

We stand united to unite Prabhupada's family

Venue: Pune

I appreciate and I understand by what Radhanath Maharaj has presented his heart. These are not just the words. His words are not different from him, he is those words. We are basically, practically the first generation that is entering Maharashtra to establish Krsna consciousness, Caitanaya Mahaprabhu's and Srila Prabhupada's movement. It is kind of dharma, "dharma samsthapanarthaya", Krsna appears.

Yesterday I was thinking how fortunate and how rare devotees, leaders we are. Of course, we cannot be compared with Srila Prabhupada. He was the only one, there could not be two Prabhupadas. Only one Prabhupada was made 'nimitra matram', nimitra- to propagate Krsna consciousness all over the world. But then we are also chosen, we are also picked up. We are also being made instruments, **'nimitra matram' to spread, establish Krsna consciousness, we are amongst the selected few.**

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has selected us also to become followers of Prabhupada, so that Prabhupada's mission which is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission gets established. We being the very first generation entering the field, we have very great responsibility upon us. Because we are going to be establishing the foundation of Krsna consciousness in the world, in India in general and say Maharashtra. So more purely we do that, more transcendently we do that. As much as is within our power, get rid of kaam, krodha, lust and another thing, all these kinds of lower natures.

Maharaj was saying, I said, "This meeting will be not the first or last meeting on this subject. We'll have ongoing

dialogue.” And Maharaj said, “Only when we become paramhansas then this topic ends.” This morning he said, “Oh we are among the paramhansas.” Sometimes, some transcendental differences. So we have sacred duty to perform here in Maharashtra to establish Krsna consciousness. And united we stand, divided we fall. **“sangah sakti kalau yuge”, in kali yuga shakti comes by sanga, association.** Sanga and sangha also. Sanga is association and sangha is the organization, within that there is a sanga. Within sangha, there is sanga. So that sangha is shakti it comes from uniting, getting together. I do not wish, I mean you are young. Most of you are young folks, us and myself, we don’t have much time at our disposal. We have started losing our Godbothers left and right. Three of us took sannyas together. Two of those are gone to join Krsna, Prabhupada and I am the third next in the list. I want to take it further seriously my mission, my service to Srila Prabhupada. That I do not only do with my disciples. I want to work as a team, unite and function and be successful for pleasure of Prabhupada and glory of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

What hurts me, I may not say this all the time but I, liking and loving my disciples no big deal. That’s anyone, your disciple so you love and like. But I like and love and associate and serve with disciples of my Godbrothers. I feel that’s the broadening of the vision and family and transcending this petty weakness of neophyte. Of course we are not mayavadis and we are one. There is some, that’s eternal relationship with the spiritual master that identity is there. But that’s just one part of our life. There is Prabhupada, Caitanya Mahaprabhu, **“jivera svarupa haya krsnera nitya dasa” (C.C Madhya 20.108)** and all those, that’s us also. That’s our life, that’s our philosophy. So when these things get emphasized at different levels, my guru, his guru and this. And there is yet another dvandva, another dual nature, duality we add all. It is already day and night, rich and poor, man and woman, you go on adding. There is a big list of dvandva,

duality of this material existence. And on top of that we add one more, his disciple, my disciple, your disciple, this guru, that guru. This is yet another dimension of the duality. We may be adding if we are of some neophyte mentality, fanaticism, groupism and those thoughts are dwelling.

So I am also very much with Radhanath Maharaj, he has well worded. I don't think I could edit or improve; we stand united to unite Prabhupada's family. We are Prabhupada's family and of course everyone is. Not that Maharashtra is united and then Madhya Pradesh gets united and then... No, there is a bigger family, there is a bigger circle. Unity of the purpose, unity of the vision, this is what we look forward to. For long time I have been using this example of Gaudiya Math, their fall down or as Prabhupada had, they met with difficulties. They emphasized the acharyas and not the GBC. Not exactly there was no problem with the GBC but some kind of organization and the managers.

But this morning, I had a dialogue with Radhanath Maharaj. And the first time I understood something very very important for which I am very grateful. And I want to share that with you. He said, there is a difference; they emphasized one Acharya over the organization. And may be in due course of time there will be two acharyas and then two maths and four acharyas and then four maths and like that multiplied. But here of course the present, we are Gurus as GBC wants to address them, call them as and not acharyas as such. So we Gurus if we are united, if the Gurus are united, Gurus in ISKCON are united and then of course, if we are with the GBC, under GBC; the ultimate managing authorities of ISKCON is GBC. Then there could be no disunity of the kind that Gaudiya Math has seen, that's a history.

What Maharaj added was that neophyte disciples come to Guru with this complain. "Oh, this, they are saying this against you and this conversation going against you. That kind of campaign is going on against you or against our temple, this

and that.” And then Guru gets fired up or Guru gets concerned and Guru agrees and that could be the end of the show. Instead if Guru could read or realize, here is some weakness of this disciple. It is neophyte mentality, his weakness; he is trying to convey that.

So if instead Guru taking the side of the neophyte disciple, if he could crush the kind of attitude or mentality or attempt that disciple or aspiring candidate is making from his point of view. He doesn't know there will be disunity as a result that he doesn't know. But if the spiritual master could point that out and crush that weakness and lower nature and stay united with other Godbrothers and spiritual masters. Then that lower nature is taken care of, that ignorance, that passion. Then we could avoid the repetition of that history Gaudiya Math is.

Radhanath Maharaj did put in better words. I am just his student, just learnt these things from him which was lingering in my mind for long long time. I always was quoting this as example which was Praphupada's example. But there is something parallel but that Maharaj pointed out difference to me this morning. Some kinds of words trying to share that with you.

My main concern here is unity I suppose, how to stay united. When I see different symptoms, different statements, different strategies, different things, as a result I talked sometimes, I have spoken. So I am speaking again and I'll seek more later. On this subject I have other things to say.. Thank you for your patience and listening to me.

Dwaraka Lila of Lord Krishna

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Srila Prabhupada gave us Bhagvat and taught us “nityam bhagvat sevaya”. Bhagvat sravanam is not to be done for just 7 days but like Parikshit maharaja heard it continuously for 7 days. His death was destined in 7 days and we say our death also is destined in seven days Sunday.. Monday ...Saturday, one day in a week.

So in ISKCON Srila Prabhupada gave us seva of **“nityam bhagvat sevaya”**.

In every temple every day we have Bhagvat sravan every day one slok is discussed. So you also by hearing for 7 days you will also get addicted to hearing Bhagvat, for example alcoholic keeps on drinking and says “jina to kaya jina pine ke bina”. Like that by regularly hearing Bhagavat we will get addicted and one day will come we will not be able to live without “Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. One man used to say I will read Bhagvat tomorrow, I will read Bhagvat tomorrow ...and tomorrow as no end.

Lord is bakebihari he is not straight, Lord Krishna is given the name Tribhanga Lalit, he whose body assumes a beautiful threefold bending form. So it's very difficult to make Him enter our heart but once He enters then it's very difficult to remove Him, as He is Tribhanga.

So first day we had Bhagvat katha we heard about glories of Prabhupada, he is himself Bhagvat .

Second day we heard about Lord Badrinarayan and third day Rameshwar katha and in Dwapara yuga Lord Krishna appeared and

He went to Dwaraka and was called Dwarakadhish.

Dwaraka dham ki ..jai.

So Lord stayed for 11 years in Vrindavan then Kamsa sent Akrura. Narada told Kamsa about Krsna Balaram whom he was searching for.

**“nainam chindanti sastrani nainam dahati pavakah
na cainam kledayanty apo na sosayati marutah”**

The soul can never be cut into pieces by any weapon, nor can he be burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind. This knowledge is known by devotees that's called Science of Self realization. One who thinks I will kill God is a big fool, he is a demon. So as Narada had told Kamsa about Krishna Balaram and Akrur goes to Vrindavan to bring them and there is abhanga in Marathi

**“Soduniya Gopinath Krsna Mathuresi Gela...akrurane raath
sajavila ...ratha”.**

Om namo bhagvate vasudevaya, so these two vasudev's -Krishna and Balaram were brought by Akrura to Mathura in Mathura Lord stayed for 18 years every year one war with Jarasanda at Lohavan for 17 times. Then Krishna killed Kamsa. His wives Asti and Prapti were daughters of Jarasanda went crying to their father. Then Jarasanda wants to take revenge and wants to now kill Krishna and with this thought he used to come for war. With 23 aksayoni divisions of armies. And Krishna's policy was to kill all army and keep Jarasanda alive so next year he used to again come for war. On the other side Kalyavan wants have war with some powerful person and Narada muni tell him yes take this address and go to Mathura. Krishna thought both these armies will harm are Mathuravasis. So let's shift all of them to a safe place. The Krishna comes to dwaraka and takes some land from samudra devta on condition that once your Lila is over the lease will be over of the land. Then overnight a Nagari was set up by Visvakarma who is Lord's

architecture. The nagari was said to be out of this world that city was in this world but out of this world it was divya , its cintamani dhama. Lords dhama is abhina from Lord and it's eternal. And the same night mathura vasis were transferred to Dwaraka.

Then when Jarasanda comes on the 18th time but Lord was not interested in war with him. It was boring routine for Him. And at same time Rukmini maiya was remembering him and send letter to him. And Lord left the war field and Jarasanda said oh!!Ranchoda Ranchoda. But he has forgotten how Lord defeated him for 17 times. As Lord left the war and came to Dawarak he was glorified as Ranchoda rai ki... jai

Then Balaram was also married to Revati daughter of king Revata. Now Krishna was to be married. And in vidarbha region, in kaundinyapur also called as kundinpur is at the bank of Vardayini river. Kaundinyapur is near Amravati and by hearing katha of Lord from rishi munis coming to kaundinyapur. She fell in love with Lord and she decided I will marry only Krishna and here in dwaraka Krishna also made mind to get married to Rukmini. But Rukmi brother of Rukmini want her to get married to Sisupala number one enemy of Krishna.

When Rukmini heard this she wrote love letter to Lord and send with a Brahman. When Lord reads the letter He goes to kaundinyapur with the Brahman who had brought letter. In the morning when Balaram comes to know Krishna has gone he also goes with small army to kaundanyapur.

So all vidarbha vasi had darshan of Krishna and Balaram. Sukdev Goswami says in katha, the vidarbha vasis with the cups of their eyes were drinking beauty of Lord Krishna and Balaram and were getting satisfied.

So Krishna kidnaps Rukmini when she goes for darshan of Ambika. A meeting point was decided first and Rukmini told Krishna to take her from there. Lord goes with his ratha at that place and Rukmini is waiting for Lord Krishna. Many kings

had come for the marriage of Rukmini and Sisupala but all in vain and Krishna took away Rukmini. And there was war between the two parties. And when Krishna reaches dwaraka first marriage of Krishna took place and Rukimini of Maharashtra became patarani of Krishna.

But Rukmini is not from Maharashtra or Krishna is not from Gujarat. They are from their dhama. Krishna is Shakatiman and his queens and Radha rani and gopis are Lords alhadini sakti – pleasure potency of Lord they give pleasure to the Lord. We are also small saktis of Lord; we can also give pleasure to Lord.

We are very small,

**“balagra-sata-bhagasya satadha kalpitasya ca
bhago jivah vijneyah sa canantya kalpate”**

“When the upper point of a hair is divided into one hundred parts and again each of such parts is further divided into one hundred parts, each such part is the measurement of the dimension of the spirit soul.

As in Vrindavan Lord has 8 gopis like that in dwaraka there are 8 Queens and Rukmini is patarani. And Lord marriages other 7 queens. Daughter of Jambavan is Jambavati, searching for Shyamantaka-mani He came in cave of Jambavan, Jambavati was playing with the jewel Krishna tried to take the jewel but Jambavan had war with Him for many days. Then one day Jambavan thought who is this person is he my Lord Ram?. Then he realised he is my Lord. Then Jambavan give the jewel and Jambavati to Krishna. Then he marries Satyabhama. Then Kalindi daughter of Suryadev. Yamraj and Kalindi are brother and sister, Yam – yami. Krishna accepted Kalinda as wife, four wives then Mitravinda also wants to marry Krishna but her brothers were followers of Duryodhana. But Krishna came and took away Mitravinda and married her. Satya also called as Nagnajiti, but she wanted to marry person who will fight with the seven strong bulls. Many came and tried but all failed

then came Dwarakadhish and fought with the 7 bulls and defeated them and then got married to Nagnajiti. Then He marries Bhadra and then 8th wife Lakshmana.

We have heard Krishna has 16008 wives but this calculation comes to only 8. Then once Krishna was going to svarga loka so he went to Assam side with Satyabhama on Garuda. A special gift was to be given to Satyabhama, when Dwaraka was established that time Indra had brought Parijat trees as a gift.

So east India Pragjyotishpur there Baumasura was staying he had kidnapped 16000 princes and they send message to Krishna to save them. So Lord goes there and first He encounters with mura demon and kills him so called as Murari. So this guard of Bhaumasura was killed. Bhaumasura was son of earth. Krishna kills him and takes all the 16000 princes. And Lord goes to svarga and brings parijat tree for Satyabhama. This was not welcomed by Demigods so there was takes place and after that Lord comes back to Dwaraka and marries all 16000 princes so all together 16008 wives.

He does not stay in apartments He has palaces for each wife. And in each palace marriage was taking place and the queens were 16000 but Krishna was only one. That's Lord, there is nothing surprising in this, Vrindavan to play rasa with 3 crore Gopis He expands and with each Gopi there is one Krishna. And He expands also for us for every Jiva one Krishna, in everyone's heart Krishna is there as Parmatma. As said in Katha Upanishad, Paramatma is sakashi.

"isvarah sarva-bhutanam hrd-dese arjuna tisthati"- The Supreme Lord is situated in everyone's heart.

"bhramayan sarva-bhutanani yantrarudhani mayaya"- Body is called as yantra.

So in Dwaraka Lord made arrangement that Vasudev and Devaki also were present for each and every marriage. Then savadhan subha mangalam, for Lords what savadhan? It's all mangal. When

Lord goes to Sudharma sabha, from 16008 palaces 16008 ratha used to come to entrance of sudharma sabha and then they all become one and one Krishna enters the sabha and in evening after office hours, one Krishna comes out and 16008 ratha are waiting for Him. And then Lord enters each ratha and moves to respective palace. Satyabhama..Laxmana..Rukmini. And Lord gives birth to 10 sons from each queen and lives a family life that is also His Lila.

So from Dwarka Krishna goes to many places for marriages. Then He goes to Kuruksetra at time of surya grahan to take bath in surya kunda in Kuruksetra, He starts His journey and before that He stayed for 18 years in Mathura and 11 years in Vrindavan and rest time He spends in Dwaraka. He was based in Dwaraka. So vraj vasis were missing him. He send letter to vraj vasis saying I am coming to Kuruksetra you all come to meet me there. So vraj vasi and dwaraka vasi meet each other. Radha Rani also meets Krishna, gopis also meet Krishna. Then again Krishna goes to Kuruksetra for war.

