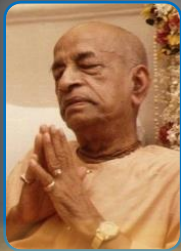


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THE “SCIENTIFIC” THEORY OF CREATION

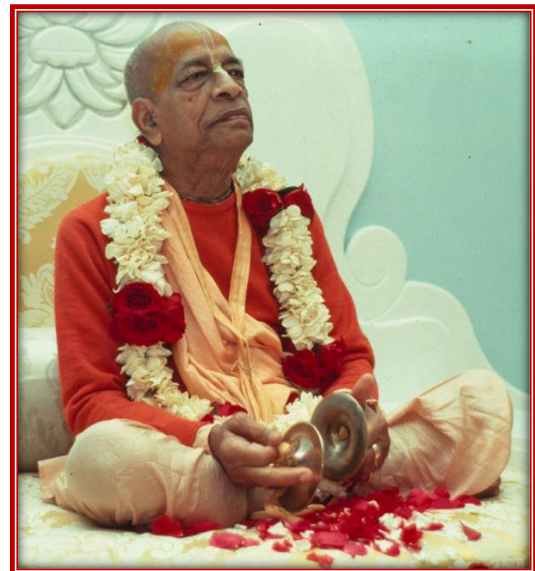
The following conversation between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of his disciples took place during an early-morning walk at Venice Beach, Los Angeles.

Srila Prabhupada: Everything that we see has been created—how can these scientists claim there is no creator? They are also created. How can they say that there is no creator?

Devotee: They are trying to avoid their responsibility to the creator, so they say He doesn't exist.

Srila Prabhupada: You can avoid the creator, but you cannot say He doesn't exist. Whether or not you accept the creator's authority is your business; but you cannot say there is no creator. For example, there are so many outlaws who say, “We don't want to obey the government.” If you don't like the government, that is your business. But there is a government—you can't deny that.

Devotee: It is just in the last few generations that the material scientists have received so much prestige and have been able to influence so many people with their propaganda.



Srila Prabhupada: Therefore we have to challenge all these rascal scientists.

Devotee: You are giving us the weapon—the transcendental knowledge in your books.

Srila Prabhupada: If people are after real scientific knowledge, they have to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness. They have been cheated by these so-called scientists. Now, if people are actually serious to know the truth, they'll accept this knowledge.

Devotee: The scientists say that the atom is the source of everything.

Srila Prabhupada: And our reply is, “You rascal. You are not coming from an atom—you are coming from your father.”

Devotee: “Originally,” they say, “everything has come about from chance atomic—”

Srila Prabhupada: “Originally!” You do not even know where you have come from. Why are you making theories about the origin? There is a story about a snake charmer. He couldn't even catch a harmless water snake, but he was trying to catch a cobra. This is the scientists' defect. The scientists are tiny, insignificant creatures, but they are saying such big things. This is the defect of modern science. They have no importance; still they are saying big

things. Just like the story: the snake charmer cannot catch even a nonpoisonous snake, and he says, “I'll catch a cobra.” You have not even understood that you are created by your mother and father, so why do you try to understand the original creation? These scientists and philosophers—their only business is to defy God. All of them are demons.

Devotee: But they say that before the scientific revolution—

Srila Prabhupada: It is *not* scientific—it is all a rascal revolution. The scientists cannot even answer this question: “You are created by your father, so why shouldn't there be an original creator? You have not dropped from the sky.”

Devotee: They say man came from the monkey, the monkey came from another animal, and originally everything came from an atom.

Srila Prabhupada: [addressing the scientists]: That's all right, but now come to the practical issue. You are created by your father—that you have to accept. Similarly, everything we see—these cars, the houses—everything was created by someone. So how can you

say there is no creator? Everything within your experience is created by someone.

Devotee: But then who created the creator?

Srila Prabhupada: That is something we can discuss later—but at least you have to accept that there *is* a creator.

Devotee: Some scientists will agree that there is a creative energy, but they do not give one creator, one person, the credit.

