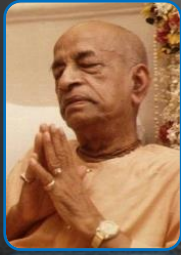


# Freedom Newsletter



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

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### **EXPANSIONS OF ILLUSION**

*The following conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of his disciples took place in June 1974 during an early-morning walk in Paris.*

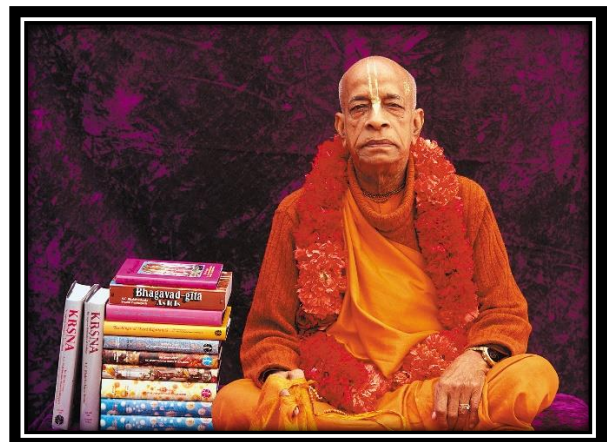
**Srila Prabhupada:** What do you understand the word *maya* to mean?

**Disciple:** Placing value on something without seeing its relation to Krishna.

**Srila Prabhupada:** Yes. *Maya* is explained very nicely in the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* [2.9.34]:

*rite 'rtham yat pratiyeta  
na pratiyeta chatmani  
tad vidyad atmano mayam  
yathabhaso yatha tamah*

Seeing something to be disconnected from Krishna is *maya*, or illusion, because we are forgetting the original reality while taking the reflection to be very important. For example, suppose the sun is reflected in the water and then shines on the wall. If we take the light on the wall to be very important and forget the sun, the original reality, that is *maya*.



[Srila Prabhupada points to some nearby buildings.] These buildings were constructed without any thought of Krishna, but people regarded them with great enthusiasm. Now all that remains are relics. So, the energy expended

for manufacturing these buildings is *maya*, and the enthusiasm people now have for visiting these relics—that is also *maya*. All these things are expansions of *maya*, illusion.

**Disciple:** Parisians might complain that you don't appreciate the architectural skill involved?

**Srila Prabhupada:** No, we appreciate very much the intelligence of the architect, but if you forget Krishna while constructing a big building, then it is *maya*. Otherwise, it is reality. If the people of Paris would have installed the deity of Krishna in these buildings, how nice that would have been! People chanting, dancing, and taking *prasadam* every day. Then there would have been no *maya*. These big buildings should have been places for people to worship Krishna, but instead they're worshipping bones, some dead bones.

**Disciple:** People must be taught that everything belongs to Krishna.

**Srila Prabhupada:** It is a fact that everything belongs to Krishna. Why do they not understand?



**Disciple:** When we say, "Everything belongs to Krishna," they say, "We don't know Krishna."

**Srila Prabhupada:** That is nonsense. You may not know that everything belongs to Krishna, but you know that it belongs to somebody besides you. He may be called Krishna or something else—that doesn't matter—but nothing belongs to you. How can you deny it? Suppose I come here to Paris and stay for one week. Does that mean Paris is mine? Similarly, you come from the womb of your mother and stay in the world for, say, eighty years. Does that mean the world belongs to you?

So why are you claiming, "This is France," "This is Europe," "This is America," "This is my country"? Before your birth the land was here, and when you go it will remain here. So how can you claim that it is yours? What is the answer?

**Disciple:** The land belongs to the person who created it.

**Srila Prabhupada:** And who created it?

**Disciple:** Nature.

**Srila Prabhupada:** What is that nature?

**Disciple:** The life force working behind?

**Srila Prabhupada:** Nature is Krishna's energy (*mayadhyakshena prakritih suyate sa-caracaram* [*Bhagavad-gita* 9.10]). So everything is created by Krishna, and everything belongs to Krishna.

**Disciple:** Srila Prabhupada, the scriptures teach that we are actually tiny spirit souls—one ten-thousandth the tip of a hair—and yet we become so puffed up that we think, "I am God" or "I am the controller of the material nature." How is this illusion possible?