Oh! Arjuna only got Krishna and I got all army, Duryodhana was very happy. Krishna goes to Kuruksetra. And He stays there for 18 days and drives the ratha of Arjuna. Lord said message of Gita there which is the best gift for us. Ignorance is cause of all suffering so Krishna gave us knowledge about atma parmatma. The money making vidya is not vidya its atmah-killer of atma. Prabhupada used to say now a days the school and colleges are slaughter house of spirituality.

“yavat jivet sukham jivet” – as long as living enjoy, but if you don’t have money take loan- “rinam kritva ghritam pibet”. “bhasmi bhutasya dehasya punaragamanam kutah”- Once body is finished everything is finished, so who knows about karma and its reactions.

So Lord due to His mercy gave us prasad it was not only for Arjuna but for all of us now it’s are turn. Then Krishna returns to Hastinapur after war. Then Yudhisthira maharaja thinks it’s due me all were killed in war. He was sad and

Krishna was counselling him.

Bhisma pitamaha was on the bed of arrows but he had Benediction of ischa mrutyu. So Krishna comes to meet Him so this is the third visit of Krishna to Kuruksetra and then taking darshan of Lord Krishna, Bhisma leaves body. This is not death but its victory. Then Krishna returns to Hastinapur and prayers of queen kunti the first prayers in Bhagvatam. When Lord returns from Hastinapur, Kunti recites prayers.

Then Krishna comes to Dwaraka blowing His Panchajanya sankha and then He stays in Dwaraka. Then Sudama comes to meet Krishna they are friends. They studied together in Sandipani Munis ashram. Sudama was poor and his wife Sushila send him to Dwarakadhish to ask for help. So he goes to palace of Rukmini and as Krishna sees Sudama, He runs to hug him and makes him sit in his bed and Krishna was a satriya and He used to respect all Brahmans.

**“namo brahmanya devaya go brahmana hitaya ca
jagat hitaya krsnaya govindaya namo namah”.**

So Lord worshipped this Brahman, He becomes pujari of Brahmans, He does padapraksalan of brahmanas.

Krishna asks Sudama, you did not bring any gift?? He had brought chipped rice but he was hiding. But Krishna saw it and snatched and eat some of it. Then Sudama leaves for Sudamapuri and in the way he thought oh! I did not ask anything?? But it's OK its good I did not ask anything. I did not ask and Lord did not give anything. He thinks good Krishna knows that if He gives me money I will get spoiled. This is bhava bhakti nisakam bhakti.

But Lord does home delivery He sets up palace in Sudamapuri and everything. And he reaches he is surprised. He sees his wife in banarasi sari o! who are you?? Oh I am sushila. But sudama was attached to only Krishna. And he was following his simple living. Krishna also used to get up early. So there was no change in Sudama's life style, his 16 rounds were going on and he was eating prasad “patram puspam...carnamrita...not chai

amrita".In kumbha mela all were busy collecting nectar in the holy river but one man had put a tea shop named chai amrita.

Then Krishna is about to go to His abode. Lord is sitting at the bank of sarasvati at prabhasetra. There was war between the dwarakavasis and they kill each other. And Lord meets Udhava and Maitreya muni at the end before leaving. He called Daruk hye! daruk go to dwaraka and tell all dwarakavasis to leave dwaraka beacuse as I leave this world the lease of the land will be over and ocean will take away the land.

Lord is sitting and a hunter thinking Lord's feet as deer. And he trying to kill the deer shoots an arrow and Krishna leaves for His abode.

In between Lord comes to Pandarpur as Rukmini was angry on Him when she saw Krishna talking with gopis and Radha rani when they all come to meet Krishna and she leaves Dwaraka and goes to Dindirvan where He meets Rukmini and then he meets his bhakta Pundarik and Pundarik tell him to wait for all the devotees coming to meet him. Kara kata vari, so dwarakashish is Panduranga. This deity of Panduranga is a svayambhu deity, if someone says he is made by some man then it's a big offence as said by Tukaram maharaja.

Going back to Godhead is the Privilege for Mankind

Hare Krishna, quite a good gathering here like **Naimisharanya**. I am seeing ocean of devotees here, I am floating in the middle of the devotees, souls all over I won't call them bodies, all devotees all over.

Radha Vrindavan Chandra ki...Jai

My family was sad when I became bramachari, they used to make remark saying "he was a good boy now he has gone mad". When my friend's used to play cards I used to chant, then my sister used to cry saying why my brother has become mad? Why he is not playing like others? Then things changed for betterment. My parents used to think I will become a modern man and I would come on motor bike and one day I arrived with bullock and padayatra and all their dreams were scattered.

By now all my three brothers and friends and villagers are getting ready to go back to God head. That was the theme I was going to speak today as its Sunday, I don't have slok today. Prabhupada wrote 8000 letters, we not even write 8 letters. One letter was written on 21st Nov 1956 New Delhi to Rajendra Prasad our President that time. And wrote many letters to other politicians. One day Prabhupada was walking doing morning walk near India gate and one disciple said to him "Prabhupada you should be president of India". And he said "I am not interested, rather I would like to become guru of president of India".

Prabhupada is writing to president of India "I have realized thoroughly that going back to God head is the privilege for mankind. He thought president would do some arrangement. The aim of life should be to make sincere efforts to go back to Godhead. Go back to God and He is calling, going back to Godhead is going back to Krsna- Rama. But human beings should make sincere efforts to back to God head but on the contrary the tendency is to go back to hell. They are sincerely preparing to go to hell. Instead arrangements should be make to send them to Godhead.

Please note this, please therefore save the citizens of India from this great fall down to hell. Believe me or not but I have got the clue of going back to Godhead after leaving this body I will be going back to God head as I leave my present material body. In order to take all my contemporary men and women back to Godhead, I have started paper back to Godhead.

Please don't be amazed, what a wonderful thought this man has. Don't think I am mad man, when I say I will go back to Godhead it's quite possible for everyone and for all us. To teach us Prabhupada writes, it's quite possible for everyone to go back. So everyone includes each one of us and all of us to go back to Godhead.

I attended the first Hare Krishna festival at Chowpatty beach. A function was held there and procession would go to cross maidan and they had advertised 'European sadhus are in town'. I was amazed, American scientists are ok, but sadhus I was amazed. So it was catching attention so I went, I heard Prabhupada talking about going back to Godhead.

In the first meeting I was introduced to this idea of going back to Godhead. And he always talked about going back to Godhead. Politicians talk about, "chalo Delhi" you are from galli they take you to Delhi that's all. When somebody dies they write svargavasi, who knows he is savrgavasi or narkavasi. I also have heard this prayer 'Mora ei abhilsa" o! tulsidev america desi dibo vasa.

Braham linatva is also goal for some. But Prabhupada is a vaisnava he wants all of us to go back to Godhead to Krishna..."golok namni nija dhamani".

Two types of kingdoms, material existence we are already here but we don't belong to this world. This is a wrong place for us.

**'Krishna bhuliya jiva bhoga vancha kare
nikata aste maya taare jhapatiya dhare'**

Bhoga vancha and immediately we are caught in that species and this species up and down and round and round. And then we become human being and that's a privilege. If you know Krishna, you get to know everything about his kingdom and the suffering you go through "padam padam yat vipadam ne tesam" this is real, no exaggeration.

**“punarapi jananam punarapi maranam punarapi jananii jathare
shayanam
iha samsaare bahudustaare kripayaa apaare paahi muraare”**

This is Sankaracharya he wrote this prayer, but “Mayavadam asatsastram” he messed with Mayavad also.

“I have gone through so much suffering so please Lord get me out of this”

Buddhadev also he wanted to have Bharat darshan, his father never wanted to let him go out he knew he will come across so many sufferings. No daddy I want to go, ok he saw a dead man, oh! What happen all are walking and one person is lying and all are carrying him? He is gone he is dead, Oh! Does everyone die? Ya!! You will also die for sure. Then he saw a man suffering from leprosy and pus oozing all over. Oh! Does everyone get sick? Will I also get sick? Yes of course you will have your turn and he saw a old man, does everyone become old? Yes and will I also become old? Yes of course. Siddhartha came back to palace and said I have seen much bring my chariot and I want to find solution to all these problems. And in middle of night he left the palace and young beautiful wife, he went to Gaya and became enlightened Buddha and that enlightenment was his way of getting solution.

Prabhupada knew who we are and where we have to finally go, Back to God head. Well I will go but I want to bring many men with me. So Prabhupada started in 1944 Back to Godhead magazine, he started many things, festivals, feasts, youth preaching. In jhasi there was advertisement in paper “youth wanted”, Prabhuapda said “I will train them to propagate Krishna consciousness all over, introduce dhama all over. So Prabhupada gave us dhama and festivals. Whole world is advertising- go to tajamahal, go to Hawaii and other places and they are trying to popularise those places and bring them to those places. But Krishna bhaktas they popularise dhama, vrindavan .Krishna is wonderful, his devotees are wonderful, sweets are wonderful. Everything is wonderful. So this

wonderful Krishna, wonderful devotees of Krishna, wonderful dhama and its always welcoming us to return go back there . So one who is knowledgeable will go back to Godhead.

The scientist also are coming to this conclusion “if there is matter then there must antimatter also” so what’s that antimatter, that’s spirit soul. What matters is- we are spirit souls we are not matter. Those who come to this conclusion- the most confidential matter explained in Gita – “are you here Arjuna come here, come near, oh! Dear do not fear I am here”.

**“man-mana bhava mad-bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru
mam evaisyasi satyam te pratijane priyo ‘si me”**

Prabhupada also said this when we went to see Prabhupada after are sanyasa ceremony, four of us sitting Prabhupada said ‘you just do these things – Always think of Me and become My devotee. Worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend. So Lord is swearing here “satyam te” we also promise but we don’t follow...”zhoot ke alava kucha nahi kahunga”

So Arjuna says -I will follow as you say, Krishna promises you will come to me “pratijane priyo si me”

Promise is a promise gentleman’s promise and why I m doing this because you are very dear to me O! Arjuna . Why does Krishna come to this world? To bring the forgotten souls back to Godhead.

**“maya-mugdha jivera nahi svatah krishna-jnana
jivere kripaya kaila krishna veda-purana”**

So that the souls return back to him, Krishna comes here. I am fine and the world is fine I am ok but Srila Prabhupada always emphasized on going back to Godhead. What’s the purpose behind all this – Krishna wants to go back to Godhead. One Mataji was saying “I am old maharaj I want to make sure that I will go back to God head” so she also had got clue.

It's not that only Indians are allowed to go back to Godhead- no, all are allowed . There was a time when not even a single muslim, single christian, single hindu existed there was no discrimination there was only sanatana dharma. They were all souls this designations were not there. Kali is making this all very complex and entangling. So for all the souls globally Prabhupada made that arrangement that all go back. So Prabhupada went to New York in Jaladuta. So ISKCON is also boat collecting devotees and taking them back to Godhead. Once you see the beauty of Radha Vrindavan candra, you won't go back ...hye! Don't go to keshi ghata and if you go don't look at that blue boy and if you see that blue boy you will be mad man you will never come back...he was a good boy (laughter)

"Kamaladala jala jivan talamala" whole existence is like this hence the advice is **"bhajahu hari-pada niti re"** -be engaged in devotional service.

"samasrita ye pada-pallava-plavam mahat-padam pu?ya-yaso murare?"

bhavambudhir vatsa-padam param padam padam padam yad vipadam na tesam"

The lotus feet of the Lord are like boat and If you board the boat the material ocean will become equal to hoof print of calf then its dam easy to cross over, this was said by Brahma Ji.

Lotus feet are boat you get into the boat and reach the shore of material existence and you reach Krishna's kingdom. ISKCON temple is also boat – prasadam, kirtan, sravanam and Prabhupad is the captain of that boat, **Prabhupada ki ..jai.**

Foreign devotees sing with guitar **"we are going back to Godhead join us Prabhupada is are captain"** that was Prabhupada' s mission ultimately Krishna's mission -taking all back to God head. Seeing all of you I can say Prabhupada's mission is getting accomplished. All our Aharyas are pleased

seeing this and you are all linked to Paramapara family and there are 602 temples all over and then there are centres and Namahatas. So stepping In the ISKCON boat and going back to Godhead is pleasing to Prabhupada Krishna and for all of us. So all of you spread the words around- “youth wanted” – It’s not only for old ladies but it’s for all .As souls we are all young, Prabhupada said once in a lecture there is no question of young or old, we are same age. As soul there is no old or young it’s never too late, grab the opportunity.

I asked a man what’s your name? He said I am Mr karmarkar ...kar ...mar...kar, , kar ..mar then kar. So I thought we are all kar..mar..kar. Life is tough then you die then you again take birth, life is tough and then you die..kar...mar ..kar..We have to stop this kar...mar ..kar..business. So Krishna has made that arrangement and we are on our way, forget the rest it’s all illusion. The world has created this illusion. Stop all this get out, if someone says God is not there, I don’t have to go back to Godhead, God has created such philosophy. God created such illusion.

**“avatirne guar chandre vistirne prema sagare
yena majyanti majyanti te maha anartha sagare”**

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has expanded this Krsna prema. ISKCON is also doing the same thing and “Those who do not throw themselves in this prema sagar then they will drown in mahaanartha sagare. If you try to enjoy here you will end up in sufferings. There are two sagars – Prema Sagar and Mahaanartha sagar and **those who are intelligent will always go for Gauranga...Gauranga ..Gauranga.**

Srila Prabhupada in Vrndavana

Venue: Vrindavana

Dated: 2008

We welcome all of you, **Srila Pabhupada ki jai!!!**

So English we'll be speaking in English, Srila Prabhupada also did most of his talking in English. Occasionally he gave some Hindi classes. They are available, there are some CDs in which you will get Srila Prabhupada Hindi lectures; few dozens of them. English lectures, there are thousands of them, English classes. But there are may be 20- 30 Hindi classes. He gave some Bhagavat Gita classes, Rama katha, Mayapur but we spoke in English also with Prabhupada.

I really don't know where to start, keeping in mind that we have only, not whole seven days. We'll focus more and talk about Vrndavana. **Srila Prabhupada in Vrndavana** and it would be also more appropriate to talk about his pastimes towards end of his staying with us in his manifest lila, you could call it. And again first we'll talk where I come in the picture. There was not I the only one in the picture. There were so many hundreds of them. It's my memories time so in those memories are more fresh. They are my property. They are with me all the time, so I would like to share.

When Prabhupada came to Vrndavana in '77. Last time he came to Vrndavana and then he stayed in Vrndavana, entered Krsna's pastimes. I mean that coming to Vrndavana was in beginning of October and Prabhupada was not well. This was going on, in fact, the whole year 1977 Srila Prabhupada was not being well. Just quickly, briefly he came back from around the world tour. He landed in Bombay but immediately he was making plans to go to Kumbha Mela in January 1977. He travelled by train to Allahabad. We were there; hundreds of Prabhupda's followers were there in Kumbha Mela. Prabhupada made his visit of Kumbha

Mela a brief one. And then, he went to Kolkata and then on over to Bhubanesvar. He made a side trip to Jagannatha Puri, came back to Bhubanesvar and to Mayapur for Mayapur Festival. This was the first time he just gave few classes, no morning walks. This was different from previous years. Then Srila Prabhupada, he skipped Vrndavana, part of the festivals. He used to do Mayapur festivals, then Vrndavana festivals. These were two festivals he had been attending. This year he just did Mayapur festival and he went to Mumbai, then it was known as Bombay. He wanted to move into his new apartments as Hare Krsna Land was not ready.

