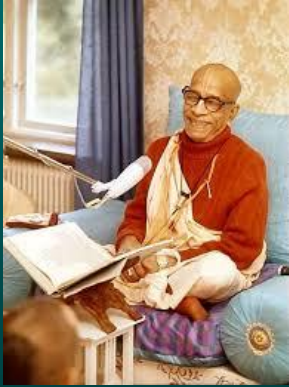


ŚRĪ MAHĀNET

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An eternally liberated soul is a devotee of the Lord who never forgets Him. Human life is meant for reviving one's eternal relation with the Lord, and all religious injunctions are meant for awakening this dormant instinct of the living entity. The sooner this awakening is brought about, the quicker the mission of human life is fulfilled.

In a good family of devotees, the child gets the opportunity to serve the Lord in many ways. A soul who is already advanced in devotional service has the opportunity to take birth in such an enlightened family.

(Prabhupada Purport SB 3:2:2)

ŚRĪ ŚRĪ PRAPANNA-JIVANAMRTAM

by Śrīla Bhakti Rakṣhaka Śrīdhara

Deva Goswāmī Mahārāja

Verse 3.12

tatra siksa-seva-phalaptis ca –

*tatra bhagavatan dharman, siksed gurvātma-daivatah
amayayanuvrttya yais-, tusyed atmatmado harih*

Sri Prabuddhasya

At the lotus feet of that *Sad-guru*, divine relationship, practice, and objective (*sambandha*, *abhidheya*, and *prayojana*) are all achieved –

"Those divine practices of pure devotional service that please the Self-giving Sri Hari (who gives Himself to His devotees) will be learned by continuously serving such a Guru with full sincerity, knowing him to be one's dearest well-wishing friend and the supremely worshipful embodiment of Sri Hari."

Sri Prabuddha



At the lotus feet of Sri Gurudev

WORDS OF OUR GUARDIANS

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

Holy Feet of Vishnu

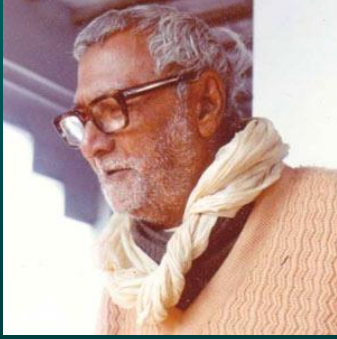
But in order to develop this kind of humility and forbearance, we must learn to see the Lord's hand in everything. And therefore the Vedas tell us to remember that the glance of the Lord is always upon us.

*Om tad visno paramam padam sada
pasyanti suraya:*

We are asked to see the holy feet of Narayana as we see the sun in the sky. Why the sun? The sun is described as *pradarsaka*: the seer, the witness. Apparently we see the sun, but really the sun helps us to see. The holy feet of Visnu means the lowest part of Visnu - *yoge*

vidhayam yasya vidyate kvacit. His lower part to us is the beginning of realization for us. The beginning of realization is to think that God is always seeing us. As the sun helps us to see, Visnu's holy feet are like the sun. So we should try to always see everything by the rays of the holy feet of Visnu.

From another point of view, His holy feet are like a big eye spread over the sky. He sees everything. Whatever we do, our guardian's vigilant eye is over our head like the sun. Before we enter into any action we must remember this Vedic mantra. The *Rg Veda* is the first Veda and this is the most important mantra of the *Rg Veda*. The *brahmanas* of the Vedic



**Srila Bhakti Rakshak
Sridhar Deva Goswami
Maharaj**

“Superficially, He is a mere cowherd boy. But let that cowherd boy, who holds within Him the power of controlling the whole universe, be satisfied with us. We want to worship that Lord who has taken the humble position of the king of the cows.”

school are told that whenever they do any service pertaining to religion or *varnasrama*, they must first remember this *Rg Veda mantra*: "Visnu's feet are over you and they are looking at you like a guardian's vigilant eye. Always remembering this, do your duty." If you always remember that He is seeing everything you do, you can't do anything wrong. You won't be able to venture to do anything offensive to the Lord as long as you remember that through everything, the searching eye, the all-knowing, omniscient eye of the Lord is always watching over you.

