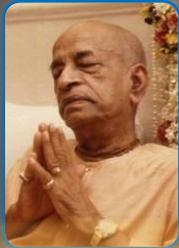


Freedom Newsletter



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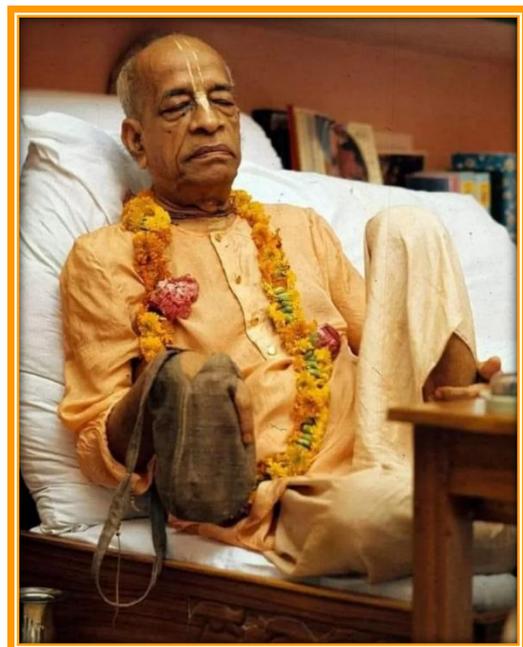
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PRABHUPADA SPEAKS OUT: Evolution in Fact and Fantasy—[part 1](#)

The following conversation (part 1) between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of a disciple took place in Los Angeles in June 1972. The disciple takes the role of an atheist scientist.

Devotee: Darwin tried to show how the origin of living species could be fully explained by the purely mechanical, unplanned action of natural forces. By the process he called “natural selection,” all the higher, complex forms of life gradually evolved from more primitive and rudimentary ones. In a given animal population, for example, some individuals will have traits that make them adapt better to their environment; these more fit individuals will survive to pass on their favorable traits to their offspring. The unfit will gradually be weeded out naturally. Thus, a cold climate will favor those who have, say, long hair or fatty tissue, and the species will then gradually evolve in that direction.

Srila Prabhupada: The question is that in the development of the body, is there any plan that a particular kind of body—with, as you say, long hair or fatty tissue—should exist under certain natural



conditions? Who has made these arrangements? That is the question.

Devotee: No one. Modern evolutionists ultimately base their theory on the existence of chance variations.

Srila Prabhupada: That is nonsense. There is no chance. If they say “chance,” then they are nonsense. Our question remains. Who has created the different circumstances for the existence of different kinds of animals?

Devotee: For example, a frog may lay hundreds or thousands of eggs, but out of all of them only a few may survive to adult-hood. Those who do are more fit than the others who do not. If the environment did not favorably select the fittest, then too many frogs—

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, frogs and many other animals lay eggs by the hundreds. A snake gives birth to scores of snakes at a time, and if all were allowed to exist, there would be a great disturbance. Therefore, big snakes devour the small snakes. That is nature’s law. But behind nature’s law is a brain. That is our proposition. Nature’s law is not blind, for behind it there is a brain, and that brain is God. We learn this from the *Bhagavad-gita* [9.10]: *mayadhyaksena prakrtih suyate sa-caracaram*. Whatever is taking place in material nature is being directed by the Supreme Lord, who maintains everything in order. So the snake lays eggs by the score, and if they are not killed, the world would be overwhelmed by snakes. Similarly, male tigers kill the cubs. The economic theory of Malthus states that whenever there is overpopulation, there must be an outbreak of war, epidemic, famine, or the like to curb it. These natural activities do not take place by chance but are planned. Anyone who says they are a matter of chance has insufficient knowledge.

“There seem to be no more design in the variability of organic beings, and in the action of natural selection,

than in the course which the wind blows.” – Charles Darwin

Devotee: But Darwin has a huge amount of evidence—

Srila Prabhupada: Evidence? That is all right. We also have got evidence. Evidence must be there. But as soon as there is evidence, there should be no talk of “chance.”

