



# Move over Mediocrity

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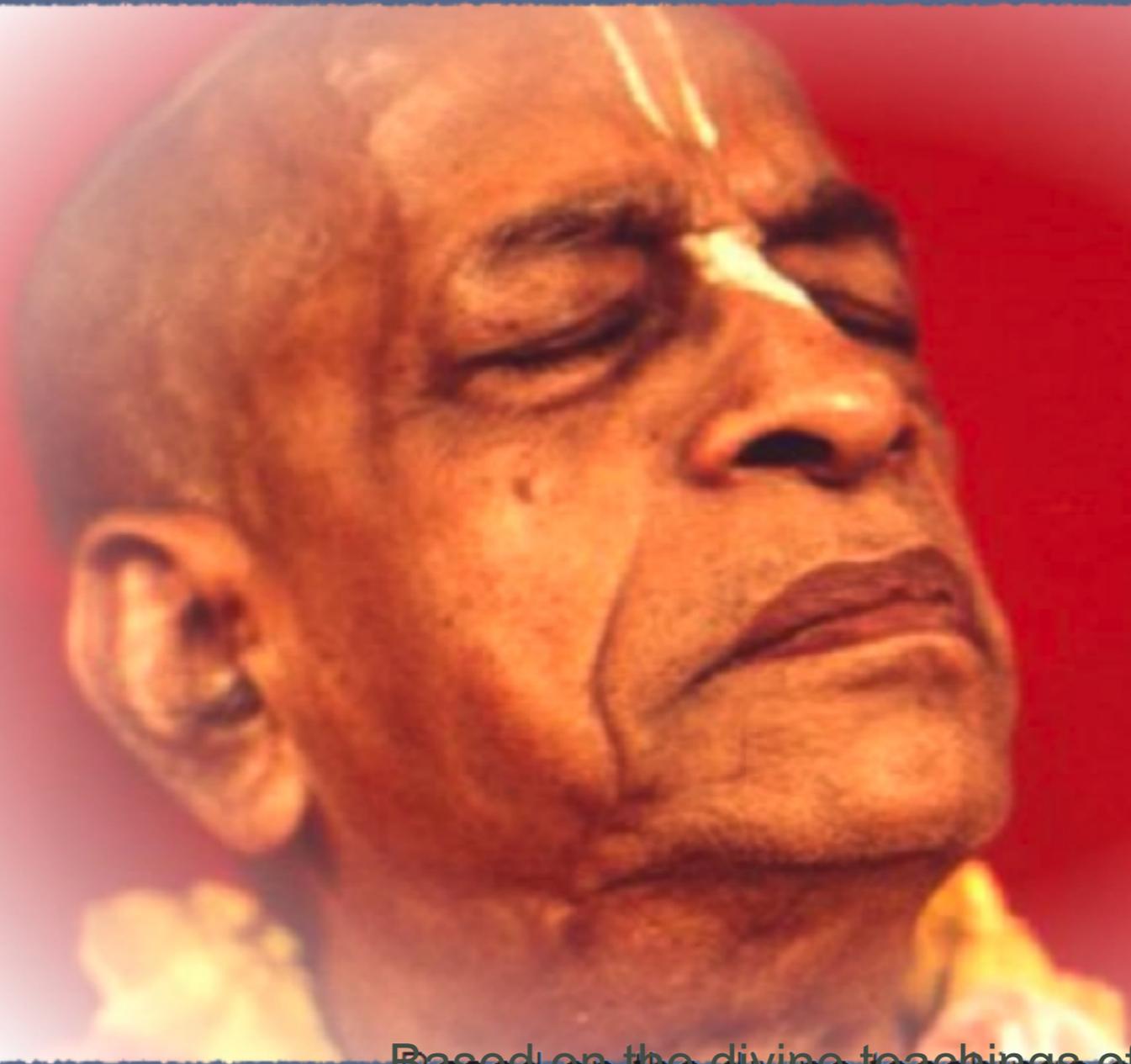


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# Baseball Averages

# Average American

- ◆ **If you're an average American you own credit cards. You are married. You're 29 years old. Your height is 5'9" if you're a male and 5'4" if you're a female. You laugh fifteen times a day. You make 1029 phone calls a year. You'll live to be 69 if you're a man, 76 if you're a woman. And you have 27 trillion fat cells in your body.**



**God never meant for you to live average, live a so-so, mediocre, normal, just kind of lukewarm life. Every human being was designed for excellence and you are uniquely created.**



# **MEDIOCRITY**

IT TAKES A LOT LESS TIME  
AND MOST PEOPLE WON'T NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE  
UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.



