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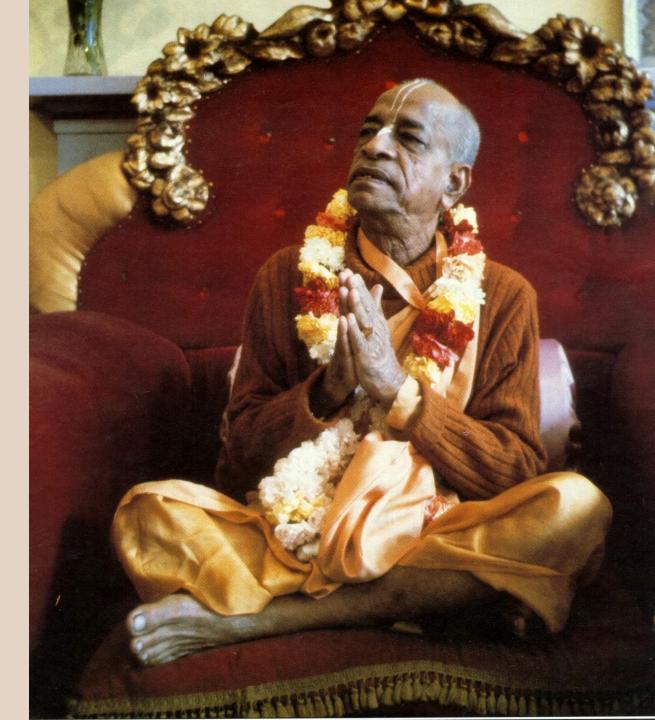
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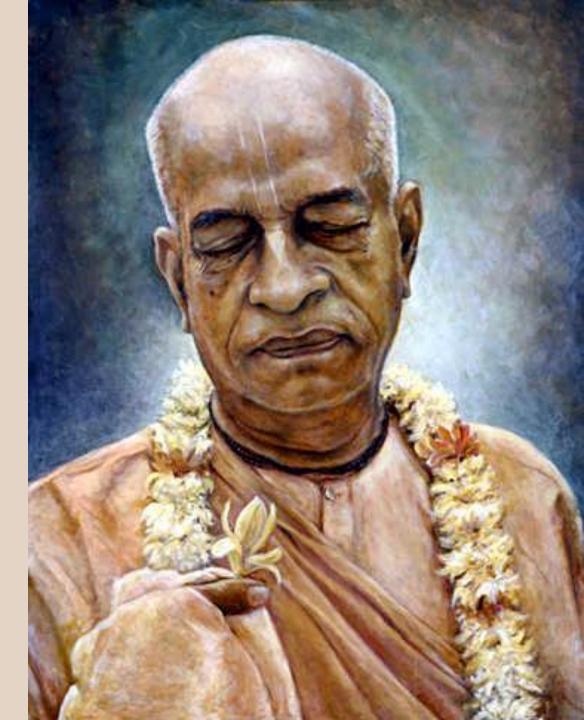
om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.



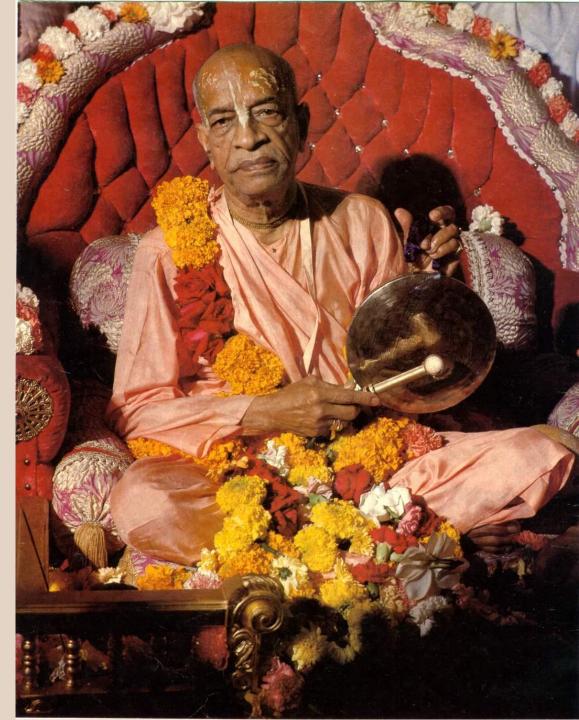
namah om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale srimati bhaktivedantasvamin iti namine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.