Devotee: For example, out of millions of frogs, one may happen to be better adapted to living in the water.

Srila Prabhupada: But that is not by chance! That is by plan! He doesn’t know that. As soon as one says “chance,” it means his knowledge is imperfect. A man says “chance” when he cannot explain. It is evasive. Therefore, he is without perfect knowledge and therefore unfit for giving *any* knowledge. He is cheating, that’s all.

Devotee: Well, Darwin sees a “plan” or “design” in a sense, but—

Srila Prabhupada: If he sees a plan or design, then whose design? As soon as you recognize a design, you must acknowledge a designer. If you see a plan, then you must accept a planner. That he does not know.

Devotee: But the “plan” is only the involuntary working of nature.

Srila Prabhupada: Nonsense. There *is* a plan. The sun rises daily according to exact calculation. It does not follow *our* calculation; rather, we calculate according to the sun.

Experiencing that in such-and-such season the sun rises at such-and-such time, we learn that according to the season the sun rises exactly on the minute, the second. It is not by whimsy or chance but by minute plan.

Devotee: But can’t you say it’s just mechanical?

Srila Prabhupada: Then who made it mechanical? If something is mechanical, then there must be a mechanic, a brain, who made the machine. Here is something mechanical [*points to a Telex machine*]: Who made it? This machine has not come out by itself. It

is made of iron, and the iron did not mold itself into a machine; there is a brain who made the machine



ABOVE: The Vedic literature states that there are 8,400,000 species and that they have all existed since the beginning of the universe, having been created by the Supreme Lord, the “common ancestor” of all living beings. The innumerable bodies in the various species are animated by individual spirit souls, which are part and parcel of the Supreme. Each soul transmigrates from the aquatic species to the plants to the birds and lower animals, until it at last takes a human birth. With the help of the Vedic literature, a human being gets the opportunity to realize his spiritual identity and to escape from the painful cycle of birth and death by worshipping the Supreme Father, the origin of all living entities. That is the perfection of evolution.

possible. So everything in nature has a plan or design, and behind that plan or design there is a brain, a very big brain.

Devotee: Darwin tried to make the appearance and disappearance of living forms seem so natural and involuntary that God is removed from the picture. Evolutionary theory makes it appear as if combinations of material ingredients created life, and then various species evolved one from another naturally.

“The sun rises exactly on the minute, the second. It is not by chance, but by minute plan. So everything in the nature has a design, and behind it is a brain, a very big brain.” – Srila Prabhupada

Srila Prabhupada: That is foolishness. Combination means God. God is combining. Combination does not take place automatically. Suppose I am cooking. There are many ingredients gathered for cooking, but they do not combine together by themselves. I am the cooker, and in cooking I combine together oil, spices, rice, *dal*, and so on; and in this way, nice dishes are produced. Similarly, the combination of ingredients in nature requires God. Otherwise, how does the moment arise in which the combination takes place? Do you place all the ingredients in the kitchen and in an hour come back and say, “Oh, where is my meal?”

Nonsense! Who will cook your meal? You’ll starve. But take help of a living being, and then we’ll cook and we can eat. This is our experience. So if there is combination, then who is combining? They are fools not to know how combination takes place.

Devotee: Scientists now say life arose out of four basic elements: carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen.

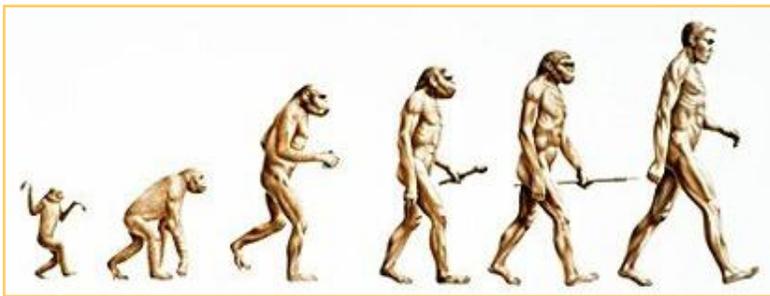
Srila Prabhupada: If the basic principle is chemicals, who made the chemicals? That question should be asked.

