

**Sri Lokanath Goswami**

# **Vrndavan Highest Paradise on Earth**

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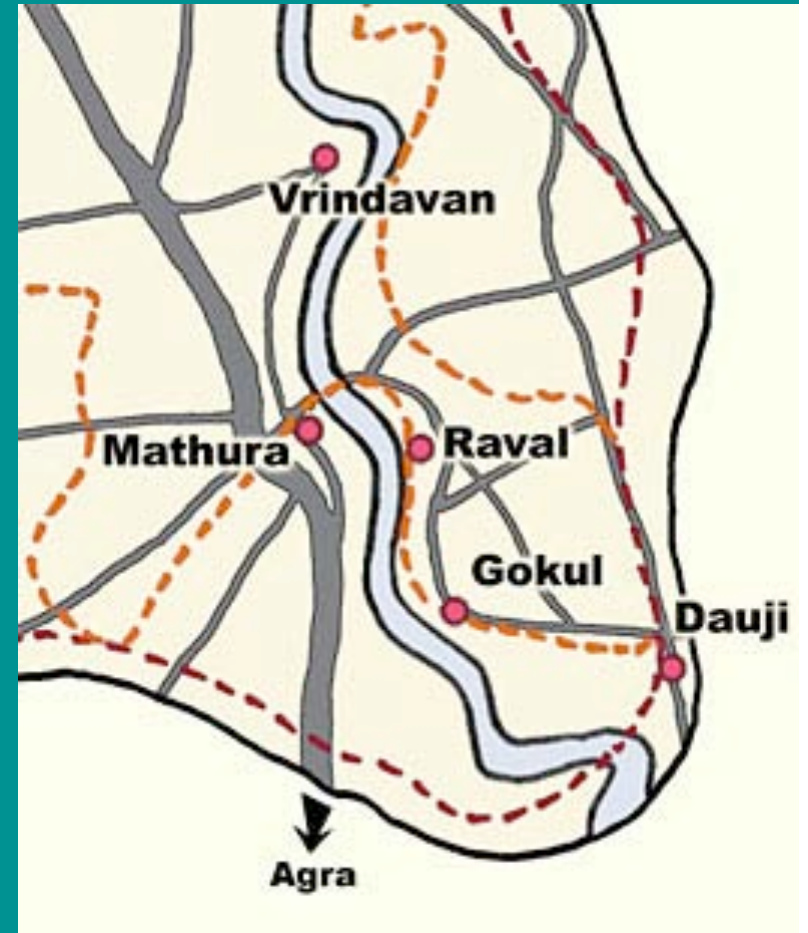
**Krishna reveled in pastimes of love. His  
flute maddened the animate &  
inanimate with the bliss of divine love**

**Brahma wanted to roll in the dust**

**Many a saint realized the supreme goal  
of life**

**It is located 135km south of Delhi and 55km north of Agra, just off the Delhi-Agra Road. It is 12 km or a 25 minute auto-rickshaw ride from Mathura.**

**It is the heart of greater area called Braja-Mandala, the place of Lord Krishna's pastimes on this Earth 5000 years ago.**

