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Chaitanya Bhagavata – Madhya Lila 1
Beginning of the Lord’s Manifestation and Instructions on Krishna Sankirtana

Return to Nadia

- ॐ LCM had different mood when return
- ॐ LCM describes how he went to Gaya, what he saw, etc.
- ॐ LCM greets everyone politely & then they go home
- ॐ LCM takes a few devotees to a solitary place
- ॐ LCM: Please hear the wonders of K I have seen.
- ॐ As soon as I entered Gaya I heard the most auspicious sounds
- ॐ When Krishna visited Gaya he washed His feet there
- ॐ Therefore it is known as Padodaka Tirtha
- ॐ When LCM repeated the name of Pada-padma Tirtha tears began to flow from his eyes
- ॐ LCM lost all composure and began crying out HN
- ॐ Garden flooded by LCM’s tears
- ॐ Hairs stand on end
- ॐ Devotees couldn’t understand His change in mood
- ॐ LCM said, I want to reveal my heart, bring to Sadasiva (Advaita) to the home of Suklambara Brahmachari & tomorrow I will reveal my sorrow to you
- ॐ SM was confused by LCM’s behavior
- ॐ SM would see her courtyard flooded by LCM’s tears
- ॐ News spread around Navadvipa re. LCM’s transformation
- ॐ LCM greet all devotees warmly
- ॐ Tomorrow at SB’s house I will reveal my sorrows in seclusion.

The next morning

- ॐ Every morning a few devotees would meet in garden of Srivasa that would produce unlimited flowers.
- ॐ Devotees would pick flowers and sing glories of Lord
- ॐ One day, Sriman Pandita comes during at this time especially overjoyed
- ॐ Srivasa: Why are you so happy?
- ॐ SP: Yesterday I went to meet N upon return. He is now a devotee! It is unbelievable.
- ॐ There was absolutely no arrogance at any time from him
- ॐ In a secluded place he began to tell us what he had experienced in Gaya
- ॐ As soon as he said Pada Padma Tirtha he began exhibiting ecstatic symptoms (tears, trembling, unconscious)

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ॐ SP: Today N wants to meet a few of us at SB

At house of SB

- ॐ LCM begins reciting verses glorifying devotional service
- ॐ While reciting LCM falls unconscious holding a pillar
- ॐ The pillar breaks when LCM falls
- ॐ All the devotees also fall unconscious
- ॐ LCM: I have wasted so many years of my life in dry academic study, now K has appeared
- ॐ Began to cry in mood of Radha, Where is K?
- ॐ LCM began to weep
- ॐ All devotees began to weep
- ॐ LCM: who is the room?
- ॐ SB: Your Gadadhara.
- ॐ LCM to G: You are so fortunate. All your life you have engaged in devotional service. I have wasted so much time.
- ॐ Again unconscious (and everyone else)
- ॐ Again & again, in and out
- ॐ LCM couldn’t open eyes b/c of tears
- ॐ LCM could only utter K’s name, nothing else
- ॐ All the devotees also cried in ecstasy
- ॐ LCM eventually takes leave
- ॐ Devotees shared LCM’s transformation with the broader Vaisnava community
- ॐ Devotees discuss amongst themselves what had happened.
- ॐ “This must be one of K’s mystical tricks”
- ॐ “Maybe it was due to the IP’s association”
- ॐ Ecstatic kirtan
- ॐ Extols glories of service and serving the devotees.

N approaches Gangadasa Pandita

- ॐ N returns to partial consciousness
- ॐ Offers obeisance at feet of GP
- ॐ They embrace
- ॐ GP: Your life is glorious; your mother and father have been delivered
- ॐ First goes to Gangadasa Pandita and requests to retire

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ॐ GP declines stating students’ attachment

- ॐ Your students know you as their only teacher
- ॐ They won’t open their books in your absence.
- ॐ You should resume teaching tomorrow
- ॐ Went to Mukunda Sanjaya’s and began teaching

Nimai at home before resume classes

- ॐ LCM returns home
- ॐ SM bewildered by LCM’s behavior
- ॐ SM has VP come into the room
- ॐ LCM look through, not at, VP
- ॐ LCM: Where is K
- ॐ VP & SM scared by LCM’s loud roars

