

# Rama Katha

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**Janaki Jivan Sita Mohan Rama**

This short song talks about **Sri Rama as Ayodhyavasi**. We have **Vrajavasi, Vrindavanvasi, Mayapurvasi**. Like that there is also **Ayodhavas**. Vas means to reside. This residence is **Ayodhya**. Those who reside there are called **Ayodhyavasis** and Rama Himself is **Ayodhyavasi**.

**ayodhyavasi rama**

**rama rama**

**dasharatha nandana rama**

**Dasharathanandana and Kaushalyanandana**. Kaushalya's name is not mentioned in this song.

**sambhavami yuge yuge**

And the purpose is **patitanam pavanebhyo**. **Vaisnavas** are also like that.

**patita pavana janaki jivan**

**Sri Rama is a Janaki jivan. Janaki Jivan like Radha Jivan or Vishnu Priya Jivan. Rama is Janki Jivan. Rama is Patitapavan**, but who is patita? We are in this material existence so that's an indication. We must be Patita otherwise why would we be here. Patita means fallen, fallen from **Ayodhya** or **Goloka**. There is also **Ayodhya** up there. Above **Vaikuntha is Saket Dhama**. Above **Saket or Ayodhya is Goloka**. So **Vrindavan** is here, **Gokul** is here. **Goloka** is up there. **Ayodhya** is here and **Ayodhya** is also up there. So from somewhere up there we have fallen. Then comes **Sri Rama** then **Sri Krishna** and then **Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu**.

**jivane marane gati ara nahi mora**

That is the spirit, I don't know any other destination but you.

**Radha Krishna prana mora or Sita Rama prana mora. Sita has her prannatha, Sri Rama.**

**patita pavana janaki jivana sita mohan rama**

**Sita Mohan** is like **Radha Mohan**. **Sita Mohan Rama** means Sita attracts Rama, Rama becomes mohit. Sita is attractive and attracts the all attractive. She attracts the mind of Rama and Rama cannot survive without Sita.

Site! Site! When Sita was kidnapped by that rascal Ravana Rama just could not forget her. He was looking for Her looking for Her everywhere because He was **Sita Mohan Rama** and He did not stop and searched till His goal was to reach Lanka.

**ayodhyavasi rama rama rama dasharatha nandana rama rama**

Today is the day reserved as **Rama Navami** or the **Appearance day of Sri Rama** and the celebration is **Lord's Appearance** which is going on almost closer to 10 lacs which is a million years. Lord appeared in **Treta Yuga** and we are here in age of Kali and between one whole age has passed – **Dwapara Yuga**. **Dwapara Yuga**, calculations goes on for million years. **Dwapara Yuga** is **86,4000 years duration**. **Kali Yuga** is **4,32000 years** so **Dwapara Yuga** is twice as long and **Treta Yuga** is three times and **Satya Yuga** is 4 times as long. So **8 lacs** and **64 thousand** years right there a big chunk and then **5000 years** of this **Kali Yuga** and then some more years of **Treta Yuga** and hence the number close to 2 million years ago on this day **Lord Rama appeared**.

So the day was navami and the day was also Tuesday. **Krsna** appeared on Wednesday and Rama appeared on Tuesday at noon time because He is appearing as **Suryavanshi**. Surya is the king of the day and Chandra is the king of the night hence **chandra** is called Rajneesh, Rajni-eesh, eesh the master, Rajni is

night – the king of the night. King of the night is moon. Dinesh, dina means day and esh is king. Dinesh is Surya. **Krishna is Chandravanshi and Rama is Suryavanshi.** Krsna has appeared in the kingdom of the moon, the ruler of night. Surya is ruler of day and Sri Rama is appeared as a Suryavanshi. He appeared in midday today but not this time, a few hours ago. We are sitting here with **Bhagavatam and Sukadeva Goswami** has recited Ramayana or Rama Katha also. **Bhagavat Katha** is not only Krsna Katha but also Narasimha Katha, Vaman Katha. Like that there is Rama katha in the 9th canto of Bhagavatam. Two chapters 10 and 11 are dedicated to Rama Katha, like a condensed Ramayana. We will just read a few verses from the middle of Bhagavatam 9th canto chapter 10 – the pastimes of Lord Ramacandra speaker is **Sukadeva Goswami** and the listener is **Pariksit Maharaja** and many other rushis, Rajasris, Maharsris and Devasris. They have assembled not in Bahrain but on the banks of Ganga. Any sacred river here? Bahrain, does it rain here? I don't know the meaning of Bahrain, so no rivers here.

