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To Drive Away the Darkness

In this age, people accept suffering as pleasure, but Lord Chaitanya and Lord Nityananda have come to dispel the darkness of ignorance.

A lecture in Mayapur, India, on March 26, 1975
by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

vande sri-krishna-chaitanya-
nityandandau sahoditau
gaudodaye puspavantau
citrau sandau tamo-nudau

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto Sri Krishna Chaitanya and Lord Nityananda, who are like the sun and moon. They have arisen simultaneously on the horizon of Gauda to dissipate the darkness of ignorance and thus wonderfully bestow benediction upon all." (Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita, Adi 1.2)

Sri Krishna Chaitanya has many expansions, and the first is Lord Nityananda, who is Krishna's brother Balarama. We have to understand these things from the mahajanas, the great sages who are learned in the science of Krishna consciousness. Narottama dasa Thakura, a mahajana, says, vrajendra-nandana yei, saci-suta hoilo sei, balarama hoilo nitaī. "Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is Lord Krishna, the son of Nanda Maharaja, and Sri Nityananda Prabhu is Balarama."

Sometimes foolish people say Nityananda is an expansion of Radharani. That is not a fact. Nityananda is Balarama. We have to know from the mahajanas; we cannot manufacture our own ideas. That is blasphemy. A mahajana is one who follows the previous mahajanas. This is the system. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu strictly followed this principle, and Krishna also recommended it in the Bhagavad-gīta: evam parampara-praptam. We have to receive knowledge through the disciplic succession; we cannot manufacture it. The concoction of so-called spiritual philosophies has killed the spiritual life of India. "You can think in your way, and I can think in my way"—this idea is not at all scientific. Suppose you claim that two plus two equals three, or five. Is that acceptable? No, two plus two equals four, and you cannot claim otherwise.

So, Balarama is presenting Krishna, and therefore He is the original guru. Any bona fide guru must be a representative of Balarama, or Nityananda. And because Balarama is presenting Krishna, He is called prakasha. When the sun shines, you can see everything clearly. That is called prakasha. At night, in the darkness, everything is covered and we cannot see, but during the daytime, when there is prakasha, illumination, we can see everything.

So, Nityananda Prabhu is Balarama, prakasha-tattva. And just as Balarama is manifesting Sri Krishna Chaitanya, who is also the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

When Nityananda Prabhu was preaching in Bengal, He first of all delivered Jagai and Madhai, and by delivering them He showed how to serve Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Lord Chaitanya is Krishna Himself: sri krishna chaitanya radha-krishna nahe anya: "Sri Krishna Chaitanya is Radha and Krishna combined." And Nityananda is presenting Lord Chaitanya.

So, how can one present Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu? By His personal example Nityananda Prabhu has given us a lesson. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu would send Nityananda Prabhu and Haridasa Thakura to preach on the streets of Navadvipa, home to home. Once they saw a big crowd on the street, and Nityananda Prabhu inquired from the people, "Why are there so many people assembled?" He was informed that there were two gundas, rogues, creating some trouble. The two gundas were Jagai and Madhai. Now, even though they physically attacked Nityananda Prabhu, He continued to preach Krishna consciousness to them, and He delivered them. This is the best way to serve Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu—by preaching Krishna consciousness boldly.

The business of gundas is to create trouble, that's all. Especially at the present moment in Bengal there are many gundas creating trouble. This is due to not enough preaching of Krishna consciousness. Nityananda Prabhu is not being given the chance to preach. He is very eager to preach Krishna consciousness, but He's not being given the chance.

Krishna Voice, October 2018
In Bengal there is a family who say they are descendants of Nityananda Prabhu. So, there is a controversy concerning their claim. But apart from the controversy, if they are descendants of Nityananda Prabhu, their business is to act like Nityananda Prabhu. What is that business? That is described by Narottama dasa Thakura: dina-hina yata chilo, hari-name uddharilo. Their business should be to do what Nityananda Prabhu did, along with Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, and that is to deliver all the fallen souls by teaching them to chant Hare Krishna.

Sri Krishna Chaitanya and Nityananda are the same as Lord Krishna and Balarama. When Krishna incarnated, these two brothers were engaged as cowherd boys, as friends of the gopis, and as sons of Mother Yashoda and Nanda Maharaja. That was Their life in Vrindavana village.

Later, when They went to Mathura, They killed Kamsa and the wrestlers, and when They went to Dwaraka They had to fight so many demons. But They spent Their childhood up to Krishna’s sixteenth year in Vrindavana, living a happy life. Simply love. Krishna and Balarama enacted these early pastimes just to enliven Their devotees (paritranaya sadhunam). The devotees are always anxious to see Krishna and Balarama and Their associates, and they are always very much aggrieved when separated from Them. To rejuvenate Their life, Krishna and Balarama played Their childhood days in Vrindavana. And out of Vrindavana, in Mathura and Dwaraka and other places, Their business was killing the demons.