LCM recommences teaching

- ॐ LCM only explained about K
- ॐ Therefore, students couldn’t understand
- ॐ At students request LCM began revealing K’s glories
- ॐ LCM lose external consciousness
- ॐ Explains HN in all sutras, aphorisms & commentaries
- ॐ HN = eternal truth
- ॐ All sastra explains K and nothing else
- ॐ K = supreme controller, creator, maintainer and annihilator
- ॐ All, including Brahma & Siva = K servant
- ॐ Anyone who ignores this and explains something different than K is useless
- ॐ All sastric philosophies describe only K & devotion to K
- ॐ Bewildered teachers take up other paths
- ॐ If one studies the scriptures but has no affection or inclination for the name of K, he is degraded
- ॐ If a poor fallen soul takes to the chanting of K, he attains abode of K in spite of many faults. This is the purport of all sastra
- ॐ Those who teach scriptures w/o knowing their conclusion are asses
- ॐ K awarded Putana liberation; yet people are still averse

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- ॐ Entire world purified by chanting K’s glories, yet wretched living entities abstain from chanting
- ॐ Even demigods are overwhelmed w/ K’s festivals, yet people give up such festivals and take pleasure in mundane events
- ॐ The holy names delivered even Ajamila
- ॐ brothers please just worship the wealth of K’s lotus feet
- ॐ Who in Navadvipa can defeat Me?
- ॐ Every word, syllable, letter means only one thing: Krishna
- ॐ LCM returns to consciousness
- ॐ To students: How was my explanation today?
- ॐ We have not understood anything
- ॐ You explained everything in relation to Krishna. Who can understand this?
- ॐ LCM: OK. Pick up your books and lets go bath in the Ganges
- ॐ Students were broken hearted b/c they came to hear about logic & grammar

LCM bathes in the Ganges

- ॐ When LCM bathed in the Ganges everyone gazed due to His beauty
- ॐ “Glorious are the father and mother of such a son”
- ॐ Ganga became joyful
- ॐ Out of delight manifests her agitation in form of waves
- ॐ Thus she danced in worship of LCM
- ॐ Students and LCM go home
- ॐ LCM changes clothes and does tulasi puja then worships Deity
- ॐ Sits down to take meal

Sacimata takes on the mood of Devahuti

- ॐ VP watches from next room
- ॐ After meal SM inquires what LCM taught at school today
- ॐ Repeats lesson to SM.
- ॐ Today we read about the names of Visnu
- ॐ True sastra glorifies K; everything else is atheistic
- ॐ One should never hear any sastra that doesn’t glorify devotional service
- ॐ A chandala is not a chandala if he chants the holy names, and a brahmana is not a brahmana if he engages in sin
- ॐ If any other goal in life that K, will be forced to take birth in another womb

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- ॐ SM takes on mood of Devahuti & LCM takes on mood of Kapila
- ॐ O mother, please listen to the glories of devotional service
- ॐ K’s servants are never destroyed
- ॐ K is the father of the universe; anyone who doesn’t respect their father is rebellious and sinful
- ॐ Please hear about the destination of the individual soul and how he suffers by not worshipping K
- ॐ First appears in the womb
- ॐ All bitter, sour, and salty preparations eaten by the mother create a great inconvenience to the body of the child within the womb
- ॐ Worms within the mother’s stomach bite the tender flesh of the child. Unable to drive them away it continually burns with pain
- ॐ Being encased within the hot ribs of the mother, the child cannot move. Yet it survives by the arrangement of providence.
- ॐ Some of the most sinful persons do not even take birth; the repeatedly entire and die in the womb after womb
- ॐ At the end of seven months the living entity develops consciousness.
- ॐ At that time the living entity remembers his previous sinful activities and repents. He sighs deeply and offers prayers to K.
- ॐ “Oh, I, O life and soul of the universe, please protect me. Other than You, to whom can a living entity submit his sorrows?”
- ॐ “O Lord, one who binds someone can alone set him free. Therefore, O Lord, why do You deceive one who is dead by nature
- ॐ “I have wasted My life in vain, seeking pleasure in wealth and children, Thus I have not worshipped your priceless lotus feet.
- ॐ “Where are the sons that I raised through endless sinful activities now gone, leaving me alone to enjoy the results of my deeds?”
- ॐ “Now who will deliver me from this miserable condition? O Lord, You are the only friend who can deliver me.
- ॐ “I have therefore understood that Your lotus feet are the Truth. O K, I take shelter of Your, Please protect me.
- ॐ “Giving up a desire tree like You, I became maddened and took to sinful life.
- ॐ “O Lord, You have certainly awarded me proper punishment, but now please bestow mercy on me!
- ॐ “Be merciful to me that I may not forget You, wherever I take birth and die.