**sri suka uvacha**  
**khatvangad dirghabahus ca**  
**raghus tasmad prthu-sravah**  
**ajas tato maha-rajah**  
**tasmad dasaratho bhavat (SB 9.10.1)**

So he wants to bring Dasarath, Sukadev Swami wants to bring Dasaratha in the picture. He wants to talk about Rama so no Dasarath, no Rama. So Dasarath appeared at the end of the sloka.

**dasaratho abhavat**

Prior to him many others had appeared in the dynasty **Khatvanga, Khatvangad** from **Kathvanga** appears **Dirghabahu**, from him appears Raghu

**raghus tasmad prthu-sravah**

From Raghu comes **Prthusravah**, from Prthu comes Aja and the son of Aja is Dasaratha and son of **Dasaratha is Jai Sri Rama**. It is not only **Sri Rama** we will be hearing who else appeared from Dasarath.

**tasyapi bhagavan esa  
saksad brahmamayo harih  
amsamsena caturdhagat  
putratvam prarthitah suraih  
rama-laksmana-bharata  
satrughna iti samjnaya ( SB 9.10.2)**

That **Brahmamayo Hari** is full of Brahma, is **Parabrahma**. **Parabrahma** appeared and He is also sakshat Bhagavan. Parabrahma is Bhagawan Hari. Hari is one who steals away our suffering that is also **Hari Hari Gaur Hari Sri Rama Hari**. He takes away our suffering, our birth, death, old age and disease. He is a thief. He steals all these things and makes us free and makes us Pavana. He makes us pure so that **Hari brahmamaya amsamsena**, expansion of expansion plenary portion.

**chaturdhagat putratvam**

That Hari, saksad Hari appeared in four forms as four sons of Dasaratha.

**prarthitah suraih**

Demigods were begging and appealing, '**My Lord Dear Lord**, this is the time. Please have mercy upon us also. Please appear. So they are praying to the Lord Who has responded to the prayers of the demigods. Demigods are praying for Lord's advent and they know this is the right time because what had happened was

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**yada yada hi dharmasya  
glanir bhavati bharata  
abhyutthanam adharmasya  
tadatmanam srjamy aham**

Whenever and wherever there is a decline in religious practice, O descendant of Bharata, and a predominant rise of irreligion—at that time I descend Myself.

**Bhagavatam also said earlier end of the 1st canto,**

**dyutam panam striyah suna  
yatradharmas catur-vidhah (SB 1.17.38)**

What is adharma? What are adharmic irreligious principles?

So dyutam there is gambling. You must understand there is a decline in religious principles and the dominance of irreligious, people are not drinking caranamrita anymore and drinking sharabamrita or even chaiamrita. You must understand this is irreligious. If there are slaughter houses and India has become biggest exporter of beef. This is irreligion. Even India indulges in irreligious principles. Give us petrol take beef in exchange. This is the predominance of irreligion or prostitution, illicit sex or illegal sex. So these are the four places five thousand year ago, King Pariksit allowed Kali to reside.

Kali was showing his ugly face and was beating the cow and trying to attempt to kill the cow, and King Pariksit had a sword in his hand and he was ready to slaughter the killer of the cow to establish the principles of dharma.

**dharma-samsthapanarthaya**

On the behalf the Lord the King represents the Lord. This is his job description – to establish Dharma. So the saintly king as he was, he was trying to stop that. Kali begged for forgiveness and was given four places to stay dyutam, panam, striyah and suna these 4 places. Kali had a hard time finding such places 5000 years ago and now we have hard time finding places where there is no meat eating.

Probably only vegetarian restaurants Govindas in Bahrain may

be others, not many are turning up. They going ending up in another restaurant, other places where there is meat eating, Whenever such situations arise then the Lord makes His appearance. So the Demigods have taken note that this is what is happening a million years ago, towards the end of Treta Yuga. They are praying to the Lord to please appear.

Then the Lord responded and Ramayan will describes this in detail. However at the time of putrakameshti yajna when Dasaratha Maharaja was performing a big sacrifice so that the Lord would be very pleased with him and he could have a son. It is a big sacrifice and all the demigods were invited to attend.

