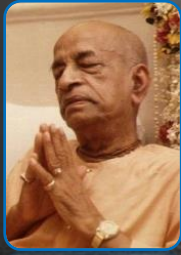


Freedom Newsletter



Dedicated to His *Divine* Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
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NO SPIRITUAL PLEASURE BY MERGING

This conversation between His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, one of his disciples, and a lawyer took place in August 1976 on an early-morning walk in Hyderabad, India.

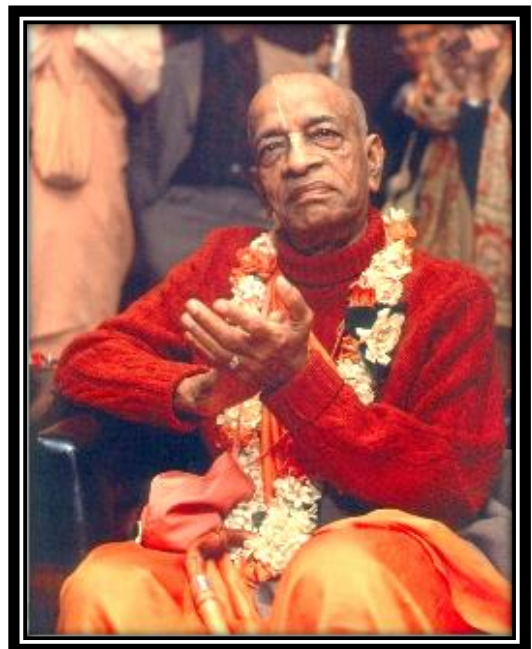
Srila Prabhupada: At the present moment nearly everyone is in darkness. *Na te viduh svartha-gatim hi vishnum* [*Bhagavatam* 7.5.31]: they do not know that the goal of life is to know Vishnu, or Krishna. Out of ignorance they are accepting this material life as everything. But they are forgetting about the problems of birth and death. These are their real problems. They are making plans to solve so many problems, but they have no plan to solve these problems.

Lawyer: Is it possible, then, for us to conquer death?

Srila Prabhupada: Oh, yes—by becoming fully Krishna conscious.

Lawyer: And in that case there would be no death and no rebirth?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. You are eternal, and your original home is in the spiritual world. But by karma you are put into this material world. Then you must struggle,



like a fish out of water. If somehow or other a fish is taken from the water and put onto the land, his life is simply a struggle. And if he is again put into the water, his life is in its natural condition.



Lawyer: So for us the natural condition is back to Godhead?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes.

Lawyer: It's a mystery, though, how we came from the divine life to this life.

Srila Prabhupada: What is the mystery? Is there a mystery how one is brought into the criminal court? What is the mystery?

Disciple: It is simply our karma.

Lawyer: But we must start somewhere.

Srila Prabhupada: What is the starting point of a criminal? He wants to violate the law, and he commits his first crime and becomes a criminal. You are a gentleman, but you can also become a criminal if you like. It depends on you. If you violate the law, you become a criminal. If you don't violate the law, you remain in your lawful position.

Similarly, as soon as you defy God and try to become independent, you start your karma and immediately come to the material world. And when you again surrender to God, you stop your karma. So stopping and starting your karma is in your hands. You start your own life in the material world, and you can stop it also.

Lawyer: But if the soul was once a gentleman . . . ?

Srila Prabhupada: The soul is eternally a gentleman.

Lawyer: Ahh. But is the soul who takes birth as an animal also a gentleman?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. He is a gentleman by nature, but a criminal by artificial means.

Lawyer: But suppose you attain *moksha* [liberation]. Is that the same as returning to the spiritual world?

Srila Prabhupada: There are two kinds of *moksha*. In the first kind one tries to remain in the impersonal Brahman effulgence. But one cannot remain there

eternally. The Brahman effulgence is like the sky. You may go up into the sky, but you cannot remain there. If you don't get any shelter, you have to come down again. You are a living entity and you want enjoyment, but what enjoyment will you find in the sky? You require society, friends, love—everything. But none of these are there in the Brahman effulgence.

