

Who is Lord Chaitanya?

KC 101, Lifestyles Series

**om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnanjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri-gurave namah
Sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam
sthapitam yena bh-tale
svayam rupam kada mahyam
dadhati sva-padantikam**

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him. When will Srila Rupa Gosvami Prabhupada, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?



The incarnations of each yuga are of different color. The colors are white, red, black and yellow. In the Dvāpara-yuga, Lord Krishna in black color appeared, and in the Kali-yuga Lord Caitanya in yellow color appeared.



Krishna trying to understand Radha's love for Him

Biographies

The early life of the Lord is most fascinatingly expressed by Vrndavana dasa Thakura, the author of Chaitanya-bhagavata, and as far as the teachings are concerned, they are more vividly explained in the Chaitanya-caritamata by Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja Gosvami. Now they are available to the English-speaking public in our Teachings of Lord Caitanya.

The Lord's early life was recorded by one of His chief devotees and contemporaries, namely Srila Murari Gupta, a medical practitioner of that time, and the latter part of the life of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was recorded by His private secretary Sri Damodara Gosvami, or Srila Svarupa Damodara, who was practically a constant companion of the Lord at Puri.

Advent

Navadvip 1486 - Lunar eclipse



Parents

- Jagannatha Misra & Sachi Mata
- Nimai pandit



**Krishna varna tvisakramam
sangopangastra-parsadam
yajgnair sankirtana-prayair
yajanti hi su-medhasam**

**"In this Age of Kali, people who are endowed
with sufficient intelligence will worship the
Lord, who is accompanied by His associates,
by performance of sankirtan yagna."**

Srimad-Bhagavatam (11.5.32)

Birthplace



Yoga Pith



Neem tree

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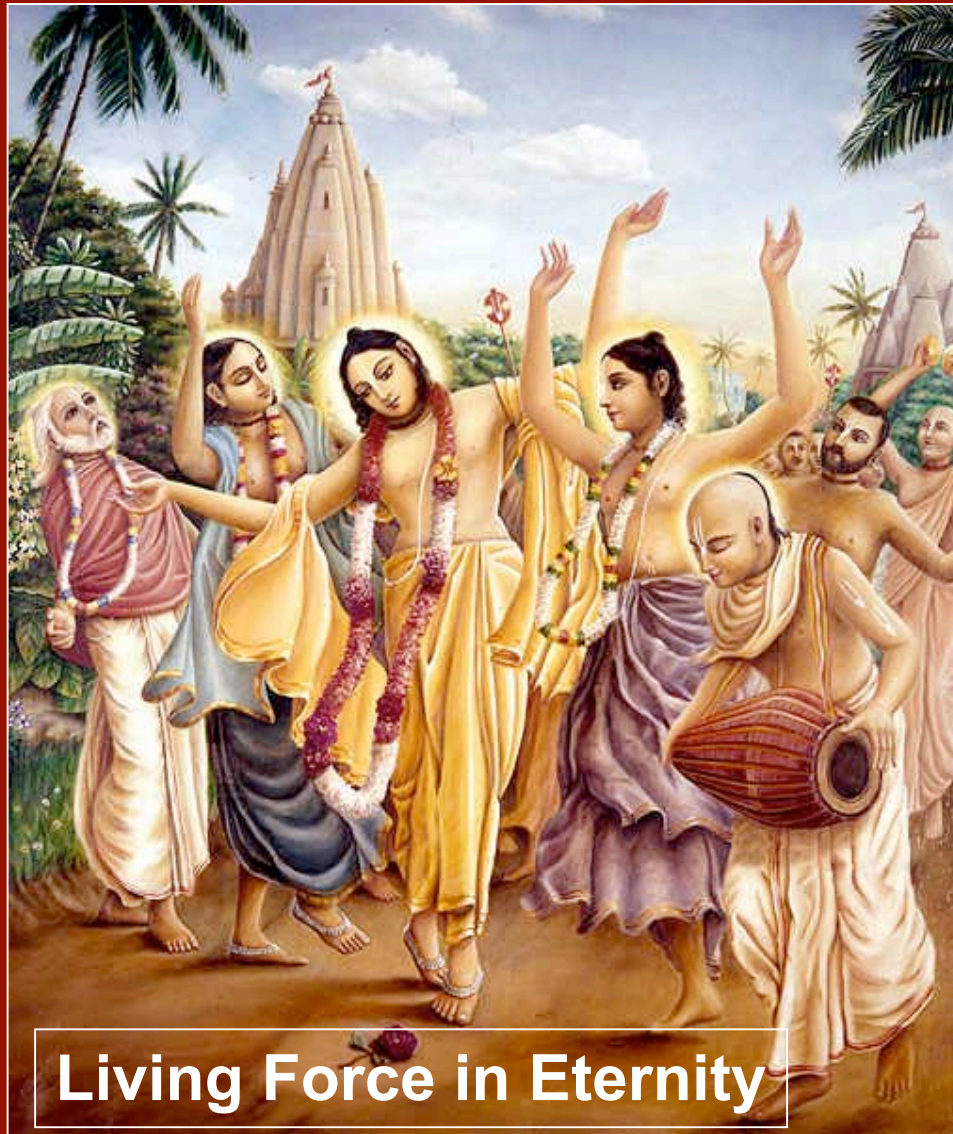
WELCOME
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RECEPTION
LOTUS BUILDING
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Real Guru

The servants of God urge people to become devotees of the Lord. They never tolerate being called God. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was God Himself, but He played the part of a devotee. When people addressed Him as God, He used to block His ears with His hands and chant the name of Lord Vishnu. He strongly protested against being called God, although undoubtedly He was God Himself.

