayal feels that

RKDA is a success when he sees deaf people enjoying spiritual life. "We love to see the beautiful Deities," he says. "We also love to cook for the devotees and eat prasadam. And we like to listen to lectures and ask questions. Also, when deaf and hearing dance together, it's a wonderful feeling. And during bhajans and kirtans, when the interpreter signs what the leader is singing a poem, it's fascinating and very enjoyable."

As well as focusing on their local community, members of RKDA travel and make an impact overseas. In 2006, they attended the 'World Federation of the Deaf' (WFD) in Spain—a conference of deaf people from all over the world. When they arrived wearing dhotis and tilak, people immediately swarmed around them, wanting to take a photo with them and asking questions. And in 2007, they visited a deaf school in Indore, India, and taught the many inquisitive students there about Krishna consciousness.

The group is currently working on a summary of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is in sign language, which will be followed by a sign language DVD on vegetarian cooking. They also wish to start developing a network of deaf devotees all over the world. 🌸

NOTE: Mother *Bhakti-lata* is waiting to hear from the *Bhaktivedanta Manor* to have news of the current activities of RKDA.

Important Information Regarding DIET while in the BOP

Excerpt of letter from Bhakta David B. —Connecticut

"For any devotee in the BOP: I have managed to go through the process to get on the **Certified Diet**, which is the **Alternate Menu program** usually for Muslim (Halal) and Jewish (Kosher). This facility is now providing me "TV dinner" type meals for lot meals that are vegetarian and have not come in contact with meat items. They are not perfect as some contain onions, garlic, and mushrooms, but they at least do not have animal products in them. The meals I get are *Vegetarian Pasta* with green beans, *Vegetable Cutlet* with rice and lima beans, *Vegan Chili* (which is beans and barley) with rice and mixed vegetables. The cold meal is peanut butter, jelly, bread (whole wheat), potato chips and vegetable juice (V8). These are for lunch and dinner while breakfast is a normal kosher meal of cereal bowl, bread, jelly, and fresh fruit. The hot meals (lunch and dinner) also have a separate cold tray provided with

bread and fresh fruit. Any BOP inmate will know these as "Jewish/Muslim meals". This is not a perfect situation considering our beliefs but it is better than general population due to animal product contamination with not only the food but the utensils, trays, etc. Until the issue is won in court and the BOP changes their policies/program statements, as I am attempting to do, this is the next best solution.

To apply for such an accommodation, the inmate needs to show sincerity in their beliefs (know the reason why they practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness and why it's important to be vegetarian) through an interview with Chaplaincy staff. The inmate, however, should not ask specifically what they want (i.e.: specific food/meals) but only state the dietary restrictions and practices/beliefs regarding it. The inmate needs to be clear about types of forbidden food products because such labels of the meals are misleading (for example,

Vegetarian Lasagna has egg whites in it). If the inmate can do so successfully, he/she will then be placed on the *Certified Diet roster* and the approved inmate will probably still need the Chaplaincy staff to ensure you are on this roster, and/or the inmate will need to notify Food Service staff of those restrictions. I just know it is possible to get food that is not contaminated by animal products while incarcerated in the BOP if you argue it right. Not perfect but certainly better.”

REFRESHER ON DEVOTEES’ DIET:

The devotees’ diet is lacto-vegetarian, which means it includes dairy products, but strictly prohibits the use of any meat, fish, poultry, eggs and all their by-products, such as rennet and gelatin (as found in Mayonnaise and Jell-O, etc.).

Although ideally onions, garlic, vinegar, and caffeine (as found in coffee, tea, and some sodas) are prohibited, if the only choice is lacto-vegetarian food containing those products, it is definitely better than anything containing meat.

Producing meat means killing sentient beings. As far as eggs are concerned, even when they are not fertilized (thus do not contain an embryo), they are considered impure, just like a menstrual cycle.

One may argue, ‘but what about plants; don’t you kill them too?’ Yes, we do. However, in the Bhagavad-gita, Lord Krishna, designates a lacto-vegetarian diet as the proper diet for human beings.

BG 17.8

Foods dear to those in the mode of goodness increase the duration of life, purify one's existence and give strength, health, happiness, and satisfaction. Such foods are juicy, fatty, wholesome, and pleasing to the heart.