So, the *moksha* of the impersonalists is temporary because although they think that by merging into the impersonal Brahman they will be happy, they cannot be happy there. *Aruhya kricchrena param padam tatah patanty adhah* [*Bhagavatam* 10.2.32]: although they go up to the impersonal Brahman effulgence, because there is no *ananda* [spiritual pleasure] they come down again to find pleasure in the material world. By nature the living entity seeks pleasure (*anandamayo 'bhyasat*). But you do not get any *ananda* in the Brahman effulgence.

Lawyer: Isn't merging into Brahman itself *ananda*?

Srila Prabhupada: No. It is eternal existence, but no *ananda*. Can you remain eternally without pleasure? No, so you have to come back down again to this material world, because here there is something like *ananda*, although the pleasure here is temporary. So unless you go to God and dance with Him, you'll have to



come back to this world. But the impersonalists cannot reconcile how God can be a person and not have to suffer birth and death like them. Because they have had a very bad experience of being a person here, they think the Absolute must be impersonal in order to be perfect. They are *mudhas*, fools; they are not intelligent.

Lawyer: But what is the stage at which the *atma* [the soul] merges with the *paramatma* [the Supersoul]?

Srila Prabhupada: You cannot merge. You may simply imagine you are merging. You can enter into the spiritual atmosphere, but without *ananda* you cannot stay there. Therefore you have to come back again to this material world. Suppose you are put in some place where you cannot practice law. How long will you remain there? If I

say, "Please remain here happily without any law practice," how long could you remain? You will want some activity, some pleasure. That is your nature. So, here in the material world we are all trying to get some pleasure, but that pleasure is temporary. It is not satisfying us. Therefore, being disgusted, we want to stop material life and merge into Brahman. But that life is also temporary. Unless you go back home, back to Godhead, there is no complete life. Therefore Krishna comes and shows by His spiritual activities how to enjoy real *ananda*. He plays with the cowherd boys, He dances

with the cowherd girls, He kills the demons—He performs so many activities. This is *ananda*. You have read our Krishna book? [*Krishna: The Supreme Personality of Godhead*, Srila Prabhupada's summary study of the Tenth Canto of *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.] Krishna's activities are described there in detail. We are trying to give people real knowledge from the *shastra* [scriptures]. Now it is up to them to take advantage of it. ❀



HOW I CAME TO KR̥ṢṆA CONSCIOUSNESS

MY WORRIES, ANXIETY, AND FEARS DISSIPATED

By Anil N. —Trenton, New Jersey

A blaze of devotion was ignited in my heart by the causeless mercy of the two devotees, namely, my cousin Sanjay and Upendra Prabhu. The taste to hear about the Lord's transcendental activities were instilled in me by Srila Prabhupada books. Naturally, meditation and chanting of the Lord's name followed.

Before the advent of my landing at Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, three years ago, my life was in turmoil. My mind was entangled in the forest of material existence. And the concept of self-realization was absent. Due to my incarceration and overwhelming legal-work, I was plagued with worries, anxiety, and fear. Then, one day, I received a letter from my cousin [suggesting] to come to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. At first, I was reluctant to his offer. Soon, he sent me couple of books

As I read these books and many other books lucidly explained by Srila Prabhupada, my mind began to exit out of the dense forest, and I began to realize that I am not this body, but an eternal soul, and that out of my ignorance, I had accepted a body; as if I had committed a spiritual suicide somewhere, by trying to lord it over the material world. Knowing this, all my worries, anxiety, and fears dissipated.

I began to chant the maha mantra: **Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare**. Initially, I began chanting for 30 minutes a day. It then increased to 45 minutes a day. Soon, I acquired a taste to chant 16 rounds a day. While I chanted, I also meditated on the Lord. Sometimes I imagined that I was in a company of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, and other great devotees when I chanted. Then suddenly I began to cry. Tears began to run down profusely.