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- ॐ “Any place where Your glories are not heard, where the Vaisnavas do not advent, and where there are no festivals for our pleasure – I do not wish to live there even if it the celestial abode of Indra.
- ॐ “I do not mind the miseries of living in the womb provided I can constantly remember You.
- ॐ “O Lord, grant me the mercy that You will not send me to any place where remembrance of Your lotus feet is absent.
- ॐ “O Lord, I have suffered this way for millions and millions of births simply as a result of my karma.
- ॐ “O Lord, may those miseries and dangers come again and again as long as Your remembrance, which is the essence of all the Vedas, remains intact.
- ॐ “O K, please favor e with Your service and keep me at Your lotus feet as the son of Your maidservant
- ॐ If You once deliver me from this miserable condition of life, then I will not desire anything other than You.
- ॐ “By the influence of his prayer, the child does not feel distress in the womb, and in due course of time he reluctantly comes out.
- ॐ O mother, please hear attentively about the living entity’s condition. He loses consciousness on touching the ground.
- ॐ Sometimes he loses his consciousness, sometimes he cries, and sometimes he sighs. Unable to say anything, he floats in an ocean of misery.
- ॐ By the illusory energy of K, the servant of K suffers in this way if he does not worship K.
- ॐ In due course of time the child develops intelligence and knowledge, and if he worships K he is surely fortunate
- ॐ But if he does not worship K and takes to bad association, then he again sinks into the depths of sinful activities and delusion
- ॐ If, therefore, the living entity again associates with the path of unrighteousness, influenced by sensually minded people engaged in the pursuit of sexual enjoyment and the gratification of the palate, he again goes to hell as before.
- ॐ To live without poverty and dies peacefully, one must worship and remember K.
- ॐ Therefore, o mother, worship K in the association of devotees. Think of K and chant the name of Hari.
- ॐ There is no substantial result in activities that are devoid of devotion to the Lord. Such non devotional activities simply result in violence to others

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Next day in class

- ॐ Students: What is the meaning of siddha-varna-samamnaya? (first sutra of Kalapa grammar; is the standard method of presenting the alphabet well-established?)
- ॐ LCM: Narayana is situated in every letter of the alphabet
- ॐ Ss: How were the letters of the alphabet perfected?
- ॐ LCM: By the merciful glance of K
- ॐ Ss: Please explain properly
- ॐ LCM: Remember K at every moment. K is the beginning, middle and end of the Vedas
- ॐ Ss laugh: His life airs must be disturbed
- ॐ Ss: From where did you get this explanation
- ॐ LCM: This is the verdict of all sastra; if you don't understand, I'll explain it this afternoon.
- ॐ Class recessed

Students complain to Gangadasa Pandita

- ॐ Ss: In every explanation Nimai Pandit has given recently, He explains K as the meaning of every word.
- ॐ Since he has returned from Gaya, he does not mention anything other than K in his explanations.
- ॐ He always chants the name of K, and the hairs of his body stand on end. Sometimes he laughs or shouts loudly as he manifest different moods.
- ॐ Every day he takes the dhatu, or verbal root, of every word and explains K through grammatical rules.
- ॐ We aren't able to understand, what should we do?
- ॐ GDP bursts into laughter
- ॐ GDP: Go home now and return this afternoon. I will speak with N.
- ॐ ...
- ॐ GDP approaches N
- ॐ N bows and takes dust from feet
- ॐ GDP blesses: May you attain knowledge
- ॐ GDP: Your students are complaining all you do is talk about K. You are great scholar, why don't you teach them properly. If you don't teach them properly, how will you serve K properly?
- ॐ LCM: OK, I will try.

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- ॐ By the mercy of your feet, no one in Navadvipa can stand before me in debate. Who in Navadvipa can refute My explanations of the sutras? I will teach publicly in the middle of the city. Let me see who has the power to challenge me.
- ॐ N takes leave, offering obeisance at the feet of GDP.