**Srila Prabhupada:** Because you are in the bodily concept of life. You do not know that you are a tiny spirit soul, a particle of consciousness. You are thinking, "I am this big fatty body," just as a dog is thinking, "I am a strong bulldog." It is the same illusion.

**Disciple:** But the materialist will insist that he is acting independently of God.

**Srila Prabhupada:** How is he independent of God? Napoleon wanted to finish his task, to conquer Europe, but he was kicked out of his position. Such a strong person, but he was not allowed to finish the task. How could he think that he was independent of God? That is foolishness. He was subject to being kicked out of his body at any moment, yet he was still thinking, "I am independent." Where was his independence? He was simply falsely puffed up. And now, after being kicked out, if he has taken the body of a cat or dog, what was the benefit of all his previous activities? In the *Bhagavad-gita* [3.27] Krishna says, *prakriteh kriyamanani gunaih karmani sarvashah*: "Everything is going on under the stringent laws of nature." But we are such fools that we think we are independent.

**Disciple:** Srila Prabhupada, in *Bhagavad-gita* Krishna says that whatever we think of when we die will determine our next birth. So is it true that a materialist's accumulated mental impressions force him to take another body?

**Srila Prabhupada:** Yes.

**Disciple:** And a devotee doesn't accumulate any mental impressions?

**Srila Prabhupada:** No. He has mental impressions; his mental impressions are of Krishna. He's always thinking of Krishna. For example, we may have some propensity

to create a beautiful place like this park. We have creative energies. Therefore it is advised, *nirbandhah krishna-sambandhe*: create for Krishna. In India people have also created big fortlike buildings, but they are temples for worshipping Krishna. If the people who built this park had spent their energy for creating it in relationship to Krishna, they would have been purified. But because this

park is simply meant for sense gratification, we know that the people who built it were under the laws of nature. So they increased their material contamination. You may create so many things, but if you become contaminated by the modes of material nature and have to accept the body of a cat or dog, then what is your benefit? 🌸

## 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.

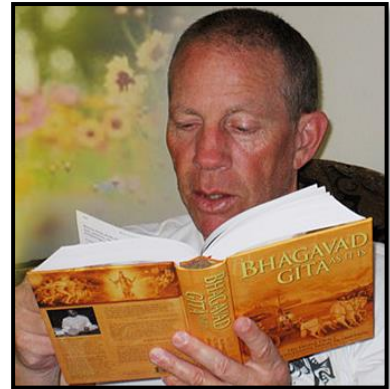
## HOW I CAME TO KRṢṂA CONSCIOUSNESS

### My Curiosity Developed A Life Of Its Own

By Troy P. —inmate from Welch, West Virginia

It was late in 2016 at Mount Olive Correctional Complex, when I met Tirtha Dasa. Tirtha approached my cell door to introduce himself and to say that I looked familiar. I had only been housed at Mount Olive for approximately three years and Tirtha had seen me running track long distance on the yard; this was a particularly difficult time in my life and now that I ponder on the last few years I realize that I was blessed by this seemingly simple conversation with a stranger. Tirtha Dasa asked if I knew of Krishna Consciousness. I answered that I had heard of the name Krishna and that He was associated with Vedic culture, but beyond that my understanding was vague. Tirtha offered to let me borrow his copy of the Mahabharata and then told me about Bhagavad-Gītā. As I read Mahabharata I encountered a fascinating epic unlike any other I had ever read.

The next day Tirtha told me about chanting the Maha mantra and about the sin of eating meat and the general dangers of sense gratification. He encouraged me to write and learn more.



My initial interest went no further than simple questions and basic readings. As time passed my curiosity developed a life of its own. I wrote to ISKCON, received a devotee Pen Pal, began a correspondence course in Krishna Consciousness, received a copy of the Gītā, and, in time, all of Srīla Prabhupada's books. I have been incarcerated nearly eleven years and have been seriously studying Krishna Consciousness for slightly more than one year now. Although having lost everything I ever had and everyone I ever knew, I have found the greatest treasure imaginable, I have found Krishna, and I now know that I don't need anyone or anything else.