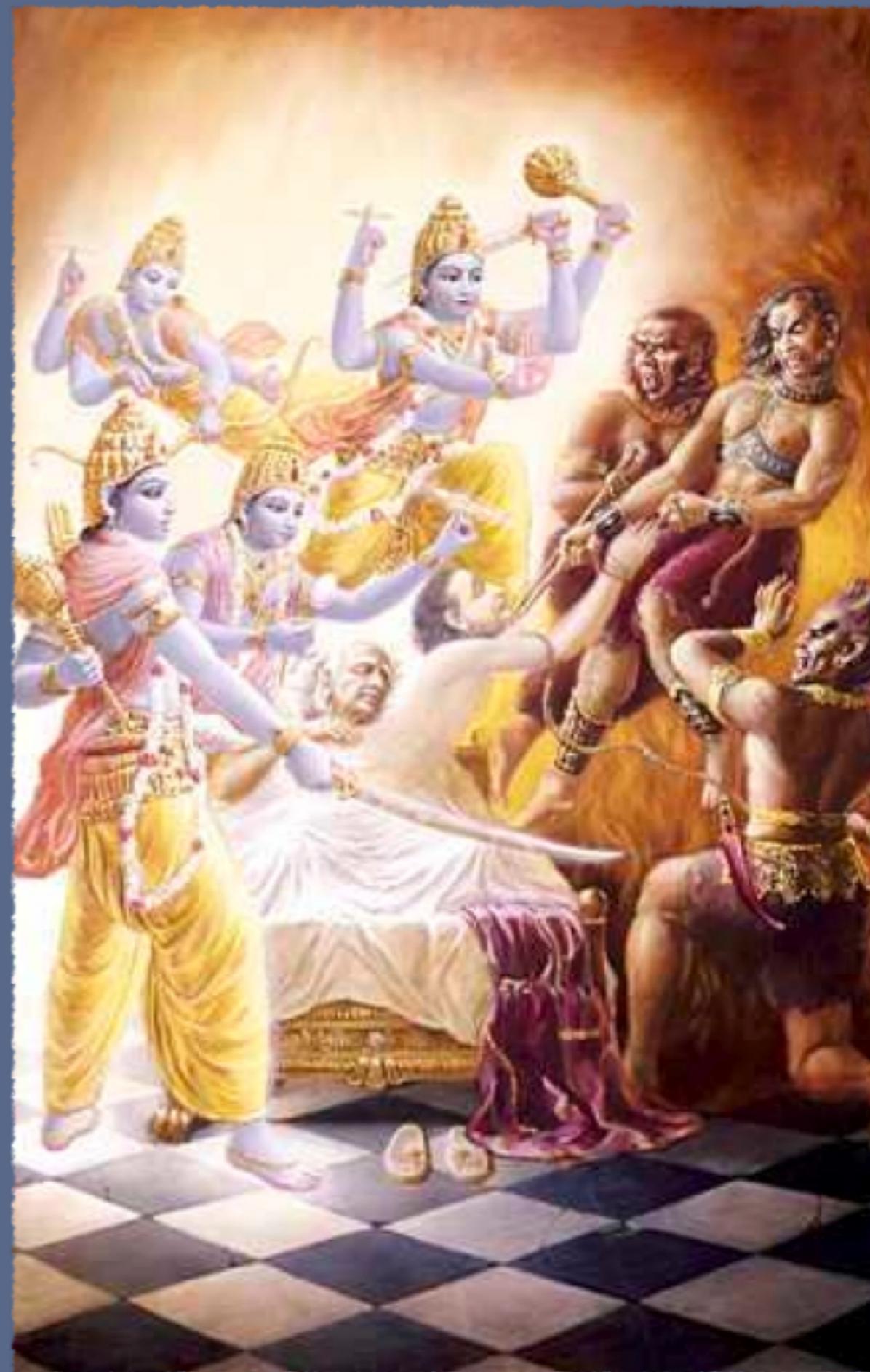
# Black Snake of Death

**“That is due to foolishness. Every moment he is dying, but he is thinking, “I shall live forever.””**  
**Morning walk**



# Freedom From Death

**Living beings who are entangled in the meshes of birth and death can be freed immediately by even unconsciously chanting the holy name of Krishna, which is feared even by fear personified.” BTG Temple Worship, Satsvarup**



