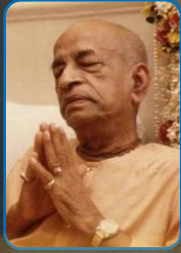


Freedom Newsletter



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
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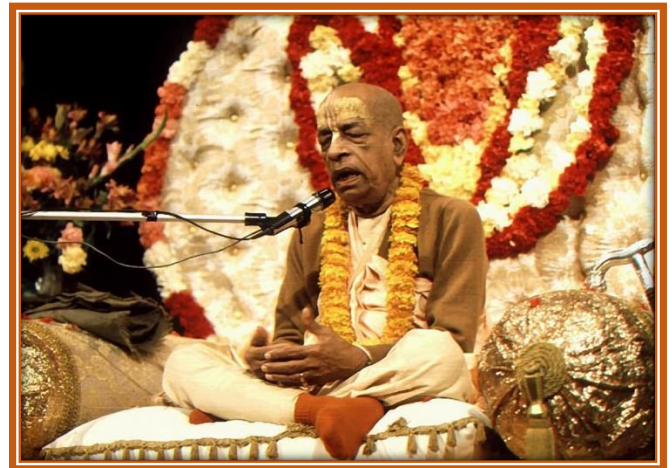
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ON PURITY AND FREEDOM

The following conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and a priest took place in July 1973 in London.

Srila Prabhupada: In our temples there are regular Kṛṣṇa conscious programs so that one may be purified internally and externally. *Yah smaret pundarikaksam sa bahyabhyantarāh sucah*. If you constantly remember the lotus-eyed Supreme Lord, you automatically become purified, internally, and externally, because the Lord is absolute.

The best way to remember the Lord is to chant His holy name. The Lord and the Lord's name are identical. Because the Lord is absolute, when we chant Hare Kṛṣṇa the name Kṛṣṇa and the person Kṛṣṇa are identical. In the material world, the world of duality, the name is not the same as the substance. If you require water, simply by chanting "water, water" you will not quench your thirst. You require the substance water. But in the spiritual world the Lord and His name are the same thing. If you chant Kṛṣṇa, or any other name of the Lord, that name is identical with the Lord Himself. Therefore, by chanting the holy name of the Lord you are associating with the Lord, and as soon as you associate with the Lord you become purified, because the Lord is all-pure. If you associate with fire, you become warm. Similarly, if you



constantly associate with the Lord, you'll remain purified. Therefore, our devotees are always chanting (just as I'm also chanting), or reading some book about Kṛṣṇa, or talking about Kṛṣṇa. In this way we are always connected with Kṛṣṇa, or God, in all our activities. Throughout the whole temple you'll find my disciples engaged in some sort of work that has a connection with

Krsna. There is no other work. *Nirbandhah krsna-sambandhe*. Anything related to God is also godly.

Priest: You see, I don't think that spiritual activities, which are external, can really, in and of themselves,



change the internal man.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. One changes internally and externally. And you can actually see: my disciples here have changed.

Priest: But a person can go to church every Sunday and say he's pure—

Srila Prabhupada: No. Our program is not like that—once every seven days. We are engaged twenty-four hours a day in Krsna's service. Suppose you are washing the floor of the temple. It is not only external; because you are also *thinking* of Krsna, you are in Krsna consciousness. One may be washing the floor, but he is in pure Krsna consciousness. If your full consciousness is only of God, then you will always remain godly. There's no doubt about it. If you make a division—so much for worldly things and so much for God—then you will remain impure. But if you dovetail everything towards the service of the Lord, then everything you do is godly.

Priest: Would you think it possible for a devotee to come to hate Krsna?

Srila Prabhupada: Hate Krsna?

Priest: Yes. Is it possible?

Srila Prabhupada: No. A devotee cannot hate Krsna. Then how could he serve Krsna?

Priest: He could come to see Krsna as too strong, repressive, taking away his freedom, and so he could come to hate Him.

Srila Prabhupada: Spiritualism means to sacrifice your freedom for God. That is spiritualism.

Priest: Then why were we created free?

Srila Prabhupada: You are not free. You are thinking you're free, but you are not; you are under the stringent laws of nature.