Prabhupada insisted, "I will stay in my own quarters". But they were not ready and Prabhupada stayed downtown and held public lectures series in Mumbai. This was the last public lectures series. Seven days in the evening was Krsna festivals. He spoke very strongly. Physically he was so unwell and we had to lift him and put him on the vyasasana. But once he had a microphone, he was roaring like a lion. His topic was, **"The modern civilization is total failure only alternative is Krsna consciousness"** every night on this theme. A disciple would read a verse that was selected from the 2nd canto of Bhagavatam, verse after verse. One verse and then Srila Prabhupada would give the purport and more talk on the verse or theme. 'Modern civilization is total failure'. And then after the festival downtown, he moved back to Juhu Hare Krsna Land.

This time his quarters were ready and he was moved into his new quarters. It was very gorgeous, very opulent. He was very pleased. I was there watching Srila Prabhupada and hearing him talk. He was very grateful for offering such special facilities. He was not well. He would spend lot of time lying on bed. We would be doing some kirtan, very soft kirtans in his quarters. He had been still meeting VIPs and members of the Parliament. They would have appointments. He was there for some time and it was decided that he will go to Hrishikesh for

recuperation; getting better on the banks of Ganga and Himalayan mountains. Better climate it was suggested during May, June like that. Through Delhi he went to Hrishikesh. There is a place, that house is still there where Srila Prabhupada stayed. We visited there few years ago on the banks of Ganga. Then he was not well again, then he rushed back to Tamal Krsna Maharaj, Yadubara prabhu, Bhakti Caru Maharaj, were also few devotees were waiting.

He was in Vrndavana during June- July, he was getting a little better and then plans were made that he would go to America, Gita Nagari. So he made the trip, on the way to America, he went to London. He was there for Janmasthanmi of '77 in London at Bhaktivedanta Manor. Again not well, so he dropped his one way journey to America and rushed back. He wanted to come to India, so he landed in Mumbai. We were there at the airport receiving Srila Prabhupada. We had gone dozens and dozens of times earlier also to receive Prabhupada at Bombay airport. Bombay was Srila Prabhupada's office, so he was spending lot of time in the office. There were some legal matters, legal battles over Hare Krsna Land in Mumbai Juhu. Srila Prabhupada was battling and ultimately he was victorious. We won the case. Prabhupada was genius; he was giving all the mantras which that advocate should present in the court. He was advocate of the advocates (Laughter). So it was last time he was received at the airport by British Airways he came to Mumbai. His briefcase is still on display in Mumbai in Prabhupada's quarters. And the bag tag is still there, its British Airways first class. He spent some time in Mumbai then finally to Vrndavana. He remembered his doctor friend from Prayag or Allahabad called Dr. Ghosh. And Prabhupada wanted him to come and treat him.

So someone had to go, I was asked to go to Allahabad and it was a big rush and it was emergency. So I went. Well, he was not in Allahabad; he was in Darjeeling where his granddaughter was studying. So I had to go to Darjeeling, it is in Assam top

of the mountain. In Allahabad I remember, I first went to Dr. Ghosh's home and found out he was not there. And then I had to go back to the airport. On the way to the airport there was one Hanuman mandir. I was praying to Hanuman, I still remember, I saw the Hanuman mandir and started praying. I thought my mission is somewhat similar to that of Hanuman (Laughter). Because when Lakshman who is Adiguru was not well, that time during the battle at Sri Lanka, some medicine was required. So Hanuman was sent to Himalayan Mountains. So I thought I also have to, not to get the medicine but the doctor who will provide medicine to Prabhupada (Laughter). And I had to go to Himalaya Mountain. So I was praying and by the grace of Hanuman, I did find the doctor.

We drove to Kolkata and then to Delhi. Then the doctor was looking after Srila Prabhupada, Prabhupada's friend. Prabhupada was not there for long time as we know. As he was grihasta and his Prayag Pharmacy in Allahabad.

Well, talking about myself, we continued our travelling. We had a travelling party called **"Narada Muni Travelling Sankirtan Party"**. So we went north and travelling and distributing Srila Prabhupada's books, we went all the way to Badrikashram. For some time we had no news from Srila prabhupada. There were no mobile phones. Even regular phones wouldn't work there. So we were in anxiety, so we rushed back we came to Vrndavana. This was like a one week before 14 th of November. So Srila Prabhupada was very kind to let us in, whole party. All the devotees of our party went in Srila Prabhupada's quarters. Srila Prabhupada was on the bed lying down. But if you read more Lilamrita, then here other devotees, they will tell you so many other activities of Prabhupada. How he managed even, translating and giving dictations of his purports during those times.

Srila Prabhupada 10th canto, chapter 13th, it was compiled during that last visit of Srila Prabhupada. Jayadvaita Maharaj holding a microphone very close to his mouth. And Pradyumna

prabhu would read different commentaries, Sanskrit commentaries. After hearing those commentaries, Srila Prabhupada would give his comments in English. They were getting transcribed and that's how he continued his activities. So as we arrived, we sat down around Srila Prabhupada, very close to his bed. His voice was very low. To hear him, you had to put your ear very close to his mouth. So we were giving reports of our traveling and book distribution.

You know the book distribution score reports were Prabhupada would always look forward to wherever the reports came from. He said that made him young, **"I would never die"** so far his books are being distributed. He would take lots of interest in hearing book distribution, especially book distribution scores and reports and some other reports. He was questioning, **"Which book is being distributed the most?"** He was lying on the bed and he was keen interested in book distribution. What are the prices of this book, that book? So we were responding. We talked of the Badrikashram visit. I was representing one party, so I reported to Prabhupada that we visited Srila Vyasadeva's cave which we had done. And I said, "We showed your Bhagavad Gita to Srila Vyasadeva, Prabhupada". That was in a humorous way of presenting it by thought. We were telling Srila Prabhupada the cave of Srila Vyasadeva. He is very much present there; for sure he had seen Prabhupada's Bhagavad Gita. Prabhupada was pleased to hear that.

Part of the reporting also was of our visit of the spot called 'Bhima Ka Pul'. There is a bridge over Saraswati, a stone bridge; this is where Bhima left his body. One brother left and they walked down the road, another brother and another like that and they were going towards north. So that was the place where Bhima left his body. That was part of the reporting. Later on, as I was mentioning now, it was not appreciated by one of my God brothers. For that reporting, I was rebuked, I was mildly chastised for such a report; why should I be talking of someone dying and death and giving some

ideas to Prabhupada, I didn't think in those terms. So it was too late, already reporting was done.

So then we were leaving Prabhupada's quarters. All the members of my party, they were out of the room, I was the last one. Then I was just taking one last look at Prabhupada. And Prabhupada signaled me, "Come here, come back". So I went back to Prabhupada, close to him. And he questioned me, "I would like to see you. What time suits you?" He could order me, come at such and such time! But different approach, amazing. "What time suits you?" And then my response of course, "Anytime Prabhupada, anytime". Then he said, "Is four o'clock okay?"

So it was settled that we would meet at four o'clock in the afternoon. I didn't know, the way he was so grave when he was talking to me or asking is four o'clock is okay, I want to see you. All day I was trying to figure it out. What was Prabhupada is going to talk to me about at four o'clock in the afternoon. I could not come to any conclusion. So I was looking at the watch and counting hours and minutes. So finally it was four o'clock and I went. I was not allowed inside Prabhupada's quarters. I was directed to the Krsna Balaram guest house reception. As I arrived there, just around the corner from Srila Prabhupada's front entrance of his quarter, I found all the senior members sitting there. They were kind of waiting for me also. So what I found out was what Prabhupada wanted to talk to me about at four o'clock. He had already spoken to Tamal Krsna Maharaj and Bhavananda prabhu, Bhakti Caru Maharaj, like that. I met everyone else. They said, **"Prabhupada would like you to go and organize the bullock cart for him"**.

He wants to go to Govardhan on Govardhan puja day. Next day was Govardhan puja. So you could imagine, a day before, whole thing was being planned. So just myself and Trivikrama Maharaj, two of us went to Mathura. It was very difficult because on Govardhan puja, the farmers, they do puja of their

cows and bulls. They don't employ them. So we had a hard time hiring bullock cart. But we managed and two bullock carts were arranged to come over to Krsna Balaram temple. So they did come and they were parked in front of Krsna Balaram temple. And plan was next morning Prabhupada would travel to Govardhan.

And then there were more talks that evening after I came back from Mathura. I was also born in a farmer's family, we also had bullock cart and bullock cart sankirtan That was Prabhupada project. So I was chosen for this task. Then during the night, there were lots of discussions on this proposed travel of Srila Prabhupada, Prabhupada travelling on a bullock cart, oxen cart on the Vrndavana roads. These days roads are little better. You could imagine, this is 31 years ago, they were far worst. So the whole debate going on, Prabhupada had the desire to go. He always talked about when battling with maya, fighting with maya. Preaching is fighting, that spirit he had. He was lying on bed for long long time, months and months. He was feeling uneasy in that way, we say this. So he wanted to be out there. That was just a trial going to Govardhan. If that works then travel more all over. That was during the night. It was very difficult for lots of devotees to accommodate this idea, Prabhupada going on bullock cart, travelling to Govardhan. So he was appealed by several devotees. Krsnadasa Babaji from Gaudiya Matha, a senior Prabhupada's godbrother was invited. Devotees, disciples made Krsnadasa Babaji to speak to Prabhupada on their behalf, trying to convince him not to go, not to go.

So finally, there are many details and dialogues. You could read them on folio also word for word. Tamala Krsna Maharaj wrote a whole play called 'Final pastimes of Prabhupada'. Tamal Krsna Goswami Maharaj was involved, so he had written a book and he is drawing lots of his dialogues from the folio, the conversation. So that idea of going to Govardhan on bullock cart was dropped.

Then another day passed and Prabhupada's room was filled with his only disciples. There were no other Jayapataka Maharajas disciples, there were only Prabhupada's disciples that time, right? You could imagine. And Prabhupada again brought up the topic of travelling. But this time he proposed travelling with the buses. Idea was kind of welcomed, but condition was that when he gets better, he will take this journey travelling all over. One thing, Prabhupada wanted to go to holy places, during his very extensive, busy travelling schedule he had no opportunity going to holy places. This was his final wish. He wanted to travel to the holy places and other places, town and cities. So this time, devotees also, it was welcomed for another reason, because devotees were thinking, Prabhupada is wanting to travel, that means he wants to be with us longer. If he is dropping or postponing his plans of going back to Krsna , joining Krsna, he is going to be with us longer. So this was kind of cause for a joy, happiness, Prabhupada is going to stay on long.

The delegates would go to Prabhupada from time to time headed by those days, Kirtananda Maharaj was the senior sannyasi, he would go and appeal on behalf of the disciples. **"Prabhupada, please stay on, Prabhupada we want you, we are just babies, just children, newly born. How will we survive without you, please"**. We would always take it up to Prabhupada whether to live or die. It was up to Prabhupada. We were always thinking like that, so we would appeal to Prabhupada, "Prabhupada please stay on please". So when he was planning his travelling, especially the buses, devotees were kind of relieved that he is going to stay on longer with us. So those who were in the room, Prabhupada in the middle sleeping, lying down position and whole room is filled. Then different devotees were proposing to Prabhupada. I remember Giriraj, I know him being disciple from Bombay temple president. He said to Prabhupada, "Whenever you go to the big cities, there will be some big rich people, industrialist; if I go I could make some life members. Could I go Prabhupada with you?" And

Prabhupada said, "Hmm, you could go".

Then there was Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Maharaj. He took his turn, "Whenever you'll go, there will always be some scientists. I could organize some conference, scientific, you could address. Could I go Srila Prabhupada?" Prabhupada said "Hmm" (Laughter).

So like that, different disciples were proposing to be with Prabhupada, travel with Prabhupada. There was Bhakti Caitanya from Chandigarh. He was a good driver. "I could drive your car Prabhupada, (Laughter). Could I go?" Prabhupada said, "Hmm, you could go."

So many devotees were making proposals how could they fit into this travelling program, whether they could go and Prabhupada, "Hmm, Hmm" meaning "Yes", they could go. Then I also took my turn (Laughter). Why not? There were lots of discussions about this travelling. Prabhupada's advance party, and main party and Prabhupada would be part of the main party. The advance party making all the arrangements, bookings and facilities. And main party arrives there. Advance party goes in advance further. These being a whole, everything was planning. So when I said whether I could go, Prabhupada, he also said I could go. He said, "You will be our leader of the Travelling Party." Haribol!!! With the experience I had with the Narada Muni Sankirtan Travelling Party and other Travelling parties. So that must be on 11th or 12th of November this dialogue took place. So we all got kind of busy making preparations for Prabhupada's travels on buses. We got a huge big map of India. We wanted to make a schedule for Prabhupada's travelling. Where to get buses and drivers this and that. Tamal Krsna Maharaj, Bhavananda and other disciples also around involved. The Kaviraj, Prabhupada's doctor was keeping track of Srila Prabhupada was taking more milk or whatever. So we were hopeful that Prabhupada would get better and would have this travel all over India which Srila Prabhupada was all looking forward to and preparing all the arrangements. Srila

Prabhupada, those days would lie down, eyes closed but not fully awake, he was thinking of Krsna. And he would get his disciples, devotees to read from Caitanya Caritamrita, Krsna book or doing kirtan. Kirtan with small tiny kartals, very small kartal, no mridanga nothing just small kartal. Only one devotee would be sitting and doing kirtan. And this would go on 24 hours. Either there was some reading or doing kirtan. His attraction and attachment to the Holy name and the pastimes of the Lord, he insisted that goes on.

This was also going on in Mumbai before he came to Vrndavana after London. So there I also had been taking turns singing for Srila Prabhupada. One day I asked Srila Prabhupada, "Is there anything more we could do, so that you could get better?" Just before another devotee taking over kirtan. There was just a little break and I said, "Is there anything that we are not doing, we should do Prabhupada so that you get cured, you get better?" And Prabhupada said, "Chant Hare Krsna". That was the cure, medicine. Of course he had standing instructions to all of us that, "Don't take me to the hospital and keep on chanting that was the medicine" he said that few times. I remembered Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Maharaj, he had his night shift. On the 13th night, he was with Prabhupada chanting. And then on that day, 14th while we were still kind of busy making plans for Prabhupada's travel. Kaviraj was keeping an eye on Prabhupada's health. He started going on all over property, gets alert here and there, asking all of us to rush into Prabhupada's quarters. So we were all there, room full inside and more from outside. Hundreds of devotees were kind of stationed in Vrndavana. It was also Kartik, like tomorrow 14th November, we were in Prabhupada's quarters. I was there when Prabhupada went. So many others all around him. Last time we could hear, he was only opening mouth and 'Hare Krsna', 'Hm, Hm'. That was it. **Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!**

He considered Vrndavan as his home, Mayapur his place of pilgrimage where he worshiped the Personality of Godhead.