Devotee: Isn’t it possible that one day science will discover the source of these chemicals?

Srila

Prabhupada: There is no question of discovering: the answer is already known, although it may not be known to *you*. We know.

The *Vedanta* says, *janmady asya yatah*: the original source of everything is Brahman, Krsna. Krsna says, *aham sarvasya prabhavo mattah sarvam pravartate*: “I am the origin of everything” [Bg. 10.8]. So we know that there is a big brain who is doing everything. We know. The scientists may not know; that is their foolishness.



Devotee: They might say the same thing about us.

Srila Prabhupada: No, they cannot say the same thing about us. We accept Krsna, but not blindly. Our predecessors, the great *acaryas* and learned scholars, have accepted Krsna, so we are not following blindly. We claim that Krsna is the origin, but what claim can the scientist make? As soon as he says “chance,” it means that he has no knowledge. We don’t say chance. We have an original cause; but he says “chance.” Therefore he has no knowledge.

Devotee: They try to trace back the origin by means of excavation. And they have found that gradually through the years the animal forms are evolving toward increasingly more complex and specialized forms, from invertebrates to fishes, then to amphibians, then to reptiles and insects, to mammals and birds, and finally to humans. In that process many species, like the dinosaurs, appeared, flourished, and then disappeared forever, became extinct. Eventually, primitive apelike creatures appeared, and from them man gradually developed.

Srila Prabhupada: Is the theory that the human body comes from the monkeys?

Devotee: Humans and monkeys are related. They come from the same—

Srila Prabhupada: Related? Everything is related; that is another thing. But if the monkey body is developing into a human body, then why, after the human body is developed, why doesn’t the monkey species cease to exist?

Devotee: The humans and the monkeys are branches of the same tree.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, and both are now existing. Similarly, we say that at the time the evolutionists say life began, at that time there were human beings existing.

Devotee: They find no evidence for that.

Srila Prabhupada: Why no evidence?

Devotee: In the ground. By excavation. They find no evidence in the ground.

Srila Prabhupada: Is the ground the only evidence? Is there no

other evidence?

Devotee: They accept only the testimony of the senses as evidence.

Srila Prabhupada: But they still cannot prove that there was no human being at the time they say life originated. They cannot prove that.

Devotee: It appears that in certain layers of earth there are remains of apelike men—

Srila Prabhupada: Apelike men or manlike apes are still existing now, alongside human beings. If one thing has been developed by the transformation of another thing, then that original thing should no longer be in existence. When in this way a cause has produced its effect, the cause ceases to exist. But in this case we see that the cause is still present, that there are still monkeys and apes . . .

Devotee: But monkeys did not cause men; both came from the same common ancestor. That is their account.

Srila Prabhupada: We say that we *all* come from God, the same ancestor, the same father. The original father is Krsna. As Krsna says in the *Bhagavad-gita* [14.5], *sarva-yonisu kaunteya*, “Of as many forms as there are,” *aham bija-pradah pita*, “I am the seed-giving father.” So what is your objection to this? 🌸