**yam brahma varunendra-rudra-marutah stuvanti divyaih stavair  
(SB 12.13.1)**

They all are offering their prayers also for the Lord's advent. In fact the **Lord appeared** not as **Sri Rama** but appeared seated on Garuda. Wherever there is a yajna the Lord also appears there to accept the offering. At that time the appeal was made face to face and the Lord had promised that He will appear and perform His pastime for **dasa sahastra dasa shatani cha**. Ten Thousand -das sahastra and thousand- das shatani cha, cha means and. Ten thousand plus one thousand is 11 thousand years. We read this in **Ramayan**: "I will appear and I will perform my pastime on earth for 11 thousand years."

Lord responded positively to the prayers of the demigods and He made His appearance as **Rama Laksman Bharat Shatrughna ki jai**. So Rama appeared today, What about Laksman? When did appear?

He also appeared today. Bharat also and Shatrughna also. Today is not only Rama Navmi it is also Laksman Navmi, Bharat Navmi and Shatrughna Navmi. Three mothers gave birth to four children, simultaneously this was happening in the palace of King Dasaratha. Kausalya gave birth to Sri Rama and Kaikaiye

gave birth to Bharat and Sumitra gave birth to Shatrughna and Laksmana.

During that Yajna the fruit of yajna, Kausalya and Kaikaiye received just one piece and Sumitra receives two times so she gave birth to two children. And then Rama is always with Laksman and they became two teams Rama and Laksman and Bharat and Shatrughna. They were close to each other. As little children's they were placed on four different cradles but soon they would end up with two. Laksman would go and be with Rama and Shatrughna would go and be with Bharat. There is some special affinity, friendship and liking.

**tasyanucaritam rajann  
rsibhis tattva-darsibhih  
srutam hi varnitam bhuri  
tvaya sita-pater muhuh (SB 9.10.3)**

So **tasyanucaritam** means **Ramasya caritam** and also called as **Laksmanasya caritam, Shatrughnasya caritam, Bharatsya caritam**. Oh! Rajan which king is this? **King Parikshit, Sukadev Goswami** is addressing **Rajan King Parikshit**.

**tattva-darsibhih srutam hi varnitam**

The knower of truth always recites the pastimes of these four brothers headed by Sri Rama. Sages always recite not only pastimes, but also the **nama, rupa, guna, lila, dhama**. Recitation of or kirtana means also recitation, kirtana means glory singing the glories.

**Kirtaniya sada hari**

That doesn't mean only kirtana. Chanting of the name is also nama kirtana. There is also guna kirtana, lila kirtana. There is dhama kirtana of the Lord. The pastime, glories of holy name, glory of His glorious qualities, glorious pastimes, glorious abode and glorious devotees of Sri Rama. This is all being recited by rasis, and sages those who know Rama tattva,

Krishna tattva or Vishnu tattva.

**janma karma ca me divyam  
evam yo vetti tattvatah  
tyaktva deham punar janma  
naiti mam eti so arjuna (BG 4.9)**

The Lord's not only pastime, birth also, **janma tattva, nama tattva, guna tattva, lila tattva, dhama tattva**. There are so many tattvas, Pancha tattva. Don't get confused tattva is true science. **Sukadev Goswami** says, "**Tose tatvadarshis**, the knowers of truth or those who realized the truth always talk varnitam. As you rajan can srutam, sita patihe, **Sita pati Sri Rama's Charitam charitra tatvadarshis** have been speaking varnitam and tvaya shrutam

Where in the next verse **Sukadev Goswami** has condensed the whole Ramayana. Some seeds ideas are there in one verse which covers kind of all the pastimes.

avatan nah

I will read end of the prayer first nah means all of us, May that Rama protect us, be pleased with us. You would also like Rama to protect you? Do you have life insurance, body guard and all kind of defence mechanisms? And **Sukadev Goswami** has already said about that,

**deha apatya kalatradisu**

They have so much faith in deha, strength of their body, apatya their offsprings, kalatra the wives, relatives, doctors, lawyer. This is the very beginning of Bhagavat recitation so much faith, in this kind of army – my body, my children, my desire, my army, my wife. I have wife but this is all asat. This is my army but his army is asat – fallible and will not help, specially at time of death. In a picture a person in Bombay opened his heart and a photograph of a Limca bottle appeared. It was not Sita Rama. Hanuman tore his chest

and showed his complete faith is in Sri Rama only, but this person had a Limca bottle. And another person he was into coca cola. He was about to die and the family surrounded him> he only had a few more moments to go and then children were saying, “Daddy, Daddy please say Bhola at least say bhola.” They were Bhola devotees Shankar Bholenath. “Please say Bhola” The father did not say Bhola he only said coca cola. The last word taking shelter of coca cola thinking of coca cola, full of coca cola.

