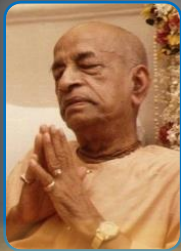


Freedom Newsletter



Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
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DIRTY ILLUSIONS

This is the continuation of a conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and a guest—Dr. Christian Hauser, a psychiatrist—which took place in Stockholm in September 1973.

Srila Prabhupada: I am prescribing, “Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.” If you say, “Hare Kṛṣṇa,” immediately the relief begins. And if you say, “No, no, I cannot chant this Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra*—I don’t believe in it,” what can be done? That will prove to be a great misfortune.

Just consider. Someone is being asked to chant two words: *Hare Kṛṣṇa*. But he’ll not agree to chant these two words and get relief. Instead, he’ll chant ten or fifteen words: “No, no, I cannot chant this Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra*—I don’t believe in it.” He won’t chant the two words *Hare Kṛṣṇa* and get relief. That is a great misfortune for the person.

Dr. Hauser: Yes. But isn’t there something else beyond just the chanting? I mean ...

Srila Prabhupada: That is the beginning. It is like an ocean. *Anandambudhi*: an ocean of blissfulness. So first of all, come to the shore—touch the water. It is like the Pacific Ocean, with all its vastness. But come to the



shore and touch the water. Then gradually you'll understand. If you remain aloof—"No, I shall not touch it"—then how can you understand what the Pacific Ocean is?

Dr. Hauser: Yes, I can see that.

Srila Prabhupada: *Ambudhi* means "the ocean"; *ananda* means "blissfulness." So *anandambudhi* means "the ocean of blissfulness." And *anandambudhi-wardhanam*: this ocean of blissfulness goes on increasing and increasing unlimitedly.

Now, how does this ocean of blissfulness go on increasing? *Ceto-darpana marjanam*: the more you chant the Lord's holy names, the more you cleanse your heart.

We all have got these unclean ideas, these dirty illusions—"I am white," "I am black," "I am French," "I am Chinese"—covering our heart. Fundamentally, our illusion is, "I am this body."

But by chanting the Lord's names, we cleanse away our illusion and come to the reality: "I am a spirit soul, part and parcel of the Supreme Spirit. Now let me serve Him."

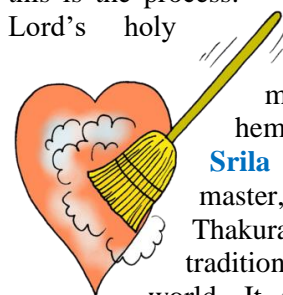
So our diseased condition in this world is due to our unclean heart. In fact, disease means uncleanliness. Is it not?

Dr. Hauser: Hmm.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. So our material disease—our being in this material world to begin with—is due to our unclean heart. Therefore to cure this disease, *ceto-darpana-marjanam*: we have to cleanse our heart. And this is the process: chant Hare Krsna; let the Lord's holy names cleanse our heart.



Dr. Hauser: When did this movement start in the Western hemisphere?



Srila Prabhupada: My spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, asked me to revive this traditional Vedic culture in the Western world. It is not actually a question of "starting." This is the world's traditional, original culture.

Dr. Hauser: For some people, it will be very difficult accepting this kind of thing as authoritative.

Srila Prabhupada: Why? At every moment, everyone is accepting something or other as authoritative—

whether some scientific theory or some news report. And yet generally, whatever thing we are accepting was produced by some man's imperfect senses and imperfect mind—so that thing is imperfect.

Dr. Hauser: Yes.

Srila Prabhupada: But if we go to the all-perfect Supreme Personality of Godhead, then we get something perfect, something really authoritative. Take this traditional Vedic culture. It comes from the Vedic literature of Vyasadeva, the Lord's literary incarnation. You just test for yourself. For instance, several thousand years ago, the *Bhagavata Purana* foretold Lord Buddha's birth—the place, the family, the date—exactly. Perfect authoritativeness.

So this chanting of the Lord's names—we are not concocting some idea. In the Vedic literature the Lord recommends this; this is authoritative.

But instead you may want to accept some other prescription for relief—something produced by some man's imperfect senses and mind. But that thing must be imperfect because it is from someone imperfect.

Dr. Hauser: Yes.

Srila Prabhupada: And yet, despite all this imperfection, still this man will put the thing forward as if it were perfect. So he is cheating.

That is going on. Recently a big professor, a Nobel Prize winner, went to Los Angeles to tout his horn on chemical evolution. His remedy for our darkness is that life begins from a certain four chemicals. And he has the effrontery to give lectures.

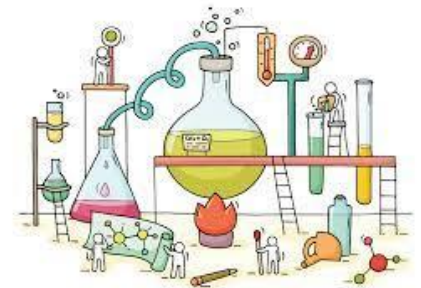
So one of my disciples who has a doctorate in chemistry asked this professor, "If I give you these four chemicals, will you be able to produce life?" The professor replied, "That I cannot say."