Bombay was his office. He stayed here in Vrndavana. We took Prabhupada in a kirtan procession to all the six goswamis temples, a huge procession. Srila Prabhupada was placed in Samadhi. And then kind of brass murti of Srila Prabhupada. Not same day, but after some days we all knew, going to Govardhan this was his last wish. So everybody, we all went first to Radha kunda, bathe Srila Prabhupada murti form in Radha kunda's water. We had palanquin; we took Prabhupada all around Govardhan. Hundreds must be close to thousands followers, devotees of Srila Prabhupada going all around Govardhan. And finally came to Kusum Sarovar and we stopped there. And his other desire, he wanted to go by bus all over India visiting the places of pilgrimage. That was another wish. So when we had to celebrate 500 anniversary of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's appearance, it was in '86. So the Governing Body Commission, they resolved that we organize procession, walk, padayatra and take Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada on pilgrimage. So we started in Dwarka on Radhasthami of '84. Then the remaining months of '84 and twelve months of '85 and then we had to arrive in '86 in Mayapur for Caitanya Mahaprabhu's 500 anniversary. 7000 miles walk, so this planned as part of celebrating Caitanya Mahaprabhu's 500 years anniversary. At the same time fulfilling Prabhupada's desire of travelling or going to places of pilgrimage.

So that was organized on very big scale, international participation for the pleasure of Prabhupada, for glorification of Srila Prabhupada.

Jai Srila Prabhupada

Padayatra- Walking Back to Godhead

Dated: 12th October 2015

Venue: Akaramapalli Namahatta center, All India Padayatra

Lord Ram and Laxman appeared in Treta yuga, same Ram Laxman appeared in Dwapara yuga as Krishna Balaram. In this present age kali yuga beginning of the age of kali they appeared as Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu. So it is like Ram Laxman has come now seated in the chariot.

Balaji is also non different from Krishna, Balaji is Krishna, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Krishna. Vakula mai, Balaji's kitchen incharge, you know Vakula? She is Yasoda mai. So Yasoda and Rohini's children are Krishna Balaram. And then Krishna Balaram had gone to Dwaraka, where Balaram was married he had only one wife (Laughter) Krishna had more than 16,000 wives. All these marriages were attended by Vasudev and Devaki. But Nanda and Yasoda they were in Vrindavan they were not able to take part in the marriage ceremony.

All the mothers have desire to see their sons getting married, they rarely would like to see their son becoming a brahmachari (laughter). So knowing the desire of His mother Lord Krishna arranged His own marriage ceremony. That pastime took place in Narayan Vanam. So Balaji is Sri Krishna, Jai Balaji.

So you may consider Balaji has come or Ram Laxman has come or Krishna Balaram has come in the form of Guar Nitai, Nitai Guarsundar Ki....jai

We are all His children, yes you are or not? Haribol (response of the devotees there). You may say I am a father, mother I am not a child infact I have children. How could be a child? All the souls are children of the Lord and that Lord has come to your town. On the chariot there is also murti of Bhaktivedanta

Swami Srila Prabhupada founder acharya of ISKCON and my spiritual master.

So 50 years ago Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada he travelled to America. He travelled by cargo boat, his journey started from Kolkatta boat went to Colambo and to Cochin. Just yesterday I and many ISKCON leaders were present in Cochin to have a memorial celebration of 50th anniversary of Srila Prabhupad's departure to America.

So Srila Prabhupada was a great devotee of Caitanya and Nityananda, Nitai Guarsundar. He was chosen empowered "saksad-dhari" who was sent to the west. To make Lord's prediction come true, 500 years Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted "Prithvite ache yata nagaradi grama sarvatra prachara haibe mora nama" – My name will be chanted in every town, in every village of this planet. Srila Prabhupada after reaching America he founded this International Society for Krishna Consciousness to spread the Holy Name everywhere. To spread this chanting of "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare" everywhere.

Srila Prabhupada the founder acharya of Hare Krishna movement, asked us to do this Padayatra- travelling with this bullock cart. Walking festival- Padayatra, he asked us to start padayatra on 1st Sept 1976 in New Delhi, that was Radhastami day, Haribol.....

We were just 10-15 disciples of Srila Prabhupada, those days they were only disciples of Prabhupada there were no other Guru's in ISKCON he was the only spiritual master. So when everything was ready, kind of ready then we requested Prabhupada to inaugurate the padayatra. Again 1976 we were ready to go from Vrindavan to Mayapur walking...Haribol. Prabhupada gave us that instruction- "you go to Mayapur from Vrindavan". During inaugural function we sat down and Prabhupada gave us further inspiration and instructions to do this Padayatra –Bullock cart sankirtan party.

Then again the main purpose was to spread the Holy Name around, distribute the knowledge about Krishna in the form of Gita, Bhagvatam. Prabhupada said **“jare dako tare kaho hare Krishna upadesh”** (Laughter). He said little differently from what Caitanya Mahaprabhu said. He said you may be going to the villages people may not always understand the philosophy so instead of “jare dekho, tare kaho krsna-upadesa” he said “Hare Krishna upadesh”.

Let them chant “Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare”. This program started in 76, and during Prabhupada’s 100th birth anniversary, 100th birthday celebration of Srila Prabhupada we organized Padayatra in 100 countries..Haribol...Europe padayatra, Australia padayatra, Mauritius padayatra, South Africa padayatraall over the planet Hare Krishna devotees have walked, danced, chanted Hare Krishna.

This is Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s program; this is God’s program- this propagation of the holy name, spreading the holy name, bringing holy name to every person that we meet. And this particular party “All India Padayatra”, what’s the name? Srila Prabhupad’s All India Padayatra. I don’t know whether you have seen back of this cart? We have gone around 5 times parikrama of whole India...Haribol.. Badrikashrama in the north, Jagganath Puri in the east, Rameshwar in the south and Dwaraka in the west like this 5 times and then zigzagging also in between (laughter). We also have come to Tirupati, I think this is the 5th or 6th time we have come to Tirupati.

We have gone to thousands of villages and towns in India. These Padayatra devotees just only during month of kartik they go to Vrindavan for Vraj mandal Parikrama otherwise other 11 months this cart is on road, going from one village to another to another. This padayatra has walked 150,000 kilometersharibol. And as I said during the day these murtis are Nitai Guarsundar, ISKCON has many other travelling parties travelling groups they carry Guar Nitai deities on travelling

book distribution parties but these deities are most travelled deities on this planet...Haribol. Millions of Indians in all the states of India almost all the states of India they have taken darshan of Nitai Guarsundar ki.....jai

Srila Prabhupada has revealed Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Nityananda Prabhu to the world. He was kind of concealed or covered, He was limited to Bengal and Orissa, people of Bengal and Orissa knew who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu nowhere else. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was locked in Caitanya Carita Amrita which was in Bengali script world did not read Srila Prabhupada translated Caitanya Caritamrita in English language and then, is it available in telugu? Translation is going on in telugu language also and so many languages around the world. In this way Srila Prabhupada has presented Caitanya Mahaprabhu to the whole world.

As we said **“Vrajendra-nandana jei, saci-suta hoilo sei, balarama hoilo nitai”** so one who was Nandanandan He becomes Sacinandan that's Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Balaram becomes Nityananda Prabhu. So these are their identities, they are Krishna Balaram. They are Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu kiJai, Nityananda Prabhu ki.....jai

So they were acting like devotees, when Lord appeared He was acting like a devotee. Acting like a devotee or acting like Radharani who is a devotee of Lord. “jagate sikhaye” – to teach the whole world Lord was playing a role of a devotee. By His own example Lord is teaching and inspiring the whole world to worship the Lord, Chant the holy name of the Lord.

He played that role so perfectly as a devotee, so the world misunderstood Him or they understood Him as a devotee. Hye! He is a devotee, He is a bhakta, like Tukaram was in Maharashtra and Narsingh Mehta was in Gujarat and Mira bai was in Rajasthan and also Nanak ji and Surdas and this likewise in Bengal there was great devotee called Caitanya. So the world

thought he is a devotee, yes! You are a devotee. His real identity is He is Lord Himself **“sri Krishna caitanya radha Krishna nahi anya”- Caitanya Mahaprabhu is non different from Radha and Krishna.**

Why does He have a golden complexion? Why is he Gauranga? “antha Krishna bahira guara” inside He is Krishna and from outside He has covered Himself with Radhaduti and bhava- the complexion of Radharani. So what is the color of Radharani? Who knows? Matajis know? Gold, Ya you always like gold (Laughter) .

Real gold is Guaranga, Guarangi, you should get attracted to Guaranga and Gaurangi. “tapta kanchan gaurabgi radhe vrindavane swari” radhe vrindavane swari- she is controller of Vrindavan, queen of Vrindavan. She is “tapta kanchan” Her complexion is likethat of molten gold. So Lord assumed that complexion of Radharani, thats radhaduti- that’s complexion, duti means complexion.

Lord also assumed the bhava **“radha-bhava-dyuti-suvalitam” – bhava – the emotions of Radharani.** And this private, confidential reason why Lord appears as Caitanya Mahaprabhu to understand Radharani, to understand her emotions her devotion. So Krishna becomes Radharani.

So that Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Nityananda prabhu they had traveled 500 years personally all over India. You remember Balaram had traveled all over India? When Krishna was busy during Kuruksetra war driving the chariot of Arjuna. So same Balaram when He appeared as Nityananda Prabhu, He also traveled the way Balaram had traveled.

Hare Krishna

Srila Prabhupada is Bharat Ratna of this soil

The materialism versus spiritualism, **so India has always stood for the values, the spiritual values.** India produces men of character and big big heros, personalities. There was a time the students, the scholars they would come to India to study different sciences. India was known for the knowledge. Knowledge is complete knowledge; our shastras are also, all aspects. Not just how to attain moksha and go beyond this existence and attain liberation. That of course, but even how to lead a practical life, a successful life, a good life, healthy life, prosperous life. How to do that, this was also taught. This education was also there. That knowledge did exist. That treasure, house of knowledge still there. We had Nalanda, you heard that name, that university? Nalanda and Takshashila and Navadvipa. The scholars came from all over the world. One scholar from China, he had come and travelled, toured all over India. And he was so impressed with the learning, the body of knowledge, all aspects of knowledge and the scriptures which contain complete knowledge. Materialism, spiritualism, you name it and it was all in there.

So I just read this, this scholar, his name is Chinese name; during his tour, he has gathered all the manuscripts which he wanted to bring back home, Back to China. (Laughter)

His home, it sounded like back to home, back to Godhead. And then, he was taking some scholars with him who would teach, interpret those scriptures and explain the deeper meanings. So as they were back home, back to China, they had to travel on the way through a boat. What ocean that could be? Bay of Bengal, some tours, Japan side, Pacific and like that they were going. So they were traveling in a boat loaded with the manuscripts from India and the scholars also. It must be some rainy season like that. Again not just India or Hindus.

Because this knowledge that we are talking is a science like a physics and chemistry and other sciences. It is said everywhere, right? H_2O , 2 parts of hydrogen and 1 part of oxygen and all that. $KLMnO_4$, catalyst and what comes out is H_2O . This is the same formula that is being taught all over. Then this is called scientific. In fact, knowledge given by the Lord and our sages is scientific, is eternal, unchangeable, very valuable.

So **Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai!! He was that Bharatratna**. You may want to call someone Bharatratna and give a title. He was the ratna of this soil. He knew the value and then he endeavored to share this knowledge, this wealth, this treasure with the rest of the world by establishing, by founding this International Society for Krsna Consciousness. I am personally very very happy. This is how Srila Prabhupada was encouraging his countrymen to step forward and understand India's culture, India's scriptures, India's wealth, real wealth and be enriched, become rich in experience and make the whole world also richer. So he did a lot. He did everything possible so that, some of the Indians will understand the value of the world around all over will understand. And he was successful. We could see right here he is taking every opportunity he took talking all the time, sharing this knowledge all the time. So it was kind of disappointing in early days that just one student from Bombay joining. Of course later on some more joined and more they are joining. But I am talking of the way it started in '71, '72, '73. So not only I am happy , I am happy because I know that what used to make Prabhupada happy. **I am sure Prabhupada is watching from wherever and he is happy to see so many youths of India are taking keen interest in this subject matter**. So it is very encouraging. So I am happy that I have the opportunity to be with you, share something with you today.

Curbing the symbol of sin, that is the whole work for us this evening. Curbing, killing, smashing, dashing and subduing the

sin or symbol of sin. It says in fact, the greatest symbol of sin is the lust.

Thank you

Lord is going to appear at Mira road by Prabhupada's desire and arrangement

Date: 24th Sept 2015

Occasion: Temple opening Mira Road Mumbai

Guar Nitai has there form; Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Guarsundar not Shyamsundar. Nityananda Prabhu is there with him. Lord appears in this world in His deity form to take us back so that we can stay with Him in His abode.

Lord is going to appear at Mira road by Prabhupad's desire and arrangement. **"Sambhavami yuge yuge"** happen but that's not enough in Kali yuga so Lord appears in His deity form. Tukaram maharaja said "papachi vasana nako dau doda" Lord don't show me papa of this world its better then I be blind I just want to take your darshan.

There is no difference between Lord and His deity. Lord has come to give His darshan but Lord has to give then only we can take. Like example of devotee leaving class and going to darshan from class of Bhaktisiddhanta saraswati Thakur. And Bhaktisiddhanta saraswati Thakur asked him, so then how was your eye exercise.

Lords darshan is possible by Vedanta darshan presented by Srila Vyasadev, Srimad Bhagvatam, Bhagvat Gita **"vedo narayano sakshat"** ..Veda pranahito dharma...

By following dharma and doing sravan kirtan we can have darshan of Lord. Lord's Srinagar then mandir marjana, bhagvat vidhi and pancharatrika vidhi. 'kirtan nrutya geeta' our gurujana teach us all this. With vigra aradhana, we need to hear glories of Lord at every step "nityam bhagvat sevaya".

"Caturvidha Sri bhagvat prasado" here also we have prasad and in golok also we have prasad. We have mangal Arti early why so that Lord can start with His cow herding pastime. Yasoda maiya wakes Him up "utthi utthi gopala".

Our sadhana should be done 24 hours keeping Lord on center. Krishna consciousness has put life in us. Serving Lord is our preparation to go back home, in His vigra form Lord gives us opportunity to serve Him. Lord has promised us as you are dear to me you will come me, **Lord loves you "apa Krsna ko Priya ho"**.

We put all are love in dog in car and we don't have love for Lord. We should reserve our Love for Lord and His devotees. Prove Lord that you love us? So Lord appears in His deity form that's His love. Let us all welcome Lord today.

Radha Giridhari ki ..jai

Prediction of Lord Caitanya comes true through Srila Prabhupada

Venue: Dubai

Dated: 2008

There are lots of Jagannath temples in Damodara desh. The place we are staying, there is also **Jagannatha Baladev**

Subhadra. Here also Jagannatha, lots of Jagannathas. In Dubai, streets are quiet wide, no overhead wires. For holding ratha yatra, these streets are pretty ideal. In India, the roads are narrow, there overheads wires all over. Devotees have to, you have seen them how they do? When that day will be coming when we'll have a grand ratha yatra here in Dubai? Haribol!!

