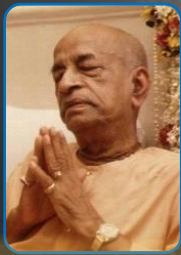


# Freedom Newsletter



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada  
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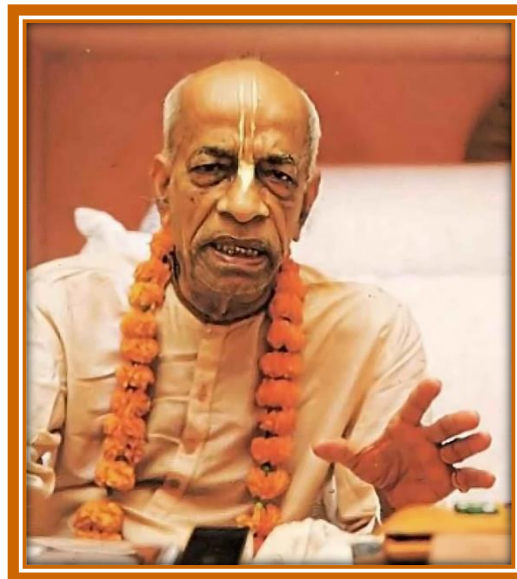
## CAN WE PUT A DATE ON WISDOM?

*This exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and a British student took place on an early-morning walk in London.*

**Srila Prabhupada:** The message of Kṛṣṇa consciousness comes from the spiritual world. It is not of this material world. Therefore sometimes people may misunderstand it. So we have to explain it nicely. They cannot even understand what is the soul. Big, big scientists. Big, big philosophers. They have no information of the spirit and the spiritual world. Therefore, sometimes they find it very difficult to understand.

**Guest:** Lately I've been doing some research on the dating of the *Vedas*. You know, some archaeologists maintain that the evidence from the Harappa dig and Mohenjo-Daro show the dating of the *Vedas* in fact to be a great deal later than previously thought. This would seem to deprive the *Vedas* of a certain amount of authority, because they no longer would appear to be the most ancient religious scriptures in the world.

**Srila Prabhupada:** *Veda* does not mean "religion." *Veda* means "knowledge." So if you can trace out the history of knowledge, then you can trace out the date for the origin of *Veda*. Can you trace out when knowledge began? Can you trace it out?



**Guest:** I wouldn't think we could.

**Srila Prabhupada:** So how can you trace out the history of *Vedas*? *Vedas* means knowledge. So first of all find out from which date knowledge began. Then you find out the age of the *Vedas*.

The history of *Veda* began from the date of the creation of this material world. No one can give the date of the creation. The creation begins with the birth of Brahma, and you cannot calculate even the length of Brahma's one day. During Brahma's night, the universe is devastated to some extent, and during his daytime, creation takes place again. There are two kinds of devastations. One devastation takes place during the night of Brahma, and one final devastation annihilates the entire cosmic manifestation. But these teeny people are speculating about the dates of *Vedas*. That is ludicrous.

There are many microbes that grow in the evening and die just as the day is beginning. One night is their whole span of life. So our life is like that. What history can you write? Therefore, we receive Vedic knowledge from Vedic authorities. One should not be a frog philosopher.

Do you know about frog philosophy? Dr. Frog had never seen the Atlantic Ocean, and somebody informed him, "Oh, I have seen such a vast mass of water."

So Dr. Frog said, "Oh, is it bigger than this well?"

**Guest:** Yes, it was beyond his conception.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Yes. So these scholars are like frogs rotting in their wells. What can they possibly understand of the Vedic knowledge?

**Guest:** Yes, I see. To change the subject, I wonder whether you feel that the *Vedas* affirm that the most true form of life, the most pure form of life, is one that's lived alongside nature, not against nature as we seem to be doing in our urban setting.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Oh, yes. Real life means you have to minimize your bodily activities so that you can save time and devote yourself to spiritual understanding. That is real life. And the present civilization based on the bodily concept of life is animal life. It is not civilized life.

*Athato brahma-jijnasa:* civilized life begins when one is so much advanced that he inquires about the spirit soul. But when there is no such inquiry, when people cannot inquire what is spirit soul, they are like cats and dogs.

Vedic life teaches one to become as free as possible from bodily disturbances. Therefore, Vedic education begins with *brahmacharya*, celibacy. You see? But these rascals cannot check their sex life. Their philosophy is that you should go on with sex life unrestrictedly and when there is pregnancy kill the child.