Remember, he had asserted that life begins from these four chemicals, and he had lectured for hours. And yet when he

was asked, "When you actually have these four chemicals, will you be able to produce life?" he answered, "That I cannot say." Just see. He's not certain whether he'll be able to produce life. Is this not cheating?

Dr. Hauser: Yes.

Srila Prabhupada: So we don't go to cheaters to get relief. We go to the Supreme Lord, and we continuously chant His holy names. 🙏



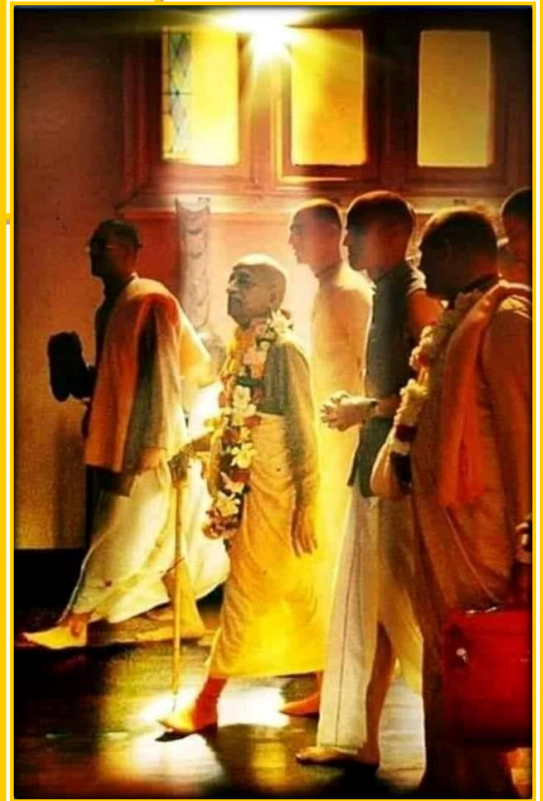
PLEASE COME OUT INTO THE LIGHT.

Prabhupada: Maya means that you are unfortunate. Here it is light, and there it is darkness. If I tell you to come from the darkness into the light and if you don't come, that is your misfortune. Maya is there, and God is there. If you want to remain in maya, then how can you be saved? I can help you by saying, "Don't remain in darkness. Please come out into the light." But if you say, "No, I shall remain here," then how can I save you? You have your choice. God is there, and maya is there. If you take to maya you remain in maya. What can I do, and what can God do? That is your choice.

Interview with the New York Times

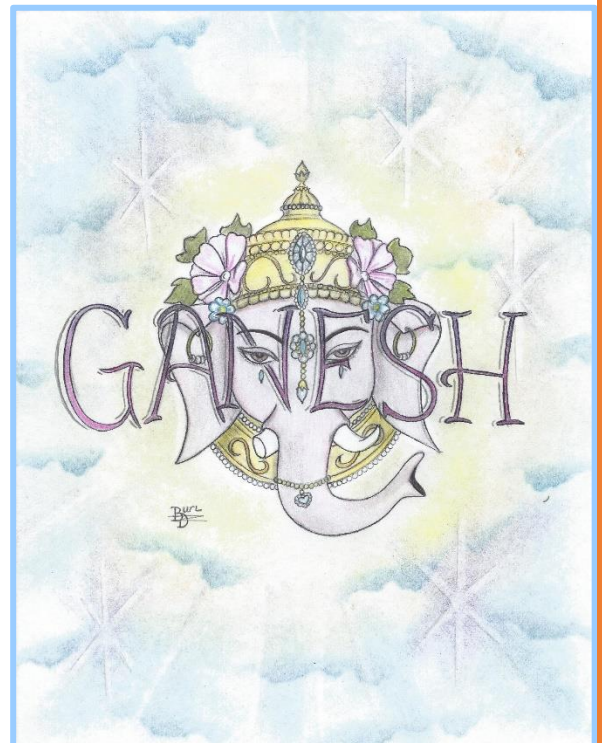
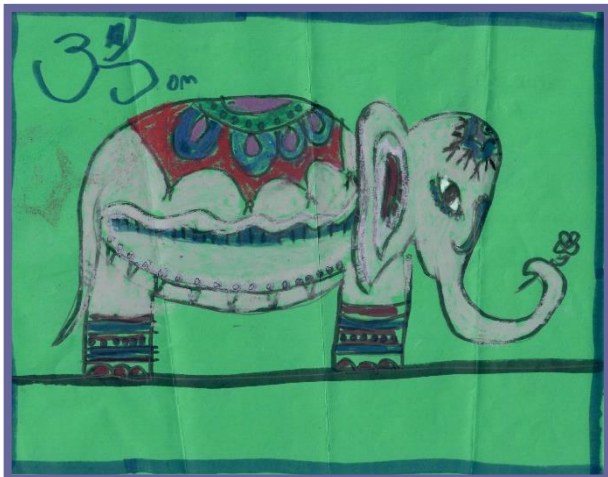
—September 2, 1972, New Vrindavan

Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare
Hare Rama
Hare Rama
Rama Rama



Inmate Artwork

RIGHT: Drawing of Ganesh, by inmate Burl Dees —Coleman, Florida



LEFT: Drawing by inmate Michael P. —Lima, Ohio

Reading Something Genuine and Truthful.