I am very grateful to Tirtha Dasa for approaching me that day and I am very grateful to everyone at ISKCON Prison Ministry who have served as the tools of Krishna to ensure that although I was born in the darkness of ignorance, my eyes might be opened by the torch of knowledge. My respectful obeisances are unto you all.

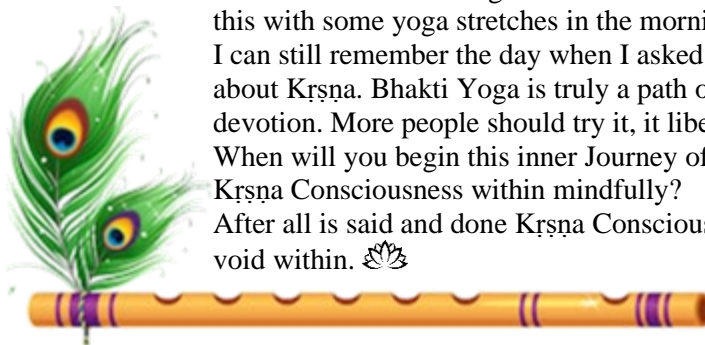


## In The Darkness Kṛṣṇa Doth Shine

By Jeremy B.—inmate from Bowling Green, Florida

Coming into Kṛṣṇa Consciousness was very simple and easy for me. I was already a practicing Zen Buddhist Monk meditating on emptiness, and nothingness for years until one day Kṛṣṇa came and filled that emptiness into fullness with his divine and Supreme light.

One day in 2015 I woke up on my rack only to see four guys attacking another guy for his cell phone. The only Mantra I knew at the Time was the Hare Kṛṣṇa Maha Mantra. So I was scared but started chanting anyway. I prayed to Kṛṣṇa That this guy would be alright. And well he did. A Kṛṣṇa Miracle happened that day. The victim walked up to the Bubble or officer's station and was helped by officers to Medical. He was hurt but okay. I believe to this day it was Kṛṣṇa who saved his very life.



By this time I had been a devotee for one year. I only had a Gita given to me by an older devotee. I was the only one on my whole compound doing prasadam, vegetarian eating, chanting, and watching Prabhupada's lectures. Soon others noticed and I answered questions but no one was too heavy on getting serious. My first darshan [seeing the Lord] came to me in a dream. I would chant the Maha Mantra Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare for three hours from 7 to 10pm. And it was beautiful because Kṛṣṇa appeared before me in a dream. I was meditating in a forest and Kṛṣṇa walked by and smiled. I wasn't scared but just a bit surprised. He walked in my dream state. So this was nice experience but I knew it wouldn't last, so I released any attachment [that it would happen again].

My transition into Kṛṣṇa Consciousness happened sometime in late 2014. It was the one pointed devotion of another devotee that actually drew me toward Kṛṣṇa mentally. Even now on CM [Control Management], I am able to meditate longer and chant more. Combining this with some yoga stretches in the morning is perfect! I can still remember the day when I asked my friend about Kṛṣṇa. Bhakti Yoga is truly a path of effulgent devotion. More people should try it, it liberates you. When will you begin this inner Journey of Awakening Kṛṣṇa Consciousness within mindfully?

After all is said and done Kṛṣṇa Consciousness fills the void within. 🌸

## Book Distribution Stories!

HERE ARE SOME letters of appreciation from recipients of Srila Prabhupada's books.

Compiled by Navina Nirada Das

### Ignited with the Fire of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness

I want to thank you for being a critical part in my life. Without the distribution of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada's books, I would never have been ignited with the fire of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My first contact with Kṛṣṇa was at my friend's house. I saw the book *The Science of Self Realization* lying on the floor, and at that moment I felt an overwhelming, irresistible attraction to borrow the book. I read a few

pages and knew I had finally found the truth. I've now read about half of your books. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

**Jimi—Vashon  
Island,  
Washington,  
USA** 🌸



## "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!"

I am writing to express my deepest and profound gratitude for your kindness in sending me the book *Your Ever Well-Wisher*. I am in turn humbled, brought to tears, dipped in melancholy, and then finally I find myself saying, "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!" This book is one of the dearest and most valuable gifts I have ever received. I am chanting every morning and reading Srila Prabhupada's books every day. Thank you again for this wonderful kindness.