Srila Prabhupada: No, no. For instance, Mr. Ford manufactures a car, but he does not fashion it by his own hand. He has money—that's his energy—and he has to pay so many mechanics and supervisors to create the car. But ultimately Ford is the creator. Ford is not personally creating all his cars, but Ford's money, Ford's employees, and Ford's workers are creating them. Similarly, everything is being created by God. In *Bhagavad-gita* (9.10) Kṛṣṇa says,

*mayadhyaksena prakrtih
suyate sa-caracaram
hetunanena kaunteya
jagad viparivartate*

“This material nature is working under My direction, O son of Kuntī, and it is producing all the moving and

unmoving beings. By its rule this manifestation is created and annihilated again and again.” Like Mr. Ford, Kṛṣṇa has so many working energies and assistants. The Vedic literatures say, *parasya saktir vividhaiva sruyate*: God's multi-energies are doing everything automatically. But the creator is supervising. A

child may not understand how this car is created, but we know it is created by a person. Everything is created by a person.

Devotee: So these scientists who don't accept the creator are like ignorant children.

Srila Prabhupada: That's all. They cannot imagine that the sky is created by a person, the water is created by a person. The scientists cannot do it, but that does not mean *no one* can do it. I cannot manufacture an automobile, but *someone* can. Similarly, the whole gigantic cosmic manifestation—you cannot imagine how it was created, but someone has created it. We see in our practical experience that someone has less intelligence and someone else has more intelligence. So we can understand that God, the creator, has the ultimate intelligence—and that He has created everything. 🌸



HOW I CAME TO KRṢṆA CONSCIOUSNESS

Go to Krsna Now —by Gopamatrika Devi Dasi

A story about a mother's extraordinary love for her premature son draws those around her closer to transcendental knowledge of the soul.

In college Carol studied psychology and sociology, preparing for social work. Living in a Catholic convent during her first two years of college, she had hoped her aspiration to serve God and humanity would find its fulfillment there. But feeling that there must be a universal platform on which all people can relate, she felt compelled to search beyond the confines of sectarian religion.

In hopes of having exposure to a variety of alternatives, Carol moved to New York City. Though she worked for some time for the United Nations and the Peace Corps, she still felt lacking. She frequented libraries and bookstores, poring over book after book of theology and philosophy. She also dabbled in *kriya-yoga* and Zen Buddhism and became a vegetarian.

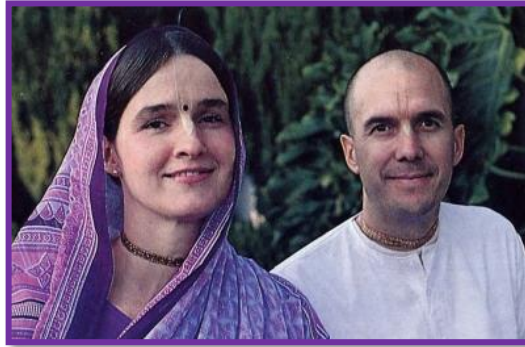
Occasionally Carol would see the Hare Krsna devotees in Central Park. She was intrigued by them. And although at first she spoke with the devotees in a challenging spirit, upon reading a *Back to Godhead* magazine, she felt that here might well be the life she was looking for. She went to a Sunday feast, spent the night, and never left. In 1972 she was initiated by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and received the spiritual name Ragatmika-devi dasi.

For many years, Ragatmika dedicated herself to distributing her spiritual master's books. Daily she experienced the satisfaction of offering to countless people a practical solution to all of their problems: knowledge of the soul and service to God. Yet Ragatmika was not merely giving out books of philosophy; she was also imbibing the same philosophy in a very deep and personal way. This became evident as her life unfolded and Lord Krsna used her to preach the beauty of spiritual life in a unique and poignant way.

In 1982 Ragatmika married a devotee named Karnapura dasa, and the two of them moved to the ISKCON

community in Los Angeles. They planned to conceive a child, and in the spring of 1985, Ragatmika learned that she was pregnant.