This remembrance cannot but purify your heart and understanding and the whole of your mental system and help you to approach divinity in the right way. It is not that you can do anything and everything without His knowing; not that you are the master wire-puller of both your own life but

of the world; not that you are going to exert your mastery, your influence over the environment in a selfish attempt. Always remember that one big eye is spread over your head seeing everything like the searching light of a strong x-ray. What even you do not know about yourself, He knows. What is underground in the innermost subconscious region of your heart, He can also see. If you remember this as you move and live, you cannot but be purified. Just as cancer can be removed from the body by a laser ray, the whole disease of material existence will vanish from our hearts by this purifying influence of the divine rays of light from the holy feet of Visnu.

Fourth Chapter

Lord of the Cows The King Of The Cows "May that lord of the cows be satisfied by us. Who is Indra when compared to Krishna? Krishna is the

master of Indra. And yet He has appeared as the master of cows; the Supreme Absolute Truth has accepted a simple position as the keeper of cows.

Superficially, He is a mere cowherd boy. But let that cowherd boy, who holds within Him the power of controlling the whole universe, be satisfied with us. We want to worship that Lord who has taken the humble position of the king of the cows."

*deve varsati yajna-viplavarusa
vajrasma-varsanilaih sidat-pala-
pasu-striyatma-saranam
drstvanukampy-utsmayam
utpatyaika-karena sailamavalo
lilocchilindhram yatha bibrad
gothamapan mahendram adabhit
priyan na indro gavam*

Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.26.25 The very gist of the Govardhana *lila*, the very substance of the pastime, is

represented in this verse. The milkmen in Vrndavana used to observe a sacrifice to satisfy the king of heaven, Indra, at whose command the rain, clouds, and other subtle elementary powers move. The main wealth of the cowherd men is the cow, and the cow's main food is grass. Only rain can produce grass, and so the cowherd men used to perform sacrifice to satisfy the subtle power who is supposed to be in command of natural substances like rain. By satisfying Indra, favorable rains would come and there would be sufficient grass. The cows could then graze easily on the grass and generate milk profusely.

The *gopas*, the cowherd men and their families, used to make different preparations from the milk, sell them in the marketplace, and in that way earn their livelihood. As the grazing ground in one place was finished, they

would move from one forest to another. Only for the purpose of obtaining grass for the cows, Krsna's father Nanda Maharaja and the cowherd men would wander from one place to the next. In this way, they lived sometimes in Vrndavana, sometimes in Nandagrama, and sometimes in Gokula. Once, Krsna wanted to assert Himself and modify the worship of Indra. He wanted to establish His own domain, Vrndavana, in its pristine glory. Although He was only a boy, He was a boy of extraordinary capacity. He was only seven years old. But in the *Padma Purana* it is said that the development or growth of special personalities is one and a half times that of ordinary persons. Although Krsna was only seven years old by ordinary calculation, He was eleven according to general calculation.

DIVINE INSTRUCTION

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

THE CONTROLLER OF THE HEART OF KRSNA

Radharani's and Krsna's relationship is completely transcendental and we cannot understand Their very intimate Pastimes from our mundane position. So we do not show our mood of devotion for Them as though we are residents of Vrndavan.

Rather we respect Radha-Krsna-*lila* from the proper distance.

*brahma siva narada sruti
narayani*

*radhika-pada-raja
pujaye mani'*

(Gitavali: Radhastakam, 8.6)

Sukadev, Siva, Brahma, Narad—all the great personalities in Srimad Bhagavatam worship Radharani but we always feel from them some caution, "You can worship Radharani, but be careful."

Srila Guru Maharaj fully explained the glorious and worshipping position of Radharani very carefully and

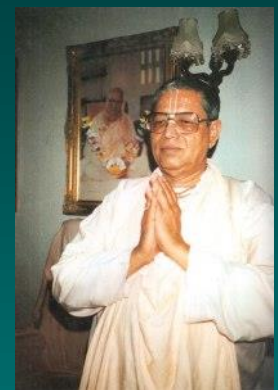
cleverly through his *sloka* about Srimad-Bhagavatam:

*yad amiya-mahima-sri-
bhagavyah kathayam
pratipadam anubhutam
chapy alabdhahidheya*

*tad akhila-rasa-murteh
syama-lilavalambam
madhura-rasadhi-radha-
padapadam prapadye*

(Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj)

"Everywhere, every word in Srimad-Bhagavatam actually glorifies



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Radharani but Her Name was not specifically taken there.