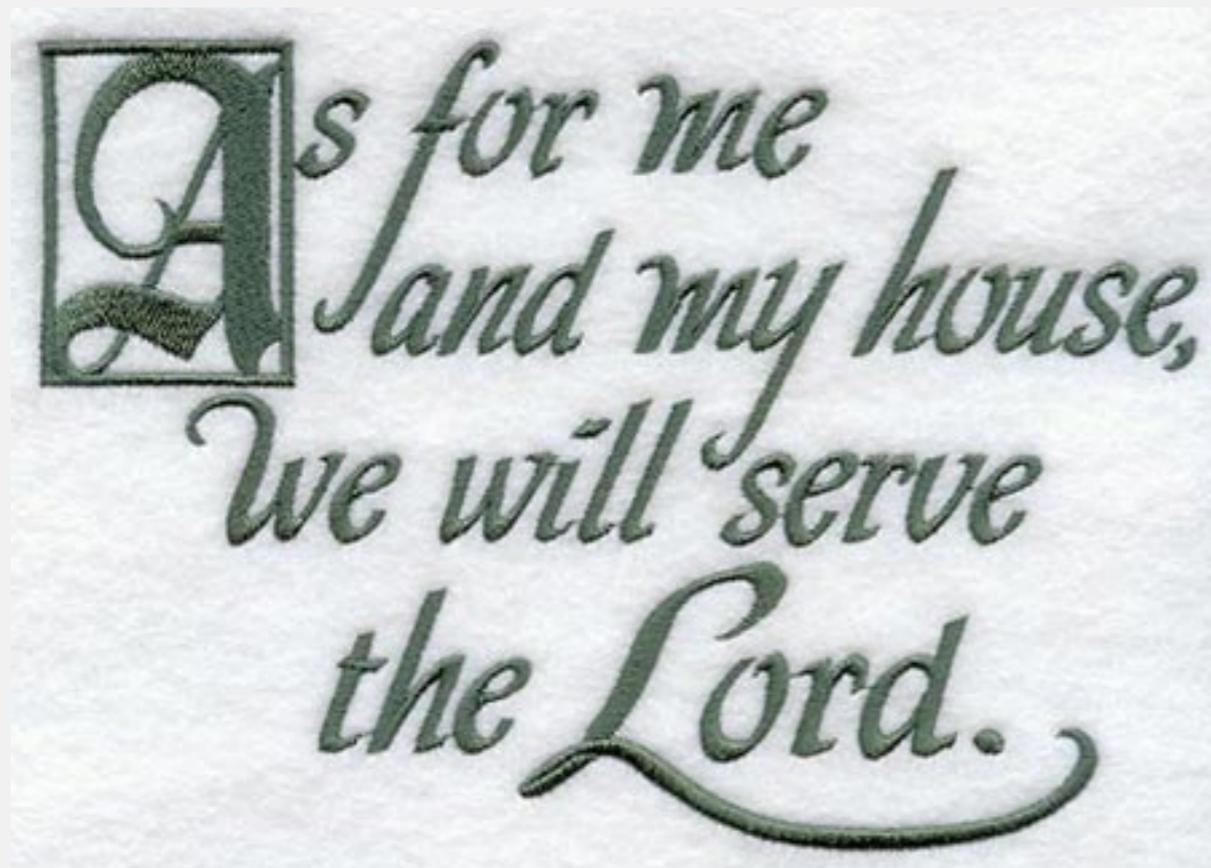


Need to be Recognized

# Three Secrets

- ◆ Have a Great Ambition
- ◆ Have a Growing Faith
- ◆ Depend on Krishna

# 1. Great Ambition

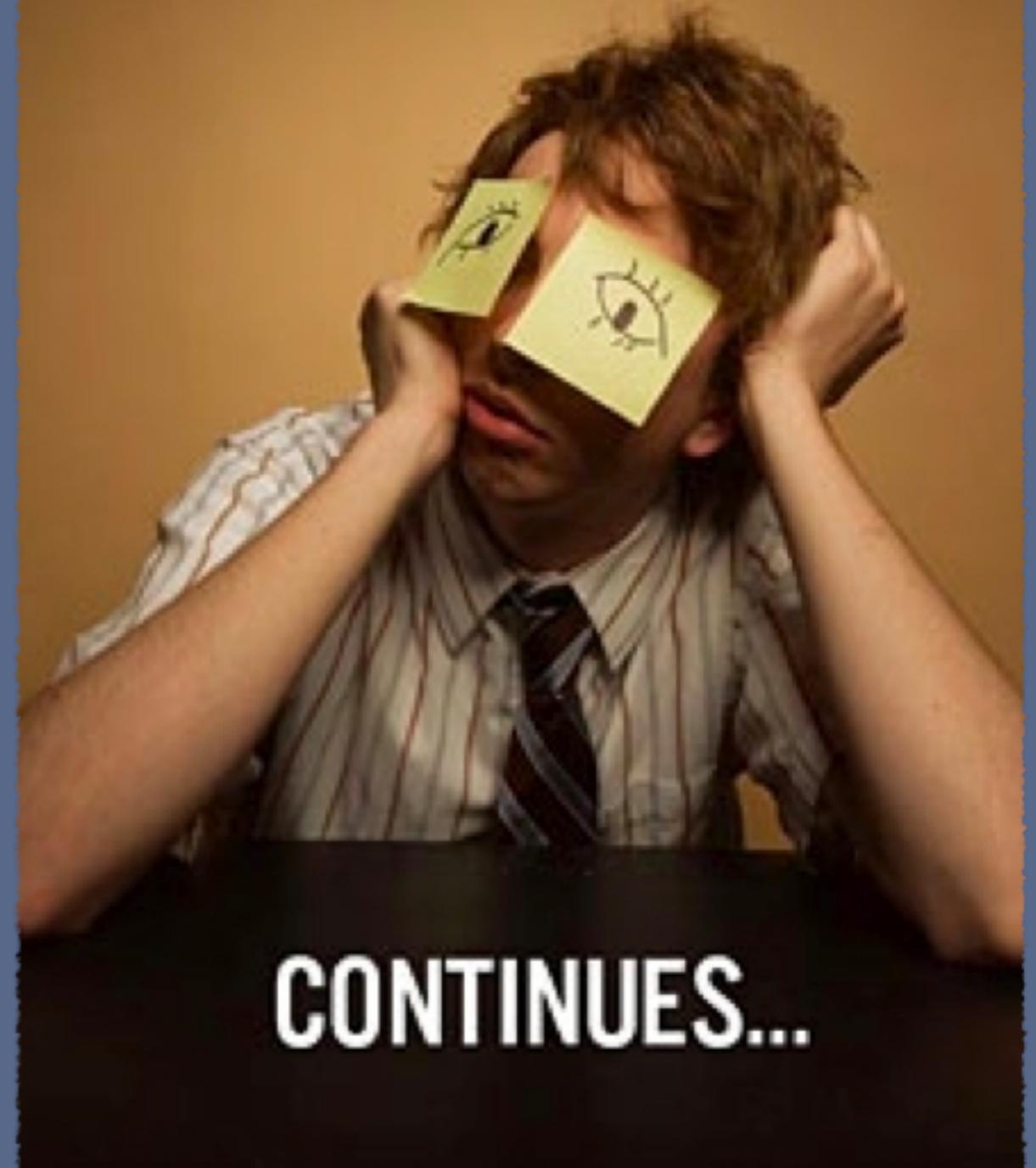


- ◆ **“I want God to bless me. I want something big. I want to do something significant in my life. I don’t want to be ordinary, to be common. I want to expand and grow.”**

# Boredom

If you don't have any challenges in your life, go out & find one

**THE BATTLE  
AGAINST BOREDOM**



**CONTINUES...**

***Srila Prabhupada always credited his spiritual master for pulling him out of mediocre material life. “I had three children, now I have three hundred children.”***

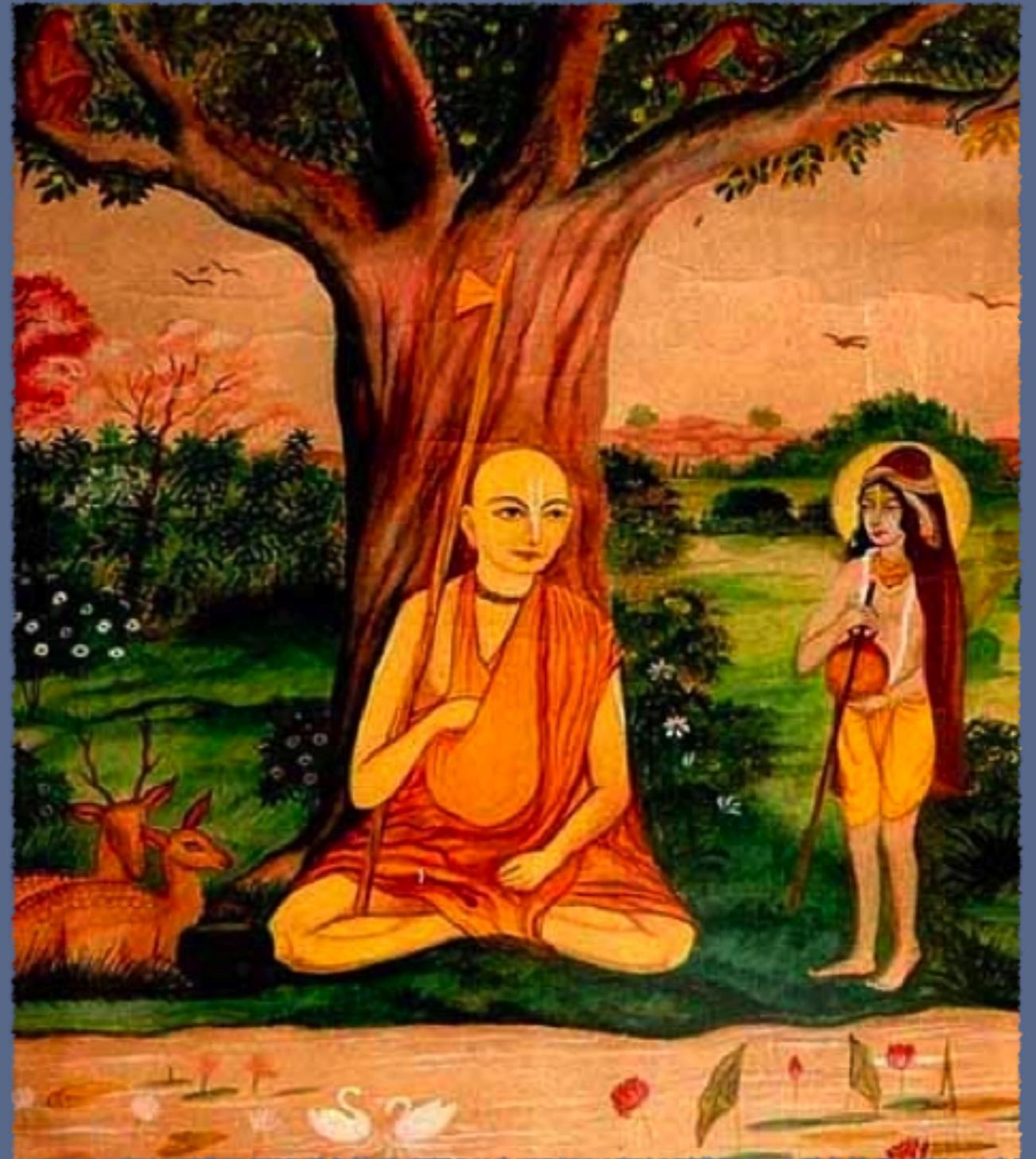
***Depend on Krishna 's mercy and not on so-called material security. Srila Prabhupada approved of our thinking big in Krishna consciousness, because, “Krishna can do anything.”***

