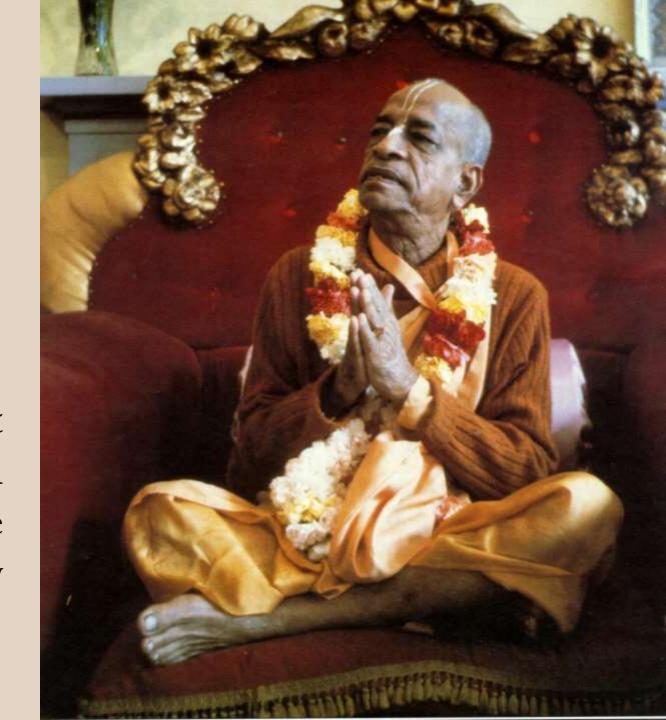
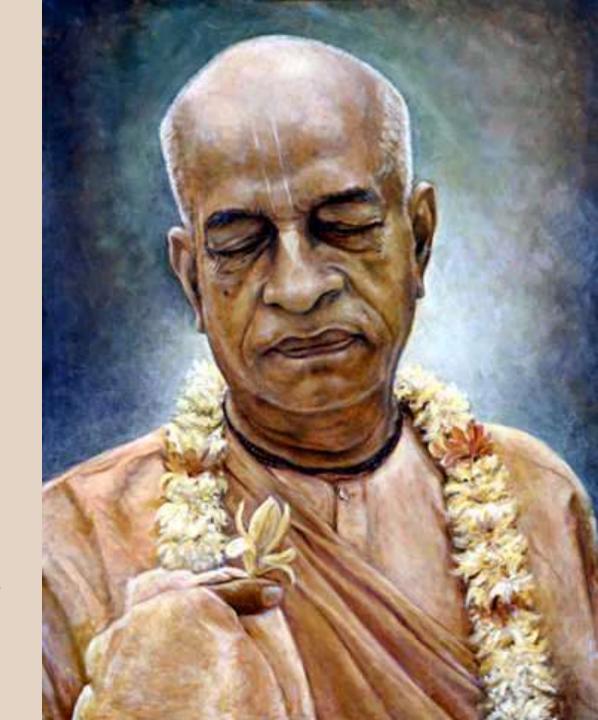
oà aji äna-timirändhasya ji änäi jana-çaläkayä cakñur unmélitaà yena tasmai çré-gurave namaù

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.



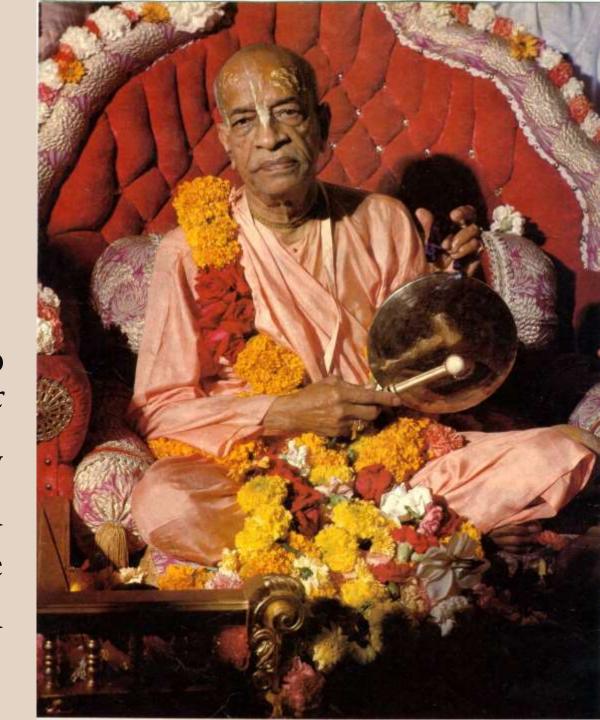
namah om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale srimati bhaktivedantasvamin iti namine

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.