**yam yam vapi smaran bhavam tyajaty ante kalevaRama  
tam tam evaiti kaunteya sada tad-bhava-bhavitah**

He went to coca cola loka – America. Sukadev Goswami had already said that only the Lord could help.

**rama raghav rama raghav rama raghav rakshamam**

**Caitanya Mahaprabhu** always recited that. So this verse is also a prayer for protection. May **Sri Rama** be pleased with me and once he is pleased, protect me and those who He is pleased with.

**gurv-arthe tyakta-rajyo vyacarad anuvanam padma-padbhyam  
priyayah**

**pani-sparsaksamabhyam mrjita-patha-rujo yo harindranujabhyam  
vairupyac churpanakhyah priya-viraha-rusaropita-bhru-vijrmbha-  
trastabdhir baddha-setu? khala-dava-dahanah kosalendro vatan  
nah**

The condensed Ramayan in one verse. Ramayan’s very first is chapter Bala Kanda. You heard Bala Kanda otherwise Ramayan has been recited by Valmiki Muni in seven kandas. **As Bhagavatam has skandas and Mahabharat has Parvas, Ramayan has Kandas – 7 kandas. Bala Kanda, Ayodhya Kanda, Aranya kanda, Kishkindha Kanda, Sundarkanda and Yudha kanda and then Rama returns to Ayodhya that is Uttarkanda.**

Bhagavatam has **18,000 verses** and Ramayana has 24,000 verses

compiled by **Adi Kavi Valmiki Muni**. Wonderful, powerful, beautiful scripture!

### **gurv-arthe tyakta-rajyo**

For the sake of His father Lord Rama gave up the kingdom. He is about to be the crown prince and he gave it all up.

### **vyacarad anuvanam**

He was wondering for 14 years from one forest to another to another including Dandakaranya. Then it says Lord's Lotus feet were very tender. So how did He wander? A chariot was provided at the beginning but He also adamant. "Let me be a vanavasi not only in name. A vanavasi resides and walks around barefoot so that what Rama's program.

### **padma-padbhyam priyayah**

**Sukadev Goswami** says Lord's Lotus feet were so soft and tender they could not even bear the touch of Sita's hand. This means that Sita's hand were too rough because the Lotus Feet were very soft.

### **patha-rujo yo harindranujabhyam**

However during all this travel time and trying times many devotees helped the Lord but two have been mentioned specifically. Harindra was always helpful. Hari is monkey. Hari has another meaning Hari is monkey and Hari also means lion. Hanuman was a monkey under Harindra King. Sukadev Goswami says one personality was Hanuman and Anuja, anu means man to follow and ja means one who take birth. Rama took birth and Laksman also took birth right after, so Ramanuja is Laksman. Ramanujacarya is the incarnation of Laksmana. So he is called Ramanuja. Hanuman and Laksmana they were very helpful – assisting, giving relief to Sri Rama throughout his travel in different forest.

### **vairupyac churpanakhyah**

There was time Shurpanakha on the Bank of **Godavari panchvati**. She was disfigured. Her nose was chopped out. She had gone to Lanka complaining to Ravana. That rascal Ravana who kidnapped Sita and that made Rama very angry.

**rusaropita-bhru-vijrmbha**

As he was looking for Sita and finally He met the monkey Army and others. **Sugriva, Jambavan** were at **Rameshwaram** waiting for the ocean God to come forward and help out how to cross. It was delaying Rama who became very furious. He built Setu and crossed Indian Ocean to reach Lanka.

**khala-dava-dahanah**

Then he killed and finally burnt that kalnayak Ravana who was killed. That killer of Ravana is described here as **kaushalendraindra**. The King of Kaushal the country called Kaushal and that is **Sri Rama**. Avatanah, may he pleased with us may He protect all of us, with that prayer we stop.

**Jai Sri Rama**

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# Sign Says Matchless Gift

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**Venue: Den Haag, Netherland**

**Dated: April 26, 2016**

You all are welcome. I see some old faces, lot of new faces also. And some faces I don't see them here, maybe they are on their way. It's a very special year, this year. You know what is so special about this year? There will be a Bhumi Puja. **ISKCON** Den Haag will have their own Vedic style designed

temple. Of course it will not be completed this year. It has been announced that the bhumi puja is next month. Please be there. I was in Germany and there is a big **Radha Madanmohan** temple and **Radhadesh** has a landmark, some historic location. I was traveling around and every other place has their own big temple, except Den Haag. This year you will have your own temple.