***BTG Satsvarup Voice of Inspiration***



# Desire Tree

**Not just to go through life being mediocre, half hearted, wondering, “What am I doing? Where am I going?”**

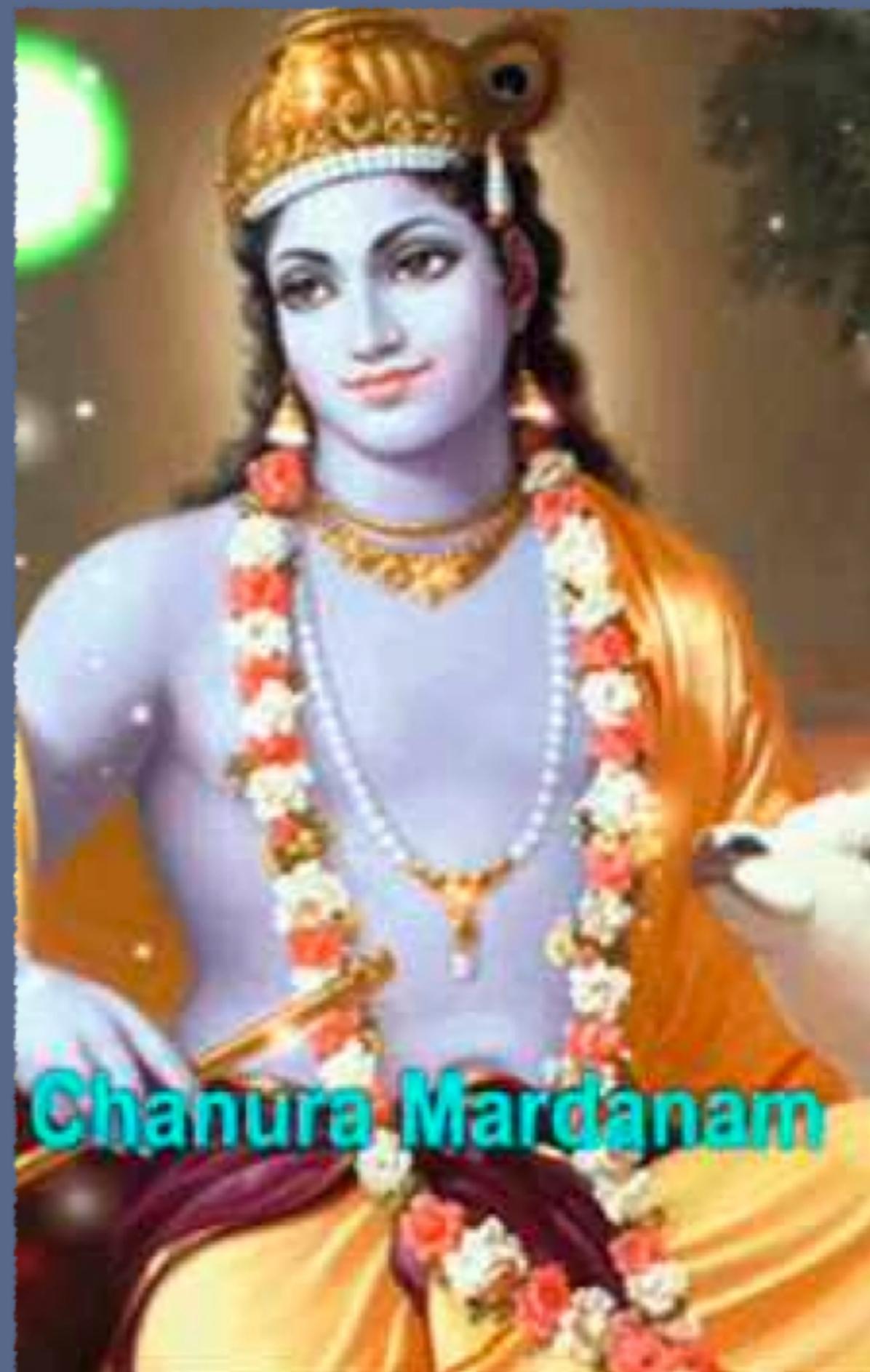


# I.S.K.CON.

Only purpose to  
serve Krishna



**Lord Krishna's devotees are exceptional personalities, for at all times they are embellished with extraordinary characteristics rarely attained even by the demigods. To usher in the age of peace in this world, the presence of such mahatmas is imperative. Renunciation through Wisdom**





**"In the present Age of Quarrel and Hypocrisy, those who are intelligent will worship God by performing congregational chanting of His holy names."**

# Arjuna

**"Oh, My dear Arjuna, I am just trying to speak to you Bhagavad-gétä because you have got an exceptional qualification which others haven't got."**

**And what is that exceptional qualification?**

**Here it is clearly mentioned, bhakto 'si. Bhakto 'si. Bhakto 'si means "You are My devotee."**



# Three Misconceptions

- ◆ **1. We confuse humility with fear**
- ◆ **2. We tend to confuse contentment with laziness**
- ◆ **3. We confuse little thinking with spirituality**

# 1. We confuse humility with fear.

So we don't have great ambitions. People say, "Oh, I could never do that." And we think we're being humble. That's not humility. That's fear. That's a lack of faith. The humble person would say, "With God's help, I can do it!"



*Humility*  
*a strange thing.*  
*The minute you think*  
*you've got it,*  
*you've lost it.*

## **2. We tend to confuse contentment with laziness.**

*“I’ve learned to be content in whatever state I am.”*

*But some people take that verse – be content in everything – and they think that means don’t have any goals.*

*If contentment were used an excuse for laziness, who’d ever get an education? The third grade kid says, “I’ve learned to be content with the third grade,”*