By inmate Bhakta Andrus T. —Safford, Arizona

Hare Krishna! My journey is now coming to a close and I will be released soon (Andrus was released in 2022). I want to formally thank you and everyone involved in your prison ministry program. You have provided a means for incarcerated souls to break free from the bondage of self [false self; false ego]. What started out as an inquiry into life after death led me to a new sense of freedom, one made possible through the service of great atmas, like yourselves [IPM volunteers]. Many people who seek Krishna in here rarely seek Krishna outside of prison, as Srutadeva Prabhu would say, but you can rest assured that I will be participating in temple duties in both Chandler & Tucson [once released]. The magnitude to which your service has gone on to help extends far beyond myself and to elaborate I'd like to tell you my story, which if you like have permission to publish in any newsletter.

My spiritual journey began in November 2018 with a search to discover what happens after death. I read many books that didn't click until my sponsor in AA gave me *The Science of Self-Realization* by Srila Prabhupada. Finally, something made sense and I began to read more from Prabhupada. Jesus says that *ye will know the truth when ye hear it*, and I certainly could feel I was reading something genuine and truthful.

Shortly after I began reading the *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*. In 2019 I decided to write you myself and was given Srutadeva Das as my pen pal. I was able to ask questions and learn much more about the Vedas. I was blessed to receive the *Back to Godhead* magazine, *Freedom Newsletter*, and many books, including the *Mahabharata*.

For a while I was the only bhakta on the yard. Then, in early 2021, I saw another inmate meditating and began a conversation. He was involved in Buddhist Monasteries on the streets and so we shared interest in Eastern philosophy. We later became good friends, and I gave him my pen pal's address and a few books to read (including the *Mahabharata*). Now there are two bhaktas on the yard, enough to register with the chaplain, for services.


At this point I had read the *Bhagavad-Gita* four times and the *Mahabharata* from cover to cover. People on the yard knew what I was about and knew me from the classes I teach or taught, such as Morning Meditation, A Path to Virtue, and Redefining Success. My release date was coming, and I couldn't let this yard be devoid of Krishna. I went around the yard to those I knew were spiritual seekers and asked if they would be interested in studying the Gita.

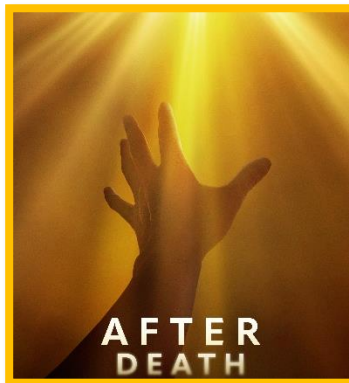
I compiled a list of seven people who were interested in learning more. I wrote to Balabhadra Dasa in Boise and told him my idea to start a study group here and asked his opinion. He said it was an excellent idea and he poured out his energy into helping us get this thing started. About three months later, the seven inmates interested in study received their own copies *Bhagavad-gita* and two more books as well. Bhakta Wes and I now lead a *Gita* study group every Saturday.

What's more is that I also reached out to the Tucson temple to see if they would be interested in volunteering service here at Graham. I got in touch with Sandamini Dasi, the temple president, and she sounded very sincere and interested. I linked her to our complex chaplain and soon there will be a community of Krishna Consciousness inmates to attend Kirtan and further their study in the presence of devotees.

What seemed impossible at first, started to become very real. this yard was completely void of Krishna Consciousness less than three years ago and now we have a community of seven inmates studying the *Gita*, with volunteer devotees on their way. If Srila Prabhupada can start a global movement with nothing, surely a sincere inmate can gather a group of inmates in prison for a higher purpose.

I ready myself for release now feeling like I did something to make a difference. The Krishna Consciousness that began here will continue in my absence and for me there is no greater joy. Hare Krishna! Jaya!

Your Humble Servant, Bhakta Jason 



Excerpts from inmates' letters

Dear ISKCON Prison Ministry,
Hare Krsna! I am writing to you to say "thank you" for the recent shipment of back issues of magazines of BTG and for the book Srila Prabhupada Lilamrita. I had written to you so that I could get back on the newsletter mailing list, as I hadn't received one for the past few months, but I wasn't expecting to receive what you sent me. It was a great highlight to my week. So thank you very much.