My arrival to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness was possible because of the three ingredients: the causeless mercy of the devotees; hearing about the transcendental activities of the Lord through brāhmaṇas or Bhagavad-gita; and meditating and chanting the Lord's name. Because of these factors, I have been blessed with freedom from worries, anxiety and fear. I have found Kṛṣṇa's love, and satisfaction in the Self. "*In this age there is no other way, there is no other way, there is no other way.*" Haribol! Servant of the servant, Anil ❀

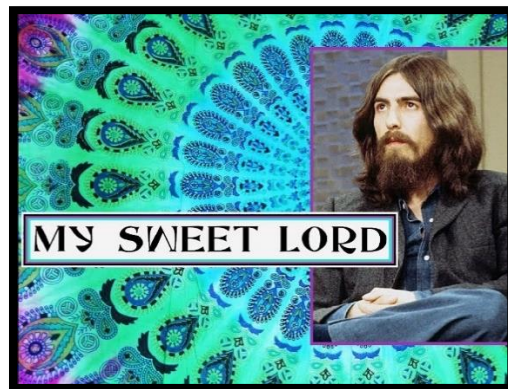
NO LONGER DECEIVED

By Bhakta Gerald —Graceville, Florida

Although I was born in 1956, I was never anything more than remotely aware of Kṛṣṇa. A long time ago, in a prison chapel, a Christian prisoner burst in with George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord" on cassette tape. The prisoner made his case against demonic lyrics in rock music as subliminal psychological manipulation, when he suddenly announced, "Aha! Listen to this!" and proceeded playing the tape so the background singers suddenly changed from "Hallelujah" to "Hare Kṛṣṇa". We had all loved that tune and sung along. We were all guilty of sin and going to burn in hell!

Decades later, in prison in Florida, I met a man named Carl who had been a Kṛṣṇa devotee for many years before his incarceration, and remained so. He gave me the maha-

mantra and told me it was like pudding; that I could taste it merely by chanting it. So I went to my cell and chanted the mantra. As I chanted, I realized who God is. It blew my Christian mind of 50 years of what I later learned in



reading Srila Prabhupada's books to be the thinking of Mayavadis. I realized I had been deceived and deluded, but suddenly simply by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa my life could truly be sublime, and it has been ever since. Haribol!

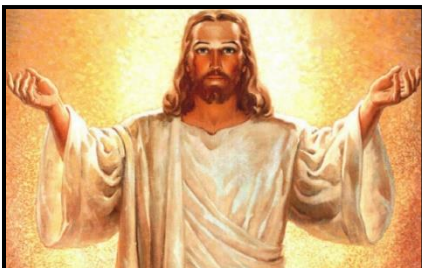
I thank Kṛṣṇa for His causeless mercy and for letting me find the sweetness of His pudding. 🌸

Book Distribution Stories!

JESUS IS WITH US

By Bhagavat Priya Dasa —Hungary

I was going door to door. A lady opened her door, and I showed her books. She invited me in and said she would get a donation for me. I was astounded at what I saw in her house. There was a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ, 2.5 meters high (about 7 feet tall). I was awed. It was so nice. The lady returned and saw me appreciating the picture.



She said, "I think you will understand what I'm going to tell you since you like this picture so much.

Two years ago Jesus came to me in a dream and said, 'You should be vegetarian; otherwise, you won't be able to understand God.' I was shocked that He came in a dream and instruct me in that way, but it was clear, so I became a vegetarian.

Then three days ago He came to me again and said, 'In three days a monk is going to come to you with books. Take them.' And now here you are, right on time." She bought all the books I had. I was so happy to hear this, that Jesus is with us. 🌸