**Guest:** Yes.



**Srila Prabhupada:** That is their rascal philosophy. They have no idea that by training one can forget sex life. And if you forget sex life, where is the question of abortion? But they cannot do that. Therefore it is said, *adanta-gobhir visatam tamisram:* by unrestricted sense enjoyment they are gradually going down to the level of animal life.

A person who indulges in abortion, killing the baby in the womb, will be put into a womb in his next life, and somebody will kill him. As many babies as he has killed, he'll have to accept that many lives and be

killed. So for hundreds of years it will be impossible for him to see daylight. He'll remain in the womb and be killed. People don't know nature's laws. One cannot violate nature's laws as one can the state laws. Suppose you kill somebody—you can escape by trick. But you cannot escape nature's law. As many times as you have killed, that many times you must be killed within the womb. That is nature's law.

**Guest:** Only last week I was talking to a nurse who works on an abortion ward in one of the main London hospitals. It's terrible. Some of the fetuses are in such an advanced state of development that clearly life is a strong possibility.

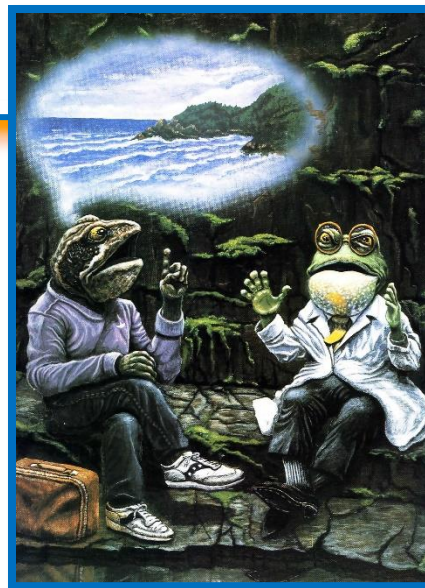
**Srila Prabhupada:** There is no question of possibility. Life begins from the very beginning of sex. The living entity is very small. By nature's law, according to his *karma*, he's sent into the father's semen and injected into the mother's womb. The sperm and egg cells from the man and woman emulsify and form a body that is just like a pea. Then that pealike form develops gradually. This is all described in the Vedic literature. The first stage is the manifestation of nine holes—for the ears, eyes, nostrils, mouth, genitals, and rectum. Then the senses gradually develop, and by six and a half months everything is complete, and the living entity's consciousness comes back. Prior to the formation of the body, the living entity remains unconscious, like in anesthesia. Then he dreams, and then gradually comes to consciousness. At that time he becomes very much reluctant to come out, but nature gives him a push, and he comes out. This is the process of birth.

This is Vedic knowledge. In the Vedic literature you'll find everything perfectly described. Therefore, how can the *Vedas* be subject to history? But the difficulty is that we are speaking of things that are spiritual. Therefore it is sometimes difficult for the gross materialists to understand. They are so dull headed that they cannot understand. 🌸

## The Frog in the Well Logic

"The frog in the well" logic illustrates that a frog residing in the atmosphere and boundary of a well cannot imagine the length and breadth of the gigantic ocean. Such a frog, when informed of the gigantic length and breadth of the ocean, first of all does not believe that there is such an ocean, and if someone assures him that factually there is such a thing, the frog then begins to measure it by imagination by means of pumping its belly as far as possible, with the result that the tiny abdomen of the frog bursts and the poor frog dies without any experience of the actual ocean. Similarly, the material scientists also want to challenge the inconceivable potency of the Lord by measuring Him with their froglike brains and their scientific achievements, but at the end they simply die unsuccessfully, like the frog.

**Srila Prabhupada from Srimad Bhagavatam 2.5.10**



## Excerpts from inmates' letters

*Note: some excerpts are from recent letters, some from 2021.*

I have been practicing Krishna consciousness for little more than a decade.

I have been incarcerated for many years, since 2003, and by practicing the teachings of Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam, I feel that I am free from the sufferings and miseries of my prison life (although still incarcerated).

I now want to share with others who are incarcerated the way to true freedom through devotional service. I direct [other inmates] to Swami Prabhupada as their spiritual guide and master for the greater knowledge and benefits of Krishna consciousness. I am only trying to establish an interest and enthusiasm towards Krishna.