NOTE: *part 2 will be in the August Newsletter.*

Excerpts from inmates' letters

Memory lane from the time of Covid

1-18-2021

I have been busy working in various volunteer positions here due to lack of inmate workers as my living unit is the only one allowed to work as we were the only unit that did not have covid cases. Now we are on a nationwide BOP lockdown due to the unrest in the nation so I have been able to get a break and be able to catch up on such as writing. I am still keeping up my practices even with all the long hours and that is a test I needed to prove to myself my devotion. I am still doing a minimum of 32 rounds daily without fail and have also managed to work with a chaplain here to get at least vegetarian meals from food service even though they are not a perfect solution due to the onion and garlic in the hot trays and made in a factory. I still make a lot of my own meals too. For my birthday today I made *Haldi Chaval* (yellow rice with spices) and urad tamatar dahl (Urad and tomato soup) and fruit compote with pudding for dessert. Yes, I am blessed to have been given ingredients to make these; definitely through Divine interaction of Krsna's mercy, and after offering everything to Him, I shared it with many around me. That was a wonderful birthday present in itself to be able to share such mercy. I make a lot of such and share it with many here so they can partake in Krsna's mercy and I have seen the results which only increase my love for Krsna. I am literally blessed in so many ways and hope I can keep doing more in service of Sri Caitanya and Sri Krishna. I am still reading Sri Caitanya Caritāmṛta but almost done with it and I am loving it! Thank you for sending a copy



here so I could partake in such delectable nectar! [**note: it is now available on Edovo tablets**].

The prisoner's newsletters [*Freedom Newsletter*] have been great and really well done. I share them with others in here after I read through it and keep all the of them to continue to re-read and share with others in the future. Color now too! Wow! Place is going nuts around me (probably a good mirror of the country really) but I am doing great and quite happy. I am still reading through all the great books as well and looking forward to and hoping for the third volume of the book *Chasing Rhinos* to become available soon as I will certainly order a copy as soon as it is available! I will try to get some of my realizations copied and send them to you as soon as I can.

It has been a very mild winter here but a very wild place here and getting crazier but I have certainly been in worse situations. So, thank you again for everything and I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Hare Krsna!

Your humble servant,

David B. —Danbury, Connecticut

10-25-2020

You may not know we were re-locked down on October 7th, this time for an entire month. This lockdown, I found it imperative that I double down on my Sadhana. More rounds, more reading of Prabhupāda's books, more *atma-nivedanam* [complete surrender of oneself to the Supreme Lord Krishna] truly, it's this surrender that maintains my spiritual balance.

Being locked down is the ultimate in the renunciate experience with the exception of being in the hole (SHU a Special Housing Unit). 24/7 locked in a



10'x14' space with another person can be incredibly disheartening and through the unknown of the China Virus and without Krsna, hopelessness can overwhelm. So, reliance on the Holy Name, on the *Bhagavad Gita*, the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* is so essential for one's mental and spiritual

health. Pre-China virus life – even in prison – was quite wonderful – The Saturday rowdy kirtans, our puja, watching Prabhupada videos, harinam on the yard – It sure was awesome.

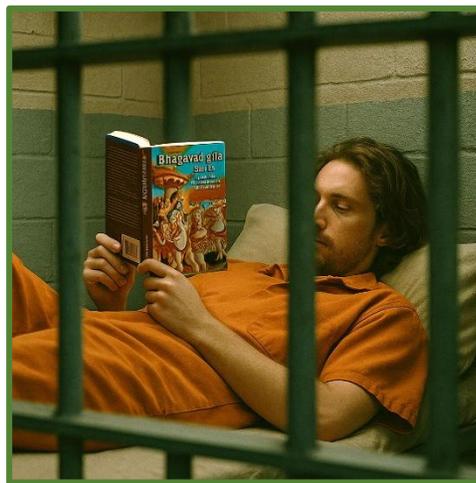
It's been an intensely long SEVEN MONTHS. It feels like MUCH LONGER – but I pray Lord Nrsimha protects us from this virus and Nitai's mercy restore our country, our communities, our *sangas* [association with other devotees] back to what they were with an intensified, revitalized dedication to spreading bhakti to the world. Thank you for all you do, Mataji.

Krishna Kirtan dasa — Petersburg, Virginia

11-08-2020

This lockdown – as difficult as it may seem – is Lord Kṛṣṇa's way of drawing us closer to Him. In addition to chanting, I'm reading *Nectar of Lockdown*, along with *Bhagavad Gita*, and the *Teachings of Lord Chaitanya*.