Of course, you are free to some extent, because you are part and parcel of God, who is completely free. Therefore you have minute freedom. You may serve the Lord, or you may not serve Him—that is your freedom. If you serve the Lord you become happy; if you do not serve Lord you become unhappy.

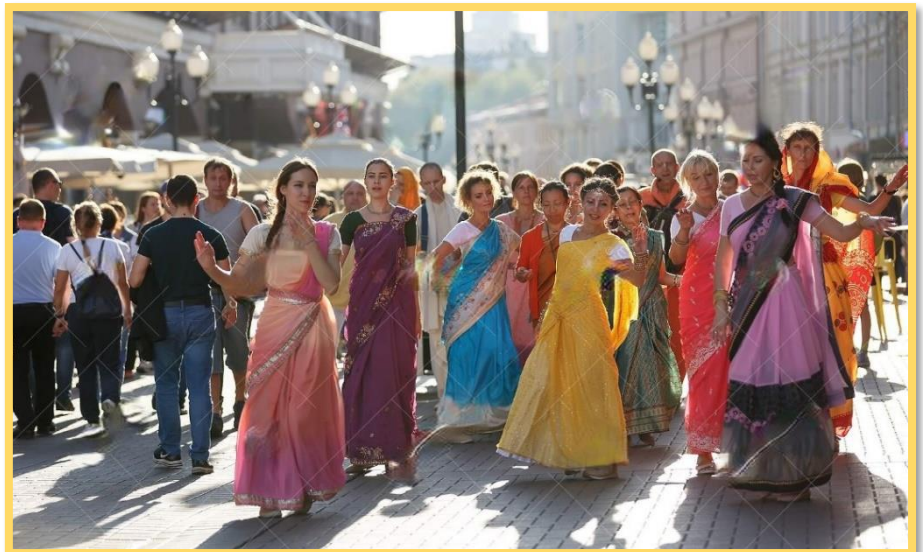
Priest: But if I serve the Lord, do I lose that little bit of freedom?

Srila Prabhupada: No, serving the Lord is real freedom. For example, my finger is part and parcel of my body. As long as the finger is healthy it serves the body, but if it is full of pain, if it is unhealthy, it cannot serve. Similarly, when a living entity does not serve God, that is his material

condition, his unhealthy condition. When he serves God, that is his natural, healthy condition, because he is part and parcel of God.

Priest: When did we lose contact with God?

Srila Prabhupada: When you misused your minute freedom. For example, suppose a small child wishes to become independent of his father and he leaves home and wanders in the streets. He will soon become sick from improper food, being dirty, and so on. He will not remain healthy. Similarly, we must be dependent on God. In your Christian Bible also, you pray, "O God, please give us our daily bread." You are recognizing your dependence on God. So it is better to remain dependent on God than to misuse your little independence. To remain dependent on God is our healthy state. As soon as we declare ourselves



independent of God, that is our unhealthy state. This is our philosophy, and your philosophy also.

Priest: Oh, yes, I accept that. But within this world, within the limits of time and space, can't you be a healthy person without admitting your dependence on God?

Srila Prabhupada: Our definition of being healthy is being God conscious. That is healthy life. Otherwise, do you think that because someone is very strong, that means he is healthy?

Priest: Well, I would say my body can be healthy.

Srila Prabhupada: That is temporary. Everyone is subject to death. You may be very strong and healthy, but you cannot avoid death.

Priest: No.

Srila Prabhupada: Therefore, ultimately, whether you are so-called healthy or not healthy, you die. That is a fact. So we do not want that kind of 'healthy' life. Our proposition is to go back home, back to Godhead, and remain with God eternally, enjoying blissful life. This is our healthy life. 🌸



HOW I CAME TO KRṢṆA CONSCIOUSNESS

ANNE SCHAUFUSS, *model becomes devotee*

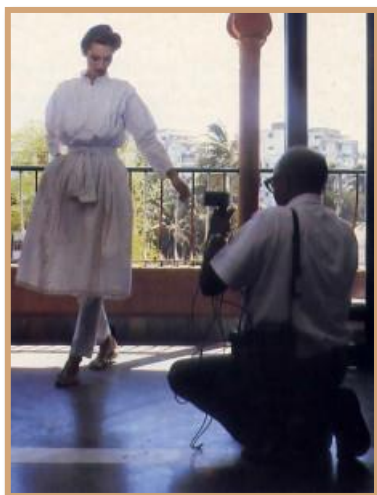
By Yogesvara Dasa

She had money, glamor, exciting work, admiring friends—but she gave it all up for Kṛṣṇa.

