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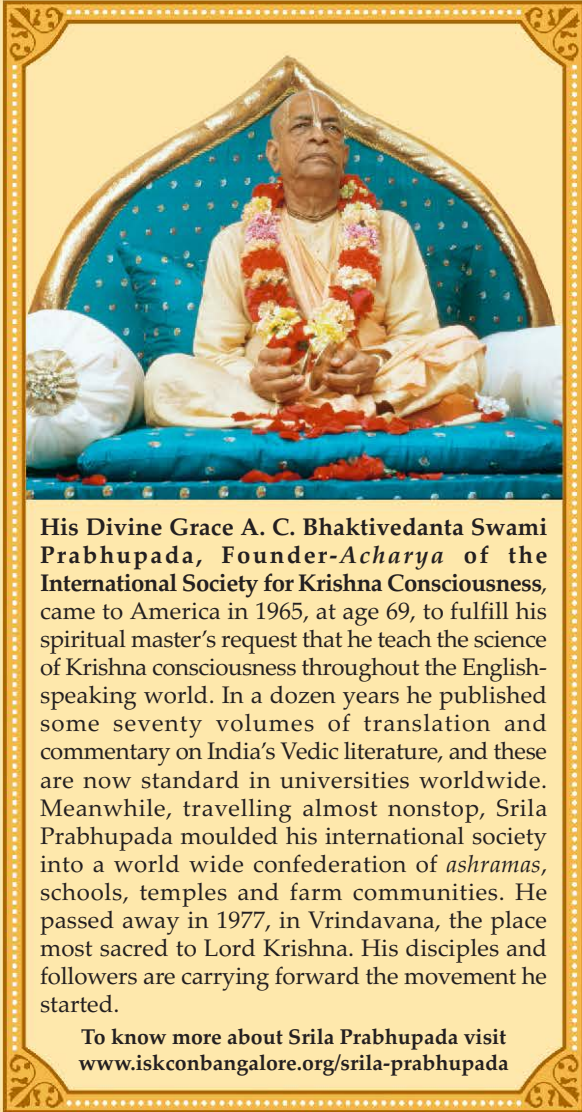
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His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, came to America in 1965, at age 69, to fulfill his spiritual master's request that he teach the science of Krishna consciousness throughout the English-speaking world. In a dozen years he published some seventy volumes of translation and commentary on India's Vedic literature, and these are now standard in universities worldwide. Meanwhile, travelling almost nonstop, Srila Prabhupada moulded his international society into a world wide confederation of *ashramas*, schools, temples and farm communities. He passed away in 1977, in Vrindavana, the place most sacred to Lord Krishna. His disciples and followers are carrying forward the movement he started.

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Countless Incarnations

Lord Krishna comes in many ways to draw us back to Him.

A lecture given in Los Angeles on October 1, 1972,

by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

*avatara hy asankhyeya / hareh sattva-nidher dvijah
yathavidasinah kulyah / sarasah syuh sahasrasah*

“O *brahmanas*, the incarnations of the Lord are innumerable, like rivulets flowing from inexhaustible sources of water.” —*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.3.26

There is no limit to the incarnations of God, just as there is no limit to the waves in the ocean. *Sattva-nidheh*. *Nidhi* means “ocean,” and *sattva* means “existential.” *Sattva* also means “goodness.” Here in the material world there are three modes of nature: goodness, passion, and ignorance. But real goodness is in the spiritual world.

In the material world goodness is, of course, taken as the highest quality, but such goodness is liable to be infected by the other two qualities: passion and ignorance. It is exposed. And here goodness is also the cause of bondage. As passion and ignorance are causes of bondage, material goodness is also a cause of bondage.

So we have to transcend material goodness also. Then, when we get stability of goodness, that is spiritual life. Goodness disturbed by passion and ignorance is not yet perfect. Therefore, sometimes we find that one of our students is doing everything nicely in goodness but he is attacked by passion and ignorance and he becomes entangled.

Real goodness—without being attacked by passion and ignorance—is in God. *Hareh sattva-nidheh*. The spiritual platform is called *sattvam visuddham*, goodness unaffected by other qualities. *Visuddham* means “completely pure, no adulteration.” As long as we are on the material platform, goodness is, liable to be adulterated, just as the milk we purchase from the market is adulterated. Although there are so many laws by the government—“You cannot adulterate”—people have the propensity to adulterate. So you cannot get pure things. The whole atmosphere is so polluted.

Therefore here so-called goodness is also a cause of bondage. One has the tendency to think, “Now I have become a Vaishnava, a devotee. I have become learned.” But God is so clever that He says, “If you are so good, now you fight with passion and ignorance.” And the person fails. He falls victim to passion and ignorance.

Only by pure devotional service can you stay in pure goodness. Otherwise goodness will be adulterated.

What is that pure devotional service? *Anyabhilasita-sunyam*. Pure devotional service means one has no material desires. Material desires adulterate goodness. For example, if you are a *brahmachari*—in goodness—but you are always thinking of women and sex, that is an adulteration of your goodness. Such a person is described in the *Bhagavad-gita* as a cheater.

