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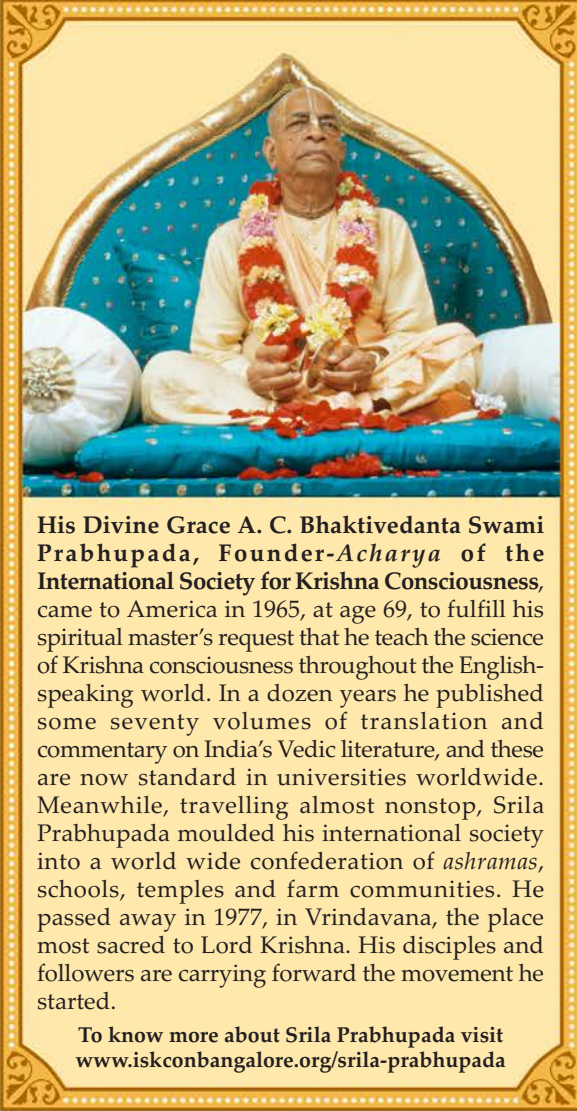
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His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, came to America in 1965, at age 69, to fulfill his spiritual master's request that he teach the science of Krishna consciousness 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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How to Approach a Spiritual Master

Lord Krishna gives three requirements for one seeking enlightenment from a self-realized soul.

A lecture given in New York on August 14, 1966

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

*tad viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.—*Bhagavad-gita* 4.34

Krishna advises, "if you want to know the transcendental science, just approach someone who knows it." *Pranipata* means "surrender." You must select a person to whom you can surrender yourself.

Nobody likes to surrender to anyone. We are puffed up with whatever knowledge we have. "Oh, who can give me knowledge?" And there is regular propaganda that for spiritual realization there is no need of a spiritual master. But the Vedic literature—*Bhagavad-gita*, *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, the *Upanishads*—says that there is need of a spiritual master. For example the Vedic *Upanishads* say, *tad-vijnanartham sa gurum evabhigacchet*: "If you want to learn the transcendental subject, you must approach a spiritual master."

The first requirement is that you must be eager to learn the transcendental subject. Suppose I want to learn the art of music. Then I have to find a musician. Without having the association of a musician, one cannot learn the art of music. The same holds true for any art. If you want to become an engineer, you have to enroll in an engineering college or a technical college and learn there. Nor can one become a medical practitioner simply by purchasing books from the market and reading at home. That is not possible. You have to enroll in a medical college and undergo training and practical examination and so many things.

Similarly, if you want to learn *Bhagavad-gita* or any transcendental subject matter, Lord Krishna says that you must go to a person to whom you can surrender yourself. That means you have to check: "Who is the real person who can give me instruction on *Bhagavad-gita* or any Vedic literature?" Your search must not be whimsical. You have to search very seriously for a person who actually knows the subject. Otherwise, why surrender to someone? But since you have to find a person to whom you can voluntarily surrender, without finding that person your mission will not be fulfilled.

In the beginning of the *Bhagavad-gita* Arjuna was talking with Krishna just like a friend. But when Arjuna realized, "Our friendly talk will not make a solution," he surrendered unto Krishna. *Sisyas te 'ham sadhi mam tvam prapannam*: "I become a surrendered disciple unto You. Please instruct me in my duty." This is the process.

Intelligent Inquiry

Here Krishna advises, "If you want to learn *Bhagavad-gita*, then you have to go to a person to whom you can surrender." But you should not blindly surrender. You must be able to inquire—*pariprasna*. The next qualification is *pariprasna*, "inquiry." Without inquiry you cannot make advancement. A student in school who inquires from the teacher is intelligent. Even a child who inquires, "Oh, father, what is this? What is this?" is intelligent.

So inquiry is required, not only surrender—"Oh, I have found a very good spiritual master. All right. I have surrendered. Now all my business is finished." No. You may have a very good spiritual master, but if you have no power to inquire, then you cannot make progress. Inquiries must be there. How do you inquire? Not to challenge. Not "Oh, I shall see what kind of spiritual master he is. Let me challenge him and put some irrelevant questions and talk nonsensically, this way and that way." That kind of inquiry will not help. *Pariprasna* means "inquiry on the



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point."

And that inquiry should be *sevaya*, "with service." *Seva* means "service." One should not think, "Oh, I have inquired so many things from such and such person, and I have not rendered any payment or service, so I have gained." No. Without service your inquiry will be futile.