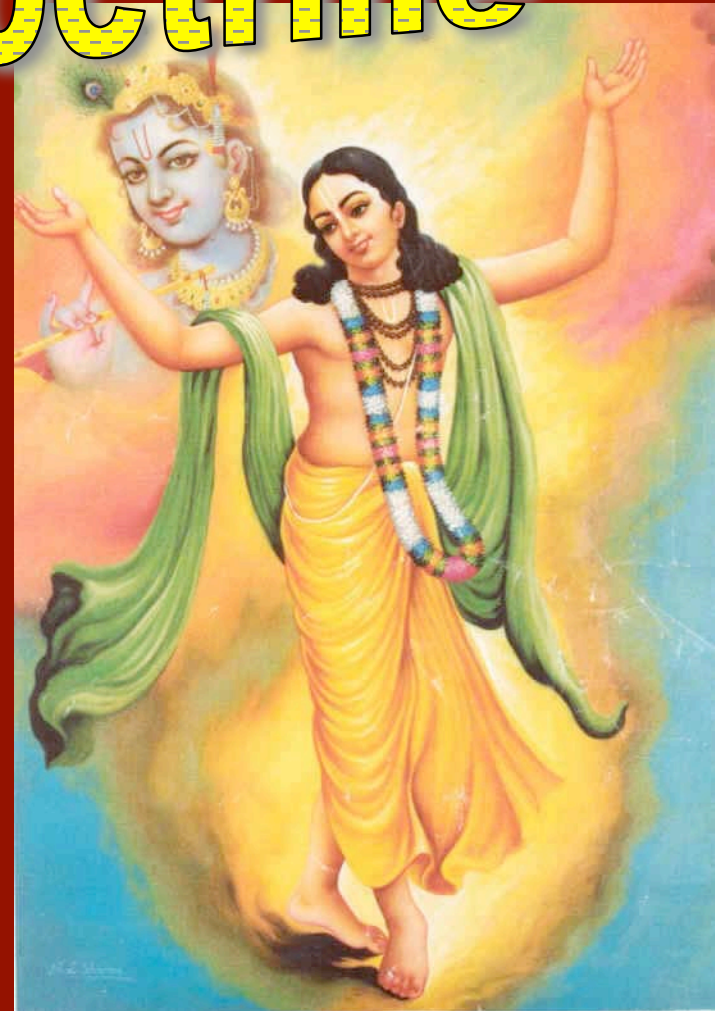
Meaning “Chaitanya”



Living Force in Eternity

Sublime Doctrine

acintya bheda -
abheda - tattva -
simultaneous
oneness and
difference.