One day that will happen, maybe within our lifetime or soon after, 50 years. Sounds difficult and even there is impossibility. That day I was thinking, having Jagannatha temple indoor. 15, 20 years ago if we were to hear that in 2008, the country called Damodar desh, hundreds and hundreds of devotees, followers of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and hundreds of homes with deities of Jagannatha and Gaura Nitai. Who could have believed such thing? Forget it, not possible, in Dubai Middle East? Something that we thought would not happen, not possible. Here we are seeing that dream coming true or impossibility becoming possible. So likewise this 40 or 50 years ago, the whole world or well in India or Bengal, they were wondering when the prediction of Caitanya Mahaprabhu going to come true? Is it going to come true? Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted,

**'prithivite ache yata nagaradi grama
sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama'**

Caitanya Mahaprabhu predicted 'prithivi', what is prithivi? Whole planet, 'prithivite ache yata', as many nagars and grams, towns and villages are there on this planet. In those many villages, in those many towns "haibe mora nama"- My name would be chanted, this was prediction. This 50 years ago devotees were wondering, is this ever going to happen? Or the prithvi that Caitanya Mahaprabhu refered to, is that just India or is that just Bengal or Orissa or just Radha kunda or just may be Manipur? There was some chanting of the holy name was going on.

In 1965, Srila Prabhupada took that journey. It took him 30

days he traveled by boat Jaladuta. Devaduta was travelling by Jaladuta. Beautiful name of that boat, Jaladuta, Duta means messenger, so there was messenger travelling on that boat, Devaduta, Caitanya duta. He could only travel by cargo ship that time. Now we want to go to the West, travel to the West we do not consider that as an option. We just fly, cross the oceans, one ocean or seven oceans we land. But Srila Prabhupada had to undertake that kind of journey and he landed in New York. From the boat he just climbed down, there was no one to receive him. Srila Prabhupada writes in his Jaladuta diary, Prabhupada's diary called Jaladuta diary. Well, he did not know where to turn, right or left. Once he was in New York off the boat or down the stairs, there was no one to receive him, no hotel booking and no one to pick him up.

So we say, he was by himself. We also say he was penniless; he had only 5 dollars worth 40 rupees only. Then Prabhupada started chanting, "Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare". He did not have microphone. He did not have anybody to play drum for him. He would be literally on the footpath and chanting. Only passers by people on the footpath, of course Americans. They would listen and of course everyone get attracted. There was a magnetic, something magnetic would get them, so they had to stop. The holy name was the Lord Himself and stopping them. Of course the personality of Prabhupada, the way he had dressed that was also very much different from American national dress. So they were stopping and hearing. Prabhupada would speak. Sometimes people would ask and Prabhupada would show, 'this is Krsna, this is God, Supreme Personality of Godhead.' **'If He is God, what is the girl doing there?'** (Laughter) So much ignorance. The world is full of ignorance. Americans had no clue that if this is Krsna and next to Him has to be who? Srimati Radharani. Not only Radharani but Simati Radharani. And if that is Rama then next to Him? Sri Sita devi. And if that is Narayana then next to Him? Sri Lakshmi devi. It is such a common knowledge. Even children know this in India.

Even that much was not known to these ignorant Americans. So those were the good old days, in abroad days. Under those circumstances, Srila Prabhupada inaugurated his Hare Krsna movement. Then he will be sometimes sitting in the park on the bench. One day someone sitting next to him and some dialogues begun. Srila Prabhupada is by himself but he is talking about the temples around the world and Krsna consciousness around the world. And he was explaining to that gentleman that he was talking to.

The International Society for Krsna Consciousness was limited just to him, just the one person, founder. He was not even registered by the time he was talking. So that was 42, 43 years ago. Very soon Hare Krsna movement was founded in New York. And Srila Prabhupada had invitation to go to San Francisco. **Srila Prabhupada took flight and he was landing in San Francisco. He looked through the window of the aircraft of that airline.** To him all those buildings, tall sky scrapers, they look like a match box one on the other; Prabhupada describes. That was the first flight Prabhupada ever took in his life. He was 70 years old and New York to San Francisco in 1965 at the age of 70. That was the first time Prabhupada had flown, taken flight. Already he had some followers that invited him to come to San Francisco and hold festivals. Some kind, big name from the hippie era, San Francisco was the capital of hippies. One of the leaders of the hippie kingdom, they were attracted to Prabhupada, to his singing.

So during that visit, as Srila prabhupada stayed in San Francisco and Jagannatha ratha yatra festival was held. We were talking of Jaganntah ratha yatra in Dubai. The first ever ratha yatra in Western world took place, that was in San Francisco in 1966. There were 10,000 Americans attended that ratha yatra in the Golden Gate park, famous park. When I heard those numbers, I was thinking maybe they are just talking, maybe little, someone just making numbers. But very recently, I saw the footage of Yadubara Prabhu, Prabhupada disciple. He

has made almost a movie, the footage is available now on ISKCON Cinema. You have seen? I saw the footage and I was amazed. I had been hearing, seeing is believing and when I saw the crowds, I was amazed to see the number of Americans attending that 1966 ratha yatra. It was so successful. Prabhupada was so much pleased. You can imagine the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada for the successful completion of Jagannatha ratha yatra in San Francisco. That was not even regular ratha, chariot; flat bed truck. And the deities were made by one of his followers called Syamasundar. Malati is his wife and they have a daughter called Sarasvati. Prabhupada asked him to make the deities. How should they look like Prabhupada? Asked Syamasundar.

And Prabhupada gave them small doll sized deities. Where did Prabhupada find those deities? In fact, Malati, wife of Syamasundar as she was doing her shopping in one of the Hyper bazaars, I just read Hyper bazaar. I read Super bazaar, today I read Hyper bazaar. So one of those Hyper, Super, super duper bazaars that Malati was doing shopping one day and she found little strange looking dolls. Along with her shopping she also bought that doll back home or back to the small Hare Krsna center. Srila Prabhupada found the doll which Malati's daughter Sarasvati was playing with that. Srila Prabhupada saw that strange looking doll, for him the doll was not strange at all. And he immediately said, 'bring that, bring that here. Where did you find it?' He inquired from Malati and she gave the whole explanation. Prabhupada said. 'go back, if you look just around where you found this deity doll, there should be two more similar kind of strange looking.' And Malati ran back to the store and was surprised to find two more of those dolls. She returned and now there were three of them. Srila Prabhupada placed them on the desk in front of him And Srila Prabhupada was moved, he was in prayerful mood as he was looking at these dolls with devotion. Everyone was surprised and was wondering what is so special about these dolls, strange looking dolls. Then Srila Prabhupada for the first

time, he explained **Lord Jagannatha. Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra ki jay!!** He explained Jagannatha Puri and Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra deities.

So when Syamasundar had to make deities, Srila Prabhupada said, ' you make deities looking just like these.' He gave that as a model of deities after these small Jagannatha Baladev Subhadra. And then that ratha yatra was held and big turnout. Srila Prabhupada said that San Francisco will be known as New Jagannatha Puri. Haribol!! He named that town as this town or little state has been named Damodar by Jayapataka Maharaj. So Srila Prabhupada said, 'this new city will be New Jagannatha Puri.' The grand ratha yatra festival had become talk of the town. Gradually now they are holding ratha yatra every year, year after year. The Mayor of the town San Francisco, he declared, 'the day Hare Krsna will hold ratha yatra, that day will be the **Jagannatha Ratha Yatra Day.**' **Haribol!!**

He made that as a big declaration. Whenever there is ratha yatra that is Ratha Yatra Day in San Francisco. So the deities are there in San Francisco, the tall deities. They are not the original deities.

Till September 1965, the chanting of the holy name was happening mostly maybe few people somewhere in the Western world were chanting hidingly or they worshipped their Lords also hidingly, in a closet they worshipped. But soon the Hare Krsna chanting was happening on the streets of major cities of America. People were taking note and they soon of course reach straight over to Europe and European countries and to South Africa, Africa and countries, even East Africa also, Canada. Prabhupada went to Japan side and finally returned to India also. That's where we met him in 1971.

When Prabhupada went he saw the Western world and he conquered the Western. He went, saw and conquered. Who said that? Alexander and then he was also loosing all those. He was not

good as maintenance. He is known for conquering and loosing his kingdom. So Prabhupada was going, seeing and conquering those countries. When he took birth he was just a baby, it was predicted, this child is not an ordinary one. He will establish 108 temples. So Prabhupada did that, more than 108 temples he established within his lifetime. He made Hare Krsna movement popular, Hare Krsna people. In Tokyo Hare Krsna, San Francisco Hare Krsna, London Hare Krsna, everywhere the chanting and dancing parties everywhere within very short span.

So as we took that point earlier, the world was wondering, is this holy name, could it be spread all over the planet? All over the world? Or it will be limited to Bengal, Orissa, Radha Kunda or Manipur, just few of those places in India. **Srila Prabhupada- empowered Acharya- Senapati bhakta we call, chief in commander of the Sankirtan** army, he went to New York. Why New York? Because that was capital of the age of Kali, is New York (Laughter) Maya's kingdom, Kali's kingdom and its capital.

That commander in chief, he headed for that capital. He wanted to conquer that capital. He goes there and there has to be some weapons. So what weapon? Hari nama, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. The Hari nama was exploding on the streets of New York entering in the hearts of the people Americans, explosion. As a result all the ignorance were getting destroyed, smashed. Also Prabhupada came up with the bullets. **What are the bullets? Gulab jamun (Laughter).**

All this the language of the army, he was the commander in chief; also the books are time bombs. (Laughter) It may take little time but literally they will explode and will revolutionize, revolution in consciousness. That is terms Prabhupada also used this term, revolution in consciousness. This revolution, French revolution and his revolution and that revolution. Russians have their revolution in 1900, lasted for

some 80 years only and then collapsed. Then Prabhupada came up with the revolution.

Revolution, dissolution, no solution. (Laughter) Prabhupada said in his purport and no solution. Prabhupada gave a solution also, by revolutionizing consciousness, humanity change, change of heart, change of consciousness. He changed something. If you change one thing in a person's life and then everything else changes. What is that you would like to change? Change that person, if you change one thing and everything else changes. What is that? His consciousness. You change the consciousness and everything else, all the external features also, the form will change. So from substance to the form, substantial change and the root level, changing at the root level. Thinking, thought level, consciousness level, soul level go deeper. When Prabhupada had temples opened, he had temples commanders also, bullets, bombs and revolution.

Srila Prabhupada did go to Iran, atleast once, maybe more than once, is that Middle East he came that close and was heading towards. And then one of his disciples, he translated Bhagavad gita in Arabic language. In Iran devotees would preach from Bhagavad gita. They would begin their discourse saying, 'allah uvaca' (Laughter), nothing wrong.

**'bhagavan aisvaryasya samagrasya viryasya
yasasah Sriyah jnana-vairagyasyos caiva' (Visnu purana 6.5.47)**

Bhagavan is 'sad aisvaryas purna' full of six opulence's. One of the six opulence's is strength, His greatness. So Allah means God is great. Who could deny? If you want to say God is great in just one word, one name, Allah is that name. God is great, so that is fine.

So prior to 1965, the world was wondering, when is the holy name going to spread all over the world? It was spreading all over the world but had not reached the Middle East countries. Devotees are coming through, while coming from Europe

sometimes devotees would drive from London to Mayapur, to Vrindavana. They would come for the festivals from these countries Tribhuvanath Prabhu my Godbrother.

So Prabhupada time, my godbrothers and godsisters, Yamuna was one of those very daring souls that pass through Middle east countries. There are some photographs of devotees, some war and some explosions, bombs and they were risking their lives. They took sometimes but finally Krsna consciousness is here in this part of the world taking deeper roots. And if has reached your hearts, if it is deeper rooted in your hearts, then it cannot be uprooted. If it is just something external at tilak level 'nake tilak galaya mala', and then ultimately you are 'kalir chela'. This is very cheap, these symptoms, these external features. Of course they are deeper meaning and that's part of Krsna consciousness. But sometimes they are just there but nothing within, nothing deeper. That is not the case here.

You have taken to Krsna consciousness very seriously, your homes are **temples. Ghar ek mandir hai, har ek ghar mandir hai. We used to hear** "dil ek mandir hai but now ghar ek mandir hai". So we are very pleased that you have taken to Krsna consciousness seriously and practicing it. Some people in India say, "Oh, you know I am pretty regular going to the temple. I am regular, every Janmasthami. (Laughter) And the Rama navmi also, every Rama navmi". Pretty regular, that's also regular right? Once a year, that's regular. You are more regular than ever before whether you are in India or not that regular. Not only you go, once a week you may go to the satsang program. There are so many weekly home programs. And then of course your home every day, you are attending to the Lord and making offerings offer obeisances and chanting and hearing.

You know how much regular it has to be? The sastras say, 'anuksann, sann' moment and the next moment also. sann and anuksann, 'anu' means to follow. One sann anuksann, then next

sann, next asnn and then next and then next. 'abhiksnasah' continual, 'srnvanti gayanti grnanty abhiksnasah' (S.B 1.8.36), means nirantar, all the time. 'satatam' the way the word sounds, satatam, there is no space in this word 'satatam'. 'satatam' means constantly, satatya . English word does not sound like that, constantly is not satatam, see the difference. 'tesam satata yuktanam', the 10th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, the Lord says, **'tesam satata yuktanam bhajatam priti-purvakam' (B.G 10.10). Those who worship Me serve Me satatam.**

So once a year, that is also regular but every moment is also being regular. Once a week is also regular (Laughter). Once a day is also regular. So carry on practicing and spreading, preserving, propagating Krsna consciousness. This is the best gift that you could give it to anybody. Charity begins at home. You could give it to the family members and you could give it to your neighbors and give it to others. There was a time that Indians; they would go away from India to the West. Also maybe to get away from God. God has caught up with them. They went to the West, God has followed or Srila Prabhupada came with the God. Many wise Indians are accepting God, not just any God from the 33 crores Gods. But now you also know who is God and who is Supreme Personality of Godhead also. That discrimination, that understanding was not there before. **Now Srila Prabhupada, pure devotee on behalf of Krsna and previous acharyas, he is making very very clear, crystal clear in his books who is God. I am not God, you are not God.**

There is also trouble like that. I could make you God. You just have to get mantra, I will give you mantra. They sell mantras and some fools buy mantras thinking that they will end up becoming God. So many misleading statements, confusion, misunderstanding, speculating, impersonalism and lots of more. Srila Prabhupada made it very very clear and he made it available. It is available here now. As a result you have best of the whole world. You have some opulence of the West and you

have culture and religion of the East. Chant Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare and take Krsna prasad. You have Bhagavad Gita also As It Is? Do not keep it as it is (Laughter). I have Bhagavad Gita and I keep it as it is. So don't do that. Take it out, read. We'll be meeting few more times in next few days if we have time.

I'll stop here. Thank you for inviting us. It is an opportunity in great numbers present, houseful. Hare Krsna.

Srila Prabhupada cannot disappear from this world

Venue: Vrindavan

Dated: 2008

Occasion: Srila Prabhupad's Disappearance day

As we are gathered here at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada remembering him, I am reminded of a verse from the Bhagavatam.