**Scott**

**Pemaquid, Maine, USA** 🌸

## Standing Her Ground

Recently, I had the pleasure to meet some of your nice people while I was vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. I was so pleased to come in contact with them, because I have always been interested in the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. I was so grateful when your people handed me a book *The Path of Yoga* and your address was in it. At the time I was intimidated because

the people with me did not approve of the Hare Kṛṣṇa's, but I stood my ground and bought

the book. And I'm glad I did. The others poked fun at me and said I'd been taken. I simply told them I wanted the book because I like the Hare Kṛṣṇa's and enjoy reading their books. My friends became quiet after that. The book is great, and it has helped me a lot. Thanks!

**Vivian**

**Kentucky, USA** 🌸

## A Dusty Gem

It has to be the most fortunate thing that could happen to anyone a person's whole life changed. It happened one afternoon while I was going to the shop. I saw a book lying on the side of the road. I walked past it, spoke to



some friends, bought whatever I needed, and was on my way back when I again noticed the book. I stopped and picked it up, although I normally wouldn't pick up something from the road as bad-looking as this. It was dirty, torn, and old.

I was a sinful person at that time, and a great meat-eater. I went out in the evening with friends. When I returned home, I sat and read a few magazines and then picked up the book I had found. I dusted it off and read the title: *Coming Back*. I began to read and I read and read and read.

I had never read anything as clear, pure, easy, and truthful as this book. I was amazed and shocked. I began to think how sinful I was. I completed the book the next day and decided to change my life by becoming spiritually conscious.

The next month I gave up eating meat, went to the temple, and started learning more about Srila Prabhupada and the all-glorious Lord Kṛṣṇa. I have now been a devotee for three years, and I enjoy every minute of it. All this happened because I decided to take a walk to the shop one day. That is the power of the Lord, Sri Kṛṣṇa.

**Govindasamy Dasa**

**Durban, South Africa**

## Freedom from the Misery of Materialism

I had just arrived at Denver International Airport when a young man handed me a book called *Bhagavad-gita*.

I gave him a donation and took the book. I read from its pages and couldn't stop reading. I agree with all I have read, and I see the

need and the joy in becoming free from material addiction. I have thought about this a lot and know that I'm ready to embrace this truth. I would give all I have to be free from the misery of materialism. What you teach is true, and I genuinely would like to thank you.

**Jonathan**

**Daytona Beach, Florida, USA** 🌸



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

If, yes, write the **story** of how you came to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Write in your own words, using simple language. Stories should be only about 2 to 3 handwritten pages (or 1 to 2 typed pages).

We also encourage all of you to **draw** topics about Kṛṣṇa, whether you are known as an “artist” or not. With Kṛṣṇa artwork, what is most important is your desire to please Kṛṣṇa.

Send your story and/or your artwork to: **ISKCON Prison Ministry, PO Box 2676, Alachua, FL 32616**

And **please** write “MY STORY”, or “ARTWORK” on the back of the envelope.

Please be patient: due to the high volume of mail, it may take a few months to see your submission in the newsletter.

## North American Teams See Book Distribution Increase During COVID-19 Marathon

By: **Madhava Smullen**, for ISKCON NEWS



**LEFT: a devotee masks up to mail books out —RIGHT: a happy recipient of a Srimad-Bhagavatam set**

“When the lockdown started, nobody thought we could distribute books, and everybody was worried about what would happen,” says Shyama Mohini Dasi, co-sankirtan leader at ISKCON Toronto, Canada. “But Vaisesika Prabhu encouraged us to think differently, and innovate.”

Every year since 2007, devotees at Toronto, ISKCON Silicon Valley, and other temples – inspired by Global Duty Officer for book distribution Vaisesika Das – have held a Bhaktivinode Thakur Marathon for the six weeks between Nrsimha Chaturdasi and Bhaktivinode Thakur’s appearance day.

This year, from May 6<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>, ISV devotees actually doubled the number of books distributed, despite

being unable to physically approach people due to the pandemic lockdown.

With a poster and video from Vaisesika encouraging devotees to “distribute from home – all you need is a phone,” teams across North America as well as in London, England also posted incredible numbers of Srila Prabhupada’s books.