Ragatmika had the firm conviction that within her womb was a spirit soul entrusted to her by Krsna. Because she knew from the Vedic literature that transcendental sounds could benefit even an unborn child, she would place a speaker against her abdomen and play tapes of Srila Prabhupada chanting.



Ragatmika Devi Dasi and her husband, Karnapura Dasa

The pregnancy had been difficult for Ragatmika from the start, and she was only in her fifth month when she was rushed to the hospital. She was in labor. The doctors were able to stop the contractions for some time, but they began again. At 4:40 a.m. on October 25, Ragatmika gave birth to a tiny boy.

The infant weighed just one pound and was immediately transported to the neonatal intensive care unit. Karnapura brought an auto-reverse tape recorder and placed two small speakers within his son's incubator so that the child could always hear Srila Prabhupada chanting. Dr. Dan Polk, in charge at the time, assured the parents that he had instructed the staff that the tape should be considered as much a life-saving instrument as any other device the baby required.

Making the incubator into a little temple, Ragatmika decorated it with flower garlands, pictures of Krsna, and in bold letters the baby's name: "Nitai-prana," a name of Lord Caitanya meaning "the life air of Lord Nityananda."

Tiny Nitai-prana was smaller than an adult human hand, yet he was a perfectly formed person. Laksmi-priya, a God sister and friend of Ragatmika's, was fascinated to note how even at such a young age the child had the same features and mannerisms as his father. When Laksmi-priya told Nitai-prana what his name was, he began waving his arms and moving his mouth. She told his parents of this, and there was much relief and laughing.

Ragatmika began regularly going to the hospital in the morning, staying until 4:00 P.M. She would sit and read to Nitai-prana, even though the doors to his incubator weren't open. She felt responsible for serving and assisting this spirit soul in his sojourn for as long as Krsna desired that he stay with them.

The staff at the hospital marveled at Ragatmika's concern for her child. Generally, the parents of children so premature don't give the child so much attention. There's such a little chance of survival. Yet Ragatmika came daily, exhibiting a kind of parental love the hospital staff had never seen before. Ragatmika was always reading or playing tapes, considering the spiritual needs of the child. She also distributed *prasadam* (food offered to Krsna), books, and garlands to the nurses and doctors. The staff was touched, not only by Ragatmika's preaching, but by her saintly character.

The head nurse, Sue, was so curious that she arranged to become Nitai-prana's personal nurse. She was a Chinese-American, and she gave Ragatmika a pendant cut from jade that hung on a red string. In China parents traditionally put this around the neck of their child, so that he might "grow healthy and strong and keep safe and free from fear, wherever life's travels take him." Sue had been saving the pendant for her own child, but she had come to feel that it was meant for Nitai-prana. Sue became grateful for her contact with Krsna consciousness, feeling that it was what she had been seeking for years. She took pride and relish in serving Nitai-prana and made sure his tape player constantly played transcendental chants.

Ragatmika cut out a special picture of Lord Krsna for Nitai-prana's incubator. She told the nurses that it should be in Nitai-prana's view at all times. The nurses, who regularly turned the infant's little head at different times so that he wouldn't get bed sores, would also move the picture into his range of vision. On each shift, day and night, there were about twelve nurses and three doctors. They sympathized with Ragatmika and were inspired by her.

In January Nitai-prana developed a lung disease, and the doctors predicted that he wouldn't make it out of the hospital. Upon first hearing this, Ragatmika could not refrain from crying, thinking that she would never hold

her child. But then she soberly considered that if Krsna chose to put Nitai-prana into His own arms rather than hers, what was the loss? Isn't this what all devotee parents hope for—that their child makes significant progress in his journey toward God?

As February passed, Nitai-prana's lungs began to show improvement. The situation looked hopeful. Then he developed an infection in the upper chamber of his heart. Ragatmika watched as the doctors juggled the alternative treatments for this tiny infant, and she realized that there is no greater pain for a mother than to helplessly witness her child's suffering.

Then she considered how easily and naturally she felt compassion for this infant because he was *her* child. Yet so many people were suffering all over the world without the purification of hearing Krsna's holy name. "Where is my compassion for them?" she thought. Then she remembered Srila Prabhupada, who exhibited inconceivable compassion, far more intense and

spontaneous than what any mother has for her suffering child. As Ragatmika looked upon her child, she prayed for a drop of such compassion.