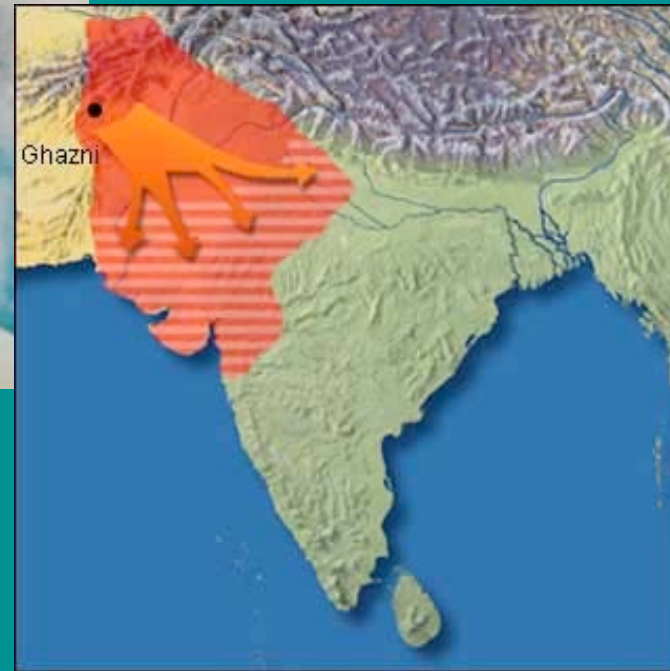


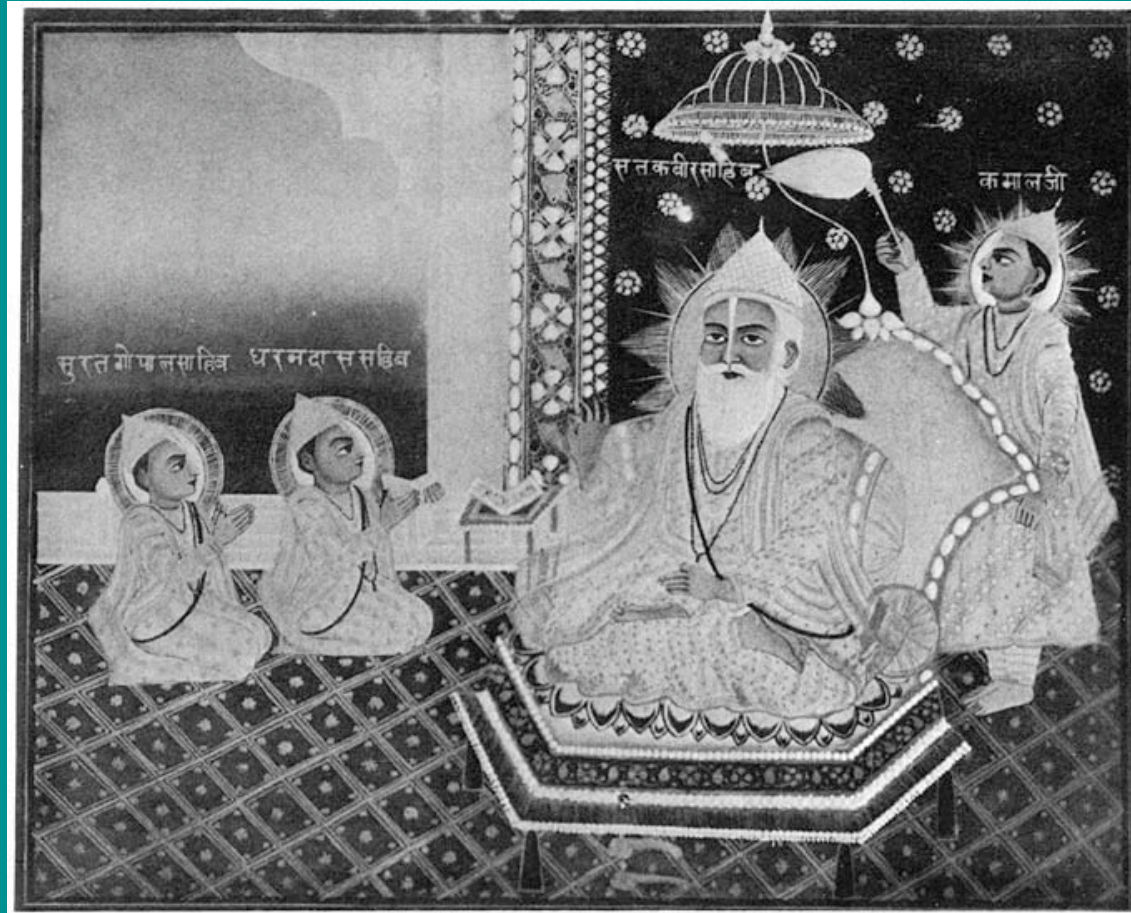
# Deserted Forest After

- Restored by Krishna's grandson, Bajranabha
- History repeated itself



# Mahmud Gazni Demolished Krishna Janma Temple in 1017





- **1488-1516 Sikandar Lodi demolished temples & prohibited Deity worship**
- **All Deities were lost or hidden**
- **Wild animals & Jungle**