So three requirements for approaching a spiritual master are given here: *pranipata* (surrender), *pariprasna* (inquiry), and *seva* (service).

No Diamonds from a Grocer

Pranipata means you must at least have the qualification to find a person actually qualified to give you real instruction. That qualification you must have. That remains on you.

Suppose you have to purchase some gold or jewelry. If you do not know where to purchase—if you go to a grocery shop to purchase a jewel—then you'll be cheated. If you go to a grocery shop and ask, "Can you give me a diamond?" the grocer will understand, "Here is a fool. So let me give him something else."

"Here. This is a diamond."

"Oh. What is the price?"

The grocer can charge anything. And when you come home, your relatives will ask, "What have you brought?"

"This is a diamond. I bought it at the grocery shop."

That way of finding a spiritual master will not do. You have to become a little intelligent, because without being intelligent one cannot make any spiritual progress.

The *Vedanta-sutra* says, *athato brahma-jijnasa*. *Brahma-jijnasa* means "to inquire about the supreme subject matter, Brahman." That inquiry requires a qualification: *atha*. *Atha* indicates that those who have become experienced by the miserable life in the material world can inquire about the Absolute Truth, about spiritual life.

Similarly, the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* states, *tasmad gurum prapadyeta jijnasuh sreya uttamam*. *Uttamam* means *udgata-tamam*, "transcendental." *Tama* means "darkness." Anything of the material world is in darkness, because this material world is dark. You know that the whole universe is dark and therefore there is need of sunlight, moonlight, electricity. *Uttamam* refers to that which is beyond this darkness—the transcendental subject, the spiritual subject. In the spiritual world there is no darkness.

Only one who wants to inquire about the spiritual world must find a spiritual master. Otherwise, there is no need of a spiritual master. For material improvement you don't require a spiritual master. For that you can work just as so many people are working. That is prescribed.

But because you are interested in the subject of Brahman—the spiritual subject—therefore you require a spiritual master. That is clearly stated. *Tasmad gurum prapadyeta*: "Therefore one has to surrender unto the spiritual master." *Tasmat* means "therefore."

Easy with Bhakti

In any Vedic literature you'll find the same instruction as stated in the *Bhagavad-gita*:

*tad viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

Jnaninah means *jnani*, or "a man in perfect knowledge." One in perfect knowledge has perfect vision—not theoretical, but actual vision of the spiritual subject matter.

Tattva means "the Absolute Truth." You'll find in the *Bhagavad-gita* that Krishna is the supreme *tattva*, the Absolute Truth. Krishna says, *manusyanam sahasresu kascid yatati siddhaye*: "Out of many, many thousands of people, a few may try to get spiritual salvation." Not everyone is expected to hanker after spiritual salvation. That hankering requires many, many years' qualification. Then Lord Krishna says, *yatatam api siddhanam kascin mam vetti tattvatah*: "Out of many perfected spiritualists, only some may know Me in truth." First of all, out of many, many thousands of people, only some want perfection in spiritual life. Then out of those who have attained such perfection, one or two may understand Krishna.

The subject matter of Krishna is not easy. It is very difficult. But one can understand it very easily by following the

process given in *Bhagavad-gita*:

*bhaktya mam abhijanati
yavan yas casmi tattvatah
tato mam tattvato jnatva
visate tad-anantaram*

If you accept *bhakti*, devotional service, you can understand the difficult subject matter of Krishna very easily. *Bhaktya mam abhijanati*. *Abhijanati* means that you can understand perfectly. *Yavan yas casmi tattvatah*. *Tattvatah* means that you can understand the Absolute Truth as it is. And *tato mam tattvato jnatva*: after understanding the science of Krishna perfectly, you become eligible to enter the spiritual kingdom.

Lord Krishna says that after many, many births, when I am fully perfect in knowledge, I have to surrender to Him. "Then why not immediately surrender to Him? Why shall I wait for many, many births?" That is a very intelligent question. If surrender to Him is the end of perfection, then why not accept the perfection immediately?

But people are doubtful. Somebody asked me, "How long will it take to be perfect in Krishna consciousness?" I replied that Krishna consciousness can be had in one second, or it cannot be had in thousands of births and deaths. But if I understand the principle that after attaining full knowledge I have to ultimately surrender to Krishna—to become a *mahatma*, a great soul—why not immediately surrender to Krishna?

Most of us are not prepared to immediately accept Krishna as Supreme, or we have many doubts. Therefore, to drive away all our doubtful ideas, the *shastras*, the scriptures—especially the *Bhagavad-gita* and the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*—are there. If we scrutinizingly study these two books, we can understand the science of Krishna very nicely, and our progress in Krishna consciousness will be definite.

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

Oct 10 Ekadashi
Oct 11 *break fast*
Oct 25 Ekadashi
Oct 26 *break fast*

Festivals

Oct 24 Vijayadashami - Dusshera festival (in Mysore)
Oct 28 Fourth month of Chaturmasya begins
Fasting from urad dal for one month
Karthika month begins
Deepotsava begins (in ISKCON Bangalore)

"Science": Dogmatic Foolishness From Advanced Demons

This exchange between His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and some of his disciples took place in Mayapur, India, on January 16, 1976.

Srila Prabhupada: If a man does not read the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, then he remains a rascal.

Disciple: So, Srila Prabhupada, in the ultimate sense, anything apart from the Vedas is not really knowledge.