Therefore we have to think of Krishna always. Otherwise, as soon as there is a little loophole, *maya* will enter and adulterate our goodness. Lord Krishna says in the *Bhagavad-gita* (14.26):

*mam ca yo 'vyabhicarena
bhakti-yogena sevate
sa gunan samatityaitan
brahma-bhuyaya kalpate*

Anyone engaged in devotional service without any adulteration can surpass the three qualities of the material world. At that time he becomes completely spiritualized.

Spiritual sparks

Every one of us is a spirit soul, part and parcel of God, but we are now covered by the material qualities. We are separated from God because due to envy we want to imitate God.

“Oh, God is the enjoyer? Why can't I become an enjoyer?”

“Yes,” God says. “You become an enjoyer.”



Then we fall into the material world.

We may compare God to a fire and the spirit souls to sparks of that fire. If a spark leaves the fire and falls on dry grass, a fire will start. If a spark falls on green vegetation, there will be some heat; the spark will not be extinguished at once. But if a spark falls into water, it will be extinguished immediately.

When a spirit soul who has fallen contacts the mode of goodness, that is like a spark falling on dry grass. A person in the mode of goodness is almost on the spiritual platform. The mode of goodness includes the brahminical qualifications: truthfulness, simplicity, full knowledge, control of the senses, control of the mind, practical application of knowledge in life, and complete faith in God.

The mode of passion can be seen in strong desire to enjoy the material world. Generally kings and politicians are very passionate to encroach upon others' property or other nations.

And the mode of ignorance—"All right, let me eat something and sleep." That's all. That is ignorance. A person influenced by the mode of ignorance is satisfied to get a good opportunity for sleeping.

One has to transcend the three qualities of the material world. And anyone can do that. Krishna does not say that only the person in goodness, who has the brahminical qualities, can be engaged in devotional service. If you engage in devotional service, you at once transcend the three qualities. You become more than a *brahmana*—you become a Vaishnava. A Vaishnava is transcendental even to the brahminical qualities.

But if you do not maintain even the brahminical qualities, then how are you Vaishnava? To become a Vaishnava is not so easy. But Lord Chaitanya has made it easy, provided you stick to the regulative principles. Simply chant Hare Krishna regularly. The chanting of Hare Krishna is the special facility for the people in this age. By chanting you can remain steady in the transcendental position. *Ceto-darpana marjanam bhava-maha-davagni-nirvapanam*. As soon as you stay on the platform of offenseless chanting you become transcendental to the material qualities.

Very simple. You don't have to study Vedanta. The Vedanta, or the conclusions of Vedic philosophy, will be revealed to you:

*yasya deve para bhaktir
yatha deve tatha gurau
tasyaite kathita hy arthah
prakasante mahatmanah*

The Vedanta philosophy will be revealed automatically. You haven't got to study. All the Vedanta knowledge will be revealed within you, provided you have unflinching faith in God and the spiritual master.

The Mercy of Krishna and Guru

In the *Chaitanya-charitamrita* it is said that you can make advancement in spiritual life by the mercy of Krishna and guru. Don't bypass the guru and try to get Krishna's mercy immediately. That will not work. You have to go through the proper channel. It is wrong to think, "I shall make spiritual advancement without a guru." Even if you want to see a big man you have to go through his servant. You have to take permission. The servant may say to the big man, "Sir, so-and-so wants to see you. He appears to be a good man." "Oh?" the master says. "He is a good man? All right, bring him." The recommendation of the servant is required.

Therefore we sing daily, *yasya prasada bhagavat-prasada*: by the mercy of the guru we get the mercy of God. *Yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto 'pi*: if the guru is not satisfied, the disciple makes no advancement.

In today's verse it is said, "There are many incarnations." The guru is also an incarnation of God—the mercy incarnation of God. God is within you as *chaitya-guru*, the guru within your heart. *Isvarah sarva-bhutanam hrd-dese 'rjuna tisthati*. Krishna says that he is seated in everyone's heart as the Supersoul, or Paramatma. So Paramatma is an incarnation of God. And when, being very merciful upon you, Paramatma comes before you to teach you from outside, that is the guru. Therefore it is said, *saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastraih*. The guru is the mercy incarnation of God. *Shaksat* means "direct." *Hari-tvena* means the guru is Hari, God. *Samasta-sastraih* means "all the scriptures." It is not that somewhere it is stated that the guru is an incarnation of God and somewhere it is not stated. No. It is stated in all Vedic literature.

Then it is said, *uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih*. *Uktah* means "it is said." *Sadbhih* means "devotees." Those who are real devotees accept this. "Yes, the guru is exactly a representative of Krishna, a representative of Krishna's mercy."

The disciple must respect the guru as God, but the guru should not say, "Now I have become God." If he says that, then he is immediately fallen. He cannot say, "I am an incarnation of God, so you simply worship me."

Mayavadi, or impersonalistic, gurus say, "There is no difference between God and me." But a real guru says, "I am a servant of the servant of the servant of the servant of God." *Gopi-bhartuh pada-kamalayor dasa-dasanudasah*. Though given the honour of God, the real guru never declares that He is God. He always says, "I am the most fallen servant of God."

