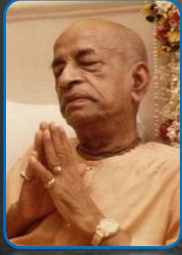


Freedom Newsletter



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

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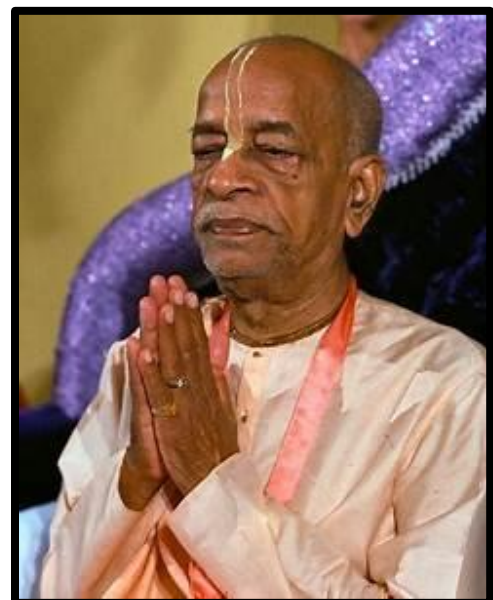
This conversation between His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and Mr. P. Sharma, a former United Nations worker, took place in Paris in 1974.

Srila Prabhupada: Suppose I ask the United Nations, as an organization, to explain the purpose of this cosmic manifestation. I am created a man, another is created an elephant, and another is created an ant. Why is this? The sun is rising on time, the moon is rising on time, seasons are changing. What is the purpose behind all this?

Mr. Sharma: I think the United Nations would be at a loss to tell you.

Srila Prabhupada: So, people have become very dull in spite of their so-called education.

Mr. Sharma: Oh, yes. Education today is merely book knowledge.



Srila Prabhupada: Such so-called knowledge is described in *Srimad-Bhagavatam* as simply a waste of time. Although a person may execute his duties perfectly, if he doesn't understand the purpose of creation—if he doesn't awaken his Krishna consciousness—then whatever he has done is simply a waste of time. So our point is that the United Nations is only wasting time.



Even from the practical point of view, they are unable to accomplish anything. The original idea was to stop war. But there have been so many wars, and they cannot stop them. They call themselves the United Nations, but actually they are becoming disunited more and more. According to the *Bhagavad-gita*, if they actually want peace they must know that Lord Krishna (the Supreme Personality of Godhead) is the supreme enjoyer (*bhokta*), that He is the supreme proprietor (*sarva-loka-mahesvaram*), and that He is everyone's friend (*suhridam sarva-bhutanam*). When they know this, Krishna says, then there will be peace. Otherwise, their big conferences in big offices will never be successful.

Mr. Sharma: That means everything belongs to God. That's the one fact they want to avoid.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, that is their nonsense. The United Nations is simply an association of the cheaters and the cheated. Someone wants to cheat, and someone is being cheated. That is our opinion. So how can an association of cheaters and cheated do any good for human society? They are cheaters. They do not know how to attain peace, but they are claiming that they will bring peace to the world. Therefore they are cheaters.

Mr. Sharma: Well, many people will say that the only things that matter are those that can be rationally explained. Anything else is beyond reason.

Srila Prabhupada: But our argument is quite reasonable. Everything in this room has been created. Isn't that so?

Mr. Sharma: Yes.

Srila Prabhupada: The table has been created, the light has been created—everything has been created by someone. So how can you deny the fact that someone has

created the whole universe? If you say it has come about automatically, that is rascaldom. Someone has created it. But who is that someone? We are not the creators. So we can understand that someone else has created this world. And then we have to ask. Who is the proprietor? Shall I be the proprietor or shall the creator be the proprietor?

Mr. Sharma: The creator, of course.