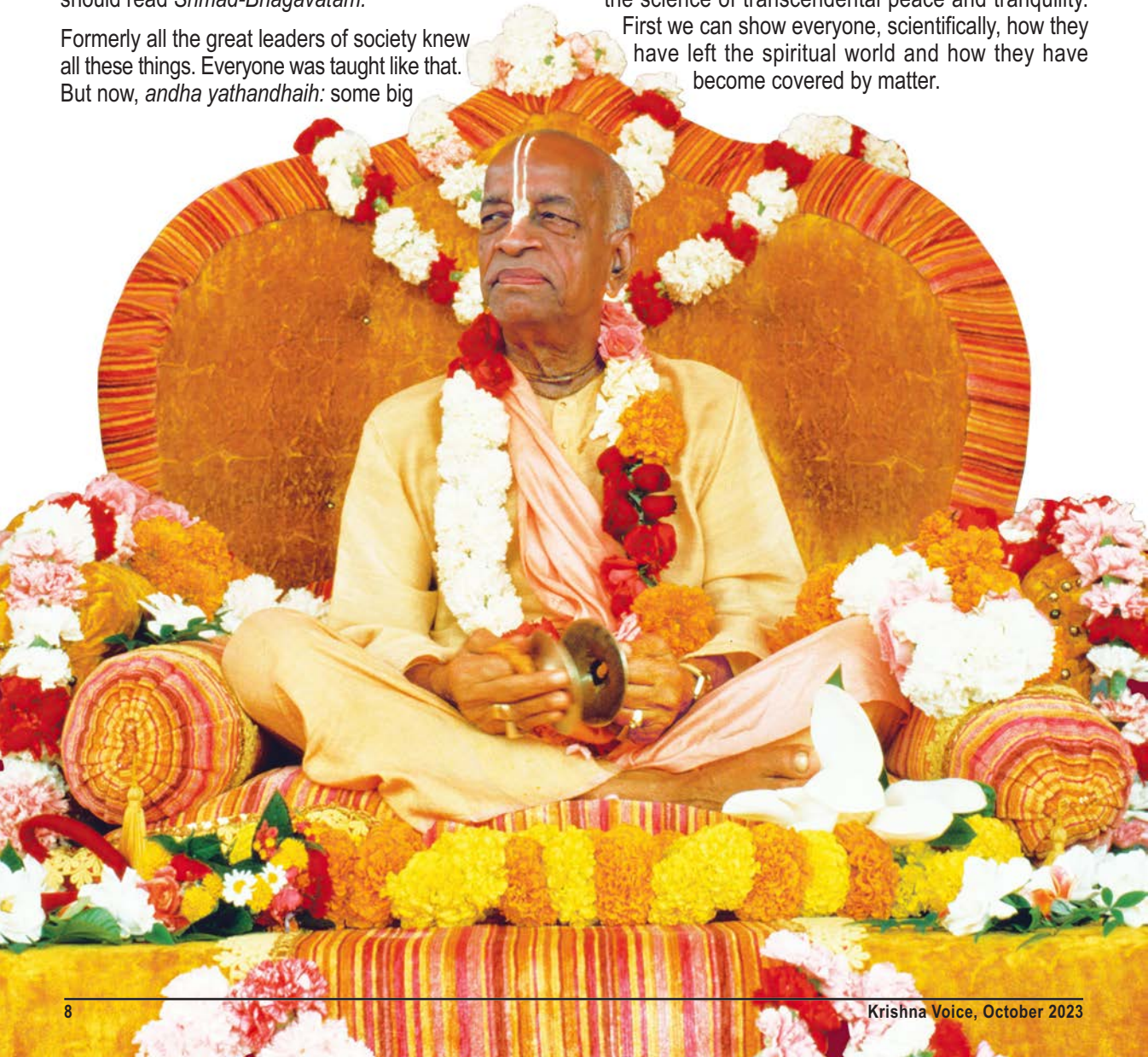
Srila Prabhupada: No. It may be some fragmental knowledge, but if one wants full knowledge in life, then he must read *Bhagavatam*—the pastimes, the dealings, of the Lord and His devotees. *Bhagavad-gita* is the preliminary knowledge—ABCD—so that you can distinguish between matter and spirit. And then you should read *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.

Formerly all the great leaders of society knew all these things. Everyone was taught like that. But now, *andha yathandhaih*: some big

bombastic blind man is leading all the small blind men directly into the ditch. Someone is passing as a great leader—great for giving people wrong direction, so that they can spoil their lives. The great leader cannot even save himself. He can spoil himself—and others—very nicely.

Disciple: These blind leaders have created such chaos, Srila Prabhupada. People's minds have become terribly disturbed.

Srila Prabhupada: But from *Bhagavatam* we can offer the science of transcendental peace and tranquility. First we can show everyone, scientifically, how they have left the spiritual world and how they have become covered by matter.



The materially affected mind is the first creation for material enjoyment. From the mind the material senses are created: five senses for knowledge-gathering and five senses for working, along with five airs within the body. And then *panca-maha-bhuta*, the five basic material elements: earth, water, fire, air, and ether. Then materially affected intelligence, and finally *ahankara*, or false ego, the power to misidentify one's actual, spiritual self with all these material coverings.

