

Freedom Newsletter



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SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF THE SOUL

The following conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and an Indian doctor took place in September 1973 at the Hare Kṛṣṇa center in London.

Doctor: Can you scientifically prove that the soul exists? I mean, is it purely a matter of belief, or—

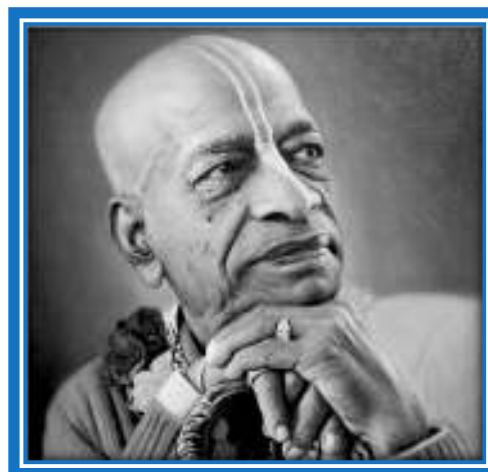
Srila Prabhupada: No, it is a scientific fact. Our science is perfect, because we are receiving knowledge from the perfect source, Kṛṣṇa. And modern so-called science is imperfect, because the scientists' knowledge is received from imperfect sources. However great a scientist you may be, you have to admit that your senses are imperfect.

Doctor: Yes.

Srila Prabhupada: So, imperfect senses can give only imperfect knowledge. What you are calling scientific knowledge is bogus, because the men who have produced that knowledge are imperfect. How can you expect perfect knowledge from an imperfect person?

Doctor: It's a question of degree.

Srila Prabhupada: My point is that if you are unable to give perfect knowledge, what is the use of taking knowledge from you?



Doctor: Yes, I accept that view. But how do you prove that the soul exists?

Srila Prabhupada: You take information from the perfect source, Kṛṣṇa, or from Kṛṣṇa's representative, who repeats the words of Kṛṣṇa. That is our process of proof. Evam parampara-praptam: "Transcendental

knowledge must be received in disciplic succession.” We don’t accept knowledge from a rascal; we accept knowledge from Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme. I may be a rascal, but because I am receiving knowledge from the perfect source and repeating that, whatever I say is perfect. A child may be ignorant—he does not know what is what—but because he has learned that a certain article is called “table,” when he says “Father, this is a table,” his words are perfect. Similarly, if you hear from the perfect person and believe that, then your knowledge is perfect. Kṛṣṇa says *tatha dehantara-praptih*: “After death the spirit soul enters another material body.” We accept it. We don’t require proof from a so-called scientist, who’s imperfect.

Doctor: So the question of belief comes first.

Srila Prabhupada: It is not belief; it is fact.

Doctor: Yes, but how do you prove that fact?

Srila Prabhupada: That Kṛṣṇa says so is proof.

Doctor: [very sarcastically] “It has been said by Kṛṣṇa.” But—

Srila Prabhupada: That is our Vedic proof. Whenever we say something, we immediately quote from the Vedic literature to support it. This is our process of proof, which is just like that in the law court. When a lawyer is arguing in court, he must quote from previous judgments. Then his argument will be accepted by the judge as legal proof. Similarly, as soon as we say something, we immediately support it by quoting from the Vedic literature. That is the way of proof in spiritual matters. Otherwise, what are the scriptures for? If they are merely products of mental speculation, what is the use of these books?

Of course, the Vedic literature also presents the Absolute Truth with all logic and reasoning. For example, in the *Bhagavad-gīta* Kṛṣṇa says,

**dehino ‘smin yatha dehe
kaumaram yauvanam jara
tatha dehantara-praptir
dhiras tatra na muhyati**

“The soul is changing his body from childhood to youth and from youth to old age. Similarly, the soul enters another body at death.” Where is the illogical presentation? This is scientific. For an intelligent man, this is scientific proof. And if he’s still dull-headed, what can be done?

Doctor: But the soul is invisible. How can you be so sure it exists?

Srila Prabhupada: Just because something is invisible doesn’t mean we can’t know it exists. The subtle body of mind, intelligence, and ego is also invisible to you, but you know that the subtle body is there. We have two kinds of bodies: a gross body of earth, water, fire, air, and ether, and a subtle body of mind, intelligence, and ego. You can see the body of earth, water, and so on, but can you see the subtle body? Can you see the mind? Can you see the intelligence? Yet everyone knows you have a mind and I have a mind.

Doctor: These are something abstract, you know.