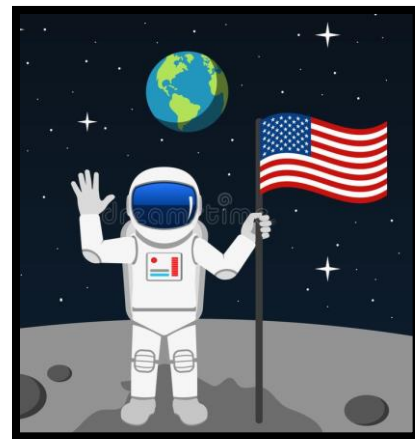
Srila Prabhupada: So why are they claiming, "This is my country"?

Mr. Sharma: Are you saying that the United States, for instance, doesn't belong to the Americans?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. It doesn't belong to them. Yet these rascals are claiming, "This is mine. This is my flag." Therefore, they are all cheaters. And they are combining and trying to cheat others. The Americans are thinking, "How can I cheat the Russians?" And the Russians are thinking, "How can I cheat the Americans?" Is that civilization—to become cheaters and waste time in so-called conferences? Is that civilization?

Mr. Sharma: No, not at all.

Srila Prabhupada: In America they cheated the red Indians. They got the land, and now they are claiming, "It is mine." Well, where did you get this land? You cheated the red Indians, and now you claim it is your land. All



over the world this is going on. Napoleon thought, "France is mine." So, France is there, but where is Napoleon? Where is he living now? In France or in hell or in heaven? There are so many places and so many forms of life. In this body, in this life, I may be working as a nationalist—as a Napoleon or as a Gandhi or as someone fighting in the United Nations. But as soon as this body is finished, I'll get another body. So the whole duration of my previous life is simply wasted.

Mr. Sharma: I see.

Srila Prabhupada: Simply wasted. They are simply wasting time. They don't have perfect knowledge—simply some utopian ideas. And they are passing as advanced in civilization. They should know what the purpose of life is—what our relationship is with this cosmic manifestation. There must be a creator. So who is that creator? What is my relationship with Him? But they are neglecting all these things and still passing as world leaders.

Mr. Sharma: That's the worst kind of government. It seems that their standard is just as you've said: every nation for itself.

Srila Prabhupada: But a human being can get out of this illusion. There is sufficient knowledge, especially in the Vedic literature. So why don't they take advantage of this knowledge and make their lives successful? That is my proposal. We are spreading this Krishna consciousness movement only for this purpose. These people are missing the point and unnecessarily wasting their lives in illusion. So we are trying to save them—that is our Krishna consciousness movement. 🌸

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HOW I CAME TO KRṢṂA CONSCIOUSNESS

LIBERATED PRISONER

By Jeffery S. — Fredonia, Kentucky

I grew up in a small county in southern Tennessee, near Memphis called Atoka. In our home there were pretty much no rules. Since I can remember my mother was very ill; she had congestive heart failure and I remember the day the doctor told her that she had kidney failure and would need to start dialysis. I remember it being really rough on her. She took a lot of prescription pills, Xanax, pain pills and smoked weed daily. I remember sneaking into her purse and stealing pain pills and Xanax by the time I was fourteen or so. I also started smoking pot and hanging out with my big brother and all his rowdy friends. I looked up to him and thought he and his friends were cool; they were all hippies and I would tag along to go to Grateful Dead concerts. I loved the energy there and the love everyone showed to each other but I also loved the LSD and pot and over indulged often. I was basically living an hedonistic lifestyle and as the years passed by stoned, depression came often and my soul was suffering badly. I just knew I was meant for something much greater, and I knew I was yearning for a relationship with God. My mom passed away in 2011 and I was strung up on pain pills and NOT there for her

and the rest of my family like I should have been. Soon after her transmigration, I moved to Kentucky to live and work with my aunt. I was still smoking weed every day and started to use heroin; in no time at all I was put out of my aunt's house and ended up on the streets,



literally sleeping in parks and abandoned houses in the rough West End of Louisville. I remember, many times, on the street, behind a dumpster or in a dark alley, literally falling to my knees and begging God to save my soul. I was out of my correct position and the wear and tear was beginning to be too much for me, I surrendered to God and asked that His will be done in my life. But then I would take go back again [to my addictions],

with small periods of detox, sobriety, and then relapse. This occurred over and over for years. I got so badly addicted to heroin that I started stealing, I got caught and



put on house arrest, I ran and got charged with escape. I got another chance and was sent to a Christian faith based program but again was attracted by sense pleasure and left only two weeks after having arrived there. I was caught four months later and sent to prison.