So in this way the *atmas* or *jivas*, spirit souls who once resided in the spiritual world in full knowledge, are now living in ignorance. Some of them are standing, as trees and plants. And some of them are moving, as insects, animals, and humans. But in your so-called civilization do you have scientific knowledge of how the soul has become bewildered by this material covering, which actually he has nothing to do with? Then what is the value of your knowledge? *Hmm?* If you do not know these fundamental things, then what is the value of your knowledge? You are simply observing superficially, externally.

But there is good hope. People are receiving these books. So we should take the opportunity of preaching this *Bhagavatam*, and classes should be held regularly. Let people study *Bhagavatam* and *Bhagavad-gita*, and they will accept it. They are not fools. Simply we have to introduce this great science. The Western people are not fools, but misguided. So you take charge of guiding them; then this Krishna consciousness movement will be successful. People will appreciate, they will take it up and reform, and their life will be successful.

But if they utilize their intelligence merely for developing better ways to kill the child within the womb and for claiming, "The child in the womb has no soul—the soul comes after birth," then what is this nonsense? Unless the child in the womb has a soul, how can he manifest life symptoms?

Disciple: Well, Srila Prabhupada, it's quite obvious that since the child in the womb is growing and reacting to stimuli, then he must have a soul.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. The same growing process that we observe later in life, outside the womb, is going on from the very beginning, within the womb. The material body is developing. That's all. Everyone knows that the baby outside the womb has a soul, so how can you say that the baby in the womb has no soul? If he has no soul, how is his body growing and developing?

Such rascals—they are passing as big scientists. What reasoning do they give for claiming that the baby in the womb has no soul?

Disciple: They don't really have an argument.

Srila Prabhupada: Just see. All dogmatic. All dogmatic foolishness that they are propagating. And this is going on in the name of *vijnana*, science. Real *vijnana* should be enunciated.

Vijnana: *vi-* and *jnana*. Actually, *vijnana* has two meanings. One is *visista-jnana*, or genuine knowledge, fully realized and articulated, or enunciated. You can take this meaning. And the other meaning of *vijnana* is *vigata-jnana*, or pseudo knowledge, knowledge lost or stolen by illusion.

So these "scientists"—their "*vijnana*," or "science," is *vigata-jnana*, knowledge stolen by illusion, so-called knowledge bereft of all real knowledge. That sense is given in *Bhagavad-gita*: *mayayapahrta-jnanah*—*maya*, or illusion, has utterly taken away these people's knowledge, and yet their so-called knowledge is going on as *vijnana*, science. *Maya* has made these people rascals, but they are presenting themselves as men of advanced knowledge. That is the defect of Kali-yuga, this age of hypocrisy.

Disciple: Advanced demoniac knowledge.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Advanced demons. Actually, they are advanced demons. *Asuras*. *Asuram-bhavam asritah*—they are infected with the contamination of atheism, godlessness.

Disciple: Of course, Srila Prabhupada, one thing you can say for these so-called scientists: They know the science of avoiding the real issues. In that sense, they really are expert.

Srila Prabhupada: A child can also avoid the real issues. That is not expert. A child without guidance can also advance very nicely in foolishness. And when the foolish child touches the fire and burns his hand, some other fool may say, "Oh, this is advancement of knowledge."

Similarly, in this material world all these rascals are endeavouring for the advancement of their foolish knowledge. They are following in the footsteps of that ancient demon Hiranyakashipu. He also tried to ignore the soul and the Supreme Soul and tried to immortalize his material body, which is impossible. But just like Hiranyakashipu, today's rascals have become very advanced in that foolishness. 🕉

The Sense of Kindness

The Vedic king Rantideva showed what realization is required for true compassion.

By Dvarakadhisa Devi Dasi

What would modern-day social services make of a man who gives away the food meant for his own children to satisfy the hunger of strangers? How would they judge this man, whose family "shivered for want of food," while he persisted in his unusual dedication to charitable impulses?

The story of this man, King Rantideva, who lived thousands of years ago, is told in the Ninth Canto of the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*.

King Rantideva would not endeavour for anything. He simply took whatever came to him through the guiding hand of providence. Sound like a handy excuse to avoid gainful employment?

In fact, Rantideva's apparent irresponsibility did not stem from a lack of concern for his family's welfare. He himself had no material needs, owing to a firm understanding that all things come by the inscrutable mercy of the Lord. If the Lord wanted to maintain him, then so be it. If not, then the king would accept whatever fate might come.

King Rantideva also understood that because the Supreme Lord is present in the heart of every living entity, all beings deserved the king's respect and compassion. So when he saw someone in need, he felt no regrets about giving away the food from his own family's table.

Honourable Guests

One time, Rantideva was ready to eat after having fasted for forty-eight days. Just as he and his family sat down for an opulent meal, a *brahmana* arrived. Rantideva was honoured to receive the exalted guest and gave the *brahmana* some of his meal. The *brahmana* ate the food and left.

Rantideva divided among his family what was left and again prepared to eat. But just as he was to begin, a *shudra* (labourer) visitor arrived. Now, one might expect that in Vedic society a *brahmana* would be honoured with a meal but a *shudra* would receive little prestige. But Rantideva did not see the *shudra* as lesser simply because of the *shudra's* social position. Rantideva gave the visitor a share of his food.

After the *shudra* had left, yet another guest arrived—a man surrounded by dogs.

The man called out, "O king, I and my company of dogs are very hungry. Please give us something to eat."

King Rantideva did indeed give them something to eat—all that was left of his meal. He then offered his obeisances to the man and his animals.