Srila Prabhupada: No, not abstract. They are subtle matter, that’s all. You simply have no eyes to see them.

Doctor: Well, at present we have three methods for studying the intelligence—

Srila Prabhupada: Anyway, you accept that the subtle body exists even though you cannot see it. That is my point. Similarly, the soul exists even though you cannot see it. The soul is covered by the subtle and the gross bodies. What is known as death is the annihilation of the gross body. The subtle body remains and carries the soul to a place where he can again grow another material body just suitable for fulfilling the desires of his mind.

English guest: You mean the subtle body and the soul are the same thing?

Srila Prabhupada: No, the soul is different from the subtle body. The soul is finer than intelligence. These things are all explained in the *Bhagavad-gīta* [3.42]:

**indriyani parany ahur
indriyebhyah param manah
manasas tu para buddhir
yo buddheh paratas tu sah**

First of all, in the gross understanding, we are aware of only the senses of the body. Those who are like animals think that the senses are all in all. They do not understand that the senses are controlled by the mind. If one’s mind is distorted, then his senses cannot work; he is a madman. So the controller of the senses is the mind. And above the mind is the intelligence. And above the intelligence is the soul.

We cannot see even the mind and intelligence, so how can we see the soul? But the soul has his existence, his magnitude. And if one has no understanding of the spirit soul, he is no better than an animal, because he is identifying himself with his gross and subtle bodies. 🙏

Gold Nugget!

So this movement, Krishna consciousness movement, is a declaration of war with *māyā*. Declaration of war, but in a different way —by this chanting process: Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare. The transcendental vibration will clarify the whole atmosphere, and as soon as these Krishna conscious soldiers come out victorious, the whole world will be peaceful.

Srila Prabhupada Lecture —Bombay, March 30th, 1971

HOW I CAME TO KRṢṆA CONSCIOUSNESS

FROM TOURS OF DUTY TO TOURS OF LOVE

By Dayal Nitai Dasa

In search of some meaning In life, he tried the Army, but his search ended in an unexpected place.

IT WAS THE SUMMER of '86, and I had just graduated from high school and was eager to do something with my life, so I decided to enlist into the U.S. Army. I was unhappy, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my life, and it seemed like my friends were so focused. I didn't have big aspirations to go to college like them. I just wanted to know the purpose of life. I wanted to know why I was here.

When I came home on leave, I met up with an old friend who always knew the up-and-coming bands in the punk/hardcore music scene. He handed me a record by the *Cro-Mags* entitled "The Age of Quarrel." I was intrigued by the title and asked him what the band was all about. I was shocked to learn that they were Hare Krishna devotees. They played aggressive music with a positive message, subtly promoting the science of self-realization. That appealed to me. Most bands with a good message tend to shove their beliefs down your throat, but these guys just said it the way it was and let you decide for yourself.

After some years had passed and I was out of the Army, I joined a well-established hardcore band. We soon signed a record deal, recorded an album, and toured Europe and the U.S.

Our label arranged for us to tour with the very same Cro-Mags who had intrigued me a few years before. The first show of the tour was in Dayton, Ohio, and I was really eager to ask them about the philosophy they followed. I approached the singer, Jayananda Dasa, and he took the time to speak to me about reincarnation, vegetarianism, karma, and living a clean life free of drugs and alcohol. I was astonished to find that the philosophy wasn't some dry, speculative religious process but was actually a scientific philosophy based on truths proven through logic and reason. He explained that we are not these bodies but spirit souls encased within the material body. That was an intense realization for me.

Our tour included New York City, and Jayananda took me to a small storefront temple there. When I walked in I felt an amazing warmth come over me. I heard



Prabhupada singing on the CD player, and I smelled the most amazing incense I've ever smelled. A friendly devotee offered me a cup of sweet-rice and asked me to sit down and relax. As I looked around, I saw people in the temple with a glow about them that portrayed true happiness. I could tell they were living for a higher purpose than I was.

After that tour I began to meet devotees in my hometown (Cleveland, Ohio). I slowly started to follow the rules of Krishna consciousness. The girl I was dating thought I was crazy to give up meat-eating and disliked my new way of life. She wanted to get married and gave me an ultimatum: "It's either Krishna or me." A few weeks later, I found myself helping her pack her bags.