Anne Schaufuss has lived what few people have. Born of an illustrious Dutch stage family, she entered the Danish Royal Ballet at age six and performed during the next ten years, until she grew too tall (5'11" by age sixteen). Not one to be easily discouraged, she went on to become Miss Denmark of 1965 and set out soon after to earn a living. Within six months her picture appeared on the cover of *Vogue* magazine, and that launched her career as one of Europe's most sought-after fashion models.

A million dollars and three dozen magazine covers later, Anne had wealth, fame, and apartments in most European capital cities. Anne Schaufuss had everything. Except, maybe, happiness. But that posed no problem. In her world if you didn't have something, you sent out for it.

The young woman sitting before me now wears no makeup or jewelry. Her



dress is a single piece of embroidered cotton, nine yards long, wrapped around the waist and brought over the head. It's a far cry from the dreamlike creations of the world's finest designers, but since becoming a devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa,

Anne prefers the reserved appearance that a *sari* offers.



“Women who live for the next new dress,” she says, “do not realize that true beauty lies in knowledge of the self as soul and not the body. As a model I had admiring friends, exciting work, money, but I always felt uncomfortable with the superficiality of that sort of life.”

In 1973, while flying from one modeling assignment to another, Anne met a young woman in Orly airport, Paris. She told Anne that she came from the Krsna temple, where everyone practiced *bhakti-yoga*, devotional service to God.



“I was familiar with *yoga* exercises,” Anne explains, “and sensed that *yoga* led to a superior kind of life, but I told the devotee it wasn’t really for me, since I didn’t have the time and it didn’t seem to go along with my work. She explained that *bhakti-yoga* was very simple and that I could do it anywhere, anytime. She gave me a book and the address of the Paris temple, and I promised to visit.”

Two months later, she did. “There was a class on *Bhagavad-gita* going on, so I sat down with thirty or so other guests and listened to Bhagavan Swami speak about how conflict arises from people falsely identifying themselves with their bodies: white, black, man, woman, rich, poor. The temple was located in a very elegant section of Paris, but the devotees appeared humble and unpretentious. Their clothes were simple, and everyone sat on the floor.

“After the class I went to Bhagavan Swami and told him I wanted to do *yoga*. ‘All you have to do is chant Hare Krsna,’ he said. He explained that the name of God is not different from God and that chanting puts one in direct contact with God through His holy name. ‘Is that all I have to do?’ I said. Actually, I wasn’t sure how that was *yoga*, but I saw no reason not to try.”

Anne chanted whenever she had a few minutes: in airplanes, in hotel rooms, between photo sessions. “Chanting



helped me give up bad habits. It was amazing, especially since I wasn’t trying very hard. I had been smoking since age thirteen, for example. When I started chanting Hare Krsna, I would pick up a cigarette and tell myself, ‘I’m going to smoke, but first I’m going to chant one round on my [prayer] beads.’ After one round I would think, ‘No, I’m going to chant two rounds, then smoke.’ By the time I finished two rounds of chanting beads, I felt so good I didn’t need the cigarette anymore.

Other changes took place for her as well. “In the beginning I chanted with a playful attitude, but after a while I discovered that the chanting had changed my vision of things. I was no longer impressed by a ride in a Rolls Royce or by seeing my picture on a magazine cover. Socializing with materialistic people became distasteful. Instead of going to parties, I would visit the Krsna temple in different countries and bring flowers for the altar. I liked the devotees’ company and always felt at ease around them.”

As she continued to chant Hare Krsna and study the *Bhagavad-*



gita, Anne’s dedication to Krsna consciousness grew. It took time, however, for her to reconcile work and spiritual conviction. Parking herself under a table between modeling sessions to chant the daily rounds of beads didn’t win much applause from her agency. Preaching detachment from sex and drugs to the other models didn’t go over very big either.