# Chaitanya's heart bled to think of Vrndavan



# Angels Descended with Mahaprabhu

- **Reclaimed Vrndavan**
- **Showed the sweetest & smoothest path of bhakti**
- **Built modern Vrndavan with temples, ponds, groves, ghats**
- **Wrote extensively to systematize path**
- **Tried by their own example to set others on the path**



# Sri Lokanath Goswami

- Childhood friend in the school of Gangadas Pandit
- Wanted to spend life in company of Lord Chaitanya, came from Talakhandi

# Great Task

“Why sending me away?”

“No keeping you close to my heart.”

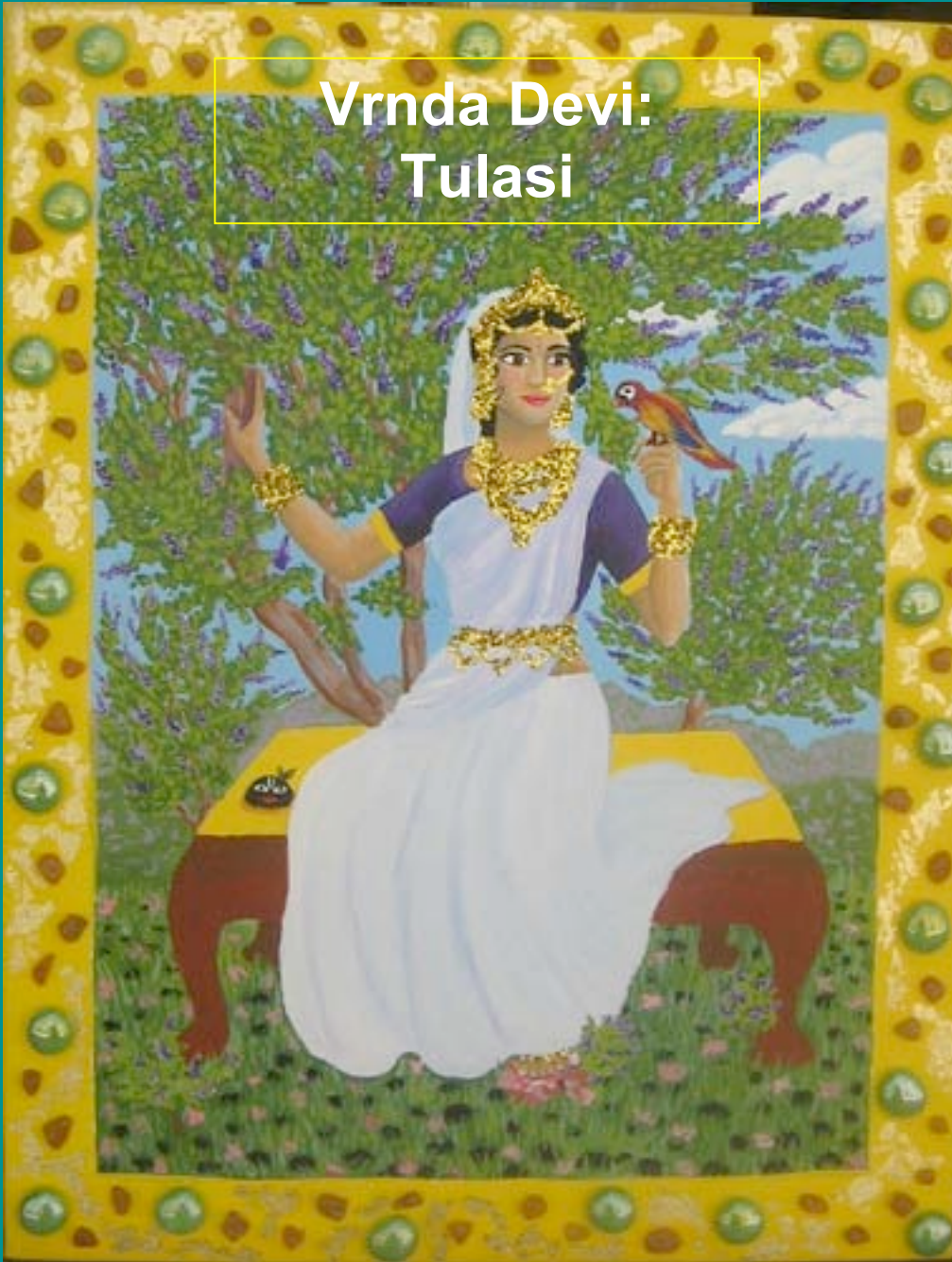
- Vrndavan the heart of Krishna

“Everyone practices sadhana to achieve his own desired end, but blessed are they who also help others to attain it. Even a day’s stay in Vrndavan enables a man to achieve prema. If you want my happiness, you should go...”

# Difficulties

- Took Lokanath & Bugarbha 3 months to Vrndavan, depending on bhiksa.
- Forests were thick, wild animals, tribals who neither knew anything nor cared about Holy Places.
- Scriptural references were vague.