Countless incarnations

So as there are incessant waves on the ocean, countless incarnations of God are also coming. Why not? There are innumerable universes, not one universe. We have studied in the *Brahma-samhita: yasyaika-nisvasita-kalam athavalambya jivanti loma-vilaja jagad-anda-nathah*. *Jagad-anda* means "universe." In each universe there is a *natha*, or controller—Lord Brahma. So just imagine. By the inhaling and exhaling of Maha-Vishnu in the Causal Ocean, so many universes are coming out. And in every universe there are so many planets. So just imagine how many incarnations are required to enlighten the people in every universe.

We are all sons of God, and we are trying to forget Him. But God cannot forget us, because we are His sons. God is trying to reclaim us. Krishna Himself is coming to canvass: "Why are you rotting here? Why don't you come? Just surrender and be happy."

"No. I shall work here." From Brahma down to the hog, everyone in the material world is trying to be happy by working. They will not surrender to Krishna. But Krishna wants them to go back home, back to Godhead. Therefore He says in the *Gita* (18.66),

*sarva-dharman parityajya
mam ekam saranam vraja
aham tvam sarva-papebhyo
moksaisyami ma sucah*

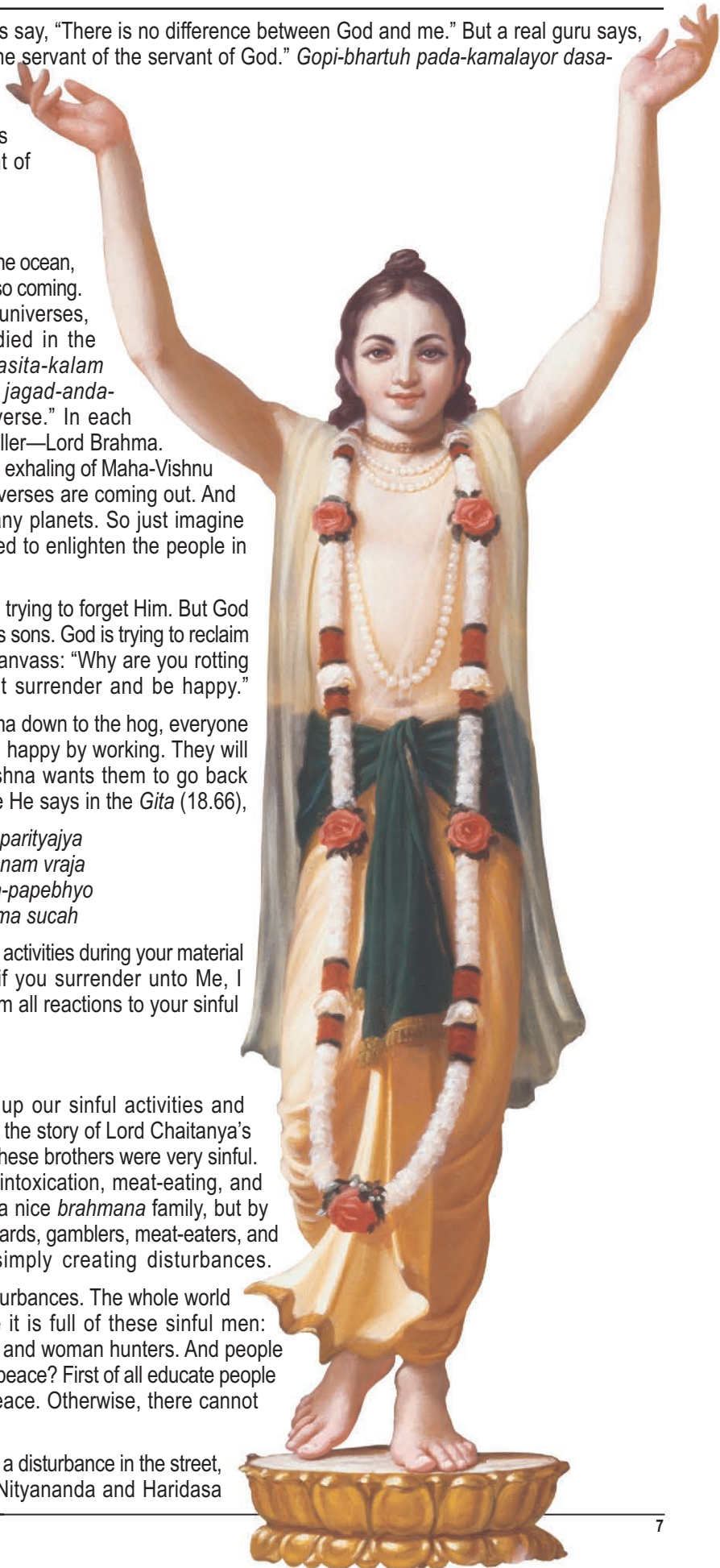
"You have committed so many sinful activities during your material existence. There is no limit. But if you surrender unto Me, I immediately make you immune from all reactions to your sinful life. Immediately."

Mercy for Jagai and Madhai

Krishna simply wants us to give up our sinful activities and surrender to Him. This is shown by the story of Lord Chaitanya's deliverance of Jagai and Madhai. These brothers were very sinful. They were engaging in illicit sex, intoxication, meat-eating, and gambling. They had been born in a nice *brahmana* family, but by bad association they became drunkards, gamblers, meat-eaters, and prostitute hunters. They were simply creating disturbances.