“I used to bring girlfriends to the temple, but all it came to was rumors that my involvement with Krsna consciousness was just a publicity stunt. Finally one day I picked up the phone, called my agent, and told him to cancel all my bookings because I had decided to move into the temple.”

Anne swore off modeling for three years. “I did menial jobs. I washed the

temple floor and made flower garlands for the altar. Then one day I cooked and everyone liked it, so for a whole year I cooked for 110 devotees.” Like the other devotees in the temple, Anne followed the strict routine of daily devotional activity. Each day she rose at 4:00a.m. to



ABOVE: At the Hare Krsna farm in Valençay, France.

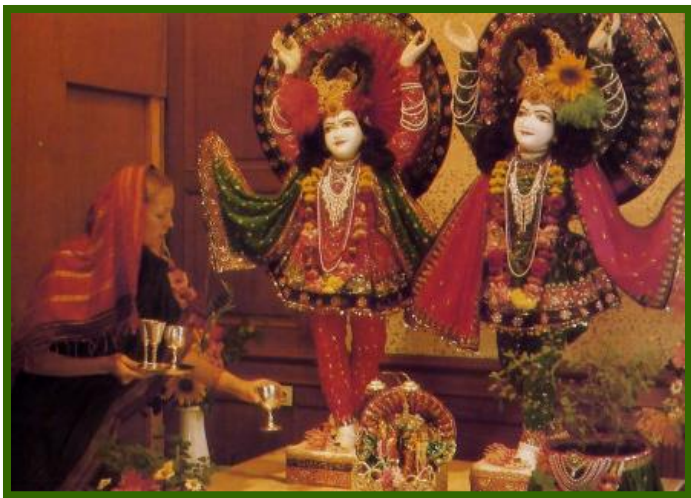
bathe and take part in morning ceremonies and classes. Then she chanted for an hour and a half on her beads. The

entire community took breakfast together at 8:30, and then each went off to his or her service for the day. For several months Anne worked intensely on translating the *Bhagavad-gita* into Danish and

took part in Hare Krsna festivals. She even organized a soiree at a fashion photographer’s studio. On her guest list were friends from the modeling agency, members of the press, and acquaintances from Paris society. For the event devotees prepared a banquet of exotic vegetarian dishes, and devotee musicians played songs on classical Indian instruments. The next day articles started appearing in the press across Europe: “Cover Girl Chooses Krishna.” In 1974 Anne traveled to India with the Paris devotees for an annual pilgrimage. She visited Vrndavana, where Lord Krsna had performed His pastimes five thousand years ago, and she saw Mayapur in West Bengal, the birthplace of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who had inaugurated the congregational chanting of Hare Krsna as the most sublime method for reviving love for God in the present age. When she got back, Anne requested initiation. She became Satarupa-devi dasi, a disciple of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. At initiation she vowed to abandon all



intoxicants, meat-eating, gambling, and sex outside of marriage, and to chant sixteen rounds of beads daily [about two hours of chanting]. She strictly follows these principles despite constant travel, for she has resumed modeling—but with a difference. Her purpose now is to help pay for the construction of a school for devotee children. “To help build the school I have to go where the work is and not be afraid of falling down into bad habits again. I try to remember my spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, who came alone to the West without any money or friends to spread love of Krsna, and that gives me inspiration.” In her modeling, Satarupa says, she finds practical illustrations of Krsna conscious philosophy. “Once I was modeling four million dollars’ worth of diamonds. The owners, the security guards, the studio people, everyone was worried and nervous that someone might try to steal them. I had to stay in my seat



the whole time and not move about the studio while wearing the stones. The diamonds were very beautiful, but what a waste of money and what a terrible position the people who like to wear them must be in, constantly in danger of being robbed and killed just for wearing such things. Later I was thinking, We may have such opulence in this life, but just like those diamonds I wore and then finally had to give back, everything that’s given to us in this material world has to be given back when we leave. It’s all temporary. I model Dior gowns, Sherrer haute couture, St. Laurent originals, but everything I wear I have to give back. In this world we’re allowed to use Krsna’s energy for a little while, like this body, but that too will grow old, and then we have to give it up.”