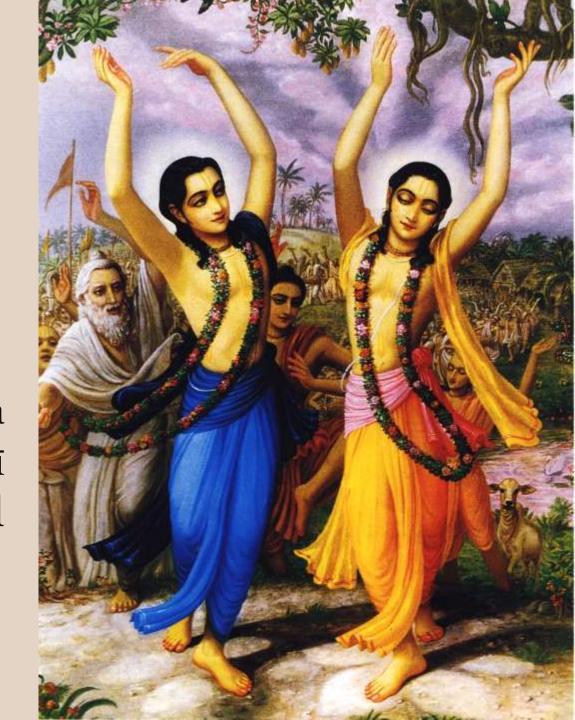
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracharine nirvishesha-shunyavadipaschatya-desha-tarine

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.