Krsna is the *Akhila-rasamrta-murti*, the Emporium of all rasa, and Radharani is *Syamalilavilamba*, She is the only reservoir where Krsna can play fully and taste the full ecstasy of *madhura-rasa*. Radharani is the controller of the heart of Krsna. She is the *madhura-rasa adhikarini*, Her service is the source of all the *madhura-rasa prema* of Sri Krsna.”

Chapter Nineteen

Chaitanya-Lila—The Next Edition of Radha-Krsna’s Eternal Pastimes

Divine love of the Supreme Personality of Godhead with full, wholehearted affection is the supreme wealth and goal of our lives—*prema pumartho mahan*. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu preached this conception all over India and now it has spread all over the world. Through that *prema*, divine love, everyone will get entrance into the Lord’s divine abode, Svetadwip.

Bhagavan Sri Krsna appears in this world with His eternal abode of Vrndavan.”

*isvarah paramah krsnah sach-chid-ananda-
vighrahah
anadir adir govindah sarva-karana-karanam*
(Sri Brahma-samhita: 5.1)

Svayam Bhagavan Krsna means Krsna who is the Origin of everything transcendental and mundane, the Cause of all causes and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This Svayam Bhagavan Krsna appeared in this material world five thousand years ago and showed His *madhurya-lila* to the world and then withdrew with His associates, abode, paraphernalia, etc.

When Krsna appeared in this world two forms actually appeared within Him.

*krsno ‘nyo yadu-sambhuto yah purnah so ’sty
atah parah
vrndavanam parityajya sa kvachin naiva
gachchhati*
(Sri Laghu-Bhagavatamrta: Purva-khanda, 165)

Svetadwip has two divisions, one is the *madhurya-lila* of the Divine Couple Radha-Krsna in Vrndavan and the other is the *audarya-lila* of Gauranga Mahaprabhu in Nabadwip. Mahaprabhu Sri-Chaitanya Radha-Krsna *nahe anya*, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is non-different from Radha-Krsna. So He also has His own divine realm in the transcendental world where He lives eternally with His associates and engages in inconceivable Pastimes of divine love.

THE TWOFOLD APPEARANCE OF KRSNA

Srimad-Bhagavatam, Sri Brahma-samhita and other Scriptures have revealed to everyone the *madhurya-lila* of Krsna in Vrndavan and His divine appearance in this world.

*astavimsa chatur-yuge dvaparera sese
vrajera sahite haya krsnera prakase*
(Sri Chaitanya-charitamrta: Adi-lila, 3.10)

“At the end of the *dvapar-yuga* in the twenty-eighth millennium of Vaivasvata Manu Svayam

CHAITANYA-LILA

Srila Rupa Goswami Prabhu explained that one form was the Yuga-Avatar, the incarnation for the age who came to demolish the demoniac activity going on and harmonize everything on the Earth planet. The other form was Svayam Bhagavan Sri Krsna Himself, the ever-playful Reality the Beautiful Krsna, who lives eternally in Vrndavan Dham. That Svayam Bhagavan Krsna is actually *Avatari* Krsna, the original Krsna who is the source of all Avatars (*sarva-karana-karanam*). During His Pastimes on Earth the Yuga-Avatar form of Krsna came out of Vrndavan to fulfil His mission on the planet but the original Krsna, Svayam Bhagavan Krsna—*Isvarah Paramah Krsnah*—actually never took one step out of Vrndavan; He stayed in Vrndavan through His Pastimes of union in separation with His devotees of Vraja Dham. Then, when His Pastimes with the residents of Vrndavan and the Pastimes of the *Dvapar-yuga Avatar* were completed, that original Krsna with His Yuga-Avatar form withdrew from the universe.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

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

The Power of Surrender

14 December 2010

Continued from our July 2021 issue...

When you take initiation, you do not only receive a *mantra*, you also receive *divyā-jñāna* (divine knowledge). If a devotee surrenders to Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa thinks, "This devotee is My soul." Surrender is necessary for that. Without surrender you cannot do anything.