The doctors decided to perform open heart surgery to remove the blood clot in Nitai-prana's heart. They had never performed heart surgery on such

a tiny heart, and the chances for survival were quite slim. Ragatmika and Karnapura came to the hospital that morning with all the paraphernalia ready for cremation. Karnapura requested that the tape be played during the surgery, so that if the baby passed on, he would hear the chanting of the holy name. As Lord Krsna says in the *Bhagavad-gita*, "And whoever, at the end of his life, quits his body remembering Me alone at once attains My nature" (Bg. 8.5). One of the nurses got a tiny earphone for the tape recorder and taped the earphone to Nitai-prana's ear.

The operation was a remarkable success. When Ragatmika came to the hospital the next day, she overheard two of the doctors joking, "Gee, maybe we should use the Hare Krsna tape for this one too. Maybe it will make it a success."

When Nitai-prana was four months old, Ragatmika was able to hold him as she sat in a rocking chair. As she held him, she reflected on how the knowledge Srila Prabhupada had given her was relieving what would have been a depressing situation. Usually when we meet with reverses we blame the creator. But



knowledge of the law of *karma*, the eternal soul, and devotional service had liberated Ragatmika from such a blunder.

Early on the morning of April 9, Ragatmika called the hospital to hear how Nitai-prana was doing, and she heard that he'd had a bad night. She had been planning to go to the hospital at 9:00 A.M., but she decided to go immediately.

Ragatmika had never seen Nitai-prana in such a bad condition. His abdomen was so distended that he looked as if he were about to burst. But his face was very peaceful. His eyes were open wide, and he was looking at his mother very deliberately. The doctors were discussing performing another operation on him, while Ragatmika stood a couple of feet behind them quietly chanting. Suddenly the heart monitor dropped dramatically. One of the doctors turned to Sue, the head nurse, and said, "I think you'd better take the mother out and tell her he won't live much longer." But Sue disregarded the doctor's direction and motioned for Ragatmika to come over to the bed. "Nitai-prana is leaving his body now," Sue said. Realizing the urgency, Ragatmika immediately went to Nitai-prana's side. Her voice was so choked that she became afraid that her chanting would not be clear enough for Nitai-prana to hear. As she looked intently at Nitai-prana, she pleaded with the doctors and nurses around her, "Please help me chant 'Hare Krsna' for him. Please help me chant 'Hare Krsna' for him." Sue and another nurse immediately began to chant. As soon as Ragatmika heard the chanting, she was filled with relief. She could understand that the soul's departure would be a success.

Within five minutes the monitor showed no heartbeat. Sue picked up the body of the infant and placed it in Ragatmika's arms. Ragatmika didn't know the formal prayers for a soul departing the body, but she began to speak to her departed child very clearly: "Don't be diverted by this mother-and-son relationship. Take shelter of Krsna's lotus feet, which are our only real shelter. Go to Krsna now."

The doctors and nurses were stunned. Never had they witnessed a baby dying in the presence of its parents without the parents sobbing. Ragatmika's obvious deep love and concern and her serenity impressed everyone present.

Three days after Nitai-prana left his body there was a feast at the temple in his honor. Immediately after the feast Ragatmika took some of the various dishes to her friends at the hospital, who enjoyed the sumptuous feast. She thanked the hospital staff for their endeavors and service. Many of them shed tears.

A devotee lives to relieve the suffering of others by enlightening them about the eternal nature of the soul. This enlightenment brings more than philosophical satisfaction; it relieves the bewildered soul of the agony of material existence. As Ragatmika passed through a difficult test in an exemplary, Krsna conscious way, she brought everyone in contact with her closer to Krsna. This is the glory of the Lord's devotee. 🌸

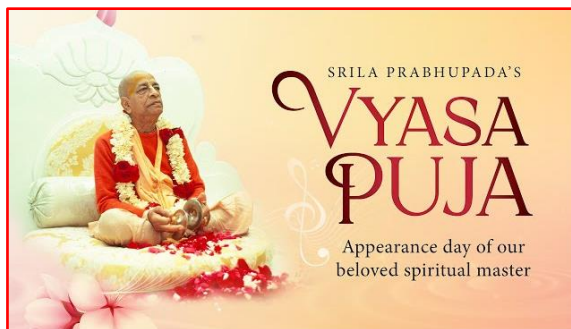


What is a Vyasa-Puja Celebration?