Two years went by, and I was now a full-time devotee chanting sixteen rounds on my beads and following the four rules. I quit the band I was playing in to form a band with devotees. I wanted to spread Krishna consciousness through the hardcore/straight-edge music scene. I recalled how I'd felt when I'd first read the lyrics in the Cro-Mags album. I, too, wanted to write songs about self-realization. We called the band *Raja-Vidya* ("The King of Knowledge"), but nobody in the magazines or club scene could spell it or pronounce it, so we decided to keep it simple and changed the name to *Run Devil Run*. We felt that name was synonymous with our spirit of "fighting evil."

In my former band I had always felt I was killing myself to get ahead in the music industry; this time I committed myself to accepting what Krishna was giving us. Within weeks of forming the band, we signed with a European record label and were asked to tour Europe for four weeks. The tour went well, and we distributed many of Srila Prabhupada's books at our shows. We were happy to serve Krishna in our occupation, and we got to see a lot of ISKCON's European temples.

When that tour ended, we were asked to tour Europe two more times to play festivals and do a short headlining tour. I began to realize that Krishna was making this all possible because we were trying to serve him according to our inclinations. I began to correspond with many people from Europe and the U.S. about Krishna consciousness. I had never realized how many people feel the same emptiness that ran through me in my youth.

Run Devil Run performed at the world-renowned Dynamo Open-Air Festival in Eindhoven, Holland, in May 1999. The festival draws eighty thousand people. It was a great opportunity to spread the message of Krishna consciousness.

After these tours, I felt I might hang it up. I had just gotten married and was accepted into the laborer's union in Cleveland. As a band, we discussed our future and decided to record one more album and see how it went. Just after recording our second record, it was picked up by Victory Records and was set to be released in the U.S. and Canada. Victory is the biggest label in the world for our style of music. They released such Krishnacore bands as *Shelter*, *Baby Gopal*, and *Cause For Alarm*.



ABOVE: The *Run Devil Run* band members

We have decided to just let Krishna call the shots in this band. He has provided us with excellent arrangements for service. We are now touring in the U.S. and are slated to go back to Europe. I hope that through Srila Prabhupada's books we can inspire everyone we come into contact with to inquire about the purpose of life and make a positive change. 🌸

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare

BIOGRAPHIES OF PURE DEVOTEES

MADHAVENDRA PURI (Fifteenth Century A.D.)

Western religion usually teaches us that God is someone to fear and revere. In India, though, great spiritual masters have long taught that we can go beyond this limited conception and worship God as our master, friend, or child. And about five hundred years ago Madhavendra Puri taught that we can even worship God as our dear beloved.

Before Madhavendra Puri, most Indians worshiped Lord Krishna in a ritualistic fashion, according to strict rules and regulations. Such formal worship is necessary for those who have not awakened their natural desire to serve the Lord with love and devotion. But Madhavendra Puri was fully absorbed in spontaneous affection for Krishna, and therefore he was able to rise above the forms of worship prescribed for the neophytes.

Madhavendra Puri appeared almost mad in his love of God. He loudly chanted and sang the names and glories of the Lord without thinking of the time or place. Sometimes in his ecstasy he didn't know whether it was day or night. Sometimes he laughed and sometimes he wept. Sometimes he danced wildly and sometimes he fell to the ground unconscious. He took absolutely no interest in anything not connected with Krishna, and for fear of talking about anything other than the Lord, he always lived without a companion. He would eat only if someone offered him food—otherwise he would simply fast.

In many remarkable ways Krishna returned Madhavendra Puri's intense love.

Once Madhavendra was fasting and meditating beneath a tree in the forest of Vrindavana, where thousands of years before Krishna had played as a child. Suddenly a beautiful cowherd boy (Gopala) came with a pot of milk and placed it before Madhavendra. "Please drink the milk I have brought you," the boy said. Seeing the beauty of the boy, Madhavendra Puri became satisfied in his mind, and hearing these sweet words, he forgot all hunger and thirst. Then within an instant, the boy left the place and did not return. Madhavendra Puri's heart was filled with wonder. Later, he realized who the boy actually was and cried out in great ecstatic love: "I saw Lord Krishna directly—but I could not recognize Him!"



Soon afterwards, the same cowherd boy appeared to Madhavendra Puri in a dream and revealed to him the location of the Gopala Deity. A brahmana priest had tried to hide this Deity of Krishna from marauding Muhammadan soldiers and had buried Him nearby. In the dream Krishna told Madhavendra Puri, "For many days I have been observing you, and I have been wondering, 'When will Madhavendra Puri come to serve Me?'" Now that you have come, please unearth the Gopala Deity, who is none other than My very self." So with the help of the local villagers, Madhavendra Puri excavated the Gopala Deity, built an exquisite temple for Him, and arranged for lavish daily worship. "I have accepted your service," said Gopala, "because of your ecstatic love for Me."