By now, all that was left for Rantideva was the drinking water. Just as he moved to drink, a *chandala* (outcaste) appeared, tired and thirsty, and begged the king for some water.

The king did not hesitate. He not only gave the water but said, "I do not pray to the Supreme Personality of Godhead for the eight perfections of mystic yoga, nor for salvation from repeated birth and death. I want only to stay among all the living entities and suffer all distresses on their behalf, so that they may be free from suffering."

Rare Compassion

Picturing King Rantideva transplanted in modern society, we can imagine that his family would surely be labeled "dysfunctional," and that the king himself would be seen as seriously co-dependent. What sort of pleasure can one derive from suffering on behalf of others? After all, Rantideva didn't create the suffering in their lives. And he was a king—why not enjoy the opulence of that position? Obviously, the man lacked a sense of personal boundaries.

The activities of King Rantideva are especially perplexing because in this age to hear such genuine declarations of compassion is rare. We are accustomed to politicians who wrap themselves in compassionate statements until re-elected. We are suspicious of charitable organizations, since so many have been found corrupt. To be as selfless as King Rantideva means to set yourself up as bait for con artists and thieves. Charity is one thing, but if you don't look out for number one, who's going to do it for you?

Rantideva knew, however, that the Supreme Lord would look after him. "By offering my water to maintain the life of this poor *chandala*, who is struggling to live, I have been freed from all hunger, thirst, fatigue, trembling of the body, moroseness, distress, lamentation, and illusion."

King Rantideva, as it turns out, was being tested by demigods like Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva, who had come



disguised as guests to interrupt the king's meal. But even when this was revealed to Rantideva, he did not take advantage of the situation by requesting boons from these exalted demigods. He didn't really care for anything they could offer. *Srimad-Bhagavatam* goes on to explain that everyone who followed the principles of King Rantideva became a pure devotee of the Lord, equally freed from the effects of material suffering.

Just as a runner trains for a marathon, we can train ourselves toward this enormous generosity of spirit by practicing compassion in our daily lives. True compassion comes by understanding the intimate spiritual connection all living beings share with the Supreme Lord. No one, no matter how fallen he or she might appear externally, is without such a relationship. When one performs kindness with this understanding, the act becomes more than pious duty—it becomes a source of the deepest pleasure. ☺

Srila Prabhupada on Sanatana-Dharma

From Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Introduction

The English word *religion* is a little different from *sanatana-dharma*. *Religion* conveys the idea of faith, and faith may change. One may have faith in a particular process, and he may change this faith and adopt another, but *sanatana-dharma* refers to that activity which cannot be changed. For instance, liquidity cannot be taken from water, nor can heat be taken from fire. Similarly, the eternal function of the eternal living entity cannot be taken from the living entity.

Sanatana-dharma is eternally integral with the living entity. When we speak of *sanatana-dharma*, therefore, we must take it for granted on the authority of Sripada Ramanujacharya that it has neither beginning nor end. That which has neither end nor beginning must not be sectarian, for it cannot be limited by any boundaries.

Those belonging to some sectarian faith will wrongly consider that *sanatana-dharma* is also sectarian, but if we go deeply into the matter and consider it in the light of modern science, it is possible for us to see that *sanatana-dharma* is the business of all the people of the world—nay, of all the living entities of the universe. 🌐



VEDIC THOUGHTS

Devotees whose tongues are decorated always with prayers to Lord Krishna are always given respect even by the great saintly persons and sages, and such devotees are actually worshipable by the demigods.

Skanda Purana

Whoever knows Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, without doubting, is the knower of everything. He therefore engages himself in full devotional service to Me, O son of Bharata.

Lord Sri Krishna
Bhagavad-gita 15.19

When the devotees of Lord Krishna dance, their steps crush the inauspiciousness of the earth, their glances destroy the inauspiciousness of the ten directions, and their raised arms push away the inauspiciousness of the demigods' planets.

Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya 20.68

By scrutinizingly reviewing all the revealed scriptures and judging them again and again, it is now concluded that Lord Narayana Krishna is the Supreme Absolute Truth, and thus He alone should be worshiped.

Skanda Purana, Padma Purana, and Linga Purana

All heads of state should themselves be bona fide representatives of God and should cut down all irreligious systems. Unfortunately they are cowards who declare a secular state. Such a mentality is a way of compromising religious and irreligious systems, but because of this citizens are generally becoming uninterested in spiritual advancement. Thus the situation deteriorates to such an extent that human society becomes hellish.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.19.26, Purport

Service to Lord Krishna is the original nature of the individual spirit soul. Situated in that service, the individual soul is happy eternally. Rejecting that service, the individual soul becomes attracted to material illusions and suffers the threefold miseries of material life.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura
Sri Datta-kaustubha, Text 29

In this Age of Kali, the holy name of the Lord, the Hare Krishna mantra, is the incarnation of Lord Krishna. Simply by chanting the holy name, one associates with the Lord directly. Anyone who does this is certainly delivered.