DOOR TO DOOR

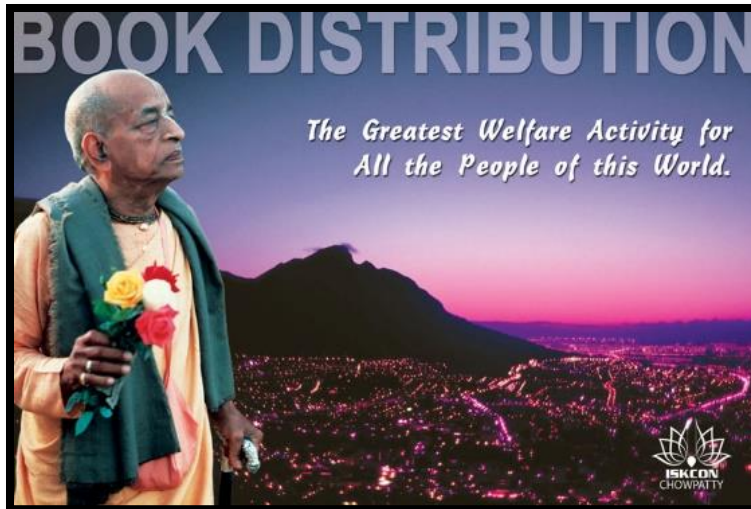
By Bhakta Tim—Melbourne, Australia

I was distributing in Auckland with a few Bhagavad Gita's, after an hour or so I ran out, we still had some SB 1.1.s, but I was lamenting a little because I'm pretty attached to distribute Bhagavad Gita's. Bhakta Luke and myself went up to a door; a man answered and I told him we're monks, going around distributing these wonderful books about self-realization, and how to be satisfied and lead a peaceful in life. He said he wasn't interested in taking a book but would like to give us a book. I said, alright, thinking we may be able to talk to him a little more and convince him to take a book when he came back to give us his book, which I figured would be the book of Mormon, since they like to give their books away. But to our surprise he brought back a Bhagavad-Gita. When I saw the Bhagavad-Gita in his hand and he

was trying to give it to us, I naturally tried to convince him to keep it and maybe in the future he'll pick it up and get something out of it. But he was determined to give it to us, he wanted us to give it to someone else who may get more out of it. We reluctantly took it. As we were leaving, we met another man who had just pulled up in the driveway, so I decided to show him the same book. He was interested and decided to get it. He said he didn't have any money on him so he had to go in his apartment to get a donation. I asked him if he lived in the top apartment or the bottom one, he said he lived in the top one, which happened to be the same one that the person who gave the book that was in his hand, lived in. Hare Kṛṣṇa. As he was going in, Luke and myself couldn't believe it, and were praying to Kṛṣṇa that his roommate not discourage him. By Kṛṣṇa's mercy he came back and gave a donation. Kṛṣṇa fulfilled my desire to distribute another Bhagavad-Gita, and amazingly it ended up in the same apartment that it had come out of. Kṛṣṇa is pretty tricky. He didn't want to leave.

Another day I was in Melbourne Australia just outside the food for life center, distributing books. I saw a man in his early 30's approaching so I called him over. His name was Christian and in the course of the exchange he told me that he has been associating with devotees for about 14 years via Gopal's [the restaurant], Food for life, the Temple, etc. I asked him how he first came into contact with the devotees. Christian explained that he used to be interested in martial arts, weight lifting, etc. Part of his display of strength was ripping in half thick telephone

books and the like. One day whilst manifesting his unbound strength he found a book entitled *The Science of Self Realization* by A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. "Ha, this book will be easy to meet against my prowess" thought the muscle-clad man. Picking up the book and with all his strength, trying to rip it into two, his attempts proved fruitless. Again and again despite



mustering all his strength he could not even make a slight dent in the book pages with his best endeavor.

Finally Christian admitted his defeat and, realizing that this was not an ordinary book, he began to read the pages of *The Science of self Realization*, hence the beginning of his Kṛṣṇa consciousness. After relaying his story, Christian noticed that I had a *Srimad-Bhāgavatam* part one with

me . "You have some of the cantos with you", he said. "Yes have you read some before?" "Part one and part two", he replied. "Well how about getting a full set?" "Alright I'd like one". He was enthused and agreed to make a one hundred dollar deposit and pay back \$100 monthly. He also expressed interest in reading the *Caitanya-Caritamṛta* because his mother had just read Bhagavad-Gita and was thinking about Kṛṣṇa consciousness more seriously.

