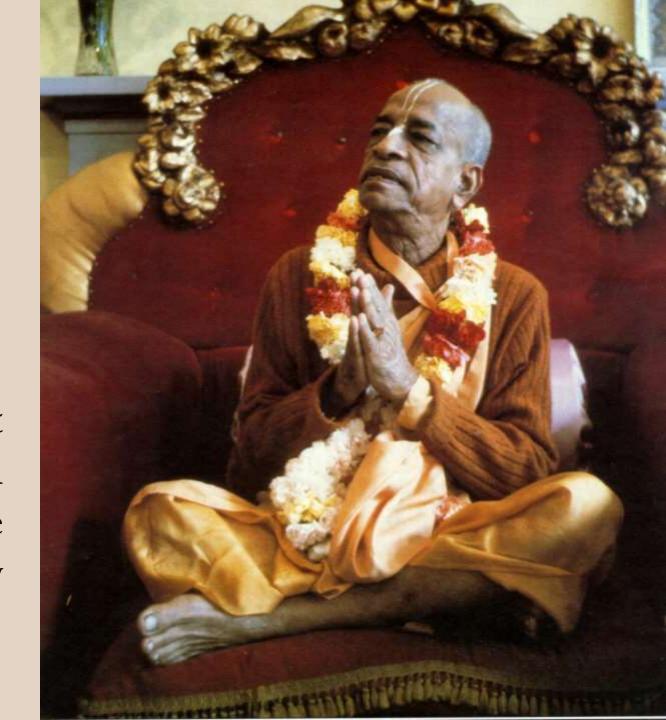
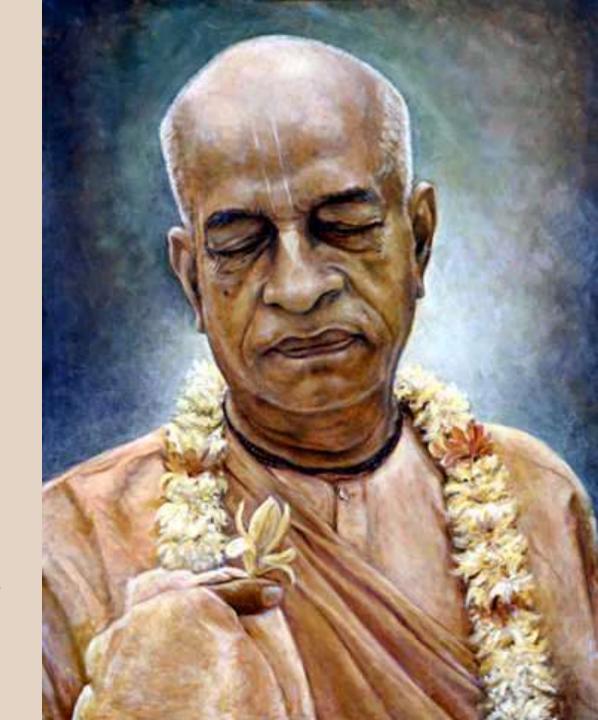
oà aji äna-timirändhasya ji änäi jana-çaläkayä cakñur unmélitaà yena tasmai çré-gurave namaù

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.



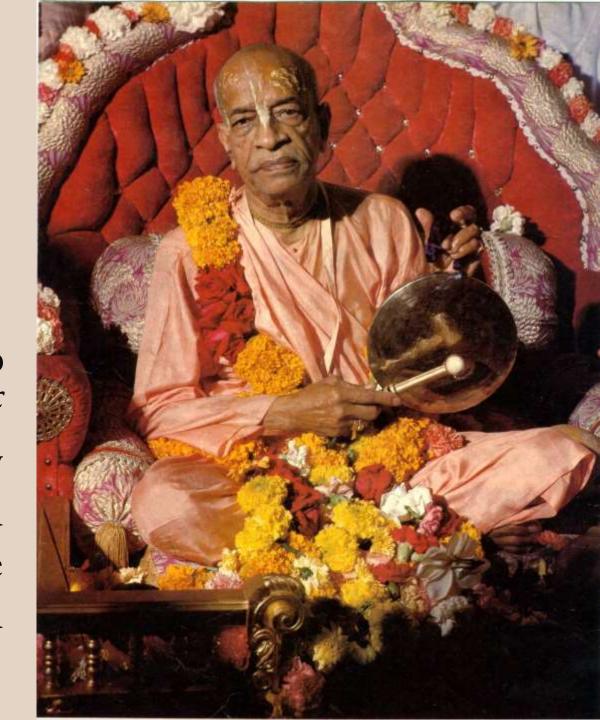
namah om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale srimati bhaktivedantasvamin iti namine

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.



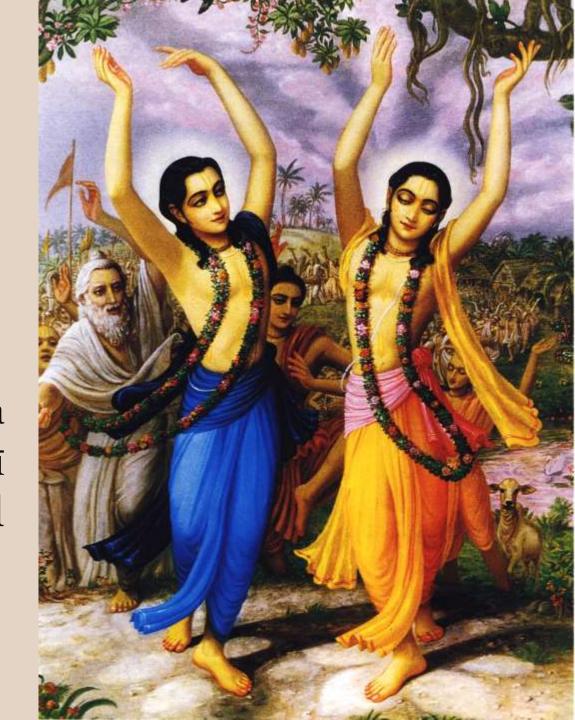
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-shunyavadipaschatya-desha-tarine

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.



çré-kåñëa-caitanya prabhu-nityänanda çré-advaita gadädhara çréväsädi-gaura-bhakta-vånda

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





PRAYERS





näräyaëaà namaskåtya naraà caiva narottamam devéà sarasvatéà vyäsaà tato jayam udérayet

Before reciting this Srimad-Bhagavatam, which is the very means of conquest, one should offer respectful obeisances unto the Personality of Godhead, Näräyaëa, unto Nara-näräyaëa Rsi, the supermost human being, unto mother Sarasvati, the goddess of learning, and unto Srila Vyäsadeva, the author.



SB 1.2.4

nañöa-präyeñv abhadreñu nityaà bhägavata-sevayä bhagavaty uttama-çloke bhaktir bhavati naiñöhiké

By regular attendance in classes on the Bhägavatam and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving service unto the Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact.



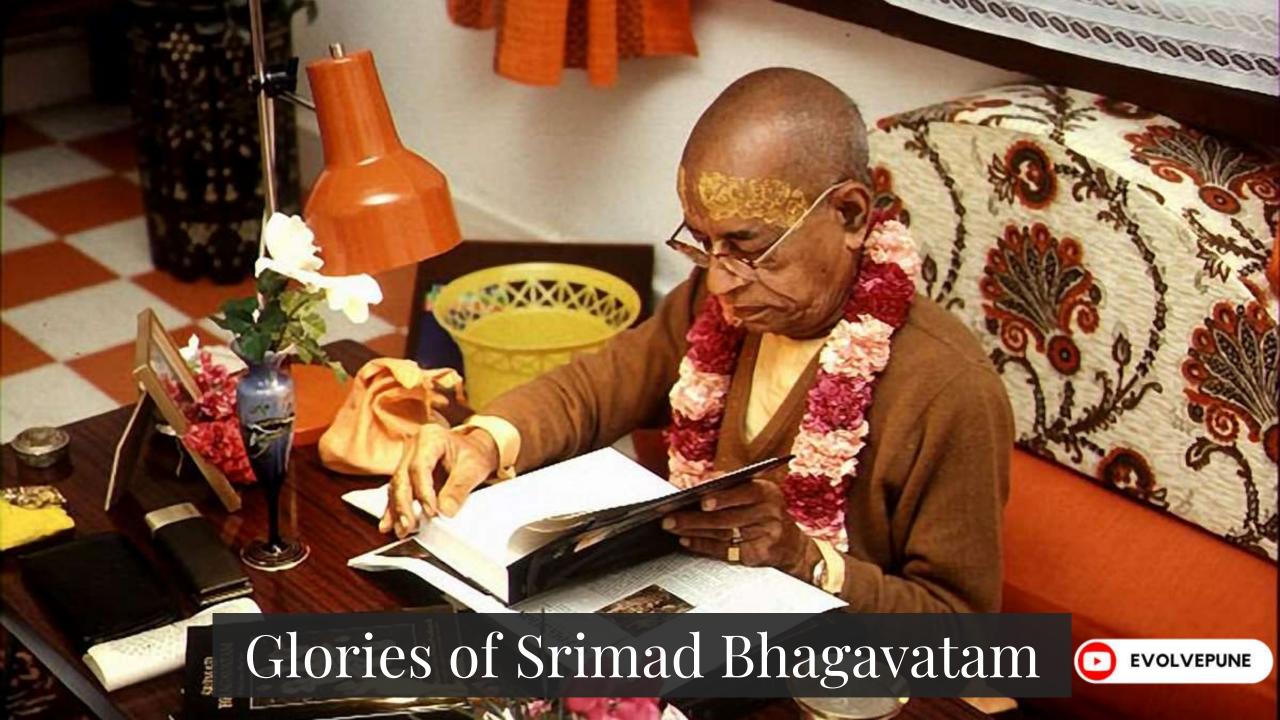
SB 1.2.18

kåñëäya väsudeväya devaké-nandanäya ca nanda-gopa-kumäräya govindäya namo namaù

Let me therefore offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lord, who has become the son of Vasudeva, the pleasure of Devaki, the boy of Nanda and the other cowherd men of Vrndävana, and the enlivener of the cows and the senses.



SB 1.8.21



çrémad-bhägavataà puräëam amalaà yad vaiñëavänäà priyaà yasmin päramahaà syam ekam amalaà ji änaà paraà géyate tatra ji äna-viräga-bhakti-sahitaà naiñkarmyam äviñkåtaà tac chåëvan su-paöhan vicäraëa-paro bhaktyä vimucyen naraù

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the spotless Purāṇa. It is most dear to the Vaiṣṇavas because it describes the pure and supreme knowledge of the paramahaṁsas. This Bhāgavatam reveals the means for becoming free from all material work, together with the processes of transcendental knowledge, renunciation and devotion. Anyone who seriously tries to understand Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, who properly hears and chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated.



SB 12.13.18



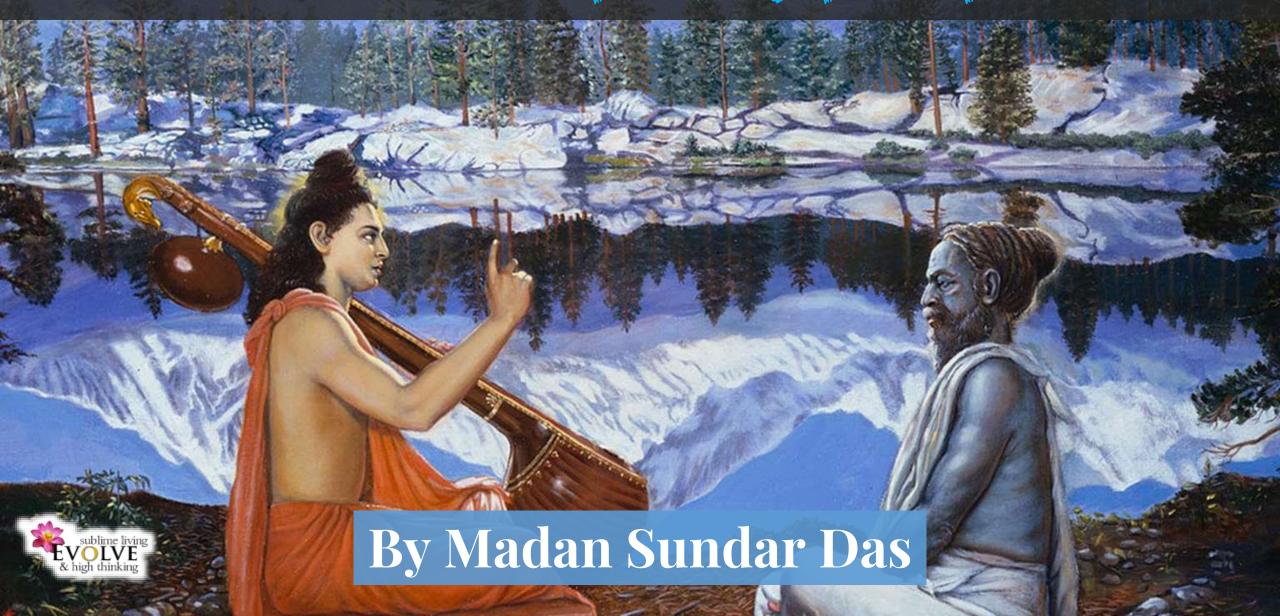
Srimad Bhagavatam is nondifferent from Krsna Himself

kånëe sva-dhämopagate dharma-ji änädibhiù saha kalau nanöa-dåçäm ena puräëärko 'dhunoditaù

This Bhägavata Puräna is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Kåñëa to His own abode, accompanied by religion, knowledge, etc. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness of ignorance in the age of Kali shall get light from this Puräna.

SB 1.3.43

EP. 2 MANTRA JAM



Why & how Srimad Bhagavatam manifested?



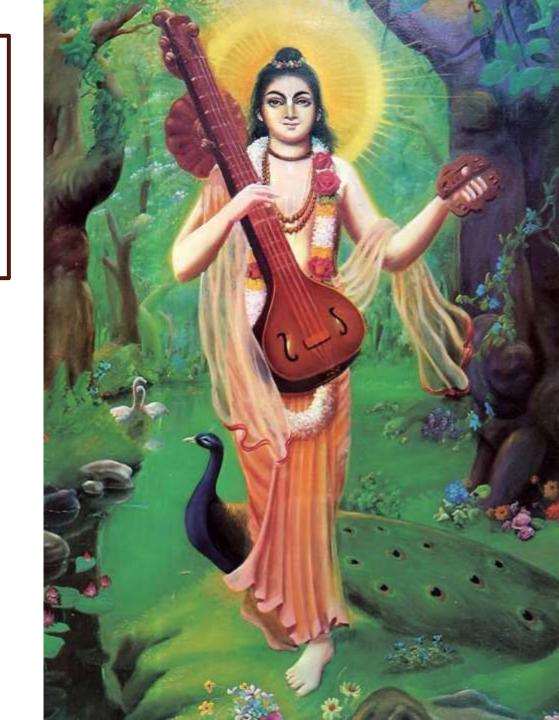
Division of Vedas - Flow Chart

- Divide One Veda into 4 Vedas
- **2** Fifth Veda Purānas & itihāsas
- Wrote Mahābhārata Contains Bhagavad Gītā

Srīmad Bhāgavatam – a natural commentary on Vedānta Sutras

4 Summarized Vedas into Concise Codes called Vedānta Sutras

Narada Muni arrived



Mundane literature

na yad vacaç citra-padaà harer yaço jagat-pavitraà pragåëéta karhicit tad väyasaà tértham uçanti mänasä na yatra haàsä niramanty uçik-kñayäù

Those words which do not describe the glories of the Lord, who alone can sanctify the atmosphere of the whole universe, are considered by saintly persons to be like unto a place of pilgrimage for crows. Since the all-perfect persons are inhabitants of the transcendental abode, they do not derive any pleasure there.

SB 1.5.10

Transcendental literature

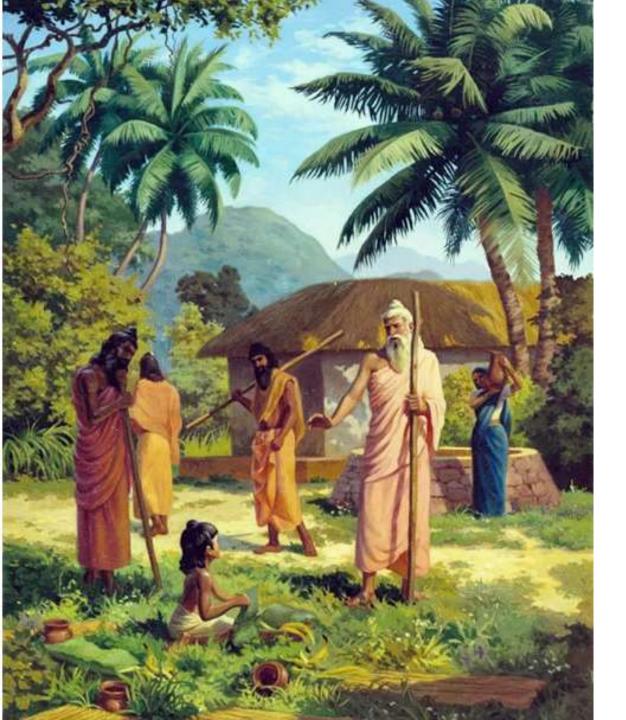
tad-väg-visargo janatägha-viplavo yasmin prati-çlokam abaddhavaty api nämäny anantasya yaço 'ì kitäni yat çåëvanti gäyanti gåëanti sädhavaù

On the other hand, that literature which is full of descriptions of the transcendental glories of the name, fame, forms, pastimes, etc., of the unlimited Supreme Lord is a different creation, full of transcendental words directed toward bringing about a revolution in the impious lives of this world's misdirected civilization. Such transcendental literatures, even though imperfectly composed, are heard, sung and accepted by purified men who are thoroughly honest.

SB 1.5.11

tyaktvä sva-dharmaà caraëämbujaà harer bhajann apakvo 'tha patet tato yadi yatra kva väbhadram abhüd amuñya kià ko värtha äpto 'bhajatäà sva-dharmataù

One who has forsaken his material occupations to engage in the devotional service of the Lord may sometimes fall down while in an immature stage, yet there is no danger of his being unsuccessful. On the other hand, a nondevotee, though fully engaged in occupational duties, does not gain anything.



Past life

