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Srila Bhakti Vinoda Thakur has compiled the Gaura arati glorifying Gauranga Mahaprabhu, Gauranga Gauranga.

bhakti vinoda dekhe gorara sampada

He ends this arati, prarthana saying 'bhakti vinoda dekhe gorara sampada'

Bhakti Vinoda Thakur he sees, he realises and is writing talking about the gaurara sampada-the opulences of Gauranga, glories of Gauranga and arati.

kiba jaya jaya goracander aratiko sobha

I remember those old days, good old days fight to lead the sandhya arati in Radha Rasa Bihari temple in Juhu Mumbai. There we grew up as brahmacaries. As soon as the curtain opened, several of us would begin singing. The humbler ones would drop and one of them would take over and carry forward singing- kiba jaya jaya.

I used to be one of those fighters getting in there. Such a beautiful arati. As Bhakti Vinoda Thakur sings, there is performance of Gaura arati on the banks of Jahnavi. Mayapur is on the banks of Ganga, Ganga Maiya ki jai. I was also on the banks of Ganga just a few days ago, elsewhere not in Mayapur.

Then he describes who else is there,

kiba dakhine nitaicand

Here dakhine means right and in the middle is Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and to His right Nityananda Prabhu is standing and to His left is Gadadhara.

kiba dakhine nitaicand bame gadadhara

Now lot of time we always sing but we do not fully grasp or understand what we are singing. Then he says,

bosiyache goracand ratna-simhasane

Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is seated on ratna simhasan, throne made of ratna bedecked with jewels .

arati koren brahma-adi deva-gane

Of course we see head pujari performing arati of deities of Gauranga, Radha Gopinath but Bhakti Vinoda Thakur says –look here is Brahma, Lord Brahma is performing arati and in attendance Adi deva-gane. There are so many others Devis and Devtas assembled and on their behalf Brahma is performing arati.

“yam brahma varunendra–rudra–marutah stuvanti divyaih stavair” in Bhagavatam .

This is how Brahma, Chandra, Indra you know some of these names out of 330 million Demigods. They all glorify Gauranga, they glorify Sri Krishna Chaitanya, they glorify let us say Chaitanya Chandra, they glorify Krishna Chandra, they glorify Ram Chandra-the personality of God head. The Demigods glorify Him. So Bhakti Vinoda Thakur writes, Brahma has come and all the Demigods are there. Gaurara Sampada, this is the opulence and status of Gauranga .This is Gauranga and Brahma glorifies and worships Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Gauranga, Gauranga.

narahari-adi kori camara dhulaya

While he is being worshipped, his associate Narahari is fanning, whisking camara.

basu-ghos-adi gaya

There are very special devotees, there are three Ghoshes, they are singing. Basu Ghosh out of the three was a leading singer.

“Jai Jai Jagannath” you have heard this song. He has compiled many songs also including this “Jai Jai Jagannath”. Towards the end of that song we sing,

vasudeva ghosa bole kori joda hat

Vasudev with his folded hands, with all humility at his command, he wants to boldly declare, what is the declaration?

“jei gaura sei krsna sei jagannath”

He says **jei Gaura, Gauranga, Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki jai**. Jagannath and Gaura are Shri Krishna. In other words there is no difference between **Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Jagannath and Sri Krishna**. So in this song Vasudev Ghosh is singing with folded hands, so that Vasu Ghosh is singing. So all devotees present are rendering service unto the Lord in different ways. Now what is happening, mridangas are being played and also hand cymbals are being played. These are two instrument sets and then another one sankha Brahma is blowing conch shell in the beginning and in the end and many others are blowing conch shells. Blowing conch shell means broadcasting the glories of the Lord. Lord is glorious. Glories of the Lord, glories of the Lord. Lord is coming, that is what blowing of sankha signifies.

kiba bahu-ko?i candra jinni vadana ujjvala

Bhakti Vinoda Thakur continues to sing, writes in that arati

that from His body, the Personality of Gauranga,

kiba bahu-ko?i candra jinni vadana ujjvala

Lord is brilliant and now how much brilliance? “bahu koti candra jinni”, millions of moons rays emanating from the Personality of Godhead. Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki Jai. That is what some realizes only those rays, also known as Braham jyoti. Brahma jyoti, there are some who say, I have realized, I have realized God. What have you seen? I saw the light

“aham brahmasmi”

Some unfortunate think, the light coming from the form of the Lord is all in all, that is everything. That is just the effulgence.

“brahmeti paramatmeti bhagavan iti sabdyate”

Brahma is just one feature of the Personality of Godhead. Origin of that Brahmajyoti is the Personality of Godhead-beautiful person that He is! Gaura Sundar. That is why we say Shyam Sundar and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is said Gaura Sundar. Sundar means beautiful. Gaura Sundar is Sarvanga Sundar. His all parts, everything is sundara.

gala-dese bana-mala kore jhalamala

Then the Lord is wearing garland, the long garland hanging from the neck of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Meditation of all these elements, information, knowledge help us to systematically meditate on the Personality of Godhead. Then towards the end of that arati, Bhakti Vinoda Thakur says,

“siva-suka-narada preme gada-gada”. There in attendance are Shiva, Brahma and Narada Muni and thus

“siva-suka-narada preme gada-gada”

Shiva is playing his damru -dum dum and He is doing nritya. Shiva is also known as Natraja .The best dancer is Shiva. There are different types of dances. At the time of annihilation the dance is called tandava Nritya. He also dances in kirtana and Narada muni is playing on his Veena. They are singing and dancing and their voices are getting choked, preme gada-gada.

bhakti vinoda dekhe gorara sampada

Bhakti Vinoda Thakur says, these are the glories of Gauranga Mahaprabhu which he sings right in the form of Gaura arati song. The centre of this Hare Krishna Movement is Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. World had been worshipping Sri Ram, glorifying Sri Ram Chandra and Sri Krishna Chandra. Very recently Lord appeared as Chaitanya Chandra only 528 years ago in Mayapur. Srila Prabhupada founded this International Society of Krishna Consciousness to glorify Gauranga and execute the will of Gauranga Mahaprabhu.

“sankirtanai kapitarau kamalai takashau

vishwambharau dwijbharau yugdharampaalau

vande jagat priya karau karunavatarau”

This is how Chaitanya- bhagavat begins. Now one is Srimad-Bhagavatam, there is another Bhagavata called Chaitanya-bhagavata that glorifies Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Vyasdeva who compiled Bhagavatam appeared again as Vrindavan Das Thakur and he compiled Chaitanya-bhagavata now. Beginning of Chaitanya-bhagavata is,

ajanu-lambita-bhujau

That Lord who has long arms. **kanakavadatau”** that Lord with golden complexion. He was Shyam Sundar and now He has become Gaura Sundar.

“sankirtanaika-pitarau kamalayataksau visvambharau ”

He is the founding father of Sankirtana movement. **ISKCON** was founded by Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Himself.

“kamalayataksau” means blooming lotus eyes which reach “karnaparyanta.” Lords eyes are compared to fully bloomed lotus and they reach His ears. Ours do not reach but we stretch by applying something. We try to imitate Lord’s beauty.

This mantra of Chaitanya-bhagavata is talking of two Lords and that is why it is said,

sankirtanaika-pitarau kamalayataksau visvambharau.

‘Au’ means there are two Lords, one is **Chaitanya Mahaprabhu** and another one is Nityananda. Gaura Nityananda bol, haribol but you should say one time, two times, you say this then it is ok. One time means saying haribol haribol. Prabhupada stopped me saying many times in 1976 during Radhastami time in New Delhi kirtana, not just me but others also. In **ISKCON** we were doing haribol haribol Gaura Nityananda bol haribol ,Jai Advait bol haribol, Shri Gadadhar bol haribol haribol. Gaudiya matha was doing sankirtan like that. When we went to Mayapur festival we used to pick up some new, so stop it. So Gauranga and Nityananda.

Gauranga is “brajendra-nandana jei, saci-suta hoilo sei”

The son of Nanda Maharaja has now become son of Saci and Jagannath Mishra.

“balarama hoile nitai” Balarama has appeared as Nityananda. In Dwapara yuga Krishna and Balarama. In Kaliyuga they are Gaura and Nitai. In Treta yuga they were Rama and Laxman. This is how it works. Ram Lakshman of Treta yuga become Krishna and Balarama in Dwapara yuga and Gauranga and Nityananda.

So “vishvambharau” they are maintainers, maintainers of this world. When Gauranga appeared His official name was

Vishvambhara. Nilambara Chakravarati the father of Saci Mata was a big pandit, jyotishi and he did the Namakaran samskara of the Lord as Garga Muni had named Krishna and Balarama. Nilambara Chakravarati said "your name is Vishvambara". So "vishvambharau dvijabharau" the best among dvija's, the brahmanas. Nityananda was son of another brahman from Ekchakra Grama, Hadai Pandit. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is son of Jagganath Mishra.

"visvambharau dvija-varau yuga-dharma palau" and together they doing yuga-dharma palan or sthapana.

***"paritranaya sadhunam vinasaya ca duskrtam
dharma-samsthanarthaya sambhavami yuge yuge"***

You know in the battle field of Kurukshetra, Krishna informed Arjuna. He appeared to protect His devotees and annihilate demons and that way established dharma. So Krishna appeared as Sri Krishna Chaitanya now. When Mahaprabhu was given sannyasa Keshava Bharati gave Him this name. Your name is Sri Krishna Chaitanya. Chaitanya gives chetana the consciousness, ecstasies and excitement to the dull life. Life is boring, routine and troublesome. Then Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu appeared and then He put back life. The souls were revived and empowered and stirred up. Keshava Bharati said "that is what you would do". Hence your name is Sri Krishna Chaitanya. So Chaitanya Mahaprabhu made the lives of devotees lively-lively life. Spiritual life Krishna conscious life is like that and that is due to Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

**"sankirtanaika-pitarau kamalayataksau
visvambharau dvija-varau yuga-dharma-palau
vande jagat priya-karau karunavatarau"**

We offer our obeisances unto Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu the karunavatarau. He is karuna avatar, merciful, magnanimous incarnation of the Lord.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Ram Hare Ram, Ram Ram Hare Hare

King Nimi asked Karbhajan Muni, one of the nine Yogendras some questions. The questions raised were, "please tell me in which age, with what kind of complexion the Lord appears? What is the main activity or past times and how is He worshipped in different ages?"

So the answer to these questions is in Bhagavatam. Karbhajan Muni said in 11 Canto a very famous statement

"krsna-varnam tvisakrsnam sangopangastra-parsadam yajnaih sankirtana-prayair yajanti hi su-medhasah"

So the answer was which I already said. It is enough? When Sukdeva Swami spoke to King Parikshit, he would just say only that much.

"krsna-varnam tvisakrsnam sangopangastra-parsadam yajnaih sankirtana-prayair yajanti hi su-medhasah"

Then the next mantra, the next mantra, the next mantra. As they heard, they would really understand. What does it mean? They could understand what that mantra has to say. They would realize the purport of the mantra. King Parikshit was realizing "krsna-varnam tvisakrsnam". So the answer is, to say in our language. **We are souls, soul's language is Sanskrit .We have to learn it so that you do not face difficulty when you get back home as you are foreigner here. Sanskrit is very refined and well defined language. It is pure and potent language. This language is spoken by Gods. Gods speak this language, Hari Hari. So Krishnavarnam.**The answer was "krsna-varnam tvisakrsnam". The Lord will appear. He is Lord.

krsna krsna krsna krsna hey krsna krsna krsna pahi mam

Now what would Lord do? He would say Krsna Krsna-glorify Krishna. So krsnavarnam. And here Lord will be busy chanting and singing. Hari Hari. This is the answer to the question.

How would God be worshipped? This is the age of Kali or kaliyuga in which the world is very ignorant. There was Satyuga, Treta yuga, Dwapara and then Kaliyuga.

Who knows Mr. Darwin? He came up with his theory not long ago about the most evolved entities. He was an English man some 200 years ago. His birth ceremony, anniversary or something was celebrated recently. He said that apes are the most evolved entity. Everything started with amoeba-ba means father-baap. Our baap is of amoeba. We are descendants of ape/vanar/monkey. So this version of human being is some 5 or 10 thousand years old. Full-fledged human beings came into being some 1000 years ago. You forgot your Mahabharat. This is all bogus. We say this in the presence of the Lord. Even Arjuna said –“all that you are saying My Lord is nothing but the truth”. In the 10 chapter of Bhagvad-gita Arjun said,

“sarvam etat ritam manye yanmam vadsī keshav”

“All that you are speaking is nothing but the truth My dear Lord”

It is already said, sahastrayugam paryantam. The Brahma that we talked about a little while ago. Brahma's one day is equal to sahastrayugam paryantam, thousand cycles of 4 yugas (4 ages- Satyuga, Treta, Dwapara and Kaliyug-one cycle) Thousand cycles like this is one day of Brahma. You can further calculate, multiplied by 7 is one week of Brahma, multiply that by 4 is one month of Brahma, multiply that by 12 is one year of Brahma, multiply by 100 is one span of Brahma which is equal to one breath of the Lord.

How many times Lord takes the breath? It is always eternal. Is God great yes or not? This is greatness of God. **Srila Prabhupada** used to say, whole world says God is great. Even in Christianity its said, God is great. Then you have to refer to Bhagavad-gita, Bhagavatam, Mahabharata, Vedas and Puranas. That is where you find complete glory, unlimited glories of

Gauranga and **Sri Krishna**. Why did I say all this? In the age of Kali, Lord appears. So Chaitanya Mahaprabhu would be worshipped or Lord will be worshipped by chanting. Let us continue worshipping Lord by chanting.

Hare Krishna

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Hari Bol!

Hare Krishna! We are Hare Krishna people.

We say Hare Krishna.

We also say 'spirit soul Hare Krishna', 'Oh spirit soul Hari Bol!' Gaurachanda bole, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is calling, Oh jiva, wake up! Jiva jago,

jiva jago gaurachanda bole

Gaurachandra is calling, please get up! Not the body, but let the soul, get up wake up.

kota nidra jao maya-pishacira kole

How long you are going to sleep in the lap of the witch called Maya? 'Oh soul get up', Caitanya Mahaprabhu is calling.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has come to Russia.

Panchatattva ki Jai!

And He is calling all the souls of Russia. So those who have woken up they are coming to Gauranga. Gauranga! so keep calling Gauranga Gauranga.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

So in Gaudiya vaisnavism, we are taught how to call God or how to address God. How do we address Him? Saying Hare Krishna! This is address to God, saying Hare Krishna. Oh Hare Krishna! By saying so we are calling Radha Krishna. We don't only call Krishna. We do not only worship Krishna. We worship Krishna along with Radha. Or in fact we worship Radha first and then Krishna. We go to Krishna through Radha.

**karunam kuru mayi karuna-bharite
sanaka-sanatana-varnita-carite**

Oh Radha please be merciful unto me. So this is the age of Kali. And every time Kali comes, Kaliyuga appears, the process of God realization is chanting the Holy names of Lord. Every time there is Kaliyuga, you close your eyes and chant,

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam
kalau nasty eva nasty eva nasty eva gatir anyatha**

This is the message, advice of the scriptures. The right thing to do in the age of Kali is to chant holy name of the Lord. Chanting of Hare Krishna holy name is dharma of this age of Kali. So Gaudiya Vaisnavism is teaching, propagating and practicing the dharma, the process which is meant for this age of Kali.

Every time there is Kali yuga, Gaura appears. But He is only

Gaura Narayana. Gaura Narayana appears. Only once in the entire day of Brahma, Gaura Krishna appears. We are very very fortunate having taken birth in this particular Kaliyuga, because in this Kaliyuga, out of one thousand Kaliyugas this particular Kaliyuga, Gaura Krishna appears or svayam Krishna, svayam Bhagavan appears. As we talk on the first day, we did talk about Gaura Krishna appears, first Krishna appears at the end of Dvapara yuga and in the beginning of Kali yuga same Krishna appears as Krishna Caitanya. Name difference, Krishna appears as Krishna Caitanya. And so this and then we get the mantra, Hare Krishna. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu He takes the role of a devotee and He Himself is chanting and dancing. He receives mantra from His Guru maharaja. Then He taught,

tasmad gurum prapadyeta

You must have spiritual master, if you are human being and would like to attain perfection in human form of life.

tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya

Krishna said also like this, fourth chapter 34 th verse, Bhagavad Gita. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu has become devotee and then He becomes disciple and then He receives mantra and He begins reciting mantra. And while singing He is dancing. Why He is dancing? When some one is dancing what is he conveying or expressing, when does person dance? He is happy. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu is so much happy. Chant Hare Krishna and be happy! Say loudly chant Hare Krishna and be happy!

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu was happy, so much happiness. He was exhibiting all the symptoms of happiness or joy or ecstasy. So much description of how Caitanya Mahaprabhu danced. Like when you take a masha (firelight), a flame (Guru Maharaj shows with action moving his hand round and round). Like one devotee was doing in pandal, two days ago during kirtan he was doing (Guru Maharaj showed how he was doing). There was just one

lamp at one place but it was moving so fast like a complete circle. Like one circle. So that one Sri Krishna Caitanya, He used to move so swiftly round and round, as if there was one circle of a flame. And His form is also golden like a flame, molten gold like a flame. Or He would dance, 'udanda dance', Mahaprabhu flying up high in the sky. So there was chanting and dancing and rolling on the ground.

**namnamakari bahudha nija-sarva-saktis
tatarpita niyamitah smarane na kalah**

So the shakti in the Holy name and that shakti is Radharani. In the holy name there is, Mahaprabhu said, nija-sarva-saktis, He has invested His own shakti in His names. Especially He has invested His Hladini shakti, shakti that gives pleasure. Shakti that gives pleasure to Krishna is Radha.

So as He is chanting He is receiving so much pleasure, so much happiness. Where from it is coming? The source of joy, happiness for Lord Krishna is Radha. Radha gives Him happiness, joy. We also give little bit. We are meant to be enjoyed by Krishna. Everybody is meant to be enjoyed by Krishna. So living entities also give

few drops of happiness. But He is Lord and His need for happiness is very great. He needs lots of happiness. And we are tiny so we don't need much. Just one drop is enough. We will get drowned in one drop; we get drowned, so much.

But Krishna He needs so much joy, because He is great, He is Vibhu atma, we are anu atma, tiny atma. He is great atma, Paramatma and Supreme Personality. So who would give Him so much pleasure? So, all that need of His pleasure is supplied by Radha. As there is demand and supply, there is so much demand, need of happiness, joy, all that comes from Radharani. And for your information, the joy that comes to us, it is also provided by Radharani. In the discussions between Ramananda Ray and Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, there is special mention like that. We also receive our joy from Radharani,

happiness from Radharani.

So Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu as He chanted this Hare, first He said Hare, As soon as He said Hare then all the joy is pouring in. As He said Hare, there is realization of Radharani. Krishna, so much to realize as one says Krishna. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu was exhibiting all the symptoms of joy or happiness. By seeing Him Navadvipa vasis were thinking, 'what has gone wrong with Him? He was Nimai Pandit before. He was big scholar and teacher and very grave, but from the time He took up the chanting, He has gone mad.'

**kiba mantra dila gosai kiba tara bala
japite japite mantra karila pagala**

Even Caitanya Mahaprabhu He had to approach His Guru maharaja. He goes back to His spiritual master, Ishvar Puri. 'Oh what kind of mantra have you given to me? Kiba tara bala, so much bala, there so much power in this mantra. It has lifted me and handling me and throwing me up and down, here and there. I just have become pagala, madman.

So Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Gaura Krishna has appeared in age of Kali. And He gave this mantra to the whole world. As Lord appeared from His abode,

golokam ca parityajya lokanam trana karanat

You understand? Golokam ca parityajya, parityajya means what? Do you know that word parityajya? Sarva dharman parityajya, give up all varieties of religion. Any way same word here, golokam ca parityajya, means Gaura Krishna gave up Goloka. He is always up there in Goloka, He gave up Goloka and came down to the earth. Not far from Russia, next door. And what was on His mind? Lokanam trana karanat... loka here is people and they are suffering like anything, inconvenience like anything, because they are in foreign land also. We have given up our mother land, our father land. What is our father land, mother land? Goloka Vrindavan! Father land means my father's land;

mother land means my mother's land. Who is my father, who is my mother? Krishna! So wherever He stays, in whichever country He stays, that is also my country. My father's my mother's country is my country. So originally we are from up there. But then Lord has to come, He has to come down here. Why? Because He knows, down here is hell, nothing but suffering. That is why Gaur Krishna appears. Golokam ca parityajya, lokanam trana karanat, karan, cause, reason is that He knows people are suffering down here. So to do something Lord comes. So while coming from Goloka, He came down with mantra. Or we could say He came down with gift, gift for all of us. In fact He was appearing. He was going to take birth. So when there is somebody's birthday party, then we go with the gift. But in this case, Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared. That was His birthday, but He is giving gift to all of us. For each one of us Lord had appeared. The reason for His appearance is each one of us. For you Prabhu, for you Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared, for you and for her. And He had a gift for each one of us.

golokera premadhana hari nama sankirtana

Our acaryas have sung like that. Golokera, Golokam ca parityajya, while coming down from Goloka, He was carrying a gift. He was carrying wealth, Golokera premadhana. And what is that wealth? That wealth is,

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!

So Lord appears for each one of us. Lord appeared, His purpose has been served as the Holy name reaches us. We could make the connection through parampara, Gaudiya vaisnava parampara. Same holy name, they had been preserving this gift. Acaryas protecting and propagating, sharing; so if we have received the holy name. How many of you have received the Holy name? I am sure all of you, all of you. Initiated or not initiated, you all have, may be not officially, but you still have. So in

the age of Kali, chanting Hare Krishna is dharma and we have received that

Hare Krishna Mahamantra. And this is the right thing to do, the best thing to do, to chant Hare Krishna. And then we will return to our mother land, our father land. Is that okay with you if you return? Haribol Or there is nothing like Russia, Russia is best thing. I would never ever keep one foot outside Russia. Russia ki.. or whatever Khalisthan ki, Baluchisthan ki, Pakistani ki.. all these sthan, sthan means place. So you should better know this that by chanting of Hare Krishn aand when we chant attentively and prayerfully, without offenses, then result of that is going back to Krishna or going back to Krishna Caitanya. You should better know this.

Otherwise you would say, Oh I did not know that I have to leave Russia one day and give up Russia and go to Goloka. Why didn't you tell me before? Gaudiya Vaishnavism, they have their mantra and they have their dhama, they have their deities and they have whole set, their own world. Every sampradaya or every parampara, they have their whole set, the mantra, the deity, the whole culture, the literature, the life style. So we go for Goloka. We don't settle for, Gaudiya Vaisnavism do not set for any other destination. Their destination is Goloka, Gokula, Govardhan, all these cow connection. Yes so much cow cultured, cow is in the center. And Vrindavan is decorated with Go and Gopal. Krishna said to Yogamaya, 'gaccha, go now, go'. 'Where should I go?' 'Go to Braja.' 'What is Braja like?' 'It is

gopa gobhir alankritam

Krishna said, 'that Vrindavan or that Braja is decorated. Cows are decorations and gopa, gopi, -pa means protector or care taker, cow protector, cow care taker are gopa. - Oh that Vrindavan is decorated with cows and good care takers of cows.'

So Gaudiya Vaisnavism does not settle for any other

destination.

**goloka-namni nija-dhamni tale ca tasya
devi mahesa-hari-dhamasu tesu tesu**

Gaudiya Vaishnavas also have such information. Of course information is available for everybody. We also have Brahma samhita. Brahma said, on the top is abode of Sri Krishna. Goloka namni nija dhamni, of name, Goloka is the name which is nija dhamni, nija means My or His own, Krishna's own abode, Goloka-namni nija-dhamni. And tale ca tasya, tale means underneath, below, down Goloka. Its Devi dhama, Mahesh dhama, Hari dhama, Vaikuntha dhamas, Saket dhama, Sri Rama has His own abode known as Saket dhama and on the top is Goloka. Gaudiya vaishnavas go for Goloka. Goloka dham ki Jai! It will be nice to go back. So depends, whom do you worship accordingly you go to that abode of the deity you worshiped.

devan deva yajo yanti

Krishna says those who worship demigods they go to places or abodes of demigods, or planets of demigods. And Krishna also says there are people who are worshipers of ghost, so they go to those ghostly planets and those who worship forefathers they go to those planets. In the same statement Krishna says yanti, they go madyaji, madyaji means worshipers, My worshipers come to Me, they come to My abode. So we worship Krishna and go back to Krishna's abode, svayam Bhagavan Krishna's abode.

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu also during His manifest lila exhibited His affection, affinity towards Vrindavan, Gokul Vrindavan, Gokul. In fact as soon as He received mantra from His guru maharaja in Gaya, the transformation took place so quickly. He revived His consciousness. Any ways Caitanya Mahaprabhu's consciousness is always Krishna consciousness. Or Krishna Caitanya is Krishna conscious or which consciousness? Radha is Krishna conscious and Krishna is Radha conscious. So as He

received the mantra and started chanting the mantra, the revival, ceto

darpana marjanam, all that happened. He was also chanting. How was He chanting?

**trinad api sunichena taror api sahisnuna
amanina manadena kirtaniyah sada harih**

He was able to chant constantly, in such a state of mind He was chanting, humility, tolerance and respecting others, not expecting respect for own. And He was chanting also,

**ayi nanda-tanuja kinkaram patitam mam visame bhavambudhau
kripaya tava pada-pankaja-sthita-dhuli-sadrisam vicintaya**

His further understanding, realization, I am yours Krishna. But somehow I am fallen,

patitam mam visame bhavambudhau

Bhav means material existence and it is very vast, and deep. So it's compared with the ocean. May be not compared with black sea. Black sea is not so big. Pacific Ocean. This whole world is ocean, material existence is ocean and I am drowning "in this ocean. But Oh Lord I belong to you. Kinkar means servant. One who says kim karomi" one who says to the Lord, "what could I do? Oh is there anything I could do to please you Oh Lord, kim karomi?"

Do you also like to ask the Lord? Say, aham kim karomi. Aham means myself, kim means what and karomi could I do, aham kim karomi? Aham kim karomi? When one is always asking, very eager, Oh what could I do, something I could do for You Oh Lord, that person is called Kinkar.

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu was chanting in that mood and then all the symptoms,

nayanam galad-asru-dharaya vadanam gadgada-ruddhaya gira

pulakair nicitam vapuh kada tava nama-grahane bhavisyati

Oh, when that day would be mine? Caitanya Mahaprabhu in His Siksastakam is saying Oh when that day will be Mine?

aparadha ghuci', suddha name ruci,

kabe ha'be bolo se-dina amar (Sarnagati By Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakur) Nice song, when I will become free from all the offenses and hari-name ruchi, when will I develop attraction for the holy name? Kabe habe se-din amar, do you understand? Kabe habe, when would that day will be mine? Se-din amar, din means day. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu, this was His mood while chanting and feeling separation from the Lord. He was missing the Lord. And then Govindam virahena me, without Govinda the whole world is just vacant, there is nothing. Nothing of my interest, nothing of soul's interest is anything around. Bhakti Vinod Thakur also says,

nama bina kichu nahiko aro, caudda-bhuvana-majhe

nama bina kichu nahi, leaving the holy name aside, there is nothing of any value in fourteen planetary systems. So Mahaprabhu is feeling separation from the Lord. As soon as He started chanting, all these emotions arose. We were talking about Gaya, He had received holy name mantra and started chanting and all these transformations taking place. Including the final statement of that Siksastakam,

**aslisya va pada-ratam pinastu mam adarsanan marma-hatam
karotuva yatha**

tatha va vidadhatu lampato mat-prana-nathas tu sa eva naparah

In fact so much to say, this statement Radharani is speaking. Even though it is

Caitanya Mahaprabhu's compilation, He wrote these eight prayers of Siksastaka,

but Radha in Caitanya Mahaprabhu, right? There are two persons, two in one. So Radha inside or outside,

radha bhava dyuti suvalitam

Radharani is speaking this. Aslisyā va pada-ratam, this is Radha uvaca, uvaca you understand? Radharani uvaca, these are emotions of Radharani. You may

embrace or You may just brush me aside or crush me under Your feet, You are free. But one thing for sure, You are prana-nathas tu sa eva na-parah, there is no other my pranath but You. Jai Radhe, Jai Krishna!

Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu started chanting and all this transformations, emotions manifested in His Personality. And what was next? He got up and He started running towards Vrindavan. He got His mantra and mantra did his job. He has become fully Krishna conscious. Love of Krishna has developed. He is fully Krishna conscious now. So what next now? Go to Vrindavan, where He resides eternally. So He gets up and began running. So this is desirable outcome also; as we chant avoiding all offenses, pure chanting, suddha nama. Then what next? Where would you like to go? You must go.

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu, by His experience and example has shown for Gaudiya Vaisnavas what is their destination, what is the abode they would like to return to. Not to heaven but all the way,

golokanamni nija dhamni tale ca tasya

Also you could say that every mantra has, it is technical understanding; there is mantra devata of that mantra. Devata means deity. You worship particular deity with recitation of that mantra. As we chant,

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!**

So who is mantra devata of Hare Krishna mantra? Radha Krishna, very good! And where do Radha Krishna reside? Goloka! So like

this, these connections are there. You chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna and you are worshipping Radha Krishna. And Krishna has said in Bhagavad Gita,

yanti madya jino api mam

Those who worship Me will come back to Me. So by chanting Hare Krishna Hare Krishna we worship Radha and Krishna and then it's natural to go back where Radha Krishna reside eternally.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!**

Question – How to concentrate while chanting when so many thoughts are going on?

Answer: Don't think! Prabhupada said, how to control the mind? Don't think. Stop thinking! Mind is saying something something, so you could chant louder than mind's sound. We should say that, mantra has to be uttered. Prabhupada said, use the lips, lips movement. I was talking to Srila Prabhupada, Juhu Bombay beach and (he said) 'using the lips, movement of lips is necessary.' And then if you say and then you have to hear. Also don't scream disturbing others. One should not scream and disturb other's chanting. Chant loud enough so that you could hear.

So when Arjuna also had explained this difficulty, how could I control my mind, *cancalam hi manah krsna pramathi balavad drdham* So difficult obstinate mind and You are talking about mind control. Then Krishna said practice, practice.

abhyasena tu kaunteya vairagyena ca grhyate

This is Krishna's answer. Abhyasa means practice, practice to hear, practice to hear and send away the thoughts which mind is bringing up or reminding you of. Send that thoughts away, practice it.

yatah yatah niscalati mana cancalam asthiram tatah tatah

niyamaitad

This is 6 th chapter of Bhagavad-gita. Krishna has given some tips, where He says, wherever mind goes drag it back, bring it back.

Yatah yatah niscalati mana

cancalam asthiram, mind is chanchal, flickery, asthira, unsteady, mind is like that. Everybody's mind, Russian mind also, I thought only Indian mind. Mind is mind, there is nothing like Russian mind, Indian mind, American mind. Mind is mind. Mind is one of the eight elements, prakruti of the Lord and that prakruti has symptoms, universally every where same. So the mind is flickering and unsteady, and Krishna says bring it back bring it back.

And you know, seva-yogyam mamkuru, when we say Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, each name we say, our acaryas have given the commentary on the Holy name. There are commentaries on Gita and Bhagavat, like that and on Vedanta sutra; there is commentary on Hare Krishna maha-mantra. So one commentator says, each name you utter, that name is saying something to you. Listen to what the name has to say. Or each name is a prayer, address, and what is that address?

bhava bandhanat mochaya

As you say Hare, you are saying fresh, whatever old stock is there before, it is there, but now whatever you are saying, oh say Hare Krishna. You are saying, Oh please make me free from this bondage of existence Oh Radhe. And as we say Krishna, please reveal all Your opulence's Oh Krishna unto me, madhurya and like that.

seva-yogyam mamkuru

Krishna please make me fit to serve You. Please ruchir bhavatu me, please my attachment to chanting, the taste in chanting be

increased. So like that, each name as you say when you are saying Hare, you are saying, there is meaning, there is thought associating with each one of these names. And like that you are addressing Radha (Hare), addressing Krishna, addressing Radha (Hare) addressing Krishna Krishna, addressing Radha Radha like that. So by attempting to chant in such a state of mind then the other old stuff, we will distance from it. We will have some new fresh memory, fresh thoughts. You can attain 'Japa retreat' sometimes. For seven days, topic is same how to

chant with attention, attentive chanting. So much could be said but there is limit of time.

Question 2: Lord Caitanya came to liberate the whole universe. Does it mean that we came to universe not so long ago?(Maharaj says) Or we came from another universe. Mahaprabhu vacated this universe. We came from nearby universe.

Answer: Let's take it seriously now, now it's our turn. How did we fell down? How far we are around? These questions are not as important as now it's just my turn. I want to get out of here, Haribol. Now Caitanya Mahaprabhu has found me. He is working on me. It's my turn now.

Question 3- Is it possible for us to chant japa in mind (manasic japa)?

Answer: No no no, Prabhupada strongly recommended, use the lips. Lips movement should be there. Otherwise, not only our mind is making sounds from within, but there are so many sounds all around us. In order to push back all those sounds and thoughts and to dominate and take over, we have to chant, say the name. If you are just sitting quietly you could hear so many things. Relatively it is quiet but normally there is so much sound. So as you say Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, you are saying and you are hearing and then all the sounds are kept away and you could focus on what you want to say and not on what others want to say.

Other sounds may not be spiritual, what they are talking. So that becomes distraction, inattentive chanting. In order to chant with attention you have to say the name, say the name.

And of course during chanting the body, mind, intelligence, everything has to be functioning. Whether you are chanting attentively or not chanting attentively, who would tell, how would you know? Who will tell you? Supposed to be function of intelligence, power of discrimination. This is inattentive chanting, this is attentive, now this thought is coming to me. Whether I am chanting or sleeping, who is going to see. So we have to keep an eye on our chanting, watch the mind, or watch the wandering of your mind.

So above the mind is intelligence, above the intelligence is soul and Super soul. So we would like Lord give us intelligence while chanting.

dadami buddhi-yogam

Lord says, 'I would give intelligence so that person would come to Me.' So chanting is job of intelligent person. You have to be very intelligent.

ajnaih sankirtana-prayair yajanti hi sumedhasah [SB 11.5.32]

Sumedhasah, highly intelligent persons would take to the sankirtan movement or chanting. So the intelligent person will take to the chanting. And intelligent person will chant properly, attentively. So we need also that kind of intelligence to control our mind and all that things. It is a project, business, activity. So I wish you success in chanting. Keep trying. Never give up.

Hari bol!

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Venue: Pune yatra

Dated: October 2005

Hare Krishna, say Hare Krishna

Thank you for this rare opportunity. Very sincere group of devotees, very serious students of Krishna Consciousness. I could see some of you having ipads, very serious business going on here; we are not used to this.

dharmasya glanirbhavati

So much decline, religion had declined to such a low level that now people say, oh every morning when I get up I give 2 minutes to God and not just that also before I go to bed another 2 minutes. 2 + 2 that is 4. Take it be happy God, 4 minutes for you and 23 hours and 56 minutes for myself, that's the kind of the degradation.

Such descriptions are there in Caitanya Bhagavat also as Advaitacharya had come to do the advance party work and do the feasibility study. And then he does make many observations like this, the kali pooja and Bhattacharyas and others they were just chanting some mantras only in the bathroom while taking shower they don't have additional time for God. While taking bath naturally the water is cold and they just scream as our brahmachari's also do (laughter). So from those times to this time big difference finally by the sincere prayers of Advaitacharya then

Mahaprabhu appeared. But then again while doing His sankirtan only with selected group of devotees indoor, closing all the

windows and doors. Some karma, jnana or anything, you are short or not 100% then out, and this was going on for good amount of time. Advaitacharya was certainly not happy thinking I am the one I prayed for Lord's advance thinking that, I can't handle the kind of situation that exist around. I cannot alone do,

dharma-samsthapanarthaya

Lord Himself has to make His appearance. Of course Lord was very-very kind to respond to my prayers and He is here and but look He is limiting His mercy to just select few pure devotees, but what about the others. One day Advaitacharya approached Shri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu grabbed His lotus feet and begged on behalf of all those fallen souls. My dear Lord make this mercy available to everyone, you are known as mahavadanyaya.

namo mahavadanyaya

It's not just vadanyaya magnanimous charitable but you are manavadanyaya you are most magnanimous most charitable most merciful Lord. My dear Lord please be kind upon all the fallen souls. Merciful Lord how could He neglect, ignore humble plea of non other than Advaitacharya. Advaita is not different from Lord, advaita not two it's like Himself another form Advaitacharya. So from that time onwards Caitanya Mahaprabhu was out on the streets of Navadvipa.

patrapatra-vicara nahi, nahi sthanasthana

No more discrimination, the person was pure or impure, whether he is patra, deserving candidate or apatra non deserving, whether this place fit place where Caitanya Mahaprabhu perform His sankirtan or this is fit unfit, qualified not qualified, no more consideration, Caitanya Mahaprabhu started His mission.

udilo aruna puraba-bhage dwija-mani gora amani jage,

**bhakata-samuha loiya sathe gela nagara-braje
tathai tathai bajalo khol ghana ghana tahe jhajera rol,
preme dhala dhala sonara anga carane nupura baje**

Taking along hundred and thousands of devotees, the jewel of the twice-born, Lord Gaurasundara did sankirtana all over Navadvipa.

preme dhala dhala sonara anga

His golden, beautiful form this way and that way, back and forth, up and down while little tinkling bells jingle around His ankles that sankirtana of Gauranga Mahaprabhu. Those tinkling jingling of the bells which took place 500 years ago is the one that vibration which turned on has now began to inspire the whole world. That sankirtan is the cause, Mahaprabhu's sankirtana is the cause of all causes that sankirtana, that chanting that dancing that ecstasy that prem.

Niranjana Maharaj had been talking about love of the Lord, love of the God head, Krishna prem. Mahaprabhu taught the lessons about Krishna prem. Otherwise it was just a word prem, it was either written or spoken. But He translated that into action, He taught us what love is about, love for His devotees and then of course love amongst the devotees. Caitanya Mahaprabhu chanted and danced. He started at Srivas angan then He came out and then He was doing it all over Navadvipa, Navadvipa mandal. He was still not satisfied, I am still limiting myself, I am come out of house but I am only chanting within the boundary of Nadiya district or Navadvipa it's not sufficient, then Lord broke all the bonds. Varnashram was binding Him, oh I am grahastha, I had to be at home, I have beautiful wife and my loving mother. So many of my friends and relatives, they are all over the whole world they were awaiting. Rest of Bharat rest of India was also awaiting, first arrival in their home, home towns, home villages. So Mahaprabhu took sanyasa breaking the heart of His devotees. Devotees found out that Catainya Mahaprabhu has taken sanyasa.

They were thinking ok we will also go back home now and we will burn our house and also join Mahaprabhu all the possessions are useless now just burn them to ashes and just follow the path of Gauranga, this was the state of separation. Caitanya Mahaprabhu took sanyasa and of course many past times.

Finally He went to Jagannath Puri, His headquarter as per wishes of His mother Sachi mata. I know you have taken sanyas and there is no question of you returning home or staying with me pretty well stay here near.

Jagannath Puri is not very far from here you stay there, at least I will get some news of your some time to time. Mahaprabhu agreed and proceed to Jagannath Puri.

But the world was still awaiting, Mahaprabhu begins His travel throughout the area. Next 6 years He travelled far and wide every town every village. prithviteacheyata nagaradi grama sarvatra prachara haibe mora nama My name would be chanted in every town every village on this planet. He wasn't thinking of just Bengal or Orissa or India. Mahaprabhu was thinking that whole planet.

prithvite ache yata

He continues His mission of spreading the holy name all over the world. He continues to travel South India. All the residence of Jagannath Puri were ready to go with Him just like the residence of Ayodhya were ready to go with Shri Ram, even the trees of Ayodhya were thinking, is it possible for us to join Sri Ram. But this was just a thought, they knew oh how unfortunate we are, we are bound we cannot leave Ayodhya.

Unfortunate we are, look everyone else is so fortunate, they are following Sri Ram but we trees cannot move. Similar or even more separation was in the hearts of the residences of JagannathPuri. Mahaprabhu's condition, no I will go alone, and then they had to make a big bargain big deal. Ok at least one

person; all right all right only one person was allowed and Caitanya Mahaprabhu continued. He was all the day, He was doing kirtaniya sada hari May be just little rest, some time, some night, half of the night then He would proceed again. He had left students of Puri behind but wherever He would go people were chanting, dancing with Shri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. There was no publicity campaign, no one was putting banners or posters, who knows, only God knew from where all these people are coming and how did they find out that tonight's kirtana is in this village. People of so many villages would come there in hundreds and thousands and Mahaprabhu would dance with them. He would make them dance. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was a very tall figure, 7 feet tall, not only 7 feet tall he had long arms.

ajanu-lambita-bhujau

His bhujau was long 'ajanu' reaching His knees. Any body's hands reaching knees? Everybody's, mine also reaching but not while sitting you stand up. Mahaprabhu was standing His arms were reaching His knees. Mahaprabhu would stand up His hands were reaching His knees. So He was tall and long arms not just that He would jump up high in the sky, no need of going on the stage, the artist or performer has to be on the stage, everyone could watch Him. But Mahaprabhu was going up and down and golden.

"bahu koti chandra jini vadan ujjaival"

Bhaktivinod Thakur describes in that Gaura arati song that Mahaprabhu's face was effulgent. Effulgence of millions of moons, effulgence of together was emitting from lotus face of Lord and from the rest of the body also. Koti surya sama prabha The prabha, the effulgence, the golden body personality of Godhead was dancing in the mist of hundred and thousand of devotees and making them dance also. They were just like little puppets in His hands as He danced He was also looking them up and down. They all were going up and down, sometimes

Mahaprabhu would do inspiring everyone saying haribol. As He did as He was lifting everyone and dropping, not only bodies were being lifting their souls were getting lifted and elevated, elevation Consciousness.

Wherever Lord went He was transforming lives of hundreds and thousands and these devotees were returning like the way back to their homes, villages struggling to walk difficult to walk, they were in ecstasy, trembling, falling and rolling getting up and going few more steps falling down again, hundreds and thousands were to reach their homes and that state of consciousness is one glimpse of the Lord, just one time they took part in Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan and all the mountains the heaps of sins were burn to the ashes Burning to the ashes.

Mahaprabhu travelling to South India then Mahaprabhu blessed Maharashtra also passing through Kolhapur, they had come to Kolhapur to take darshana of Mahalakshmi or give darshan to Mahalakshmi. There are two ways to look at it, those who want to prove that Mahalakshmi is not an ordinary and Mahaprabhu came to see her or Mahaprabhu came to bless her, give her directions. Then Lord comes to Pandharpur and spends some time at other places Srirangam was one place where Mahaprabhu stayed for four months (Chaturmasa) some places only one night or half the night . But He knew that if He would be there till the morning the whole village will be ready to walk with Him. He wanted to avoid that, before people get up Mahaprabhu move on to next village, like that He was moving very fast and He had good excuse to find His Vishvarupa. Have you seen my Vishva rupa? Have any one heard about Vishva rupa? In fact He knew He gave this reason to all the devotees in Jagannath Puri. I had to go, I must go, to find my brother Vishva rupa. When He was giving good reason why He should leave Jagannathpuri, vishva rupa had already departed, he was no more already on the planet.

Mahaprabhu knew this, He gave that as a reason and He was

enquiring. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was in Pandharpur there He spent 11 days or could be 14 days, possibilities of spending 15 days . For 11 days He was in Chandra Bhaga river, He doesn't have to take bath in Chandra Bhaga bhima ani chandrabhaga, tuja charni chaya ganga Bhima or handrabhaga, Ganga or Yamuna, all these rivers come from lotus feet of Gauranga Mahaprabhu. So He doesn't have to take bath, water that emanates from His lotus feet but to set example. Mahaprabhu taking bath and dancing towards mahadwara and right in front of Lord Panduranga inside chanting and dancing in great ecstasy Mahaprabhu continues His travel. Near Satara Krishnavena sangam and He found a very rare scripture, Krishna Karanamrita. He already had one, He had taken Brahma Samhita. He had been carrying now another scripture from Maharashtra. Jai Maharashtra.

Krishna Karanamrita is very dear to the Lord and His devotees. So in this way Lord blessed South India and then central India, Maharashtra. And another time to Jharkhand forest through Uttar Pradesh, dharma Pradesh as it was known once upon a time, dharma Pradesh close to Vrndavan. So like this South, North, East, West He blessed India with His chanting. Then He left the job of spreading holy name outside India, Prabhupada writes this, left this job to International Society of Krishna Consciousness to Founder Acharya Srila Prabhupada ki jai. Gets the credit for spreading chanting Hare Krishna all over the planet and already the holy name is spread in all the countries of this world. This is the beginning, prediction of Mahaprabhu is bound to come true.

If it was my prediction who knows, if it was Mr. Pawar's prediction, who knows, but it is, I don't know why I had remember that name. May Lord bless Him. But Lord is Supreme Personality of God head, mayadhyaksena prakrtih suyate sa-caracaram (BG 9.10) This is bound to come true, as we see here a big gathering of devotees, we may be devotees of Krishna or Ram or Panduranga but for sure we are devotees of Shri Krishna

Caitanya Mahaprabhu. In this age of kali one becomes a devotee of Shri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu that does include Krishna, Ram or Panduranga.

So we were devotees of Pandurang, Ram, Krishna. Now we are devotees of Shri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, this is good great fortune of all of us. There was a time in India, Maharashtra very little was known about Mahaprabhu or He was just being listed as just another saintly person like Meera, Guru Nanak or Tulsi.

Likewise they were saintly person who took sanyasa that is Caitanya like that was a talk used to go on when I was a school boy. I used to study, I had one lesson in my school. So then I used to think, when would it come then I realized the position of Caitanya Mahaprabhu by grace of Prabhupada when that day would come such a big offence committing India, Maharashtra committing offence listing Mahaprabhu in the list of sanyasi, swamis, devotees.

He is Supreme Personality Godhead. Now by the grace of his divine grace A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and his followers, thousands of devotees are becoming devotees of Shri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Gauranga This gives us a delight and gives us confidence that yes yes for sure Mahaprabhu's holy name will reach every town, every village. There are already devotees here from half of the Maharashtra villages and towns, at least from 100 villages, 100 towns for sure but if not more. So from zero to 1 and 2 zeros, soon there will be another zero. You all are heroes. In every home there is a ray of hope now Mahaprabhu mentioned in the beginning Mahaprabhu started chanting and dancing with jingling bells, that is the cause of spreading sankirtana movement all over the world. Mahaprabhu is making us dance and we are confident that you will make others as you will touch the devotees, more souls you will transfer your ecstasy and share your realizations of Gauranga with others. They would get transformed; this is how Mahaprabhu's mercy spreading started with the heart of

Prabhupada and spreading from heart to heart transformation of the heart. Others were taking leadership Radhanath Swami Maharaj ki jai. Leader of leaders and there are so many other leaders from Chowpatty, Pune, Kolhapur and Belgaum, Aurangabad. I appreciate all the work of pushing on Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada's sankirtan movement is being done.

Goal of course is stop not till the goal is reached. What is the goal? Every town, every village of Maharashtra is one goal immediate goal for us. If you could go beyond the boundaries and bring it to more villages more towns, let us do our part within our life time, this is a task of many generations. Maya is strong and kali will stay in action and active so future generations will have to carry on this task of bringing the holy name in the towns and more villages. The work you are doing is the foundational work on the strong foundation, when the foundation is strong you could build sky scrapers.

I am confident that Srila Prabhupada is pleased Kunja Bihari, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is pleased with all the endeavors of all of us . Push on may Srila Prabhupada and Gauranga bles you, spread the holy name

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Ram Hare Ram
Ram Ram Hare Hare**

Thank you

Glories of Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya

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Venue: Noida

Dated: 20 th Feb 2018

Gaur Purnima mahotsav ki Jay! On the occasion of Gaur Purnima mahotsav, Gaur Katha Mahotsav is being organized, not inside Radha Govinda Dev temple and not even in the courtyard of the temple, but in Radha Govinda Dev ISKCON's auditorium. Welcome to all of you for being here. Hari Bol! Lord is happy with you because you came. So we will sing a song, may be you are familiar with it. Sundar Lala, have you heard it?

**Sundar Lala Saci-dulala, nacata sri-hari-kirtana me,
Bhale candana tilaka manohara, alaka sophe kapolana me.
Sire cuda darasi bale, vana-phula-mala hiyapara dole,
Pahirana pita-pitambara sobhe, nupura runu-jhunu caranon me.
Koi gayat hai radha-krsna nam, koi gayata hai hari-guna gan,
Mangala-tana mrdanga rasala, bajata hai koi rangana me.....
Gauranga!**

Welcome again! You will see a small presentation of Gaur katha. I also have given a name, 'Who is Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu?' So appearance of Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu! Not all are familiar with appearance. What is appearance?

It is birth day. We all are celebrating; in fact whole world is celebrating right now.

So Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, appeared on this planet before 532 years.

**premarasa niriyasa karite asvadana
raga marga bhakti loke karite pracarana (Cc Adi-lila 4.15-16)**

This is from Caitanya Caritamrta. The confidential reason of appearance of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is given in this. We are going to discuss this in brief. But in Caitanya Caritamrta it is a whole chapter.

So the general reason is dharma samsthapanarthaya , paritranaya sadhunam, vinasaya ca duskrtam. Like this three

reasons are given. Sambhavami yuge yuge. This was also the reason but, along with this, there is a particular reason behind the appearance of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Caitanya Mahaprabhu, as stated in this sloka, appeared to relish prema rasa, especially madhurya rasa which is topmost.

The most important rasa amongst all rasas, maharasa or king of all rasas, is madhurya or sringar rasa. It is complete rasa, mellow, all other rasas are included in it. So such rasa, which includes santa, dasya, sakhya, vatsalya and madhurya rasa, complete with all rasas, to relish that prema rasa and also to distribute it. It is not mentioned here, but He will relish and then He will distribute that same rasa.

Krsna prema pradayate

As we say in pranam mantra, Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared to relish Krsna prema and to distribute Krsna prema. Oh, it is given here, pracarana,

raga-marga bhakti loke karite pracarana

So basically to relish Krsna prema and to distribute, propagate Krsna prema; this was internal reason behind the appearance of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

ei mata bhakta bhava kari angikara apani acari bhakti karila pracar

So Lord became devotee. Ei mata bhakta bhava, He assumed bhava, sentiment of a devotee. And that devotee whose bhava He adopted is not bhakta, but she is bhaktin. Radharani's bhava is like that. So He assumed Radha bhava. Apani acari bhakti karila pracar, and He set example for everyone. Preaching was also one of the intentions of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's appearance. Prema pumartho mahan.

Gaudadesh, the land where Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared is known as Gauda desa. So Gauda desa, is known as Pancaguada, there are five Gauda -desa. Panca-Gauda is in North India,

Panca-Dravid is in South India. Bengal is also Gauda desa, Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared there.

Which was that day when Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared? It was also 18 th Feb. In 1486, it was purnima, full moon day and eclipse was also there. Or it is said that moon made excuse on that day. He arranged eclipse and hid his face, which is having so many spots and stains on it, because he knew, today Caitanyacandra is going to appear. Like Ramacandra, Krsnacandra, same way Caitanyacandra!

And how is that Caitanyacandra?

bahu-koti candra jini vadan ujjvala

From whose body so much effulgence or from whose face so much effulgence is emanating, bahu koti, brightness of millions and millions of moons, that is Caitanyacandra. So the moon who shines in our sky thought, today let only Caitanyacandra appear. How can I show my face? Thinking like this, he hid his face. And on that day Caitanyacandra appeared. Sachi garbha sindhau Hari indu, like that is also said. Hari indu appeared. Indu is moon. So Hari indu is, Haricandra is not Harishacandra. Hari who is moon only, Caitanyacandra is Hari candra and Hari indu also. So this Hari indu appeared, Sachi garbha sindhau, the womb of Sachi mata is compared to sindhu, ocean. So from womb of Sachi mata, Hari indu, Caitanya-candra appeared on that evening. Where did He appear? You are taking darshan of that tree (presentation), darshan of that neem tree, this is 'Duradarshan'. While sitting here, you all became Sanjaya. So under the same neem tree, you are seeing one kutir. Home of Jagannath Misra, Jagannath Misra nivas, Sachi nivas, here only Caitanya Mahaprabhu took birth. This is also known as Yogapith. He appeared under neem tree, that's why He was named, what was His name? Nimai, say it, Nimai! Sachi mata used to call all the time, Nimai Nimai. She must be saying today also.

Because this lila, pastime is eternal.

Saci kahe mui dekho akasha upare divya murti loka saba yena stuti kare Realization of Sacimata, when she was giving birth to Caitanyacandra, Nimai, at that time she realized. Others must also have realized it. Hey look, who have appeared in the sky!

**yam brahma varunendra-rudra-marutah stuvanti divyaih stavair
jagata bhariya loka bole hari hari
sei-ksane gaurakrsna bhume avatari**

That day because of eclipse, millions of people were assembled at Ganges to take bath. Mayapur, birthplace of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is at the banks of Ganges. So what the people were doing who were assembled there?

Hari Hari Hari Hari! Hari bol!

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama
Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!**

**So, Jagata bhariya loka bole, at the banks of Ganges,
the whole atmosphere was surcharged by chanting of Hari Hari.
At that time,**

Gaurakrsna bhume avatari

Nimai took birth from the womb of Sacimata. In Srimad Bhagavatam it is said, when Sri Krishna took birth at midnight of astami, at that time millions of demigods appeared and sang the famous garbha-stuti. Like that same Krishna is now appeared as Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and same scene is getting repeated. All demigods have assembled and they are singing glorifications. Flowers are being showered, apsaras are dancing, gandharvas are singing, many kettledrums and other instruments are being played.

Hari bali narigana dei hulahuli

Can you do hulahuli? Try it, go ahead. Very good! May be some gents are also trying. So, dei hulahuli, means Hari Hari!

svarge vakya nrtya kare deva kutuhali

When ladies were doing hulahuli on earth or in Nadia, in Mayapur, that time musical instruments were being played in svarga. And deva kutuhali, demigods were excited to take darshan of the Lord.

deva apy asya rupasya nityam darsana-kanksinah

Such is the beauty of Caitanya Mahaprabhu that demigods are also eager to take His darsan.

savitri gauri sarasvati saci rambha arundhati ara yata deva narigana

nana dravya patra bhari brahmanira vesa dhari asi sabe kare darasana

Gauri and Sarasvati and Saci, who is this Saci? Wife of Indra is also Saci. This is another Saci. Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mother is also Saci. So this Saci, Rambha, Arundhati, narigana, ladies, what they did? They dressed themselves as Brahman ladies. So that no one can recognize them, 'here is Saci, Rambha, Savitri, Gayatri'. Nana dravya patra bhari they came with varieties of gifts and they all were eager to have darshan.

Namo mahavadanyaya krsna prema pradayate, krishnaya krsna caitanya namne gauratvise namah.

We will also do glorifications in these words. Or we will pay obeisances. Let's chant, Namoh mahavadanyaya krsna prema pradayate, krishnaya krsna caitanya namne gauratvise namah. This is pranam mantra of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. This is compiled by Rupa Gosvami in Prayag. When Rupa Gosvami met Caitanya Mahaprabhu, he chanted this pranam mantra first time. In this it is said, namah means I offer my obeisances again and again. Offer obeisance to whom? Namoh mahavadanyaya namah, here again and again special features of Caitanya Mahaprabhu are given and then every time after that we have to add namah.

Like that Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu namah. Namah in beginning and namah at the end also. Namo namah! Obeisances again and again. Namo mahavadanyaya!

So in this small pranam mantra, four specialties of Caitanya Mahaprabhu are mentioned, name of Caitanya mahaprabhu, His rupa, His lila and His qualities. So we will see where it comes. Namo mahavadanyaya, this is quality of Caitanya

Mahaprabhu. Which is His special quality? Namo mahavadanyaya, He is very merciful.

tuma bin ke dayalu jagat samsara

Amongst all the incarnations that have appeared in the world, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the number one. In case of mercy, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is matchless, even Krishna has left behind. Or Krishna became Caitanya Mahaprabhu when He became very merciful. Mahavadanyaya, this is quality of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Second is, again namah, namah krsna prema pradayate namah, so again obeisances. In this, lila of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is mentioned. Which lila, Krishna prema pradan, distribution of Krishna prema, this is lila of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Then next is His name. Krsnay krsna caitanya namne, we have to go up to this. This is name of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So again obeisances, krsnay namah; but obeisances to which Krishna? Krishna Caitanya namne, the one whose name is Krishna Caitanya, obeisances to that Krishna. So there is little distinction between Krishna and Krishna Caitanya. My obeisances to Krishna but now which Krishna? Whose name is Krishna Caitanya, to that Krishna.

Now what is remaining? Rupa is remaining. Gaur tvisе namah, again obeisances, to whom? Obeisances to Gaur varna. Caitanya Mahaprabhu who is Gauranga, tvisa means complexion. Whose complexion is Gaur, hemango or gaur varna hemango, to Him obeisances.

So Namo mahavadanyaya krsna prema pradayate, krsnaya krsna caitanya namne gauratvise namah.

You can by heart it. Who know this mantra? Learned now? Will remember, at least for 2-4 min. By heart it! Then understand what is said in this mantra. So this is from Caitanya Caritamrta. It is special mantra, sutra. What kind of sutra? Paribhasita sutra, explanatory sutra! Every scripture has it's own special mantra, sutra, one basis, foundation mantra. It is called paribhasita sutra. So this one is sutra of Caitanya Caritamrta.

anarpita-carim cirat karunaya avatirna kalau

Understand little little? Anarpita carim cirat, means which was not given since long time, to give such thing, karunaya avatirna kalau, in the age of kali, kalau, avatirna, He appeared out of mercy. Caitanya Mahaprabhu is by nature very merciful. So He couldn't resist and appeared mercifully.

samarpayitum unnat ujjvala-rasam sva-bhakti-sriyam

Internal reason is mentioned here. Samarpayitum means to bestow, to distribute Mahaprabhu appeared. Unnat ujjvala rasa, which mellow? Unnat, elevated, topmost and ujjvala, brilliant, effulgent, rasam means madhurya rasa, to distribute prema rasa, which is also mellow of bhakti. All this is bhakti also. Sakhya rasa, bhakti in sakhya bhava, vatsalya bhakti, madhurya bhakti, and this is called rasa, bhakti, bhava, sakhya bhava, madhurya bhava. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared to relish and distribute it. Then explanation of His beauty, harih purata sundara dyuti, dyuti means luster. Purata means gold, so how is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's complexion? Suvarna varna, golden form! Do you like 'sona' (hindi word)? Why not? 'Sona' is of two types, one is gold and other is sleep. Hiranyakasipu was very interested in both, that's why his name became Hiranyakasipu. Hiranya means gold, kashipu means soft bed, both are 'sona'.

But Caitanya Mahaprabhu was pure gold. Gauranga, go for Gauranga! Go for means what? Go and get it, run for it. Run to achieve Gauranga. He is real gold. Else is only chamak-damak, glitter, glow. All that glitters is not gold. Fire-fly runs towards the fire and then svaha, reduced himself to ashes. Like that people of the world get attracted towards glitter of the world. So forget it, abandon it, leave it and run. Run towards Gauranga! Gauranga!

It is also said that, this is prayer,
sada hrdaya kandare sphuratu vah sacinandanah

Sada, should be always like that, like what? Hridaya kandare, hrdaya means heart, kandare means cave, innermost core of your heart, sphurate vah sacinandanah, vah means your, nah means our, Sacinandan should always manifest. Jay Sacinandan! Bhakti Vinod Thakur said one day will come when people from all over the world will gather together; will come to Bengal, will come to Mayapur also and will sing. What they will sing? Jay Sacinandan Jay Sacinandan! So the writer of this scripture, Krsnadas Kaviraj Gosvami prays, may that Sacinandan be ranscendentally situated within everyone's heart. May He become the cause of your vitality!

There is another scripture known as Caitanya Bhagavat, in which pastimes of Caitanya Mahaprabhu are described. And this is first lila sloka of Caitanya Bhagavat which starts with glorification. Who wrote Caitanya Bhagavat? Vedavyasa, Vyasadeva! During Caitanya Mahaprabhu's time, Vyasadeva appeared again. And that time his name was Vrndavan das Thakur. He also appeared in Navadvipa. So Vyasa of Srimad Bhagavatam became Vrndavan das. Vyasa became Vrndavan das and he compiled Caitanya Bhagavat. We are trying to make you understand this so that you can understand glories of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu? This is the title, theme of our presentation. Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Supreme Personality of Godhead. In Srila Prabhupada's words, He is Supreme Personality. Which kind of Personality? Supreme

and Godhead, the head of all Gods!

**ajanu lambita bhujau kanakavadatau
sankirtanaika pitarau kamalaya taksau
visvambharau dvijavarau yuga dharma-palau
vande jagat priyakarau karuna avatarau!**

This au au is coming at the end of many words; the reason is there are two persons. Ramah ramau ramah, it is dvivacan in sanskrit, ramau, bhujau, vadatau. So there is mention of two persons. Gauranga Mahaprabhu and Nityananda Prabhu ki Jay! Both are glorified together. So how are they? Ajanu lambita bhujau, those who have long arms, aa means up to, so up to where? Up to the knees, their arms are extended to their knees. Kanakavadatau , their complexion is golden. Sankirtanaika pitarau, they are father of sankirtana movement, two founding fathers, Gaur and Nityananda. Kamalaya taksau, they are lotus eyed. Visvambharau, both are called as Visvambhara.

When Caitanya Mahaprabhu took birth, and there was name giving ceremony, I don't know which day, but then Caitanya Mahaprabhu's grandfather, Nilambar Cakravarti came there. At some distance from Yogapith, there is Belapukur, in Rudradvipa. In Navadvipa there is Rudradvipa, where Nilambar Cakravarti used to live. Father of Sacimata! So he came to Antardvipa, where there is Yogapith. He performed name giving ceremony, just like Gargacharya gave names to Krishna and Balarama. So this Nilambar Cakravarti came and gave name. What will be the name? Visvambhar! What will be the name of the baby? Visvambhar, maintainer of the whole world! Visvambharau!

Dvijavarau, topmost amongst brahmanas; both were appeared in brahmana families. Yugadharm palau, the dharma of this kali yuga, yugadharm, they will protect, establish it.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama
Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!**

So they are founding fathers of sankirtana movement, sankirtanaika pitarau, and they are protectors of yugadharma. Vande jagat priyakarau, I offer my obeisances unto them who are benefactor of the whole world and are most merciful. Proof from sasras about Bhagavatta of Caitanya Mahaprabhu, there are many of them. We will discuss few from them. Bhagavatta means Godhood, He is Lord. What is the proof? There are proofs from scriptures. 'It is given in sasras, so you shut up. We have proof.' Every incarnation is mentioned in scriptures. If someone will say, I am God; then ask him in which sasra it is given? Bring scripture and show, where is your name? If it is there then obeisances otherwise kick him out. So in the beginning of Caitanya Caritamrta, like in the beginning of Srimad Bhagavatam, you can see CC 1.3 and SB 1.2.11. So Lord is known in three states. brahmeti paramatmeti bhagavan iti sabdyate brahma iti, paramatma iti, bhagavan iti sabdyate. Lord has three forms or Lord is known in these three features. These three are advaya, yaj jnanam advayam, total sum of these three is one. They are not different. Not that Brahma is different and Paramatma is different and Bhagavan is different. They are one. He is Brahma, He is Paramatma and He is Bhagavan.

In Caitanya Caritamrita it is said, yad advaitam brahma upanisadi, He is called as Brahma in Upanisad. What is this Brahma? Asya tanu-bha, tanubha of Krishna or Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu, tanu you understand? Tanu means body and bha means effulgence. The effulgence emanating from His body, in Upanisad it is called as Brahma, brahma upanisadi. Such an important thing! Ya atmantar yami puruna iti so 'syamsa vibhavah, and He is Paramatma. Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself is Paramatma. Sad-aisvaryaiah purna ya iha bhagavan sa svayam ayam, He is the only one. Ayam means this, Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Bhagavan, sad-aisvarya purna bhagavan. So in three lines of this sloka from Caitanya Caritamrta, Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself is Brahma, Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself is Paramatam and Caitanya Mahaprabhu is sad-aisvarya purna Bhagavan, like

that His bhagavatta is described. And what is the last line?

na caitanyat krsnaj jagati para-tattvam param iha

To know Lord tattvatah is very important. Janma karma ca me divyam evam yo vetti tattvatah, Krishna says, how to recognize Lord? Tattvatah! Then what is the result? Tyaktva deham punar janma naiti, no birth again. So Lord's birth, His lilas, forms, qualities and His tattva! So na caitanyat krsnaj jagati para tattvam param iha. There can never be any truth greater than Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He is the topmost. Caitanya Mahaprabhu ki Jay! Na caitanyat krsnat jagati, there is no other Absolute truth in this whole world.

In 10 th canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, when Gargacarya was secretly giving names to Krishna and Balaram, in Gokula, in goshala, that time he said, this child Krishna appears in four different colors in four yugas. Asan varnah trayo hi asya, in three millenniums, three different colors, suklo raktas tatha pita! So he has mentioned three yugas, satyayuga, tretayuga and kaliyuga. In satyayuga Krishna or Lord was sukla varna, sukla means white; then rakta varna in tretayuga, means red like

rakta, blood, that color. And in kaliyuga, pita, means yellow, not ordinary yellow, tapta kancan gaurangi, molten gold color. When it is lightening, that brilliance, that is the color of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So idanim krsnatam gatah, Gargacarya says, now in this dvaparyuga Lord is in front of me, idanim krsnatam gatah, He is blackish in color; but in different different millenniums He accepts different different colors. What is of our interest in this? Pita, so pita means Gauranga, Gargacarya has mentioned that.

And in 11 th canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, it's even more clear. Here nava Yogendrasas had came to king Nimi, dialogues in between them going on. So here question was asked, 'please tell us in which millennium which incarnation, of which

complexion, and what their specialties are?' So in the answer, it is said, krsna varnam tvisakrsnam. Do you remember tvisa? What have you heard about tvisa? Gaur tvisē namah, tvisa became tvisē in caturthi (grammar). So that tvisa, how is it? Not tvisa krsna, but tvisa akrsna. Tvisa + akrsna= tvisakrsna. So krsnavarnam Lord will appear, and what He will do? He will describe, varnam, of Krsna, like this bhava. Or He will do kirtan. Krsna-varnam and tvisa, how will be His complexion? Akrsna, He will not be blackish, means how He will be? He will be whitish, gaur, Gauranga. Gaur and yellow match little bit, not much difference, right? Hari Bol! Tell the truth!

So tvisa akrsnam, then sangopangasra parsadam, sa means with this He will appear. Sanga upanga parsad, His associates will be with Him. Weapon will be Hare Krishna mahamantra or associates will also act as weapons. And this anga and upanga are divisions between Caitanya Mahaprabhu's associates. Yajnah sankirtana prayair, so which Lord will appear in kali yuga, in answer to this question this was told. Then it is said, people will do yajna, yajanti hi sumedhasah. Question was asked, 'in each particular yuga, by which process Lord will be worshipped?' So in kaliyuga, yajanti, people will worship Lord, by which process? Yajnah, yajnah means by yajnas, which type of yajnas? Name is also given. Sankirtana yajnah, in kali yuga Lord will be worshipped by sankirtana yajna.

And how will be those who will perform sankirtana yajna? Sumedhasah, they will be intelligent people. Those who are intelligent people in kali yuga, they yajanti, worship Lord by sankirtana yajna. It's clear.

In Markandeya purana it is said,

**golokam ca parityajya lokanam trana karanat,
kalau gauranga-rupena lila lavanya vighrahah**

It's not difficult. So what Lord will do? Golokam ca

parityajya, there is place known as Goloka, where Lord resides, golokam eva nivasati, Krishna, Krishna Caitanya lives in Goloka. So He left Goloka and came here in this world. Why? Lokanam tarana karanat, people here were very much distressed. To liberate them, kalau gauranga rupena, in kali yuga, in Gauranga form, lila lavanya vighraha, His vighraha will be treasure chest of rupa, lavanya and beauty, He will appear. No need of any interpretation!

**gangaya daksine bhage navadvipe manorame
kali papa vinasaya saci garbhe sanatani
janisyati priye misra purandara grhe svayam phalgune
purnamasyam ca nisayam gaura vighraha**

There is one scripture known as Visva-sara-tantra. Whatever you want to know about Caitanya Mahaprabhu, most of it, almost everything is there. Gangaya daksine bhage, at the south banks of Ganges, there is very beautiful place known as Navadvipa. There, kali papa vinasaya, to destroy or to rip down the heaps of sins of the people of kali yuga, sacigarbhe, in the womb of Sacimata, janisyati, He will appear. He appeared 500 years before. How many years? 532 years! Write it down! Some serious students are here with notebooks. Or they don't have confidence on their brains. Others unfortunately have confidence on their brains, on their memory. If you want to remember, what should you do? Write it down! To get right, write it down. We heard like this also. So for this purpose, write it down.

So janisyati, where? Misra Purandara, another name of Jagannatha Misra, in his home, He appeared. When did Lord appear? Phalgune, in Phalguna month! At what time in Phalguna? Purnamasyam nisayam, in the evening! And Mirabai has also said something. She also had realized Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Bhagavatta, Godhood. Mira's songs are very famous. This one must be new for you. Aba to harinama lo lagi, what Hari is doing now? He is chanting Harinam. Sab jagako yah makhan chora, nam dharo vairagi, at one time He was thief of

Vrndavan, now He has taken renunciation, Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

**saba jaga bolata makhan chora,
nam dharo vairagi!
kaha chadi vahu mohan murali?
kaha chadi saba gopi?
mora mundayi gora kati bandhi,
mane na mani gopi!
mata yasomati makhan choran
bandhi jaki baha,
syama kisor bhaye nava gora,
caitanya jako nam!
pitambar ko bhava dikhavai,
kati kaupina base,
gore krsna ki dasi mira,
jasa na krsna bane na bane**

So that Murali Mohan, that Gopinath, He has renounced all of them, taken renunciation means He left all of them, removed His hair and by holding kamandalu and danda He left. Yasoda used to tie Him up with mortar now His name is Caitanya, Hari Bol! She is saying, she is dasi of Gaur Krishna. One who used to say, 'mere to giridhar gopal', she realized. Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Mirabai were from the same time.

When six Gosvamis were in Vrndavan, Mirabai was also there in Rajasthan or in Vrndavan, wherever. So this is her realization. So Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu stayed for 48 years on this planet. When He was Krishna, He stayed for 125 years. For how many years were Krishna's manifested pastimes? For 125 years! Rama exhibited His manifested pastimes on this planet for 11,000 years. Das shat das shatani ca, like that it is said. Das shat means thousand. Ten multiplied by 100 is 1000. Das shat and das shatani, 1000 and 10000 = 11000.

So for 24 years Caitanya Mahaprabhu played His Navadvipa lila. Navadvipa dham ki Jay! There are nine islands. How many dvipa?

Nine! There is Simanta dvipa, there is Godrum dvipa, there is Madhya dvipa, Kola dvipa, Rudra dvipa, Jahnu dvipa, Antar dvipa, may be I missed some in between. Yes, you went there, right? Do you remember all names of dvipas? Stand up! Tell in sequence! (Antar dvipa, Simant dvipa, Godrum dvipa, Madhya dvipa, Kola dvipa, Ritu dvipa, Jahnu dvipa, Modadrum dvipa, and Rudra dvipa) very good! So these are Navadvipa. She has just returned from Navadvipa parikrama. Fresh in memory! Ten thousand devotees were doing parikrama. Hari Bol!

So 24 years Caitanya Mahaprabhu performed His pastimes in Navadvipa. In Caitanya Caritamrta it is called as Adi lila. Bal-lila, pauganda-lila, kishor-lila, all these are very sweet pastimes. Then for next six years Caitanya Mahaprabhu travelled all over India. Sriradhar bhava ebe gaura avatar, hare krsna nama gaura karila pracar So to distribute Hare Krishna mahamantra, Caitanya Mahaprabhu travelled all over India, for six years. In 1986 ISKCON organized padayatra. It started in 1986 from Dvaraka, we walked up to Mayapur. I was also coordinator of that padayatra. In which year Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared? 1486! So what happened in 1986? We were celebrating 500 th year anniversary. 500 th centennial of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's appearance! So we had planned that wherever Caitanya Mahaprabhu visited, or at least we will visit places in South India. This was grand padayatra. International group of devotees! We started from Dvaraka on Radhastami day, 2 nd Sep. And from Dvaraka we went to Kanyakumari. In between we travelled many different places. So from Kanyakumari we went to Mayapur. 8000 kms in 18 months! Hari Bol!

So we also got opportunity to visit all those places where Caitanya Mahaprabhu visited during South India yatra. Then He travelled to east India also. From there He returned to Jagannath Puri. And again went to Vrndavan. He visited to Kuruksetra also. May be He had gone via Noida or via Delhi, Hastinapur. There are chances. What to say, during His

travelling Caitanya Mahaprabhu visited my village also. Hari Bol! You may not believe. But this is the fact. Small village where I was born! So Caitanya Mahaprabhu passed through that village. Gauranga Himself, ajanulambit bhujau and sankirtanaika pitarau! So at that same village which is known as Aravade, Radha Gopal has arrived and last year we also established lotus foot prints of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Hari Bol! In South India at many places, wherever Caitanya Mahaprabhu visited, Srila Bhakti Siddhant Sarasvati Thakur established lotus footprints of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Tirupati is also one amongst them and Srirangam also, like that many other places. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu lived in Jagannath Puri for 18 years. There He performed His most confidential pastimes. Jay Jagannath! So in Jaganntha Puri, at a time, there was Lila-Purusottam Jagannath and prema Purusottam Caitanya Mahaprabhu. At a time and at same place, and Caitanya Mahaprabhu lived there for 18 years. So this is answer to 'who is Caitanya'. If anyone will ask 'who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu'; then you tell him only this much. What you will tell? Radha- Krsna nahi anya, that's it, you said everything. Who is Caitanya Mahaprabhu? Sri krsna caitanya radha krsna nahi anya. Remember only this much. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu gave darshan to governor of Andhrapradesh, at the bank of Ganges. His name was Ramananda Ray. Have you heard names of Vishakha Lalita? So Vishakha became governor of Andhrapradesh. Yes and she used to attend all conferences and Vishakha getting on the phone. So in front of Vishakha, Caitanya Mahaprabhu could not hide His identity. He had to give His darshan. So He gave darshan of Krishna and Radha separately, krsna-caitanya radha-krsna nahi anya.

So in Vrndavan, kesighata vamsivata, dvadasa kanan, jaha saba lila koilo sri nanda nandan, so Kesighata or Vasivata or twelve other vana, forests; just like you heard names of those nine islands, same like that there are names of twelve forests. Madhuvan, Talavan, Bahulavan, Vrndavan, Kamyavan etc.

Jamuna flows in between. In Navadvipa also many rivers flow, because of that there are nine islands. River flows in between two dvipa, islands. Of course there is Ganges, and Jamuna also flows there. So Navadvip and Vrndavan are of equal importance, or some times importance of Navadvip is more because there is all merciful Lord.

When Krishna becomes more merciful, then He appears in form of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So these both dhama are abhinna, non different. Goloka where Krishna lives, in that same Goloka there is Dvaraka, Mathura and Vrndavan. The topmost portion of Goloka is Vrndavan. But it has two divisions. One is Navadvipa and other is Vrndavan. Sometimes it is also known as Swetadvipa. There is one another Swetadvipa also, but this Navadvipa is called as Swetadvipa. So in Vrndavan, Krishna and in Navadvipa which Krishna? Krishna Caitanya!

Krsnaya krsna caitanya namne gauratvise namah.

Dharma samsthapanarthay sambhavami yuge yuge

Founder of yugadharma, Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu ki Jay! Every millennium has yugavatar. The incarnation which appears in every kaliyuga is known as Gaur Narayan. But once in a day of Brahma, Gaur Krishna appears. There is difference in qualities of Narayan and Krishna. Of course they are one but Krishna becomes Narayan and He takes many more forms. The main source is Krishna. Krishna is not avatar. He is avatari. So this avatari Krishna appears once in a day of Brahma. Krishna at the end of Dvapara yuga, but which Dvapara? 4000 times Dvapara yuga comes in a day of Brahma. Am I saying right? Must be! It is said sahasra yuga paryanta. In one day of Brahma, 1000 mahayuga comes. Mahayuga means Satya, Treta, Dvapara and Kali, together is caturyuga, mahayuga. Like this yuga sahasra paryanta, 1000 times, so it will not be 4000. It's 1000. I have never done this calculation before. Ok, so 1000 times Satya yuga, 1000 times Dvapara, 1000 times Treta and 1000 times Kaliyuga.

So there are 14 Manus in one day of Bramha. Each Manu's duration is 71 mahayugas. Right now seventh Manu's time is going on. His name is Vaivasvat Manu. Middle of the present day of Bramha is going on. So when 28 th Dvapar yuga of this Vaivasvat Manu comes, then Krishna appears. And in the kaliyuga which comes after this, which is 28 th Kali yuga of his duration, Caitanya Mahaprabhu appears. Hari Hari! So when Caitanya Mahaprabhu was going to make His appearance that was the time of Yugavatar's appearance also. But Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared Himself and the yugavatar who was supposed to appear that time, Gaur Narayan, He merged into Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So again they became two in one. The purpose of Yugavatar is dharma samsthapanarthaya sambhavami yuge yuge, that also Caitanya Mahaprabhu fulfilled. So yugavatar and avatari Sri Krishna or Sri Krishna Caitanya appeared together. And Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself performed task of yugavatar, hare krsna nama gaur karila pracar. And then He also fulfilled the confidential reason of His appearance, for 18 years in Puri, internal reason, to relish prema-rasa and to distribute prema-rasa, love of Godhead.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu did kirtan in Jharkhand forest, na bhuto na bhavisyati, like this never happened before and will never happen again. Now Jharkhand is a state. 500 years before there were so many animals, elephants and you name it and it is there. So many varieties of birds, and animals, Lord made them dance. Some elephants were drinking water and they saw Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu may have said or thought, 'hey, what are you looking at? Chant Hari Bol!' So elephants raised their front legs and Hari Bol! Hari Bol! Hari Bol! And deer and lion etc. rubbing their shoulders, so these animals did not remain animals. So this is Caitanya, who spreads caitanya, sensation, who invokes consciousness.

Gaurangera sangi gane nitya siddha kori mane, se jaya brajendra nanda pae

This is song of Narottam Das Thakur. In this he is saying, gaurandera sangi gane, those who are associates, followers of Gauranga Mahaprabhu, nitya siddha kori mane, they are not common souls. Not that they were conditioned and then became liberated. Nitya siddha, means Caitanya Mahaprabhu brought them from His abode with Him. Lord did not come alone. He brought with Him many many devotees. Se jaya brajendra nandan pae, those who will understand that Caitanya Mahaprabhu's associates are nitya siddhas, what phal they will get? Se jaya brajendra nandan pae, they will attain or they will reach to Brajendra nandan Krishna. Those who will understand that gauranger sangi gana nitya siddha kori mana, they will achieve Krishna. This is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's promise.

Prthivita ache yata nagaradi grama, sarvatra pracar haibe mora nama. Caitanya Mahaprabhu has said this. Before saying this He Himself was doing sankirtana. Apani achari jagate sikhaye, He taught through His actions. 500 years before at the time of Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Vrndavan was in bad condition. Because of attacks of Muslims nothing was happening in Vrndavan. All Deities were sent out to different places. No yatras, no visitors, no parikramas, no sound of conch, no sound of bells, nothing was happening. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu reestablished Vrndavan's glories. Sad-gosvami, vande rupa sanatanau raghu yugau sri jiva gopalakau, they constructed temples again, they reinstalled Deities, and they compiled scriptures. Vrndavan dham ki Jay! There are many scriptures based on Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You can read Caitanya Caritamrta, Caitanya Bhagavat, Caitanya Mangal, there are many dramas, and many more.

Gaurangera madhura lila jar karne pravesila hrdoya nirmala bhelo tar heart purifying pastimes are there in all these scriptures. Pasu pakhi jhure pasana vidare, suni jaira guna gatha Like this is also said. What birds and animals do? They cry; stones melt, because of what? Suni jara guna gatha. Many more scriptures are there describing Mahaprabhu's glories, and

all. In the whole world, there is no other collection of scriptures like Gaudiya scriptures compilations, which is not having karmakanda, jnanakanda kevala visera bhanda. Only bhakti, prema rasa! And Srila Prabhupada had translated many of those scriptures. Caitanya Caritamrta was in Bengali.

Prabhupada translated it in English. Now you can get it in 100 languages. Hari Bol! Chinese people are also reading Caitanya Caritamrta. So people are reading in their own languages and understanding Caitanya Mahaprabhu. This is arrangement of ISKCON founder acarya, Srila Prabhupada ki Jay! Foundation of Srila Prabhupada's International society for Krishna Consciousness is Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Sankirtana is being performed everywhere, nagaradi grama. Prabhupada started padayatras. Wherever ISKCON center or temple was, sankirtana was going on there. In same town devotees used to do nagar sankirtana. But ISKCON padayatra devotees are doing sankirtana all over the planet, till now they have walked many million Km, 250 thousand Km. and padayatries never step a single foot ahead without kirtan. They have spread Hari-nama in 400 countries. In America, in Europe, or near England there is a small country known as Ireland, there is city called as Glasgow. We started padayatra from Glasgow to Moscow. It took five years. Everyday padayatries were moving ahead, from one country to another country, from one city to another city, like that.

Jagannath rathayatra mahotsava ki jay!

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu used to participate in Rathayatras in Jagannatha Puri same way Srila Prabhupada started rathayatras. Now all over the world rathayatras are being performed. Before rathayatra was limited only up to Jagannatha Puri, and 2,3 more cities of India. But now ISKCON is organizing rathayatras in 470 cities. Noida is one of them. Visvambhar prabhu is here. He also goes to many countries to organize rathayatra. 8-10 rathayatras only his family is doing, his father and their friend circle. Sri Gaur Nitai ki jay! Such beautiful

Deities are installed everywhere. And construction of Temple Of Vedic Planetarium is going on, in Mayapur.

500 years before Nityananda prabhu was doing parikrama. He was taking Jiva Gosvami on parikrama. See what a team! Jiva Gosvami, one of the sat-gosvamis, from Vrndavan, his guide became Nityananda prabhu. He showed everything, told kathas. Nityananda prabhu had said, adbhuta mandira hoibe vikasa, gaurangera nitya lila hoibe prakasa, there will be astounding temple in Navadvipa. What will happen from there?

Gaurangera nitya lila hoibe prakasa From there Gauranga Mahaprabhu's eternal pastimes will be manifested. Two weeks before there was Chakra installation. Deities are not yet installed, mandir is under construction. But Chakra is installed, Sudarshan chakra. It was grand festival. We were present there. Temple will open in 2020. Hari Bol! I think we all will be in Mayapur in 2020, celebrating grand temple opening. 2020 is chosen because, Srila Prabhupada started Mayapur festivals in 1972, so from 1972 to 2020, how many years? 50 th anniversary of Mayapur festivals will be celebrated. Not only this, 100 th anniversary is also there. What happened in 1922, in Kolkata? Bhakti Siddhant Sarasvati Thakur gave instructions to Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada, 'you look intelligent. In western world, preach Krishna consciousness in English language.' Those instructions were from 1922, so how many years till 2020? 100 years! So after 100 years what happened? Perfection, accomplishment, siddhi of those instructions is going to be in the opening of this temple. Mayapur, Navadvipa is head quarter of ISKCON. You are invited, welcome for the opening of this temple.

Thank you!

Hare Krishna!