I like book distribution because you never know who you are going to meet. Each exchange always deepens my understanding that Prabhupada's books are affecting this society's consciousness. 🌸

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

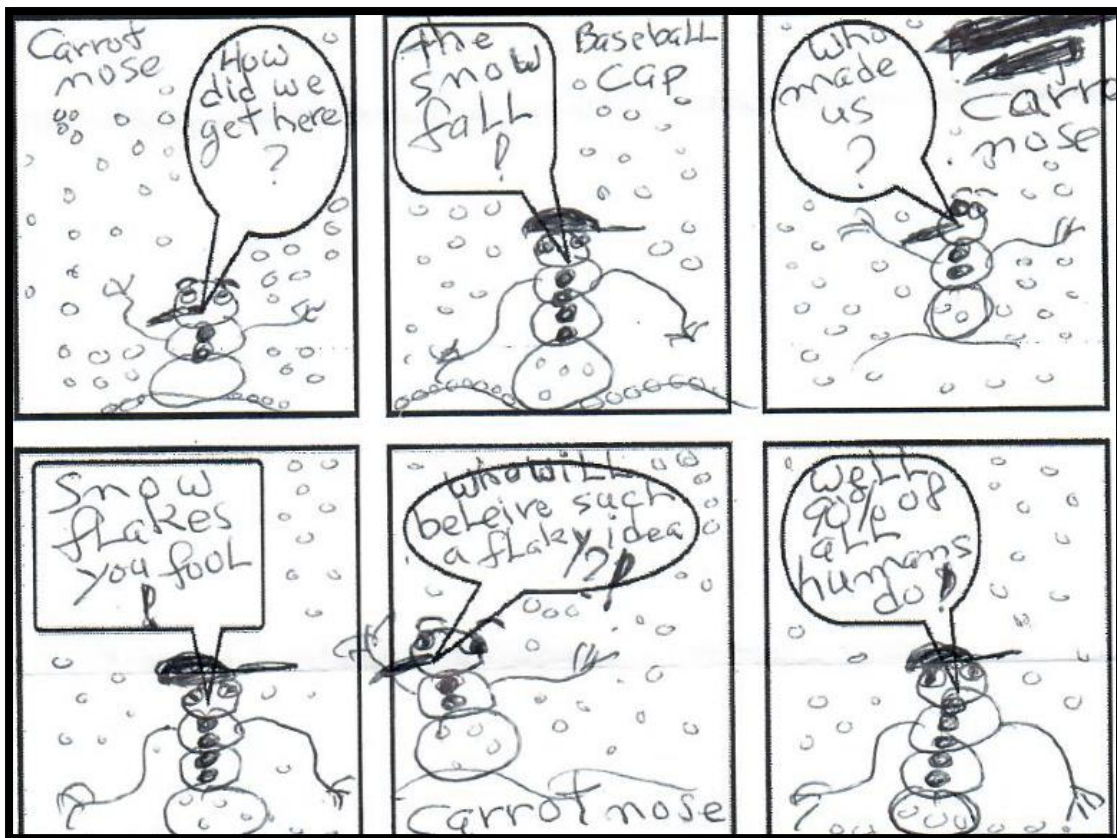
- 1) Write the story of how you came to Kṛṣṇa, using everyday language, in your own words. Stories should be only about 2 to 3 handwritten pages (or 1 to 2 typed pages).
- 2) We encourage all of you to **draw** topics about Kṛṣṇa, whether you are known as an "artist" or not. With Kṛṣṇa artwork, the most 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**: it may take a few months before you see your submission in the newsletter.

Gold Nugget!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMBLE?'

Harivilas Dasa: I remember going on a morning walk around the Bois de Boulogne in which there are some lakes, and I remember asking Prabhupada a question. I asked several questions, but one specific question was, "Srla Prabhupada, what does it mean to be humble?" And his answer was really incredible. Prabhupada said, 'Humility means that you are convinced beyond any doubt that there is nothing in this world, absolutely nothing in this world, not your money, not your family, not your fame, not your gun, not your education, nothing that will save you except the mercy of Krishna. When you are convinced like this, then you are humble.'