Sobriety and structure came into my life pretty much for the first time in a very long time. I started to pray many times each day, what is known in recovery as “The Third step Prayer”:

“God I offer myself to Thee, to build with me and do with me as Thy will, relieve me of the bondage of self so that I may better do Thy will; take away my difficulties so that victory over them may bear witness to Thy power, Thy love, and Thy way of life, may I do Thy will always.”

This prayer dramatically changed my life and has become a powerful mantra for me I continue to pray it many times each day. So for me the act of **surrendering** to Kṛṣṇa is very important.

I started to read a lot of esoterica and a lot of books which, at the end of the day, were just pointless philosophical speculation on the Supreme Truth. I read “Autobiography of a Yogi, Paramahansa Yogananda.” But I was still left with so many questions. I attended the Christian services and praised God, but the Bible just didn’t satisfy my intellect. I continued to ask God to carry out His will in my body and one day my cell-mate got a copy of the *Bhagavad Gita As It Is* and it just sat on his shelf for like two weeks until I picked it up one day and started to read and WOW; I thought, ‘now THIS is what I have been seeking, Sanatana dharma, the eternal religion.’

I literally have NOT put it down since then which has been one year ago this month. I randomly picked out a couple of ISKCON centers to write, seeking

a teacher to help me learn and I got a letter from Toledo Ohio, from a devotee, Candrasekhara dasa.

I scrubbed my little night stand until it was very clean and constructed an altar. I made nice picture frames out of toilet paper dipped in dark coffee to give it a dark brown look and then hand-molded it to appear as natural wood. I now prepare my prasadam here and offer it first to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa before eating. I took up the four regulative principles and started chanting; I cut up a bunch of pencils and hollowed the centers out to make beads, I strung 108 of these beads on a string and made my japa beads. I received more books; it seems that just the right one comes when I need it, including a Vaisnava calendar with beautiful pictures on each month! ☺

Now that I am developing a higher taste and a genuine eagerness to engage in devotional service to Kṛṣṇa, I am constantly



happy and though I am physically here in prison, my mind, intelligence and ego are fixed on Kṛṣṇa so I’m not affected as much by external material circumstances. Sanatana-dharma has transformed my life in a powerful way and has enhanced every aspect of my life. Here, in my “prison ashram”, I have had many realizations and I feel more fit than ever to return to the community.

This has been just a very short version of my transformation; I could go on writing for a hundred more pages for I never grow tired of conversing about Kṛṣṇa. It doesn’t happen here often but when I find one whom to converse with about Kṛṣṇa it brings me MORE pleasure than ALL the recreation in this world! 🌸



Need Books or Prayer Beads?

Requests for books, beads or other material should be sent to the Hare Kṛṣṇa minister assigned to you. If you are not in contact with a minister, you can send your requests to: ISKCON Prison Ministry, PO Box 2676, Alachua, FL 32616

- 1) Tell us if you can receive hardbound books and how many at a time.
- 2) Please make sure that you are allowed to receive any of the material you request.
- 3) Tell us if the material need to be sent directly to you **or** through your chaplain and if you need an authorization form.
- 4) **Before requesting beads**, inform yourself about the kind of prayer beads you are allowed (size, color, & kind of string).

Book Distribution Stories!

HERE ARE SOME experiences and realizations of devotees who give people Kṛṣṇa consciousness by giving them Srila Prabhupada's books.

DEATH WISH STOPPED

By Haraprana Devi Dasi —Radhadesh, Belgium

Once I was distributing Srila Prabhupada's books in a small city in Belgium, and I met a woman who listened very emotionally as I showed her a book.



She told me she didn't need the book, because she had just bought some pills at the pharmacy (she showed them to me) and was on her way home to take them all at once and end her life.

