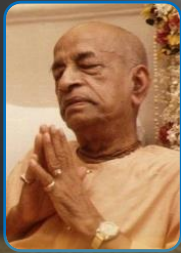


Freedom Newsletter



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

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WE MUST HAVE A DEFINITE PROCESS

This is the conclusion of an exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and an official from an impersonalist (God-is-simply-everyone-and-everything) movement. The exchange took place in Paris, on August 13, 1973, with Srila Prabhupada's disciples translating the official's remarks from French.

Official: Personally, I do not like the idea of killing animals.

Srila Prabhupada: But what is the ideal of your order? That I am asking.

Official: Love between men. Understanding.

Srila Prabhupada: What have the animals done? There is no love or understanding shown to them.

Official: I love the animals. I have many animals living with me. I am surrounded by animals. [Laughter.]

Srila Prabhupada: That is nice. But a person who is habituated to kill animals—will he be admitted into your order?

Official: I do not think that someone who kills animals would like to enter, but if a butcher wants to enter, that is all right, because gradually, we will elevate him.

Srila Prabhupada: Then—in principle—the order does not allow animal killing?



Official: We would rather not see anyone killed.

Ideally, our movement would not want to see animals killed, or anyone killed.

Srila Prabhupada: Therefore, I want to know what are the principles—the rules and regulations—of the order.

Official: Our principles are love, beauty, harmony, peace. And as you progress, one initiation after another initiation, if you begin as a butcher, then gradually, in your own self, you will wish to give it up. But there are no rules.

Srila Prabhupada: “One initiation after another initiation,” but there are no progressive rules?

Official: Our order doesn’t require that you give up meat-eating. Our order is intelligent. If we were to tell people, “Don’t do this, don’t do this, don’t do that,” nobody would join us. In any case, the real mystic is someone who has controlled his own body.

Srila Prabhupada: But that you cannot explain—how to control the body.

Official: It happens immediately, or it will happen in a while.

Srila Prabhupada: At least, I cannot accept this. We could discuss further if you had some definite program. Say I want to enter your association.

You must give me some prescription which, if I follow, I’ll make progress. But you have no such prescription.

Official: I shall submit to my grandmaster your request for a specific prescription to be given to you.

Srila Prabhupada: But—in principle—your order hasn’t got any such prescription.

Official: We will make one special, just for you.

Srila Prabhupada: But not for the general mass of people.

Official: Correct. It is very good that you prescribe no meat-eating, no intoxicants, no premarital or extramarital sex, and so on. These are nice principles that you are following. And we are sure that you have come to these conclusions—on your own—just as perhaps one day we may also come to these conclusions—on our own.

Srila Prabhupada: So for the time being, your order has no such rules and regulations?

Official: Our order makes certain suggestions, but we do not oblige anyone to follow our suggestions.

Srila Prabhupada: What are those suggestions?

Official: Our movement suggests that people live a life as perhaps yours is—of purity, and pure thoughts and moral living and even following certain principles of...

Srila Prabhupada: But these impure things are going on all over the world, and you don’t say anything. Suppose a man is killing animals.

You don’t prohibit him. He is engaged in immoral life, and if you don’t prohibit him, then how can he become

moral? Do you think the killing of animals and morality go together?

Official: Our order likes very much the ideals of beauty and harmony and morality, but we cannot impose these things on anyone.

Srila Prabhupada: But for instance, the Bible imposes the rule or regulation—“You shall not kill.” Yet you have no such thing.

Official: Realization is what counts.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, but what that realization is, you cannot explain. If you cannot explain, then what is your realization?

Official: Had I not realized something, I would not be here now.

Srila Prabhupada: Then first let us see whether you can describe who you are.

Official: When Moses saw the burning bush and asked the fire, “Who are you?” the fire said, “I am what I am.” Who am I?—that is a question you are going to have to answer by your own meditations.

Srila Prabhupada: But what is your meditation? What have you learned?