Artwork!



ABOVE: Cartoon by Inmate Dennis L. — Steilacoom, Washington (Dennis has been practicing Kṛṣṇa consciousness for at least six years).

This cartoon refers to the bogus theory that we come from nothing and that we came into being by chance, through a "big bang."; this theory has been masterfully refuted by Srila Prabhupada in his books.

IMPORTANT: IF YOU TRANSFER to a new unit/address:

If you have a change of address, please inform IPM (**NOT** the BTG Office), at the address below. And please write "CHANGE OF ADDRESS" on the outside of the envelope so we can process it immediately. Thank you.

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The same goes for the *Freedom Newsletter*, if you want to make sure you continue to receive it.

Excerpts from inmates' letters

Hare Krishna thank you again for sending me the newsletter. It make my heart very happy. My friend from India just move to my dorm and he wrote a letter to you to ask me about a Bhagavad-gita. I pass him the BTG magazines and got him some books from the library — books that you send to us. He chant the maha mantra every morning at 4:30 AM with me. Thank you so much for be there for us. Also, my daughter is chanting, my mom too, and they read the Gita every day. Love and respect always. Your servant from the monastery [prison] here in Monticello.

Bhakta Eloy M. —Monticello, Florida

I would like to help others find the peace and freedom from fear and doubt that understanding the truth of the spirit soul has brought me in a few short months. The only volunteer coming here is a Buddhist. That's fine to learn mediation practice but not how to surrender fully to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, as they are Impersonalists.

Louis DeM.—Raiford, Florida

I have received the BTG magazines and books. I am beyond grateful for this Spiritual Knowledge and it is very overwhelming because of how much I need to study to perfect this knowledge. I sincerely want to take on the Spiritual path but am in dire need of a spiritual master. I do continue to chant and it has a profound effect in raising the frequency of my consciousness. I will be in Central Florida near Orlando for my release

and I intend on going to a Krishna temple in my local area, to chant with people who are Krishna Conscious. The environment I am in is not the best place for Spiritual enhancement yet does help me realize more about the lower material nature. I am very intrigued by Krishna Consciousness and I am spreading the word to those who have ears to hear and are receptive to the knowledge.

This Transcendental Knowledge has had a major impact on my perspective and has enhanced my awareness on Spirituality. I will be in perpetual study until I perfect the Knowledge and chanting is such a beautiful method for Self-realization and attunement with God (Krishna). Thank you again for everything and I will keep in touch with you for further Spiritual growth. Hare Krishna,
Vincente R. —Lake City, Florida

I have received your monthly newsletter "Freedom Newsletter". It was wonderful to read, thank you. I especially liked the letters from other inmates in prison. You all are providing such a wonderful service to us.

I can't describe to you how much it means to get a letter, book, or magazine in the mail from a devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Bless you all. I have also introduced my cell mate to Kṛṣṇa consciousness; he seems to appreciate it. If he is further interested I will give him your address.

Thank you for your help. May this letter find you in the best of health, blissfully chanting the holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa! Your servant,

James W. —Susanville, California

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) **INFORM** yourself about the kind of prayer beads you are allowed (size, color, kind of string).

VEGETARIAN ATHLETES: AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME

By: Heather Moore



Kansas City Chiefs tight-end Tony Gonzalez, NFL champion, proved that a football player can be powerful without eating heaping helpings of meat, eggs, and dairy products. Gonzalez has acknowledged that the meat-heavy diet typically eaten by football players can lead to serious health problems, including heart disease and cancer, and is promoting plant-based foods.

A number of other professional athletes and Olympic superstars have touted the benefits of vegetarian and vegan diets. Four-time Mr. Universe Bill Pearl, powerlifting champion Bill Mannetti, 1951 Mr. America Roy Hilligenn, Stan Price, the world-record holder in bench press, and football player and Heisman Trophy-winner Desmond Howard all reportedly did not eat meat. These powerhouses aren't alone—some of the strongest animals, such as apes, elephants, and giraffes, are herbivores.