Krishna and Balarama have two businesses—pacifying the devotees and killing the demons. Of course, since Krishna and Balarama are the Absolute Truth, there is no difference between Their killing and Their loving. Those who are killed are also delivered from material bondage.

Now these same two brothers have again descended as Sri Krishna Chaitanya and Nityananda Prabhu. They are compared to the sun and the moon. The business of the sun and the moon is to dissipate darkness. The sun rises during the daytime, and the moon rises at night. But the sun and moon of Lord Chaitanya and Nityananda are wonderful because They have appeared simultaneously.

Still, Their business is the same as that of the ordinary sun and moon: tamonudau, to dissipate darkness. Everyone in this material world is in darkness. In other words, they’re ignorant, like animals. Why are they animals? Such civilized men, so well dressed and with university degrees. Are they in darkness? Yes, they are in darkness. What is the proof? The proof is that they are not Krishna conscious. That is their darkness.

Now, someone may ask, “Who says this is proof we are in darkness?” We do not say it—Krishna does: na mam dusktino mudhabh prapadyante naradhamah mayayapahrta-jhana.

Mayayapaharta-jnana means that although someone may have a university degree, although he is called civilized, his knowledge has been stolen by illusion, and therefore he does not surrender to Krishna. Krishna is personally canvassing: sarva-dharman parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja. "Just give up your nonsense and surrender to Me." He’s personally canvassing, but because these rascals and fools are in darkness, they do not know what the goal of life is. Therefore they are not willing to surrender to Him.

Krishna also describes these fools as naradhama, “the lowest of mankind.” How have they become naradhama? By always engaging in sinful life. What is sinful life? Illicit sex, meat-eating, intoxication, and gambling. People who are addicted to these things are duskrta, “miscreants,” and naradhama, “the lowest of mankind.” And whatever knowledge they have acquired by their so-called education is all false knowledge (mayayapaharta-jnana). This is their position.

So, Krishna and Balarama, being merciful, have descended again as Sri Krishna Chaitanya and Nityananda

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Prabhu. They are canvassing for the same principle—sarva-dharman parityajya—but in a different way. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu have appeared in order to drive away the darkness of ignorance. There is no actual difference between Krishna's preaching and Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's preaching. The only difference is that Krishna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, demands, "You rascal, surrender unto Me. You are suffering so much on account of your duskrtri, sinful activities. I am your father; I want to see you happy. Therefore, I have come. Surrender unto Me and I shall give you all protection."

Except for Krishna conscious activities, whatever you do is sinful. The whole world is full of sinful activities, and they have been summarized into four categories: illicit sex, meat-eating, gambling, and intoxication. This is the summary, but there are many, many branches of these activities. Still, if you cut the root of sinful activity—illicit sex, gambling, meat-eating, and intoxication—then automatically the other sinful activities will go.

Therefore we who are propagating this Krishna consciousness movement are requesting that you give up these sinful activities. Otherwise, you will be implicated. What is that implication? Your implication is that your sinful life will get you another body. And again you will suffer. As soon as you get a material body, there is suffering. It may be a king's body or a cobbler's body; it doesn't matter; the suffering is there. But because people are mayayahprahta-jnana, ignorant, they are accepting suffering as pleasure. This is called maya, illusion.

When a pig is eating stool, he thinks he's enjoying life. He does not know that he's suffering. Maya has given the living entity a pig's body so that he will suffer, but even in the pig's body he's thinking he's enjoying life. This is illusion.

Everyone in this material world is suffering, but there are different grades of suffering, just as in the prison house. There are different grades of prisoner—first class, second class, third class—but if the first-class prisoner thinks he is enjoying life, that is ignorance. In the prison house, where is the enjoyment? It is all suffering. It may be first-class suffering, but it is still suffering.

So, the whole of human society is in darkness, and out of Their kindness Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu have appeared in order to dissipate this darkness.

Thank you very much. Hare Krishna.

Sri Prabhupada, the founder-acharya of ISKCON, has delivered more than 1500 lectures on Vedic scriptures like Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam and Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita. The audio recording of his lectures are available in ISKCON centers. You can also hear some of these lectures in ISKCON Bangalore's website: www.iskconbangalore.org/srila-prabhupada-lectures
Going to God

This is a continuation of a conversation between His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and reporters in Melbourne, Australia, on June 29, 1974.