This year, August 27 is the day we celebrate when Śrīla Prabhupāda appeared on this earth.

Every year, his disciples celebrate his appearance day with fasting (till noon), reading offerings devotees wrote, kīrtana, and honoring a prasadam feast cooked in his honor.

Why do we do that? As Prabhupāda himself explains:



"Actually there is no difference between hearing directly from Krishna and hearing directly from

Krishna via a bona fide spiritual master like Vyasa. The spiritual master is the representative of Vyasadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyasa-puja."

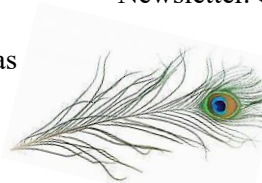
Bhagavad-Gita As It Is, 18.75, purport

We want to encourage all of you to write a Vyasa-puja offering glorifying Śrīla Prabhupāda's exalted position and appreciating his impact on the world and on your life, along with words of gratitude, realizations, and/or petitions for mercy.

Such offerings can be short or long, as your heart dictates. They can be shared with others or kept between you and Prabhupada; in any case, they serve as a catalyst to increase your appreciation for everything

Śrīla Prabhupāda has given you, and they thus deepen your love for and connection with him.

If you would like to share your offering with others, you are welcome to send it to the prison ministry, for the possibility of publishing it in the Freedom Newsletter. 🌸



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WHAT are JANMASTAMI and RADHASTAMI ?

LORD KRISHNA'S APPEARANCE

Janmastami is the yearly observance of Krishna's appearance on this earth. It is one of the world's most widely observed spiritual festivals. Krishna's "birth," *janma*, occurred at midnight on *ashtami*, the eighth day after the full moon in the Vedic calendar.

Krishna's appearance is significant on many levels and is something of a paradox. He's the beginningless Supreme Person, eternally existing everywhere at all times. He isn't "born" like we are—forced by karma into a succession of material bodies. Krishna appears in His same permanent, spiritual form whenever and wherever He likes.

When He does appear, He chooses His devotees to play the roles of His father and mother. He Himself plays the role of their child and acts like a human being, while also performing superhuman activities that are impossible for anyone to imitate.

Krishna explains in the *Bhagavad-gita* that He appears time after time in this world, in His original form, to reestablish religious principles, deliver His devotees from material existence, and annihilate the wicked. He also says that those who hear about and understand the nature of His appearance and activities no longer have to undergo repeated birth and death, but return to live with Him in the spiritual world.



SRIMATI RADHARANI'S APPEARANCE

Srimati Radharani is Lord Krishna's pleasure-giving potency and eternal consort. She is the greatest devotee. Krishna is all-attractive, but Radharani is so great that She attracts even Krishna. Five thousand years ago, when Lord Krishna came to this planet to perform His pastimes, Srimati Radharani also appeared. Devotees celebrate Her appearance on the eighth day of the bright moon in the month of Bhadra (usually in August or September; the solar calendar date varies). This special day is known as Radhastami.

In the maha-mantra Hare Krishna, *Hare* is the vocative form of *Hara*, another name of Radharani. This maha-mantra is a spiritual call for the Lord and His internal energy Hara to protect the conditioned soul, like the genuine cry of a child for its mother. Mother Hara helps the devotee achieve the grace of the Supreme Father, Hari or Krishna, and the Lord reveals Himself to the devotee who chants this mantra sincerely.