Let me relate this story to you – now that our unit has covid cases, we are in 24/7 lockdown and our commissary limit is cut to \$25 every two weeks! It is necessary to supplement the awful vegetarian fare they give us as an alternative to their standard meat diet so it's very important to buy beans, soups (veggie) rice, and olive oil from commissary. So they open our trap doors at a very late 8am and I discover they had already collected commissary slips at 6am when many of us were fast asleep. Nobody made any announcement – unit officer wasn't very helpful but a case manager was going around the unit and I explained it to him. He said he'll try to help but don't get my hopes up. Unbelievable – Not only are we



punished by having a tiny spending limit over on Commissary, but now they snuck in at 6am and only those who slept lightly or were awake got to put their slips out. So, I thought – “Ok Lord, so You want me to release my attachment to commissary food. Ok... handle me as You will – roughly or gently, You are *Isvarah Paramah Krsna* [the Supreme Controller], and I'm an insignificant puppet in Your hands; I can't even chant Your holy name for more than three hours a day. I will depend on the nectar of Your holy name to feed me. I surrender unto You”. – And mataji – I kid you not, no sooner do I say this prayer that the case manager shows up at my door with other commissary slips in his hand and tells me, “This time only is commissary making the exception to take late slips – give me your slips.” Jaya Nitai! Jaya Radha-Krsna! Oh, the MERCY He gives to His devotees! WHAT A SWEET LESSON – Our dear sweet playful Gopal [Kṛṣṇa]! How I love Him so. How sweetly He teaches us to completely trust Him in everything. How fortunate we are to be His bhaktas [devotees]. It's moments like this that I am so grateful for your blessed guidance.

Today, I discovered further realizations from *Bhagavad-Gita*. It just goes to show no matter how many times you read through it, no matter the amount of years you've STUDIED IT (me – since 2007) and no matter how well you may feel you know this shastra, the number of realizations are limitless. It is truly a “living” scripture. Case in point – today I'm reading Chapter 13, text 5 about knowledge of the fields of activities and I discover *Brahma puccham* or the 5 stages of Brahman realization. How did I miss that all these years?

I find it so revelational that after going through a period of time without reading certain sastras when you pick them back up again, their truth resonates on higher and higher levels of understanding. So, if the China Virus is the causation of renewed vigor for chanting and reading scripture, then aside from the death, those of us marginally affected by it, are actually blessed by the

Krsna's mercy.

Today, I'm studying *Bhagavad Gita* Chapter 13.8-12 – so much to absorb here. The nectar of Prabhupada's purports is so delicious and so essential, that without them, proper assimilation of sastra would be SO difficult. He says, “The process is of knowledge terminates in unalloyed devotion service to the Lord.” Wow – I mean... Think about that: Unalloyed

devotional service is so powerful, so profound that – EVERYTHING – is encompassed within bhakti.

But one must carefully study these scriptures in order to acutely come to these correct conclusions. It truly IS SO comforting. For anyone who has searched for years, for decades... to invest their time and spiritual pursuit in determining, discovering, and coming to the conclusion of the truth... Mataji... The experience is truly indescribable. Since I was a young teen, after going through the trauma of my mother's slow death from cancer, searching for meaning and reason why we as such insignificant specks of nothing substantially less than even a grain of sand on a vast beach..

A futile attempt at understanding the reason why we are here and if there's anything or anyone behind it all... This search for the truth can take lifetimes. Oh, but Nitai's mercy... it made all of this – the 20 years of incarceration, the humiliation, the discomfort, and the years of searching – it was all worthwhile. I don't regret it for a moment.

I read Bhagavad-gita 13.16-17—the Supreme Truth feels like you have the answer to everything on the tip

of your tongue (the maha mantra!). Yet our material limitation prevents us from expressing them. The truth exists within and without and I think it's the ability to grasp this concept which puts our souls at ease. To know He is so close to us, He's within us yet He's so gigantic and powerful that we are utterly protected as His devotees.