Such people will always create disturbances. The whole world is now disturbed. Why? Because it is full of these sinful men: drunkards, gamblers, meat-eaters, and woman hunters. And people expect peace. Nonsense. Where is peace? First of all educate people to become sinless. Then talk of peace. Otherwise, there cannot be peace.

So these two brothers were creating a disturbance in the street, and a crowd had gathered. Lord Nityananda and Haridasa



Thakura, close associates of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, were out for preaching. Lord Nityananda saw the crowd and inquired, “What is this crowd?”

Someone replied, “There are two most sinful brothers, and they are creating a disturbance. So there is a crowd.”

Nityananda Prabhu said to Haridasa Thakura, “Why not deliver these two brothers? Then it will be a great credit for Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.”

That is the mood of a preacher. He wants the credit to go to his master, not himself, even if he risks his life.

When Lord Nityananda approached Jagai and Madhai to ask them to chant Hare Krishna, one of the brothers hit him in the head with a stone, and blood came out.

Lord Nityananda said, “All right. You have hurt Me. Blood is oozing out. That doesn’t matter. Chant Hare Krishna.”

Lord Nityananda is showing us how we must preach. It is not that we only stay safely somewhere and chant Hare Krishna. No. We have to go out and meet the Jagais and Madhais. That is Chaitanya Mahaprabhu’s mission, because the world is full of Jagais and Madhais.

When Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu heard that one of the brothers had injured Nityananda Prabhu, He became angry—like fire. If a devotee sees Vishnu or a Vaishnava insulted, he should be fire-like. Lord Chaitanya taught, *tmad api sunicena*: a devotee should be as humble as straw in the street. But when a devotee sees the Lord or the Lord’s devotee insulted, the devotee should not be like a straw—he should be like fire. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu showed this by example. He became very very angry—“I shall kill these two brothers immediately!”

But Nityananda Prabhu entreated, “Oh, My dear sir, in this incarnation You have promised not to accept any weapon. In Your incarnation as Lord Ramachandra You took up weapons. As Krishna also You took up weapons. But this time You wanted to deliver these poor souls. So don’t kill them. Excuse them. Accept them.”

Nityananda Prabhu is the original guru, and He was showing that the guru’s business is to be very merciful.

Jagai and Madhai fell at Lord Chaitanya’s feet and said, “We are so sinful. We have done wrong. Kindly excuse us.”

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu made one condition: “Your life is full of sinful activities. So if you simply promise, I shall not sin anymore, then I can accept you.”

Jagai and Madhai said. “Sir, we’ll not do these sinful things anymore.”

That vow is required. When you are initiated, you promise: “No illicit sex, no intoxication, no meat-eating, no gambling.” But if you privately do these things, then what kind of person are you? Don’t be a cheater. When you promise not to do these things, don’t do them again. Then you will remain in goodness. Nobody can disturb you. And if you pollute yourself silently, then goodness will go away.

This is the warning. Once you are initiated on the promise that you shall not do these nonsense things, then you remain perfectly in goodness. *Mam eva ye prapadyante mayam etam taranti*. Maya cannot do anything. But if you cheat yourself, cheat your spiritual master, cheat God, then you will be cheated by maya.

Thank you very much. 🙏

Srila 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 www.iskconbangalore.org/srila-prabhupada-lectures



Fasting		Festivals	
May 1	Ekadashi	May 1	Chandan Yatra of Sri Prahlada Narasimha begins (in ISKCON Bangalore)
May 2	break fast	May 4	Narasimha Chaturdashi Appearance of Lord Narasimhadeva <i>Fasting till dusk</i>
May 15	Ekadashi	May 14	End of Salagrama & Tulasi Jala Dana
May 16	break fast	Jun 2	Pani Hati Chida Dahi Utsava
May 31	Ekadashi		
Jun 1	break fast		

“There is Only One Religion”

Here we conclude an exchange that took place in Paris on June 15, 1974, between His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, two priests, and two Christian scholars. As we join the discussion, a newly arrived American student launches into his philosophy of “All is light.”

Srila Prabhupada: So there is only one path: surrender to God. Do all of you accept this?

Student: I think that each man finds his own way.

Srila Prabhupada: No. no. Do you accept this principle—that God is great and we are all subordinate to Him?

Student: My principle is the light—that there is only the light. If some people wish to call it God, they can call it God. God for me is just a word. It’s a word no one can understand.

Srila Prabhupada: Simply you understand.

Student: I understand the light.

Srila Prabhupada: No. You think you understand God, or the ultimate truth. You say, definitely, “God is a word.” That means you think you understand the ultimate truth, or God.

Student: No.

Srila Prabhupada: Then why do you say, “God is a word”?

Student: I say God is only a word and that’s why I cannot speak of God, because it’s a word and it cannot be explained.

Srila Prabhupada: But you are using words, and you are explaining. Why do you speak these contradictory things?

Student: No. I say that I cannot speak of God, because God is a word.