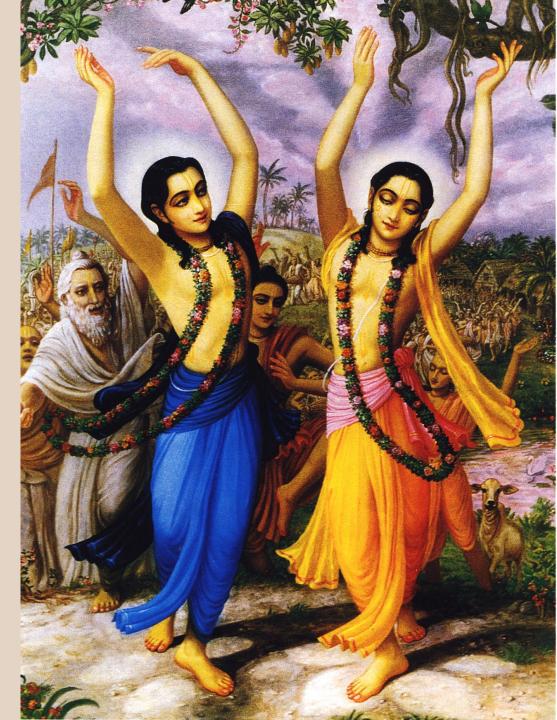
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-shunyavadipaschatya-desha-tarine

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.



śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

I offer my obeisances to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa and all others in the line of devotion.



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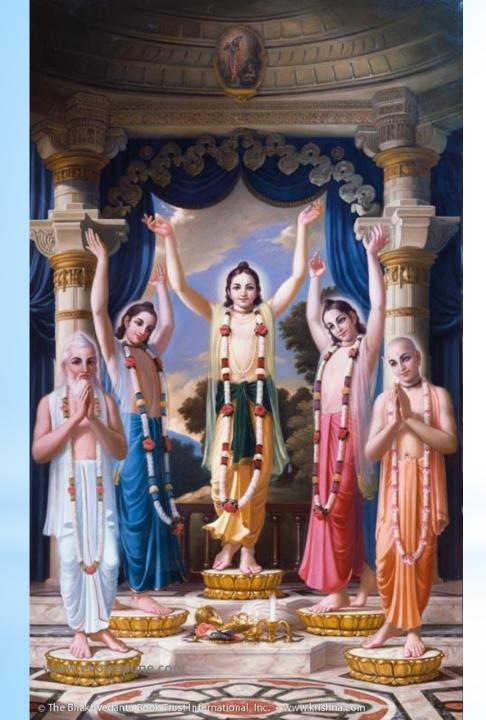
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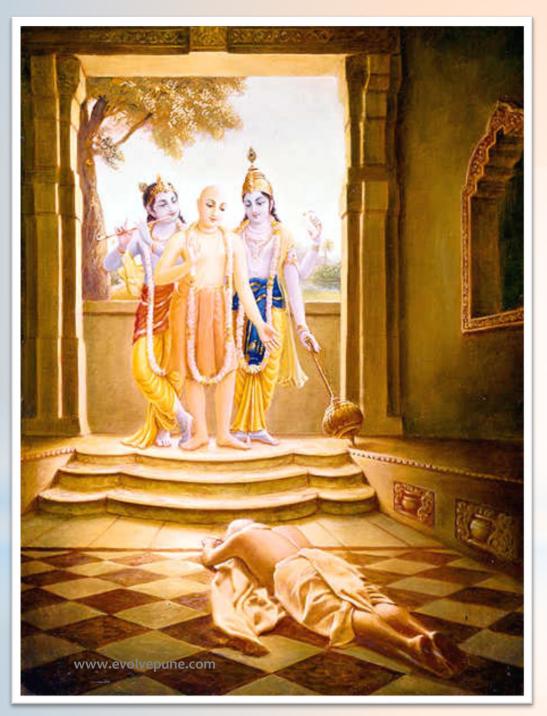


The Golden Avatara

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*Who is Golden Avatar?