**William S. —Ontario, Oregon**

I am currently on close management while serving a natural life sentence in the Florida Department of Corrections. I was given a new roommate named Louis D.M. During conversations about life, religion, and the purpose of our existence, Louis has opened my eyes to a whole new way of life. I have spent time during my incarceration studying different religions like Christianity and Islam, but it always seemed like something was missing. Louis has been giving me books to read, currently I am reading the Bhagavad-Gita As It Is. At this point, I am about halfway through my first read of it and the Gita has changed my way of thinking about this journey we are taking through this material world.

**Spencer B. —Live Oak, FL**

I am back in contact with Mother Ramaniya and we have a pretty good

bhakta/devotee relationship. Thanks Sri Krsna as well as you for introducing me to her. I understand through scripture that association with devotees will help one with their spiritual advancement so I am very privileged to have so good relations. I also still correspond with Upendra Dasa who has become my friend and a good instructor on Krishna Consciousness.

I am a fallen soul; this life should at least help me advance a lot in spiritual matters and hopefully the next one I'll be able to serve Lord Krishna better and wiser. Thank you for your love of Krishna and your years of service to the ISKCON community.

**Bhakta Jose A. — Fairton, New Jersey**

Since my incarceration I have been doing some real soul searching and trying to figure out my purpose and the path that best suits that purpose. I have been reading a lot of Buddhist and Hindu literature and I can relate to most of it. I am intrigued and very much interested. I am currently reading Bhagavad Gita As It Is by Swami Prabhupada, which is how I ran across your address.



If you would have the means to send me any of Prabhupada's other books, I would be forever grateful for any help that you could provide. My friend, I am, like I said, lost and am on a spiritual quest to find my dharma. If there is any way that you

could guide me to some sources that could help me to understand the big picture of life, please do. In closing I thank you for your time and attention to this letter, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.  
**James H. —Bellefonte, PA**



## HOW I CAME TO KRṢṂA CONSCIOUSNESS

### Meet Alfred Ford, the great-grandson of Henry Ford

By **Ophelie Jacobson, NPR** | Nov 08, 2021 —Slightly edited from an article that appeared in *NPR: News and Public Media for North Central Florida from the University of Florida in Gainesville*.

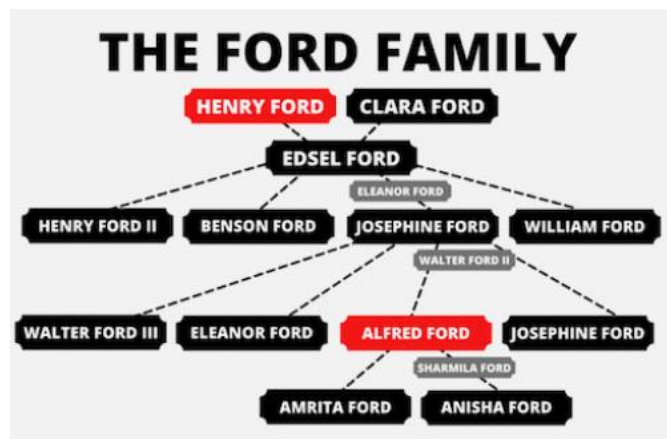
Alfred Ford, 71, is the great-grandson of American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford.

When most people hear the name “Ford,” they think of cars. But one heir to the company wanted to change that in his own life. He’s doing so from his home in Florida.

Alfred Ford, 71, is the great-grandson of American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1950 to Josephine Ford, the only granddaughter of Henry. That was three years after Henry died in 1947.

The idea of working for the family company never appealed to Alfred Ford as he was growing up, even though members of the family, such as his grandfather, Edsel Ford, gave their lives to the business.

“I was always interested in the bigger questions. Who am I? Why am I here? How big is the universe? What’s



on the other side of the universe? Who was God? What is my relationship with God?” Ford said.

He said he didn’t hear a lot of stories about his late great-grandfather. However, he did know one thing. “Henry Ford kind of had two different sides to him,” his great-grandson said. “One of them was a genius, engineer, and businessman. And the other one was a searcher after the truth and various religious paths. So I took after that side of it.” And so Alfred Ford did that by joining the Hare Krishna movement.



The Hare Krishna movement, formally known as the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), was founded in 1966. It now has 500 major centers around the world for its millions of members. According to the official website of the Hare Krishna movement, the movement “belongs to the *Gaudiya-Vaishnava sampradaya*, a monotheistic tradition within the Vedic or Hindu culture. Philosophically it is based on the Sanskrit texts *Bhagavad-gita* and the *Bhagavat Purana*, or *Srimad Bhagavatam*.”