Team ISV distributed 13,861 books and 253 sets; Team Harinama Ashrama NYC 5,570 books and 136 sets; Team London, UK 1,235 books and 4 sets; Team Laguna Beach 1,000 books and 40 sets; and Team Toronto 875 books and 31 sets.

Teams in Seattle, Philadelphia, Houston, Delaware, Chicago and Round Rock, Texas rounded out the effort for a total of 26,4747 books and 519 sets.

To take the edge off and make the sankirtan fun, devotee organized virtual “calling parties” on Zoom, which provided moral support and gave the feeling of distributing all together. Around 30 devotees at a time would call people from their own homes and distribute books over the phone, while simultaneously consulting each other for help on Zoom and reporting successes.

“We would start by calling contacts we had made before, on sankirtan or at temple festivals, dating back to 2014,” says Malini Dasi, co-sankirtan leader at ISKCON Silicon Valley. “We would introduce ourselves, and make a connection. Then we would present the books. If they accepted them, we would ask for a donation, and tell them about contactless shipping – we either ship directly through USPS or deliver the books and leave them outside people’s doors. We also offer e-books if they are not comfortable with paper books.”



**Devotees participate in a Zoom calling party while distributing books over the phone**

Devotees also reached out on social media such as WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram, messaging people they already had a connection with through mutual friends.

“A lot of people sent us pictures of themselves with the books they had received,” Vaisesika says. “And those pictures actually inspired new people to buy books also.”

In addition, Brajananda Das of the Krishna House in Tallahassee, Florida developed an innovation that saw devotees in Tallahassee, Toronto, and ISV sending out ‘care packages’ for donations. Depending on the temple, these included books, prasadam, beads, and/or gift coupons for the local Govinda’s restaurant. In London, UK, meanwhile, devotees sent out free care packages to essential workers. Some of the recipients of such care packages were so delighted to receive them that they contacted devotees asking for more books, including full Srimad-Bhagavatam sets.

Among the thousands of books distributed during the lockdown marathon were 750 e-books and 53 e-book sets by ISV and Toronto, a historical achievement as it was the first time e-books had been distributed in a major way. E-books are in particular demand during the pandemic, and Vaisesika says that all efforts are being made to make e-books available in more languages so that they can be distributed globally.

E-books are also being bundled with other services such as a free month’s subscription to the Bhakti Community Online (<https://bhakti.community/>), where recipients can access courses and podcasts that help them learn more about the timeless texts of Bhakti Yoga and how to implement devotional practices into their daily life. The next innovation will be audiobooks, a \$3.5 billion market in the secular world. “Keshava Bharati Goswami, who is leading the charge, is dedicating upwards of six to eight hours a day to narrate all of Srila Prabhupada’s books, and just recently finished the whole Sri Chaitanya Charitmarita,” Vaisesika says. “We’re hoping that some audiobooks will be available by the end of this year.”



**Devotees are mailing out care packages that include books, prasadam and beads**

Meanwhile book distribution has not slowed down since the Bhaktivinode Thakur marathon ended on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The very next day, in fact, temples around North America and the world restarted the Bhadra Campaign, an effort to distribute at least 10,000 sets of Srimad-Bhagavatam that started on Gaura Purnima in March this year and will culminate on Bhadra Purnima on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The campaign will also serve to unite the world in book distribution, with teams from India, North America, Europe, Africa, and Australia all using remote strategies to distribute Srimad-Bhagavatam sets during the pandemic.

Among the devotees serving on the campaign are children, including one-and-a-half-year-old Kunjari, the daughter of ISV devotees. The precocious Kunjari, who heard the entire Srimad-Bhagavatam in the womb before she was even born, stars in an impossibly cute video presenting the sacred text that has gone viral and inspired many to purchase the Bhagavatam.

“One devotee was trying to distribute a Bhagavatam set, but the person they were talking to was hesitant and said no,” Malini recalls. “After the devotee shared Kunjari’s video with them, however, they immediately responded back saying that they wanted the full set.”

Devotees’ efforts at contactless book distribution, through all these methods, have been transforming lives during a very difficult time for humanity.