To test Madhavendra Puri's love still further, in another dream Gopala asked him to bring a special kind of sandalwood pulp to cool His body. Gopala was still feeling hot from being buried in the jungle for so many years, and sandalwood pulp is well known for its soothing, cooling effect. "Bring sandalwood pulp from Jagannatha Puri," said Gopala. "Kindly go quickly. You must. No one else can do this for Me."

Delighted with this chance to serve his dear Lord, Madhavendra Puri set off on foot on the arduous eight-hundred-mile journey to Jagannatha Puri, on the Bay of Bengal. Along the way he stopped in Remuna at the temple of Gopinatha, and this Deity of Krishna showed him another loving favor. Every day the temple priests offered Gopinatha twelve pots of the most delicious sweet rice in the world. (Sweet rice is a preparation made with milk, rice, and sugar and served cold.)

Madhavendra Puri wanted to taste a little of it so that he could prepare a similar sweet rice for his own Deity, Gopala. But Madhavendra immediately checked this



ABOVE: Madhavendra Puri's original Gopal deity

thought and felt that he had committed a great sin by wanting to eat what was being offered to the Lord. Without saying a word to anyone, Madhavendra Puri left the temple and went to get some rest in a stall in the town marketplace. Meanwhile, the Gopinatha Deity spoke to one of His brahmana

priests in a dream: "Please get up and open the door to the temple. There you will find a pot of sweet rice I have kept for Madhavendra Puri. Take it to him. He is sleeping in the marketplace."

Dutifully the priest awoke, found the pot of sweet rice, and took it to the marketplace. Then he began to call out, "Madhavendra Puri! Madhavendra Puri! Please come and take this pot of sweet rice—Lord Gopinatha has stolen it for you! Please take it and enjoy it to your heart's content! You are the most fortunate person in the world!" On hearing this invitation, Madhavendra Puri came out, and with ecstatic love he ate the sweet rice the Lord had sent to him. To this day the Deity in the temple at Remuna is known as Kshiracora Gopinatha—the Deity who stole sweet rice for His pure devotee.

After this incident Madhavendra Puri pondered, "The Lord has given me a pot of sweet rice, and when the people hear of this tomorrow morning, there will be great crowds." Thinking in this way, Madhavendra Puri offered his obeisances to Gopinatha on the spot and left Remuna before the morning light.

After much walking he reached Jagannatha Puri and obtained eighty-two pounds of Malayan sandalwood—a valuable burden of love to bring back to his Gopala Deity. Even though he had to pass through provinces heavily patrolled by Muhammadan soldiers and infested with bands of thugs, Madhavendra Puri was not at all anxious. He was concerned only about carrying the sandalwood back to his beloved Gopala, and he didn't even take personal inconveniences or impediments into consideration. He just wanted to serve the Lord.

When he arrived at Remuna, Madhavendra Puri again visited the temple of Gopinatha, and the priest there again served him the famous sweet rice. Now Madhavendra still had the longest and most difficult part of the journey ahead of him. But as he slept that night his own Gopala Deity appeared in a dream and said, "O Madhavendra Puri, there is no difference between My body and Gopinatha's body. They are one and the same. Therefore, if you smear the sandalwood pulp on His body, you will also be smearing it on My body. Thus the temperature of My body will be reduced. You should not hesitate to act according to My order. Believe in Me and just do what is needed." In this way Gopala saved His devotee from possible injury at the hands of enemies. Madhavendra Puri had passed the Lord's test of his love and devotion. To this day people who travel to India can visit the Deities of Gopala and Kshiracora Gopinatha and experience some of the same devotional feelings that inspired Madhavendra Puri. 🌸

Excerpts from inmates' letters

Hare Kṛṣṇa! I fell off my practice some time ago & fell into Darkness & ignorance with almost no restraint at all. I have ruined what progress I had made & shamed myself so much. Someone recently gave me the ultimate gift; an entire set of Srimad Bhagavatam & my heart was broken when I was faced with such a perfect mirror showing the truth of my fallen state. I have begun chanting &

am attempting to reacquaint myself with the regulative principles. I beg of you please help me find my way back, help me get back what I've lost. I miss the feeling of helpless love & Adoration toward my worshipful Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa

J.W. —Amarillo, Texas

Thank you so very much for responding to my previous letter. I immediately hung up the picture of Krishna and Lord Caitanya on my wall along with the photo of Prabhupada in my locker. I read all of the material you sent me and shared it with those also seeking to become God conscious. The maha mantra has truly been a blessing in my life and reading Vedic literature has helped me to achieve a new level of peace and serenity. So I feel it important to express my gratitude towards you and your organization. If there is any more literature you would like to share with me please feel free to do so. Also am I able to send you any questions I may have?

Thank you all and Hare Krishna!
Andrus T. —Safford, Arizona

I am writing you to ask for assistance see I'm happy to be asking for your help yet I do wish I

Inmate Artwork!



ABOVE Left: Sri-Sri Radha-Krishna, from inmate Christopher C.

ABOVE Right: Lord Krishna, by inmate Brian B. —California

had some skill or money to offer Krishna to help our cause in widening Hare Krishna consciousness. It has been in my heart for a few months to draw for Krishna to use that skill for Krishna's enjoyment. The thing is that I am not trained nor do I have the know-how to put words into art as I have in my heart to do out of the *Bhagavad Gita Tal Como Es*.

I read the Gita twice now. I never feel complete bliss unless I place all my attention on Krishna and that's a fact; Krishna has used His mystic powers in my life and there is no deny that Krishna is God the supreme personality and I notice that if I don't pay attention to Krishna, Krishna won't respond but when I do pay Krishna mind He blesses me beyond my asking.

Hector C. —Malone, Florida



WORLD NEWS

BEIRUT FOOD RELIEF EFFORTS IN LEBANON —PROVIDING MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED, CRISIS AFTER CRISIS

By: Bhakti Beirut on May 1, 2021

On August 4th, 2020, Prema Dhan was sitting alone in his office on a phone call, catching up with some work. Suddenly his desk started shaking and he almost fell off his chair. It felt like an earthquake. "I'll call you back," he said. As he went outside to investigate, he saw many other people in a similar state of confusion. Within minutes, news of what had happened started to spread.

A warehouse containing ammonium nitrate had exploded in the port of Beirut, sending an epic blast ripping through the downtown area. One of the largest non-nuclear detonations in history left a wave of destruction, shattering buildings, and countless windows. There were over 7,000 people injured and more than 200 who lost their lives.

Even from his location in the mountains, over 15 km away, Prema Dhan had felt it too. Though physically unaffected he was left shaken. Within minutes of the blast, he began receiving messages of concern from friends and well-wishers around the world.

Among them, he received a voice note from a concerned devotee from Dubai. There was a large community of Lebanese people living there and they wanted to help, "Are you doing any prasadam distribution, like a 'Food for Life' program? We wish to help and are ready to send a donation"

Prema Dhan was stunned, not only by the blast but by that message as well. Since 2010, he and a few other devotees had established the 'Bhakti Beirut' community and started sharing bhakti yoga with the Lebanese people. Throughout this time, a 'Food for Life' project had always been in his mind (and heart).

The Bhakti Beirut community had been organizing kirtan programs and Bhagavad Gita discussions at their center and other various locations. Slowly, they had



ABOVE: Prema dhan das (in green) and Madhukar das (in red) distributing meals on the street in Beirut

been gaining recognition and appreciation in the Lebanese community. Yet due to lack of resources, funds, and volunteers, a prasadam distribution project had never manifested. With barely a handful of committed devotees, the priority was always directed towards sharing kirtan.

But now circumstances in Lebanon had completely changed. Things had really begun shifting in October 2019 when the Lebanese people - fed

up with the corruption of the political elite, whom the people blamed for the crippling economy - started mass protests throughout the country. Why? Money was becoming scarce. As the local currency diminished in value, so did incomes. Many people were only paid half their salaries - if they had jobs at all. The banks started exercising capital control, so even those who had money couldn't access it. There were shortages of gas, medicine, and bread.

But then a new, unexpected challenge put the revolution to a halt: COVID-19. Like everyone else around the world, people had to stay home, and businesses closed. Things went from bad to worse: the value of the local currency plunged, even more, decreasing salaries further, tripling prices of food and other goods, and sending more than half the Lebanese people below the poverty line.

And then came the blast. It was almost too much. People were left homeless and could no longer afford necessities and food. Their morale plunged



to even greater depths and they were left wondering if there was any hope at all.

For the small community of Bhakti Beirut, it was clear that there was a great need, and a great opportunity to serve. And now from this phone message - the offer of a donation from a friend - there was helping to get things started.

As the first step, Prema Dhan consulted with BB Govinda Maharaj, the GBC of Lebanon. After receiving approval and blessings, he then reached out to the friends and well-wishers in the bhakti community in Lebanon and started gathering up the team. To his pleasant surprise, around ten people were ready to serve in the cooking and distribution.

Next, they needed to find a reliable place to send the meals. There was one lady who ran a charity organization that distributed food, and she happily gave them contacts of families in need. Another friend introduced them to a charity center that was lacking in food. Everything was now ready.

And so began 'Food for Life Beirut'.

Volunteers worked on rotation, with the different cooks and distributors serving on their assigned days. Some meals were delivered door to door, and others at the center where families would come pick up the meals themselves.



ABOVE: Vrndavan Viharini devi dasi preparing meals for distribution.

The recipients of the food were tremendously grateful. Beyond the blast, just living in Lebanon through the crumbling economy and covid restrictions made any help much appreciated. Not only were the meals nourishing them physically, but it gave them that extra spiritual gain.



Interestingly, another surprising benefit of the project was the engagement of the bhakti community. Covid restrictions brought the center activities - particularly the uplifting kirtans - essentially to a halt, leaving everyone without a central gathering place to recharge and reconnect.

Although the cook's meal preparations were done in their own personal kitchens, and each driver had their own cars, still, having that common project together gave everyone that sense of community and connection. Each individual endeavor made a collective difference.

Today, over half a year later, the project continues. Since then, their small team has distributed over 2000 meals. They have also teamed up with another charity in Beirut and even started sending meals to a hospital. Even throughout the various lockdown measures, they managed to continue distribution.

Unfortunately, however, the situation in the country has not improved. The local currency has devalued to record lows – rendering a \$600 dollar a month salary to the equivalent of \$60. An amount that could feed a family for perhaps one week, not including other daily expenses. Hopes of foreign aid are blocked by political instability. Costs of food and other commodities continue to soar and there are constant threats of shortages in electricity, fuel, medicines, and grains. Those who have the option are emigrating in record numbers.

Many in the bhakti community are going through their own struggles to support themselves. But still, they plan to stay as long as they can and help according to their capacity. For funds, they depend on the generosity of those living abroad, especially as foreign currencies have more value. And of course, they are leaving the rest up to Krishna. 🌸



Calendar

BELOW: Lord Nrisimhadeva, an incarnation of Lord Krishna



MAY 2021

- 03 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Abhirama Thakura
- 06 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Srila Vrndavana Dasa Thakura
- 07 May 2021 - **Varuthini Ekadashi**
- 11 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Sri Gadadhara Pandita
- 14 May 2021 - End of Jala Dana
- 15 May 2021 - Aksaya Tritya – Candana Yatra Starts
- 17 May 2020 - Appearance Day of Sri Sankaracharya
- 19 May 2021 - Jahnua Saptami
- 21 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Srimati Sita Devi
- 21 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Madhu Pandita
- 21 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Srimati Jahnava Devi
- 23 May 2021 - Mohini Mahadvadasi (Ekadashi)**
- 24 May 2021 - Rukmini Dvadasi
- 24 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Jayananda Prabhu
- 25 May 2021 - **NARASIMHA CATURDASI – APPEARANCE OF LORD NARASIMHADEVĀ**
- 26 May 2021 - Krishna Phula Dola, Salila Vihara
- 26 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Sri Sri Radha-Ramana Devji
- 26 May 2021 - Buddha Purnima – Appearance Day of Lord Buddha
- 26 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Sri Madhavendra Puri
- 26 May 2021 - Appearance Day of Sri Srinivasa Acharya
- 26 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Paramesvari Dasa Thakura
- 30 May 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Ramananda Raya

June 2021

- 06 June 2021 - **Apara Mahadvadasi (Ekadasi)**
- 07 June 2021 - Appearance Day of Srila Vrndavana Dasa Thakura
- 20 June 2021 - Ganga Puja
- 20 June 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Baladeva Vidyabhusana
- 20 June 2021 - Appearance Day of Srimati Gangamata Goswami
- 21 June 2021 - **Pandava Nirjala Ekadasi**
- 23 June 2021 - Panihati Cida Dahi Utsava
- 24 June 2021 - Snana Yatra
- 24 June 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Mukunda Datta
- 24 June 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Sridhara Pandita
- 25 June 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Syamananda Prabhu
- 29 June 2021 - Appearance Day of Sri Vakresvara Pandita



ABOVE: Lord Buddha, an incarnation of Lord Krishna



LEFT: Ganga; the river Ganges