Ratnagarbha Acarya

- ॐ LCM walks w/ students back to class
- ॐ LCM: “In Kali yuga, one who does not have any knowledge about the conjunction of words is awarded the title Bhattacharya. And one who has no knowledge of grammar is engaged in explaining logic. But none of them can defeat me. Who can challenge the way I refute and reestablish a sutra
- ॐ Hearing such words the pride of other teachers passing on their way to the Ganga was smashed to pieces.
- ॐ Ratnagarbha Acarya was sitting on the porch of a friend’s house w/ his sons at his feet
- ॐ RA reciting SB verses about the wives of the brahmanas
- ॐ When LCM would here this He would go into ecstatic symptoms
- ॐ LCM: “Say it again! Say it again!”
- ॐ Repeats
- ॐ LCM: Please continue
- ॐ Gadadhara: Don’t recite anymore
- ॐ LCM returns to external consciousness
- ॐ LCM: What did you say? X2
- ॐ Have I been restless?
- ॐ Ss: Your actions are glorious. How can we describe your activities
- ॐ Intimate associates: Don’t indulge in praising him
- ॐ Students were watching & couldn’t understand (this was in class).
- ॐ LCM returns to external consciousness. To students: now time to go home, we will continue tomorrow
- ॐ So students leave, bathe in Ganges

Next day

- ॐ Ss: what is the meaning of dhatu
- ॐ LCM: That which is named K’s energy
- ॐ Who has the power to refute My explanations

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- ॐ All the kings we have seen had luxurious bodies, decorated with gold and beautified with fragrant sandalwood paste. Although their words determine a person’s prosperity or death, hear what to them when their dhatu leaves their bodies. No one know where the beauty of their bodily limbs goes as some bodies are burned and some are buried.
- ॐ O brothers, please render unflinching devotional service unto K, whose energy is most pure and worshipable. Chant the name of K, worship K, and hear the name of K. Day and night meditate on the lotus feet of K.
- ॐ Anyone who offers a little water or durva grass at the feet of the Lord is never subjected to the punishment of Yamaraja.
- ॐ Worship the lotus feet of Nanda-nandana, who delivered Aghasura, Bakasura, and Putana
- ॐ By giving up thoughts of his son as he remembered the holy name of the Supreme Lord, Ajamila attained Vaikuntha. Therefore worship the lotus feet of K
- ॐ While serving his lotus feet, Lord Siva goes about naked. The service of those lotus feet is desired by Lakshmi
- ॐ Take a straw between your teeth and worship K
- ॐ K mata, K pita, K dhana prana
- ॐ In this way LCM passed the first half of the day
- ॐ LCM returns to external consciousness and feels embarrassed seeing perplexed look on students’ faces.
- ॐ LCM: How was my explanation?
- ॐ Ss: Perfectly correct; who would dare challenge them?
- ॐ While what you said was true, our aim in studying is different.
- ॐ LCM: Could you please explain things to me. It seems I have a nervous disorder
- ॐ What did I say anyhow?
- ॐ Ss: You explained the K alone is the meaning of everything
- ॐ LCM: In what form do you regard me
- ॐ Ss: As the perfection of excellence. We have never before seen such exhibitions of ecstasy.
- ॐ You don’t seem to remember all this. Please hear what we have to say.
- ॐ For 10 days you have only explained about K and devotional service.
- ॐ For 10 days our studies have been held up. **Yesterday you went on for 6 hours at RA’s house, we’ve never seen anything like it.**
- ॐ LCM: You mean I went on for 10 days and I didn’t even cover the lesson plan? Why didn’t anyone say anything?
- ॐ Students: but everything you said was the truth, we can’t deny this.

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- ॐ LCM: Yes, I understand. Everywhere I go, I see nothing but K. I admit my fault. Therefore, from this day, I am unable to teach you anymore. I give you my blessings to find someone else.
- ॐ LCM then packed up his books & resigned
- ॐ Students: after having a teacher like you, how could we have another teacher?
- ॐ They all packed up & resigned from being students
- ॐ LCM instructed them to only associate w/ devotees
- ॐ CB 2.1.398-400: “Just by seeing those who saw the Lord’s scholastic pastimes, one is freed from material bondage. I am such a sinner that I did not take birth at the time, therefore I was deprived of the sight of those blissful pastimes. Still, o Lord, grant me this one favor! May Your scholastic pastimes always remain in my heart.”

Beginning of sankirtana movement

- ॐ At this point LCM began teaching about K
- ॐ Ss: how shall we perform sankirtana?
- ॐ LCM: constantly chant, *hari haraye namah krsna...*