Srila Prabhupada: Now you are saying you do not know what God is. First of all, accept that you do not know.

Student: It is light. I speak of the light.

Srila Prabhupada: Now again you are saying you know God. You are speaking in both ways: that you do not know and that you do know. Sometimes you say you do not know, sometimes you say you do know.

Student: No, no, no.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes.

Disciple: Yes. And in the end you say you do know. You’ve decided that God or the ultimate truth is simply light. So when you say “All is light,” actually you’re claiming you do know God.

Student (with hand on heart): I believe in what I feel here, and that is God for me.

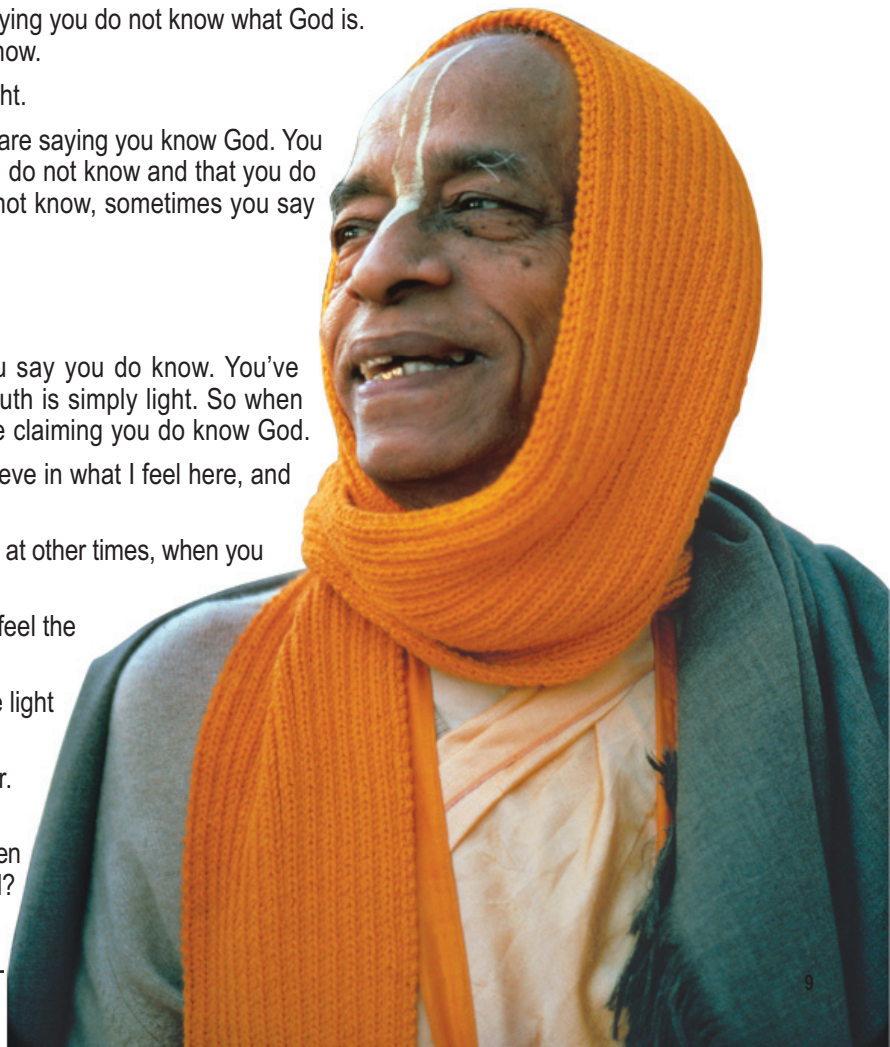
Srila Prabhupada: That means that at other times, when you feel something else, *that* is God.

Student (still with hand on heart): I feel the light here.

Srila Prabhupada: You can feel the light anywhere.

Student: Light is this table, this floor. Light is everything.

Srila Prabhupada: That’s all right. Then why do you say you do not know God? You know God: in His preliminary feature, as the all-pervasive light.



Student: Because for me. God is merely a word. How can you explain God with a word? What is God? Explain to me what is God.

Srila Prabhupada (*to a disciple*): Talk with him. He'll simply waste my time.

Student: If you can explain to me what is God, I would appreciate it.

Srila Prabhupada: [*to the disciple:*] Just go and take him. [*to the student:*] You go and he'll explain to you. Please.

Student: He cannot explain to me.

Srila Prabhupada: Then you go away. Please. What can I do? I cannot waste time.

Student: If you cannot explain to me what is God ...

Srila Prabhupada: But you know everything. What can I explain? You know everything. [*The student leaves.*]

Madame Devi: Your Divine Grace, are there certain qualities that make some people more receptive toward the divine and other people less receptive?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. That I have explained: *sattva-guna*, *rajo-guna*, *tamo-guna*, the modes of goodness, passion, and ignorance. Those who are in goodness—they can understand the divine very easily. Those who are in passion—they have got difficulty. And those who are covered by ignorance—they cannot understand.

Madame Devi: Is this degree of covering a question of one's physical body? Is it hormones or a chemical state—that some people are more covered by ignorance than others?

Srila Prabhupada: "Covered" means dirty things in the heart. That's all. Just as the sun is covered by the cloud.

