

Gaura Lila notes 04
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Misc pastimes

- ॐ When VR see LCM would place on lap
- ॐ Some would recite mantras for V's protection
- ॐ Other would recite mantras for Durga's protection
- ॐ LCM wanted everyone to chant, therefore would cry
- ॐ The harder they tried to ameliorate him, the more he cried.

Demigods visit

- ॐ When a crowd had gathered the demigods would come and play pranks
- ॐ One would enter a house
- ॐ Someone would see a shadow and yell: "There's a thief"
- ॐ Some else would yell: "Nrsimha!" x2
- ॐ Someone else would protect the 10 directions by mantra
- ॐ After the demigods would leave all would say there he goes
- ॐ You are lucky today you don't know the power of Nrsimhadeva
- ॐ The demigods (watching) would laugh

Nimai comes home from the maternity room

- ॐ Custom is that mother would remain in maternity room with baby for four months after birth
- ॐ After going for bath in Ganga, SM wanted to worship Sasthi
- ॐ On returning home SM distributed foodstuff to ladies

Mischievous baby lilā

- ॐ When alone N would break everything in house & scatter about
- ॐ When SM was heard coming N would begin to cry
- ॐ SM would pacify him by chanting
- ॐ No one knew how the mess was created
- ॐ Someone: must have been a demon frustrated b/c he couldn't take the baby due to our protective mantras
- ॐ He must've become angry and therefore done this
- ॐ This was a daily pastime

On name giving:

- ॐ Saci & friends – Nimai (because was born under Nim tree & to protect him so that he wouldn't perish like his sisters, to protect from ghosts & spirits & to give long life)

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- ॐ Ladies in the community – Gaura Hari (because they reminded him of Lord Hari and He was golden in complexion)
- ॐ Jagannatha Misra & others – Gauranga b/c of golden limbs
- ॐ Sacinandana, Jagannatha Suta
- ॐ Scholars – Visvambhara (since famine in surrounding areas disappeared at birth)
- ॐ Went straight for SB

Snake (Ananta-sesa)

- ॐ Snake slithered into house
- ॐ N grabs with hands
- ॐ Snake coils
- ॐ N lays on
- ॐ Nobody understood
- ॐ Everyone freaks and chants, protective mantras
- ॐ They call out “Garuda!” x2
- ॐ Ananta tries to leave but LCM grabs
- ॐ SM grabs LCM
- ॐ Ladies: That is special snake since it did not bite
- ॐ LCM tries to catch again but ladies stop him

Misc pastimes

- ॐ When LCM walk his reddish feet would cause SM anxiety that he was bleeding
- ॐ One night SM & JM ponder that some great personality must have taken birth in their house
- ॐ Maybe their poverty would vanish

Naughty Nimai

- ॐ LCM would wander to neighbor’s houses and steal butter & milk
- ॐ He would go outside and ask whatever he wanted
- ॐ Would go to neighbor’s houses and steal playfully
- ॐ If there was a child in the house he would make it cry
- ॐ He would break pots if he couldn’t take anything
- ॐ If he was caught he would beg forgiveness at the owner’s feet
- ॐ “I won’t do it again”
- ॐ People were impressed by his intelligence

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Thieves

- ॐ Whose child is this?
- ॐ They saw costly ornaments
- ॐ Offered sweat meats to lure
- ॐ No onlooker suspected anything
- ॐ Both pondered their loot
- ॐ “We’re almost home”
- ॐ
- ॐ Meanwhile LCM’s relatives begin to search in anxiety
- ॐ
- ॐ Due to yogamaya the thieves begin to reverse their route and take LCM home
- ॐ When arrive at LCM’s home they say: OK, get down now
- ॐ LCM: Yes, put me down
- ॐ Thieves then realize this wasn’t their home
- ॐ
- ॐ LCM runs to JM’s lap
- ॐ Thieves, lost, run away unnoticed
- ॐ “Did someone do magic”
- ॐ The goddess Candi saved us today
- ॐ
- ॐ “Who brought the child home?”
- ॐ “I saw two people put him down and leave”
- ॐ LCM: I went to the Ganga and got lost and these two strangers brought me here
- ॐ JM wanted to give a gift of thanks, but couldn’t find the right person.