# LAZINESS

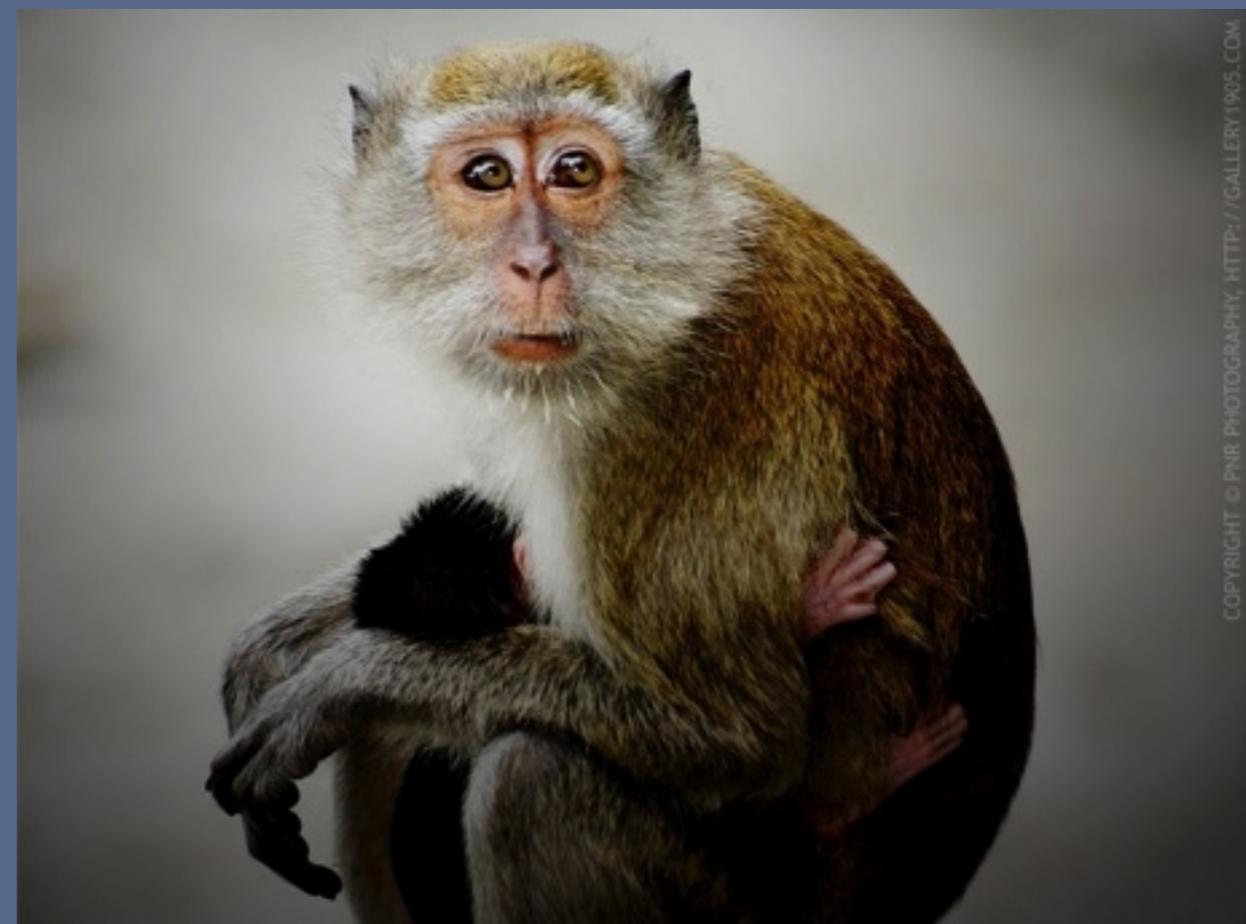
Working hard at what you really want to do.

### **3. We confuse little thinking with spirituality.**

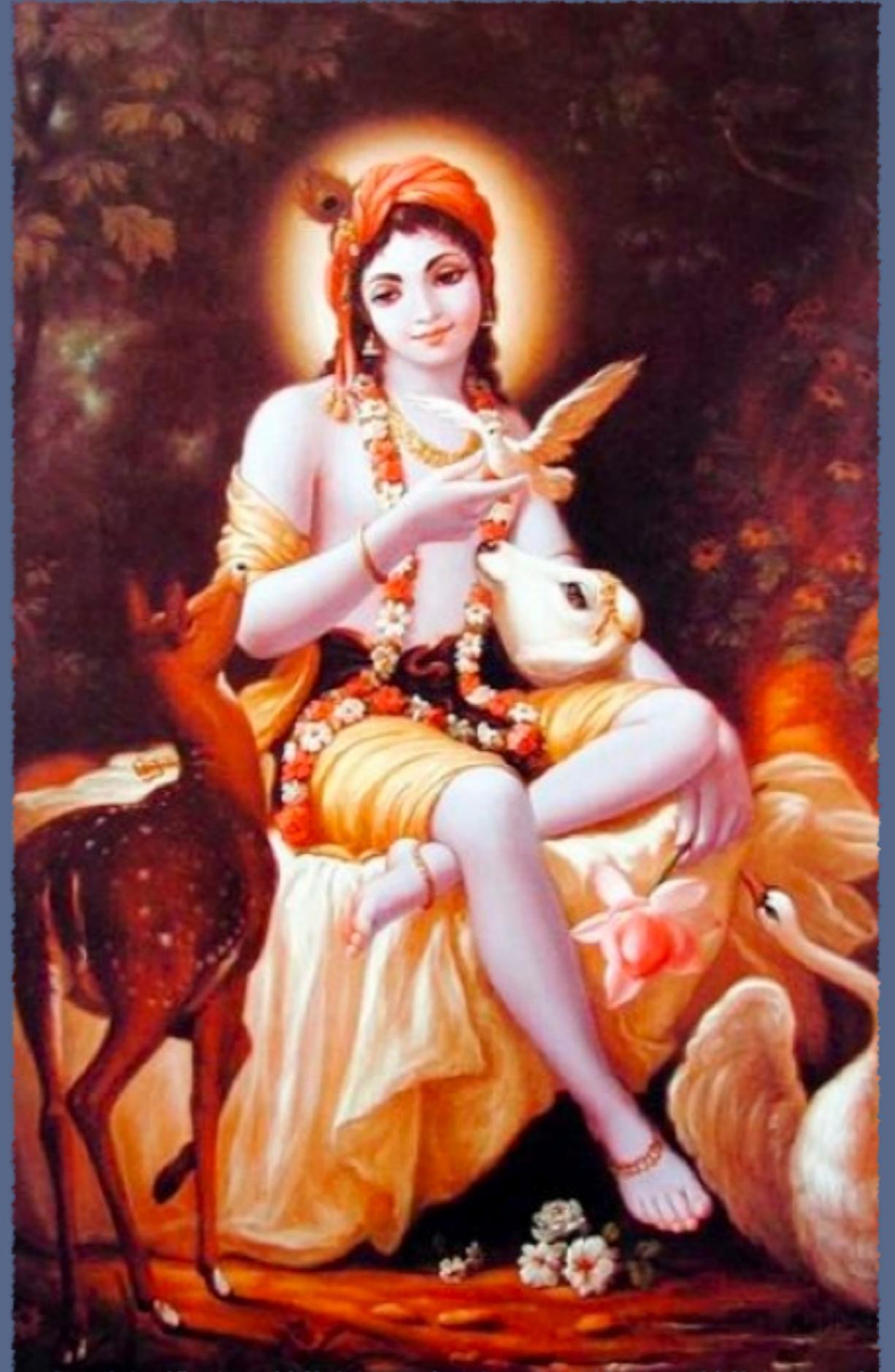
**I just serve God in my little ol' way." I want to say, "Stop it! Serve Him in a bigger way. Let God use you in a greater way." People say, "I'm just the way I am. That's just the way God made me." Don't blame God for your lack of growth.**

**"Great minds talk about ideas,  
average minds talk about events,  
small minds talk about people."**

Eleanor Roosevelt



***The most fulfilling ambition is to do God's will. Find out why did Krishna place me on this earth. What is His purpose for my life? Discover that and get right in the center of it. "Seek first Krishna's kingdom and all these other things will be added unto you."***