International Natural Bodybuilding & Fitness Federation and International Natural Bodybuilding Association bodybuilder Robert Cheeke is perhaps the world's most recognized vegan bodybuilder and popular strength trainer Mike Mahler says that "Becoming a vegan had a profound effect on my training." "My bench press excelled past 315 pounds, and I noticed that I recovered much faster. My body fat also went down, and I put on 10 pounds of lean muscle in a few months."

Other vegetarian athletes, including tennis superstar Martina Navratilova and Dave Scott, a six-time winner of the Ironman triathlon, have repeatedly beaten their carnivorous competitors. Swimmer Murray Rose, a vegetarian since birth, has six Olympic medals. Debbie Lawrence is an Olympic race-walking champ, and discus thrower Al Oerter has won at least four Olympic gold

medals. A healthy vegetarian diet helped propel two-time Olympic gold medalist Edwin Moses over the hurdles, and Olympian Carl Lewis has said that his best year of track competition was the first year that he ate a vegan diet.

Famed Argentinian soccer goalkeeper Carlos Roa, was nicknamed, "La Lechuga," meaning "The Lettuce," because of his strict vegetarian diet. Bill Walton and Robert Parish, two of the greatest basketball players of all time, were vegetarians, and John Salley, another professional basketball star, is a vegan. So is ultra-marathon man Dom Repta, who has run 100 miles in just under 20 hours.

Australian Cricket superstar Greg Chappel also abstains from animal flesh and animal by-products and fellow cricket superstar Anil Kumble has posed for a PETA advertisement promoting vegetarianism. Says Anil, "Vegetarianism saves animals' lives and can't be beat for maintaining a muscular body and building endurance. Vegetarian food contains all the vitamins and protein you need to be at your best and is free of all the fat, cholesterol and toxins found in meat."

Success stories of vegan athletes seeking optimal nutrition or to align their values with their diets are becoming ever more common. From world-class professional boxers to mixed martial artists to ultra-marathoners, the sports world shines with examples of the benefits of plant-based living.

A recent feature on ABC News in Los Angeles highlighted the growing trend of high-performing athletes-gone-vegan, spotlighting the experiences of three very different pro athletes: Jacksonville Jaguars football player Montell Owens,

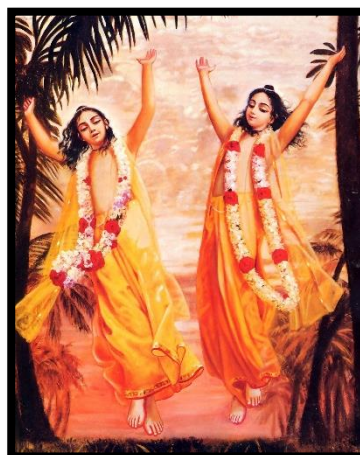
mixed martial artist Mac Danzig, and Ironman triathlete Brendan Brazier.

Believe it or not, the game is slowly but surely transitioning over into a clean eating, conscious lifestyle," Owens told Jacksonville's local Fox news. Of the growing popularity of healthier eating in the NFL, Owens stated: "Football's a game of inches, and if you're one inch in front of somebody that's the difference between a win or a loss." According to an article titled "Going Vegan in the NFL" in *Men's Journal*, "In the past few years, teams have added salad bars, juicers, and plant-based superfoods like kale, quinoa, almond butter, and whole-wheat pasta to their cafeterias."

The impressive list of diverse, elite athletes who have adopted a vegan or mostly vegan diet continues to grow: star football players Arian Foster and Tony Gonzalez; former NBA star John Salley and current pros Amar'e Stoudemire and Glen "Big Baby" Davis; mixed martial artists Mac Danzig, Jon Fitch, and Jake Shields; tennis champion Venus Williams; undefeated pro boxer Timothy Bradley; boxing legend Mike Tyson; ultramarathon champion Scott Jurek; the "toughest woman on the planet" Juliana Sproles; Germany's "Strongest Man 2011" Patrik Baboumian; arm wrestler Big Bald Mike; professional race car driver Leilani Munter; and even record-setting, 91-year-old marathoner Mike Fremont and 100-year-old marathoner Fauja Singh, who set the record for the oldest person ever to complete a marathon.