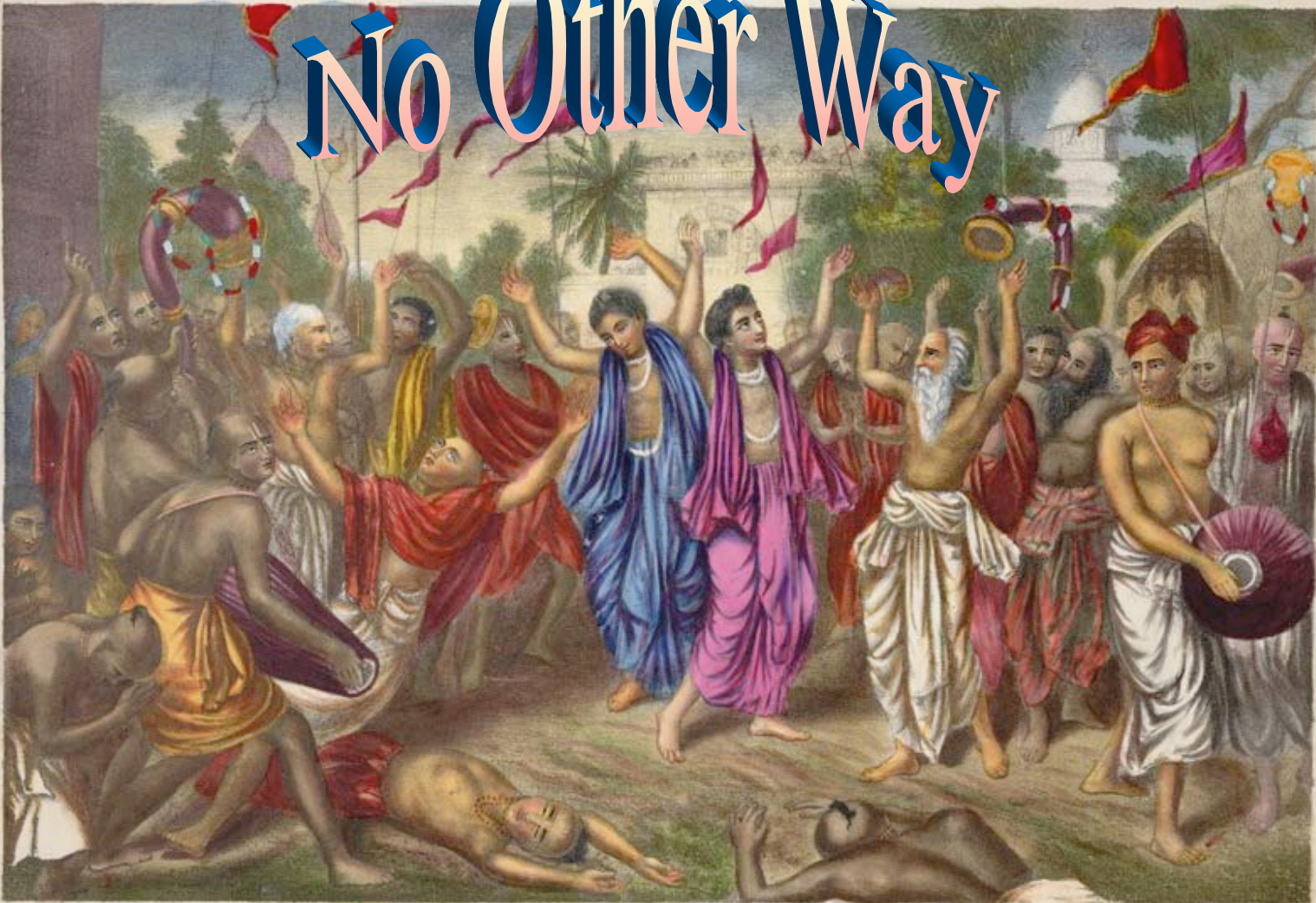


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No Other Way



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Sannyasi

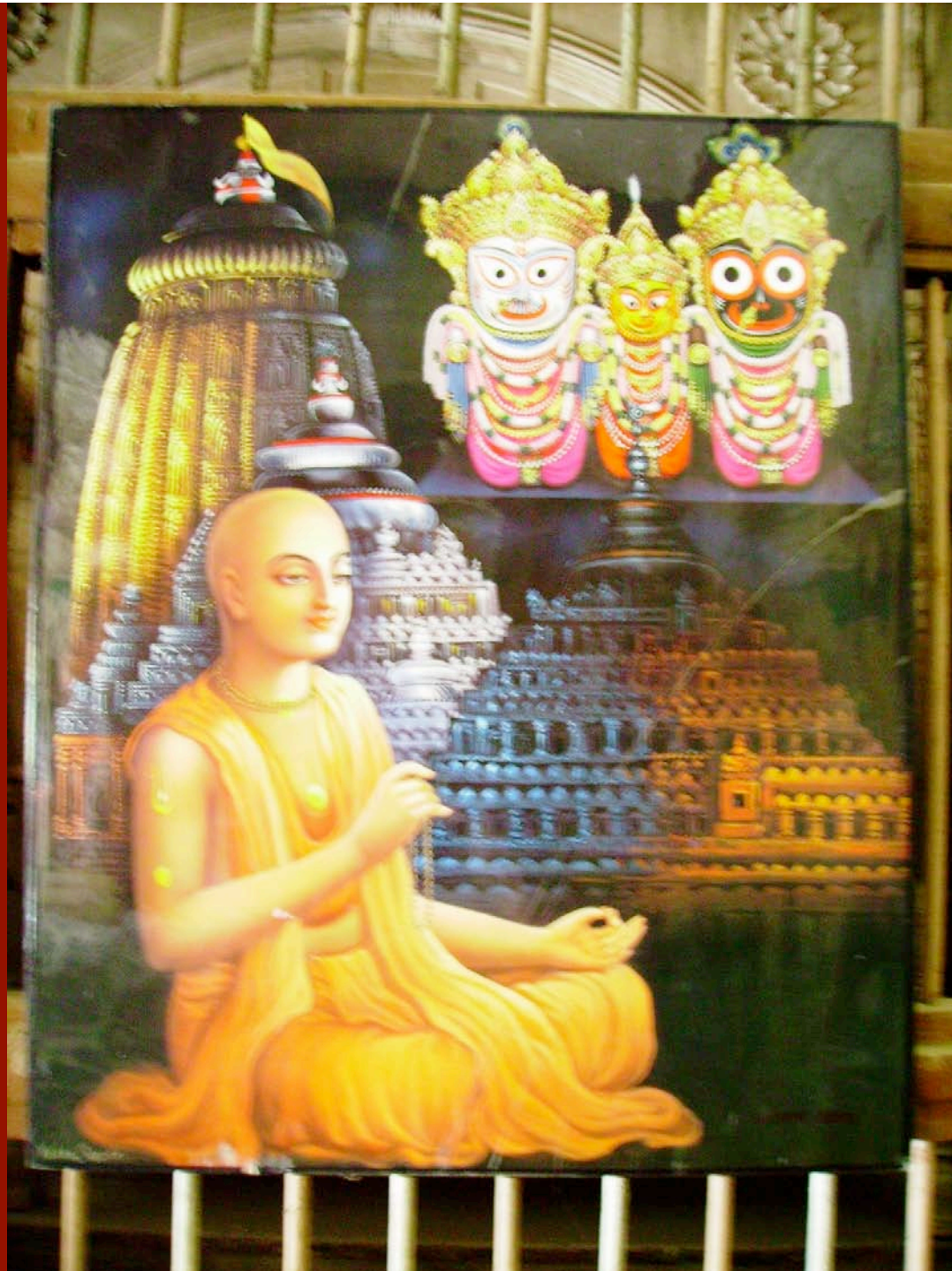


- Didn't get respect as householder
- The ideal sannyasi was Lord Chaitanya Himself, and we can learn from His life that He was very strict.
- Keshav Bharati - Katwa
- HQ at Puri