Shocked, I asked her why. She said her husband had died and she couldn't live without him. I told her about reincarnation, and I explained that committing suicide would not solve her problems. I said that this knowledge was in Srila Prabhupada's books and they would be a great help and shelter for her. She decided to read the book before taking the pills and asked me to come to her house so that she could pay for the book. After she had invited me to sit down, we started a conversation. She showed me photographs of her husband, and to my amazement I came across some pictures of she and her husband visiting Radhadesh [the main Hare Kṛṣṇa center in Belgium] during a marriage ceremony.

I said, "Hey! That's where I live! And the girl getting married there is my friend, and she's also here in town right now."

I went to get my devotee friend. As we spoke with the woman, she gradually became more and more enthusiastic and bought all five books we had with us. She promised us she was going to throw the pills away, read the books thoroughly, and keep contact with the devotees. She kept her promise. Now she often visits the temple, and she opens her house for any devotee who wants to stay overnight or distribute books from there.



PLEASANT DREAMS

By Bhaktavatsala Dasa—Germany

I met a woman in Dingolfing, Germany, who at first wasn't interested in the books but then revealed she

was very disturbed because her husband had recently died. I showed her a copy of Srila Prabhupada's *Second Chance*. After looking at the cover, she became thoughtful and looked at me, pondering whether or not she should tell me her problem.



She told me that her husband had been very cruel but she was such a faithful wife that even when he became terminally ill she nursed him until death. After his death she started having terrible dreams and then visions. She was regularly terrorized by his ghost. She had

never believed in ghosts, but now she knew they existed. I gave her three big books.

About a year later I met her at the same shopping center. She told me she had become convinced by the books and when she started reading them in her room, her husband stopped visiting. She was very grateful, only lamenting that since reading the books, she could no longer relate to her mundane friends and their trivial talks in the workplace. 🌸



JOYFUL REUNION

By Tapasa Dasa—Stockholm

A few years ago in Norway I approached a woman in a parked car. She rolled down the window, and I handed her a book. On seeing the book, her face lit up and tears came to her eyes. She was so emotional she couldn't speak for a few moments but just swayed back and forth.

She then told me that twenty years ago she and her son had seen a group of devotees chanting in San Francisco. She was captured by the rhythms and the atmosphere of the chanting party, and without wanting to, she started to dance to the beat and couldn't stop. Her son tried to stop her. "Ma, what are you doing?" After a while a devotee went over to her and gave her a book.

Now, on meeting me and seeing the same type of book she'd received twenty years ago, she felt the same ecstasy again. As she was relating the story, she demonstrated her dancing. She bought two more books, such a treasure?" 🌸

Excerpts from inmates' letters

Well, the ol' China virus has finally hit Petersburg-Medium [in Virginia]. Staff infected 40 inmates in the drug unit (E-N) and it spread to the adjoining unit E-S. After a two-week prison-wide quarantine, cooler executive staff heads prevailed and instead of leaving the entire prison locked down, they only kept the infected units locked down so, needless to say, ours is back to the old "modified" operations. This last lockdown, the DAY AFTER it happened, I received two more books [from you]. It was amazing. In SPITE of the mudha cellie [I had], I amped up my chanting to 24 rounds per day—about 3.5 hours—with more reading from *Bhagavad-gita*, *Teachings of Lord Caitanya*. Our dear sweet wonderful Gopala reciprocated by moving me to a NEW cell with a MUCH more receptive cellmate (a pagan-but very amenable to Bhakti lessons) and MUCH better cell! Our Lord is SO KIND, so sweet. He loves his devotees so much. I was so touched by His concern. We are so incredibly blessed to have His name to chant, to have Lord Caitanya's sankirtan movement to propagate. We are SO the *Sri Sri Radha KRṢṂA Temple* album. People stop me quite frequently and tell me I've improved so much during my time of imprisonment. I haven't said I need to do this this and that to get better; I've just said Hare KRṢṂA Hare KRṢṂA KRṢṂA Hare Hare; Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare and I've read the books; Bhagavad-gita, Sri Isopanisad and now the KRṢṂA Books. All the literature that look for ways to praise and serve Him.