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Sri Chaitanya-charitamrita, Adi-lila 17.22

SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

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The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna, appears in this material world millennium after millennium, to destroy the evil forces and give His transcendental association to His devotees. Janmashtami celebrates His appearance five thousand years ago as the son of Devaki and Vasudeva. At the temples and centers of the Hare Krishna Movement, devotees thronged to have *darshana* of the Lord, honoured *prasadam*, witnessed the various *abhisheka* and participated in different *sevas* to celebrate the auspicious festival. This is a photo feature of the celebrations at ISKCON-Bangalore (Hare Krishna Hill, Vaikuntha Hill, Whitefield & HSR Layout).
(below: *arati* at midnight)





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Abhisheka at midnight



Naivedya of 108 food items



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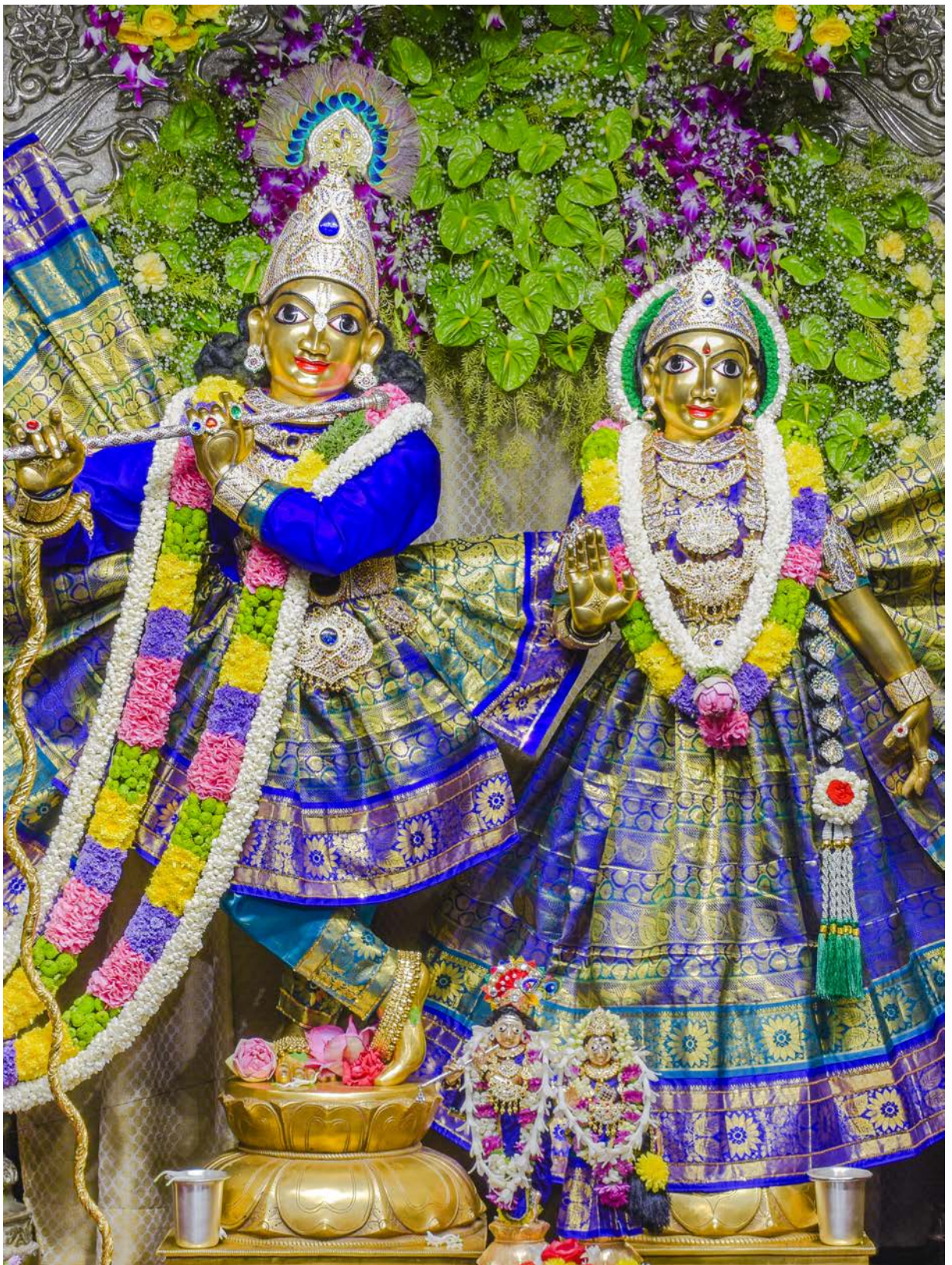