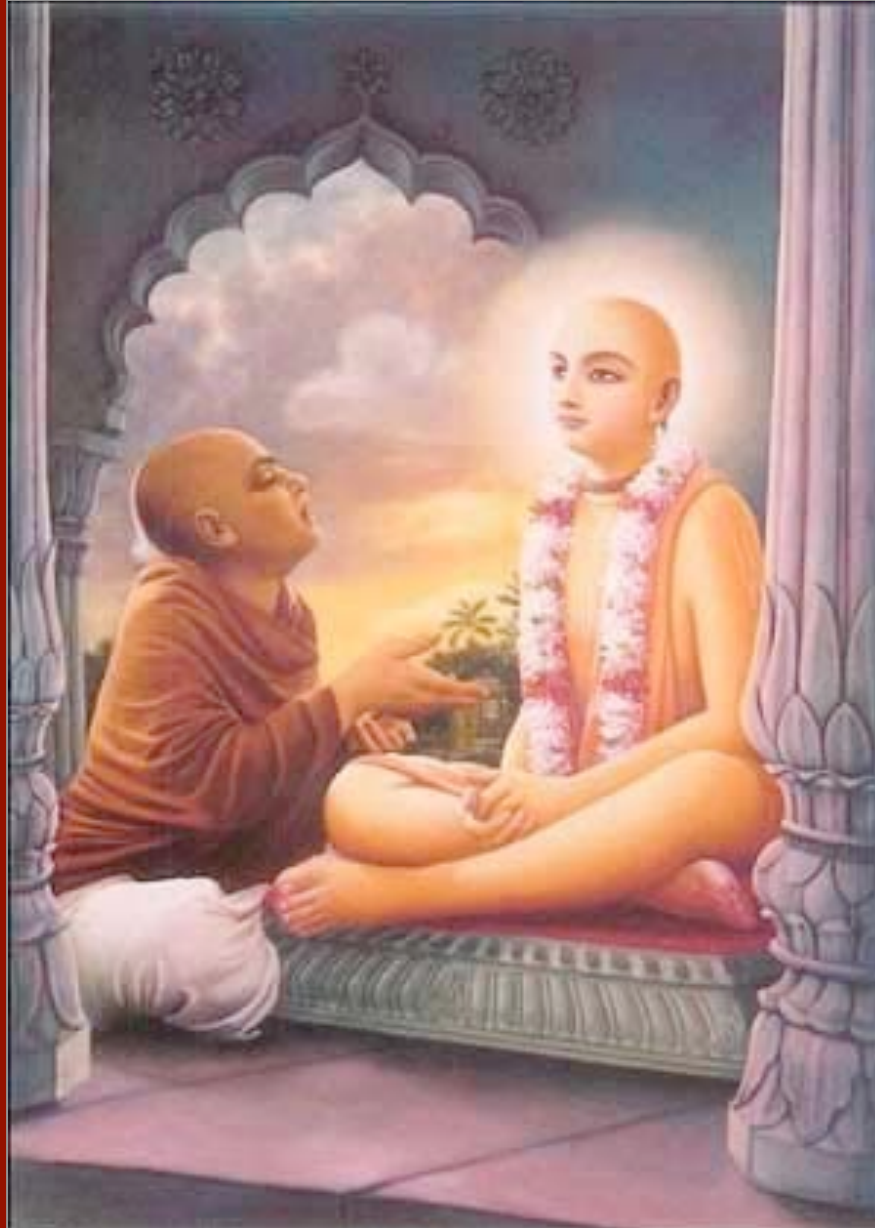


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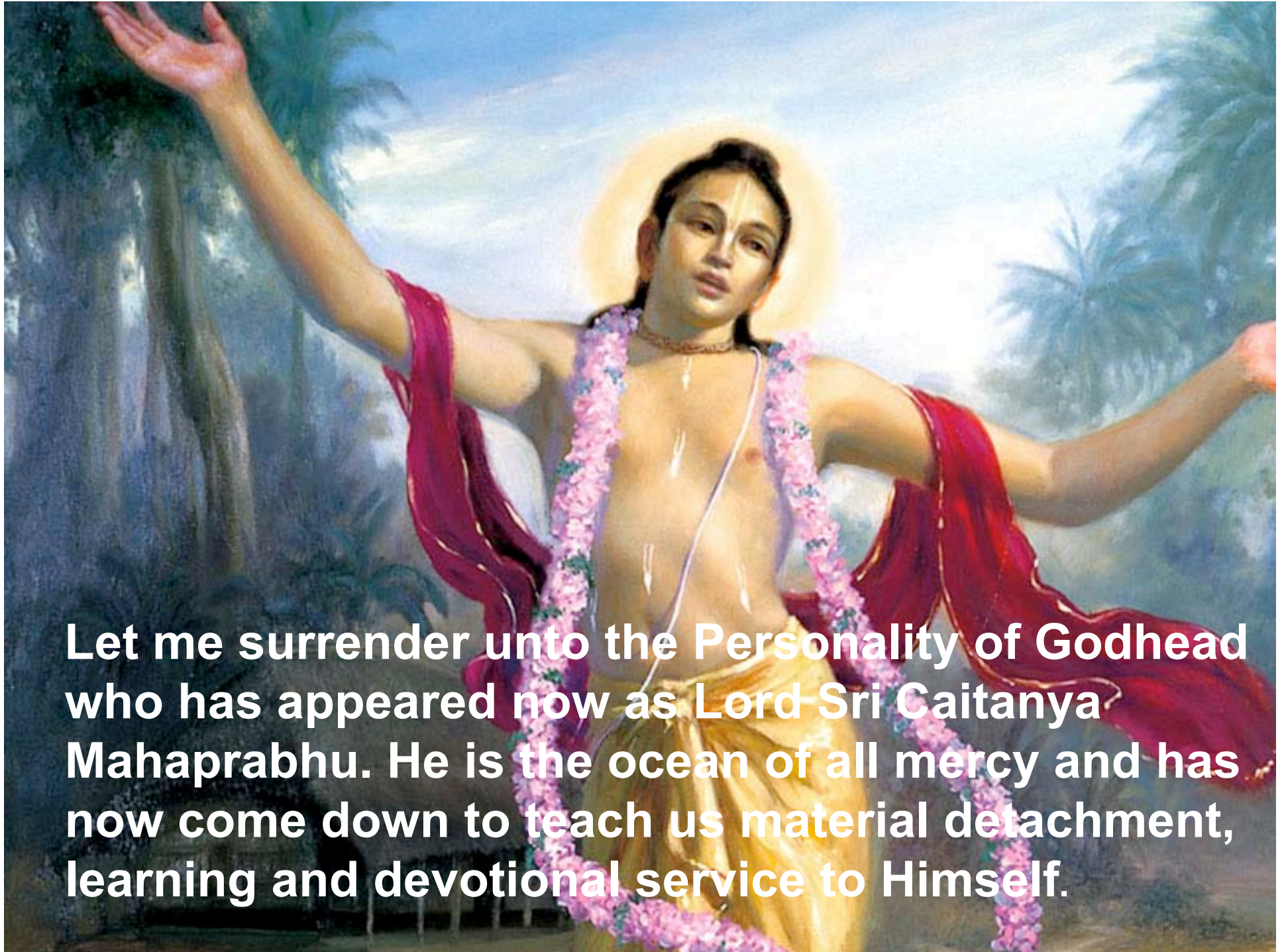


Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya





Shiva said to Devi: "In the Kali-yuga, I shall preach the Mayavada philosophy, which is nothing but clouded Buddhism, in the garb of a brahmana."



Let me surrender unto the Personality of Godhead who has appeared now as Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He is the ocean of all mercy and has now come down to teach us material detachment, learning and devotional service to Himself.



The meeting of Radha and Krishna during this occasion (Kurukshetra) is a very pathetic story, and Lord Sri Chaitanya, in the ecstasy of Radharani, always pined for Lord Sri Krishna at Jagannatha Puri.



24 years at Puri

Lord Chaitanya traveled through the central Indian jungles, enlightening even the tigers, bears, snakes, deer, elephants and many other jungle animals. In this age of Kali, sannyasi is forbidden for ordinary men.





Junior Haridas

The ideal sannyasi was Lord Caitanya Himself, and we can learn from His life that He was very strict.



No Change Required

Lord Caitanya has said that in this age no one needs to change his position, but one should give up the endeavor to understand the Absolute Truth by speculative reasoning. One should learn to become the servant of those who are in knowledge of the Supreme Lord.



Social Reformer

Lord Caitanya said that one who is master in the science of Krishna consciousness, regardless of his social position, is the real spiritual master.