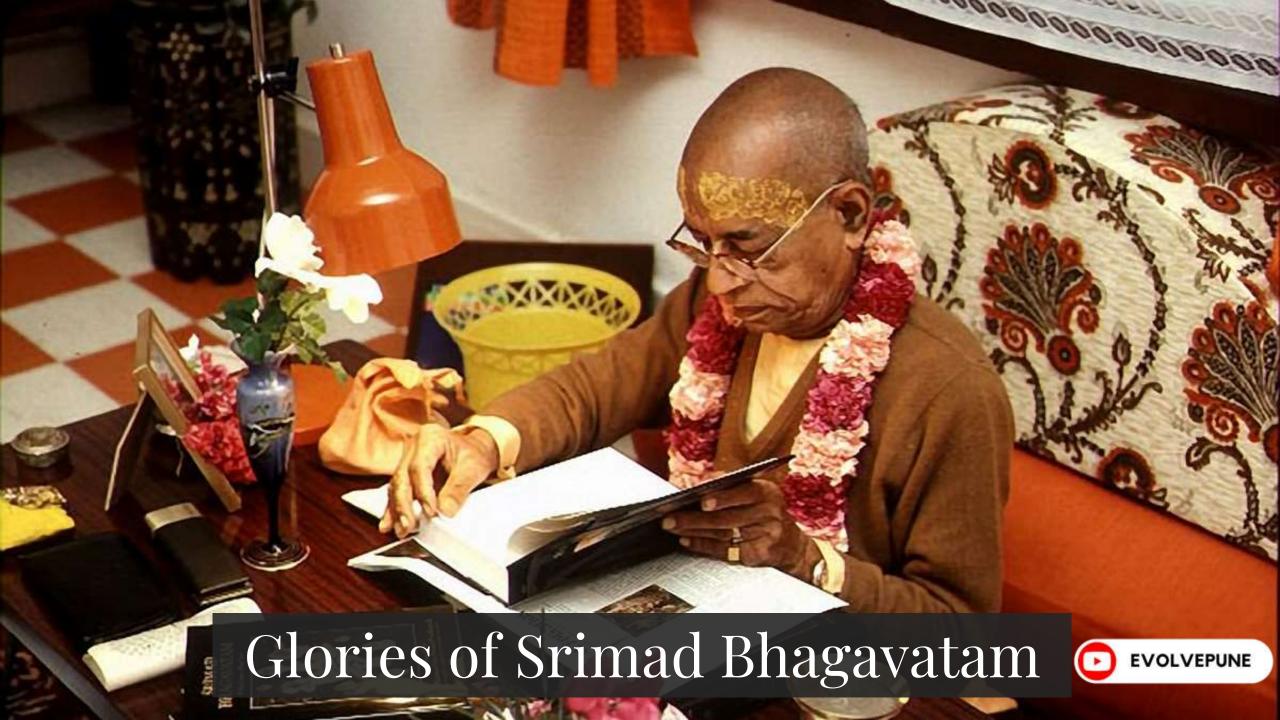
SB 1.2.18

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

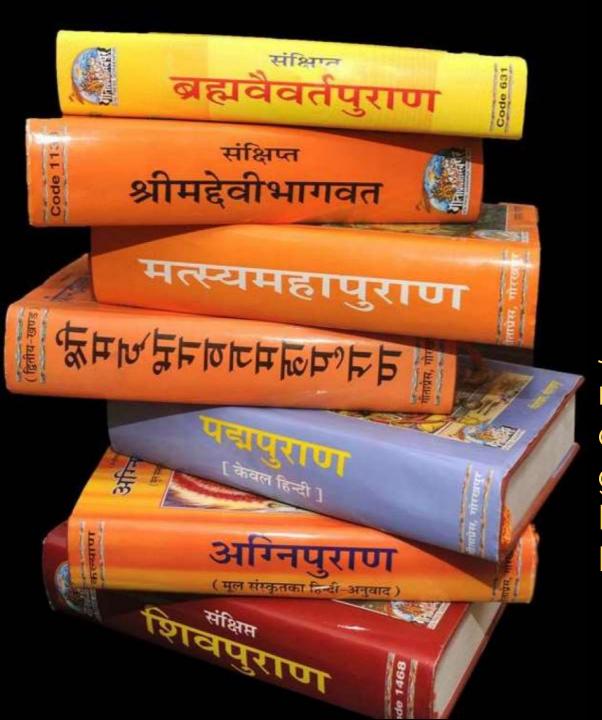


Srimad Bhagavatam is nondifferent from Krsna Himself

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

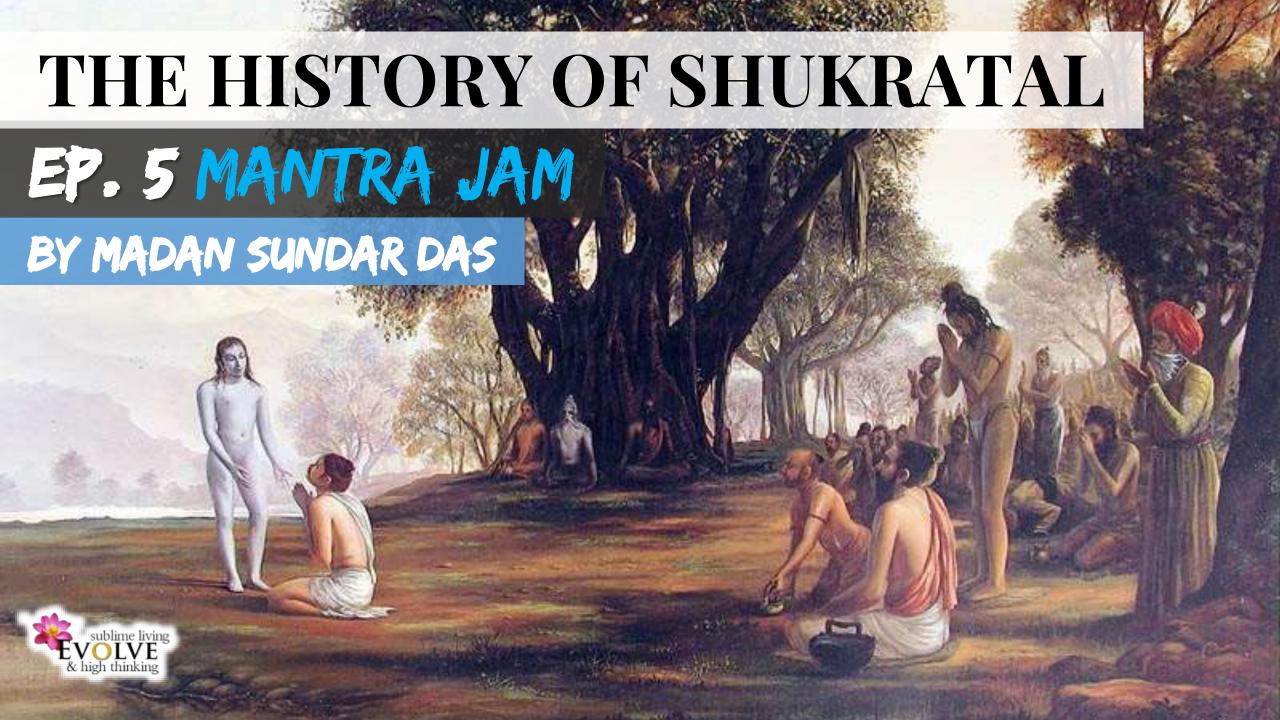


Srimad Bhagavatam is the best Purana

nimna-gänäà yathä gaì gä devänäm acyuto yathä vaiñëavänäà yathä çambhuù puräëänäm idam tathä

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 Puränas.

SB 12.13.17



nigama-kalpa-taror galitaà phalaà çuka-mukhäd amåta-drava-saà yutam pibata bhägavataà rasam ä-layaà muhur aho rasikä bhuvi bhävukäù

The expert and thoughtful men, relish Srimad-Bhägavatam, the mature fruit of the desire tree of Vedic literatures. It emanated from the lips of Sri Sukadeva Gosvämi. Therefore this fruit has become even more tasteful, although its nectarean juice was already relishable for all, including liberated souls.



SB1.1.3

Sukadeva's compassion

yaù svänubhävam akhila-çruti-säram ekam adhyätma-dépam atititérñatäà tamo 'ndham saàsäriëäà karuëayäha puräëa-guhyaà taà vyäsa-sünum upayämi guruà munénäm

Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto him [Suka], the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyäsadeva, who, out of his great compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential supplement to the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.