Guys have begun to come to me for advice, Christians, Muslims, and others; so I tell them give me time to pray and I ask KRṢṂA to help me. I look to the Bhagavad-gita, and Prabhupada's books. One of these guys is a leader in a program; he came to me and told me a big part of why he has been able to succeed in leadership is the guidance I've given him.

and I went away thinking, "When will the day come when I will appreciate Srila Prabhupada's books as she has, with joyful tears coming to my eyes upon receiving



blessed. Anyway, as you can see, I'm feeling particularly transcendental and just needed to share these things with you. Your servant,

Krishna Kirtan das — Petersburg, Virginia

Thank you so much for your time. Charles and Jonathan said thank you so for the books. I chant every day it is my life and my energy; it is more important than food or anything in this planet. First thing when I open my eyes in the morning, I brush my teeth and chant to my father Krishna, [He is] my everything and that's my life. Hare Krishna!

Eloy M. — Monticello, Florida

I started KRṢṂA volume one; I'm three chapters into it. It makes me joyful just to have the privilege of reading about Sri KRṢṂA's pastimes. I love to just do things for KRṢṂA without expecting anything in return. When I chant the maha-mantra, I chant to different tunes. One of my favorites is in George Harrison's My Sweet Lord, I love

You asked about my flashcards; I write Bhagavad-gita verses and purports on them and find a word that describes the verse and I memorize. I meditate on the truths and quote them day and night and I feel KRṢṂA's power, strength and love. My flash cards are neat. I even have one to help others work with each other on memorizing the Maha Mantra. Some people have trouble memorizing anything, so these help.

I have PTSD and anxiety, which current med is working well. I'm stable, on minimal meds. I have stopped three meds since coming to Krishna Consciousness. KRṢṂA is the best medicine. I'm slowly healing emotionally; more and more daily.

David R.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Srila Prabhupada's Disappearance Day

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada departed from this world on November 14, 1977 in Vrindavan, India. As Srila Prabhupada explains below, the appearance and disappearance of the Lord and his pure representatives from this world is a cause for celebration. While there is no need to lament the disappearance of the Lord's pure nitya-siddha representative, at the same time the devotees feel great pangs of separation due to the manifest physical absence of His Divine Grace.



Below is an excerpt from Srila Prabhupada's lecture on Srimad Bhagavatam 6:1:27-34, Surat, India:

“So at the time of death... Of course, those who are devotees, their position is different. People may say, “The devotee is also dying, and the non-devotee, sinful man, is also dying. What is the difference?” So there is much difference. The example is given: just like a cat catching a rat in his mouth and at the same time carrying his cubs in the mouth. Superficially, we can see that the same mouth is being used, but one is feeling comfortable being carried by the mother, and another is feeling the death knell.

Similarly, at the time of death, the devotee's feeling that they are being transferred to Vaikuntha, whereas the ordinary sinful man is feeling that the Yamaraja, the dutas, the constables of Yamaraja are dragging him to the hellish condition of life. So one should not conclude, simply by seeing, that he is dying.

No. The process is different. Janma karma ca me divyam. As Lord Kṛṣṇa's appearance and disappearance are all spiritual, transcendental, they are not ordinary things, similarly, Lord Kṛṣṇa's devotee, His representative, who is sent to this material world for preaching the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa, their appearance and disappearance is also like Kṛṣṇa's.

Therefore, according to Vaisnava principles, the appearance and disappearance of Vaisnava is considered all-auspicious. Therefore we hold festivals. Just like yesterday we had the disappearance day of His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada. So we offered our respects and observed a festival, Avirbhava, Tirobhava. Tirobhava.”

HE LIVES FOREVER BY HIS DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS AND HIS FOLLOWER LIVES WITH HIM.