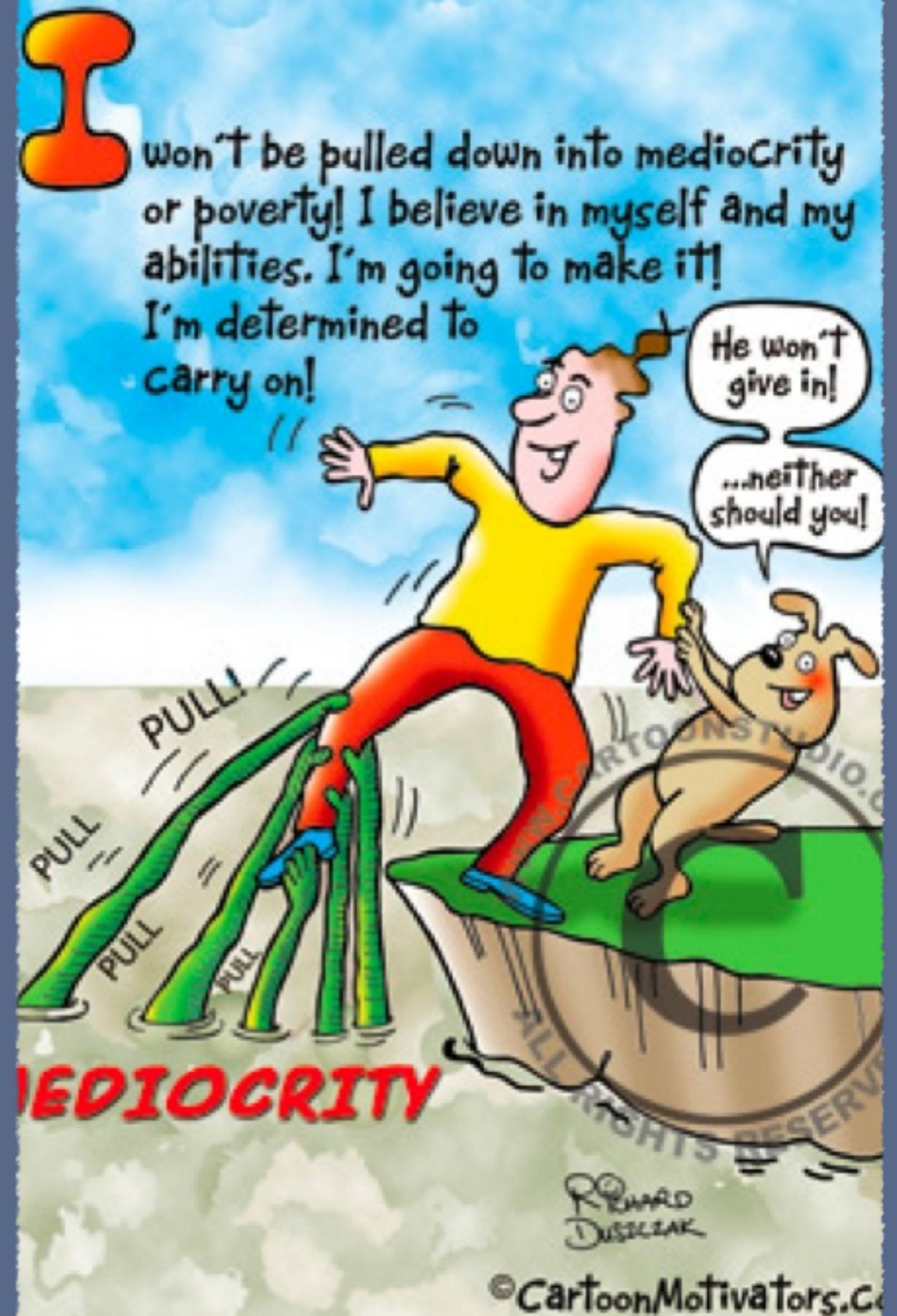




**"Some parents would even prefer that their children lived humdrum lives of total mediocrity—as a check-out girl or a busboy clearing tables at a fast-food joint—rather than be a devotee of Krishna."**

***"There's a bit of irony in all this, because ultimately even materialistic society reveres saints. To try to become a saint in this world of sense pleasures is no small feat. Practically everything else is easier."***

***BTG The Noblest Ambition***



# Ramananda Roy

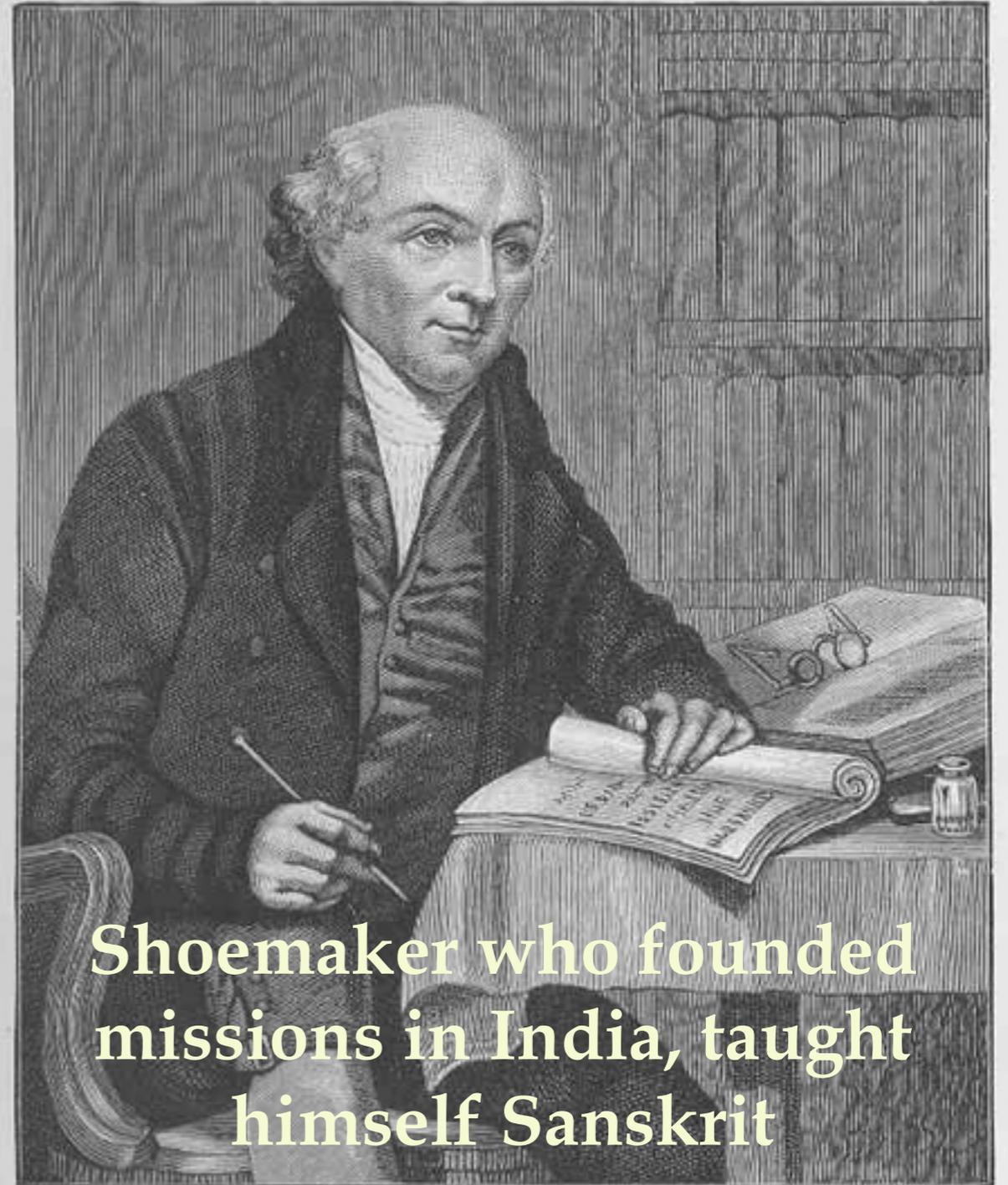
**Ramananda Raya is exceptional, for through him the Lord taught how a devotee can completely vanquish the power of Cupid. By Cupid's power, as soon as one sees a beautiful woman he is conquered by her beauty. Sri Ramananda Raya, however, vanquished Cupid's pride.**