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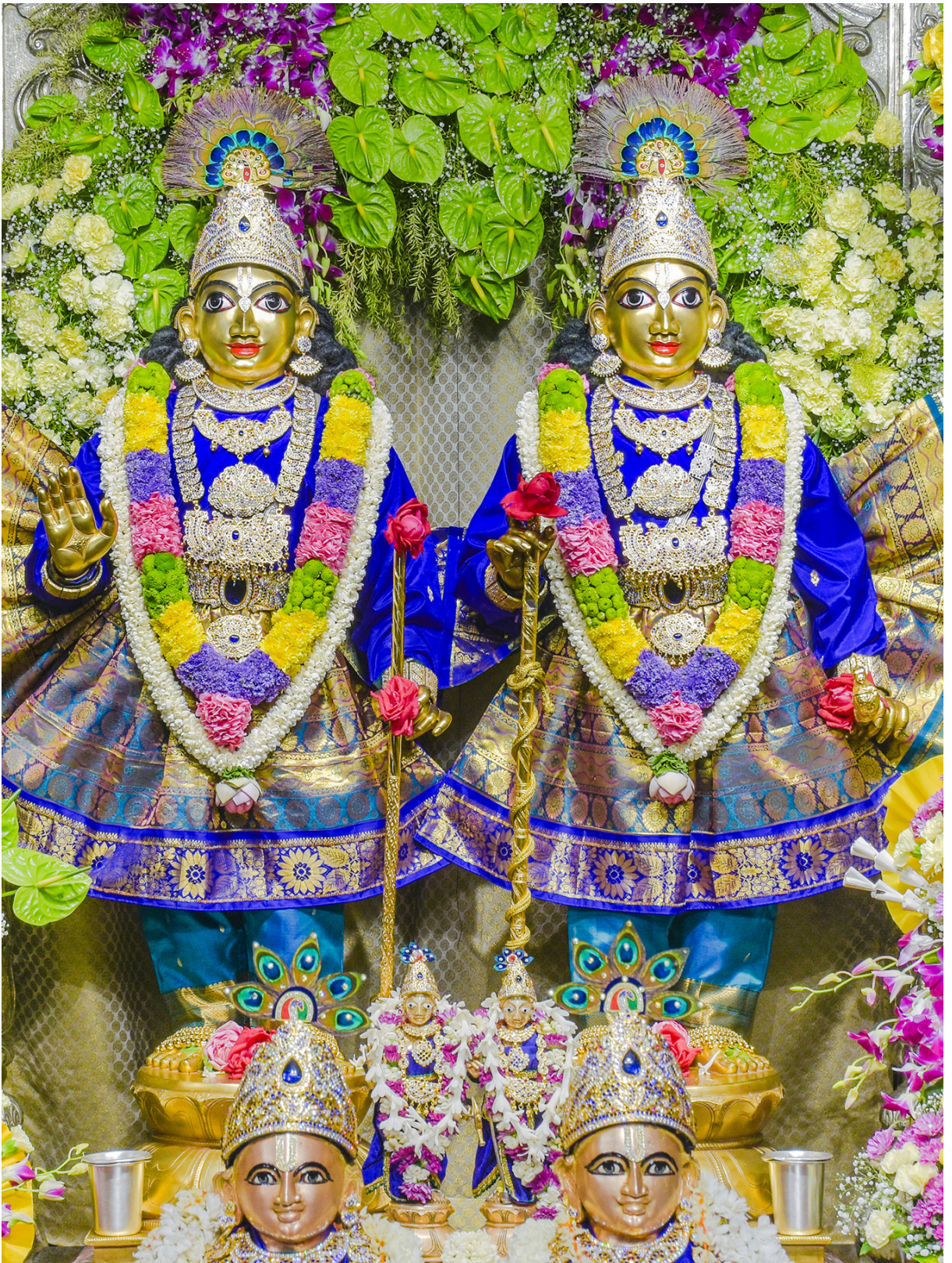


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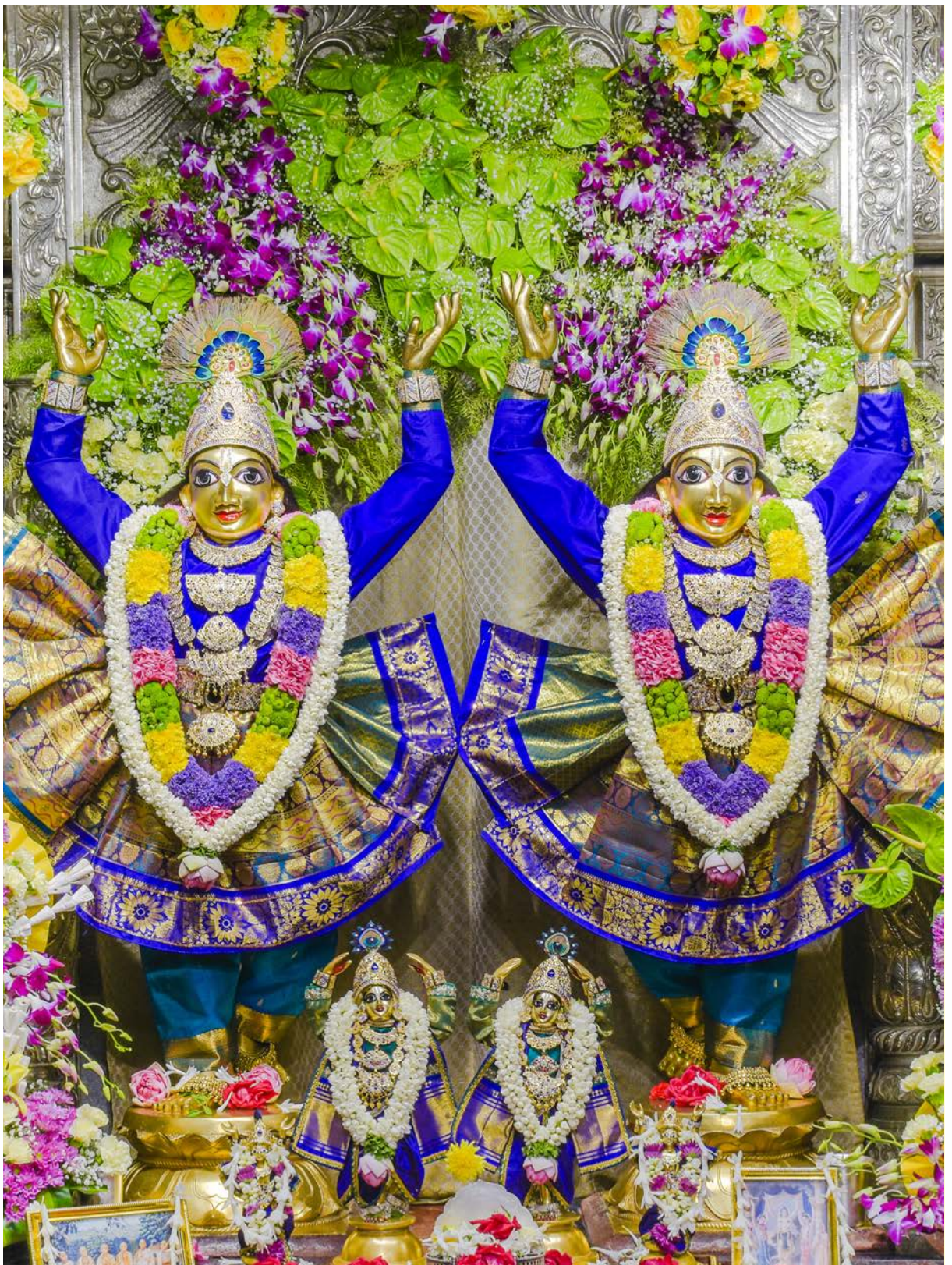