“The books have changed the trajectory of my life under quarantine and shall for here after,” wrote gym teacher and author Jeff Winkowski from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. “What is fascinating is that my study of Srimad Bhagavatam and all of Prabhupada’s writings have helped me become a better father, a better friend, and a better son. I am so thankful for NYC Harinam and the association of the devotees whom Krishna has brought into my life after these auspicious books entered my home.”

Another recipient, Morgan Heche, wrote, “I am really grateful that I was offered the opportunity to get some of Srila Prabhupada’s books delivered to my home. While we have been experiencing so many changes over the last few months, including the temple being closed, it has been so important to have this wisdom to turn to while navigating our day to day lives. Care and attention was given for keeping things clean and safe during the delivery. Thank you for this compassionate service!”

“We felt triumphant when we presented our scores to Srila Prabhupada and Bhaktivinode Thakur last weekend,” Vaisesika says. “Because it was a sweet victory to be faced with amid such uncertainty. We are continuing to depend on Lord Chaitanya and the mercy of the Acharyas, and are again moving forward with confidence that we’re not doing this – they are.” 🌸

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



## Excerpts from inmates' letters

As far as how I am doing in the practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, I am doing the best that I can while being in prison. I'll do much better when I get out of prison. I do not gamble, use drugs, have sex, or drink alcohol. I am not able to practice vegetarianism the way that I should be, because I am in prison. But when I get out I will be fully a vegetarian. I am ready. I have always wanted to be a vegetarian and this is very important to me. I pray to Krishna all the time. I might still be materialistic, but not as much as other people. Other people, their ways and habits and behaviors scare me. I try to avoid certain types of people. They act worse than animals in my opinion. Not everyone acts in a negative way though. I accept people from any background or religious faith as long as they present themselves in a respectful manner. But even still, I really like Hare Krishnas the best. I used to sit through Christian services once a week just to be able to check the chapel bookshelf after, for Krishna consciousness books that I could take and keep. Within a few months I joined the Hare Krishna class/service on my unit. It was nice to have the association of other Hare Krishnas back then. I miss it. But I look forward to new association in the future.

**Brandon F.—Beeville, Texas**

I really liked "A Lifetime in Preparation". I love him [Prabhupada] even more after reading it. I am looking forward to seeing him in the afterlife. I have been getting realizations from reading the books and also chanting. I am not God. For so long I thought I was. Only Kṛṣṇa is God, and I must serve Him. I am still struggling with bad association. Please pray that I fully give myself to Kṛṣṇa so I can taste the nectar of devotion wherever I am. You guys are the only good association I get. Please keep praying for me. You are my God family.

**Sean C.—St. Peter, Minnesota**

[Sean used to visit the Los Angeles temple every day when he was younger and very much regrets not becoming a devotee then.]

I promise you something Ms. Bhakti-lata Dasi; I will take care of Krishna's books in the library with my all my attention. I will monitor every single book to make sure nobody destroy them. Like you said, Krishna put me in this position. for that specific reason. I always read my Gita every morning at 4:30 AM, chant my maha mantra exactly like you said. Your words are so beautiful and they touch the deepest part of my soul. Every time my heart beats it says "Hare Krishna". All I want in my life is to breathe Krishna; I wake up in the mornings and all I can think is to chant Hare Krishna. I go to bed listening (on my tablet) to Prabhupada chanting the Holy mantra. I'm free, thanks to Krishna, I'm happy, thanks to Krishna, I love everyone, thanks to Krishna who lives in my heart. Your servant , brother, soldier for Krishna 's army,

**Eloy M.—Monticello, Florida**

I have received all the books. I have been so eager to devour the knowledge within them. I have been reading constantly for the past two days. I was so happy to receive them. Thank you so very much. I grew up studying mysticism and esoteric topics. So a couple years ago when I ran across the teachings of Kṛṣṇa I was naturally drawn. I've recently finished my full memorization of the Bhagavad-gita in English. I can't easily pronounce the Sanskrit, though I hope to one day.

**Dale S. D.—Oglethorpe, Georgia**

I have several small books which I let anyone interested read, and invite questions and discussion. The small books stay in circulation, as there are many interested inquiries/inquirers.