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

On Radhastami day, devotees meditate on the exalted position of Srimati Radharani and offer prayers to her:

*tapta-kanchana-gaurangi
radhe vrindavaneshvari
vrishabhanu-sute devi
pranamami hari-priye*

“I offer my respects to Radharani, whose bodily complexion is like molten gold and who is the queen of Vrindavan. You are the daughter of King Vrishabhanu, and You are very dear to Lord Krishna.”

Radharani is known as Hari-priya, “very dear to Krishna.” Sainly persons advise that approaching Krishna becomes easy when done through the mercy of Radharani. If she recommends, “This devotee is very nice,” then Krishna accepts such a person, despite their lack of other qualifications. Trying to understand God, Krishna, by the speculative process may take many lifetimes. But if we take to devotional service and just try to please Radharani, Krishna will be obtained very easily.

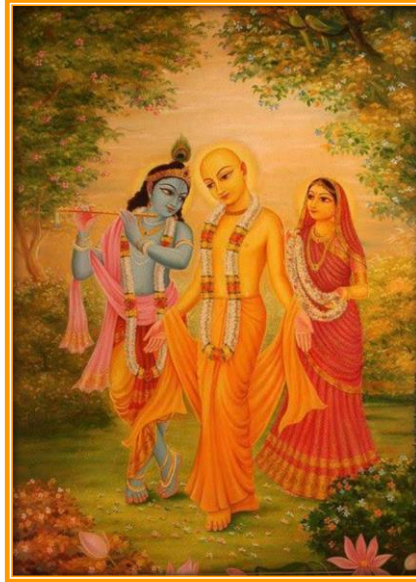
Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the avatar in this age of Kali, is the combined forms of Radha and Krishna. His mission is to help the suffering souls of this world revive their relationship with Krishna

and thus find eternal shelter and happiness. He instructed us: “*Yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'kr̥ṣṇa'-upadeśa*”-

- whomever you meet, tell them about Krishna, give them the Hare Krishna mantra and the instructions of Krishna as they are given in the *Bhagavad-gīta* and *Srimad-Bhagavatam*. (*Caitanya-caritamrita*, Madhya 7.128)

You can celebrate Janmastami by:

- Chanting extra rounds of the Hare Krishna mantra on beads or in kīrtana
- Reading and hearing about Krishna's pastimes and instructions
- And, if you can, fast until midnight (on Janmastami) or noon (on Radhastami). 🌸



ABOVE: Lord Caitanya: Radha-Krishna combined



Excerpts from inmates letters

I apologize that I have not paid as much attention as I should have but I promise to put the next foot forward and press on as a Vaisnava. It has been rough in here by myself, but I have decided that I need to move forward, move up, and move on from my old ways of laziness and beliefs. Thank you for sticking with me.

Joshua S. —Jasper, Florida

I am and will remain eternally grateful to IPM. Although my life has been a tragic one, the guidance which I have gained from the Sastras [scriptures] and the personal relationship I have been fortunate enough to cultivate with Krishna have given meaning to my life whereas before there was none. I get released in two months' time and although I don't know where I'll go, where I'll sleep, what or even if I'll eat, Krishna knows. The Supreme Brahmin has always known my problem is simply that I have been a slow learner. I might eat nothing, I might end up back in prison and

slide for a registry violation, and for the first time in my life I now understand that none of these things matter. I am now learning, albeit slowly, that I must surrender to Krishna and stop worrying about the things of here and now. You, along with Candrasekhara and Srutadeva, have helped me help myself and in so doing guided me to the path of Bhakti yoga. The spiritual progress and understanding would not have been obtained had I remained on the course I had been on earlier in life. It took this whole experience, unpleasant though it was, and for it am eternally grateful. Your most humble and lowly servant, bhakta Troy.