I also wanted to share with you the reaction from others in my unit.

When I returned from picking up my packages, of course everyone was wondering what I got, and why I had a huge smile on my face. I explained about falling off the mailing list and writing to you, then showed them the items I received. People were floored. They couldn't believe all that you sent me or that you sent me anything at all. Everyone asked how I found your organization, and I passed on my story. People still couldn't believe it. Most of them have been trying to find contact information for their religion but with little luck. Then, at the end a friend spoke up and said, "You know those Hare Krishnas are amazing. You are very lucky to have found them".

And my reply was, "You have no idea just how lucky I am. Krishna has changed my life".

So, bottom line: thank you for all you do for me and others like me. I hope that once I'm released, I can do something to help or assist others like you guys do. Thank you once again. Hare Krsna!

Michael C. —Charleston, South Carolina

I received material about Hare Krishna. I am finding pleasure and happiness in the divine literature. It resonates with my spirit and I am seeking to learn more knowledge of the Krishna Consciousness, maybe to even become a true devotee. I just began reading "*Perfect Questions, Perfect Answers*".

When I saw the invitation to write to you all. I pray all is well with every single soul of you.

Shela H. —Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Recently on a fateful day back in March I was handed three separate issues of your publication/outreach magazine called "Back to Godhead" the articles, teachings,

meditations with faith, principles grabbed my mind first and now gently my heart. The man I was serving prison time with has unfortunately now transferred elsewhere and I have zero access to your organization. Would you be willing to donate monthly issues for one year to me, an indigent prisoner with no money so I may continue my journey-search/exploration of the Hare Krishna beliefs and way of life maybe? Our Chaplain and library have next to nothing about you to read and check out unfortunately. No volunteers come to my prison either. Love to have you send religious/education materials and the "Back to Godhead" monthly magazine to me graciously at the address above. Be kind, be peaceful, know you are blessed.

Rob B. —Chipley, Fl.

Hare Krishna,

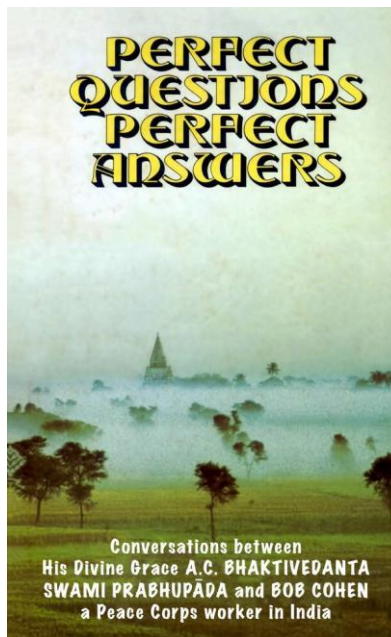
Thank you very much for the four booklets and for the reply. I'm happy you took time out of your day to write me and send me the books. I will take a lot of seriousness studying them. I'll write back to give you feedback on what I have learned. I've studied the Gita on and off for a few years. I made the humble decision

to permanently stick with it and chant Hare Krishna daily. I came to a spiritual decision to make a commitment to do my utmost in advancing in Krishna Consciousness. An inner calling is telling me I need to make a full change. I no longer want to keep stumbling. Before I blamed my excuses for my actions. Reading the Bhagavad Gita has made me see my inner-self as finally getting out of the shell of ignorance, and embrace Goodness. I accept my karma and sufferings. I don't use excuses anymore. I am here in prison as a result of bad karma I've done in my past life. I ask myself how I can avoid this again? I'm so thankful I was introduced to Krishna Consciousness in order to become liberated. Can I promise myself I will be this life? I will do my very best with a

Pure of Heart. With the help of a devotee. Can you help me? Thank you very much for your time to read this letter and for your generosity.

Very Truly Yours,

Bhakta Travis H.—Newark, New Jersey



Remembering Mukhara Devi Dasi:

The Legacy of an Early South African Devotee

By Atma Tattva Das, ISKCON News Staff Writer | September 24, 2023

In the annals of South African Krishna consciousness, few names shine as brightly as that of Mukhara Devi Dasi. Her life story is a testament to unwavering dedication, selfless service, and an unshakable commitment to spreading the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. With a legacy deeply woven into the fabric of ISKCON South Africa, Mukhara Devi Dasi's journey is a source of inspiration for generations of devotees, illuminating the path of devotion with her exemplary life.

Jayananda Das shared how his mother dedicated her life to the service of the Krishna Consciousness community in South Africa, embodying the ideals of selfless service. He fondly remembers, "So, that was her opulence: caregiving, feeding, offering help and assistance, and serving with all she had. That's what she accomplished in her Krishna consciousness. So for that, we are very, very grateful because it was through her support that we achieved so much; she gave us access, and we got to render service to all the devotees who appeared throughout her life."