Alfred Ford first became interested in the movement when he was twenty-three years old, after seeing devotees chanting on the campus of Tulane University, where he studied.

“Immediately, the philosophy was very attractive to me,” Alfred Ford said.

Two years later, in 1975, he was initiated. Prabhupāda gave him the name Ambarisa Dasa (pronounced am-ba-reesh das). Compared to his upbringing, which included boarding school at age fifteen, the Hare Krishna lifestyle was very different for him —so much that his spiritual master didn’t expect him to renounce everything.

“He knew that I was accustomed to a certain lifestyle. And when you become a Hare Krishna, you don’t necessarily have to give up everything...you utilize what you have to serve,” he said. “It’s very simple.”

Now, Ambarisa and his wife of thirty-seven years, Svaha Devi Dasi, are utilizing the family name to “help push forward the movement,” both in Gainesville and abroad. Since 2004, the couple has lived in Gainesville with their two daughters.

One year after he was initiated into the movement, Ambarisa had a conversation with the founder of the Hare Krishna movement, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, in Detroit. They talked about Prabhupada’s plans to build a big temple in Mayapur, India, which is the birthplace of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Ambarisa said the conversation planted a seed in his heart to take up the challenge. But it wasn’t until 2009 that construction started on the Sri Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir – Temple of the Vedic

Planetarium. As chairman of the project, Ambarisa has had to deal with several challenges over the years, such as a lack of cooperation from the communist government in West Bengal and, more recently, the pandemic.

“I put in quite a bit of seed money and that got the project off the ground,” he said. “I’m one of the people driving the agenda there, so it’s been a wonderful adventure.”

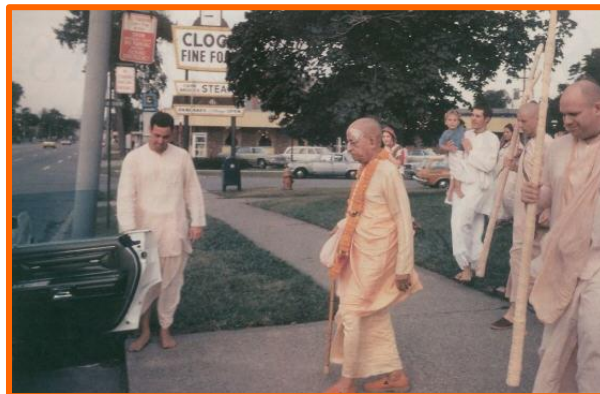
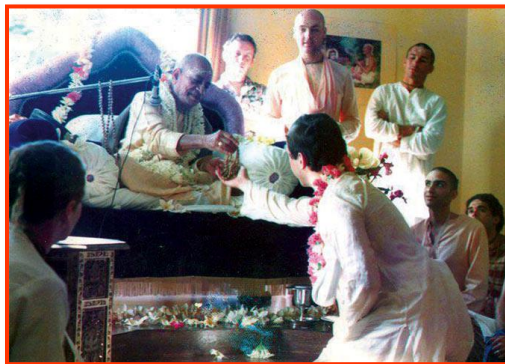
Despite all of the delays and difficulties, Ambarisa hopes the

temple opens by 2024 or 2025.

“Where I see the opening as being is when the deities, (which are a form of Krishna that is in the temple to whom we offer our worship to) is when They will be moved into the new temple from where they are now, I will consider that to be a grand opening,” Ambarisa said. “I’m looking forward to that.”

Although Ambarisa said most of his attention and energy is focused on the construction of the temple in

India, he and his wife have stayed connected with the local Hare Krishna community in North Central Florida, which is one of the largest in the U.S. “I just think that this community is wonderful, Gainesville and Alachua,” Ambarisa said. “The people here are very fortunate to have such a wonderful temple and so many devotees that are doing outreach. If I was growing up here, I would feel very lucky to have so many opportunities to become enlightened.” 🌸



**ABOVE:** Ambarisa Dasa opening the car door for Srila Prabhupāda.

### **The Back to Godhead (BTG) magazines are coming!**

A few months ago, the BTG office switched to a new cargo company to have the magazines brought in from India. Unfortunately, this has caused a delay, like never before. At the end of this November, we are expecting to receive both the Sept/Oct and the Nov/Dec issues. They will then be promptly mailed to you!



Hare Krishna!