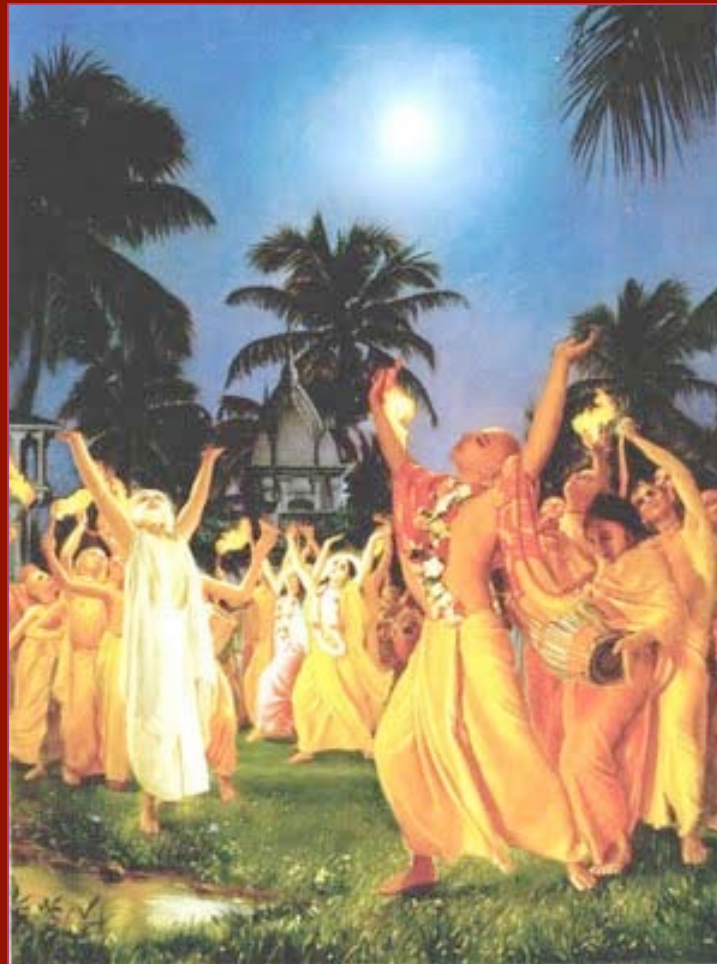
kiba vipra, kiba nyasi, sudra kene naya
yei krishna-tattva-vetti, sei 'guru' haya

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Haridas Thakur

Civil Disobedience



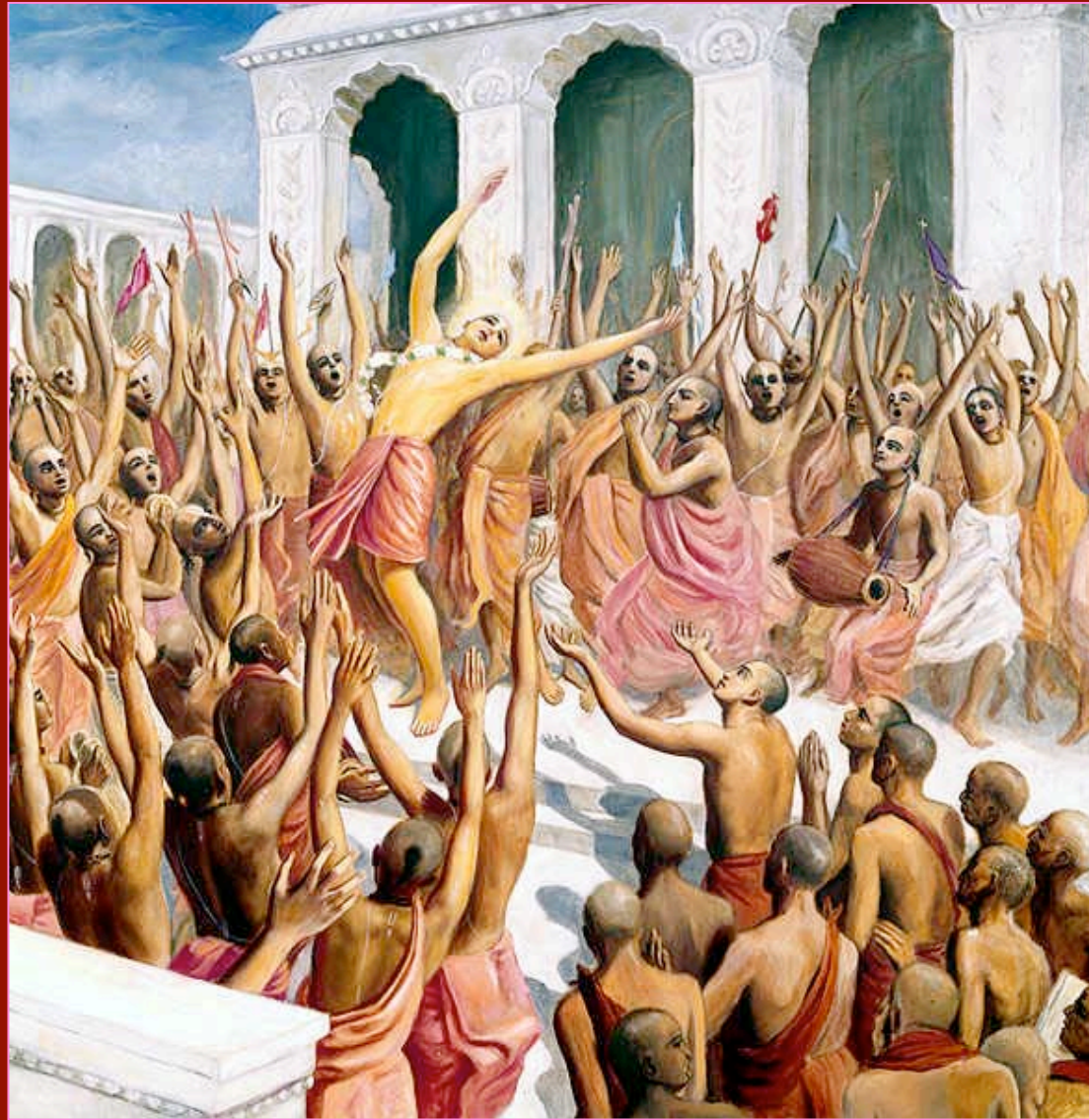
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Prakasananda