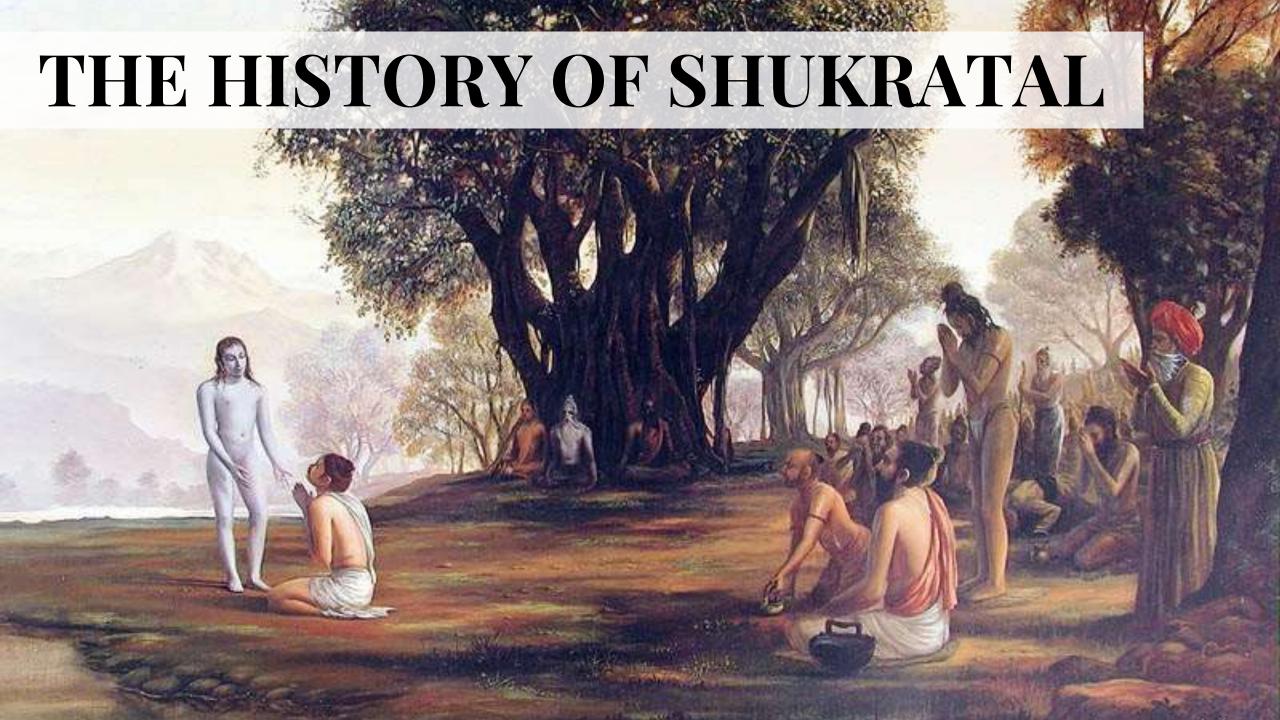




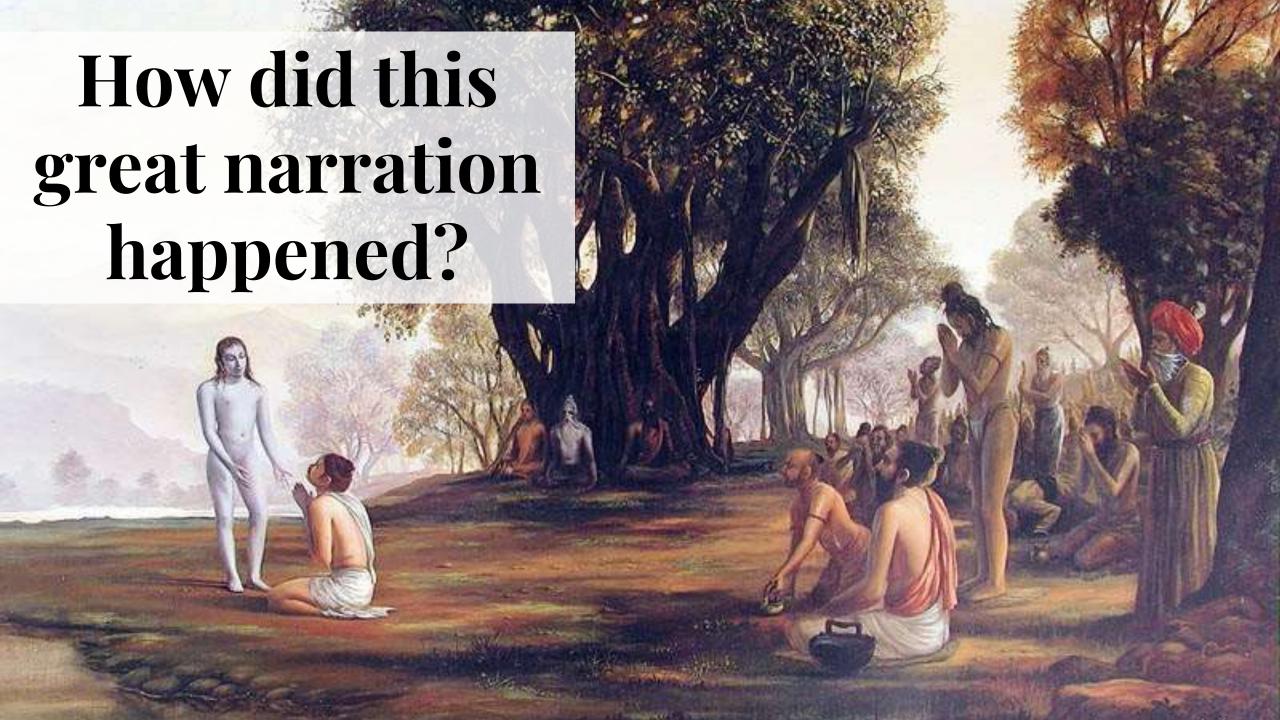










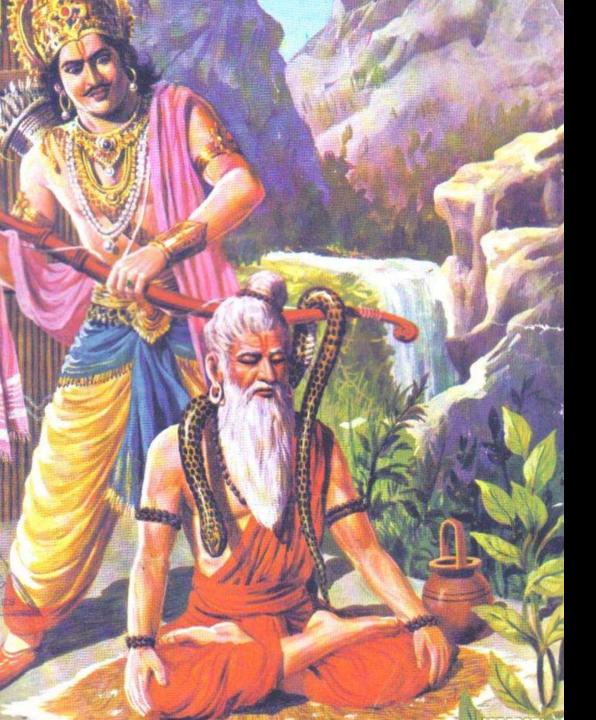


präyeëälpäyuñaù sabhya kaläv asmin yuge janäù mandäù sumanda-matayo manda-bhägyä hy upadrutäù

O learned one, in this iron age of Kali men almost always have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed.

SB 1.1.10





King Pariksit cursed