Troy P. —Bruceton Mills, West Virginia

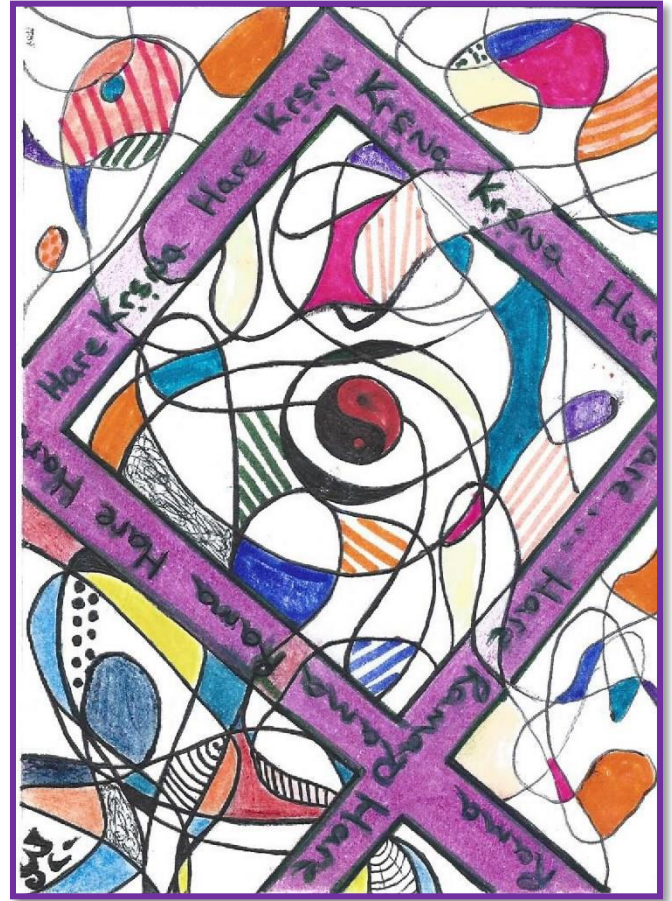
Hare Krishna Bhakti-lata! Thank you once again for the resources you have sent me, as they are providing me with much to reflect upon in terms of a devotee's sincere service to Godhead.

Victor R. — Kingman, Arizona



Inmate Artwork

RIGHT: Drawing by Jared R. —Oklahoma



LEFT: Drawing by Mark D. —Georgia

Nectar Words from Śrīla Prabhupāda

Anyone can adopt this simple method

The process is very simple. Just keep a picture of Lord Caitanya with His associates. Lord Caitanya is in the middle, accompanied by His principal associates -- Nityananda, Advaita, Gadadhara, and Srivasa. One simply has to keep this picture. One can keep it anywhere. It is not that one has to come to us to see this picture. Anyone can have this picture in his home, chant this Hare Krishna mantra, and thus worship Lord Caitanya. That is the simple method. But who will capture this simple method? Those who have good brains. Without much bother, if one simply keeps a picture of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu at home and chants Hare Krishna, then one will realize God. Anyone can adopt this simple method. There is no expenditure, there is no tax, nor is there any need to build a very big church or temple. Anyone, anywhere, can sit down on the road or beneath a tree and chant the Hare Krishna mantra and worship God. Therefore it is a great opportunity.

Srila Prabhupada lecture, London's Conway Hall, Nov. 1969



One should hear with rapt attention from the real person

That is the real process of receiving *Bhāgavatam*. One should hear with rapt attention from the real person, and then he can at once realize the presence of Lord Kṛṣṇa in every page. The secret of knowing *Bhāgavatam* is mentioned here. No one can give rapt attention who is not pure in mind. No one can be pure in mind who is not pure in action. No one can be pure in action who is not pure in eating, sleeping, fearing, and mating. But somehow or other if someone hears with rapt attention from the right person, at the very beginning one can assuredly see Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa in person in the pages of *Bhāgavatam*.

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, 1.3.44: purport



That it is a Miracle

But Krishna was all along preparing something I could not see, and He brought you to me one by one, sincere American boys and girls, to be trained-up for doing the work of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Now I can see that it is a miracle. Otherwise, your city of New York, one single old man, with only a few books to sell for barely getting eatables, how he can survive, what to speak of introducing God-consciousness movement for saving the humankind? That is Krishna's miracle. Now I can see it.

Srila Prabhupāda Letter to: Sudama — Bombay, 23 December 1972

A Moment's Association with a Pure Devotee

Srila Prabhupada: Even a moment's association with a pure devotee -- all success!