The Lord smilingly explained to the devotee brahmana why the Mayavadi cannot utter the holy name of Krishna.



Siksastakam

Glory to the Sri Krishna sankirtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death. This sankirtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life of all transcendental knowledge. It increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

O my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benediction to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names like Krishna and Govinda. In these transcendental names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by chanting Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want Your causeless devotional service birth after birth.

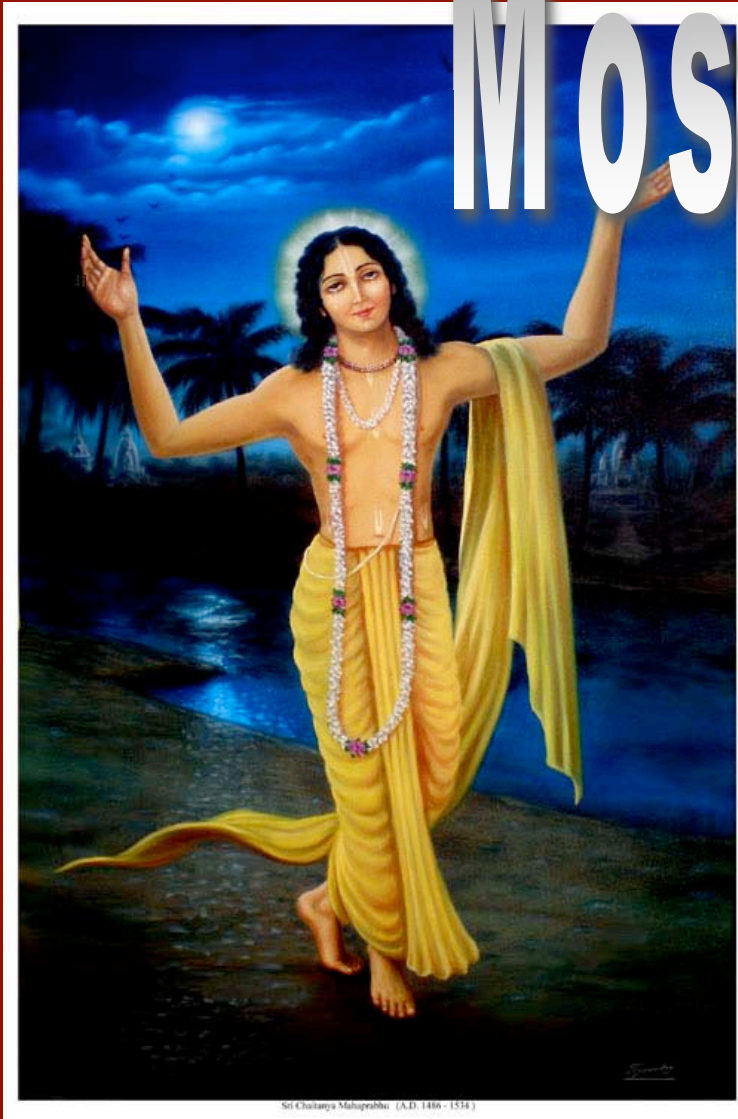
O son of Maharaja Nanda [Krishna], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. please pick me up from this ocean of death and place me as one of the atoms of Your lotus feet.

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your holy name? When will my voice choke up, and when will the hairs of my body stand on end at the recitation of Your name?

**O Govinda! Feeling Your separation,
I am considering a moment to be like
twelve years or more. Tears are
flowing from my eyes like torrents of
rain, and I am feeling all vacant in the
world in Your absence.**