It is also said about Nityānanda Prabhu:

uṭṭama, adhama, kichhu nā kare vichāra ye āge paḍaye, tāre karaye nistāra

(Śrī Chaitanya-charitāmṛta, Ādi-līlā, 5.208-209)

"Nityānanda Prabhu does not distinguish who is bad, who is worse,

who is good—He gives mercy to whoever surrenders, whoever falls at His lotus feet." This is how Kṛṣṇa rescues the souls...

Make Kṛṣṇa Your Friend

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It is written in the song glorifying Prabhupād Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Saraswatī Ṭhākur, "Uṭhare uṭhare bhāi āra ta samaya nāi: wake up, wake up, you have no time in your hand!" Any time we can leave, any time we can die. What will give us a solution?

If you want to cross a river, you have to pay the fee, but if you do not deposit anything, if you have no coin, how will you cross it? Devotional service is your coin. It is necessary to deposit something in your bank.

Every day Chitragupta (a bookkeeper appointed by Yamarāj) keeps record of your life. You are keeping your account, but that is not the actual



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account—Chitragupta keeps your record. Then, one day when you are called, you can get permission to cross the river—if you have got the visa. If you do not have the visa, you have to come again and get the visa from the visa officer, and to get the visa you must first apply for it—it is necessary to have desire to get it.

Kṛṣṇa Himself said, "If you have desire, one day mercy will come." If you make one step to Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa will make ten steps to you. He is always ready to come to you, He always wants to serve you. *Gurudev* also said, "If you serve devotees, Kṛṣṇa will come to serve you." That is sure.

We have got a devotional seed from our bona fide Guru, and we must protect it now. *Niji nijer bandhu, niji nijer śatru*: you are your own friend, you are your own enemy. In this world no one is your enemy, no one is your friend, only Kṛṣṇa is your friend— if you make Him your friend. That is what is necessary.

VAISNAVA CALENDAR for New York, New Jersey Area

August 2021

- 1 (Sun) Krishna Ashtami. Disappearance of Srila Lokanath Goswami Prabhu.
- 3 (Tue) Krishna Ekadashi. Ekadashi, but no fast, because next day is Mahadvadashi.
- 4 (Wed) Krishna Dvadashi. Vyanjuli Mahadvadashi (in New York). **Fast**.
- 5 (Thu) Krishna Dvadashi. Paran between 05:56 and 06:46.
- 8 (Sun) Amavasya. **Festival in honour of the disappearance of Om Vishnupad Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya-varya Ashtottara-shata-sri Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj**.
- 12 (Thu) Gaura Chaturthi. Disappearance of Srila Vamshi Das Babaji Maharaj.
- 14 (Sat) Gaura Shashthi. Appearance of Srila Bhakti Vijay Trivikram Maharaj.
- 15 (Sun) Gaura Saptami. Disappearance of Sripad Ananga Mohan Das Adhikari.
- 17 (Tue) Gaura Dashami. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Bhakti Prasun Bodhayan Maharaj.
- 18 (Wed) Gaura Ekadashi. Pavitraropani Ekadashi (in New York). **Fast**. Beginning of Jhulan Yatra of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda and start of the one month festival of Sri Hari Smaran at Nabadwip, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.
- 19 (Thu) Gaura Dvadashi. Paran between 06:10 and 10:42. Disappearance of Srila Rupa Goswami. Disappearance of Srila Gauri Das Pandit Goswami. Disappearance of Ramai Brahmachari Archan Niketan.
- 22 (Sun) Purnima. **Appearance of Sri Baladev**. **Fast until noon**. End of Jhulan Yatra of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda.

Hrishikesh

- 27 (Fri) Krishna Panchami. Disappearance of Tridandi Swami Bhakti Vilas Tapasvi Maharaj.
- 30 (Mon) Krishna Ashtami. **Sri Sri Krishna Janmashtami**. **Complete fast until midnight**, then no grains.
- 31 (Tue) Krishna Navami. Paran between 05:21 and 10:10. **Sri Nandotsav**. Appearance of **Vishva-varenya Tridandi Swami Srimad Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj Prabhupad**.

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