Lord Kṛṣṇa while you make your offering. 🙏

Purport

The purpose of food is to increase the duration of life, purify the mind and aid bodily strength. This is its only purpose. In the past, great authorities selected those foods that best aid health and increase life's duration, such as milk products, sugar, rice, wheat, fruits, and vegetables.

One must also offer one’s food to Krishna with love and devotion before even tasting it. Everything belongs to Krishna and it benefits us highly to recognize this fact by first offering Him our food. In this way, the food becomes sanctified and becomes “*prasadam*” (the mercy of the Lord). By eating such prasadam (pronounced pra-sha-dam), one’s consciousness becomes purified. Since there is no way that Krishna would accept any kind of meat, we naturally only eat what Krishna will accept.

HOW TO OFFER ONE’S FOOD?

Although devotees recite a few elaborate Sanskrit mantras when offering their food, for simplicity’ sake, newcomers can offer their food simply by chanting Hare Krishna three times, with an attitude of humility and gratefulness. “*Krishna, I have nothing better to offer You, please accept my humble offering.*” If you are in a safe environment you can chant Hare Krishna aloud, with folded hands. If you are in public and this display could cause you to be ridiculed or even

harmed, be discreet and chant in your mind. Krishna knows your circumstances and will accept the love and mood with which you offer Him your food. If you are in your cell, you can place your food in front of a picture of Srila Prabhupāda, and, if you have them, pictures of Lord Caitanya, and/or

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT for Florida inmates

Although most Florida prisons now only allow electronic mail, some institutions will let you receive spiritual books as long as the envelopes are stamped “**RELIGIOUS MATERIAL**”.

So please inquire from your institution. If it is applicable to you, [let us know ASAP](#) so we can add your name back to the BTG magazine mailing list and resume sending you books when you request them.

If your institution doesn’t make this concession, please inquire where you can order books from and let us know what you find out so we explore if we can place our books in that system.

We count on you for this information so we can better assist you in Krishna’s service. Thank you! 🙏

ARCHBISHOP VISITS PRABHUPADA'S HOUSE — Buenos Aires, Argentina

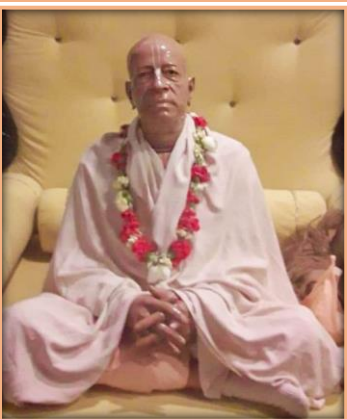
By Archbishop Eric Escala, Continuing Anglican Church | Sep 25, 2022

The voice of the Shepherd, Archbishop visits Prabhupada's House.

This past Sunday I had the opportunity to visit the ISKCON temple in Buenos Aires, needless to say, it was a very nice experience. I had read many books of His Divine Grace Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda "The man who built a house that everyone can live in". I must say that it is very true.

Although we were few visitors, we were received with all the love and appreciation from the community. His Grace Baladeva das, with whom I share interreligious dialogues, had invited us. He was coming from Mendoza to visit the devotees in Buenos Aires and we took advantage of this opportunity to see each other.

When I passed through the gate of the temple I was transported to mystical India, the colors and the smell of incense bathed the place, there were devotees of Krishna consciousness at the entrance who received us with great joy... they spread peace. Songs and many voices were heard in the air, I could also appreciate the books that they had at the entrance, with many teachings, and whose covers invited us to open them.



A devotee kindly took me to the temple where, after leaving my shoes outside, we entered. [At first] I was not aware of Prabhupada's presence; it was an image (murti) that attracted my attention... it was as if the Swami was there, body and soul.

Then I saw some of the members of ACEI (Cultural and Interreligious Action) its coordinator, Judith Juan, Esteban Tribilsi (Scientific Researcher), Inderveer Kahur (Sikh Dharma Community), Jorge Stein (Scientology), and Ruben Hazan Zubi, who had also been invited.