There are so many temples so what is the need of yet another temple? Someone asked **Srila Prabhupada** that question "Swami, there are so many temples in India. Why are you building some new temples"? **Prabhupada** asked that gentleman who was there with his good wife. "Is that sitting next to you your wife?"

"Yes, yes she is my wife."

"And that boy is that your son?"

"Yes, he is my son."

**Prabhupada** said, "There are so many children already what was the need of one more?"

"No, but this is my son. There might be other children but this is my son.?"

**Prabhupada** said, " There are so any temples but this will be my temple, my **Krishna's** temple." So that's one reason why this is a special year.

Yet there is another reason why 2016 is very important year for the **International Society for Krishna Consciousness**. You can say this is fiftieth birth anniversary of **ISKCON**. **ISKCON** was founded in 1966 when **Prabhupada** went to the West. Last year was **Jaladuta 50**. **Prabhupada** was a devaduta, messenger of **Krishna**. He sat in the **Jaladuta** and went to the West as instructed by his spiritual master to fulfil the wishes of his spiritual master. This **Krishna** consciousness is so essential for everybody. Every soul in the world, especially in the Western world. They know very little about how God is great. Yes, they know 'God is great', but they don't know how God is great. "Love thy Lord with all thy heart and all thy strength"

says the bible. But not knowing who the Lord is? And not knowing who you actually are? It is very difficult to love the Lord with all thy heart and all thy strength. One **ISKCON** devotee had come to India and one Indian Hindu gentleman had asked why he had become Hindu? "You gave up your Christianity, and have you become Hindu?" He said, "No, no no now I have become a better Christian. Before all I was told "Thou shall not kill". This is also one of the 10 commandments "Thou shall not kill." But that is what we did all day. Well, we did not kill personally. Someone else slaughtered the animals and then we ate for breakfast for lunch, dinner but "Thou shall not kill."

But now no more killing for me. My menu is menu that is given by God.

**patram pushpam phalam toyam yo me bhaktya prayacchati**

No more **muttonam chikanam biryanim fisham**. So before I had heard some priests were talking "Thou shall not kill" but they killed. Someone killed animals for us and then we ate them. We gobbled them up, but now I don't do that anymore. So I am a better Christian, now I am practising Christianity. **Srila Prabhupada** was asked by his spiritual master go to the West and propagate this **Krishna consciousness** in the Western world in English. That's why we are speaking in English here. Not that we don't speak in local or regional languages, but **Prabhupada** was asked to preach in the English language.

So that was in 1965 when **Prabhupada** reached America under so many unfavourable conditions. **Prabhupada** had to go through so much struggle. Then he managed to get. I am saying all this in this hall here and in New York 26 Second avenue that was the address where **ISKCON** started. It was a store front. What **Prabhupada** managed to rent out was the store front a store. That store was shifted elsewhere and then **Prabhupada** took over and at some point **Prabhupada's** followers found out there was a sign at the top. Should we take that down **Swamiji**? **Prabhupada** wanted to know what the sign said? Sign says matchless

gift. **Prabhupada** said, "Don't take it down. It's a good sign. What I am distributing here is a matchless gift. **Krishna consciousness** is a matchless gift. Krishna is matchless and everything about Krishna is a matchless. The message of **Bhagavat Gita** is matchless. The philosophy is matchless. The culture is matchless. The holy name is matchless, matchless prasada. Is there anything like Krishna prasada in this world?"

So that matchless gift is where Krishna consciousness started. So '65 was arrival and '66 **Prabhupada** started **International Society for Krishna Consciousness** with the help of a bunch of American boys and girls. **Prabhupada** was trying to start this movement in India and he was trying to get some followers, some youths to join. He was asking Indians how many children they had? "5, good give me 1." We picked up the right one the other day. I asked how many children he has? He said I have none. In those days they were having 5 children or ashtaputra saubhagyavati. These were the blessings – I bless you . May you have 8 children. Sages or brahmins would bless like that. But now that is a thing of the past.

