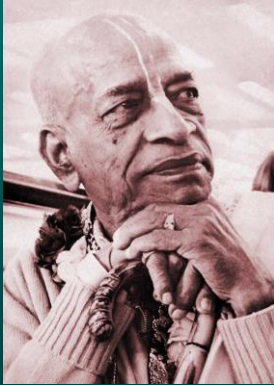


# ŚRĪ MAHĀNET

Since the beginning of the Millennium

June, 2021



Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta  
Swami Prabhupada

There are innumerable rulers all over the universe in different varieties of planets: the sun-god in the sun planet, the moon-god in the moon planet, Indra in the heavenly planet, Vāyu, Varuna, and those in the *Brahmaloka* planet, where Lord Brahmā is living. All are obedient servants of the Lord. Whenever there is any trouble in the administration of the innumerable planets in different universes, the rulers pray for an appearance, and the Lord appears.

(Prabhupada Purport SB 3:1:45)

## ŚRĪ ŚRĪ PRAPANNA-JIVANAMRTAM

by Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣhaka Śrīdhara

Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

Verse 3.10

*sadhu-sangat sarvam eva sulabham –*

*tulayama lavenapi, na svargam napunar-bhavam  
bhagavat-sangi-sangasya, martyanam kim utasisah*

Sri Saunakadinam

Only by the association of pure devotees (*sadhu-sanga*) is everything happily achieved –

"The attainment of heaven or liberation cannot even slightly compare with the immeasurable fortune gained by the association of an associate of the Supreme Lord. What, then, can be said of the petty dominion and assets of mortal men?"

- the sages of Naimisaranya, headed by Saunaka Rsi



His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja  
preaching program in Hooghly district, W. Bengal on 2/7/21

# WORDS OF OUR GUARDIANS

Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣaka Śrīdhara Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja  
from *The Loving Search for the Lost Servant*

## Consciousness Rays

Our real position is like the rays of the sun. A sun ray touches the earth. Where is its home? A sun ray comes to our plane and touches the hills and the water, but what should be considered as its home? Necessarily the sun, and not the earth it touches. Our position is similar. As rays of consciousness, we pertain not to the material world, but to the conscious world. Our home connection is there: in the sun - the spiritual sun. We are advised by the Vedas to consider: "Although you have been cast in a hole of this earth, still your native soil is the conscious sun. You emanate from there, you are sustained from there, and your

prospect is there. You have to conceive of reality in that way. Because you are conscious, your home is the source of consciousness. Whether you are bird or beast, whether you are in the mountains, earth, or water - wherever you are, whatever position you hold, your source is in consciousness, existence. Your source is in consciousness just as the rays of light have their home in the sun."

The Vedas tell us: "You are not a child of this soil. You may be a captive here, but this is not your home; this is a foreign land. All your hopes and prospects can be supplied from that higher soil, because your nature is of that order. Your food, your sustenance, your everything



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should be made of that higher stuff. But what is found within this material world is all poison to you." Again, although what is pertaining to consciousness is the immediate, nearest realization of our nature, if we are to go deeper into the conscious world, we shall find something more substantial. If we cross beyond the vision of light-consciousness, we shall find the real necessity of our existence: happiness - ecstasy - and divine love. After establishing ourselves in the realm of consciousness, we must establish ourselves in the realm of divine love, ecstasy and beauty. We must search for our fortune there, and never in this material world. Ecstasy is above light; transcendental mellow is above consciousness. Beauty and charm are above mere consciousness and understanding. Feeling is not complete in itself. Feeling must be for something. So the fullest conception of a perfect thing is

something which is full in beauty or ecstasy. Mere existence or consciousness alone cannot be the highest perfection. Ecstasy is the most perfect thing. Ecstasy, divine love, and beauty presuppose consciousness and existence. Spiritual reality is composed of three substances: *sat*, existence, *cit*, consciousness, and *ananda*, ecstasy. And of these three, *ananda* or ecstasy is the final conception of spiritual substance. Ecstasy can exist by itself. Neither existence nor consciousness are complete in themselves. Consciousness alone hankers for ecstasy. And existence without consciousness is to exist with no purpose. But when existence is endowed with consciousness, it can search for its own good: ecstasy. Ecstasy is an independent and concrete substance. Both existence and consciousness are subservient to ecstasy. And one who realizes the ecstasy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness

becomes free from this mortal world. When one realizes that, he need not be afraid of anything. He need have no apprehension from any fear that can arise here in this material world where there is the constant threat of nonexistence. Here in the material world we not only have no fulfillment, but our very existence is also at stake. At any moment we may be devoured by nonexistence.

### Dive Deep Into Reality

But to come to the plane of ecstasy, we shall have to dive deep into reality. We must not be satisfied with the formal, the superficial. If we concentrate our attention on the outward form of a thing, neglecting its inner substance, then we shall find that we are looking in the wrong place. When Mahaprabhu would look at the Deity of Jagannathadeva, apparently it seemed that His aim was fixed on

the same thing we see when we look at the Deity. To our vision, however, the Deity of Jagannatha is only a doll made of wood. And yet when Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu would fix His eye there, He would shed tears of joy, and His tears flowed in an incessant current. Where is His vision of reality connected? What we see as a wooden doll, He sees in a completely different way. And just by looking at that, an incessant current of tears pours from His eyes. Where is His connection with reality located? He is viewing things from the opposite side, from the subjective world. So how should we approach the Deity? When we have a look at the Deity, what should be our attitude? The Deity form of the Lord is not a mundane thing, and so we should learn the proper way in which to see the Deity. And more than this, we must try to look at this from the other point of view. As we are

trying to see the Deity, He sees us. He has come down to help the fallen souls in this material world, and He has come down in such a way as to take us up to His domain. Ramanuja has classified the expression of the Supreme Entity in five forms: *para*, *vyuha*, *vaibhava*, *antaryami*, and *arcana*. *Para*, the central conception of the highest entity; *vyuha*, His extended self in different functions, in different figures; *vaibhava*, His appearance in this mundane plane as *avatars* like Matsya, Kurma, and Varaha; *antaryami*, His presence in every heart and every soul, every conscious unit; and *arcana*, His appearance in the plane of our physical perception as the Deity.

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## DIVINE INSTRUCTION

Srila Bhakti Sundara Govinda Deva Goswami Maharaja  
from "Revealed Truth"

### RADHARANI'S DIVINE QUALITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Sri Sri Radha-Krsna's Pastimes are not ordinary human activity or ordinary interaction found within the material environment. They are called *lila*, they are not in any way materially connected; they are the transcendental, playful Pastimes of the Supreme Lord. Radharani is the super Power of Krsna, His *Para-sakti*, who is also known as His *Hladini-sakti*. 'Hladini'

means that She always gives joy to Krsna, that all of Her activities create so much joy and ecstasy in the heart of Sri Krsna. That is the meaning of *Hladini-sakti*. Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami supremely explained,

*hladinira sara 'prema',  
prema-sara 'bhava'*

*bhavera parama-kastha,  
nama—'maha-bhava'*

*mahabhava-svarupa  
sri-radha-thakurani*

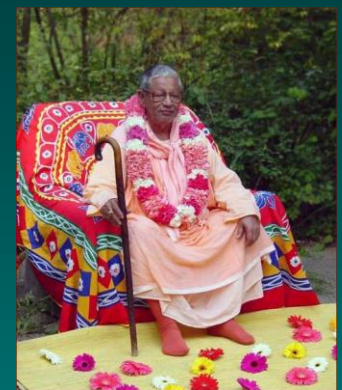
*sarva-guna-khani*

*krsna-kanta-siromani*

(Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta:  
Adi-lila, 4.68-69)

"The essence of ecstasy is love; the essence of love is heart; and the acme of heart is called *Mahabhava*.' The personality of *Mahabhava* is our Queen, Sri Radha Thakurani. She is the mine of all good, the jewel of Krsna's beloveds."