**“yesam samsmaranat pumsam sadyah suddhyanti vai grhah
kim punar darsana-sparsa-pada saucasanadibhih” (S.B 1.19.33)**

Thus, the remembrance is sufficient for suddhyanti, for purification, remembrance of Srila Prabhupada. 'kim punar darsana', then what to speak, some of us had also opportunity for darshan of Srila Prabhupada. 'sparsa' the touch, the lotus feet also we touched and massaged his feet. 'pada saucasanadibhih' we did worshiping and washing his lotus feet. 'asana adi bhi', we offered him asann and etcetera, so many other services we were able to render while he was amongst us. But now all that we are left behind is basically one item from

this list and that is darshan. And I was saying darshan that is available now to us is only sada darshan, the philosophy. So Prabhupada gave us his instructions and we could be sheltered by that darshan.

Today we have assembled to celebrate the disappearance day. But on the occasion like this, especially on disappearance day, **I feel Prabhupada is appearing more**, Haribol!!

As we hear about him, as we are reminded about him, especially I got to see Prabhupada disciples gathering in big number on this occasion. And my thought also, we cannot imagine Prabhupada's disappearance. Prabhupada cannot disappear from this world, from ISKCON, from our life. That could be the end of lot of things if Prabhupada disappeared. We cannot allow that.

Hence, darshan of Srila Prabhupada in the form of his instruction, were specific instructions also given to us. And general instructions and his purports, his books full of darshan which is available now, accessible to not only to his disciples, but grand disciples and generations to come. This morning I was strongly feeling gratitude, I feel occasionally, should feel this all the time. But today I was thinking Prabhupada gave me Krsna. Prabhupada gave me life. I was dead. Life without Krishna is simply a death.

We become lively; life comes as we are made lively by the spiritual master, by his instructions and his guidance. We are all indebted to Srila prabhupada for what he has done. He has given Krsna. Is there anything more anyone else could give? No. So once his disciples were asking, "Is there anything we could do to become free from the debt that we owe to you Srila Prabhupada?" He said, "Nothing could be done." But after a little pause he said, "Yes, you do as I did." And that refers to, **'You preach as I preached.'**

It's nice we are gathered and we are making offerings. But

then the best offering would be offering ourselves wholly and solely to propagate the mission of Srila Prabhupada which is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. Giving Krsna to more and more and more people and this will be most pleasing to Srila Prabhupada. And as we do that, Srila Prabhupada who is very far from us, he will be very next to us as we follow that instruction.

So on this day, we are being reminded, it's a day of separation but how we could stay closer is by following him, dedicate our lives to propagate this Krsna consciousness movement for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada ki jay!!!!

Krishna is the only way, Krishna Consciousness is the only way

**“yenaivaham bhagavato vasudevasya vedhasah
mayanubhavam avidam yena gacchanti tat-padam” (SB 1.5.31)**

Translation: By that confidential knowledge, I could understand clearly the influence of the energy of Lord Sri Krsna, the creator, maintainer and annihilator of everything. By knowing that, one can return to Him and personally meet Him.

Purport: By devotional service or by the most confidential knowledge, one can understand very easily how the different energies of the Lord are working. One part of energy is manifesting the material world; the other (superior) part of His energy is manifesting the spiritual world. And the via medium energy is manifesting the living entities who are serving either of the above-mentioned energies. The living

entities serving material energy are struggling hard for existence and happiness, which is presented to them as illusion. But those in the spiritual energy are placed under the direct service of the Lord in eternal life, complete knowledge and perpetual bliss. The Lord desires, as He has directly said in the Bhagavad-Gita, that all conditioned souls, rotting in the kingdom of material energy, come back to Him by giving up all engagements in the material world. This is the most confidential part of knowledge. But this can be understood only by the pure devotees, and only such devotees enter the kingdom of God to see Him personally and serve Him personally. The concrete example is Narada himself, who attained this stage of eternal knowledge and eternal bliss. And the ways and means are open to all, provided one agrees to follow in the footsteps of Sri Narada Muni. According to sruti, the Supreme Lord has unlimited energies (without effort by Him), and these are described under three principal headings, as above mentioned.

Wonderful proposal is here, that we could meet Him. Good news! We could meet Him!! Haribol!! If you are interested, if there is will then there is a way. No will no way, there is no way you will meet Him. If there is no will then there is no way, forget it.

But those who are interested meeting Him, it seems possible. This was the experience of those Bhaktivedantas. You were here, right for some days? They know what the story line is. You know who is speaking here? Narada Muni is speaking and he is speaking unto Srila Vyasdeva. Conversation between Srila Narada Muni and Srila Vyasdeva, the two very great great personalities. In fact, they have been listed in the list of incarnations. Krsna, the source of all incarnation's chapter. These temple devotees have gone through chapter number three. And in there, you find the name of Srila Vyasdeva, You find the name of Srila Narada Munii. So know these two great souls, these two incarnations of the Lord, empowered incarnations of

the Lord. They are meeting in Badarikashram, almost on the top of the Himalayan Mountain. Badarikashram is on the top, Himalaya ke godha mein. On the bank of Sarasvati they are meeting. Alakananda, the sacred branch of Ganga is also not far from there. One morning, one beautiful morning like this one today. Is this beautiful? This is okay, good one but more beautiful up there, where everything is so clear, no pollution, no car goes there. No, the cars are also allowed going but when they had this conversation, everything was clear. Not only the air was clear but the consciousness also, especially of Narada Muni. Srila Vyasdeva was facing some difficulty. His consciousness was bit polluted. And as a result, he was despondent. As Narada Muni arrived from above, from his travelling preaching mission and as he comes, Narada Muni is never quiet, never quiet. He is always chanting 'narada muni bajaye vina radhikaramana namne'. Others say he is always chanting 'narayana narayana'. But that is not the case, he does chant 'narayana narayana' but he also chants names of Radhika and Raman. He is very confidential devotee of the Lord, associate of the Lord. He has place in Badarikashram. He is worshipper of that Badri Narayana in this Bharata varsha. There is so many varshas, nine varshas? Yes? And one of them is Bharata varsha and the deity is Narayana and the worshipper is Narada Muni. So while chanting the names of the Lord, he was arriving, descending, landing there. And then he saw Srila Vyasdeva and he didn't seem very happy. "Hey! What's wrong with you? You are not a family man (Laughter) And these early morning hours also? You should be jolly.

"brahma-bhutam prasannatma na socati na kanksati" (BG 18.54)

For realised soul there is no lamentation, there is no hankering, 'prasannatma' he is always blissful, "But look at you face." And then Srila Vyasdeva, 'guhyam akyati prachati', he disclosed his mind in confidence what he was facing. He was having little hard time or in the terms that which are used

these days. He didn't have a job satisfaction (Laughter). He had compiled so many scriptures, Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads and Vedanta Sutra, Mahabharata. But still he was not happy with the job he has done for the compilation of all these texts. Here Narada Muni is the spiritual master of Srila Vyasdeva. So Srila Vyasdeva said, 'Please I would like you to do the review of my books, book review. "So Narada Muni undertook the task and immediately came with the conclusion. 'Yes yes certainly I could now see why you are not very happy.'" 'vasudevasya mahima hy anuvarnitah' (SB 1.5.9). "Where is mahima of Vasudeva? You have compiled all these scriptures. Well, you have sprinkled few drops of here and there of some mahima of Vasudeva. But 'hari sarvatra giyate' Hari should have been everywhere on every page. In every line, every word, every single syllable. 'vasudevam sarvam iti' Vasudeva is all in all. But you have kept Vasudeva out of your all these books or just little touch. And that's the reason you are not happy." So as for observations and recommendations of Narada Muni, who was the spiritual master of Srila Vyasdeva, he undertook compilation of yet another scripture. And he compiled the final and the best scripture in existence. That was and that still is Srimad Bhagavatam ki jai!!!

So while they were talking, conversations continued after the book review, statements... 'srnvanti gayanti grnanti sadhavaḥ' (SB 1.5.11). "You should compile a scripture that is very dear to the sadhus, the saintly person, saintly devotees of the Lord. So that they could do '**srnvanti gayanti grnanti sadhavaḥ abhikṣanah**' all the time also. By reading that scripture, they will be purified. 'te eva paśyanti achireṇa tavakam padambujam'. And if they study such scripture, Bhagavatam, then as person hears and chants and recites and remembers, the result is 'te eva paśyanti'. They will be able to see. 'achireṇa' they will not take much time. What will they see, 'padambujam' the lotus feet of the Lord and then beautiful form of the Lord, beautiful face of the Lord." So as they were still talking about the subject matter, Srila Narada Muni is

talking about his previous life. In his previous life, he was son of a maid servant. Well, how did he get there or how did he end in becoming son of a maid servant. Then we have talk of his previous yet another life. In his previous life, he was a Gandharva. He was a very exalted person in a higher planetary system. And so many singers and reciters were invited and it was expected that they would chant the glories of Sri Krsna, 'vasudevasya mahima'. But there were also many young beautiful girls in the assembly. So he lost the track. He was distracted, he lost his focus, forgot his mission. And he ended up chanting the glory of demigods. He forgot the Supreme Personality of Godhead and he was chanting 'jaya durge, jaya ambe...' (Laughter). As a result of that, he was cursed to become son of a maid servant in the next life. So in the second life as he was son of a maid servant, that is what he is talking about in the present third life that he has now achieved when he is talking to Srila Vyasdeva about his second life, middle life.

So that time he was very lucky although son of a maid servant. It was month of Caturmasya, the four months starting with shravan, bhadrapad, ashvin and kartika. These four months are called Caturmasyas. So some bhaktivedantas had come, some parivrajakacharya, the travelling monks had come. The exalted devotees of Sri Krsna had come. They had come just outside his village. I am going to make this long story short so that we could reach the conclusion or come to where we are now. This verse, we are way behind (Maharaj talking). So he had opportunity to associate with the saintly persons. His mother used to go so he also used to go behind the mother. He had no father, no brother. He was the only child, so he used to go with the mother. Mother busy in the kitchen washing pots, cleaning. She had several services. And the child is to be around the saintly person. "Hey boy, come here, come here. Bring some water. Bring some tulasi, bring some Ganga jal. Bring this, take this." And the child was running happily doing this and that for the saintly persons and he would also

listen to the message. And one important thing he did, he says (This is Narada Muni infact, talking to Srila Vyasdeva how he came to Krsna consciousness. How he became devotee of Krsna). Like in our Back to Godhead magazines, we publish articles, 'How I came to Krsna consciousness.' That is the subject matter and Narada Muni is talking, how he came to Krsna consciousness. " I had association of devotees. I rendered some service to those devotees. I listened to some messages but I also ate lots of prasadam. With their permission, I took lots of prasadam".

As they were living, those bhaktivedantas were very kind to poor hearted souls. 'krpaya deena vatsalah', they were very very kind, 'deena vatsalah', the poor in consciousness. You have no money or empty pocket, then also you are poor. But there is another kind of being poor. Other way you could be poor in consciousness. Of the two, it is better to have no money but you are rich in consciousness. Every and each consciousness you have Krsna for you. In fact, that's all you need. That's all soul needs. "So these bhaktivedantas, they were very very kind to me." Narada Muni says. "'jnana guhyatamam', they gave me most confidential knowledge." One more time, they may have summarized all the Bhagavatam or something in essence, one more time, one more time most confidential. So Narada, he was not Narada Muni that time, he became Narada later on. One more time he heard. 'yena' in this verse, first word is what? What is the first word? 'yena' by which. 'By which', this refers to, by the confidential knowledge that he had, Narada Muni had received. I could understand clearly the influence of the energy of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna. He could understand everything. He could understand the energies of the Lord, different energy of the Lord about which Prabhupada is talking in the purport. And by knowing that, one can return to Him, the Personality and meet Him personally.

So Narada Muni had received this knowledge and he did meet

Lord personally. He is talking about what he has heard. But then, soon after this bhagavat recitation, most unfortunate thing happened to Narada Muni. He lost his mother. While she was going in the middle of the night to milk the cow and the snakebite and she was dropped dead there. Oh what to do? But he was prepared. Because he had all the knowledge. He was equipped with the knowledge. He was not lost, he was not bewildered. He was not confused, he exactly knew what to do under the circumstances. Well, certainly it was beyond him, the death of the mother. No child, no no, what to speak of a child wanting mother's death. No, he had never ever thought of such thing. But he had no control over. He took that as Lord's arrangement. So he did the final rites. He burnt two things. He burnt the body of the mother and he also burnt little house they had, little hut they had he also burnt. In fact, we heard that he brought the body to the house, to the hut. And he burnt the hut with that body of the mother also. Now he has no one in the world, no property, no relatives, but he had that knowledge. He had that confidential knowledge. And what is the purpose of that knowledge, **'vedaish ca sarvair aham eva vedya'** (B.G 15.15) " **I am to be known**". The knowledge that one acquires. Well then we have to understand which knowledge helps us to understand Him, the Supreme Lord.

'raja vidya raja guhyam pavitram idam uttamam' B.G 9.2). The king of knowledge, "adhyatma vidya vidyanam" (B.G 10.32), 'adhyatma vidya' knowledge about the self. Who am I? 'athato brahma jijnasa'. "Oh dear human being, oh, now finally and fortunately you have become human being. Become inquisitive, inquire, find out who you are, and what is this world all around you. And when you are no more, when you are dead, you would be wanting to turn left or right or go up and down. You should have all the plan. You should know everything. You should know vidya. You should also know avidya." This is the advice of Isopanishad. Not only vidya, avidya also. So Narada Muni was equipped with this knowledge. As he had no one around him, he starts travelling, walking and walking, doing

padayatra. Going through the towns, villages and industrial areas, the forest and the hills. And he comes to a very thick, forest was dark in the middle of the day. And the snakes were crawling and the owls making all the very scary sounds. Fierce animals were roaming freely; of course this was their home. In the midst of all that, there was little Narada, he was just a young boy. But he was not afraid of nothing. He was only thinking. He was remembering all that he had heard and read the Bhagavatam. **He was thinking, as a result of thinking of the Lord, where is my Lord, where is my Lord? He was looking for the Lord.** He was very hungry and thirsty. But all that he could see was there was a water body. So he quickly took bath and drank water. That's all, no food, only water. He felt some relief then he sat underneath a tree and he started meditating upon the Lord in the heart. Looking, searching and searching and he was just fixed. He was fully focused, only thing he was seeing as per the description of the Lord and His beautiful form. He was fixing his mind on that Lord. He is Syamsundara, he was thinking of Syamsundara's form. The pinkish lotus feet, the Lord's ankle bells, Lord's thighs are short and waist is like a lady, a thin waist Lord has. Lord's navel, broad chest, long arms reaching His knees. Short neck, raised nose, reddish lips, lotus eyes, blooming lotus eyes. Broad forehead, beautiful curly hair and a peacock feather. 'pitambara aravinda netra', was wearing pitambara...like that. His palms were also pinkish and they were like a lotus hanging. He was not holding lotus but His hands were like a lotus. This part (Maharaj showing with his hand), was like a lotus flower. That part was pinkish, His fingers were like a lotus petal. And the hands were very fragrant also like a lotus, not because some powder was applied there. Naturally the Lord's hands were fragrant.