Krishna consciousness often brings profound changes to individuals' lives, sometimes leading to estrangement from family and friends who don't understand the new path. In such a challenging phase, Mother Mukhara played a pivotal role in bridging the gap. Sukanti Radha Devi Dasi, a family member, recalls, "My aunt was also very instrumental in preaching Krishna consciousness, especially to our family members. Although we went preaching in and around the area we lived in, she skillfully brought our then estranged family in slowly, one by one, sharing and explaining Krishna conscious concepts, offering prasad, and lovingly drawing them back home."

Jayananda's mother had a unique and practical approach to spreading Krishna consciousness. Instead of imposing beliefs on others, she employed a gentle and thoughtful strategy; as Sukanti Radha remembers, "She had this thing about her, a potency of just

knowing what needed to be said. And my uncle, her husband, was really good at explaining aspects of the Krishna conscious philosophy in detail."

Krishna consciousness became a unifying force in Mother Mukhara's family. It not only strengthened their bonds but also transformed their lives. "Discovering Krishna consciousness initially created a perceivable gap in our extended family and drew us back together to become close again. We appreciate it very much. I'm thankful to my aunt for not allowing me to just drift away with the rest of our family that was still attached to our Hindu culture at the time; she fought for me," said Sukanti.



In the early days of Krishna consciousness in South Africa, resources were scarce,

and devotees had to rely on their creativity and dedication. Jayananda's mother played a crucial role in those days. "We didn't have a temple back then. We didn't even have Srila Prabhupada's books. We didn't have anything aside from faith and the inspiration of the devotees who came to preach, along with the candles, incense sticks, and the annual calendar they sold. And that was what we used to go door to door with, fundraising for the construction of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple. She was fearless," recalled Sukanti.

As one reflects on the life of Mother Mukhara, one is reminded of the profound impact one individual can have on a community and the enduring legacy of selfless service. Her gentle, compassionate approach to spreading Krishna consciousness left an indelible mark on those who had the privilege of knowing her.

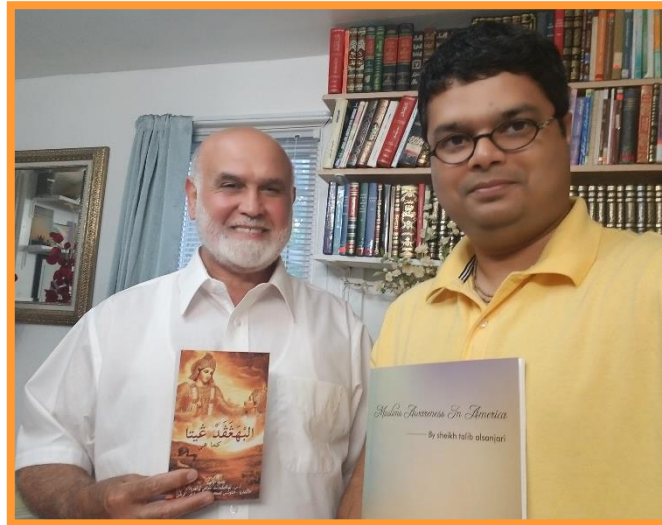
Her legacy is a testament to the power of faith, service, and love within the Krishna consciousness community. Her life's work, filled with dedication and humility, inspires new generations of devotees, reminding us of the transformative potency of Krishna consciousness.



THE STORY OF HOW THE ARABIC GITA WAS PRINTED —by Arta Bandhu Dasa

In Dearborn, Michigan, there is a massage parlor where you pay to sit on a chair and get a full body massage. I went there after my work due to back pain. I didn't pay much attention to the person who was sitting beside me in the waiting room, but suddenly he spoke to me, asking me about the brahmin thread I wear. He was an elderly Muslim man with a beautiful smiling face. I smiled back and asked him where he was from. He said he was from Iraq. I briefly explained to him that I am from a priest family and this thread is a symbol of that. He was very happy with my response.

In his broken English he replied with excitement, "Oh you're a priest? I'm also a priest," and his smile doubled. His personality was very simple and charming. He further inquired what my religion is called. Thinking that he wouldn't understand the word "*sanatana*," I told him I'm a Hindu.



He then asked me, "What is the difference between your religion and mine?" That was a tough question for me. I paused for a moment and thought, "Let me not pretend to give answers I think will suit him; let me just repeat what I've learned in Krishna consciousness." "God is a person, and His name is Krishna," I replied. He looked at me. "We also believe in reincarnation," I added. Our conversation thus continued, and to my surprise I found that he was very eager to know more about our ancient religion.

He asked me if I had a book that could explain what I was saying. I did not expect that. I was overjoyed and started thinking of which book I should give him. Reading my mind, he said that he can't read English and asked if we have it in Arabic; he used to be a Professor of Arabic language and Islamic jurisprudence at a university. I replied, "No, I don't have any, but I can see if I could find one for you."

I took his contact information. His name is Imam.