Madame Devi: So by repeating the mantra, the name of God, your heart becomes more ...

Srila Prabhupada: You become purified.

Disciple: Srila Prabhupada, you often give the example that the heart is a mirror. And the more we polish the mirror by chanting Krishna's names, the more we become enlightened.

Madame Devi: Therefore, we have to repeat the name of God every day, many times.

Srila Prabhupada: Hmm. Yes.

Madame Devi: Your Divine Grace, I would like to know about the problem of death: what happens at the time of death.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. You have to prepare yourself. Just as in a dream we think about what we have done previously, similarly, we are preparing our mental condition at the time of death by what we are doing in our daily life.

Madame Devi: I see. And would it be true, in a sense, that our thoughts are more important than our actions?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Thoughts are the subtle action.

Madame Devi: So, in other words, our thoughts begin the action, and they also determine the action?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Therefore, we give thoughts beyond your present thoughts. From the authoritative Vedic scriptures. For example, the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* describes Lord Buddha, in his youth, seeing the elderly and thinking, "In old age I'll be crippled like that? I am also going to be like that? No. What is the value?" Then he began meditation, so that he could escape the material world, this cycle of old age, disease, death, and rebirth.

As he studied the *Vedas*, he understood that by bad karma one becomes subjected to material tribulation. And most of the bad karma, he thought, is on account of our malice, starting from our practice of killing animals. So he wanted to stop this. That is Buddha's first teaching. *Sadaya-hrdaya darsita-pasu-ghatam*—"Stop animal killing."

Disciple: Srila Prabhupada, as you recall, here in Paris last year a man came to meet you—the president of the Court of Paris. He was supposed to be a Buddhist, and yet he said to you, "In the climate of India, maybe you can get away with not eating meat. But in the climate of the West, we must eat meat."

Srila Prabhupada: That is rascaldom. He's a first-class rascal. Therefore, the conclusion is, these religious and social leaders are rascals. If they want to be saved from their rascal position, this is the only method. Krishna consciousness. Genuine God consciousness. Otherwise, how can they be saved from the cycle of rebirth and death? They are *atma-hana* [killers of the soul]. *Atma-hana* means "self-killing." Suicidal. If you cut your own throat, who can save you?

So these so-called followers of Lord Jesus or Lord Buddha who actually do not follow—they're all rascals. We don't hate anyone. We want to raise them. But actually, they're all rascals. ☸

Of Mobile Phones and Five-Year-Olds

by Patitpavan Das

A smartphone is not a pacifier, and should not be used as one. My nephew is only five years old, but refuses to eat without a smartphone in hand, to play some silly game on. It seems he was given a phone to play with since when he was only a nine-month old baby. Old habits die hard? Indeed!



So what is wrong in giving cellphones to kids if that will keep them busy and engaged, and thereby avoid all the hullabaloo they would otherwise create? Perfect godsend to relieve the poor parents of their babysitting blues, isn't it? Not quite. Cellphones or mobile phones emit microwave radiation, also known

as Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Radiation. A study conducted in 2018 revealed that a child's brain absorbs 2-3 times more radiation than an adult's because kids' brain tissues are more absorbent, their skulls thinner. It was found that the younger the child, the greater the risk of cancer and brain tumours. Children who spend long amounts of time on cellphones are likely to have ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), and emotional or behavioural problems, it was found.

The dopamine hit the child gets from videos and games on the mobile is so addictive that the fun of story books, comics, colours and crayons, toys, friends, and playing in the open air - all pale in comparison, and appear boring. Spending too much time on mobile phones can affect proper physical, emotional and mental growth of the child, leading to depression, obesity, and aversion to studies. I know a teenage girl who is so smitten by K-pop band BTS, that she lost all interest in school. Her parents now regret that they allowed her use of a smartphone ever at all. Naysayers may argue in favour of controls like limiting screen-time and monitoring online activity, but due to the ubiquitous and ever-evolving nature of technology and the fact that a smart kid can easily hoodwink his elders into believing the he is using it for study while actually misusing the device, the risk persists.

And what about exposing children to caustic adult content available one search away on the smartphone? When times are so bad that you need to guard your ward even against mainstream cinema which is so



corrosive, what to speak of harmful content one click away on the mobile? As a result, if a six-year-old can shoot his school teacher, causing life-threatening injuries, like at a Virginia elementary school earlier this year, and boys under eleven abuse a toddler, where are we headed as a civilisation? Does this ring alarm bells? Good! Because it is high time we went back to our roots, to scripture that shepherded our forefathers.

The *Bhagavatam* narrates the history of great kings like Dhruva and Prahlada, who even at the tender age of five years exhibited unparalleled devotion to Lord

Vishnu. Prahlada was born to the atheistic king Hiranyakashipu, who tried to train him up likewise. But thanks to Saint Narada's association, he became the most celebrated boy-devotee of Lord Vishnu. Prince Dhruva, insulted by his step-mother, vowed to acquire more wealth than his own father. He thus worshiped Lord Vishnu guided by Saint Narada, and earned everlasting fame as one of His greatest devotees. These stalwarts are eternal associates of the Lord of course, and only aid Him in His pastimes in this world, but the importance of saintly association in their early lives cannot be overstated. Then we have the example of Srila Prabhupada himself, who even from his very childhood worshipped deities of Radha-Krishna, and conducted chariot festivals for Their pleasure. Prabhupada fondly remembers the influence his devout father had on him during his childhood, and how he was raised in a devotional atmosphere.