In **Prabhupada's** days having half a dozen children was common. **Prabhupada** would appeal to "please give me one son. I will train him, I will send him all over the world or make him a preacher in Krishna consciousness", but no one was coming forward. One gentleman was traveling in the same train as **Srila Prabhupada**. He was traveling with his son and he kept appealing, begging and bugging **Srila Prabhupada**, "**Swamiji Swamiji**, bless my son, bless my son." He was not leaving **Prabhupada** alone every now and then, "please bless my son, bless my son." So **Prabhupada** said 'Give me your son'. After hearing that this gentleman left the compartment and went far away where **Swamiji** would never find this person and person's son.

But as he reached America then some American boys and girls were ready. They were already kind of loitering on the

streets. They were disgusted, frustrated with so much to enjoy and they were looking for some alternatives. That materialism had not satisfied them and it's not possible, materialism cannot satisfy us to satisfy our senses, satisfy our mind. There is some entertainment, some body satisfaction, mind satisfaction but soul satisfaction is not possible. Deep within us is our soul. We see something and then there is some happiness. Something we hear, some music, touch, smell gives some temporary pleasure, but that is flickering and just disappears like bubbles. How long do bubbles last? They don't last very long. That's why the acaryas have said,

**kamala dala jala jivana tala mala**

Like having a drop of water on kamala dal, lotus petal. With a little wind **tala mala, tala mala kamala dala jala jivana tala mala** is finished. Hence the advice is,

**bhajahu hari pada niti re**

Hari pada – lotus Feet of Hari should be worshiped and that is permanent.

**bhajahu re mana sri-nanda-nandana abhaya-caran?aravinda re**

When **Srila Prabhupada** was in that store front he started holding programs twice a week. On the street in the park he would hand out some visiting cards, invitation cards to come to the store front, the matchless gift place. He was getting good numbers and this matchless gift place was becoming packed. One of the special attractions was the prasada which Swamiji would cook before the arrival of his guests. 100 to 150 would fit into the hall which was a little bigger than this.

So he would cook and come down and give **pravachan**. Everything was brand new to these American folks. They had not even heard of all this. Hare Krishna what? Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, and **Prabhupada** would sometimes show Radha Krishna photographs.

This is the flute player. This is **Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead**. And they would ask what is that girl doing there? Next to God, who is that girl. So much ignorance. **Prabhupada** had to start from scratch. He did not mind. He knew this is what he had to do. He would deliver his talk. They did not know even how to sit down. Like most of you are sitting, this is called **sukhasan** if not **padmasan**. Different lotus position is **padmasan**. But cross-legged is called **sukhasan**, **sukh-asan** comfortable sitting. They did not know.

They did not know how to sit and **Prabhupada** taught them how to sit. Then he would get them to stand up and he was teaching them the dance. He was chanting and dancing. Not only chanting. Chanting has to be accompanied with dancing. So would get them to stand up and raise their hands and it became universal known as the swami step. That dance became popular as the swami step.

**Prabhupada** taught that. Talk and then **kirtana** and getting them to sit down for prasada. They would all sit down and who would serve? Swamiji had to serve all of them and he did not mind. He was happy. He was 70 years old. He was raising some funds to maintain this establishment, sponsor the prasada. After prasada they would all leave and Swamiji had to clean not only the hall, but the plates and the pots. This is just a little sampling of what **Prabhupada** was going through. You should study the life or teachings of **Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada**. **Prabhupada lilamrita** is available in Dutch? English ,of course yes and maybe some 100 languages is available. Even Chinese are printing. You should all study the life of **Srila Prabhupada**. It is some additional chapters of **Bhagavatam**. **Prabhupada** was Bhagavat,

person-bhagavat, maha bhagavat.

svayambhur narada? sambhuh kumarah kapilo manuh?prahlado  
janako bhismo balir vaiyasakir vayam

Twelve original 12 bhagavats are mentioned in **Srimad-Bhagvatam** and in that parampara, disciplic succession, **Prabhupada** was a living Bhagavat. Studying his life is studying Bhagavatam.

### **nityam bhagavata sevaya**

This is the statement from **Bhagavatam** and **Prabhupada** translates that as Studying **Bhagavatam** or serving person bhagavat, reading book bhagavat or serving person bhagavat. That is the meaning of **nityam bhagvata sevaya**.