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Celebrations at Whitefield, Bangalore (KTPO)





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Celebrations at HSR Layout, Bangalore





Abhisheka to deities of Srila Prabhupada



Special cake and food offerings to Srila Prabhupada

SRI RADHASHTAMI



Abhisheka (above) and arati (below)



Land Route

CHARDHAM PILGRIMAGE



Travel Dates & Amount

Economy Package	Comfort Package
Sept. 15 - 25, 2023 Oct. 15 - 25, 2023 ₹40,000/- per person	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

Nepal Muktinath Pilgrimage



Travel dates:
Nov 4 to 12, 2023

Places of visit:
Muktinath, Gandaki, Pokhara, Jomsom, Vyas, Kathmandu, Manakamana, Janakpur, Lumbini, Sitamadhi & more..

Amount:

Only
Muktinath+Kathmandu (6 days)
₹50,000/-
+flight charges

Muktinath+Lumbini+Janakpur
(9 days)
₹65,000/-
+flight charges

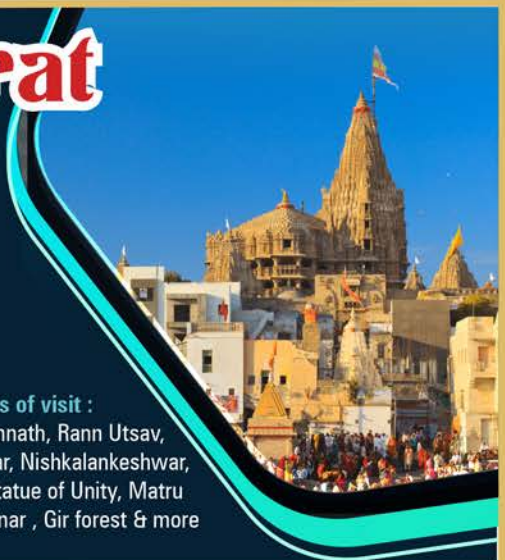
Dwaraka & Gujarat Pilgrimage



Travel dates :
Nov.15 - 19, 2023
Dec 22 - 30, 2023
Jan 19 - 27, 2024

Amount :
₹30,000/- (Complete Gujarat)
₹16,000/- (Dwaraka + Somnath)
(+flight charges)

Places of visit :
Dwaraka, Somnath, Rann Utsav, Narayana Sarovar, Nishkalankeshwar, Narmada and Statue of Unity, Matru Gaya, Ambaji, Girnar , Gir forest & more





Sri Lanka Ramayana Pilgrimage

Travel dates:
Dec 1 - 10, 2023

Places of visit:

Colombo, Ashoka Vatika, Anuradhapura, Rama Setu Mannar, Pancha-Ishwaram temples, Jaffna, Trincomalee Shaktipeeth, SIGriya, Ramboda falls, Katragrama Kartikeya temple, Ussangoda, Rummasala Sanjeevani Mountain, other sight-seeing places & activities

Amount:

₹65,000/-
(+flight charges ₹15,000/-)



Ahobilam Nava-Narasimha Divyadesam Pilgrimage

Travel dates:

Sept. 8th (8pm) to Sept. 10th (10pm)
Oct. 6th (8pm) to Oct. 8th (10pm)
Nov. 17th (8pm) to Nov. 19th (10pm)
Dec. 8th (8pm) to Dec. 10th (10pm)

Amount: ₹7,500/-

Places of visit:

9 Narasimha temples,
Pralhada School
Bhava Nashini, Ahobilam Mutt

Date:

Dec 31st, 2023 (4.30am) to Jan 1st, 2024 (9pm)

Amount:

₹2024/- + ₹2024/- : 16 slots (Economy Package)
₹10,008/- + ₹2024/- : 56 slots (Comfort Package)
₹1,00,008/- + ₹2024/- : Yajamana (Premium Package)



2024 Divyarambham Pilgrimage

Places of Visit:

Melukote, Srirangapatna
Kaveri, Ranganathittu, & more...



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Chardham Pilgrimage



Nepal Muktinath Pilgrimage

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Inter-school competitions for
children from **Nursery to Class X**

CONTESTS



★ Pencil Shading ★ Colouring
★ Painting ★ Handwriting

Highlights

- Prasadam • Certificate
- Awards for winners • Krishna Card

DURING OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2023