## The Bald Truth

By Kuṇḍalī Dasa

Not every Hare Kṛṣṇa male sports a shaved head. It's not an absolute requirement, but it's part of the tradition, and there are good reasons for it. So most Kṛṣṇa conscious men prefer to shave their heads and keep the tuft in the back, called a śikhā. I remember the first time my mother saw me with a shaved head. She wanted to know why.

"Because it is cleaner," I said. "Hair attracts and keeps a lot of dirt. We believe 'Cleanliness is next to godliness.' But the main reason is that shaving is an expression of surrender to the Lord."

"What does a shaved head have to do with surrender to God?" she asked archly.

"Hair is very important for people in bodily consciousness," I explained. "They associate it with youth and beauty. But in Kṛṣṇa consciousness we learn that the first principle of spiritual life is to transcend identification with the body and to identify oneself as a spiritual soul.

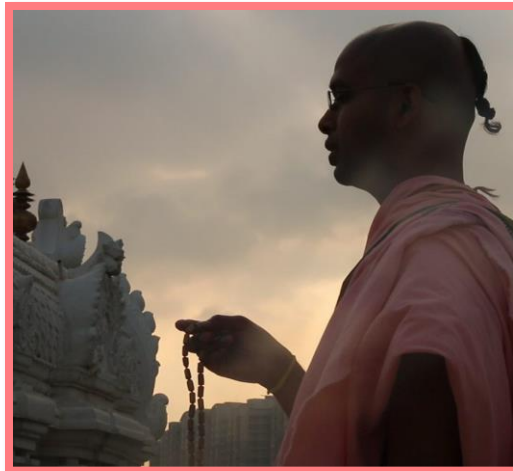
"Because most people consider hair an essential aspect of their beauty and intrinsic to their identity, they are very attached to it. So when a man takes up spiritual life, shaving his head is a significant step. It indicates that he is very serious about surrendering, and it pleases the spiritual master to see the disciple advance in renunciation."

My mom disagreed. She harrumphed a bit, then asserted that she didn't think my point about people being attached to their hair was well founded. All the same, she admitted she liked me better with mine.

Our conversation occurred almost fifteen years ago, but it came to mind recently when I read an article on baldness. Victims of baldness can now smear on a drug that induces hair growth, or they can get hair transplants, or they can try the most recent development: scalp-reduction surgery.

In this operation strips of bald scalp are surgically removed, and the hair-bearing section of the pate is pulled up and sutured together to reduce the bald area. Afterwards, if any baldness remains, hair is implanted to fill the space.

The operation can cost as much as five thousand dollars. Still, it is much more economical than the drug treatments, which cost a thousand dollars a year. My stepfather, for instance, who started balding at thirty-four, would have spent twenty thousand dollars on drugs by now. If he lived to eighty, he would spend forty-six thousand dollars on his hair alone.



These advances in the bald wars, the article pointed out, have brought hope into the lives of some thirty million men who consider baldness a real setback, a virtual neon indicator of "lost youth and vigor."

Upon reading this, I could not help thinking, "Well, Mom, there you are. After all these years, here is proof that a devotee's shaved head is surrender. Men are so attached to their hair that they are willing to pay handsomely to get it back."

To a person trained in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, who understands that the body is temporary, these measures against baldness seem silly. But if you happen to identify yourself with your body, which is withering even as you read this, you'd consider the discovery of a cure for baldness a cause for celebration.

This kind of news item confirms why Śrīla Prabhupāda referred to ours as a "misguided civilization." For without pursuing perfection in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, embodied souls, trying to prolong their illusion of happiness in the material world, are obliged to engage in such trivial pursuits, instead of thinking how to end repeated birth and death altogether. 🌸



# Srila Prabhupāda's Mercy —A moment's association

By Shankarananda Dasa, April 15, 2022

*“Even a moment's association with a pure devotee cannot be compared to being transferred to heavenly planets or even merging into the Brahman effulgence in complete liberation. For living entities who are destined to give up the body and die, association with pure devotees is the highest benediction.”*

**Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.30.34**

Today, while on the Delta flight from NY to PJU, one of the crew members Anthony, walked up to me and asked me, ‘what is this ponytail (sikha) you have?’ He asked in a very friendly way. I was thinking about what to tell him, as he didn't seem to know anything about spirituality. Before I could reply, he asked me, “Are you a Hare Krishna? I was surprised and replied, “Yes, I am.” But my surprise didn't end there. He said, "I know Śrīla Prabhupāda. I met him a few times." Then on his phone, he showed me a very old picture of Srila Prabhupāda in NYC near 26 2nd Ave.