When modeling, Satarupa refuses furs, cigarettes, and alcohol. This limits her assignments but opens a lot of discussions. “People are curious about Krsna consciousness. All they know is what they read in the

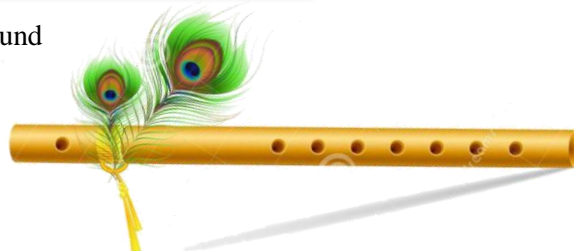
papers, but when you talk with them they get very interested and start thinking about it seriously.

“I encourage them to just try chanting Hare Krsna. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain. It doesn't cost anything, but it brings satisfaction, whether you're a success or a failure materially. Actually, material success is failure because it never brings satisfaction.”

When she has time to visit the Krsna conscious farm in France, Satarupa teaches the children stories from the Vedic scriptures and also cooks. She also takes time to answer letters from friends, famous and obscure, who want to know whether what they read in the fashion magazines is true, that she really has found happiness in serving Lord Krsna.



“It doesn't matter how much success you have if you don't have Krsna,” she says. “That's a fact. Without Krsna, just headaches. There's a young girl, Barbara, who travels with me. She is very pretty and wanted to become a model. So I have her meet all these models, eminently successful people, and afterward she just shakes her head. ‘They're not happy!’ she says. ‘They're in total anxiety!’ She's beginning to realize that there's less to glamor than what most people think. If you become rich, you need dogs and locks. Become a model and spend your time worrying about being on next month's cover or waking up with a wrinkle. But become Krsna's devotee, and your life becomes sublime.” 🌸



THE 4 REGULATIVE PRINCIPLES

In the Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.17.24, the four pillars of religion, upon which a God-centered society should rest are stated as:

- 1) **mercy**
- 2) **truthfulness**
- 3) **austerity**
- 4) **cleanliness**

Everyone appreciates these qualities and anyone who cultivates them and sincerely chants Krishna's names can make rapid spiritual progress. By following the four regulative principles (stated below), we support these pillars and free ourselves from miseries and from causing pain to others. Along with chanting Hare Krishna, following these principles form the basis of Krishna conscious practice.

The four regulative principles are:

- 1) **no meat eating**
- 2) **no gambling**
- 3) **no intoxicants**
- 4) **no intoxication**

These things increase attachment to the body and the material world, so avoiding them helps our spiritual life.

1. No eating meat, fish, or eggs.

—*The quality of mercy is destroyed by killing animals.*

The animals are also spiritual beings and to kill them unnecessarily is a great offense. By God's grace we can live perfectly well, and actually better, eating a vegetarian diet. If we are killing our brothers and sisters - the animals - and eating them, how can our Father be pleased?

2. No gambling.

—*The quality of truthfulness is destroyed by gambling.*

Gambling is based on untruthfulness--trying to get something for nothing. One should labor honestly and accept what comes as God's mercy. Gambling invariably puts one into anxiety and fuels greed, envy, and anger. Examples of gambling are the lottery, slot machines, blackjack, etc...

3. No intoxication.

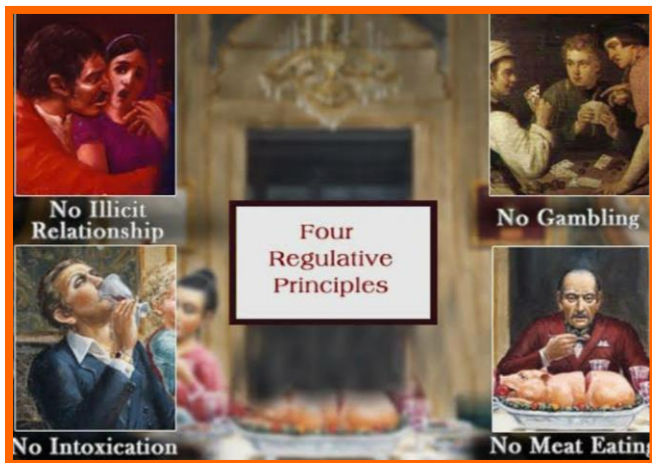
—The quality of austerity is destroyed by using intoxicants.