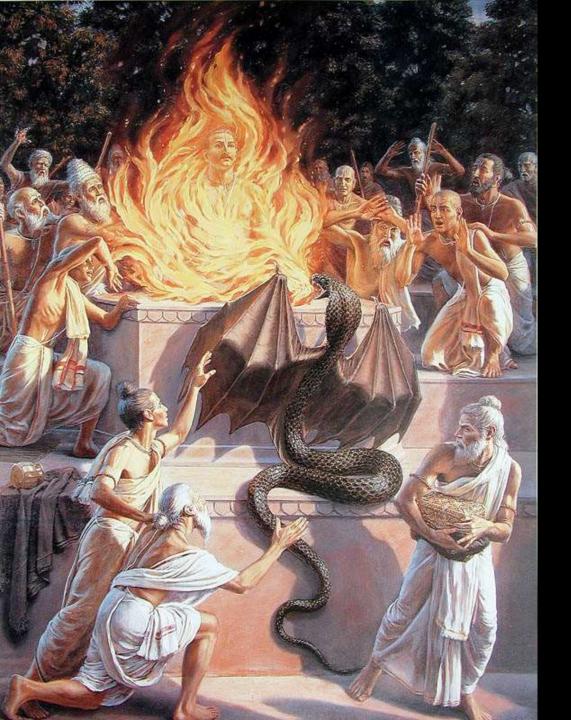
tiraskåtä vipralabdhäù çaptäù kñiptä hatä api näsya tat pratikurvanti tad-bhaktäù prabhavo 'pi hi

The devotees of the Lord are so forbearing that even though they are defamed, cheated, cursed, disturbed, neglected or even killed, they are never inclined to avenge themselves.

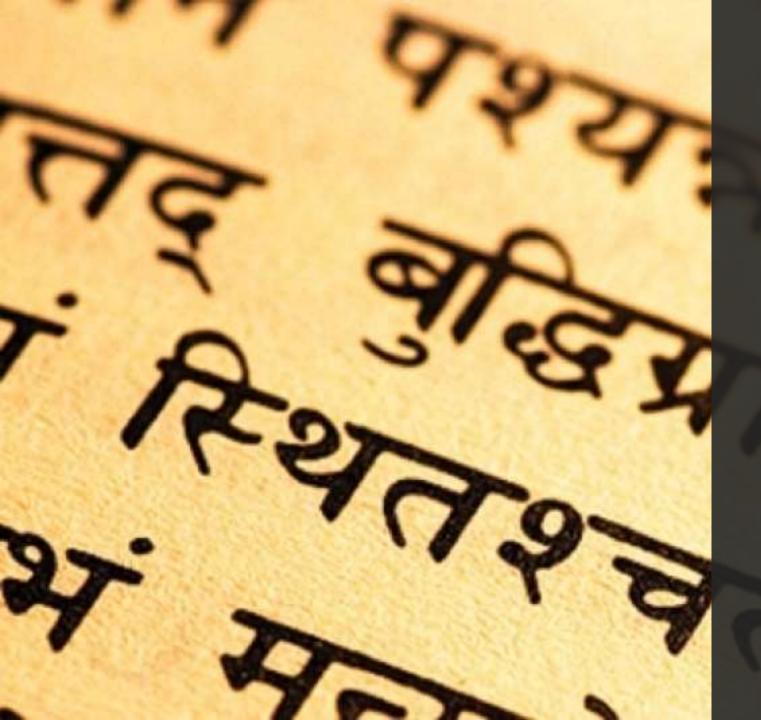
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