Even though he was a crew member and he has pressing responsibilities to attend to other passengers, he spent a few minutes narrating that he was about a 7-years-old boy when he saw Śrīla Prabhupāda for the first time. He is from a pious Christian background and used to attend church. He also started going to the Hare Krishna temple and talking to Śrīla Prabhupāda casually. Then he told the church priest about Śrīla Prabhupāda and the priest told him that Śrīla Prabhupāda was a great spiritual personality and he has no fear from him. He will never ask him for converting / changing his religion. He should go and associate with him.

Of course he was conscious that he had to attend to other passengers, so he went away and came back after some time and again started talking about Śrīla Prabhupāda. He said, the last time he met Śrīla Prabhupāda was in 1975. Śrīla Prabhupāda told him, "Anthony, you are now grown up, so big." These are the last words he shared with me and he looked so happy and excited while talking about Śrīla Prabhupāda. 🌸



## A MOTHER'S WISH —By His Holiness Indradyumna Swami

I tried my best to help my own mother in spiritual life. Unfortunately, throughout most of her life she never showed the slightest interest in religion. I once asked her if she believed in God, and she replied, "Something may be out there." Whenever I visited her we would often debate the existence of the soul, life after death, karma, and similar topics. Throughout the years I continued cultivating that little "something" in her heart by sending her Srila Prabhupada's books, which invariably ended up in a pile at the back of her garage collecting grease and dust.

A few years ago she telephoned me late one night. It was an unusual hour to call, and I was surprised to hear from her. She began the conversation by asking if I would take her to Vrndavana, India.

I was shocked. I thought, "Mother wants to go to Vrndavana, the land of Kṛṣṇa's birth! What is this? How does she even know what Vrndavana is?"

But she insisted and wanted to know when we could go. Although intrigued at the prospect of taking my mother to Vrndavana, because it was late (and I was very tired) I told her I'd call her back early the next morning and we could discuss the matter in detail. I woke up refreshed the next day, and after my shower excitedly dialed her phone number. My brother answered.

I said, "Pete, can I speak to Mom?"

There was a prolonged silence, and I sensed something was wrong. Finally, his voice choked with emotion, he replied, "Mom passed away last night."

I was stunned.

"What happened?" I asked. "I talked to Mom only last night!"

"I know," he said. "She had been battling cancer for six months. She didn't want to tell you."

Collecting myself, I said, "Cancer! Did she say anything at the end?"

"Yes, she did," he replied. "She said, 'Don't lament for me! I'm not this body. I'm eternal spirit soul. I'll never die. I'm going to Kṛṣṇa!' With those words on her lips, she passed away."

I couldn't believe it. My mother, the intellectual who never went to church, who never inquired about God and debated His very existence was "going to Kṛṣṇa!"

I asked my brother, "But how is it possible Mom said those things at death?"

He replied, "When Mom learned she had cancer and was going to die, a strange transformation came over her. She became restless and unsettled.

She began asking about you, wanting to know where you were and what you were doing.

She had an intense desire to meet with you, to speak with you.

But when I suggested calling you she'd always say, 'No, don't bother him now. We'll contact him later.'

"One morning I went out to the garage to empty the garbage, and I found her going through all those books you had sent her during the past twenty-five years.

She looked up at me and asked me to carry them into the house.

That afternoon she carefully dusted them off.

For the last five months she just sat in her rocking chair reading those books.

Sometimes she'd underline a certain passage or quote that had particular relevance or importance to her. She also contacted your tape ministry in London and ordered all your lecture tapes.

She'd listen to them on her headphones, rocking back and forth in her armchair, looking at your picture, which she kept on the table nearby.

She must have listened to at least three a day.

"Gradually her condition deteriorated, but she wasn't afraid. I think there was something in those books that made her fearless. Then last night she sensed she was going to die. She told me to call you.

Her last request was that you take her to a place called Vrndavana."

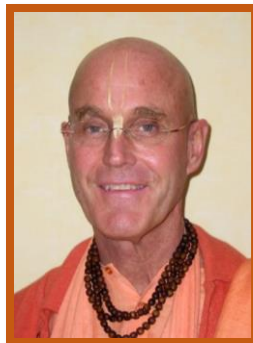
I put the phone down and cried, not out of mundane sentiment or attachment, but in appreciation that my spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, had extended his mercy to my mother and delivered her from material existence.

I went home for the memorial service and arranged her estate. Just before I was leaving to return to Europe, my brother and sister approached me and asked what they should do with her ashes.