Intoxication impedes the clarity of our thinking and makes it harder to remember God and do His will. Intoxicants are themselves material compounds and becoming attached to them binds us more to this material world. Using intoxicants destroys the principle of austerity because the reason people take to drugs is that they want to avoid their suffering in the material world- they do not want to face that austerity. Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, as well as any drink or food containing caffeine, cloud the mind, over-stimulate the senses, and make it impossible to follow the principles of bhakti-yoga.

4. No illicit sex.

—The quality of **cleanliness** is destroyed by illicit sex.

Sex within marriage is meant for procreation of offspring, who are, in the ultimate issue, children of God, and thus should be educated to understand that the human form of life is meant for developing our relationship with Him. Sex for that purpose is religious. Otherwise sex attaches us very deeply to our material bodies, the bodies of others, and to this whole material world. Sex is the most powerful force binding us to the material world. Anyone serious about advancing in Kṛṣṇa consciousness should therefore abstain from or regulate sexual activity according to the scriptures. In the Bhagavad-Gita, Kṛṣṇa says that sexual union for conceiving a child to be raised in God consciousness is devotional service.



Bhagavad-gita 2.64:

But a person free from all attachment and aversion and able to control his senses through regulative principles of freedom can obtain the complete mercy of the Lord.

PURPORT:

It is already explained that one may externally control the senses by some artificial process, but unless the senses are engaged in the transcendental service of the Lord, there is every chance of a fall. Although the person in full Kṛṣṇa consciousness may apparently be on the sensual plane, because of his being Kṛṣṇa conscious he has no attachment to sensual activities. The Kṛṣṇa conscious person is concerned only with the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa, and nothing else. Therefore he is transcendental to all attachment and detachment. If Kṛṣṇa wants, the devotee can do anything which is ordinarily undesirable; and if Kṛṣṇa does not want, he shall not do that which he would have ordinarily done for his own satisfaction. Therefore to act or not to act is within his control because he acts only under the direction of Kṛṣṇa. This consciousness is the causeless mercy of the Lord, which the devotee can achieve in spite of his being attached to the sensual platform.

EXCERPT FROM PURPORT of SB 1.17.24:

“Moths are captivated by the glaring brightness of light, and thus they become prey to the fire. Similarly, the deluding energy is always captivating the conditioned souls to become prey to the fire of delusion. (...) The Vedas warn us to go not to the darkness of ignorance but to the progressive path of light. The Lord Himself also warns that the deluding power of material energy is too powerful to overcome, but one who completely surrenders unto the Lord can easily do so. But to surrender unto the lotus feet of the Lord is also not very easy. Such surrender is possible by persons of austerity, cleanliness, mercy, and truthfulness. (...) With the progression of the Age of Kali, people are becoming very proud, and attached to women and intoxication. By the influence of the Age of Kali, even a pauper is proud of his penny, the women are always dressed in an overly attractive fashion to victimize the minds of men, and the man is addicted to drinking wine, smoking, drinking tea and chewing tobacco, etc. All these habits, or so-called advancement of civilization, are the root causes of all irreligiosities.”



At first, these things may seem difficult to give up, but the spiritual satisfaction one gets from practicing *Bhakti yoga* makes it easy to live without them. Keeping company with fellow practitioners also helps one to gain strength and determination. 🌸

Excerpts from inmates' letters

I have always been attracted to religious thought all my life. Even though I grew up attending a local neighborhood Christian denominational church, I always was drawn to seek out similarities in other faiths. This curiosity drove me to do many years of personal research at local libraries and it is this impetus that led me to Eastern religious thought. I began focusing on Buddhist mediational practices and , then much later, yogic studies. I really enjoyed the asanas and pranic breath work and was able to achieve a certain level of success at rendering my breath and heartbeat almost unregistrable. But, even with this "physical" accomplishment, I was still missing the development of my spiritual self and connection with the divine. After much soul searching and countless conversions, I found ISKCON through an inmate resource newsletter. I wrote the address and am now diligently studying and enjoying the Bhagavad-gita and incorporating the Maha mantra chanting daily! Thank you for providing this form of spiritual development and practice to the inmate population especially at a time when its most needed!