Reporter: Your Divine Grace, in your books you talk about Brahmaloka, which, I suppose, is heaven, where we will at last see God.

Srila Prabhupada: No. First of all, heaven is simply a higher material planetary system, where you cannot directly see God. There are many material lokas, or planetary systems, and heaven is one of them, and of course Brahmaloka is one.

Don't you see? There are so many material planetary systems, with innumerable planets. The planetary systems include Brahmaloka, Chandraloka, Varunaloka, Suryaloka, and so many others.

Reporter: So when we speak of heaven, are we speaking of a physical place? Would one be on a physical planet?
Srila Prabhupada: Just consider the planets in this universe that you see each day and night. Are they physical or not? Take the sun. The sun is not a physical planet?

Reporter: It is.

Srila Prabhupada: What do you mean by “physical.”

Reporter: Well, actually existing on a material...

Srila Prabhupada: At night don’t you see existing so many planets—innumerable planets? Are they physical or not?

Reporter: Stars and planets. They are physical, yes.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Consider this example. When you say “United States of America,” you are talking about an actual place. There are living entities—men and mountains and rivers. Everything is there.

Similarly, all these other planets in this universe—they are inhabited by living entities. There are similarly cities and towns and mountains and rivers and oceans. Everything is there—though of a unique pattern on each planet.

So in heaven, everything is of a superior quality, a superior pattern. As a result, in your present body you are not able to go and live there. Even on this single planet, there are widely varying climatic conditions. In the Arctic region some living entities can live, but for us it, is very difficult to live there. One place is suitable for one kind of man; another place is suitable for another.

So from planet to planet, and from place to place on each planet, you’ll find living entities. And these living entities have received various kinds of material bodies just suitable to various conditions.

For instance, you cannot live within the ocean, but just for that reason you cannot say that nobody can live within the ocean. That would be foolishness. Simply you must admit you cannot live there. But there are so many varieties of fish, and they are living within the ocean very comfortably.

So don’t try to transfer your present experience to other living entities. That is not a very good argument. Now, here on this planet many of the so-called scientists—they are saying that on other planets there are no living entities. Why? These so-called scientists are putting forth so many reasons: “This element is lacking.” “That element is lacking.”

But what, Mr. Scientist, do you know of how this or that condition may affect beings with bodies vastly different from anything you have experienced? You know virtually nothing about the other planets. Then how can you say there are no living entities there?

Reporter: I quite agree. Very often these scientists make grand statements without a clue as to whereof they speak. So in fact, there is a heavenly planetary system, with real living entities, and it is in this material universe?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, in this material universe you’ll find a place for souls who have lived virtuously, but who have not become unalloyed devotees of the Lord. That is called heaven, a place of great material opulence. But heaven is not in the spiritual universe. No, the spiritual universe is reserved for those souls who have developed unalloyed devotion to the Lord. Therefore in heaven you won’t see the Lord. And even though you may enjoy a life of many thousands of years, at last you must undergo death and accept another birth on an earthly planet.

Reporter: Your Divine Grace, do you see a time coming when all mankind will be united?

Srila Prabhupada: That is very difficult to say, but we can be united on the spiritual-platform, not on the material platform.

Reporter: Well, then, would you say that this spiritual unity of all mankind is possible within this generation?

Srila Prabhupada: It is possible at any time—provided people take to the actual principles of spiritual life. But they’ll not take to these principles. For example, one of the basic principles of spiritual life is no meat-eating. Now, do you think this principle will be embraced by everyone? And yet this is one of the fundamental principles of spiritual life—no meat-eating.

Reporter: Is that a necessary...

Srila Prabhupada: Oh, yes. Without this—if you don’t stop meat-eating—you cannot understand what spiritual life is. One who is mired in sinful life cannot understand what God is, or what devotion to God is. That is not possible.

Reporter: And would it be the same for the rest of what you call the principles of spiritual life?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. People who are sinful, who do not follow the spiritual principles, cannot understand God or devotion to God. The basic spiritual principles include four prohibitions. We instruct our students not to indulge in gambling, illicit sex, meat- or fish- or egg-eating, or intoxication, including cigarettes, tea, and coffee.

Reporter: Drinking coffee and tea is also prohibited?