Remembering my last conversation with her, I smiled and took the ashes with me.

Several weeks later her ashes were placed in the sacred waters of the Yamuna River in Vrndavana, India.

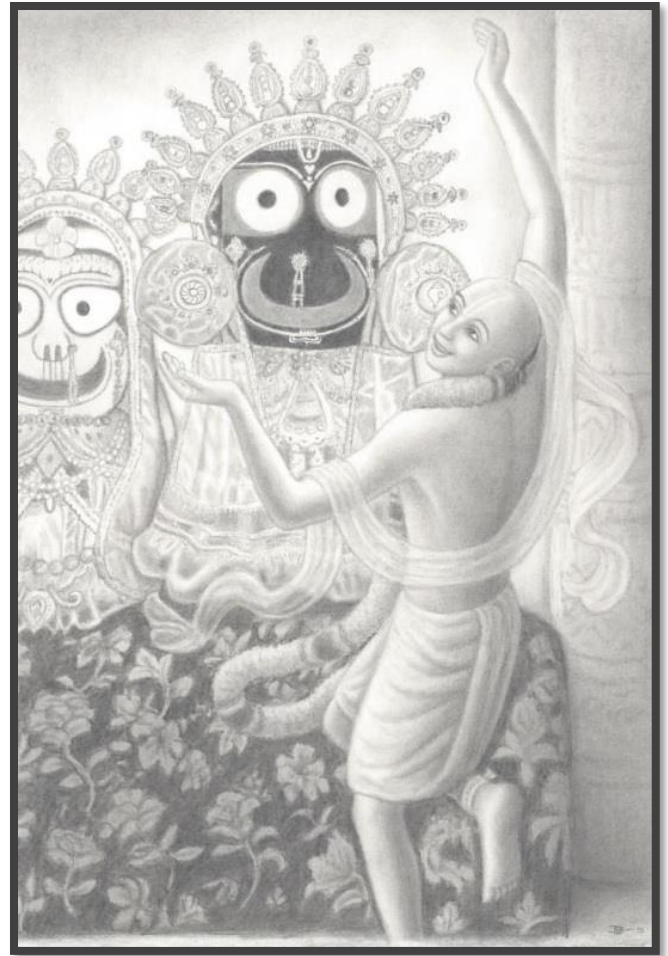
I had fulfilled my mother's last request to me, a request that I pray will also be on my lips the day I leave this world. 🌸