The songs called for meditation but not as we are used to (personally and in silence) but to become aware of

everything that surrounds us, living beings, plants, and the universe in a single connection. His Grace Baladeva das introduced us and spoke a little in his class about interreligious dialogue, he also allowed us to talk with the brothers in a spirit of mutual learning, really very welcoming.



One thing that caught my attention about the temple was its paintings, its windows, and the altar, it was like going back to my youth, to my years of philosophy when we visited the Hindu temple; as we entered we would take off our shoes and ring a bell.

I was able to learn a beautiful prayer that speaks of respect and love for the other, a brother from another religious house.

"Here my lovable Supreme Entity is worshiped, (God in a different way than I worship). Because I practice so differently, I can't fully understand the system they follow, but seeing it makes me feel even more attached to my own system. I bow and prostrate to the symbol of Him as I now see Him in this place, and offer my prayer to the Lord, who has adopted this distinct symbol, asking Him to increase my love for Him."

After the class I was finally able to hug my brother with whom I chat every week and who gives me his advice. We were also able to live the experience that the devotees have after the class; they sing "Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare." As they danced and sang, the atmosphere was filled with a festive spirit, reminding me of the dance that the catechumens perform after the service or the dances of some Jewish communities at special times.

After this we went down where the table and the *prasadam* (spiritualized food) were waiting for us. While we chatted we were able to enjoy the food, in which God's mercy is manifested. For our theology,

mercy is the love of God that goes beyond the reason of man; what better way to simplify this than through food, very delicious... The last time I ate prasadam was in the temple of Bogotá when I was a theology student and I had a teacher ahead of his time who taught us comparative religions. He used to say, "you can't talk about what

you don't know...", for which he sent us to visit different religions; in those years interreligious dialogue was unthinkable.

The saddest thing of all was the farewell. Really, when Prabhupada thought of building a home for everyone, he was right; the experience invited you to stay. We said goodbye very happy and wanting to come back.



On Monday, when I woke up, I still had that experience in my mind and, when I remember, I feel the smells, flavors, and warmth of the devotees.

Many details of the experience I have reserved in my heart and

mind since they are so special that I want to treasure them in a very special way.

I thank my brother His Grace Baladeva das for his friendship and his invitation to share with the brothers of Krishna Consciousness in Buenos Aires, this enriching experience for me and all the brothers who were able to be present.

Many blessings and thanks again. 🌸



HOW LUCY GOT THE MERCY! —By Vijaya Dasa

While in Alachua, I gave a Bhagavatam class about book distribution. A Vaishnavi, Guru Prasad devi dasi, commented on an experience she had distributing books.

She was distributing at Dallas airport without much success, but she was still happily approaching people.

A lady sitting nearby was watching and finally walked up to her and asked what she was doing. This lady was shown the books, and she was surprised that people were not interested because they appeared to be nice books.

She said, "I'll take one." She told her husband to give a donation. He gave two hundred dollars.

Guru Prasad was very surprised and asked the couple, "Can I give you more books?"

They said, "OK, give us what you have."

She then gave them a stack of books. And the man gave her even more laksmi [money], adding up to \$500.

Guru Prasad usually writes the name of the person receiving the books.

She asked the name of the person and she responded, "Lucille Ball." So Guru Prasad wrote the name, like she would any name.

Then Lucille asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"No, should I?"

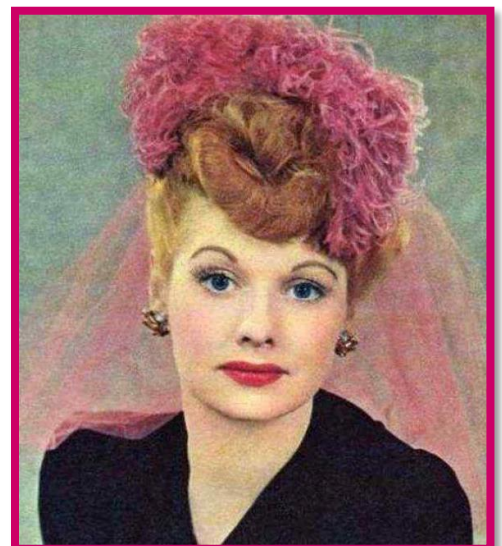
"You never saw my TV show: 'I Love Lucy'?"