Victor D. R. —Kingman, Arizona

Hare Krsna Bhakti Lata Dasi, things here are good. We had two wonderful days of celebrating! both the nineteenth and twentieth. We all pitched in and purchased peanuts, sunflower seeds, raisins, and milk from our canteen, and beans and ricethat was our feast....we had prasadam and had a wonderful time....we read some from the Krsna book and from what you sent.....we finished our artwork and placed them on display.....we practiced kirtan and discussed Srila Prabhupada at length. I can't wait till we are able to have some CD's/DVDs. (...) I feel this type of service is definitely for me so I will continue once I am released. I already assist here so I will just continue doing what I do now if it is in Krsna's will..... I am grateful to Krsna for everything and for every experience!!! I understand the ins and outs of the system and feel I can be of great service to Krsna!! There are so many searching for meaning to their lives....and others who are just lost and feel alone! I understand the importance of having a support system and serving! I love serving Krsna and if this is where I need to be to serve right now then I am all too happy to be here.....I explain Krsna loves us and wants us to love him.....as we study together I see the love growing.....sometimes it is difficult for some of us to understand why we show so much respect for Srila

Prabhupada.....as one lady explained--she feels as if she is cheating on Kṛṣṇa! 😊 We read to get a better understanding of his purpose and why the respect should be shown.

Bhaktin Kimberly S. —Ocala, Florida

Dear Upendra, I was just rereading the last letter. In it you had told me that you have the strength to resume your normal routine of chanting your rounds two days after the surgery. This was both inspiring to me and also a reminder to me how merciful Krishna is to us that he would provide a way for us to practice our devotional service to him no matter what the circumstances. Also, you spoke of one's fellow devotees singing and chanting for them. Playing audiotapes of chanting if one is in a coma or bodily severe pain. That basically a devotional atmosphere is created so that a sick devotee can quit the body in a perfect devotional atmosphere. This struck me right in the heart. That Krishna cares so much for his devotees that even when they are physically unable He would provide a way to remember Him. It also speaks to the core tenet of a Vaishnava to direct others to Krishna, that they would absolutely make sure that the environment for the sick devotee was provided for.

Scott G. —Beeville, Texas

Here I dedicated my time to study different types of religions and to be honest the teachings of A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada are one of the most powerful teachings I ever saw.

Jose R. M. —Salters, SC

I am just beginning my practice of Bhakti-yoga but feel like it has helped me both mentally and physically. My love of God has grown, and I feel like it is developing and growing more every day. I believe I am starting to find the happiness and am beginning to accept myself as I am how God made me. I also really enjoyed the magazines and the prayer card you sent as well. Thank you again so much for the love and kindness you have shown me.

Lauren K. —Jessup, Maryland

I had started meditating every morning before I start my day with a prayer, and chant throughout the day. It is my intention to keep my mind placed on God, as all things come from God for us and it is good, for chanting God's name day and night is to know Him.

Jimmy S. —Bowling Green, Mo

Crisis in Ukraine: Urgent Food Relief

by Food For Life Global —October 18, 2022

Mariupol is one of the biggest cities in East Ukraine. There used to be more than 500,000 people before the war broke out. However, now the city is mostly destroyed. But those that could not leave remain to survive day by day.

The city has no gas, electric power, or water. Many people are living in the basement of buildings. They have to cook with firewood. As winter approaches, it is very important to provide them with a hot meal. Ukrainian authorities reported outages in nearly 600 towns and villages, and Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko said that shelling had once again disrupted the power supply to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, forcing it to switch to emergency diesel generators. The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed that it had specifically targeted Ukraine's "energy system facilities."

The Kherson region in the south and the area around Bakhmut in the east continue to be the front lines where combat is still the most intense.