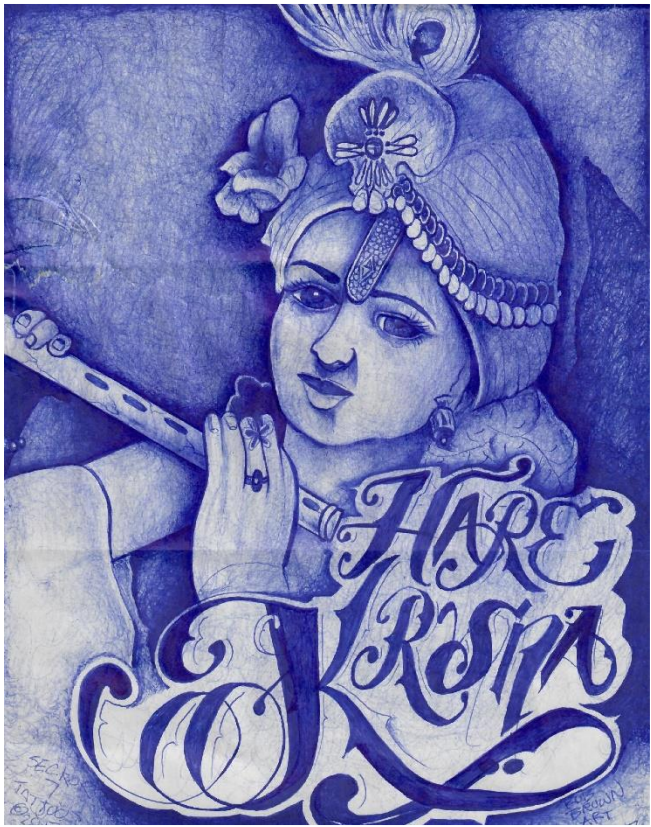


# Inmate Artwork!

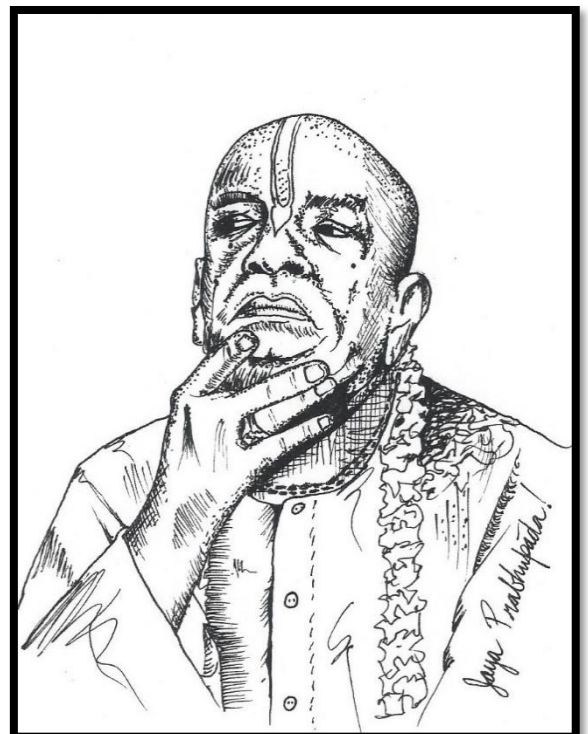
**RIGHT:** Drawing of Lord Caitanya dancing for Lord Jagannatha —by inmate Brian Babinski, California



**LEFT:** Drawing of Lord Krishna —by inmate Robert B., Oregon



**RIGHT:** Drawing of Śrīla Prabhupada —by unknown inmate



# Calendar

## DECEMBER 2022

- 03 Dec 2022 - Advent of Srimad Bhagavat-Gita  
04 Dec 2022 - **Moksada Ekadashi**  
08 Dec 2022 - Katyayani Vrata Ends  
12 Dec 2022 - **Disappearance 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

## JANUARY 2023

- 02 Jan 2023 – **Putrada Ekadashi**  
Appearance of Jagadisa Pandita  
11 Jan 2023 – Disappearance of Ramachandra Kaviraja  
Appearance of Gopal Bhatta Goswami  
12 Jan 2023 – Disappearance of Jayadeva Goswami  
13 Jan 2023 – Disappearance of Locana Dasa Thakura  
17 Jan 2023 – **Sat-tila Ekadashi**  
25 Jan 2023 – Appearance of Pundarika Vidyanidhi, Raghunandana Thakura, Raghunatha Dasa Goswami, Visnupriya Devi.  
Disappearance of Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakur.  
27 Jan 2023 – **Appearance of Advaita Acharya**  
29 Jan 2023 – Disappearance of Madhvacarya  
30 Jan 2023 – Disappearance of Ramanujacarya  
31 Jan 2023 – **Bhaimi Ekadashi** (Fast till noon for the appearance of Lord Varaha on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023)



**ABOVE:** Lord Varaha rescuing Earth and fighting the demon Hiranyaksha.

## *Lord Varaha, the Boar Avatara*

In ancient times there were two demon brothers named Hiranyakashipu and Hiranyaksha. They had steel-like frames which grew just like mountains. Their bodies became so tall they seemed to kiss the sky with the crests of their golden crowns and while walking shook the earth with their every step.

The younger demon, Hiranyaksha drilled enough gold from the planet Earth to cause it to spin out of orbit and into the causal ocean. Lord Brahmā, the creator of the Universe, was thinking of how to lift the Earth out of the water. At this time, the small form of a boar came out of his nostril. The measurement of the creature was not more than the upper portion of a thumb. While Brahma was looking at it, that boar expanded up to the sky. Then the boar roared; He was Lord Varaha, an incarnation of Lord Krishna

Lord Varaha flew in the sky, slashing His tail, scattering the clouds in the sky with His hooves and glittering white tusks. Diving into the water like a giant mountain, He split the ocean into two huge waves. Lord Varaha penetrated the water with His hooves, sharp like arrows. There, He saw the Earth, the resting place for all living beings, lying as it was at the beginning of creation. Then He easily took the earth on His tusks and lifted it out of the water. With His anger glowing like molten coals, Lord Varaha then accosted the demon Hiranyaksha.

Thereupon Lord Varaha killed the demon within the water, just as a lion kills an elephant. The cheeks and tongue of the Lord became smeared with the blood of the demon, just as an elephant becomes reddish from digging in the purple earth.

In this manner the Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna, the maintainer of all living entities, raised the Earth from within the water, and returned to His abode.