It is said *sangat sanjayate kamah*, one's desires develop according to one's association. So if we associate with drunkards, we become a drunkard, and if we associate with saints, we become saintly. Thus ISKCON temples act as beacons of light in helping steer young minds in the right direction. One automatically imbibes devotional fervour even by just visiting the temples of the Lord regularly. Then if he takes advantage of devotee-association, he progresses on the path of liberation. The guardians of young children can also create this type of ambience in their own homes. They can sit together and chant the Hare Krishna *mantra*, read the *Bhagavad-gita*, and perform some simple little worship. That would go a long way in saving the little ones from the onslaught of mobile-mania. So, if parents become devotees, kids emulate them and can become devotees also. And unless parents stop being mobile addicts themselves, they should not expect their kids to become anything better. 🙏



Lord Vishnu blesses Dhruva



Prahlada was taught the science of devotional service by Sage Narada, while he was still in the womb of his mother, Kayadhu

BRAHMOTSAVA



The Deity or *archa vigraha* is the form that the Supreme Lord resides in, to accept the offerings of His devotees and to give them an opportunity to personally relate with Him in this material world. The Vedic scriptures state that worshipping His deity form is non different from worshipping the Lord directly.

Brahmotsava is the commemoration of the installation of the Deities of the temple and is usually a ten-day celebration. This year's celebrations on Hare Krishna Hill began on April 4 and ended on April 15. Every evening, Lord Krishnachandra and Smt Radharani rode on different *vahanas* or carriers, dressed in various *alankaras* depicting Their transcendental pastimes. They then receive *dolotsava seva* accompanied by *sangeetha seva* for Their pleasure.

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



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Krishna Kavyam by
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A play by FOLK team

Sri Rama Navami



Sri Sri Krishna Balarama in Sri Rama Lakshmana special alankara (above), Sri Rama Taraka homa (below)



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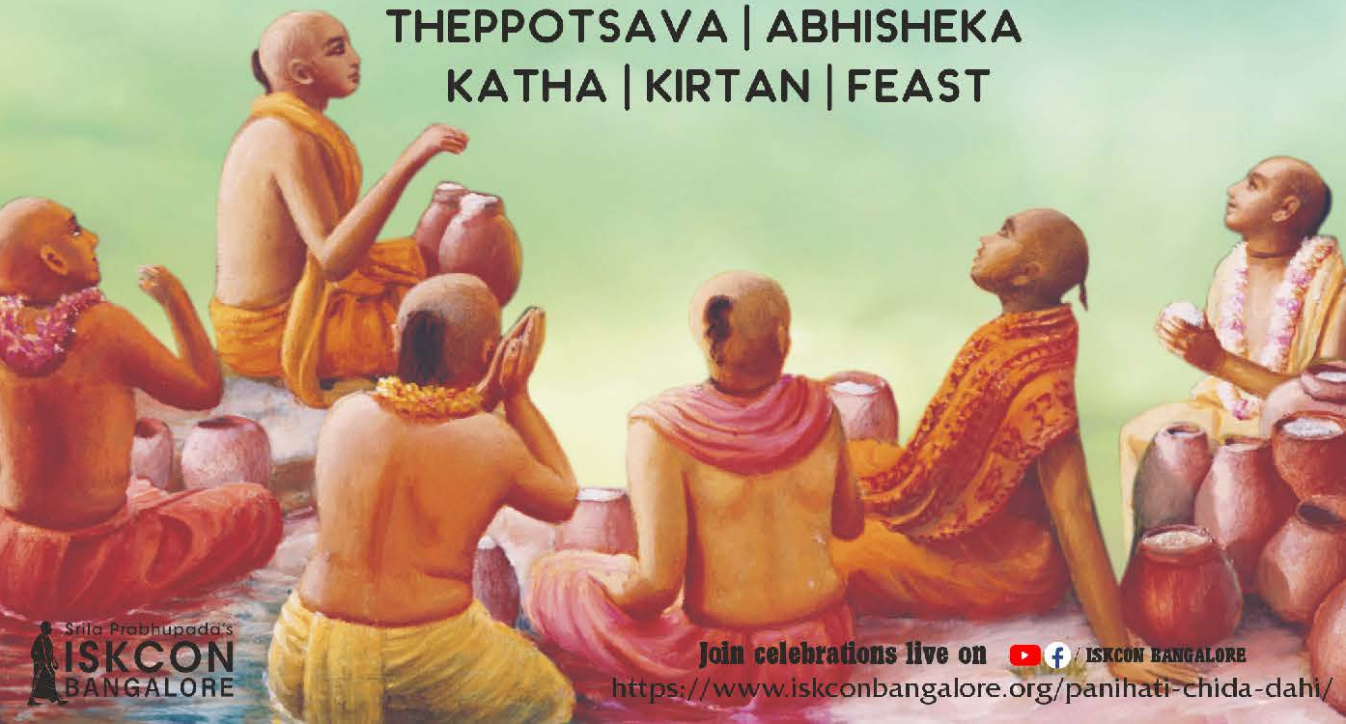


