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Meeting with Sri Isvara Puri

**N challenges Mukunda Dhatta to debate**

- ॐ Navadvipa was such a place that people came from all over to study – including devotees
- ॐ After class the devotees would meet for kirtan
- ॐ MD would lead and the devotees would be in ecstasy
- ॐ When N would see MD, N would stop him for debate
- ॐ MD was a great scholar such that he could keep up w/ N
- ॐ N would ask for clarification on a point
- ॐ MD would make an argument
- ॐ N would tear to pieces
- ॐ Again & again
- ॐ Whenever the L would see a devotee, He challenge
- ॐ All the devotees would run away b/c not want to waste time
- ॐ One day N see MD walking down the street on his way to bath in Ganges
- ॐ MD sees N & running away & knows N want MD to talk about mundane things
- ॐ N (to students): why does he run
- ॐ B/c he has many important responsibilities/work
- ॐ N: No! b/c he is a Vaisnava & he doesn't want to waste time talking w/ Me about mundane things...
- ॐ N calls MD ill names
- ॐ N (to MD): You just wait and see. One day I will become such a Vaisnava you never be able to live w/o me...
- ॐ Brahma & Siva will come knocking on my door
- ॐ N then leaves w/ students

**Locals taunt the devotees**

- ॐ They just chant kirtan to fill their bellies
- ॐ They have given up their pursuit of knowledge and now dance around like madmen
- ॐ I have studied SB for many years, but I have found no reference to dancing and crying as valid spiritual paths
- ॐ We can't sleep after prasada b/c of them
- ॐ Devotees inform Advaita of taunts
- ॐ A roars: I will kill them all! Just wait and see. I will make the Lord come.

**Isvara Puri arrives in Navadvipa**

- ॐ Soon after marriage of L & N

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ॐ Madhavendra Puri was about to pass away...

- ॐ Because of humility became guru of LCM
- ॐ IP arrives in Navadvipa in disguise
- ॐ Arrived at house of Advaita while A doing puja
- ॐ Because of dress (poor) no one could identify who he was
- ॐ Advaita: who are you? What is your name:
- ॐ IP: I am the most fallen & lowest of sudras, I have come here to take shelter of your lotus feet
- ॐ Mukunda begins kirtan
- ॐ IP becomes overwhelmed w/ ecstatic love
- ॐ Tears from eyes, rolling on ground...
- ॐ A embrace IP and becomes soaked in tears
- ॐ IP's ecstasies increase as kirtan goes on

**IP stayed in Navadvipa for several months...**

- ॐ at house of Gopinatha Acarya
- ॐ and gave class every night on *Govinda Lilāmṛta* (his own book)
- ॐ Each day Gadadhara Pandita came and studied under IP

**One day after finishing w/ his students, N met IP at Ganges**

- ॐ IP: who is this?
- ॐ Student: this is the famous N Pandita
- ॐ IP: Oh, you are that famous scholar
- ॐ N invites IP to home
- ॐ SM & L cook, N served w/ own hands
- ॐ Family inquired from IP on topics of K

**Each evening N would go to Gopinatha Acarya's house to have darshan**

**IP asks N for help with editing book**

- ॐ IP: you are a great scholar. Please make sure everything according to scholarly standard
- ॐ N: but you are a pure devotee. Everything a pure devotee does is perfect. If one considers something a p.d. does to be flawed, they are to be condemned.
- ॐ The correct way is *visnave namah*, but the Lord also accepts *visnaya namah*.
- ॐ One who finds fault in a devotee is himself at fault

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- ॐ IP became happy at glorification of bhakti
- ॐ IP: but still as service, please do this
- ॐ N and IP would study GL 1-2 hours daily
- ॐ N: proper use of this verb (*atmanepadi*), is not correct. It should not be like this use another word
- ॐ Next day, IP: I considered what you said, but I think there was no mistake so I will leave as is
- ॐ Even though N was such a great scholar, he took a humble position