So he had been hearing the description of the Lord. There is talk of seeing the Lord in today's verse. So now he was seeing the Lord, Lord in his heart. And this was result of hearing about that Lord. He wanted to achieve that Lord. He wanted to

see that Lord, meet Him personally. And that is what was going on here. He was meeting the Lord in his heart. He had interview with the Lord. He was seeing the Lord face to face. That darshan that audience with the Lord did not last very long. Lord disappeared and then he heard a voice. This is ahead appeal, you will be reading this in following verses and chapters. Then he heard the voice, "Yes, that is it boy. Next time I'll give you darshan in the next life." As he was not able to see the Lord, He was not in front of him within his heart anymore, that disturbed his darshan, his samadhi.

Then he had to wait till next birth when he became Brahma's son. From Lord, Brahma took birth and then Narada Muni appeared. And he had lots of darshans of the Lord. Always taking darshan of the Lord, meeting with the Lord. Dancing with the Lord and everything, his life was just God centered, Krsna centered. So by that confidential knowledge, I could understand clearly the influence of the energy of Lord Sri Krsna, the creator, maintainer and annihilator of everything. By knowing that, one can return to Him and personally meet Him. And what about my life? I have to be engineer. I have to be doctor, I am already somebody. I have a job. Already 9.30 -10 o'clock I have to catch a bus. So this hearing about the Lord, making up the mind of finding the Lord, realize the Lord and finally meet the Lord, is this only for selected few or everyone should be doing this? What do you think? Well, if you are a soul, then you should have a goal of meeting the Supreme soul. Otherwise the whole thing is lost. Are we soul? Is everybody a soul? Everybody has soul? What do you think? Everyone has a soul? No? Some are thinking everybody has no soul. Some are convinced. Students are convinced. But at least human beings, Christians say animals have no soul. So let us eat them. They are made for us to be exploited, to be enjoyed. Lets think that they are in ignorance, I would say and move on the human race. All human beings, there is a soul in their bodies. You cannot be living being if there is no soul.

Life comes from life, not from matter. Life comes from life and the Supreme life, lively Personality, Personality of Godhead. And he declares in Bhagavad Gita , **'mamaivamso jiva loka jiva-bhutih sanatana'** (B.G 15.7). **All the living entities, they are My parts and parcels. We are the souls, we are not these bodies.** I'm not this hand. This is my hand, I am not Mr. hand, I am not Mr. head, this head belongs to me and this is my chest and the belly. I am not Mr. chest, I am not the legs, legs belong to me. I am the proprietor, in other words I am the proprietor of the hands, head, belly and legs. This belongs to me. Right there with little logic, Srila prabhupada used to use this kind of logic. We could understand that there are two things. There is a 'Me' and 'Mine'. This has been described in Bhagavatam as 'aham' and 'mama'. 'mi' ani 'maza', 'mein' aur 'mera'. So this mein', this 'aham' this 'mi', that is me, that is soul and the rest is the body. And there is another kind of energies of the Lord, external energy of the Lord.

So need of the soul is looking forward to meet the Supreme Lord. Everyone is looking for the Lord. Even George Harrison said that. You heard of George Harrison? He is no more. But he was big big singer. His name was Harrison. He was follower of Srila Prabhupada. He used to chant "Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare". And he did big great service to Srila Prabhupada mission in London by donating a big mansion which is known as Bhaktivedanta Manor. And he paid for the entire cost of the printing of the Krsna book long time ago. And in there, there is a George Harrison's statement and he has signed also. So everyone, everyone is looking for the Lord knowingly or unknowingly. And he explains how everyone is looking for some rich persons. He wants to associate with the rich persons. He is attracted to the rich people or riches or the wealth. No one is exception. Everyone is looking for wealth, riches.

Where is money, where is money? "diva ca arthe haya rajan

kutuba bharne nava". As soon as they get up, Lakshmi Lakshmi Lakshmi. They are chanting the mantra. So they are looking for wealth. Krsna has that wealth, Krsna is full of that wealth, He is Bhagavan, He is dhanavan. He is Bhagavan meaning He is dhanavan. So if you are looking for wealth, that meant even to George Harrison, **you are looking for the Lord. You are looking for most wealthy person.** If you find someone wealthy, you will say, 'Oh! he is not as wealthy as that one.'" And you go find, meet him and there is another wealthy person, I go to him like that. Why everyone is interested going to heavenly planets? Because there are even more riches than Tatas and Biralas . People will find Kuvera and other demigods very very rich. But then, there is someone even more richer than the demigods. That is the Supreme Lord. You will not be satisfied by meeting a person who has wealth. You will think, Oh there is another one, another one wealthier. And most wealthy person is Sri Krsna. So you are looking for that ultimate person, most wealthy person. So this is just the wealth part.

Let's go for the beauty and, oh this person is more beautiful and you meet him. That one is more beautiful, like that. This is how we are changing bodies. Because we are looking for a beautiful person. This one is more beautiful, oh! This one is more beautiful. But the most beautiful is Sri Krsna. So that search that we are searching for a beautiful person, that search will end only when we meet our Lord who is most beautiful.

And knowledgeable, you may know so many knowledgeable people. You may be thinking, 'My professor is very knowledgeable.' Oh! But then I know someone else who is a noble laureate and he is more knowledgeable. But the most knowledgeable is again Sri Krsna. What He spoke only for 45 minutes, in the battlefield of Kurukshetra 5000 years ago, that still holds as the truth. Others knowledgeable persons are coming and going. And what they have to say is studied even and becomes popular for 50 years, few 100 years and then that is dumped until someone comes and proves that this is all wrong. Its all bogus, but

what Krsna spoke 5000 years ago, so many scholars are trying to understand even today. So Krsna is most knowledgeable. Krsna is most powerful, He showed that, His power by lifting Govardhan hill. That's nothing; His expansion Anantshesha is holding all the planets. Very very powerful, so He is most powerful. So these are different opulence of the Lord. So our search for the beautiful person, wealthy person, knowledgeable person, renounced person, famous person, strong person, Bhagavan.

“aisvaryasya samagrasya viryasya yasasah sriyah jnana-vairagyayos caiva”

These opulence are Krsna's, God's opulence. And the soul is looking for that person. And going for that person, another person, from one body to another, from one planet to another, one universe to another; this search will end only when we find the Lord of our heart. When the soul meets the Supreme soul, then we'll be fully satisfied and not otherwise. Well, one could search or think of searching the Lord only in the human form of life, not in another species of life. 'jalaja nava lakshani' There are 9 lakhs varieties of species in the water. The Vedic texts are so precise. krimayo rudra-sankhyakah ' The germs and worms are of 11 lakhs of varieties. 'pakshinam dasa laksyanam'- 10 lakhs varieties of birds and 20 thousands varieties of plants, 30 thousands varieties of animals. You have been adding? This is 80 lakhs and 'manusyanam catur laksyanam', the human species are 400,000 varieties, 4 lakh varieties. They are not all in this planet. Not necessary in this universe but wherever. This breakdown is there and of all the species the human species are most rare species.

Because this offers us the most rare opportunity of coming to the temple. Or coming to God or thinking of God or hearing about God. This dharma business, this religion business is only for human beings. I travelled long distance came from Pandharpur, not a cat has come. Not a dog has come. Only human

beings have come. This is a proof that Bhagavatam is dharma, is Krsna. This chanting of the holy name , oh! This is only for human beings. Others can't even think, it's beyond them. Only human beings could think. So everyone, Prabhupada had said, is rotting in this material world. Everyone is rotting, suffering. I had to visit hospital in Nagpur few days ago. Terrible experience as I had to visit the Intense Care Unit. Wherever I could see, I don't want even think ...and then you die, Life is tough.

I was in New York; well I was in Nagpur few days ago. But few years ago, I was in New York. On the wall, someone wrote, some New Yorker he wrote his realization on the wall. He said, "Oh, life is tough, and then you die." That was not all. He had another short line at the bottom. "Then you are born again. For another tough life, tough life, tough life". Then you die and then born again and again and again and again. No one wants this, no one wants to die. Anyone here, when I had travelled and enquired in South Africa, I was there a few months ago. So, 'No, I have not met one person, I don't want to die, I don't want to die.' But everyone must die. I don't want to die. I don't want to suffer. But suffering is there. We were in Gaya just few weeks ago. Buddha was Siddhartha before? Siddhartha and He wanted to see the world. But His father would not let Him go. He had to stay within the palace compound. No going outside. But He insisted, ' No no father, I must go daddy no!' 'Okay boy go.' So He was given a chariot and a chariot driver. They were going around and doing Bharata darshan. And what He saw was, you know. Someone was terribly suffering, lying on the footpath and flies.... He was very sick and what not.

'Oh! What is wrong with this person?'

'He is very sick, that's why he is suffering.'

Siddhartha said, 'Does everyone get sick?' Sure. 'Will I get sick also?'

'Yes, one day sure no problem.'

And then, move on move on. Someone is struggling to cross the road. He was not only having two feet but another support stick. 'Hey please help, help me to cross the road.' He had trembling body. He was falling down and getting up. 'Hey, what's wrong with this person chariot driver?'

'Oh, he is old man, he is weak, invalid and blind now. That's why he is struggling.'

'Does everyone get old?'

'Oh for sure.'

'What about me?'

'You also, no problem you will also get old.'

And then he said, carry on carry on.

'Oh what is this? Rama naam satya hai, Rama naam satya hai. Hey what is happening here? I see that one person is enjoying nice ride (Laughter). While everyone is walking in hot sun. One person is just... They are throwing flowers on him. He must be a special person. But everyone is saying Rama naam... but he is not.'

'Oh, he is dead person.'

'What do you mean?'

'They will bring him to the ghat and going to burn his body.'

'What!! Does everyone die?'

'Sure.'

'And what about me?'

'No problem (Laughter), you will also die one day.'

So He had just little darshan as he was going around. Father didn't want Him to see this. That's why he was keeping him within the palace. So Siddhartha said, ' Okay chariot driver, it's enough. I have seen the world enough, no more now I don't want to see the world. Bring My chariot back to the palace.' Chariot back to the palace and that night, very night... He was young man, young wife, young son also, Rahul yes? That's the name. He has a son called Rahul. So He took off in the middle of the night. He goes to Gaya. He becomes enlighten, he wanted to find solution. 'Oh, I know the four problems. I have made

list. Not 40, not 400 problems but My problems are four.'

'janma mrtyu jara vyadhi duhkha dosanudarsanam (B.G 13.9)

He had made a list. 'I have four problems that I will be facing. And if I don't solve them in this life, I'll have to come back again. Again those four problems and again if I don't tackle them in that life, then another life and another. I want to put full stop to this suffering!' So severe austerities and meditation and He becomes enlighten. He becomes Buddha. And then He wants to enlighten others. He was incarnation, one of the ten incarnations of the Lord, Buddha Dev. Don't think He belongs only to the..... He is also our incarnation. So this Lord Buddha, He made this list for us. These are four problems. Krsna says this in Bhagavad Gita. Prabhupada is talking here. We are rotting here in this material world suffering. So, is there alternative to this suffering? The way out, is this only something that we scare people, so they have hard time even when sleeping at night? Do scriptures talking of only negative things and pointing out suffering of the world and humanity and individuals? No, that's not the case. There is way out and that way out is realization. I am a soul, I am atma, I am atma. I am spirit soul. I am Krsna's. I belong to God, I am His part and parcel and I must meet Him. There is so much knowledge about these matters. The soul and the Supreme soul and there is yet another kingdom of the Lord; spiritual kingdom of the Lord. No one knows about it, Krsna knows. And hundreds and thousands of pure devotees have confirmed this fact. Pure devotees, they have no tendency to cheat anybody. Narada Muni, Madhavacharya, Tukaram Maharaj, well just named few. There are thousands of them. Hundreds and thousands say the same thing over again and again and again. They only think of the welfare of others, these great personalities. And they are confirming these facts which have been said by Krsna in Bhagavad Gita or described in Bhagavatam.

Scientists do not know, of course well why should scientist

know? Just because you are scientist, you should know everything? There was one honest scientist. He was again talking of only material knowledge, was Newton or Einstein or something. He took one particle of sand on the beach. He was on the beach. 'I know only just one particle. I don't know about all the particles around me. That much knowledge. There is so much more to know. I know only little bit, this tiny bit.' We all have tiny brains, with the tiny brain how much could you know? All that people are knowing is about the matter. But there is so much to know about the spirit soul and the spiritual world. The Russian scientists came to conclusion, 'Oh, if there is a matter, there must be anti matter also. Then is a complete combination.' They came to this conclusion. If there is matter, there must be anti matter also. Well, you may know something something from this world. You wanted to become javan or kisan or doctor or engineer or some kind of professional. Well fine, we all do that. We know about this trade, that brands about the computers or constructions or cloth making or building, whatever different different things each one of us. But there is one thing that everyone must know about and that is the soul. About soul, everyone should have knowledge. About this world and worldly things, I may know something. And he knows another thing and he knows another thing. He is a science student, he is artist, he is biologist, he is a physicist, he is a geologist, he is a botanist. I am finished with the list. Cosmology, astronomy okay like that. There are so many departments of knowledge. And he belongs to this department, that department. But there is one department which is common for all the souls. There is one knowledge that everyone must study.

Prabhupada was taken on a tour of Boston University and he visited all the departments, 20-30 big tour. And at the end he said, 'Where is that department that talks about the soul? You don't have such department? It is incomplete.' Where is the branch of knowledge? Where is the faculty that teaches about 'Who am I'? I am studying everything else in the world but I

do not know who am I. This is the cause of suffering. This sense of so called enjoyment is there on the surface level which does not last very long. 'ehi samsparsah ja bhoga duhkha yona ya evate' Anyone who is enjoying must suffer. This is the law also of this world. Those who wish to enjoy, we don't stop you. Go ahead enjoy but be prepared to suffer. You may not want to suffer but you must suffer. You have to suffer. These two things go together. This is part of knowledge. This Gita will teach. Be prepared, be aware. You want to enjoy? Okay but you will be suffering. It is not possible to enjoy only. It is also not possible to suffer only. The complete package is two types of seasons. Sukha season and then dukha season. Every body's life has these two seasons. But Krsna consciousness is talk about going above. No sukha, no dukha only anand which has origin in the soul and the Supreme soul. By nature we are blissful. We talked about God and soul and Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam.

"Oh, but is it accepted or proven by the scientist? Is this scientific? What you are talking, is this scientific?' Of course, it is scientific. Krsna is Supreme scientist and many more could be said. So why science has to put stamp of approval on what Krsna has to say, what sadhus have to say, what Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam has to say, why? Is this scientific? Could you prove it scientifically? Could be proven, It is a science. To begin with this is a science, original science, the best science. Science of the soul, science of God, sastra.

**'yah sastra vidhim utsrjya vartate kama karatah na
Sa siddhim avapnoti na sukham na param gatim' (B.G 16.23)**

So anyone studying, continue your studies. Study physics, study chemistry, study this, study that. Study germs, worms (Laughter). So many persons, they take one germ and the whole life, they are focused on one tiny germ. The movements, the life span the tendencies, likings and disliking of that germ.

