

# Association of devotees of Shri Krishna leads to our association with Shri Krishna

**Venue:** Los Angeles

Thank you everybody for coming to our Sunday festival. This festival was started by His Divine Grace A.C **Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupad ki.....Jai**, he is even founder acharya of Sunday festival. This festival is held worldwide over 500 centers of

**International Society for Krishna**

**Consciousness.** The sole purpose, infact of the foundation of this Hare

Krishna movement is to give association to everybody, **association of devotees of Krishna and that leads to pure association**

**with Krishna.** There are two kinds of associations called **"Sangas"**. One is technically known, I

am sure you must have heard of this Satsanga, you heard of Satsanga? (Maharaj

asking question to devotees) what is satsanga? The other is asatsanga. Asat and

sat, sat means real, eternal association that brings us in contact with the

eternal Personality, not only eternal full of knowledge, full of bliss, **sac-cid-ananda -vighraha, Sri Krishna.**

Association that brings us in contact with sac -cid -ananda Sri Krishna that is

**"satsanga"**. The other one is

asatsanga **"asatsanga tyagat ei vaishnav**

**achar"** Vaishnav is known for he makes sure he doesn't indulge in asatsanga

he stays away from asatsanga. One who stays away from asatsanga or false, temporary

sanga, association that person is a saintly person, the person is sadhu. **“asatsanga tyagat ei vaishnav achar”** that person is Vaishnav. So we have, Prabhupad has given us many many programmes, so many aspects of Krishna Consciousness to bring us in contact with that “sat” as this festival of **Jagganath Rath Yatra Mohotsav ki..... Jai.**

This is a grand opportunity, big opportunity for Satsanga and like that this Sunday festival is big satsanga opportunity. Morning program and evening that Prabhupad had instituted so that we get to hear about Krishna. We are so busy in varieties of activities and of all those activities this sitting down and hearing, thats not a serious business right, but we want to talk what we say, let's sit down and talk, let's not take it casually, let's sit down and talk. We get up and fight we have to sit down and talk. It was time for fighting and Arjun sat down in the beginning (laughs) of course Krishna wanted to talk to him so he sat down and listened. So we are running around and still lot of times not happy, we propose that you sit down, for a change sit down, chant Hare Krishna, sit down hear Krishna katha and we guarantee you that you will be simply happy. If you don't I will come next year you could take me to the court (devotees laughing) but we also guarantee you and the whole world that devoid of Krishna consciousness all running around is just useless, waste

of time **“srama eva hi kevalam”**.

Which is described as  
a rat race, big rat race everybody is running, even rats are  
running making their  
holes, they run from one hole to another hole, they run so  
fast and so  
seriously as if they have some serious business. All that they  
are doing is  
they are digging some hole (laughs) and then soon what  
happens, snake comes,  
rat has to get out, the snake makes his  
home there. In our case the death comes specially Prabhupad  
used to say that **“the talk which is not about Krishna is just  
compared to the (Maharaj  
asking to the devotees froking or croaking) croaking of the  
frog** (laugh)  
drau.....drau....drau.....we used to hear in India after rainy  
season. So when  
the frog does the croaking, Prabhupad used to say and this is  
a fact, he made a  
observation that the frog is inviting, inviting  
whom? the snake, if he would be quite then he will be safe out  
of sight,  
out of mind of the snake. But he keeps croaking it says I am  
here, I am here,  
please come it's time for breakfast for you please come. So,  
and that becomes  
the end of that frog, so we also keep talking, not one day in  
our life goes  
without talking, not one hour in our life goes without talking  
and hearing  
whole world is engaged in hearing and talking and enquiries  
and dialogues, what  
if it is not about Krishna, God related then it is just  
invitation for death to  
come, death to come **“mrtyuh sarva-haras**

**caham"** (B.G 10.34). Then I come in form of death I come, I was there in  
from of **Rukmini Dwarakadish** but you  
didn't come there was Bhagvat Katha you didn't come.

So now I have come "mrtyuh sarva-haras caham" I will snatch everything, live you empty pocket, empty handed and out. So our goal is "**ante narayana smrti**" remembering the Lord always that's the goal. Especially at the time of death so many proposals were  
there, when King Pariksit had only 7 more days to go, the conclusion was let  
him hear Srimad Bhagvatam from Sukhdev Goswami and that would be most  
beneficial leading to "ante narayana smrti" remembering the Lord at the time of  
death, at the important moment of our life.

So Krishna consciousness is like, there is art of living there is also art how to die? Of course in the west I was told they are  
learning art of committing suicide. There is a book published in Sweden in some  
countries its very popular, art of committing suicide. There are 100 versions  
there are so many versions and you can pick up one and go for it. So human form  
life is a meaningful "**adhruvam apy arthadam**" (S.B 7.6.1) Prahlad Maharaj says "**adhruvam**" yes yes its temporary, it's not going to last forever or  
for long but it's meaningful. So we get a meaning to our life like Krishna  
climbed up the hoods of Kaliya and left the impressions of His feet there ,  
then Kaliya's life was meaningful you may go now anywhere Krishna said you are  
safe . So we want that assurance otherwise no one in this

world is capable of  
protecting us “abhaya caranaravaibda re” “  
**bhaja hu re mana, bhaja hu re mana sri nanda nandana abhaya  
caranaravinda re**” OH! My dear mind  
please worship “**abhayacaran**” they  
offer fearlessness to otherwise very fearful entities, human  
beings but there  
is no protection, no security, we are in anxiety , we are  
fearful. Only  
reliable security is protection from the Lord, once we are  
Krishna connected  
then we are safe not otherwise.