The festival of receiving Lord Nitai Gaur's mercy
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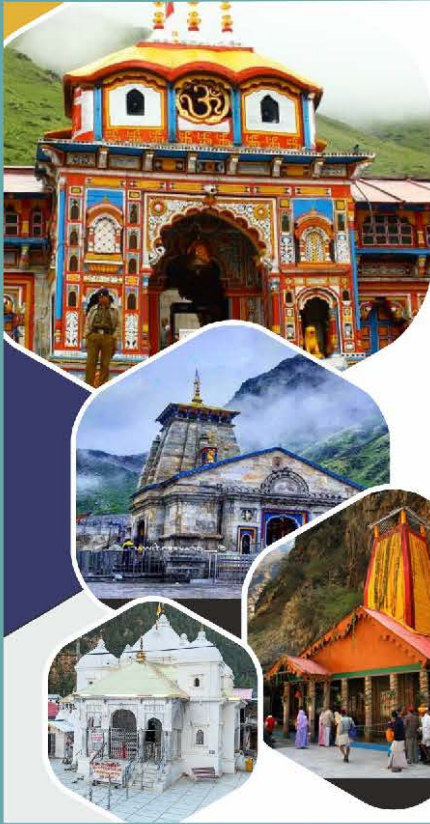
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Land Route

CHARDHAM PILGRIMAGE

Travel Dates & Amount

Economy Package	Comfort Package
Sept. 15 - 25, 2023 ₹40,000/- per person	May 1 - 12, 2023 June 1 - 12, 2023 Sept. 1 - 12, 2023 Oct. 1 - 12, 2023 ₹56,000/- per person
Additional charges: Yamunotri Doli, Kedarnath Helicopter	

Holy Places of Visit

Haridwar, Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Guptakashi, Uttarkashi, Harshil, Mana village, Joshimutt, Pandukeshwar, Vishnuprayag, Devprayag & more

By Helicopter

Chardham-Dodham Pilgrimage



Travel Dates

May 1 - Oct 28, 2023
(3 Days/4 Days/7 Days)

Places of Visit

Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath, Rishikesh, Haridwar

Amount:

Dodham (Kedarnath+Badrinath)
₹1,75,000/- (per person)

Chardham
₹2,50,000/- (per person)



Europe Pilgrimage

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada 108 Divyadesams

Travel Dates:

May 27th to June 8th, 2023

Amount:

₹4,00,000/-

(all inclusive- flights, visa, travel, food)

Places of visit:

London, Paris, Italy, Belgium, Zurich, Germany, Vatican City & more



Sri PURI Jagannatha Ratha Yatra Pilgrimage

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Travel dates:

Batch 1 : June 17 to 21, 2023

Batch 2 : June 26 to 30, 2023

Amount:

Rs. 30,000/-

(+ flight charges)

Places of visit:

Bhubaneswar, Konark Chandrabhaga beach. Puri Sri Jagannath Ratha Yatra Festival & more

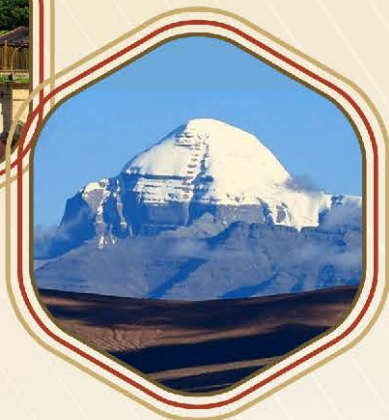
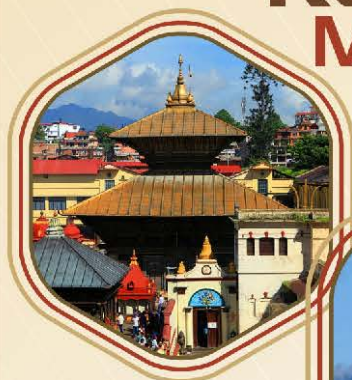
Kailash Mansarovar Pilgrimage

Travel Date

Aug 17 to 27, 2023

Places of visit :

Kailasa Dhama - Mount Kailash
Mansarovar
Kathmandu - Pashupatinath & more...



Amount

₹3,33,333/-

(Insurance, Doli/Horse, etc - extra)



Ahobilam

Nava-Narasimha Pilgrimage

Travel dates:

30 June 2023 (7pm) to
2 July 2023 (11pm)

Places of visit:

Lower Ahobilam, Uppler Ahobilam,
Pralhada School,
Bhava Nashini, Ahobilam Mutt

Amount:

₹7,500/-
onwards

AYODHYA-KASHI-GAYA PILGRIMAGE

Travel dates:

Oct 14 - 21, 2023

Places of visit:

Ayodhya, Naimisharanya,
Chitrakoot, Kashi/Varanasi,
Prayagraj, Sita Samahit Sthal,
Vindhyavasini, Gaya,
Bodhgaya



Amount

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