Whether germ or something of that sort. We are studying whole life. Study little bit of that but lot of times we invested in studying who we are. Who is God? Where and how we exist and what is my relationship with Him? And once we have Him, we have everything.

Srila Prabhupada used to say so, one department, another knowledge, another property, this that. Different different zeroes. There is no '1', then all these zeroes put together and one big zero. Okay I'll stop. Any questions? Quick questions. There is so much to talk about. I am sure Radheyshyam prabhu, another prabhus have been talking to you and you have been discussing this. We are happy to see so many students from all over the planet. All over the country have assembled here. This is a rare opportunity for us to see such a scene. Young people, of course why should we wait for our body are rotten and then make an offering of rotten. The fresh flower, fresh fruits of this season. And you are the fresh fruits of this season, of this world. And all of you should be offered at the lotus feet of Sri Krsna.

Tamal Krsna Goswami Maharaj used to talk like this, a garland of jivas. 'Prabhupada, we have come from the West and here are 108 new bhaktas.' As if they are like a garland and they are being offered to Srila Prabhupada. Please offer them to Sri Krsna. Bring them to Sri Krsna, offer them garland of flowers or garland of fruits. So here we see nice offering. Why you should be serving Maya, you should be serving Krsna. This is the proposal of Krsna, this is the proposal of all the great sages and saintly persons and our ancestors have talked like this. Only when we started imitation of the West and as they made us the slaves for almost 1000 years by the Muslims and the Britishers and then the Dutch and French. Then we lost the track, we get distracted. Even after the independence. Okay we have independence so that we could have Rama raja. We'll establish the principles of Rama, Krsna. This was the vision. but again forgotten as soon as we had the first Prime Minister of India. He said, 'Oh this dams, the bridges and the

factories, these are our temples. These are the places of worship or us.' Although born in a Brahmin family, as he was born in a Brahmin family, but he was brought up and his education in the West, he was very much influenced by the West. He used to get his cloths ironed in Paris. And they used to bring his cloths to Delhi from Paris, ironed cloths. Then he would put on his cloths. He was influenced like that. He wanted his whole country like that. Again the modern science, we are modern scientific and industry and technologies, the way to go. So many promises made by technology and the industrialist civilization have been not fulfilled. And the ill effects of that modern technology and industrial lifestyles are about to... in front of us. 10% of all Indians are having kidney trouble. Well because I just happened to read this two days ago. One of every 10 Indians is having kidney trouble. And heart trouble, so many other kinds of troubles. Someone else kidney trouble, but someone else with some other kind of troubles. Soon Indians to be on the top of the list of HIV, the Aids we are leading. We are getting there, we'll be number one. I was in Africa, the life span of south Africa has been reduced to 33 years. With more than half the population is suffering with the Aids. Shame! Matter of shame.

The most sick country in the world is America and the terrorism. We cannot have a sleep at night. You have nice bed, you could buy bed but not sleep. You could buy food but not hunger. There is no hunger, no sleep because of anxiety or so many things. This is the spirit of enjoyment. It is the result of enjoyment. Suffering is here catching up with us. We should wake up. If we cannot wake up everybody, we could start by waking up few people. I can see here, good gathering here, woken up or waking up. 'tamaso ma jyotir gamaya' Get out of the darkness, go to the light. Light of what? Light of Supreme Personality of Godhead is light. Krsna is 'surya sam maya hai andhakar'. Light of Bhagavat, light of Bhagavad Gita, be knowledgeable. Know who you are then proceed. Stop, think and

proceed.

So this is the proposal of International Society for Krsna Consciousness. This was what Prabhupada all life long, he was talking this language on behalf of Krsna. And in only 40 years ago, there was just him by himself. And you will be happy to know, I am sure you know. Already so many hundreds and thousands millions of followers... The Krsna Consciousness has reached 160 countries in 40 years. It's good news or no? Haribol!! And it's just the beginning. That means people around the world; Krsna Consciousness is in big demand. And it is the only alternative. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way. Krsna is the only way, Krsna Consciousness is the only way. The holy name is the only way to get Krsna. So continue with your studies and whatever else you have been doing in your life. But add Krsna, know Krsna and spread this knowledge of Krsna around which is called Krsna Consciousness. This will do good to you, your family. This is good for your family. Because your family is also souls, family of souls. This will do good to our country, to the humanity. And all the living entities will be benefitted by this message of Bhagavatam. By knowing that, that refers to knowing Bagavatam, knowing Bhagavad gita, one can return to Him, return to Krsna and personally meet Him. That is what we said in the beginning. This is nice proposal, wonderful proposal of meeting with the Lord. And Narada Muni is speaking from his personal first time experience. Such meeting is possible and this is our birth right to meet Krsna.

Prabhupada's spiritual master said, 'This political freedom is not that important. More important is to make the soul free from the shackles of this bond of this material existence.' That is why in 1922, Prabhupada was about to join Mahatma Gandhi's freedom movement. He had already started wearing kadhi cloths and attending meeting. Also going to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, his underground meetings. And as he met with Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati, he said, ' No no, its more important to take up the mission of Sri Krsna Caitanya

Mahaprabhu seriously. And make people free from illusion. Free from ignorance. Ignorance is cause of suffering, make them knowledgeable.' And Prabhupada took that instruction very very seriously. Thank God that this instruction was given by Bhakti Siddhanta and he took it seriously also Prabhupada. As a result, what is happening? As a result we are sitting here today. Someone is talking and others are hearing and others will also talk further about this. So it started in 1922 with Prabhupada taking this mission very very seriously; spreading the knowledge, making the people knowledgeable. I am sure you will like not to forget Krsna. We can't forget. He is so wonderful, how could you forget Him. Forget everything else. It's all rubbish, all temporary cause of suffering. Embrace Krsna, go for Krsna. Meet Krsna, personally meet Krsna, Start meeting, Radha Kunjabihari is Krsna. See Him, see with the knowledge what you have heard and stand before Him. And chant His glories, chant His holy names in front of Radha Kunjabihari. Take Krsna Prasad and every person that you care... I care for my parents. I care for my friend. I really want to care, do something useful. If you are thinking like this, please share this Krsna Consciousness with them. Then and then only you have done something tangible, substantial for them. Otherwise this 'ahara nidra bhayam maithun' business goes on. Don't think this eating, sleeping, roti, kapra, makaan, everyone is provided.

Whether in the bird society, animal society. Just because they don't have university, they don't have parliament, they don't have Super bazaar or big bazaar like in Pune; they have big bazaar now. Is this big bazaar going to make Pune happier? Don't be in illusion. We guarantee Pune will be more suffering in years to come. Pune vasi show us hand and ask us, 'Please give us your predictions.' So we will say, you are enjoying? Yes yes. You want to enjoy? Yes yes. Material way? Yes yes. You will suffer!! (Laughter).

We don't have to curse anyway. Why should we be cursing? But

we could only speak the truth. We guarantee suffering. Well, I don't have to do anything. It is all programmed. It is all planned. So curb down this enjoying spirit independent of Krsna. Of course there is so much enjoyment in relationship with Krsna. So much enjoyment. So much to enjoy. We are not inviting you to come and suffer with us. Radheyshyam is not inviting, he is going all over the country and bringing young people and preaching to them. So that they would nicely suffer (laughter) He is not envious. Don't think he is suffering and he wants us also to suffer. In fact, he is enjoying and he wants to see that everyone else also will enjoy. Enjoyment all the way, only enjoyment. 'pratipadam purnamrtasvadam svadhu svadhu pade pade'. We guarantee that kind of happiness for everybody. Whole humanity could be enjoying for following this path shown by Sri Krsna described in Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam. And could be realized by chanting Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Questions:

Question by devotee: Hare Krsna Maharaj, please accept my humble obeisance's. So many times we hear about this philosophy, we should love God. We should serve God. We will be happy. But at the time of chanting the holy name, we are not able to concentrate. We are not able to relish. It is like a burden for us. How can we improve in our process of hearing so that sufficient effect will be there?

Maharaj: There is nothing wrong in Holy name. The same Holy name that Narada Muni chanted has been handed down to us to this day. Same potency, 'krsna caitanya rasa vigraha naam cintamani rasa vigraha'. Its full of juice and full of anand. How you apply is important. What is the other way? Okay, you are in a boat. The boat is in the ocean. Well, some difficulty with the boat or something. Should you be jumping in the ocean again? Is that how you will be saving yourself? Fix the boat, repair the boat or just... Something wrong with the boat. Just

fix it. Then you will survive to cross over. Not that there is something wrong with the boat, so I'll just jump off the boat. And then you will be in the deep trouble of the deep ocean. So having faith in chanting the holy name, that is also required. So anyone who could give us that faith, association of those faithful devotees.

Prabhupada gave the example of the jaundice. Someone has the jaundice, sugar candy is the way. The person eats sugar candy but he says, because of the sickness of the jaundice, the sugar candy even taste very bitter. He says, 'No, get me another type of medicine.' You want to be cured. This is the only medicine. And if the person goes on eating that sugar candy, then he will be cured. And as he is cured, he will also experience the sweetness of that sugar candy. And the time will come when he will say, 'Hey get me more, get me more sugar candy.' Its finished, "No no go buy it!" So Holy name is very very sweet. There is list of ten offences in Nectar of Devotion one should be avoiding.

'aparadh sunya hoi lao krsna nama'

So become free from aparadhs. Endeavor to become free from aparadh. Faithfully keep chanting to the Holy names of the Lord. Caitanya Mahaprabhu took to the chanting and He went mad. We will say same thing. Narada Muni was enjoying, Caitanya Mahaprabhu also was enjoying and He goes to His Guru maharaj. "The Holy name is so sweet. What kind of mantra you have given to Me? 'japite japite mantra karila pagal' I become pagla baba. I become pagal, mad man by chanting these Holy names. 'kiba mantra dila gosani kiba tara bala'. (CC Adi 7.81) So much bala, so much strength, so much sweetness in this chanting. I have gone mad, I can't just sit. I have to get up and dance. What is this?" So the same mantra. This chanting of the Holy name is same mantra deliver, very kindly delivered to us by Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. The properties of the Holy name and the soul are very similar. They are of similar characteristics. They belong to same world, same family. They have eternal connection, relationship. So just push yourself,

don't stop. Keep going, keep chanting. You could discuss further. Maybe take advice what changes could be made in your some habits or some lifestyles, your dealings with other matters or of the world. The Holy name is potent and sweet. So we encourage everyone to chant. Don't stop, success is not in stopping. Beg Holy name. "My dear Holy name, please I beg You. Please reveal unto me. Please forgive my offences. Give me intelligence oh Holy name so that I can avoid offences". You could be personal with the Holy name. Because Holy name is Lord Himself. You could reveal your heart to the Holy name. And the Holy name is very very kind. He will listen to your sincere prayers.

One more question?

Question by devotee: Please accept my humble obeisance's, Maharaj you talked about Lord Buddha. We know that God is God from eternity. Nobody becomes God. But still in case of Lord Buddha, we see that at a certain point of time He gets enlightenment. And He performs austerities...What is the purpose of His behavior in that matter, like He went out and sees things and then He performs austerity. He neither went to gurukul nor anywhere.

Maharaj: Maharaj laughing, Well, He is God. He doesn't have to go to any gurukul. But on other hand, to become God realized, He is performing austerities, the penances and meditation. He is teaching by His example, 'yad yada carati srestas'. Buddha didn't go to gurukul and became disciple of spiritual master. And Krsna went to Ujjain and He became disciple of Sandipani Muni. It was not necessary. He is God, not necessary for Him to become disciple. He is source of all knowledge. Rama, He also became a disciple. Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, He also had His guru. He found His guru in Gaya, in the same town. Caitanya Mahaprabhu had gone to Gaya. Buddha was enlightened in Gaya. Same Gaya Caitanya Mahaprabhu met His spiritual master. So They don't need to accept spiritual masters. But they are playing these roles, setting examples so we could

learn from that. But as a God, They may not sometimes follow the whole thing, all the steps, so in case of Buddha. Some formal acceptance of spiritual masters, other gurus also, who was it? 24 gurus, Dattatreya, He had 24 gurus. Even a prostitute, a child and a whole list, a pigeon, earth, water, fire like that... There are 24, so He is learning from them.

Caitya guru, Lord in the heart, paramatma in the heart is the first guru. In fact, because we do not listen to Him, Lord in the heart, then He comes out. Or comes in front of us in the form of spiritual master. Or Lord speaks His message through somebody through His pure devotee who plays the role of spiritual master. So Lord would like to talk to the soul. The soul and Supreme soul, they are sitting to each other. Katha Upanishad describes how this body is like a tree and on this tree there are two birds. One is atma, other one is paramatma. They are just next to each other, they are neighbors forever. In everybody the soul gets, embodied soul, the Lord is there. So He is speaking. But we are so dull headed and what not. So we do not listen to what He has to say. The same Lord is then trying to teach us through the agency of the spiritual master. And there are so many other agencies around that we could learn from. Lord Buddha did not accept the formal initiation. He is Lord, He doesn't have to...for He heard the Lord in the heart. For what He saw, He came to conclusion. Those things, the dead body was His guru, made Him think seriously. Is that okay?

Question: What about the austerity? Like it appears that, if we follow Him then one need to perform austerity to get enlightened. Austerity in a different way.

Maharaj: Sure, without austerity you cannot achieve anything. One of the big big austerity in this world these days is to stay together. Staying together is a big austerity. The wife and husband, they don't want to perform that austerity. Or so many other nations are getting broken into pieces. The big

crowd, even brahmacari ashram is hard. That's one austerity. There are varieties of austerities to be performed. By body, some by tongue, vaca, some by mind. Austerities one must perform in every Satya, Treta, Dwapar, Kali. There are different means to achieve that goal for purification. Austerity are there, with the austerity comes the purification.

**'tapo divyam putraka yena sattvam suddhyed
yasmad brahma sauthyam tu anantam' (SB 5.5.1)**

As one performs austerities, tapa, tapa. Brahma heard these two words in the very beginning. He didn't know, what I should be doing. What is my goal. What is expected of me. And he was curious to know. 'athato brahma jijnasa'. He heard two words, two letters 'ta' 'pa'. And as he put those two words together, ta...pa, ta...pa, tapa while he performed austerities. He goes back to the lotus, he sits there and he performs austerities. So the very first and only being at that time in the whole universe, he starts his spiritual life with austerities. And that tapasya purifies one and with that comes the real anand, real bliss, real life. So tapasya is for cleansing, cleansing body, like to make our talk refined. It should be refined in our speech. Of course no vulgar language, no nasty dirty things. Speak the truth, this is austerity. Be kind, with the mind, of course whole thing starts with the mind. If the mind is not purified, through the word and body, we'll be committing sin and offences. So the austerity of mind is there, of the speech, of the actions. Krsna describes this in Bhagavad Gita. So austerities that He performed, Buddha performed and we also perform. Chanting of Hare Krsna, this is tapa. This japa is tapa. This japa is yajna. This japa is archana, this japa is dhyan. Tapa is there,

**"samo damas tapah saucam ksantir arjavam eva ca
jnanam vijnanam astikyam brahma-karma svabhava-jam" (BG 18.42)**
Krsna is talking.