So Srila Prabhupad has given us philosophy of Bhagvat this  
Bhagvat dharma has given us this beautiful scriptures. So many  
volumes full of  
glories of Sri Krishna, “**punya sravan  
kirtan**” our life becomes auspicious “**hridayantastha  
hi abhadrani vidhunoti suhrutsatam**” (S.B  
1.2.17). So it’s the declaration of Bhagvatam deep within the  
heart there  
is so much dirt, but Srimalad Bhagvatam Katha which is not  
different from the Lord,  
enters our heart hridayantastha hi abhadrani,  
hridi- in the heart , antastha-inside or even at the core of  
the heart  
or bottom of the heart is **abhadra**,  
there is do many auspicious things. So where ever  
inauspiciousness is there  
within us, in our mind, in our consciousness, our heart  
**vidhunoti**-cleansing is done, and once we are clean we are  
happy, we  
are pure and we get connected with the most pure Personality  
“**param brahma param dhama pavitram param  
bhavam**” (B. G 10.12) Arjuna made that statement “**my dear you  
are pavitra, param  
pavitra**”. So as we become pavitra, purified then we will have

a link,  
communication with Supreme Personality of Godhead. He is  
certainly ours and we  
are His, if we could even say this **"once  
in our life if we could say once my dear Lord I am yours and  
you are mine  
that's the end of material existence"**. If someone could say  
that with some  
understanding, some sincerity Lord would immediately take  
charge of that  
person, do everything within His power and there is a nothing  
that is not in His  
power. He will go out of his way to protect us and infact it's  
only Him who is  
capable, competent and always concerned about our protection.  
If someone is  
doing that we should understand that person is doing on behalf  
of the Supreme  
Personality of Godhead our Supreme Father, Supreme mother,  
friend. **"tvameva mata pita bandhu sakha mam  
dev-devaha dravinam"** everything.

So we had been talking and trying to remember that Lord for  
past few days of course in Hare Krishna temple everyday this  
process and programme  
of remembering the Lord. This 7 days recitation of Srimad  
Bhagvatam we had been  
doing this is 4<sup>th</sup> day and few more days to go. Unfortunately it  
would be over, why unfortunately you could continue on the 8th  
day also you  
could study, do homework read Bhagvatam get into the habit of  
**"nityam bhagvat sevaya"** serve Bhagvat  
it will do good to you, to everybody. **As  
we study Bhagavatm we learn to depend on the Lord and that is  
the real  
independence.** Depend on the Lord in the God you trust, in God  
we trust

depend upon him, you will become independent in true sense;  
you will be  
liberated once and for all.

So today we will be having a Govardhan poja festival here  
that's one of the few topics of the day this evening.  
Govardhan festival we  
will read couple of chapters from Bhagavatam dealing with that  
pastime. It is  
one of the most favorite pastime of devotees of Krishna,  
residents of Vrindavan  
and soon you will see Govardhan hill is going to be right  
here manifesting in the midst of us with Govardhan Shila on  
the top, there would be beautiful  
darshan of Govardhan hill and we would be offering, we will  
attempt to worship  
Giriraj Govardhan the way the residents of Vrindavan did 5000  
yrs ago and also  
circumambulation, parikrama of Govardhan, one of the important  
items as you go  
to Vrindavan you do parikrama, circumambulation of Giriraj. So  
if you stay on  
little longer, there will be worship of Giriraj Govardhan and  
parikrama also of  
Govardhana hill.

So if you could stay, stay not because I am the speaker you  
should stay, stay its  
Krishna, its Bhagvatam it's our life  
otherwise we are lifeless, useless and then few more days we  
will be  
dealing with very confidential subject matter Krishna's Rasa  
dance, dealing with that there are 5  
chapters, so that is our tomorrow's subject matter. We may  
have some drama,  
some dance and so on 6th day we will have Akrura going to  
Vrindavan, Kamsa sent him and the way he goes, the way he is

thinking of the Lord on the way to Nandagram  
that's the way to go to Vrindavan, he  
has set wonderful examples . Then he returns to mathur with  
Krishna and Balarama.  
So that is the 6th day's topic and finally we will conclude  
with the Krishna  
killing Kamsa. So these are all Krishna's pastime in Vrindavan  
in final day he  
enters Mathura, it's quite interesting details how he enters  
Mathura, residents  
of Mathura reciprocates with Krishna and Balarama, many things  
happen then  
finally the wrestling killing very exciting.