**Gerald N.—Defuniak Springs, Florida**

I have decided—after a year of steady 20 japa rounds daily without missing a day no matter the circumstances—that I should challenge myself to also further my dedication and chant at least 25 japa rounds daily. I enjoy it so much and know I can do at least that amount reasonably without failing at my vow.

**David B.—Danbury, Connecticut**

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

Subscriptions to the *Back to Godhead* magazine (BTG) are sponsored by the Prison Ministry (IPM), NOT by the BTG Office. So if you have a change of address, please write to IPM, at the address below, to inform us. Please write "*CHANGE OF ADDRESS*" on the outside of the envelope so we can process it immediately. Thank you.

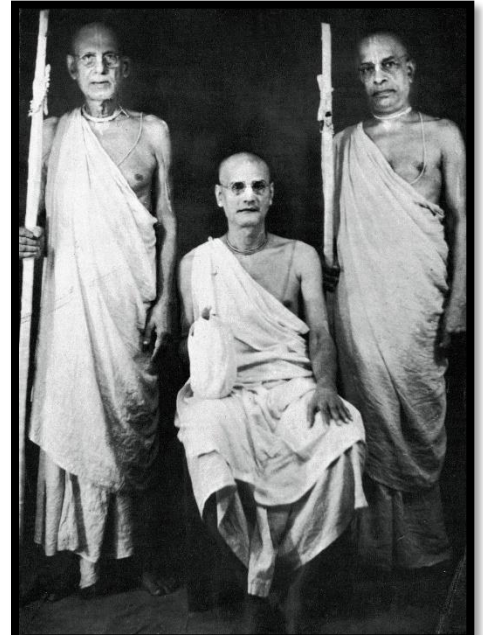
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The same is goes for the *Freedom Newsletter* (FN). When newsletters are returned we can only assume that the inmate has been released from prison and his/her name is deleted from our mailing list. To make sure you continue receiving the newsletter be sure to notify us of your change of address at the above address.

# Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2020

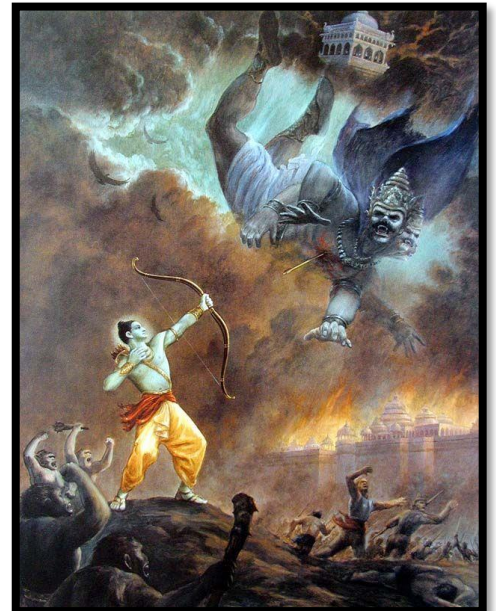
- 01 Sept 2020 - Ananta Caturdasi Vrata : Appearance Day of Padmanabha
- 01 Sept 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Haridasa Thakura
- 02 Sept 2020 - Acceptance of Sannyasa by Srila Prabhupada
- 03 Sept 2020 - Third Month of Caturmasya Begins (fasting from milk)
- 09 Sept 2020 - Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the USA
- 14 Sept 2020 - **Indira EKADASI**
- 27 Sept 2020 - **Padmini EKADASI**



**ABOVE:** Srila Prabhupada (far right) on the day of taking sannyasa—the renounced order of life—in 1959

## OCTOBER 2020

- 13 Oct 2020 - **Parama Ekadasi**
- 26 Oct 2020 - Ramacandra Vijayotsava (*festival honoring the victory of Lord Ramachandra over the demon Ravana*)
- 26 Oct 2020 - Appearance Day of Sri Madhvacharya
- 27 Oct 2020 - **Pasankusa Ekadasi**
- 28 Oct 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami
- 28 Oct 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami
- 28 Oct 2020 - Disappearance Day of Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami
- 31 Oct 2020 - Sri Krsna Saradiya Rasayatra
- 31 Oct 2020 - Disappearance Day of Sri Murari Gupta



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