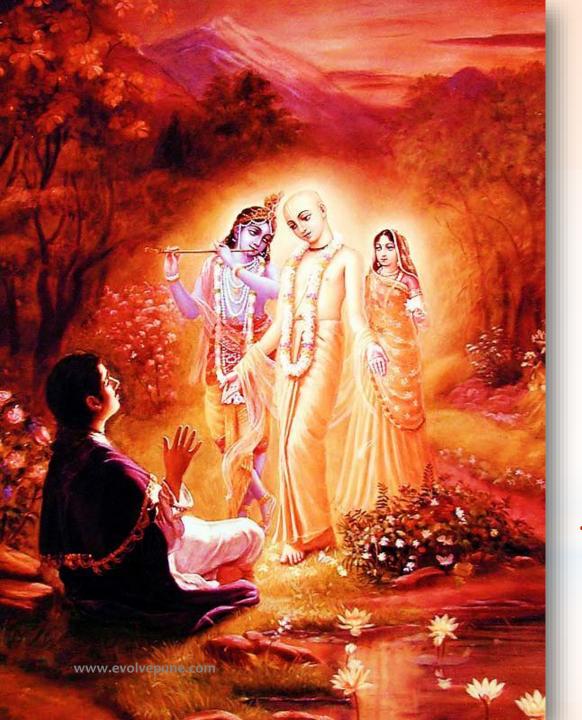


kṛṣṇa-varṇaṁ tviṣākṛṣṇaṁ sāṅgopāṅgāstra-pārṣadam yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair yajanti hi su-medhasaḥ

In the age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregational chanting to worship the incarnation of Godhead who constantly sings the names of Krishna. Although His complexion is not blackish, He is Krishna Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons and confidential companions.

SB 11.5.32





*Early life recorded by contemporary Murari Gupta, a medical practitioner.

*Later life recorded by his private secretary Sri Svarup Damodar.

*Chaitanya Charitamrita by Srila Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami

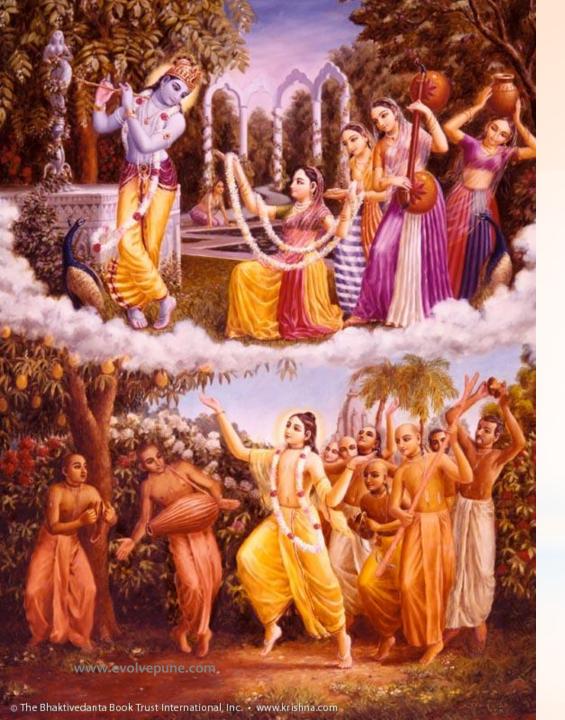
* How do we know about Chaitanya Mahaprabhu?



- *The great apostle of love of God
- *Father of congregational chanting of the Lord's Holy Names
- *Kali-Yuga Pavana The beacon of light in the darkened age of Kali
- Srila Prabhupada



* The Golden Avatar



 To reciprocate the pleas of His great devotee, Sri Advaita Acarya

- To re-establish love of God in this age of quarrel
- To Himself taste the mellows of love of God in the form of the Devotee
- Most importantly, to preach the importance of chanting the Holy Names of the Lord in this age of quarrel as the royal way to ultimate happiness

* Why did Lord descend into this Terrible age of Kali?

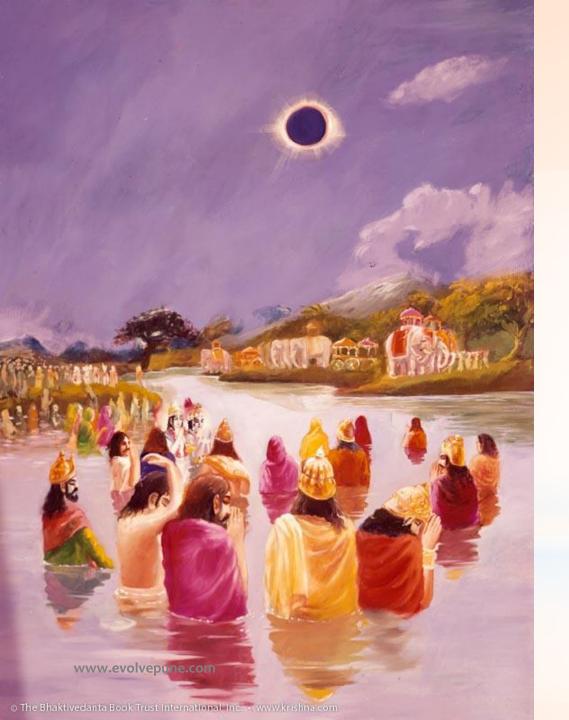




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*Advaita Acharya's fervant prayer brought Lord Caitanya to this world