"The evidence is there that this is healthy," future surefire Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez said. "I have more energy right through the fourth. It can be a matter of seconds if you catch the ball or miss it. The guy who's eating the steak is sluggish in the fourth quarter. I want to be 100 percent." 🌸

**Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare
Hare Rama
Hare Rama, Rama
Rama Hare Hare**



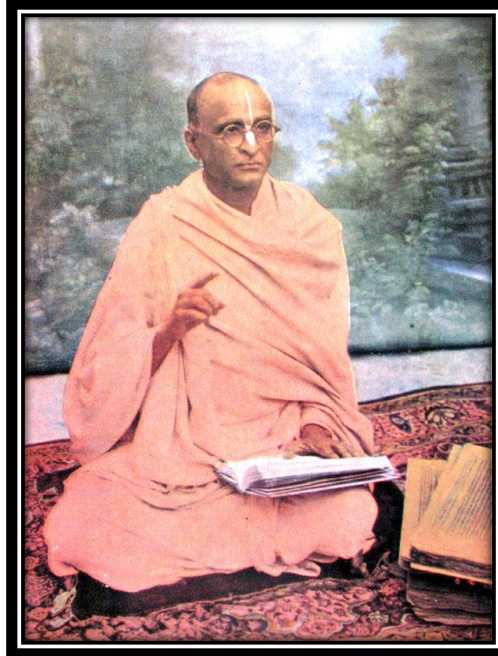
BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASVATI THAKURA —short biography

Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura (1874–1936) was the son of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and also the spiritual master of Srila Prabhupada. He was a lifelong celibate and, by all historical accounts, he was extremely intelligent and excelled in math, astronomy, Sanskrit, and other languages. After reading something only once he would never forget it; he thus became known as "The Living Encyclopedia".

He also earned the title *Nrsimha Guru*, the *Lion Guru* for his fearless and powerful delivery of the Vaisnava *siddhanta* (philosophy). Mayavadis would cross the street to avoid confronting the "lion guru." Besides being a courageous preacher, he was ornamented with all divine qualities and full of ecstatic love of God.

He excavated Lord Caitanya's appearance place at the *Yogapitha* in Sridham Mayapur, despite heavy opposition from the money-hungry caste Goswamis of Navadvipa. He built a beautiful Gaudiya Math temple there.

His three "Brhat [big] mrdangas" (printing presses) in Madras, Calcutta, Krishna-nagara used to



incessantly pump out books, magazines, and newspapers to spread the message of Lord Caitanya. When asked why he printed a daily spiritual newspaper Srila Sarasvati Thakura replied, "If an insignificant city can produce five daily newspapers, then why can't we publish a newspaper every second about the eternal, ever-fresh transcendental activities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead in His unlimited spiritual planet, Goloka Vrindavana?"

The University of Calcutta offered him a chair, but he declined. He met with scholars, educators, and other leaders and wrote more than 108 essays and books, striving to present Bhakti as a theistic

science. He established 64 temples, known as Gaudiya Maths, inside and outside of India.

He requested Srila Prabhupada to go to the West to teach Krishna consciousness in the English language. As we know, Srila Prabhupada went to New York in 1965 and carried on his spiritual master's mission on a grand scale.

Calendar

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

JANUARY 2021

- 02 Jan 2021 - Disappearance of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura (fast till noon)
- 09 Jan 2021 – **Saphala Ekadasi**
- 13 Jan 2021 – Appearance of Locana Dasa Thakura
- 15 Jan 2021 – Disappearance of Jiva Gosvami & LJagadisa Pandita
- 24 Jan 2021 – **Putrada Ekadasi**
- 25 Jan 2021 – Appearance of Jagadisa Pandita