I came home, went on Facebook to see if any devotees had a *Bhagavad-gita As It Is* in Arabic, but I found out that it didn't exist yet. There was a PDF version available online, but no book. I called Imam and asked if he is willing to read from a PDF, but he replied he

would prefer a book.

A day later, I got a message from Satyanarayana Prabhu, who oversees BBT Arabic book translation and distribution. He said the Arabic *Bhagavad-gita* was ready to publish, but he needed a big donation to print it. I didn't know anybody who could donate such a huge amount. I contacted Deena Bandhu Prabhu, my dear friend and mentor, who suggested I approach Rakesh Prabhu, whom we once met during our trip to

the Middle East. Rakesh was very interested in distributing Srila Prabhupada's *Bhagavad-gita As it Is*.

Rakesh's life mission is to purchase *Bhagavad-gita* in bulk quantities and give them away for free. His whole family distributes thousands of *Bhagavad-gitas* all over the world every year. He encourages others to take *Bhagavad-gita* and also distribute it. Although I was nervous, I contacted him and

told him everything. His reply was brief: "Connect me with Satyanarayan Prabhu."

Months passed. Around March 2018, I saw a Facebook post from Satyanarayan Prabhu giving a first look of the Arabic Gita, advertising that it'll be available soon. A few days later, Rakesh wrote to me that he had donated \$35,000 for the initial printing of 20,000 copies. I was very happy; I knew that someday the book would be available in the Detroit temple and I would buy a copy for the professor.

In June 2018, I met Satyanarayan Prabhu at the New York *Ratha yatra festival*. I recollected with him the story of how we got in touch and how I connected him to Rakesh. When he understood who I was, in a very excited voice, he asked me if I gifted a copy to Imam who asked for it. Sadly, I replied that I had never seen a single copy of Arabic *Bhagavad-gita* to that date. He dragged me to a devotee who was selling various books of Srila Prabhupada at a book table nearby. Satyanarayan Prabhu handed me a copy of the Arabic Gita and started showing me the print, binding, pictures, and pages. I gave a donation and later left New York for Detroit.

I rang up Imam. He remembered me well, and I told him that I have the book he was looking for. He gave me his address and invited me to his home. As soon as I parked my car in his driveway, he came forward to greet me with a beautiful smile. He grabbed my hand, took me inside, and gave me a big embrace. When I entered his home, all I could notice was his gigantic collection of books displayed all over his walls. It was a big library. I showed him the Arabic *Gita*. He knew it was very ancient and one of the most important holy texts of India. Bending forward, he received the book, showing utmost respect. I was amazed. He wanted to offer me money for the book. I told him it was a gift, but he wouldn't take a gift without giving me one. He immediately gave me two books that were originally written by him in Arabic and later translated into English. After we exchanged books, he offered me dried fruits.

I sat down and narrated the story of how the conversation from our first meeting initiated a series of incidents leading to the release of the Arabic *Gita*. He looked at me with disbelief. I told him that yes, he was the person because of whom this book was published and how I got to play a little role in it. He asked me to take a picture of both of us exchanging our books. He said the whole story inspired him, and he wanted to share it on Facebook for his social media followers. That evening when I came home, I realized I never felt so satisfied in my life before. I opened Facebook to see his article. But the first thing I noticed was that his post was flooded with various comments. All the comments were in Arabic. I started translating and reading. To my surprise, many people didn't appreciate reading the story he shared and seeing his photograph holding another religious text. The response was so bad I felt very depressed and thought, "Oh no! What have I done?" Suddenly my phone rang. It was him. I was afraid to accept the call; I knew what was coming. Probably he'd ask me to come and take the book back. "Do you have any more copies of that book?" he asked. "After you left, someone came to visit me. He saw the book, and he wanted to read it so he took it," he added. Before I could answer, he said, "I have a friend in London, who is also a professor. He saw my Facebook post and told me that he has heard about *Bhagavad-gita* but could never read it, because it was not available in Arabic. Could you please send a copy to London?" I was shocked, and asked, "How many copies do you need?" He said, "Bring ten." I asked, "What about all the hate mail you are receiving?" He responded, "Oh, that's OK. God will protect me." I

told my friends in the temple what had happened and added that Śrīla Prabhupada said that he will take the dust of the feet of anyone who will preach the message of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna to the people of the Middle East. He gave it such importance! Immediately three friends gave \$100 each. With \$300 on the table, I ordered two boxes of Arabic *Gitas*.

Meanwhile, Satyanarayan Prabhu arranged for his translator to speak to Imam who later told me that the translator's grasp of the Arabic language is excellent. Since he was an Arabic teacher, he appreciated the translator's language in their conversation and kept telling me how amazingly the translator had spoken with him. He was utterly impressed.