*Full moon night in the month of Phalguna

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*Lord advented Himself on Phalguna purnima evening of 1486 during a lunar eclipse to Jagannath Misra and Sacimata in Navadvip, Nadia district, West Bengal.

*Customarily, public was to chant the Hare Krsna mahamantra and dip in the Ganges on an eclipse

* Thus, as the Lord was born, *He also advented in the form of the Holy Name, the common platform for universal love for mankind.*

* Birth and childhood pastimes of the Lord - I



- *The Lord played with a snake without harm, indicating love for all creatures
- *The Lord mesmerized his kidnapper such that he brings the Lord right back where he kidnapped Him

- * The Lord would stop crying on the lap of his mother whenever ladies surrounding Him chanted the Holy Names of the Lord
- * The Lord , during the Annaprasana ceremony, indicated His future activities by choosing Bhagavatam over gold coins.



* Birth and childhood pastimes of the Lord - I



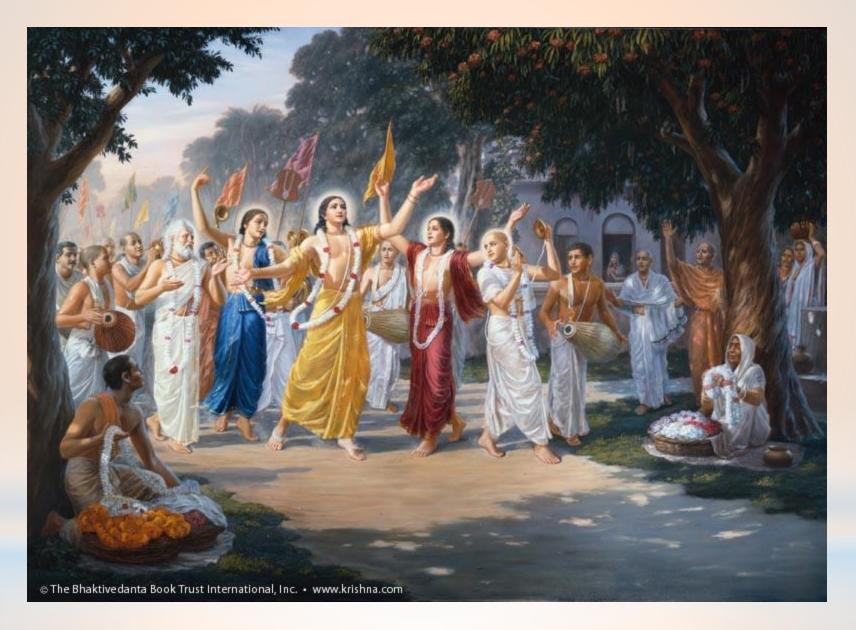
- *Brahmana was a great devotee of Lord Krsna and was fully surrendered – worshiped deity of Gopala
- *Jagannath Misra's one day invites him to his house – seeks permission to cook and offer prasad to Lord Gopala
- *Finishes his preparations and prepares the plate with offerings to offer lovingly to Gopal
- *Little Nimai enters the room and mischievously starts eating the prasada meant for Lord!

* The wonderful dealings between the Lord and the Brahmana - I

- *Brahmana is stunned and raises the alarm
- *Mishraji wants to beat Nimai but the brahmana begs him to forgive the little boy
- *Brahmana prepares the bhoga again while Nimai is led away to the home of his neighbours
- *Nimai distracts them and eats the offerings of the brahmana again!
- *The brahmana cooks again and this time Little Nimai reveals Himself as the object of the brahmana's worship



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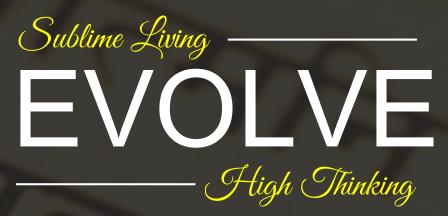


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