Vrnda Devi:  
Tulasi

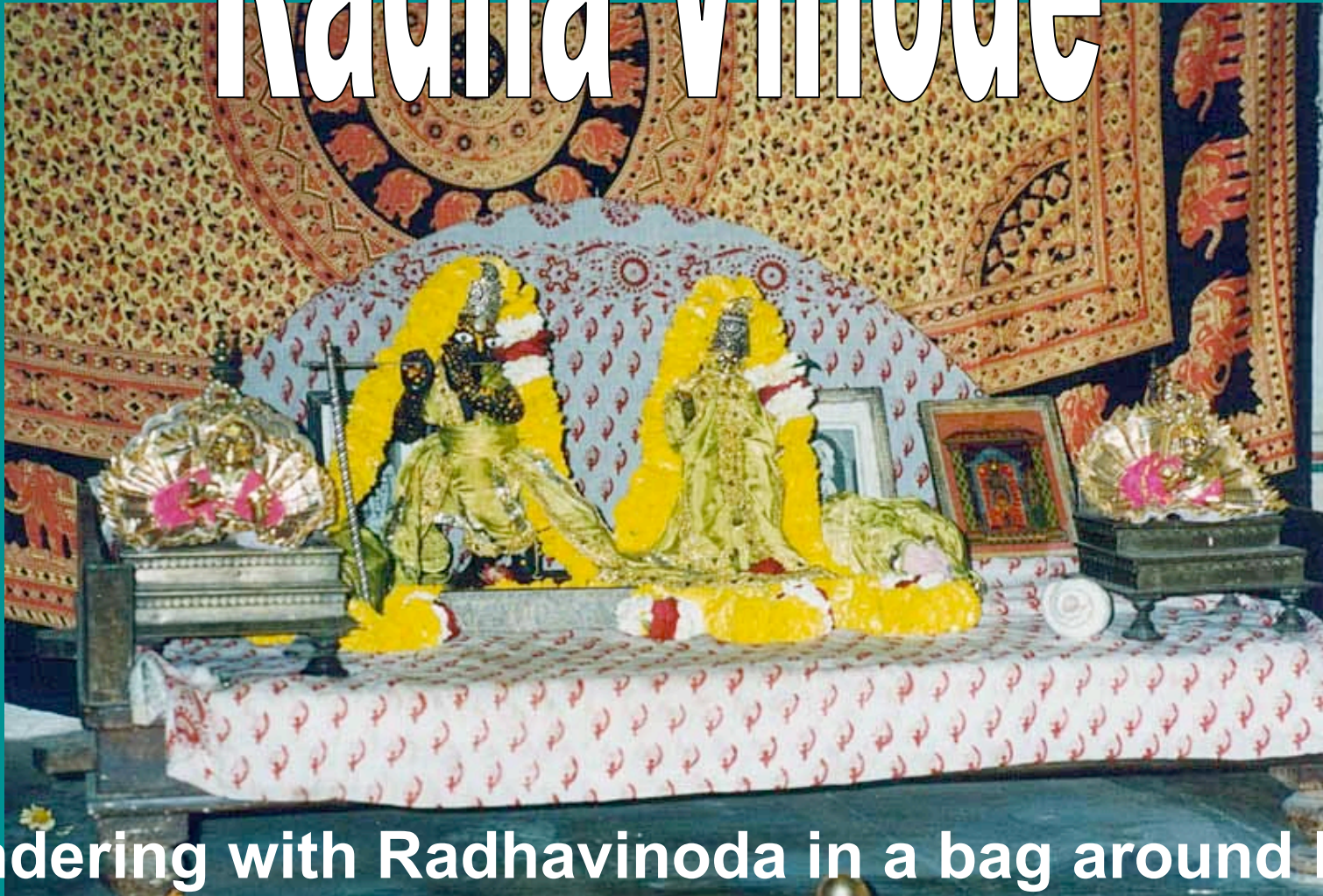


**“Beloved of Krishna and organizer and supporter of His Divine Lila, how long will you keep the places of those pastimes hidden? Without your mercy it is not possible to see those holy places bearing within their bosom the sweet memory of the divine lila of Krishna.”**

# Radhavinode

- In form of an old tribal, Krishna gave deity to Lokanatha, which had been at the bottom Kishori Kund.
- Radhavinode immediately said, “I am hungry.”
- The devotee’s love makes Krishna forget He is God and behaves towards him like his child.

# Radha Vinode



**Wandering with Radhavinoda in a bag around his neck, Lokanath discovered 333 forests & holy places connected with Krishna Lila.**

# Retirement

- After other Goswamins came, Lokanath devoted himself to Radhavinode
- Once Radhavinode assumed the form of Lokanath & went into the kitchen to cook with the assistant. The assistant saw Lokanath in 2 places!



**In the courtyard of Radha-Gokulananda Temple besides Lokanath's samadhi there are samadhis of Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur (left), puspa-samadhi of Narottam das Thakur (center).**