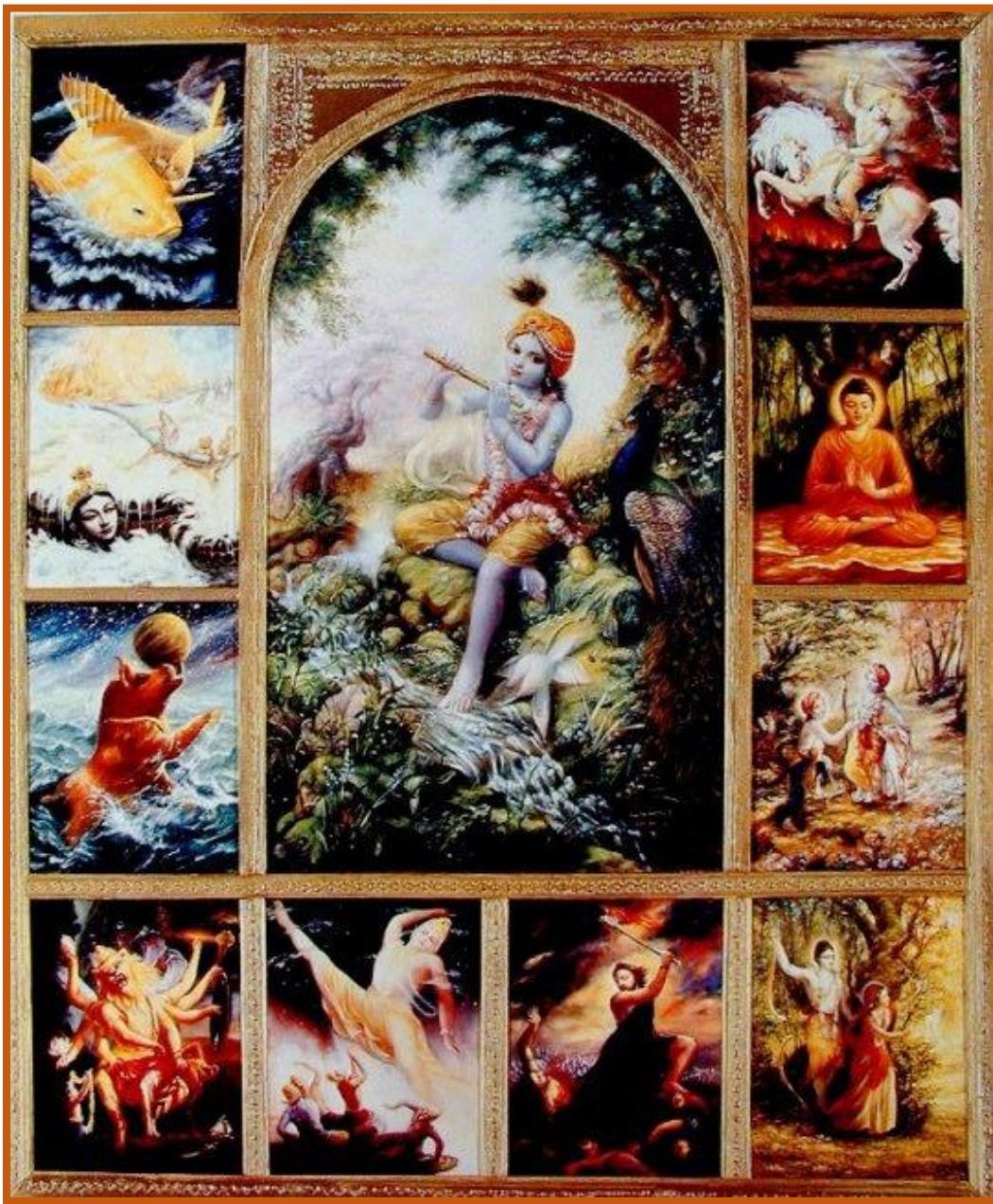
Soon the two boxes of Arabic *Gitas* arrived. With ten more copies I went to meet Imam. Although he was elderly, close to seventy, we became quite good friends. He would text me, sometimes call me, and would always invite me to visit him. When I entered his home, the first thing he showed me was an empty shelf. With a big smile, he said he has made a special space in the library of his living room for Arabic *Bhagavad-gitas* so that whoever comes can see it right away, and if they show interest, he can hand out a copy immediately. He asked me how much he should pay. I said it's a gift. Then he said that in that case I'll have to take more copies of his books and distribute them to my friends. I agreed.

Each time he'd run out of books, he'd ask me for ten more copies. I could see how many admirers he has and that so many people visit him. We had a language barrier; he couldn't speak good English and I didn't know any Arabic. I had to use Google Translator on the phone most of the time to have a conversation with him. He'd laugh a lot because the translation was bad, but he'd assure me that he understood what I tried to express.

By the end of 2018, I decided to leave America and move back to India. Before leaving the country, I went to see him. After talking some time, I told him that it was our last meeting and that I was leaving the country and moving back to India. His smile went away; he thought it was a bad translation. I repeated myself, and he became very emotional and embraced me. Then he told me that if I ever need money, I should never hesitate to ask him for help. My heart melted. It was a divine arrangement that I met such a wonderful soul who was an instrument for spreading the message of the Supreme Lord!