Numerous vulnerable people in the nation are housed in dwellings that are in poor condition or in structures that are not weatherproof. Refugees living outside of Ukraine are enduring their first winter away from

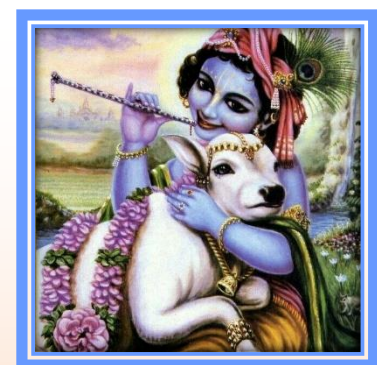
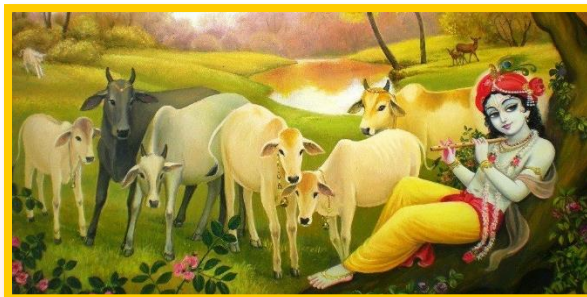
home; many have left behind their families, social networks, and winter necessities.

The lives and homes of Ukrainians are being destroyed right in front of our eyes, and many of us are watching from a distance and wondering what we can do to assist.

Food for Life Global is on the ground supplying winter essentials, urgent financial aid for the most in need, and assisting in strengthening homes and shelters to withstand the harsh cold. 🌸



Gold Nugget!



Question: What is the relationship of the Surabhi Cow with Krsna?....

Prabhupada: These cows are also devotees, and Krsna is fond of keeping cows, taking care of them. The same love affairs, exchange of love. That's all. Dasya-rasa. Dasya-rasa, servitude. There are different rasas, mellows of relationship with Krsna. Santa, dasya... Just like Vrndavana-bhumi or the trees, the plants, they are serving Krsna silently. And the cows and servants, they are offering superior service. The friends, they are offering service as friend. The Gopis, or the motherly gopis, just like Yasoda and ladies, offer loving Krsna as son, and the younger girls, they're loving Krsna as husband, as lover. So in this way in Vrndavana there are different transcendental mellows of loving affairs. So the cows are on dasya-rasa, giving service, just like master and servant. They are situated in this transcendental humor (...) and their relationship is exchange of loving service. That's all.

Srila Prabhupāda Lecture— November 13, 1968, Los Angeles

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2022

- 01 Nov 2022 - Gopastami, Gosthastami
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02 Nov 2022 - Jagaddhatri Puja
04 Nov 2022 - **Utthana Ekadashi**
04 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Gaura Kisora Dasa Babaji Maharaja
04 Nov 2022 - Bhisma Pancaka
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07 Nov 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Kasisvara Pandita
08 Nov 2022 - Krsna Rasayatra
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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

DECEMBER 2022

December

- 03 Dec 2022 - Advent of Srimad Bhagavad-Gita
04 Dec 2022 - **Moksada Ekadashi**
08 Dec 2022 - Katyayani Vrata Ends
12 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura
19 Dec 2022 - **Saphala Ekadasi**
19 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Devananda Pandita
21 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Mahesa Pandita
21 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Uddharana Datta Thakura
24 Dec 2022 - Appearance Day of Sri Lochana Dasa Thakura
26 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Jiva Goswami
26 Dec 2022 - Disappearance Day of Sri Jagadisa Pandita



WHO'S WHO?

Dhananjaya Pandita took part in many of Lord Caitanya's kirtan pastimes in Navadvipa. On the order of Lord Caitanya, he traveled widely and preached Krsna consciousness.

Bhugarbha Goswami, along with his intimate friend Lokanatha Goswami, located lost sacred places in Vrindavana by the order of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Kasisvara Pandita, who was strong and powerfully built, served as Lord Caitanya's bodyguard in Jagannatha Puri. He used to walk before Lord Chaitanya keeping the crowds from touching Him. Another of His services was to distribute prasadam after kirtans.

Jiva Goswami (1513–1598) was the nephew of Rupa Goswami and Sanatana Goswami. He received initiation from Rupa Goswami and became the *acharya* (spiritual master) after Rupa and Sanatana. Jiva Goswami was a Sanskrit scholar par excellence. Some contemporary Sanskritists call him the greatest philosopher and scholar who ever lived. The youngest among the six Goswami followers of Lord Chaitanya, Jiva Goswami was also the most prolific writer. He wrote some twenty-five books. His *samadhi* stands in the Radha-Damodara temple compound, in Vrindavana.

LEFT: Lord Chaitanya performing sankirtan with His associates.