The *Paramatma* [the Lord's form within the heart of everyone] being one and yet if He is within each of us – appears – to be divided. Srila Prabhupada gave the example of the sun – I like *Achintya Bhedabhedha tattva* [inconceivable one and different] – the concept is inconceivable to our human finite minds.

And so Mataji – I hope this letter shows you that Krsna consciousness is and always will be the control and focal point of my existence. I will always have eternal gratitude for you being such a wonderful shiksha guru[one who gives guidance] to me.

Your servant,

Krishna Kirtan Das —Petersburg, Virginia



Book Distribution Stories!

From Bully to Book Distributor — from a narration of Indradyumna Swami

The devotee ladies would specially go on the trains and distribute books to the people just before the train left. As the train started to go, they would jump off. One young French devotee, a very delicate girl and very good book distributor, happened to approach a man on the train. She walked into the compartment and gave him a Krsna book. He looked at her for a moment, then he took the Krsna book and tore it almost in half. Then he threw it on the ground, stood up, and stomped on it. She broke down in tears. Acting like a demon, he grabbed her and dragged her by her hair through the compartment and literally threw her off the train. The train had just started. She dislocated her shoulder. She landed on her head and so had blood coming from her hair down her neck. She had this bruise for weeks. She may even have fractured a bone. I was somewhere nearby, and someone came to get me, so I came and we had to carry her back to the temple, cursing that man for having done that



to her. Still, it was the Christmas marathon [a time when devotees focus even more on book distribution], and she was back on the marathon four days later.

Anyway, what happened—it is quite a miraculous thing. That man was a banker from Spain—a very wealthy banker—and he had been to Paris on business.

After brutalizing that devotee and coming back home, he showed his wife the book; he had kept it to proudly show her what he had done, how he had stomped on the book and thrown that nonsense girl—that beggar—off the train. Then he left the book on the kitchen table. Later, the maid came and saw the book. She thought that it was one of the family's books and that somehow it had been damaged—a car had run over it or something. So she dusted it off and repaired it as best she could and put it in the library in the man's study.

About a year went by and, unfortunately, that man's wife died in a in a head-on car crash. Also, his son ran away, and his

daughter got married to some low-class person. He ended up all alone, and he was just so despondent. When his wife died he went into a deep depression. He was just completely devastated. So one time when he was in his study, contemplating suicide, he happened to look at the bookshelf. He was actually looking for the Bible, although he wasn't a very religious man. As Krsna says in the Bhagavad-gita, four types of persons approach Him—usually the person in distress. So he was looking for the Bible, and he saw a book he didn't recognize. Something compelled him to take that book out, open it, and start reading—the Krsna book—and he read the part where Vasudeva is preaching to Kamsa. In that discussion, Vasudeva mentions the principles of reincarnation and how the living entity goes from one body to the next, just like the worm who carefully places the front part of his body on a leaf, then picks up the next portion, and goes on. There is some analogy like that given by Prabhupada. And it gave the man some solace to think that his wife was not actually dead but that she had just changed bodies. It was nothing he had ever thought of in his life, but it gave him just enough faith not to kill himself. So, the man went to sleep. The next morning he was supposed to go to work, but somehow he was drawn back to that book, which was still on the table. So he kept reading. For three days he stayed home and just read the book. And he had a complete change of heart. The book gave him so much solace—that what had happened was his karma; that he had to be forbearing, had to be tolerant; and that his wife had only changed bodies.

He was just ripe for that knowledge. He thought about it a lot for a week. Then he looked at the back of the book and saw there was an address. The book was in French, and he spoke French. He found the address and called the temple in France and found out there was



also a temple in Madrid where he lived, so he went to the local temple.