A SUMMARY OF PRABHUPADA'S MIRACULOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 1965 TO 1977

Compiled by Paratrika Ananda dasa



In 1965, at seventy years of age, he ventured outside India for the first time to fulfill the order of his spiritual master. During his voyage at sea, he suffered two severe heart attacks. He reached the shores of America with the equivalent of seven dollars to his name.

He founded the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness with a small group of disciples, after a year of struggling alone in New York City. This marked the only time in history that a Kṛṣṇa devotee successfully trained non-Indians in the strict disciplines of Vaisnavism. Amazingly, this was achieved during the blossoming of America's hedonistic counterculture movement.

He sent his followers, chanting the names of God, into the streets of cities and towns everywhere and Hare Kṛṣṇa became famous in every corner of the earth.

He sent his disciples to London, where they recorded the single, “Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra”, with George Harrison, in 1969. It became the fastest selling of all the Apple Corporation’s releases, including those of the Beatles. The record reached #3 in Czechoslovakia, #9 in Britain, and made the top ten in Germany, Japan, Australia, South Africa, Yugoslavia, and many other countries.

He formally initiated approximately five thousand disciples. These initiates represented a sweeping diversity of nationalities, races, ethnicities, and religious backgrounds.

He established 108 Kṛṣṇa temples on six continents, installed the deity of Kṛṣṇa in each center and trained his disciples in the process of deity worship. Thirty-two new temples (almost three a month) were opened in a single year, between 1970 and 1971.

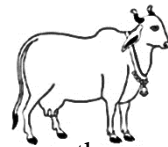
He inaugurated the Ratha-yatra Festival of Lord Jagannatha in major cities around the globe, in effect, bringing the temple to the people.

He instituted the brahmacarini ashram, something previously unheard of in Vedic culture, to give shelter to single women wishing to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

He instructed his disciples in 1967 to start an incense business to provide financial support for the temples. Within four years the business, Spiritual Sky incense, generated an annual revenue of one million dollars (equivalent to \$4,600,000 in 2004).

He introduced the “Sunday Love Feast” and other prasadam (sanctified food) distribution programs that provided millions of free meals to the public.

He created the world’s first chain of vegetarian restaurants.



He spoke daily on the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, delivering thousands of formal lectures. Over 2,200 were recorded and archived.

He conducted many hundreds of informal conversations on the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness with disciples, guests and friends. Over 1,300 were recorded and archived.

He had scores of interviews and philosophical discussions with news reporters, scientists, religious leaders and politicians, as well as meetings with world-renowned dignitaries and celebrities like Indira Gandhi, Allen Ginsberg, Ravi Shankar, Alice Coltrane, John Lennon and George Harrison.

He recorded more than twenty albums of devotional music.



He published the monthly magazine, Back to Godhead, which he called the backbone of his movement. At the height of its circulation in the mid-seventies, over a million copies per issue were sold.

He launched the ISKCON Life Membership Program that enrolled tens of thousands of members.

He built major temples in Bombay and Vrndavana, and founded a spiritual city at Mayapur. All became international sites of pilgrimage.

He established primary schools to provide education in the principles of devotional service.

He founded the Bhaktivedanta Institute to advance Kṛṣṇa consciousness within the scientific community, engaging

serious academics in the consideration of the science of self-realization.



He formed the Bhaktivedanta Swami Charity Trust to unearth and renovate the holy places of Lord Caitanya's pastimes.

He set up farm communities to teach "simple living and high thinking", emphasizing cow protection and dependence on God and nature.

He commissioned his artist disciples to produce hundreds of illustrations of Kṛṣṇa's pastimes based on his meticulous instructions and the descriptions in his books.

He directed some of his followers to learn the Indian art of "doll making" to present Vedic philosophy through dioramas. This project became the FATE Museums.

He counseled his disciples on complex managerial, philosophical and personal issues in more than 6,000 archived letters.

He was the subject of more than 30,000 archival photos and more than seventy hours of documentary film footage.

He wrote approximately seventy books on the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, sleeping only a few hours per day. Dozens of prominent scholars and educators from leading universities praised his work. The Encyclopedia Britannica proclaimed that his voluminous translations from the original Sanskrit and his lucid commentaries "have astounded literary and academic communities worldwide." This feat is even more astonishing considering the translations and commentaries were in English, which was a second language to the author.