All quality and qualifications, all beauty, love, charm, ecstasy, and everything; all the wealth



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of service, is in the hand of Radharani. With that She satisfies Krsna and Krsna is fully satisfied with Her.

Radharani's Names have special quality and beauty. We know one very beautiful and very sweet *sloka* about Radharani's Names.

*devi krsna-mayi prokta radhika para-devata  
sarva-laksmi-mayi sarva-kantih sammohini para  
(Brhad-Gautamiya-tantra)*

This is a Sanskrit *sloka* and Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami has given an explanation of it in Bengali:

*krsna-mayi--krsna yara bhitare bahire  
yanha yanha netra pade tanha krsna sphure  
(Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta: Adi-lila, 4.85)*

“Radharani's Name is Krsna-mayi because Her within and without are Lord Krsna and because She sees Lord Krsna wherever She casts Her glance.”

the full existence of the full form of Radharani, because Krsna is fully satisfied with His play in *madhura-rasa-lila* with Radharani, She is called *devi*. No one could conceive of this meaning of the Sanskrit word *devi* but Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami revealed it.

### RADHARANI'S DIVINE GUIDANCE

The divine play of Sri Sri Radha-Krsna is eternally going on in *Vrndavan Dham*. Everything in *Vrndavan* exists to give joy to Krsna. There Radharani distributes Her power to everyone and then Krsna enjoys with everyone and Krsna tastes divine love through Radharani. Bhaktivinod Thakur very simply expressed this in his song:

*radha-bhajane yadi mati nahi bhela  
krsna-bhajana tava akarane gela  
(Gitavali: Radhastakam, 8.1)*

“If you do not worship Krsna under the guidance of Radharani everything you do will be lost. You will not get any ecstasy from the Emporium of

Kaviraj Goswami also explained that Her Name is Radhika because She satisfies all of Krsna's senses with Her worship, *sarvendriya diya kare Krsnera aradhana*. Because all administration and everything within the transcendental service world is supremely in Her hand She is known as *Para-devata*. Because She is the wholesale proprietor of everything for Krsna's service She is known as *Sarva-laksmi-mayi*. And because She can enchant Krsna with Her mood and divine form She is *Sammohini*. But,

*'devi' kahi dyotamana, parama sundari  
kimva, krsna-puja-kridara vasati nagari  
(Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta: Adi-lila, 4.84)*

Here Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami miraculously revealed the meaning of the Sanskrit word *devi*. Normally we think the word '*devi*' refers to a beautiful heavenly goddess. But Srila Kaviraj Goswami explained that '*devi*' comes from the root *div*, which means 'play', *div dhatu kridayam*. So he explained that *devi* means, “She in whom there is the full play, *krida*, of Krsna.” Because Krsna is satisfied by

all ecstasy—you will not taste anything. *Akarane gela*, you can worship Krsna, but no benefit will come to you if you do not worship Krsna under the guidance of Radharani.”

If someone worships Krsna alone without Radharani, Krsna gives them something, maybe He gives them five percent. But if you serve Krsna under Radharani's guidance then you get everything. Lord Krsna Himself has openly confessed,

*na paraye 'ham niravadya-samyujam  
sva-sadhu-krtyam vibudhayusapi vah  
(Srimad-Bhagavatam: 10.32.22)*

“I cannot equally return the love and affection that I have received from Radharani.”

So, when Krsna sees His devotee's devotees serving Radharani, He fully enriches them with His full mercy.

# SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Srīla Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja  
from "Guidance" - Volume 1*

## The Power of Surrender

14 December 2010

*"Bhaktera adhīn Bhagavān"*: the Supreme Lord is controlled by His devotees.

*bhaktera hṛdaye sadā govinda-viśrāma  
govinda kahena—mama vaiṣṇava parāṇa*

"Govinda always resides in the hearts of His devotees. Govinda says, *'Vaiṣṇavs are My life and soul.'*"  
(*'Ei-bāra karuṇā kara'*, 5, by Śrīla Narottam Dās Ṭhākura)

Kṛṣṇa Himself said, "Devotees have Me tied within their hearts."



Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaja

*"Humility, self-submission,  
embracing the Lord's  
guardianship, maintaining the  
faith that 'Kṛṣṇa will certainly  
protect me.'"*

When Mahāprabhu wanted to go to *Vṛndāvan*, He asked devotees for permission. Even when He was going to take *sannyās*, He first asked Śachī Mātā and Viṣṇupriyā for permission. He told them that He wanted to take *sannyās*, although Śachī Mātā had already understood that Nimāi would not stay there. She blamed Advaita Āchārya for that, "You are taking away my only son! One son has already left, and that was also because of you, and now Nimāi is also going to leave. It is your fault! Your name was *Advaita*, but for me you are now *Dvaita*. You do not care who will look after me and Viṣṇupriyā. You have preached to Nimāi, and now He wants to leave this house. How am I going to stay here?"

When Gurudev joined the mission in 1947, his mother also asked Śrīla Śrīdhara Mahārāj, "Who will take care of me?" If Kṛṣṇa protects you, no one can destroy you. Kṛṣṇa

says, "If you care for Me, I will care for you." You think that your children and other people will look after you, but no, it is not so. We were just singing this song today:

*dainya, ātma-nivedana, goṭṭṛtve varaṇa  
avasya rakṣibe kṛṣṇa viśvāsa pālana*

"Humility, self-submission, embracing the Lord's guardianship, maintaining the faith that 'Kṛṣṇa will certainly protect me.'" (Śaraṇāgati, 1.3, by Śrīla Bhakti Vinod Ṭhākura)

Full faith is necessary. Even Draupadī could not understand it. She asked Kṛṣṇa, "Why did You not protect me when they were beating me?"

*To be continued in our July 2021 issue...*

## VAISNAVA CALENDAR for New York, New Jersey Area

June 2021

4 (Fri) Krishna Navami. Disappearance of Sripad Santosh Krishna Das Adhikari Prabhu.

5 (Sat) Krishna Ekadashi. Ekadashi, but no fast, because next day is Mahadvadashi.

6 (Sun) Krishna Dvadashi. Paksha Varddhini Mahadvadashi (in New York. ). **Fast**

7 (Mon) Krishna Trayodashi. Paran between 05:24 and 09:35. Appearance of Srila Vrindavan Das Thakur.

11 (Fri) Gaura Pratipad. Sree Chaitanya Saraswata Krishnanushilana Sangha, Dum Dum Park, Kolkata: Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Radha Madan Mohan Jiu's installation day festival.

14 (Mon) Gaura Chaturthi. Disappearance of Srila Bhakti Gaurava Giri Maharaj (Sripad Paramananda Vidyaratna Prabhu).

20 (Sun) Gaura Ekadashi. Nirjala Ekadashi (in New York). **Fast**. Dashahara Sri Ganga Puja. Appearance of Sri Ganga Mata Goswami. Disappearance of Srila Baladev Vidyabhushan Prabhu.

21 (Mon) Gaura Dvadashi. Paran between 05:59 and 10:27.

23 (Wed) Gaura Trayodashi. Grand festival of Srila Raghunath Das Goswami at Sripat Panihati. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Sripad Bhakti Chandan Parvat Maharaj.

24 (Thu) Purnima. Snan Yatra (bathing) of Sri Jagannathdev. . Disappearance of Srila Mukunda Datta. Disappearance of Srila Sridhar Pandit. .

VAMAN

25 (Fri) Krishna Pratipad. Disappearance of Srila Shyamananda Prabhu. Disappearance of Sripad Rishabdev Das Adhikari.

26 (Sat) Krishna Dvitiya. Disappearance of Sri Gaurahari Bhakti Sampad Prabhu.

29 (Tue) Krishna Panchami. Appearance of Srila Vakreshvar Pandit.

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