Revatinanda: Does that apply to reading the words of a pure devotee?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes.

Revatinanda: Even a little association with your books has the same effect?

Srila Prabhupada: Effect. Of course it requires both things. One must be very eager to take it.

Śrīla Prabhupāda Room Conversation, December 13, 1970

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare

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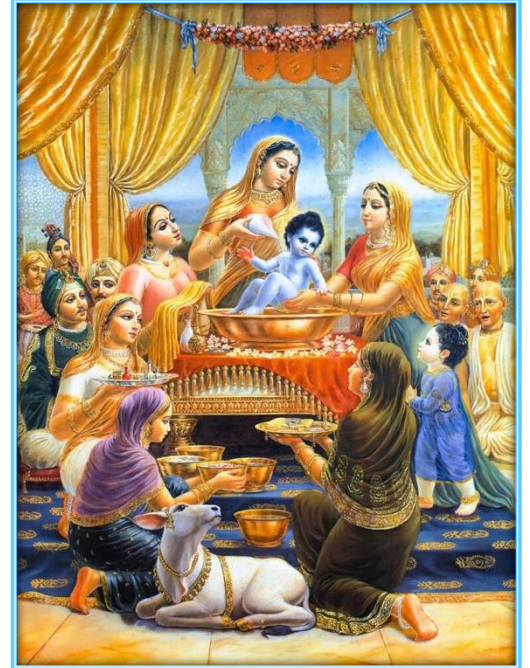
- 08 Aug 2024 - Disappearance Day of Sri Raghunandan Thakura
- 08 Aug 2024 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vamsidasa Babaji
- 16 Aug 2024 - **Pavitropana Ekadashi**
- 17 Aug 2024 - Disappearance Day of Srila Rupa Goswami
- 17 Aug 2024 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gauridasa Pandita
- 19 Aug 2024 - Appearance Day of Lord Balarama
- 20 Aug 2024 - Second Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 20 Aug 2024 - Srila Prabhupada's Departure for the USA
- 26 Aug 2024 - **Sri Krsna Janmastami**
- 27 Aug 2024 - Appearance Day of Srila Prabhupada
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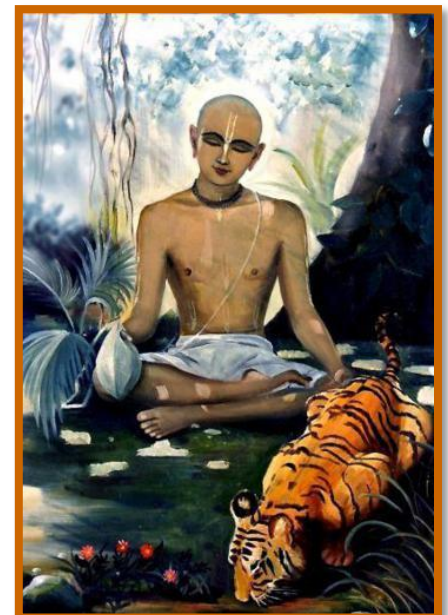
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- 18 Sept 2024 - Acceptance of Sannyasa by Srila Prabhupada
- 19 Sept 2024 - Third Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 24 Sept 2024 - Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the USA
- 28 Sept 2024 - **Indira Ekadasi**

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- 13 Oct 2024 - Ramacandra Vijayotsava (Lord Ramacandra's victory over the demon Ravana)
- 13 Oct 2024 - Appearance Day of Sri Madhvacharya
- 14 Oct 2024 - **Pasankusa Ekadasi**
- 15 Oct 2024 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Dasa Goswami
- 15 Oct 2024 - Disappearance Day of Srila Raghunatha Bhatta Goswami
- 15 Oct 2024 - Disappearance Day of Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Goswami
- 17 Oct 2024 - Disappearance Day of Sri Murari Gupta
- 18 Oct 2024 - Fourth Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 21 Oct 2024 - Disappearance Day of Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura
- 28 Oct 2024 - **Rama Ekadasi**



ABOVE: Baby Krishna bathed to celebrate His appearance day.



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