# 2. Growing Faith

**“God, I want *You* to bless me.”**

**It’s like William Carey who said, “Attempt great things for God and then expect great things from God.”**



**Shoemaker who founded missions in India, taught himself Sanskrit**

**What about a growing faith?  
Do you have a growing  
faith? That's why we have  
services every Sunday  
night. To help you grow in  
your faith. Some of you  
came in today, down,  
discouraged, depressed.  
You feel under a heavy load.  
Krishna says, I want to take  
that load. Just let Me have  
it. Believe in Me. Get a  
growing faith.**



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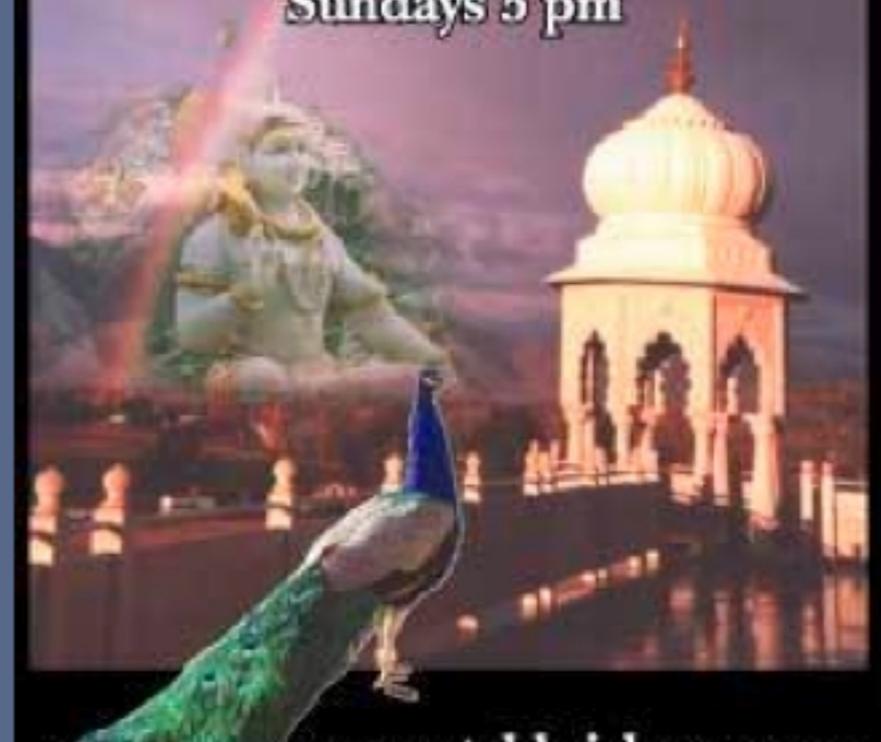
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# 3. Pray for 3 things