When the temple president opened the door, he saw this man, in a business suit, on his hands and knees. He was saying, "Please forgive me. Please forgive me." The temple president was a relatively new devotee. He said, "Excuse me?" He thought this guy was mad. The man said, "Please forgive me for what I have done." And the temple president said, "Well, do you want to come in and talk a little?" So the man came in and talked. He had the Krsna book with him and he said, "I destroyed this book, number one. And I was very rough with one of the members of your society." And he started crying. He said, "I just want to apologize because she was trying to help me and I treated her so roughly. I am just so sorry." Then he said, "Is there anything I can do?" The devotee was new, and didn't know how to respond. So the man just said, "Let me write you a check." He wrote out a check for a large sum of money, gave it to the devotee, and left. That was Wednesday. On Sunday,

the temple president was giving a lecture and he saw the banker sitting in the back of the temple room listening. Every Sunday the man would come to the temple, and he would listen. Some time went by. He wasn't old, maybe forty or so, and was materially successful.

One day he told the temple president that he wanted to move into the temple and become a devotee. No one could believe it, because he was so affluent. He was the temple treasurer for some time. Then came the Christmas marathon, and he asked if he could go on the

marathon. He went out, and he actually did quite well. Then he said, "I don't want to be the temple treasurer. I just want to distribute books."

So that's what he did. He became a book distributor. Then we had a festival. I think it was in Italy. There was some big festival, and that girl came to the festival, and that devotee came to the festival, and they met. And he was just crying and crying, and he was begging, "Please forgive me." Now, if a Vaisnava is offended, a Vaisnava does not hold a grudge so she forgave him.



Inmate Artwork

RIGHT: Drawing of Lord Nrsimhadeva, by Kalki Wirth —California



LEFT: Drawing of Lord Nrsimhadeva, by Krishna Kirtan Das —Virginia

Excerpts from Śrīla Prabhupāda



If one chants the holy name of Hari and then dies because of an accidental misfortune, such as falling from the top of a house, slipping and suffering broken bones while traveling on the road, being bitten by a serpent, being afflicted with pain and high fever, or being injured by a weapon, one is immediately absolved from having to enter hellish life, even though he is sinful.
Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.2.15

Question: When Kṛṣṇa lifted up Govardhana Hill, nobody said that was a miracle. But when Jesus Christ made so much food, they say it's a miracle. Why is that?.....



Prabhupada : The difference is that in Vr̄ndavana they are pure devotees. They knew that "Oh, this is not a miracle for Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa can do anything and everything." So they were not surprised. If I lift one mountain, you will be surprised, because you know that "Swamiji is man. How he is lifting?" But they know that Kṛṣṇa is all-powerful. So there was no surprise. It is just like natural work. They were so much affectionate to Kṛṣṇa that... He was not only lifting; every day He was doing so much great performances. And His boyfriends, they will come home, and they will narrate the story to their mothers: "Oh, Mother, today Kṛṣṇa performed like this. There was a great demon, and He killed him immediately." And the mother will say, "Oh, Kṛṣṇa did that? He is very nice boy, very

nice." [laughter] Because they were so affectionate to Kṛṣṇa, they always think, "Everything is possible for Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is so nice. Kṛṣṇa is so great." That is their idea. So that is not miracle. That is ordinary thing for us.

Lecture on Srimad-Bhagavatam 7.9.8 – July 2, 1968, Montréal, Canada

Regarding offering one's food:

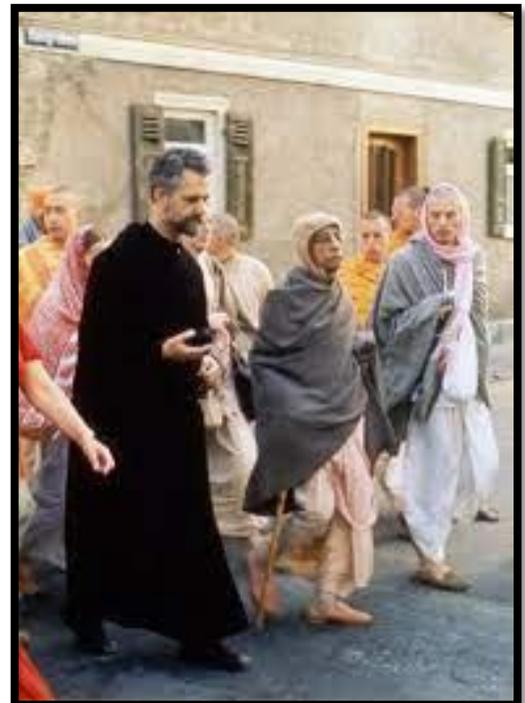
"Regarding your question about offering Prasadam, whatever is offered to the Deity actually it goes through the Spiritual Master. The Spiritual Master offers to Lord Chaitanya, and Lord Chaitanya offers it to Krishna. Then Radha Krishna eats, or Jagannatha eats, then Chaitanya Mahaprabhu eats, then the Spiritual Master eats, and it becomes Maha prasadam."

Letter to Arundhati, June 16, 1969, New Vrindavan

If you miss one point, there is a mistake in your calculation. Regardless of what you add or subtract after that, the mistake is already in the calculation, and everything that follows will also be faulty. We cannot simply accept that part of the scripture we like, and reject what we don't like, and still expect to get the result. For example, a hen lays eggs with its back part and eats with its beak. A farmer may consider, "The front part of the hen is very expensive because I have to feed it. Better to cut it off." But if the head is missing there will be no eggs anymore because the body is dead. Similarly, if we reject the difficult part of the scriptures and obey the part we like, such an interpretation will not help us. We have to accept all the injunctions of the scripture as they are given, not only those that suit us. If you do not follow the first order, "Thou shalt not kill," then where is the question of love of God?

Srila Prabhupada's conversation with Father Emmanuel

Jungclaussen —at Schloss Rettershof, Germany June 22, 1974



Calendar

JULY 2025

- 01 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vakresvara Pandita
- 06 July 2025 - **Sayana Ekadasi**
- 10 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Sanatana Goswami
- 11 July 2025 - First Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 15 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Srila Gopala Bhatta Goswami
- 18 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Srila Lokanatha Goswami
- 19 July 2025 - The Incorporation of ISKCON in New York
- 21 July 2025 - **Kamika Ekadasi**
- 28 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Sri Raghunandan Thakura
- 28 July 2025 - Disappearance Day of Sri Vamsidasa Babaji

AUGUST 2025

- 05 Aug 2025 - **Pavitropana Ekadasi**
- 06 Aug 2025 - Disappearance Day of Srila Rupa Goswami
- 06 Aug 2025 - Disappearance Day of Sri Gauridasa Pandita
- 09 Aug 2025 - **Appearance Day of Lord Balarama**
- 10 Aug 2025 - Second Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 10 Aug 2025 - Srila Prabhupada's Departure for the USA
- 16 Aug 2025 - **Sri Krsna Janmastami**
- 17 Aug 2025 - **Appearance Day of Srila Prabhupada**
- 19 Aug 2025 - **Annada Ekadasi**
- 28 Aug 2025 - Srimati Sita Thakurani Appearance Day
- 31 Aug 2025 - **Radhastami : Appearance of Srimati Radharani**



SEPTEMBER 2025

- 03 Sept 2025 - **Parsva Ekadasi**
- 04 Sept 2025 - Appearance Day of Sri Jiva Goswami
- 05 Sept 2025 - **Appearance Day of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura**
- 06 Sept 2025 - Disappearance Day of Srila Haridasa Thakura
- 07 Sept 2025 - Acceptance of Sannyasa by Srila Prabhupada
- 08 Sept 2025 - Third Month of Caturmasya Begins
- 14 Sept 2025 - Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the USA
- 17 Sept 2025 - **Indira Ekadasi**

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