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

AVATARAS: Ten Incarnations of Lord Krishna



Lord Krsna appears in every millennium, in various incarnations, to annihilate the demons, protect the devotees and reestablish the principles of religion. From upper left-hand corner: **Lord Matsya**, the fish incarnation; **Lord Kurma**, the tortoise incarnation; **Lord Varaha**, the boar incarnation; **Lord Nrsimhadeva**, the man-lion incarnation; **Lord Vamana**, the dwarf-brahmana incarnation; **Lord Parasurama**, the warrior incarnation; **Lord Ramacandra**; **Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama**; **Lord Buddha**; and **Lord Kalki**, who destroys all demons at the end of the millennium.

In order to deliver the pious and to annihilate the miscreants, as well as to reestablish the principles of religion, I advent Myself millennium after millennium.

—Bhagavad-Gita As It Is 4.8

Calendar

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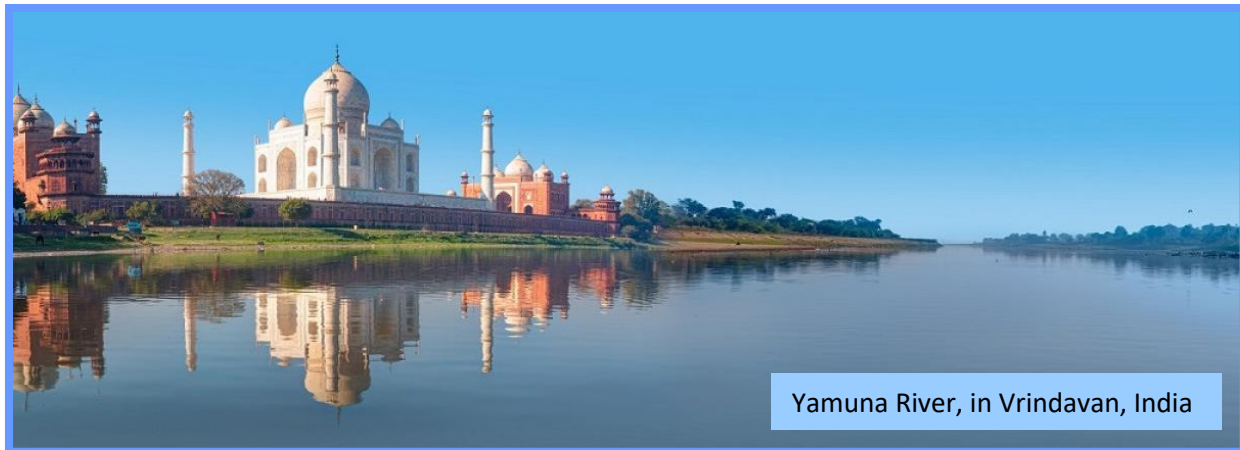
- 05 Oct - Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the USA
- 10 Oct - **Indira Ekadasi**
- 24 Oct - Ramacandra Vijayotsava (Lord Ramacandra's victory over the demon Ravana)
- 24 Oct - Appearance Day of Sri Madhvacharya
- 25 Oct - **Pasankusa Ekadashi**
- 26 Oct - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami
- 26 Oct - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami
- 26 Oct - Disappearance Day of Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami
- 28 Oct - Disappearance Day of Sri Murari Gupta
- 29 Oct - Fourth Month of Caturmasya Begins

NOVEMBER 2023

- 02 Nov - Disappearance Day of Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura
- 09 Nov - **Rama Ekadashi**
- 14 Nov - Appearance Day of Rasikananda
- 14 Nov - **Govardhana Puja**
- 15 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Vasudeva Ghosh
- 17 Nov - **Disappearance Day of Srila Prabhupada**
- 20 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Gadadhara Dasa Goswami
- 20 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Dhananjaya Pandita
- 20 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Srinivasa Acharya
- 23 Nov - **Utthana Ekadashi**
- 23 Nov - Disappearance Day of Srila Gaura Kisora Dasa Babaji Maharaja
- 26 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Bhugarbha Goswami
- 26 Nov - Disappearance Day of Sri Kasisvara Pandita
- 27 Nov - Appearance Day of Sri Nimbarkacharya
- 27 Nov - Last Day of Caturmasya

DECEMBER 2023

- 08 Dec - Disappearance Day of Sri Narahari Sarakara Thakura
- 09 Dec - **Utpanna Ekadashi**
- 09 Dec - Disappearance Day of Sri Kaliya Krsnadasa
- 11 Dec - Disappearance Day of Sri Saranga Thakura
- 23 Dec - Advent of Srimad Bhagavat_Gita
- 23 Dec - **Moksada Ekadashi**
- 31 Dec - Disappearance Day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura



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