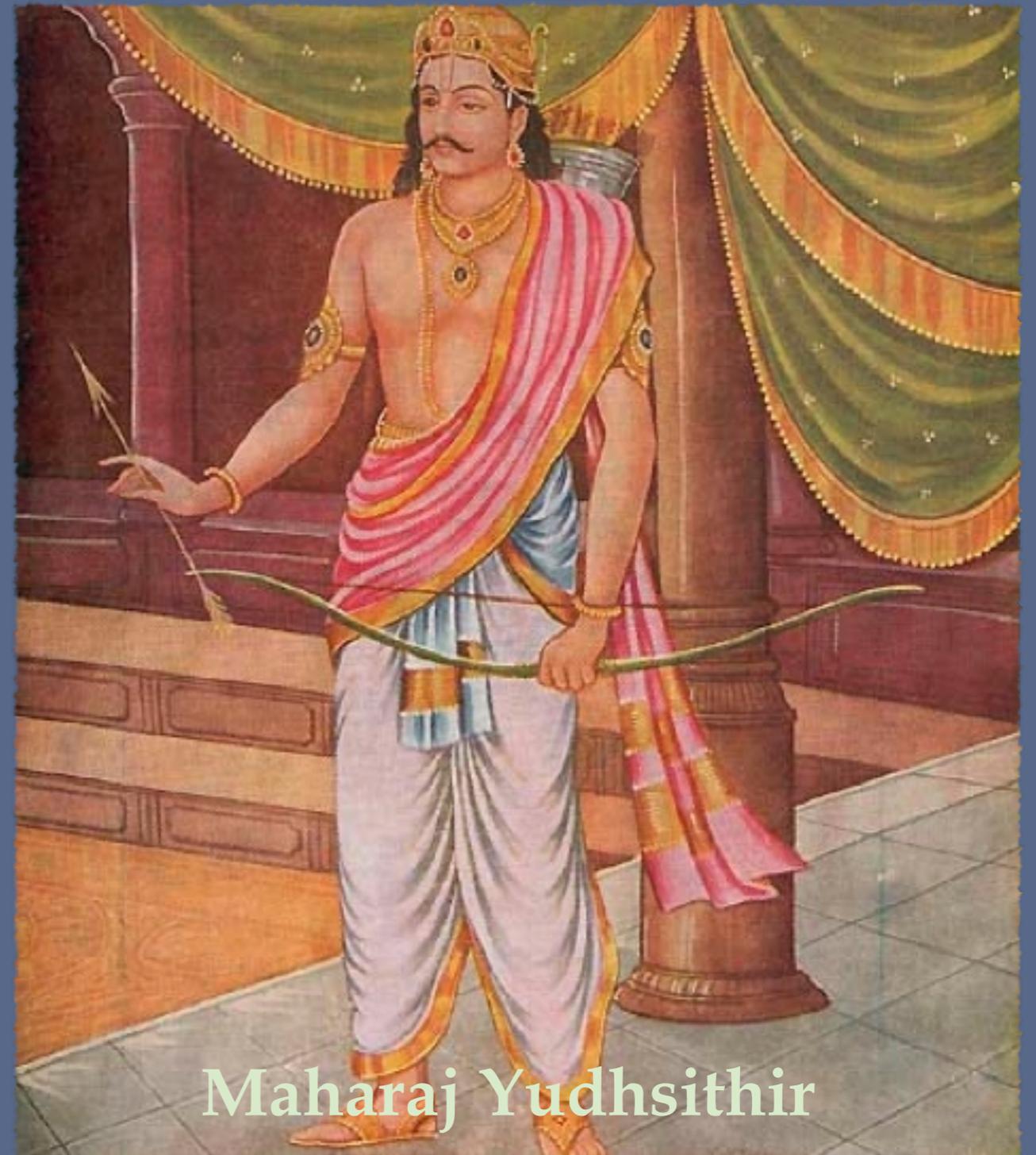
1. Power
2. Presence
3. Protection



# 1. Power

**To live above average  
we need a power greater  
than our own to  
accomplish dreams.**

**I want God's power  
in my life.”**



**Maharaj Yudhsithir**

Krishna dares you  
to ask something  
big

***“Call unto Me and I  
will answer you and  
show you great and  
mighty things  
which you don’t  
even know about.”***





**What do you want God to do in your life? Heal a bad marriage situation? Ask Him. Help you with a problem? Ask Him. Help you with some goals? Ask Him. What do you want God to do in your life?**

***God says, "You have not because you ask not."***



# Above Average

- ◆ **When you combine these three things I can absolutely guarantee you that you're going to live above average in life. If you want to break out of mediocrity, if you really want to see Krishna work in your life, if you want to see some answered prayers, if you're tired of just going through life not really knowing where you're going.**

# 2. Presence

**More responsibility. There will be greater demands, more pressure. Going to need God's help in life." So first ask for God's power to reach goals. Then ask for God's presence to to maintain. "God I want Your hand to be with me."**



**Dear lord and master, please be patient with us. We still can't understand you, because we're still involved in mediocrity. We often misunderstand your simplicity with our vulgarity. Each of your words is a precise clue to discover the real dimension of spiritual consciousness and reach Krishna. Vyasa Puja, Bhakti Abhaya Charan Swami**



# 3. protection

**And the more influence you've got the more enemies are envious of you and will attack you.**

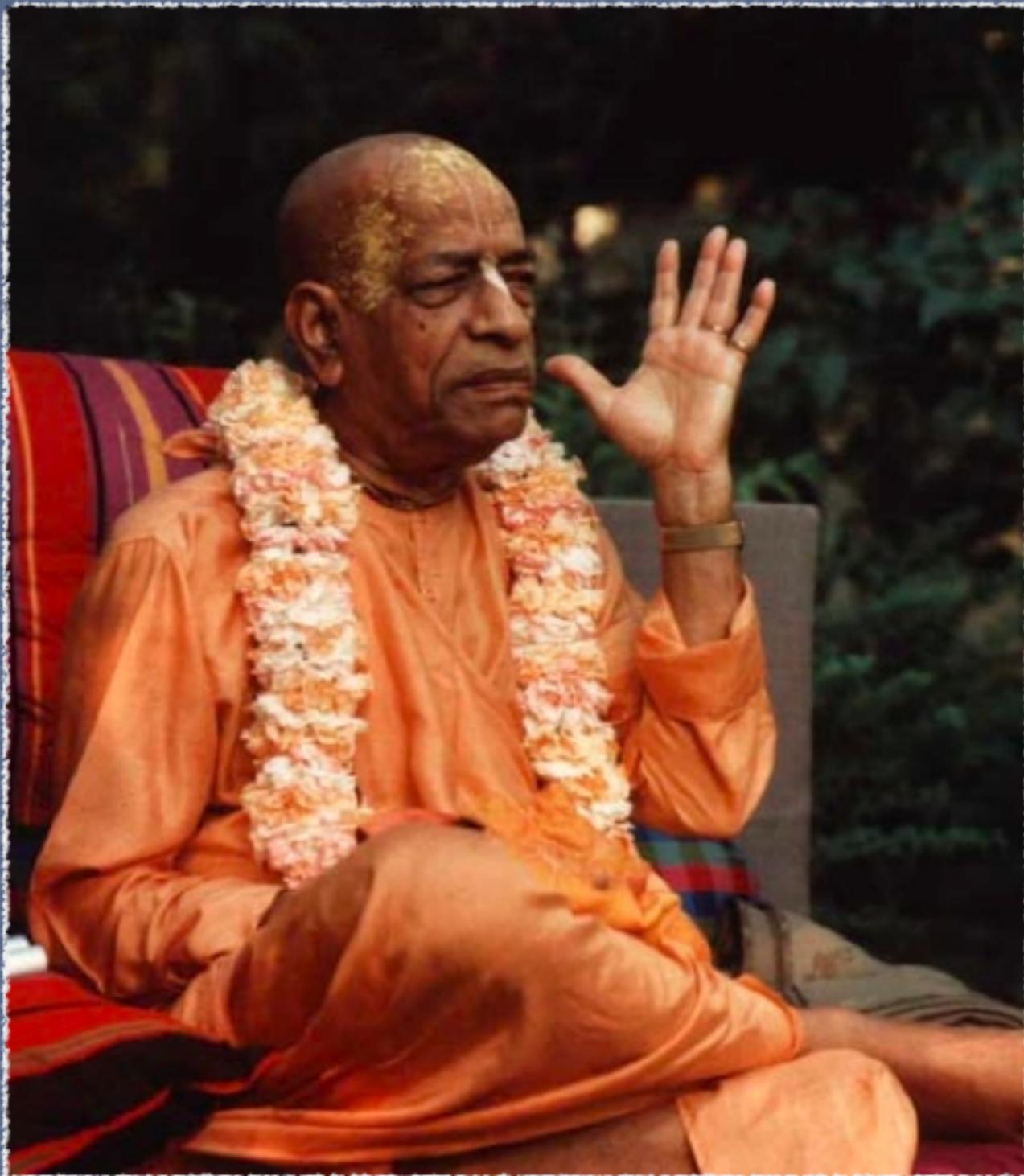


# Make your life Successful

**Therefore, any sensible man who is above the average man with a poor fund of knowledge must constantly remember the Personality of Godhead by hearing about Him, by glorifying Him, by remembering Him and by worshiping Him always, without cessation. That is the perfect way of devotional service SB 1/2/15**



# Preaching the Essence



Srila Prabhupada wanted his followers to be preachers. Preaching is and always will be the essence. The topmost perfection for a devotee is to engage in activities to help others come to Krishna. And if we do not make the endeavor to preach, we simply slide into frustration and mediocrity. Memories of Srila Prabhupada, Bhakti Vikas Swami

**How do you get that type of lifestyle where you live above average? Where you stand out above a crowd? Get a great ambition. Get a glimpse of what Krishna wants to do in your life. Then two, get a growing faith and let Krishna give you the faith to do what you see as impossible. One thing is for sure, when God gives you a dream it will always be impossible. So then you'll have to depend on Him to see it fulfilled.**



**HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA**

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