Knowing **Srila Prabhupada** **maha bhagavat** and then taking inspiration from his life and then you try to follow the footsteps of **Srila Prabhupada**. Some of those followers were now becoming serious students, serious practitioners. They started chanting,

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare**  
**Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

Prabhupada gathered that serious group together and asked them if they could assist him in the propagation of Krishna consciousness, but they had to follow the four regulative principles to become his associate members or initiated disciples. For the first time Prabhupada split out in a formal way he spelled out the four regulative principles.

No meat, fish or eggs, no intoxication including tea and coffee, no illicit sex and no gambling. "So are you ready?" You are still thinking but those who were present before **Prabhupada** did not take much time. They said, "Yes Swamiji, we are ready." Everybody present there was ready to follow these four regulative principals. Then with the help of those handful American youths **Srila Prabhupada** found this Hare Krishna movement in 1966 and then **ISKCON's** first temple **Radha Govinda Mandir** in New York opened. After 50 years you are opening here in Den Haag, but the first Radha Govinda temple was opened in New York. Now **ISKCON** has 650 temples around the world in a short span of 50 years. And millions of books have

been distributed in over 100 languages. There are over 100 **Govinda's** restaurants around the world. Farm communities around the world. Prasada distribution is big. In India we have something called midday meal served to the school going children at midday. Every day **ISKCON** distributes 1.2 million plates of prasada. Did you hear that? 1.2 million plates daily served at this midday meal scheme.

**ISKCON** holds 10 000 festivals every year. **Janmastami, Gaur Purnima, Ratha yatra**, and many more. The Grand total is over 10 000 festivals. All this in a short span of 50 years, and this is just a beginning. This is **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** movement. **ISKCON** is **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** program as per **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** vision. Krishna's of course **Ramacandra, Krishnacandra**, but specially **Caitanyacandra, Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. Rama appeared in **Treta-yuga** Krishna appeared in **Dvapara yuga** but we are in **Kali-yuga** so,

**dharma-samsthapanarthaya sambhavami sambhavami yuge yuge**

The latest advent of the Lord was 520 years ago in the form of **Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. He has given to this world this yuga dharma which is the chanting the holy names of the Lord. Tulasi Das also says,

**kali yuga kevala nama adhara**

Nama is the only adhar, only shelter, only base, only protection in this age of kali. Every time Kali-yuga comes there is the same dharma. How many times does Kali-yuga come? So many times. In Brahma's one day, Brahma Vishnu Mahesh, In Brahma's one day **1000 Kali-yugas** come. **1000 Satya yugas, 1000 Treta yugas, 1000 Dvapara yugas** and **1000 Kali-yugas**. Every time, so this is not the first time **Kali-yuga** has appeared. So now what to do? Nothing to worry. Checkout what was done in the previous **Kali-yuga**. What was the process? Same process that would work out this time also.

Every time there is a winter – is this is winter or summer?

Climatic changes occur because of our misbehaviour. The way we are treating mother earth, cutting the trees and deforestation. So many factories and chimneys, who's smoke expel CO2 and what not, animal killing. As a result we have increased the temperature of mother earth. Temperature is rising 4 degrees than normal. As a result of all this everything is topsy-turvy. This could be just the beginning of what is in store for us. Man is so greedy wanting to enjoy and exploit mother earth – deforestation, cutting the trees. The nice trees and greenery and flowers everywhere. This is like a sari worn by mother earth. She wears green sari and flowers are like embroidery. But you know what happened when Dushasan attempted to disrobe mother Draupadi. Result was the war and killing because of the way Dushasan dealt with mother Draupadi. He was trying to disrobe her.

This forest and the trees and greenery, this is a sari. This is the clothing of mother earth and we are just chopping, cutting and we are getting reactions. So much enjoying spirit. The survey conducted recently on the consumption of consumers goods said that if the whole world consumed as much as whatever they consume then for the waste we would require five earths. One would not be sufficient. You want go by the American land of enjoyment, land of opportunities. The land the whole world would like to imitate. All Indians like to. So many attempts to exploit the resources where there is gold deep in the body of mother earth and the small city towns inside the earth. The railway tracks go miles in the depth of the earth. I have seen a gold mine in South Africa. By a lift they took us way down. I don't know how many stories down and we were walking and we had helmets and a guided tour.

There so many are there. Now the scientists were hoping that the they would make this world enjoyable. They did lots of industrial economy and what now? Now the scientists say that this planet is not liveable anymore and that we better look for another planet. Their hands are up, " Sorry folks. We

can't deliver our promises."