# Mahaprabhu's Departure

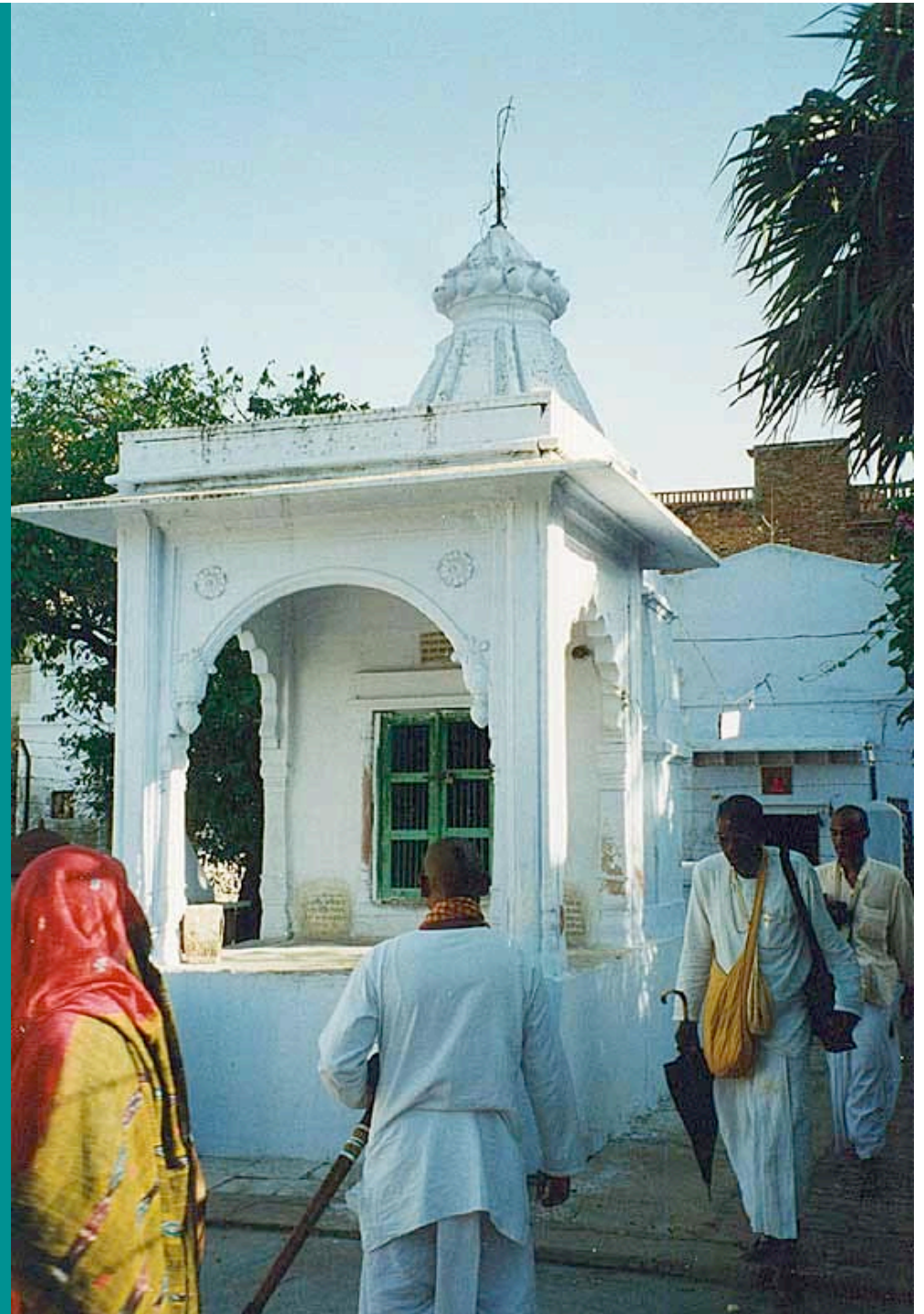
- Many great Vaishnavas had come to Vrndavan and lived in kunjās..before the departure of Mahaprabhu, Vrndavan was renovated & pilgrims coming
- Then many Vaishnavas died and there were only 4
- Lokanath, Jiva, Gopal Bhatta, and Bugarbha

# Newcomers



- Narottama, Shymananda, and Srinivas to go to Bengal with books
- After a year Lokanath (who vowed not to initiate) wondered who was cleaning up after his call of nature
- Narottam was the son of king Krishnananda of Khetari.
- After diksha & training, he was named “Thakur.”

- Passed away in 1583 at 100 years
- Samadhi near the temple of Sri Gokulananda, in which is also Radhavinode



# Radha Gokulananda

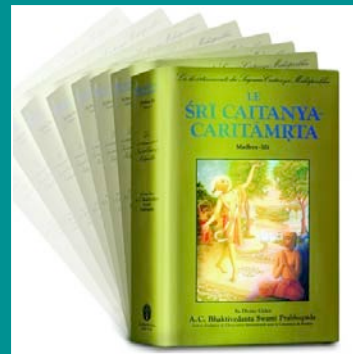


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# No Books

- Neither Lokanath nor Bhugarbha wrote any books, but they taught much to Rupa and Sanatan.
- Helped write Chaitanya Caritamrta, but asked their names not be mentioned.



**The End**