Official: The thing to realize is peace. When you join our order, you receive a letter, and at the bottom of the letter, it says, “With our best wishes for your peace and happiness.”

Srila Prabhupada: That’s all right. Everyone wants that. But what is the process?

Official: Praying, courage, faith. A serious movement, a serious order, would never guarantee instantaneous illumination.

Srila Prabhupada: No, that we also say. But we must have a definite process. For instance, in answer to the question “Who are you?”—because at least one must know who he is—you gave the vague reply, “I am what I am.” If I tell you, “You come here,” and if you ask me, “Who are you, sir?”, then if I say, “I am what I am,” is that the proper answer? [Laughter.] That is a nonsense answer. If I ask you, “Who are you?”, if you say, “I am

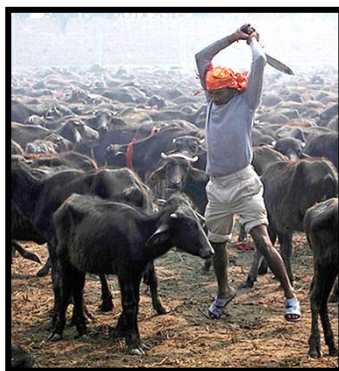
what I am,” is that the proper answer?

Official: I could tell you my name, but the interior, the reality, is different. Now, If we all join together in silence and we enter into ourselves and create *one person*, then we will know who we are—from that silence.

Srila Prabhupada: But how it is possible to remain silent?

Disciple [in jest]: *Bahunam janmanam ante:* “After many, many births and deaths.”

Srila Prabhupada [laughing]: That’s all right. That’s all right. 🙏



Excerpts from inmates' letters

As you know, I am in the military veterans' unit. A few months ago, one of my buddies visited my living area a few times. Whenever he would visit, he would stare at the pictures on my altar, especially that of Kṛṣṇa. Whenever he would do this, I would ask him 'what is up' and he would just say he was just looking. Mind you, this buddy of mine is a combat hardened paratrooper. Of course, being a paratrooper he cannot be totally sane considering he willingly jumped out of a perfectly good aircraft, fully loaded down with gear, into a hot zone and loved doing it.



So anyway, this macho warrior was again staring at Kṛṣṇa's picture and out of nowhere my buddy says: 'That blue chick is hot'. I busted out laughing and he looked at me confused. He said, 'What? She is hot looking.' This caused me to laugh even more and again he asks, 'what?!' This time with a little bit more panic in his voice. I finally managed to say, 'well, THAT blue chick is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, God, and He is known as Kṛṣṇa, which means all-attractive'. I went back to laughing as his reaction was a moment of shock—well-hidden unless you knew him.

So anyway, he then begins staring again at Kṛṣṇa, cocks his head and then straight deadpan says, 'Well, He's still hot', and smiles a huge grin at me. Since my buddy was so attracted to Kṛṣṇa, I gave him two of those mantra cards (with the maha mantra on the back)—one with a picture of Kṛṣṇa and one with picture of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. Well anyway, a few weeks ago my buddy is sorting through and packing what he was taking to go home as he was leaving that day. At one point he takes these two pictures he had put up on the inside of his locker door and said to all of us gathered nearby that he had to 'take Kṛṣṇa, my hot looking God' with him. I realized then just how attractive Kṛṣṇa truly is to everyone no matter their background, even battle-hardened macho warriors like my buddy. Jaya Kṛṣṇa!

David B. —Danbury Connecticut

The Freedom Newsletter is so full of wisdom, compassion, philosophy. It gives me plenty of Kṛṣṇa's love and the strength to continue fighting maya. I'm still following with discipline, the regulative principles, with the exception of coffee once in a while, which I'll probably leave alone soon. I try to chant at least three to five rounds a day, counting on my fingers as we're not allowed beads in SHU.

Jose A. —Ray Brook, New York

I am so looking forward to getting the prayer beads. I am chanting some with Swami Prabhupada from a japa meditation chant (traditional) I downloaded off the kiosk. I also downloaded the Hare Krishna kirtan with him. I love them both. However, I feel my chanting/prayer will be way more effective with the beads. I have received one e-mail from dear Ramaniya lately where she answered some questions I had. She is **such a blessing** and so well-versed in Krishna Consciousness. I now see why you chose her to be my contact. I am truly blessed to be able to consult and learn from her.

I have been proselytizing here big time! I'm letting guys to read some of my BTG's and Freedom Newsletters and chanting with them. Moreover, I've also shown these guys the beautiful art in my gorgeous new calendar I had my wife send me. To me the ISKCON art is one of the best things about our movement—so aesthetically wonderful!!!

Kyle S.—Angola Louisiana

Just in the beginning of March three people were killed at my prison so we have been on a commissioner lockdown all month. But Yes I've recently been released from being in the isolation units. After six years! It's such a blessing to be able to walk among my peers again!

It's such a blessing to read the Srimad-Bhagavatam! I'm already on Canto four. I Started back over and began reading all the commentary as well. I want to memorize the Songs Sung by Lord Siva to Kṛṣṇa; they are so beautiful!! I never realized how boundless Srila Prabhupada's knowledge and wisdom was until reading the Srimad-Bhagavatam, I am amazed!!

I've just finished my 16 Rounds today. I felt so great! May you be protected by the Mercy of Kṛṣṇa, The Supreme Personality of Godhead, and not be afflicted.

Dale D. —Oglethorpe, Georgia



PANKAJANGHRI PRABHU DEPARTS

By Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Bhanu Swami, and Revati Raman Das

This past May 2021, Pankajanghri Prabhu, ISKCON's most beloved Nrsimhadeva pujari, has departed from this world in Sri Dham Mayapur, India.

Having joined ISKCON in the footsteps of his twin brother, Jananivasa Prabhu, in 1973, the two brothers dedicated their lives to serving the Lordships of ISKCON's International Headquarters in Lord Caitanya's divine abode of Sri Mayapur.

Pankajanghri Prabhu served not only the Lord, but devotees worldwide, who would turn to him in their time of need, begging him to offer their hearts' prayers at Lord Nrsimhadeva's feet. Every devotee who has visited Mayapur Dham will hold fondly the image of Pankajanghri Prabhu standing on Nrsimhadeva's altar, offering prayers and puja on behalf of the devotees, and in turn, offering the Lord's mahaprasadam to the devotees.



Not many of us, however, were aware that in the background, Pankajanghri Prabhu was also managing the pujari department for many years, ensuring that the service to Their Lordships continued efficiently while expanding and deepening exponentially. We are all indebted to Pankajanghri Prabhu for the great inspiration we derive from the beautiful darshans and festivals that can be experienced only in Sri Dham Mayapur.

Pankajanghri Prabhu also graced the devotees with weekly classes on Srimad-Bhagavatam and Caitanya-caritamrita. He was a founding board member and inspiration for Mayapur Academy, an international school for brahminical training, where he taught the proper mood and method of deity worship to hundreds of students as instructed by Srila Prabhupada.

Along with fifty years of steadfast service as a pujari, manager, speaker, and educator, Pankajanghri Prabhu was also a dear brother, uncle, and friend to both the Mayapur community and ISKCON worldwide. Today is a heartbreaking day especially for the generations of Mayapurvasis who grew up in the affectionate shelter of such a loving and playful uncle. It is rare indeed to find a personality with the combination of such dedication, humility, joviality, and kindness. As Srila Prabhupada himself said in 1976, "The two brothers Pankajanghri and Jananivasa – there is no comparison." We join the worldwide family of Vaisnavas, especially Jananivasa Prabhu and the Mayapur community, in grieving the loss of a beloved godbrother and friend while simultaneously feeling gratitude for the mercy of Sri Nrsimhadeva, who kindly brought His dear servant home [back from the hospital] to Sri Dham Mayapur for a glorious departure befitting a dedicated devotee like Pankajanghri Prabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa. 🌸



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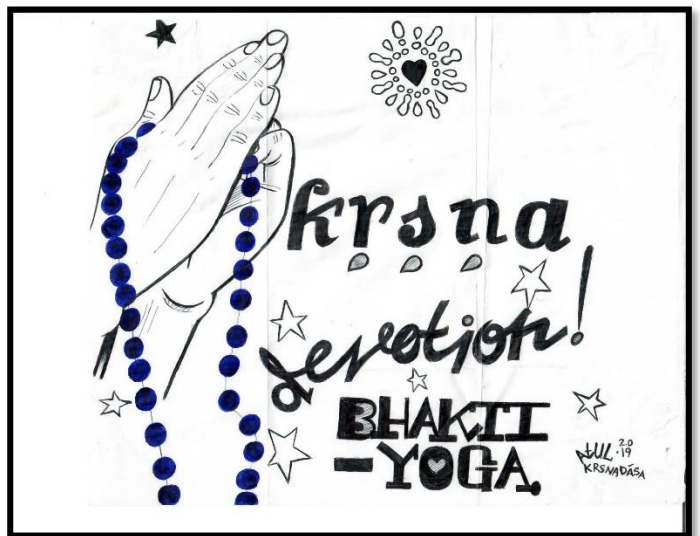
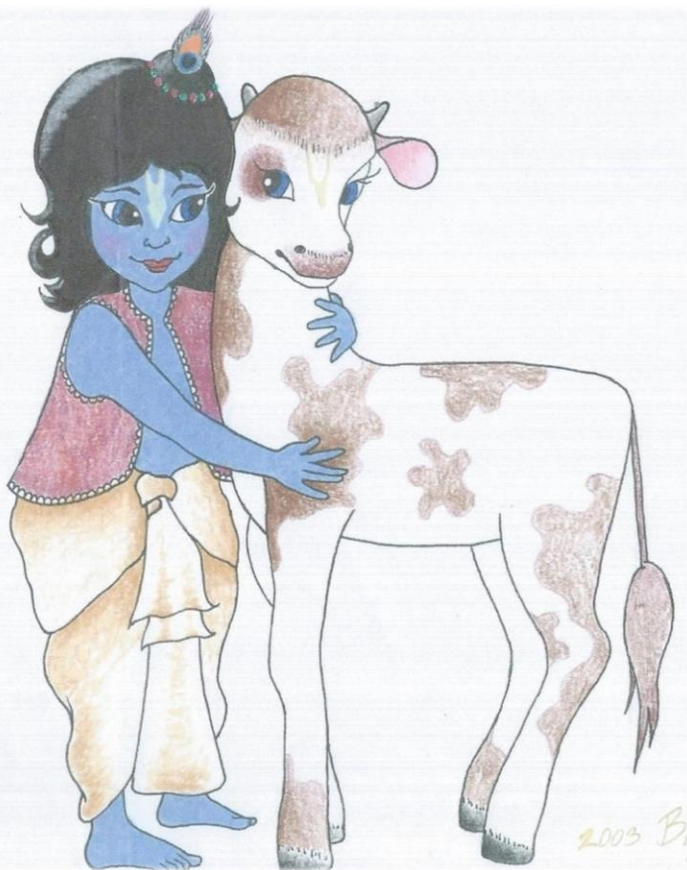
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The same goes for the *Back to Godhead* (BTG), magazine: **please inform the IPM office**, NOT BTG office.

Inmate Artwork!



ABOVE: Chanting on Japa Beads
By inmate Atul Kṛṣṇa dasa

LEFT: Gopal with His calf
By Bhakta Paul

WHAT IS CATURMASYA? (see calendar at the end of the newsletter)

Caturmasya (pronounced cha-toor-ma-sya) is a four lunar month period dedicated to deepening one's absorption in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

It is stated in the *Nectar of Devotion* that by following the regulative principles of Caturmasya, one can quickly be raised to the platform of devotional service. The observance of Caturmasya is meant to increase one's devotion to Lord Krishna and to decrease sense gratification, so whatever is done during Caturmasya should support one's sadhana and service and should not inhibit it. The four-month period of Caturmasya is an opportunity for devotees and non-devotees alike to reap immense spiritual benefit from the performance of the simplest of austerities to the best of one's ability and according to one's individual circumstance. It is the quality of one's vrata (vow) rather than the quantity that is most pleasing to Krishna, and so any effort made for the pleasure of the Lord is greatly appreciated and well rewarded.

Although the fasts listed below are recommended, inmates, who don't have the choice of the kind of food they get, shouldn't be worried; Kṛṣṇa knows everyone's particular situation. I am just listing them for those of you who are curious:

- 1) In the **first** month of Caturmasya, which is known as Sravana (July–August), one should give up eating cooked green, leafy vegetables.
- 2) In the **second** month known as Bhādrapada (August–September), one should avoid eating yogurt.
- 3) In the **third** month, Āsvina (September–October), it is recommended that one should abstain from milk.
- 4) In the **fourth** and last month, Kārtika (October–November), one should not eat urad dhal.

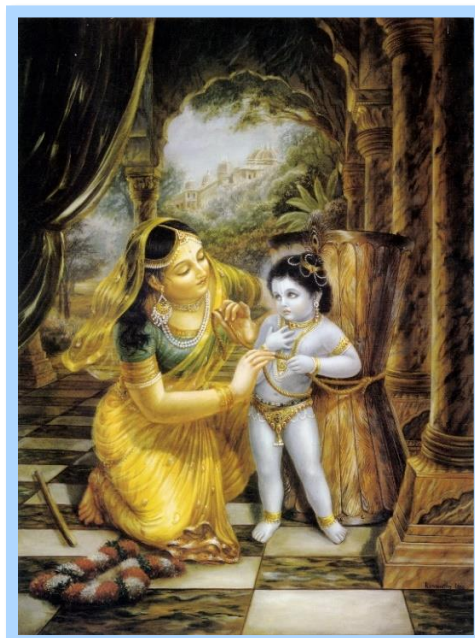
The last month of Caturmasya is called **Kārtik**, also known as the month of **Damodara** (pronounce da-mo-dar), is especially potent for deepening one's love for Krishna. It is considered by devotees of Krishna to be the holiest month of the year. During this month, devotees take extra vows and perform extra spiritual activities, according to their individual ability and circumstances. Devotees especially worship Krishna in His form as a young boy, Damodara, who was once bound at the waist by His mother, Yashoda, as a punishment for His mischievous childhood pastimes.

In a purport in the *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, Srila Prabhupada explains how the observance of Caturmasya is obligatory for those in all āśramas. He

emphasizes this as an opportunity for people to reduce their amount of sense gratification —this is the real purpose behind the observance of Caturmasya. The basic observance of avoiding leafy greens, yogurt, milk, urad dhal and increasing one's sadhana is sufficient for one to obtain limitless mercy from the Lord —such is the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

“The Caturmasya period takes place during the rainy season. Caturmasya should be observed by all sections of the population. It does not matter whether one is a grihastha or a sannyasi. The observance is obligatory for all āśramas. The real purpose behind the vow taken during these four months is to minimize the quantity of sense gratification. This is not very difficult. (...) On the whole, during the four-month period of Caturmasya one should practice giving up all food intended for sense enjoyment.” **Caitanya Caritamṛta, Madhya-līla 4.169 (excerpt from Srila Prabhupada's purport)**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Before Kārtik begins, in October, why not meditate on a vow you would like to take, to please Kṛṣṇa? It could be to forego television during that month, or chant an extra round a day, or read more, or finish a certain book, or give someone a book. Just make sure you pick something that is actually doable for you. After all, we want to feel **enlivened** by succeeding, not discouraged by failing. 😊



HOW I MET SRILA PRABHUPADA

By Damodara Das

One evening in the summer of 1966 a friend and I were waiting for a downtown bus. We were going to a Fulton Street loft to rehearse music for a mixed-media show. My friend had gone into a luncheonette for a moment when I noticed, through the window of a storefront, an orange-robed Indian man with a shaved head, lecturing to a small group of young people. I remembered reading a short article in the *Village Voice* a few weeks before about Swami Bhaktivedanta, who had come to the United States to spread the devotional practice of chanting God's Name. I guessed this must be the same Swami. When I saw him, I imagined myself going into the storefront, sitting down, chanting, and renouncing all worldly connections. But I told myself it was only my imagination. After all, I was married, going to a rehearsal, and I didn't know anything about the Swami anyway. So my friend and I got on a bus. "Imagine!" I said to him. "A holy man in a Second Avenue storefront!"



It was a very intriguing situation for me. I had been involved in various impersonal philosophies, and especially Buddhism, for a few years. And by this time a little psychedelic seasoning had been added. My interest had always been with the traditional forms, and not "new" organizations. So I knew how important it was to have a good guru, and how important it was to obey him strictly. Of course, I considered myself an impersonalist, and the Swami taught that God's highest aspect is as a Person. So I lost interest.

Krishna has a big bag of tricks, though, and by His grace I began to tire of chemical wonderlands, rigid discriminatory eliminations and material analyses. For such a long time I had been saying, "Not this, not that," just as Lord Buddha had suggested, and had arrived at a potpourri system of my own speculations gleaned from various books I had read, all culminating in Nothing, that big impersonalist Void, the source of many a searcher's "wipe-out." God, I thought, was on the third or fourth level down (depending on what day it was). Now, how is anybody to get out of such a jailhouse of intellectualization?

I started to think that, psychologically speaking, I needed a devotional tonic. Impersonalism didn't satisfy my desire to know the Absolute. I felt that all that eliminating was getting stale, and what I needed was some group chanting.

So, on a mid-October Sunday afternoon, my wife and I went over to Tompkins Park to find out what this Krishna Consciousness was all about. By this time I had read an article in the *East Village Other* about Swami and his followers and knew they would be chanting in the park. I expected to hear "Hare

Krishna" droned out in a low, single-toned way, like most Buddhist chants, but I heard the cymbals: one-two-three, one-two-three: a kind of intoxicating flamboyance, considering what I was used to, and very magnetic. I walked a little faster, and saw heads bobbing up and down, arms waving. What was this? No black-robed Zens here! Then I heard it. A song! A beautiful, endless song! Hare Krishna! Hare Krishna! I had to get closer to it, so I pushed through the onlookers. And there he was, Swami, the center of all this whirling-dervish ecstasy, surrounded by every kind of outlandish hippie and frustrated office worker imaginable, scrutinized by solid neighborhood Ukrainians and ragged Puerto Rican kids; Swami, banging on a drum, seventy-odd years old, in complete control of this transcendental songfest. How could I keep from chanting? It was impossible. And even though I'm shy, I even found myself dancing a little. Hare Krishna!

From that point on, the fire of devotional service began to melt my icy Buddhist intellect. I found it hard to accept most of the philosophy at first, but the plain fact of the matter was that Swami gave better answers and better explanations than anyone else. After two or three months I saw only one possibility: he was right!

The next April, just after he had returned from opening the San Francisco temple, I asked him to initiate me. And just as I was asking him, I truly realized that Swami Bhaktivedanta was my Spiritual Master. 🌸

LIFE of PURE DEVOTEES

SUMMARY OF THE LIFE OF SRILA BHAKTIVINODA THAKURA

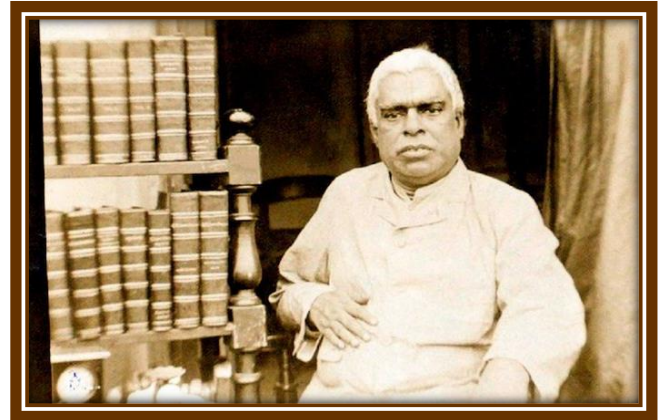
Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura is an Acharya in the line of our disciplic succession. Liberated souls like him are not forced to take birth like us, due to past karma, but rather they descend from the spiritual world simply to rescue us, the conditioned souls. That is why we refer to their “appearance day” rather than their birthday. They are not ordinary men. Although eternally liberated, they seemingly go through struggles just to give us an example of how to live in this world.

Formerly known as Kedarnatha Datta, he was born in 1838 in Birnagar, West Bengal. Growing up, Kedarnatha Datta preferred to sit and talk with the gate keepers and soldiers and listen to them recite pastimes of Lord Krishna and Lord Rama than to play outside. Even from a young age, Thakura Bhaktivinoda was attracted to the pastimes of the Lord. Any time he’d hear about a festival, or puja, Kedarnatha would try to attend. At the age of ten, two thoughts were in his mind: “What is this world?”, and “Who are we?” Kedarnatha’s inquisitive nature always left him unsatisfied. This mood was carried all through his life.

As the years went by, Kedarnatha Datta had various positions, and finally in 1866, became a District Magistrate high court judge. Thakura juggled his government responsibilities as a high court judge, maintained a Krishna conscious family and studied and wrote numerous books.

Here is an excerpt of a lecture by Srila Prabhupada, on Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura’s Appearance day, September 3, 1971, in London:
“So Bhaktivinoda Thakura is an ideal guru. He was not a sannyasi; he was grihastha, householder, living with family, wife, children. Still, he was guru. In spite of his becoming a responsible magistrate, a householder, still, he was Acarya.”

Even though it had only been a couple hundred years since Caitanya Mahaprabhu disappeared, His teachings were practically lost. It took Thakura eight constant years of trying to finally get his hands on a copy of the Sri Caitanya Caritamrta. Once he got his own copy of the Sri Caitanya-Caritamrta and the Srimad-Bhagavatam, Bhaktivinoda Thakura felt that his search for answers was done. He would constantly read the biography of Lord Caitanya over and over again. In his autobiography, Thakura stated that, “From this time my



respect and reverence for Sri Caitanyadeva was born. That seed of faith for the Vaishnava-dharma which was implanted within my heart soon sprouted. Now I love to study the Sastras dealing with Krishna both day and night.”

Between the years 1874 and 1893, Thakura Bhaktivinoda followed a rigid schedule, allowing him to manage all his duties and responsibilities along with his studies and writing.

Thakura Bhaktivinoda rested for three hours in total, in order to fit in his studies and japa, which took roughly four and a half hours, his writing which took up about eight and a half hours, and his services for the government which took around six hours of his time. He followed this schedule very strictly.

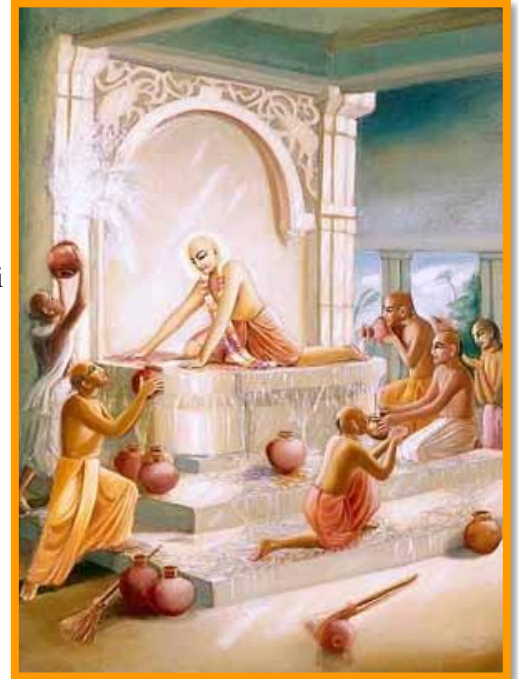
One of the ten children of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura was Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura also a liberated soul, a great Acarya in his own right, who later became Srila Prabhupada’s spiritual master.

In the years to come, Srila Thakura Bhaktivinoda composed over one-hundred books and songs such as Sri Krishna-samhita, Jaiva Dharma, Sri Caitanya-sikshamrita, Vaishnava-siddhanta-mala, Prema-pradipa, Manah-shiksha, Saranagati, Gitamala, Gitavali and so on, as well as established many centers. He also defeated and dealt with many troublemakers who mislead people by claiming to be God, or an incarnation of God, and who even had illicit connections with married village women, alleging they were engaged in the Rasa dance. He had no tolerance for anyone or anything which did not align with the teachings of Sri Caitanyadeva. During that time, Thakura Bhaktivinoda had also taken Vaisnava initiation into the Vaisnava

Calendar

JULY 2021

- 04 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Srivasa Pandita
- 05 July 2021 - **Yogini Mahadvadasi (Ekadasi)**
- 10 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gadadhara Pandita
- 10 July 2021 - **Disappearance Day of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura**
- 11 July 2021 - Gundica Marjana
- 12 July 2021 - Ratha Yatra Starts
- 12 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Svarupa Damodara Goswami
- 12 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Sivananda Sena
- 15 July 2021 - Hera Pancami
- 16 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vakresvara Pandita
- 20 July 2021 - **Sayana Ekadashi**
- 20 July 2021 - Return of Ratha Yatra
- 24 July 2021 - Guru (Vyasa) Purnima
- 24 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sanatana Goswami
- 25 July 2021 - **First Month of Caturmasya Begins**
- 28 July 2021 - Disappearance Day of Srila Gopala Bhatta Goswami



ABOVE: Gundica Marjana: the pastime of Lord Caitanya cleaning the Gundica temple with His devotees.

AUGUST 2021

- 01 Aug 2021 - Disappearance Day of Srila Lokanatha Goswami
- 02 Aug 2021 - The Incorporation of ISKCON in New York
- 04 Aug 2021 - **Kamika Ekadashi**
- 12 Aug 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Raghunandan Thakura
- 12 Aug 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vamsidasa Babaji
- 18 Aug 2021 - **Pavitra Ekadashi**
- 18 Aug 2021 - Radha Govinda Jhulan Yatra Begins
- 19 Aug 2021 - Disappearance Day of Srila Rupa Goswami
- 19 Aug 2021 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gauridasa Pandita
- 22 Aug 2021 - Jhulan Yatra Ends
- 22 Aug 2021 - **Appearance Day of Lord Balarama**
- 23 Aug 2021 - Second Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 23 Aug 2021 - Srila Prabhupada's Departure for the USA
- 30 Aug 2021 - **Sri Krsna Janmastami**
- 31 Aug 2021 - Nandotsava
- 31 Aug 2021 - **Appearance Day of Srila Prabhupada**



RIGHT: Lord Kṛṣṇa appears to Vasudeva and Devaki, in the prison of King Kamsa (**Janmastami**).