He founded the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) in 1972, to produce his books. By 1976, over 55,000,000 literatures had been published in twenty-five languages and distributed in almost every country, making the BBT the world's largest publisher of Indian religious and philosophical texts. One printing alone of Bhagavad-gita As It Is required seventy-six train cars to ship the paper needed to print it.

He completed the entire Caitanya-caritamṛta manuscript (seventeen volumes) in eighteen months.

He ordered and supervised the BBT in publishing these seventeen volumes of the Caitanya-caritamṛta in only two months' time, in 1974.

He circled the globe fourteen times, visiting twenty-four countries, preaching, inspiring his followers and making countless public appearances before multitudes of people.

He skillfully managed his international society simply through letters and personal meetings, virtually without the use of a telephone, and before personal computers existed.

"I will remain your personal guidance, physically present or not physically present, as I am getting guidance from my Guru Maharaja."—**Srila Prabhupada Conversation, Vrindavan, July 7, 1977**



He reasons ill who tells that Vaisnavas die
When thou art living still in sound!
The Vaisnavas die to live, and living try
To spread the Holy Name around!
From a poem by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura

Would you like to see your STORY and/or ARTWORK in the *Freedom Newsletter*?

- 1) Write the story of how you came to Kṛṣṇa, using everyday language, in your own words. Stories should be only about 2 to 3 handwritten pages (or 1 to 2 typed pages).
- 2) We encourage all of you to **draw** topics about Kṛṣṇa, whether you are known as an "artist" or not. With Kṛṣṇa artwork, the most important is your *desire* to please Kṛṣṇa.
- 3) Send your story and/or your artwork to: **ISKCON Prison Ministry, PO Box 2676, Alachua, FL 32616**
- 4) Please write "MY STORY", or "ARTWORK" **on the back** of the envelope.
- 5) please be **PATIENT**: due to the high volume of mail, it may take a few months before you see your submission in the newsletter.

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2020

- 01 Nov 2020 - **Fourth Month of Caturmasya Begins**
05 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura
09 Nov 2020 - Appearance Day of Radha Kunda, Snana Dana
09 Nov 2020 - Bahulastami
10 Nov 2020 - Appearance Day of Virabhadra
11 Nov 2020 - **Rama Ekadasi**
15 Nov 2020 - Dipa Dana, Dipavali, (Kali Puja)
16 Nov 2020 - Bali Daityaraja Puja
16 Nov 2020 - Appearance Day of Rasikananda
16 Nov 2020 - **Govardhana Puja, Go Puja, or Go-krda**
17 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vasudeva Ghosh
18 Nov 2020 - **Disappearance Day of Srila Prabhupada**
22 Nov 2020 - Gopastami, Gosthastami
22 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gadadhara Dasa Goswami
22 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Dhananjaya Pandita
22 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Srinivasa Acharya
23 Nov 2020 - Jagaddhatri Puja
25 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Gaura Kisora Dasa Babaji Maharaja
25 Nov 2020 - Bhisma Pancaka
26 Nov 2020 - **Utthana Mahadvadashi (Ekadasi)**
29 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Bhugarbha Goswami
29 Nov 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Kasisvara Pandita
30 Nov 2020 - Krsna Rasayatra
30 Nov 2020 - Tulasi-Saligram Vivaha
30 Nov 2020 - Appearance Day of Sri Nimbarkacharya
30 Nov 2020 - **Last Day of Caturmasya**



DECEMBER 2020

- 01 Dec 2020 - Katyayani Vrata Begins
11 Dec 2020 - **Utpanna Ekadasi**
11 Dec 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Narahari Sarakara Thakura
12 Dec 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Kaliya Krsnadasa
13 Dec 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Saranga Thakura
25 Dec 2020 - **Moksada Ekadasi**
25 Dec 2020 - Advent of Srimad Bhagavad-Gita
30 Dec 2020 - Katyayani Vrata Ends