"No, I'm from Guyana."

"OK, that explains it."

Then she and her husband went on their happy way with Prabhupada's books... She was one of the most famous actresses and comediennes on American TV, and the first female to run a major Hollywood studio. This incident happened many years ago.

Lucille Ball passed on in 1989. 🌸



Calendar

OCTOBER 2022

- 02 Oct 2022 - Durga Puja
05 Oct 2022 - Ramacandra Vijayotsava
05 Oct 2022 - Appearance Day of Sri Madhvacharya
06 Oct 2022 - **Pasankusa Ekadashi**
07 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami
07 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami
07 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami
09 Oct 2022 - Sri Krsna Saradiya Rasayatra
09 Oct 2022 - Laksmi Puja
09 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Murari Gupta
10 Oct 2022 - Fourth Month of Caturmasya Begins
14 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura
18 Oct 2020 - Appearance Day of Radha Kunda, Snana Dana
18 Oct 2020 - Bahulastami (appearance day of Radha-kund and Syama-kund, sacred ponds in Vrindavana, India)
19 Oct 2022 - Appearance Day of Virabhadra
21 Oct 2022 - **Rama Ekadashi**
25 Oct 2022 - Dipa Dana, Dipavali, (commemoration of Lord Rama's return from exile to Ayodhya)
26 Oct 2022 - Bali Daityaraja Puja (Bali Maharaja's surrender to Lord Vamanadeva)
26 Oct 2022 - Appearance Day of Rasikananda
26 Oct 2022 - **Govardhana Puja**
27 Oct 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vasudeva Ghosh
29 Oct 2022 - **Disappearance Day of Srila Prabhupada**

NOVEMBER 2022

- 01 Nov 2022 - Gopastami, Gosthastami
01 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gadadhara Dasa Goswami
01 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Dhananjaya Pandita
01 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Srinivasa Acharya
02 Nov 2022 - Jagaddhatri Puja
04 Nov 2022 - **Utthana Ekadashi**
04 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Gaura Kisor Dasa Babaji Maharaja
04 Nov 2022 - Bhisma Pancaka
07 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Bhugarbha Goswami
07 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Kasisvara Pandita
08 Nov 2022 - Krsna Rasayatra
08 Nov 2022 - Tulasi-Saligram Vivaha
08 Nov 2022 - Appearance Day of Sri Nimbarkacharya
08 Nov 2022 - Last Day of Caturmasya
09 Nov 2022 - Katyayani Vrata Begins
20 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Narahari Sarakara Thakura
20 Nov 2022 - **Utpanna Ekadashi**
21 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Kaliya Krsnadasa
22 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Saranga Thakura

WHO'S WHO?

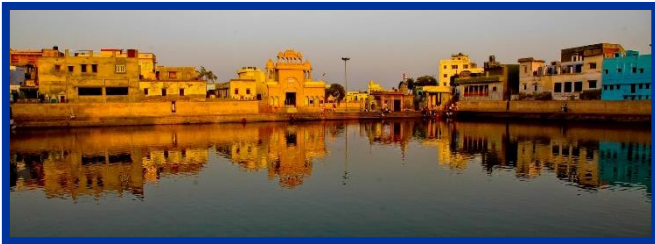
Murari Gupta was a lifelong associate of Lord Caitanya and served Him in all His Navadvipa pastimes. A doctor by profession, Murari Gupta freed his patients not only from their physical ailments but also from the contamination of the material energy. Murari Gupta is an incarnation of Hanuman, the eternal servant of Lord Ramacandra.

Krishna Dasa Kaviraja left for Vrindavana after Lord Nityananda told him to do so in a dream. There took diksha from Raghunatha Dasa Goswami. Later he composed the Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta, which is the most accurate, authentic, and philosophical biography of Lord Chaitanya.

Vasudeva Ghosh, an intimate associate of Lord Caitanya, was known for his kirtan. Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta says that when Vasudeva Ghosh led kirtan, even wood and stone would melt upon hearing it.

Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami renounced everything to serve Lord Chaitanya's mission in Vrindavan.

Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami did the same, leaving behind immense wealth and a beautiful wife.



LEFT: Radha kund —in Vrindavan, India.