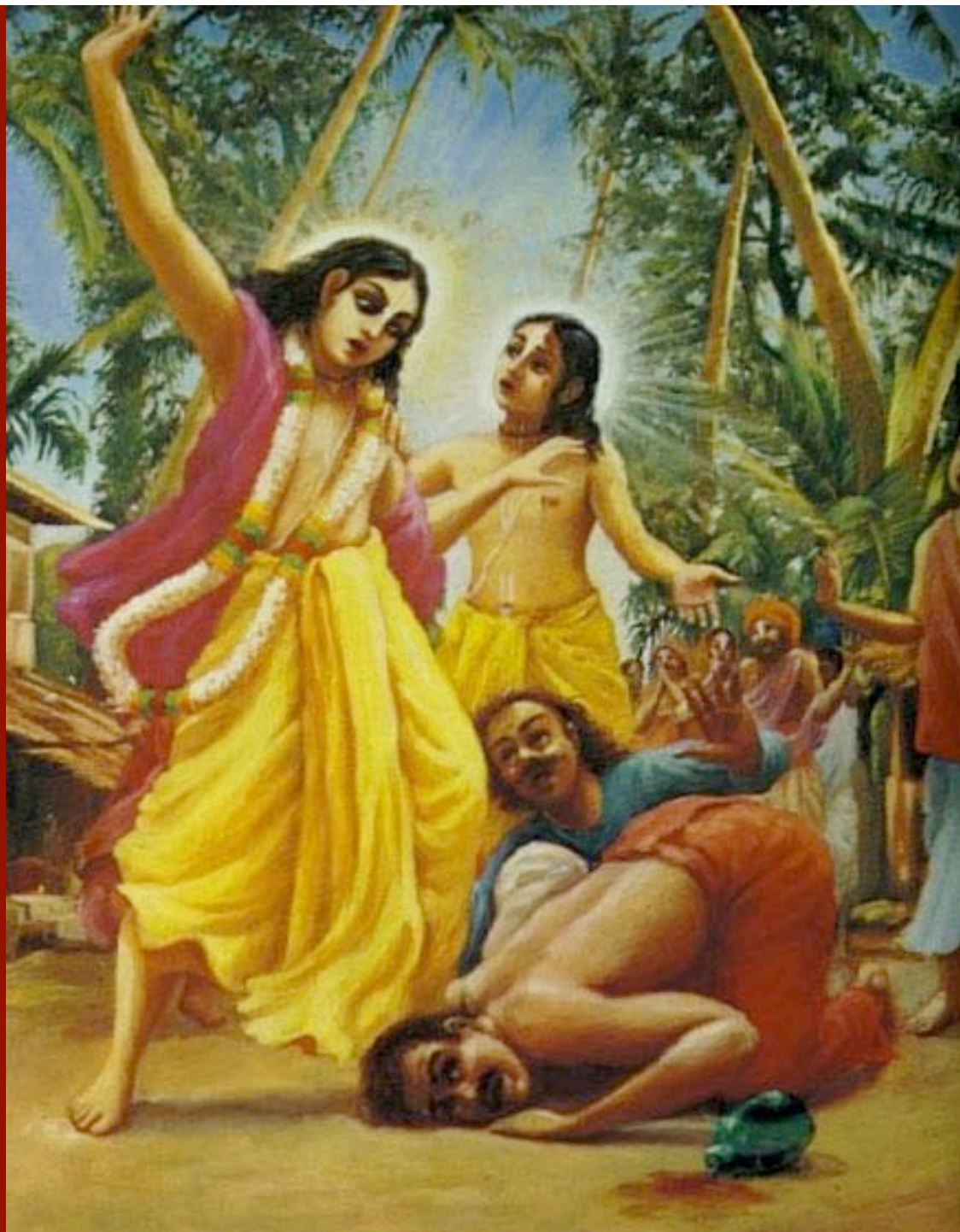
I know no one but Krishna as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly in His embrace or makes me brokenhearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord unconditionally.

Most Munificent



Lord Caitanya was appreciated by Rupa Goswami as the most munificent incarnation because love of Krishna, which is very difficult to achieve, was distributed freely by Him.

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Lord Caitanya accepts all kinds of sinful persons on the one condition that they promise not to indulge in sinful habits after being spiritually initiated by the bona fide spiritual master.

Followers

Many devotees of Lord Caitanya like Srila Vrndavana dasa Thakura, Sri Locana dasa Thakura, Srila Krsnadasa Kaviraja, Sri Kavikarnapura, Sri Prabodhananda Sarasvati, Sri Rüpa Gosvami, Sri Sanatana Gosvami, Sri Raghunätha Bhatta Gosvami, Sri Jiva Gosvami, Srii Gopäla Bhatta Gosvami, Sri Raghunätha dasa Gosvami, Sri Visvanatha Cakravarté, Sri Baladeva Vidyabhüsana, Sri Syamnanda Gosvami, Sri Narottama däsa Thakura, Sri Bhaktivinoda Thakura and at last Sri Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura (our spiritual master) and many other great and renowned scholars and devotees of the Lord have prepared voluminous books and literatures on the life and precepts of the Lord.



Such literatures are all based on the sastras like the Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads, Ramayana, Mahabharata and other histories and authentic literatures approved by the recognized acaryas. They are unique in composition and unrivaled in presentation, and they are full of transcendental knowledge. Unfortunately the people of the world are still ignorant of them, but when these literatures, which are mostly in Sanskrit and Bengali, come to light the world and when they are presented before thinking people, then India's glory and the message of love will overflow this morbid world, which is vainly searching after peace and prosperity by various illusory methods not approved by the acaryas in the chain of disciplic succession.

Universal Religion

The teaching of Caitanya philosophy is richer than any other, and it is the living religion of the day with the potency for spreading as visva-dharma, or universal religion. We are glad that the matter has been taken up by some enthusiastic sages like Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja and his disciples. We shall eagerly wait for the happy days of Bhagavata-dharma, or prema-dharma, inaugurated by the Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

The End

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

Ki Jai!

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu