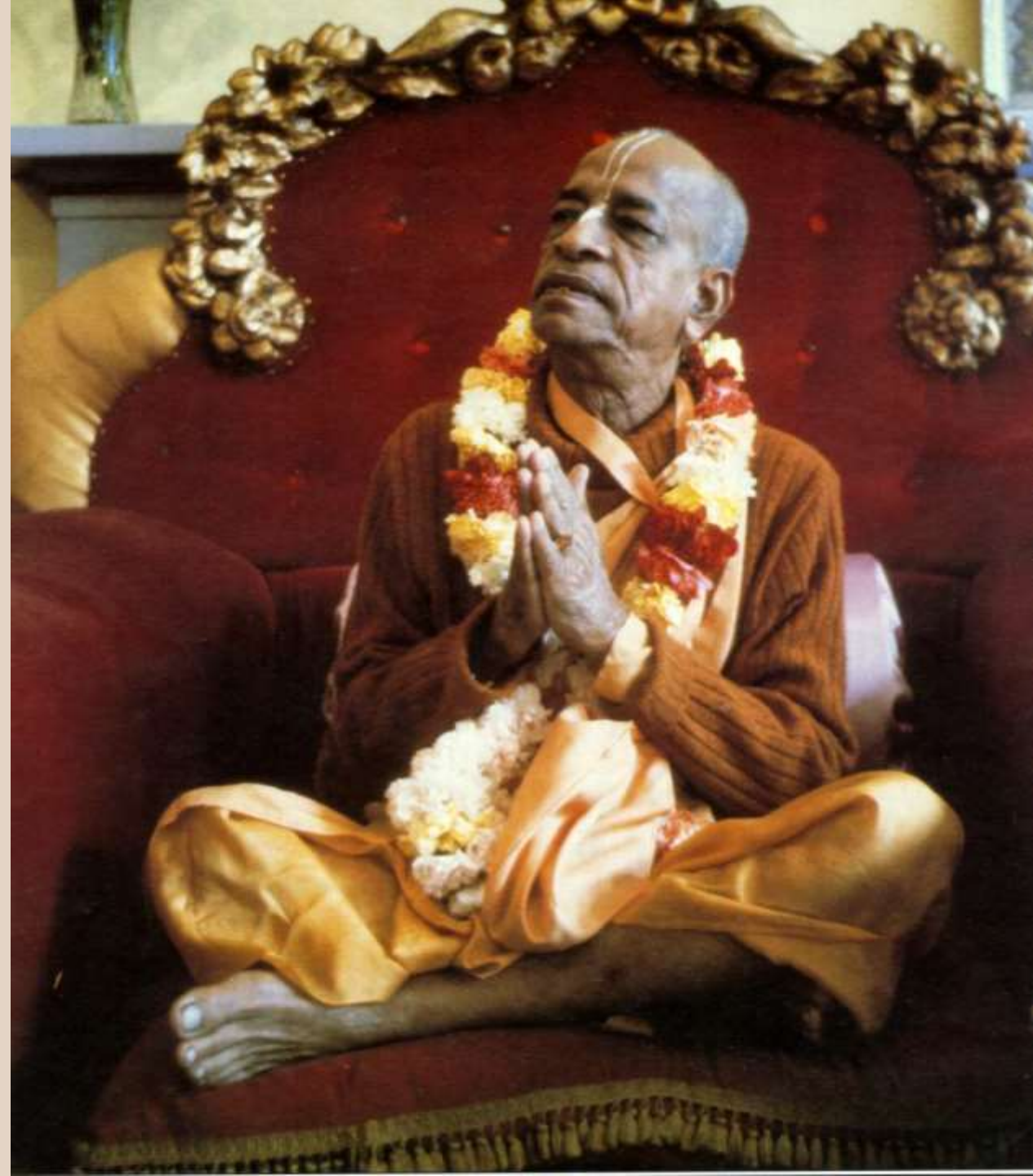


oà aji äna-timirändhasya
ji änäi jana-çaläkayä
cakñur unmelitaà yena
tasmai çré-gurave namaù

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-preshtaya bhutale
srimati bhaktivedanta-
svamin 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-shunyavadi-
paschatya-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-nityånanda
çré-advaita gadādhara
çrévāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vānda

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





HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA
KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA
RAMA RAMA HARE HARE

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.

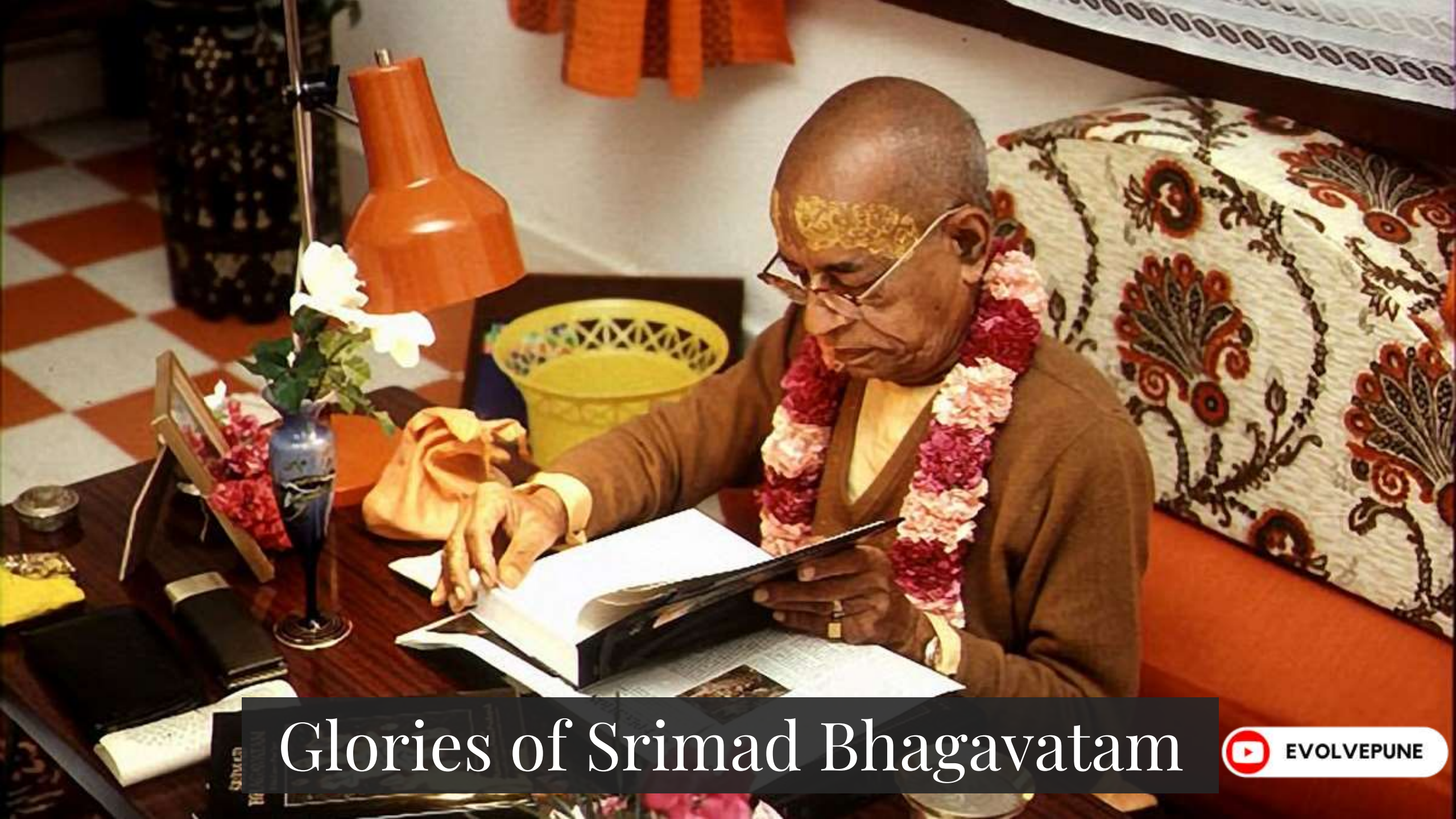
nañöa-präyeñv abhadreñu
nityaà bhägavata-sevayä
bhagavaty uttama-çloke
bhaktir bhavati naiñöhiké

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.

kãñëäya 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



Glories of Srimad Bhagavatam

çrémad-bhägavataà puräëam amalaà yad vaiñëavänääà priyaà
yasmin päramahaàsyam 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 paramahāṁsas. 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

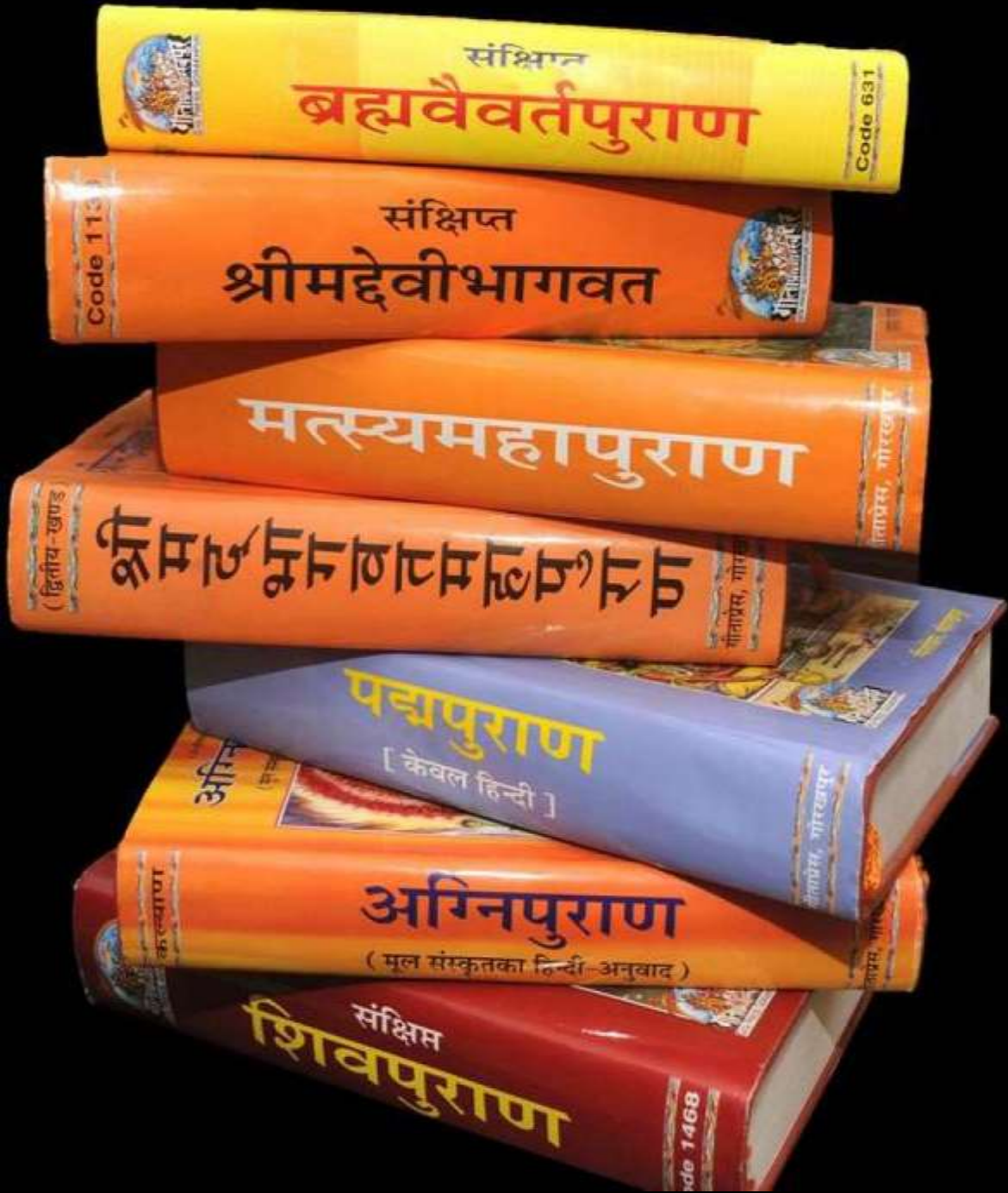


Srimad Bhagavatam is non-different from Krsna Himself

kãñëe sva-dhämopagate
dharma-ji änädibhiù saha
kalau nañöa-dâçäm eña
puräëärko 'dhunoditaù

This Bhägavata Puräna is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Kãñëa 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



Srimad Bhagavatam is the best Purana

nimna-gānāè yathā gaì gā
devānām acyuto yathā
vaiñëavānāè yathā çambhuù
puräëänām idam tathā

Just as the Ganga is the greatest of all rivers, Lord Acyuta the supreme among deities and Lord Sambhu [Siva] the greatest of Vaisnavas, so Srimad-Bhagavatam is the greatest of all Purānas.

SB 12.13.17



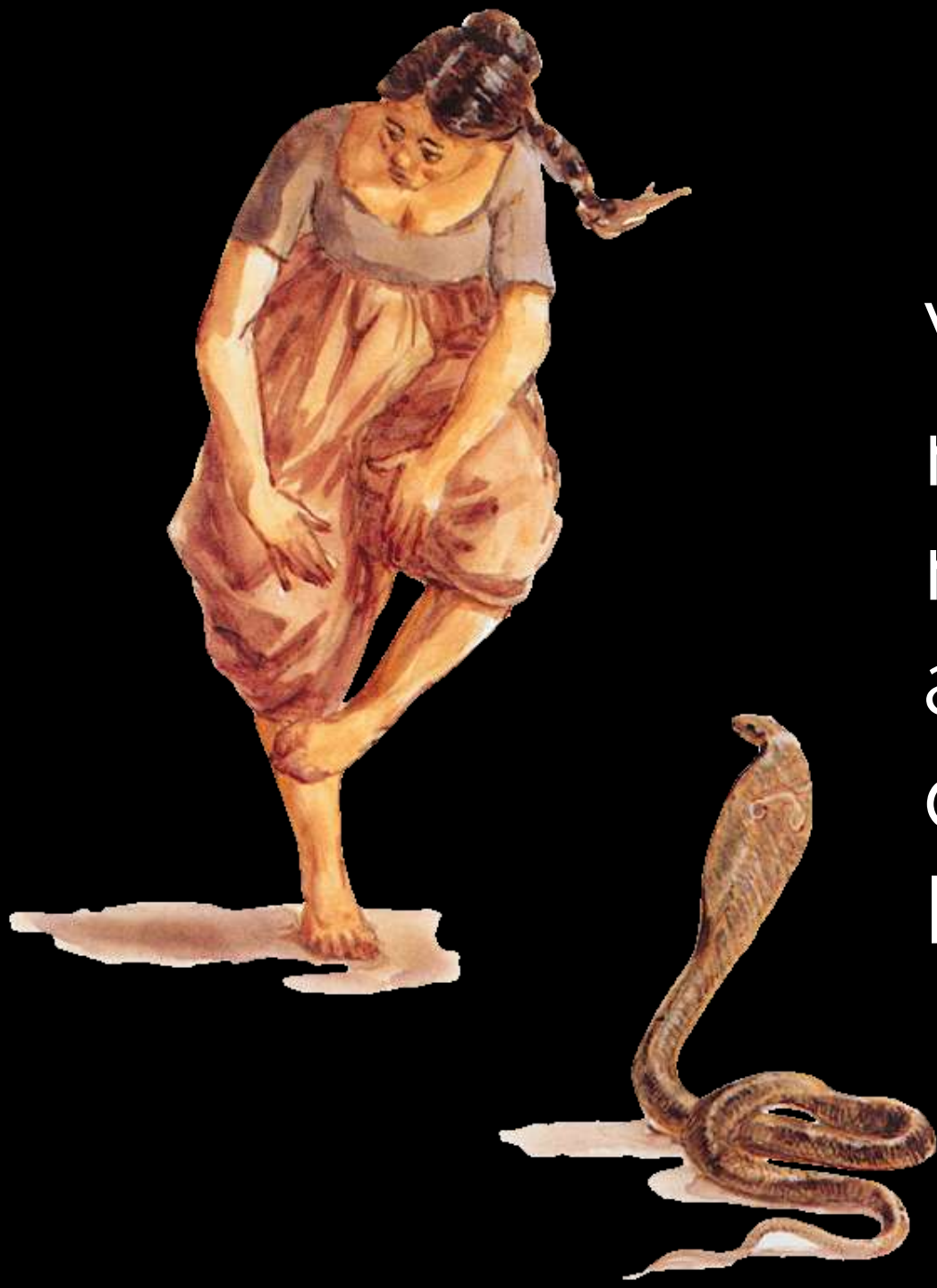
EP. 3 MANTRA JAM

By Madan Sundar Das



**What did you do
after the departure of
Bhaktivedantas?**

One day...

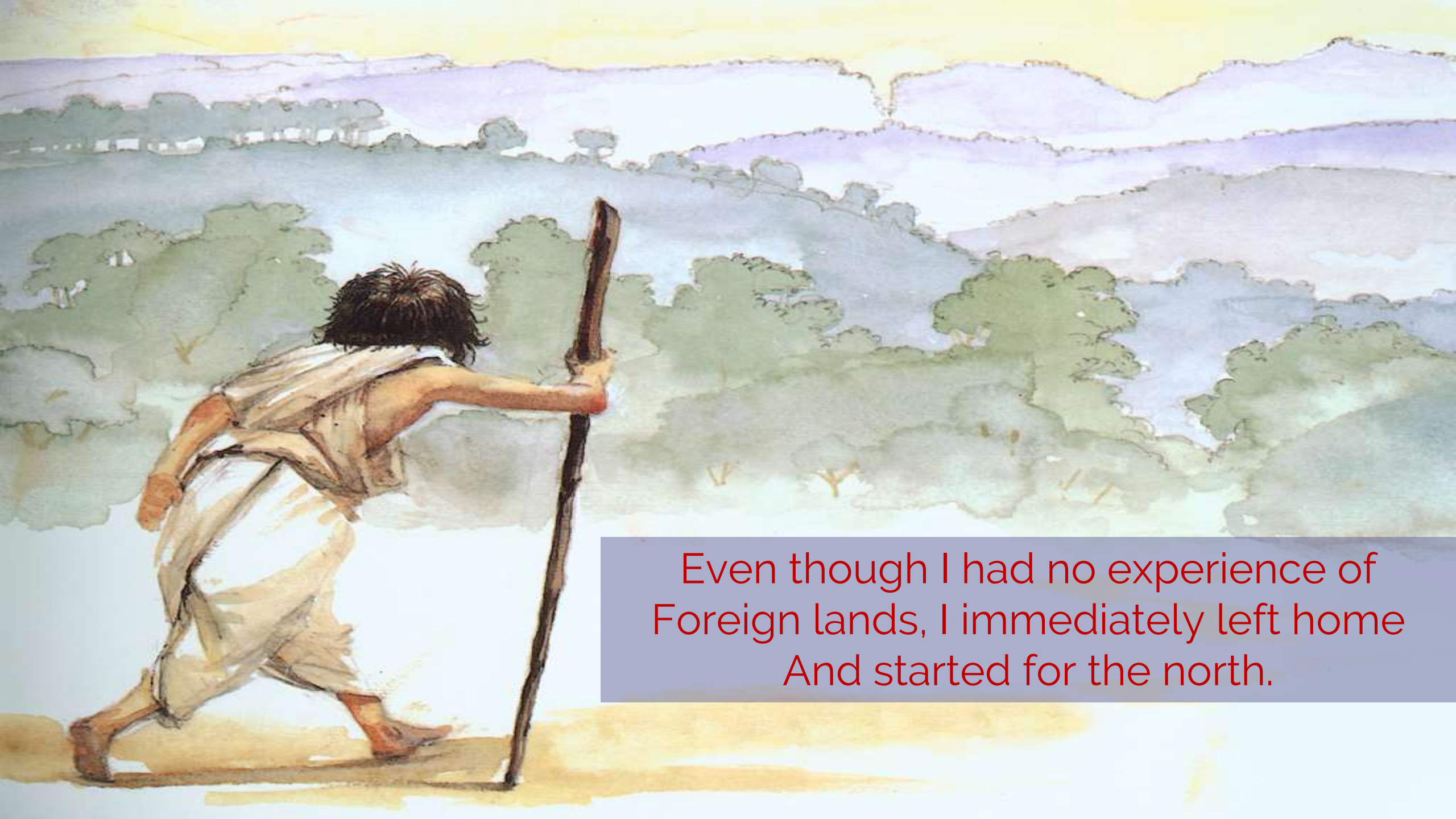


While going out to milk a cow, my mother was bitten by a serpent and she died. I took this as Lord's special mercy.



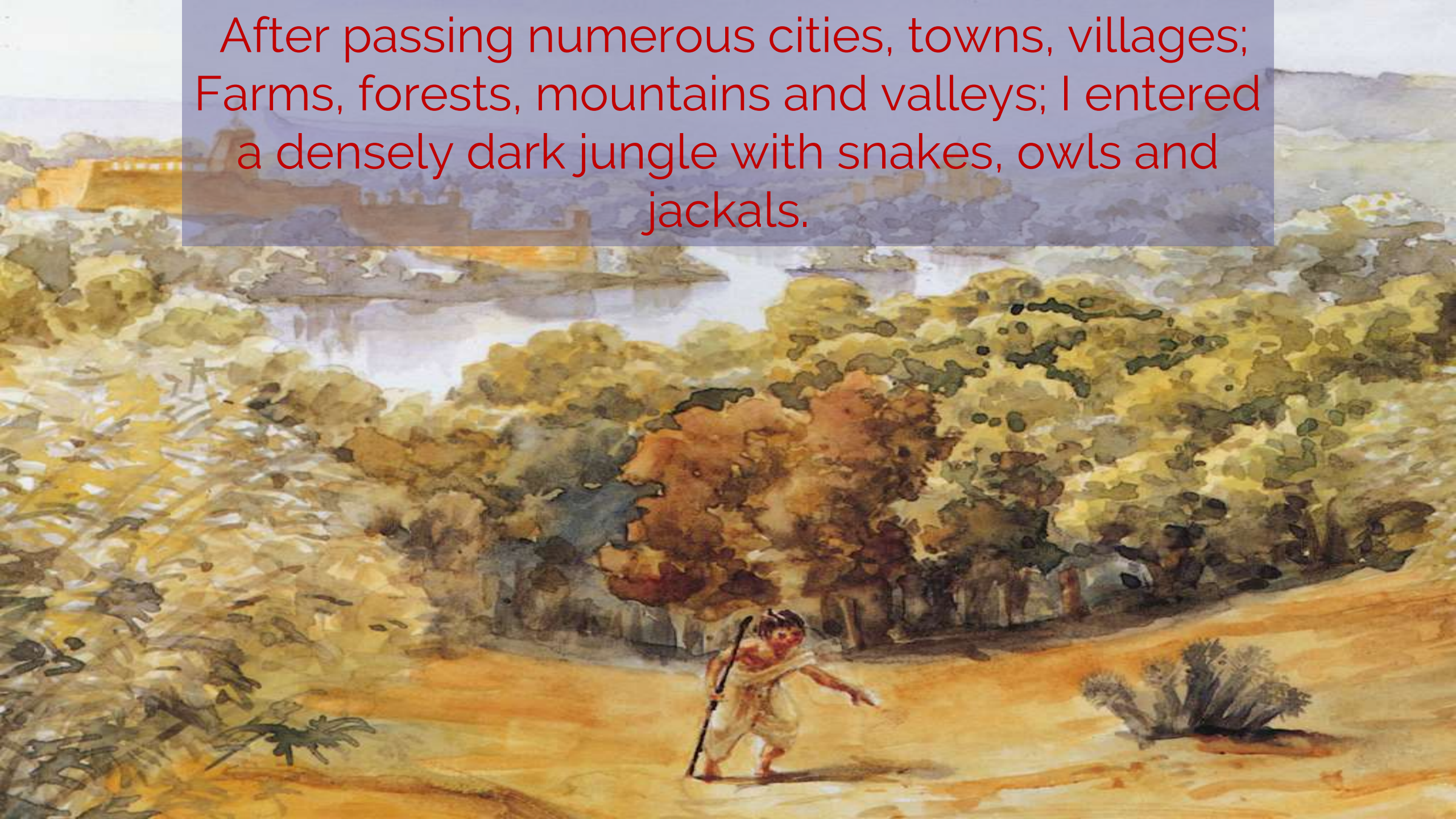
She died in front of
small boy, who at
that time was just
5 years old.



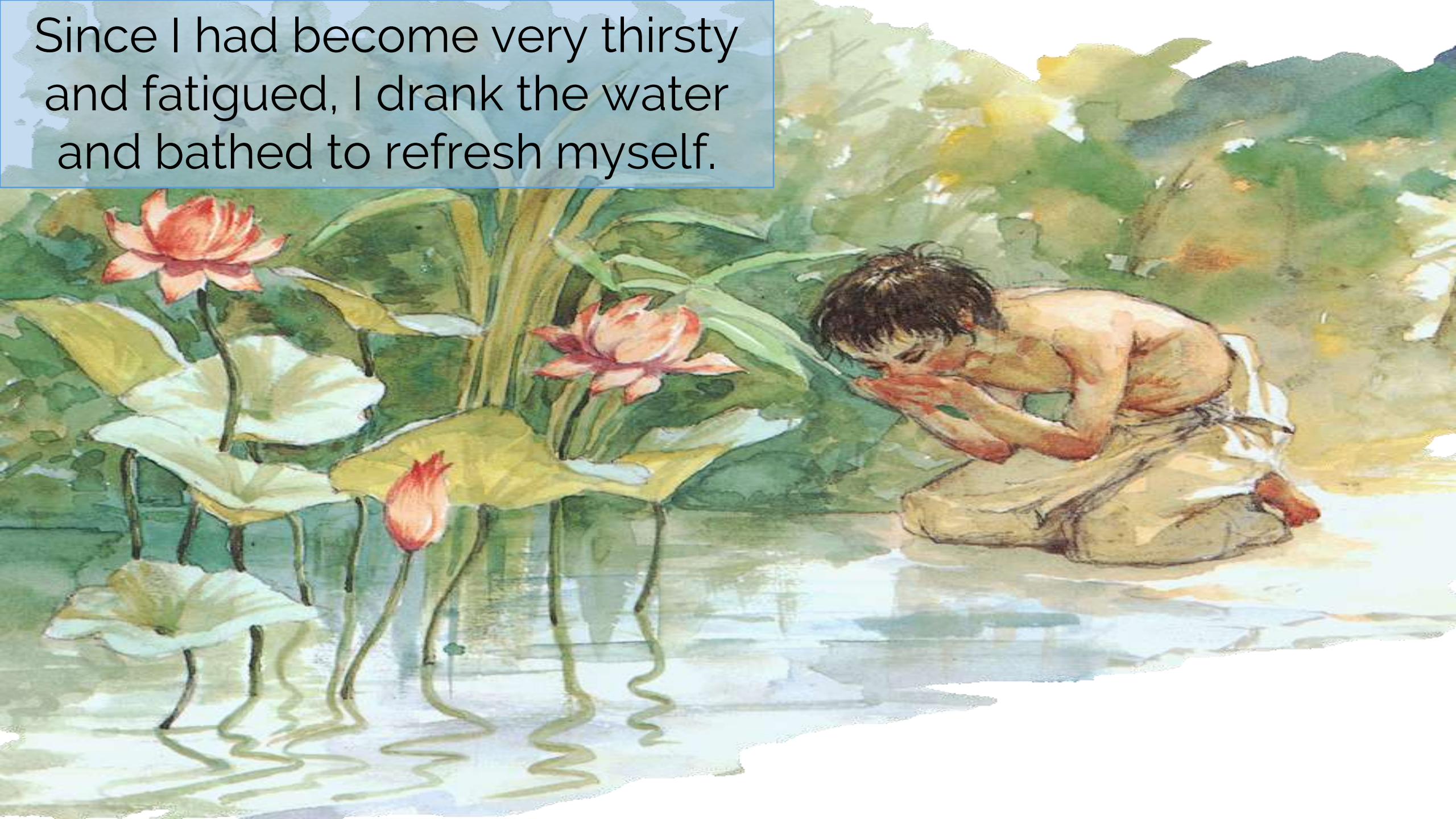


Even though I had no experience of
Foreign lands, I immediately left home
And started for the north.

After passing numerous cities, towns, villages;
Farms, forests, mountains and valleys; I entered
a densely dark jungle with snakes, owls and
jackals.



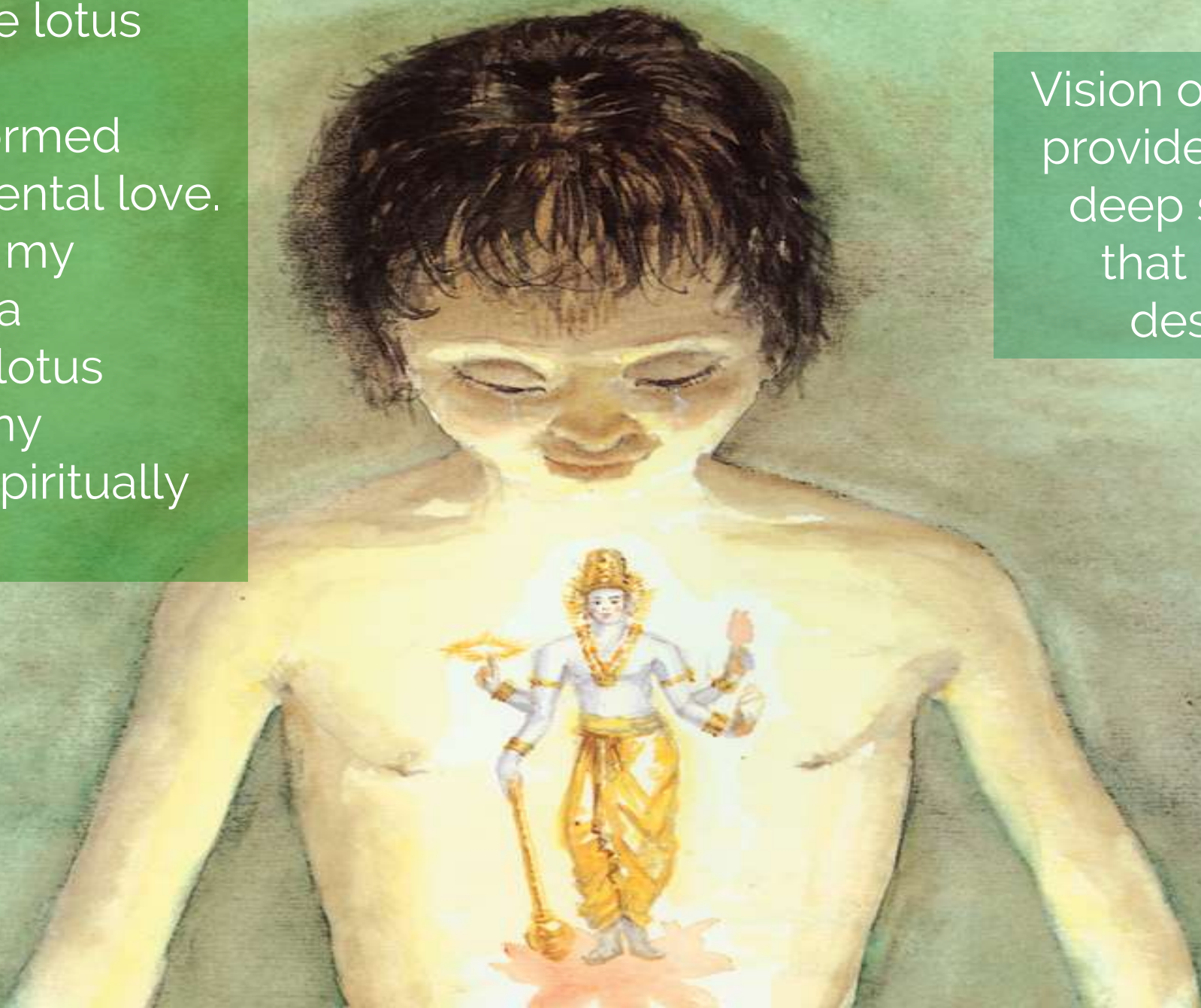
Since I had become very thirsty and fatigued, I drank the water and bathed to refresh myself.



One day, the boy sees
the Supreme Personality
of Godhead, in the heart.

As soon as I concentrated my mind upon the lotus feet of the Lord, it became transformed due to transcendental love. As tears fell from my eyes, Lord Krishna appeared on the lotus of my heart. All my senses became spiritually enlivened.

Vision of Lord's form provides one with a deep satisfaction that is beyond description.



Thus when the Lord
Vanished from my
sight, I jumped up
with great agitation.



Despite my efforts to
capture Him with my
Meditation, I could
not do so.

Upon seeing my sincere attempts in that lonely place, the Lord while remaining invisible spoke to me with a grave voice, just to mitigate my sorrow.

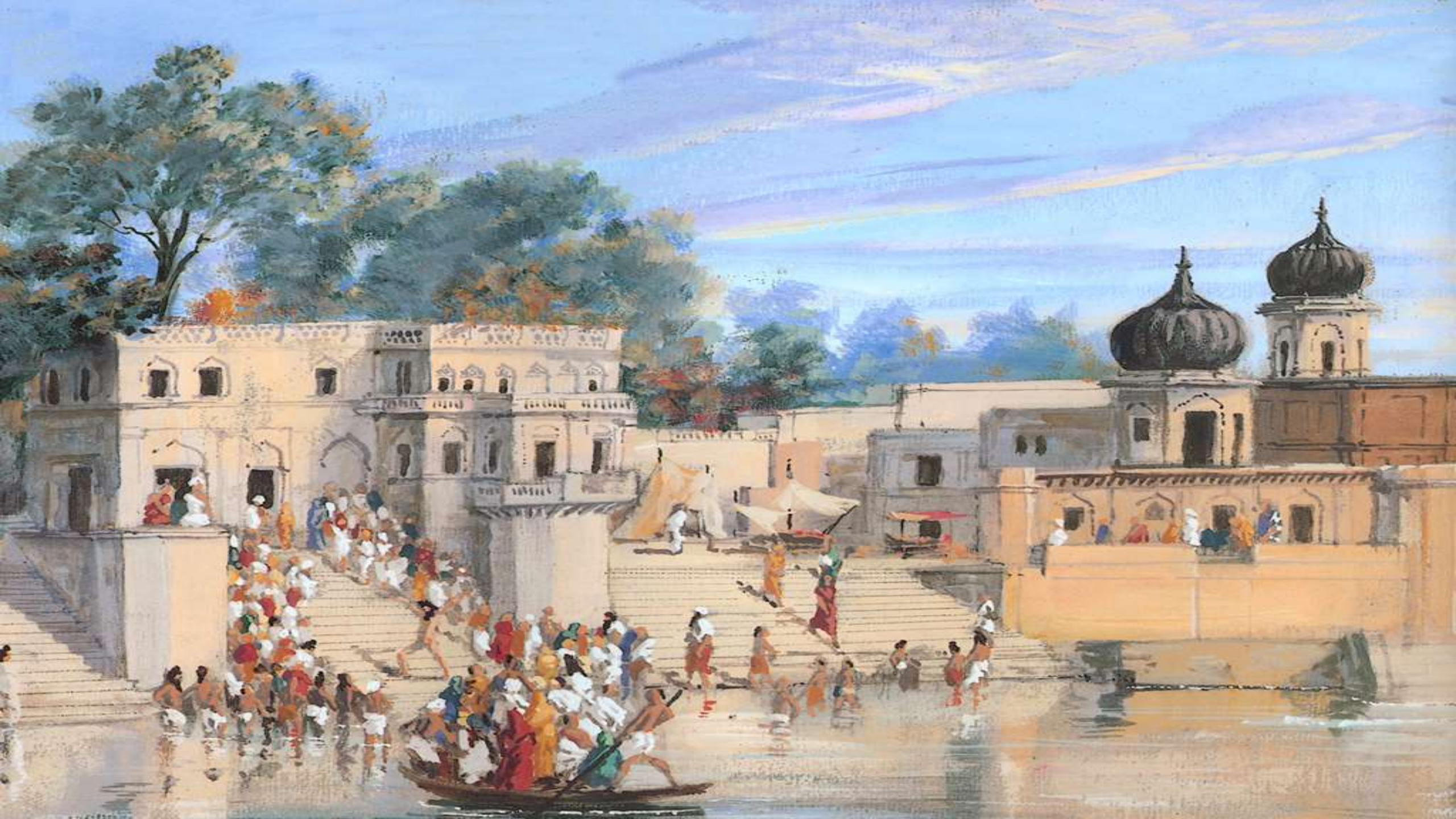


As a special favor, I have shown Myself to you, just to increase your desire to come to Me. By my mercy, neither your advancement in KC nor your remembrance will ever be impeded, even at time of creation or annihilation.

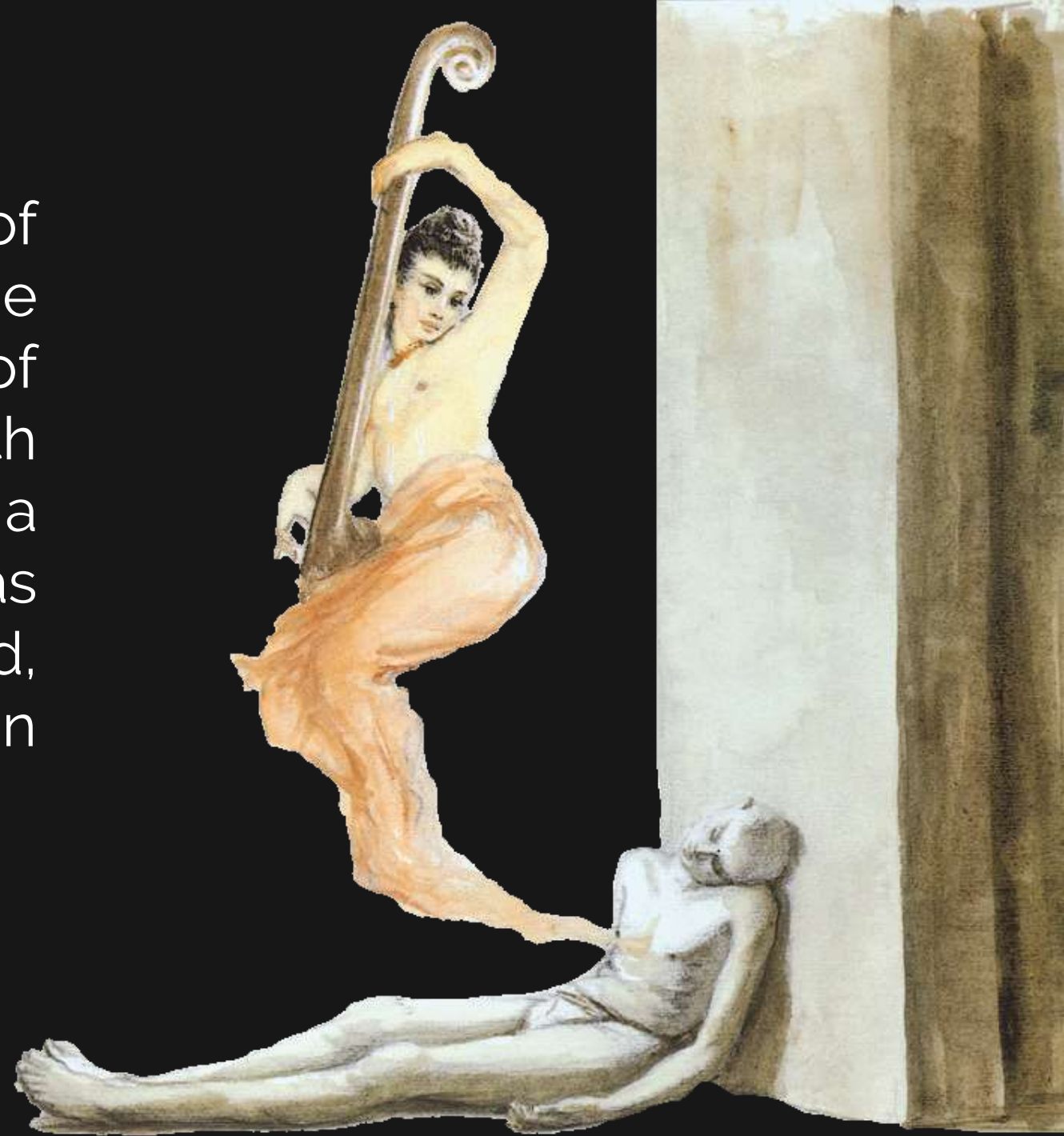


“O dear boy, I regret to Inform you that you will Not be able to see Me Again during this lifetime, Because one who is not Freed from all material contamination can hardly Approach Me.

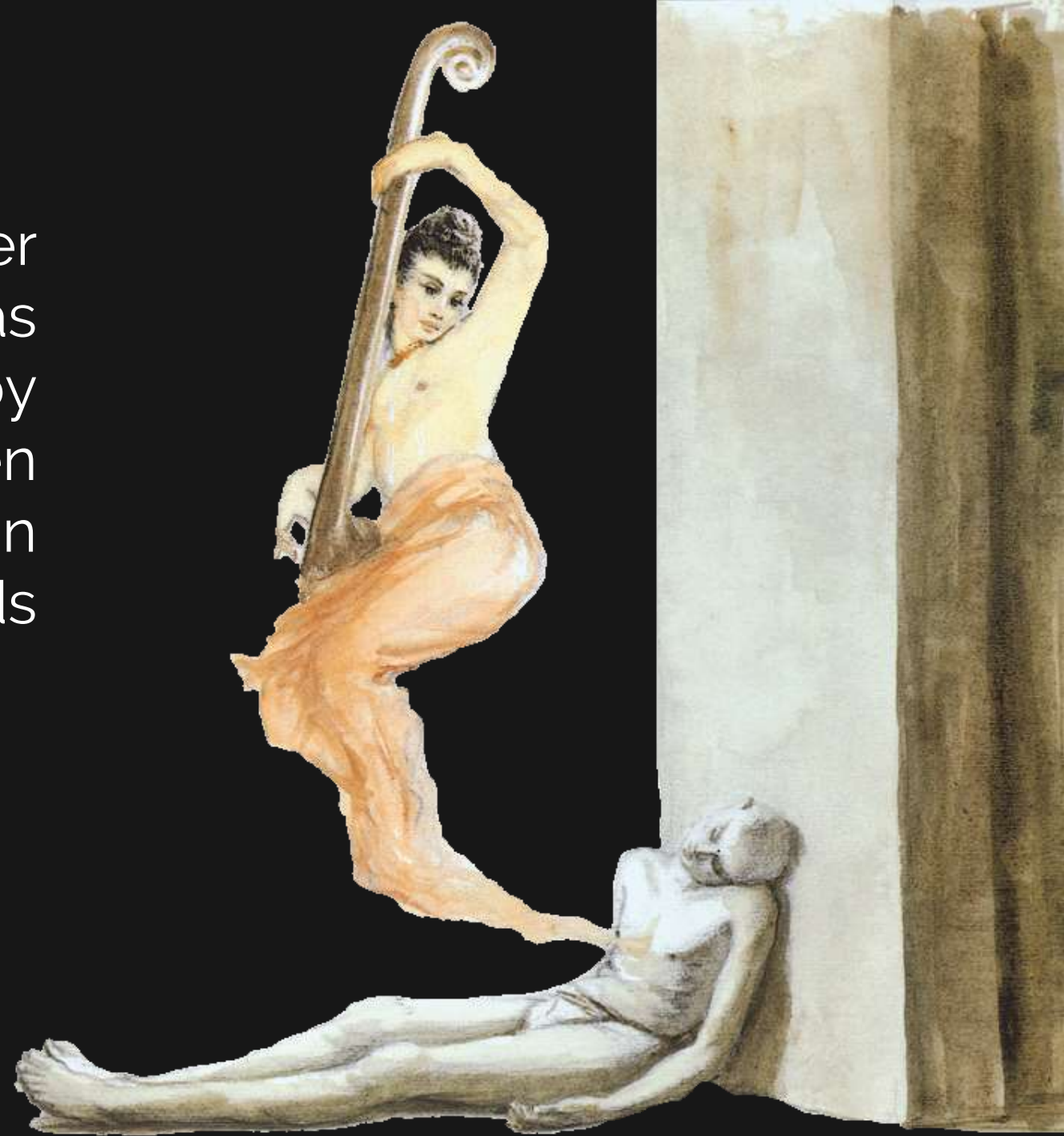
Boy travels to many
holy places.

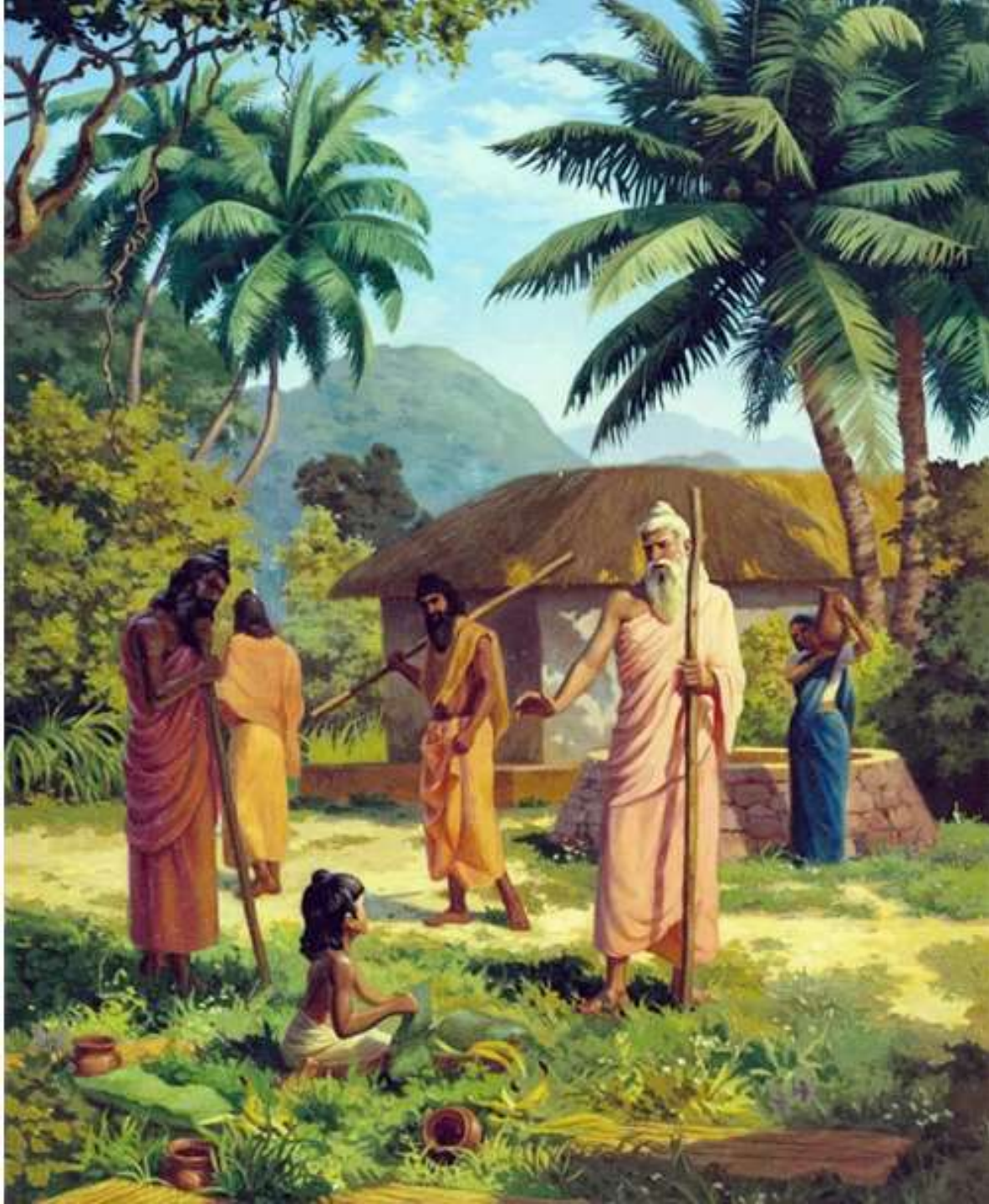


Thus fully absorbed in thinking of Lord Krishna, in due course of time I was freed from all taints of Material attachment, I met with death. Instantaneously I received a transcendental form that was befitting an associate of the Lord, just as lightning and illumination occur simultaneously.



Thereafter, I appeared as Lord Brahma's sons, but unlike his other Sons, my appearance was completely Spiritual. Since then, by grace of Lord Visnu, I have been travelling everywhere both in spiritual and material worlds singing on Vina Glories of Lord.





Power of Chanting

etad dhy ätura-cittänää
mäträ-sparçecchayä muhuù
bhava-sindhuplavo dãñoo
hari-caryänuvarëanam

It is personally experienced by me that those who are always full of cares and anxieties due to desiring contact of the senses with their objects can cross the ocean of nescience on a most suitable boat—the constant chanting of the transcendental activities of the Personality of Godhead.

SB 1.6.34

Thank you

Sublime Living

EVOLVE

High Thinking