Srila Prabhupada: Oh, yes. It is also a form of intoxication. Gambling, illicit sex, flesh-eating, intoxication—these are the four pillars of sinful life. So unless one gives up these four things, he cannot understand what God is, what God’s kingdom is, what our real business here in this material world is—namely preparing to go to God. (To be continued.)
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The author of this article—who is the spiritual master of the founder-acharya of the International Society for Krishna consciousness—may easily be accepted as the greatest scholar and devotee of the recent age. His numerous scriptural translations and commentaries in Sanskrit, Bengali and English and his establishment of 64 centers of Krishna consciousness throughout India attest to his identity as a powerful devotional force in spreading the personal philosophy of Krishna consciousness, the science of love of God. It is he who has caused a flood of God consciousness in the modern world through His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, his emissary to the West.

His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta listed these transcendental qualities of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna in an essay which is too lengthy to be presented here in its entirety. However, this authoritative listing, compiled by His Divine Grace in 1932, shines with its own value. All the references are to chapter and verse of the Tenth Canto of Srimad-Bhagavatam, a scripture which describes the transcendental pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna.

- Krishna is possessed of an unlimited intellect (SB 10.84.22).
- Krishna is inaccessible to sensuous knowledge (SB 10.16.46).
- Krishna is Lord of the infinity of worlds (SB 10.69.17).
- Krishna wields the power of creating the unlimited (SB 10.87.28).
- Krishna carries the impress of limitless power (SB 10.87.14).
- Krishna is possessed of inconceivable potency (SB 10.10.29).
- Krishna is unborn (SB 10.59.28, 74.21).
- Krishna solves all heterogeneous views (SB 10.74.24).
- Krishna is vanquished by exclusive devotion (SB 10.14.3).
- Krishna is Inner Guide (SB 10.1.17).
- Krishna is the Withholder of the energy of the wicked (SB 10.60.19).
- Krishna is the Giver of salvation to jivas (living entities) that are free from vanity (SB 10.86.48).
- Krishna ordains the worldly course of conceited jivas (SB 10.86.48).
- Krishna is the Primal God (deva) (SB 10.40.1).
- Krishna is the Primal Person (purusa) (SB 10.63.38).
- Krishna is an overwhelming flood of bliss (SB 10.83.4).
- Krishna possesses fulfilled desire (SB 10.47.46).
- Krishna is self-delighted (SB 10.60.20).
- Krishna is the opponent of the sensuous (SB 10.60.35).
- Krishna is sung by the best of hymns (SB 10.86.23).
- Krishna is the dispeller of the night of pseudo-religion (SB 10.14.40).
- Krishna is devoid of increase and decrease (SB 10.48.26).
- Krishna is the efficient and material cause (SB 10.10.29).
- Krishna is the only Truth (SB 10.14.23).
- Krishna is the Awarder of the fruit of work (SB 10.49.29).
- Krishna is not subject to the consequences of work (SB 10.84.17).
- Krishna is the Seer of cause and effect (SB 10.38.12).
- Krishna is the Person who is time (SB 10.1.7).
- Krishna is Time's Own Self (SB 10.70.26).
- Krishna is even the Time of time (SB 10.56.27).
- Krishna is Present in the heart of every animate entity, like fire inside wood (SB 10.46.36).
- Krishna is Grateful (SB 10.48.26).
- Krishna is the Augmenter (like the Full Moon) of the ocean of earth, gods, twice-born and animals (SB 10.14.40).
- Krishna is the Tormentor of cannibalistic persons (SB 10.14.40).
- Krishna is the Destroyer of the pride of the arrogant (SB 10.60.19).
- Krishna is the Root-Cause of the origin, etc., of the world (SB 10.14.23).
- Krishna is the Cause of the world (SB 10.40.1).
- Krishna is the Creator of the world (SB 10.70.38).
- Krishna, for the good of the world, appears as if possessed of a body like that of mundane entities (SB 10.14.55).
- Krishna is the guru (centre of gravity) of the world (SB 10.80.44).
- Krishna is the Refuge (ashraya) of jivas (individual souls) who are afraid of birth and death (SB 10.49.23).
- Krishna is devoid of birth (SB 10.46.38).
- Krishna is equally the Internal Guide, Cause and Director of jivas (SB 10.87.30).
- Krishna is the Destroyer of the miseries of persons who employ themselves in meditating upon Him (SB 10.58.10).
- Krishna is of the fourth dimension and is self-manifest (SB 10.66.38).
- Krishna is Worthy of being gifted (SB 10.74.24).
- Krishna is the Punisher of the wicked (SB 10.69.17).
- Krishna is the God of gods (SB 10.80.44).
- Krishna is rarely cognisable by the gods (SB 10.48.27).
- Krishna is unconcerned about body, house, etc. (SB 10.60.20).
- Krishna is the Supreme Ruler of the greatest gods (SB 10.73.8).
- Krishna is the Exponent of Religion (SB 10.69.40).
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