The sea levels are rising. I don't know what would happen to Mauritius, a small Island in the middle of Indian Ocean. And right on the banks of the ocean and there is no high altitude. There is just a few meters height and all will be drowned in the water.

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Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

So every time Kali-yuga comes you have to chant Hare Krishna.

**harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam?kalau nasty eva  
nasty eva nasty eva gatih anyatha**

Kalau means the age of kali. There is no other way, there is no other way, there is no other way. Only the chanting of the holy names of the Lord. This is the truth . This is the arrangement of the Lord. It may not be known so much in the West because they follow this culture ,that culture and some new religions, some religion 1500 year old religion or maybe 2500 year old religion. But religion has to be eternal. Religions are not created or born. Anything and everything that has a beginning has and end also. This is a simple law rule here. This religion that religion started on such and such date will also have a beginning and an end.

We are talking of jivas, the living entity dharma has to be eternal. If you want to give a name to dharma then Sanatana dharma is one name. Sanatana means no beginning no end, eternal. And that is the dharma of every living entity regardless of whether they may say, "I am Christian, I am Hindu, I am Muslim". This is the faith, but religion, dharma ,the characteristic of the living entity does not change.

Electricity must give a shock or sugar is always sweet, salt is always salty. Being salty is the dharma of salt, being sweet is a dharma of sugar. So every living entity has a

dharma and the dharma for all living entities is the same. Brahmas one day has 1000 cycles of this four **yugas Satya-Treta-Dvapara-Kali** put together is **Maha yuga** and 1000 times. Once again to become universal applicable everywhere. **Caitanya Mahaprabhu appearing 500 years ago** established this chanting as a yuga dharma for this age of kali and he predicted that this would spread all over the world. As per His visions and predictions now you see it is spreading all over the world. Chanting is spreading all over the world. Practically every country in the world has the presence of the Hare Krishna movement. In this **Kali-yuga** there is a golden period of **10,000 years**, out of those **10,000 years Caitanya Mahaprabhu** appeared 500 years ago. So 500 years and then 50 years. **ISKCON** is 50 years old. We have **9500 years** to go. This Krishna consciousness movement has already spread in 50 years. We will be spreading Krishna consciousness movement for another almost **9-10000 years in global** phenomena universal.

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God has a name, form, qualities and pastimes. **Prabhupada** always appealed to the audience, Indians to understand this movement. Then he would also repeat what **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** had said or expected specially those who have some Bharat connection, some Indian origin.

**bharata-bhumite haila manusya janma yara?janma sarthaka kari  
kara para-upakara**

These are words of **Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. You are born in India. Of course at one time India was not limited to the present map of India. India was all over the planet. It was Bharat Varsha. We find remnants of India's presence and culture in all the continents. If you have taken birth on this planet in Bharat Varsha then you would like to make your life perfect. How to do this?

## **janma sarthaka kari kara para-upakara**

To make your life perfect do **para-upakar**. **Srila Prabhupada** has set that example the world is in need of Krishna. Krishna consciousness is lacking. Everything else is there and what this world is lacking, is Krishna consciousness. The soul needs Krishna. The soul could only be happy when it attains Krishna or Rama He has many names, many forms. He appears again and again in different forms. You accept Krishna consciousness and you practice Krishna consciousness and you propagate. Share this Krishna consciousness with as many people- your family members, your neighbours, your circle of friends. As much bigger circle you could make spread, propagate this. Let the word of God spread.

And it says as **paropkaraya**, '**paropkaraya vahanti nadya**' that comes at the end. For the benefit of others rivers flow and distribute water.

**paropakaraya vahanthi nadhyaha**  
**paropakaraya dhuhanthi gavaha**

The cows give milk for others, **paropakaraya phalanthi vrkshaha** – for the benefit of others trees give fruits. **paropakarartham idham shariram** – specially this human form of life is for paropkaraya. This **Krishna consciousness** is the topmost welfare programme for humanity at large. Debt, disease and fire must be dealt with urgently, you hear that. Something is on fire, "Oh! I will take my breakfast". No! The world is on fire, **davagni**.

**samsara-davanala-lidha-loka**

What could extinguish the fire? Mercy clouds. when the forest is on fire you cannot throw a few buckets of water. When the forest is on fire you cannot go there with a spoon and sprinkle some water. That would not do. No other attempts would work. You need some mercy from above. That mercy is the mercy of the Lord which also comes down through His devotees,

sadhus , mahatmas.

Hari Hari!