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Chaitanya Bhagavata – Madhya Lila 2
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Advaita’s dream

- ॐ Struck w/ wonder, the devotees inform Advaita
- ॐ Advaita understands that the Lord has incarnated
- ॐ A explains a dream he had
- ॐ List, last night I had a dream
- ॐ I was unable to understand something in Bf.
- ॐ Unhappy I took rest w/o eating.
- ॐ
- ॐ In the middle of the night I hear someone speaking:
- ॐ Rise and take your meal. I will explain the meaning of that text.
- ॐ Get up & worship me
- ॐ Why are you sad
- ॐ Your austerities have born fruit
- ॐ The chanting of K’s names will spread to all countries, towns and houses
- ॐ Devotional service that is so rare it is unavailable to Brahma and Siva will now be available.
- ॐ I am leaving now, but I will come again while you eat
- ॐ
- ॐ AA: When I opened my eyes I saw VB
- ॐ I remember his older bro used to come everyday to study Bg with me
- ॐ VB is enchanting
- ॐ He used to come call VR for lunch
- ॐ
- ॐ Ecstatic kirtan begins
- ॐ
- ॐ AA: When N becomes a devotee we will have better kirtan

Blessings of Srivasa

- ॐ One day LCM approaches Srivasa for blessings
- ॐ S: I give you blessings that you always remember K & chant his names
- ॐ LCM: I am very fortunate to be blessed by the devotees

Relationships with devotees

- ॐ VB would see devotees bathing in the Ganges and would offer obeisance
- ॐ Devotees would bless VB that he become a devotee

- ॐ VB: You alone are capable of awarding devotional service
- ॐ By serving K’s servants, He bestows His mercy
- ॐ I have devotion to K only because of you
- ॐ VB would grab the feet of the devotees
- ॐ VB would do menial seva
- ॐ Would wash laundry
- ॐ Collect paraphernalia for puja (kusa, flowers)
- ॐ Clean puja paraphernalia
- ॐ Devotees would object, please don’t
- ॐ N insisted
- ॐ Devotees: As you conquered the world w/ mastery of sastra, you should destroy the atheists by worship of K.
- ॐ Hearing the anxiety of the devotees, VB became angry
- ॐ VB: I will destroy the atheists!
- ॐ This way teaches importance of Vaisnava seva
- ॐ Also showed subordination to devotee’s love

SM’s concern

- ॐ SM was concerned re LCM’s ecstatic symptoms
- ॐ SM thought VR & JM have already left this world; I hope nothing happens to VB
- ॐ No one had ever seen such behavior before
- ॐ “Some previous madness has again appeared in his body. Tie his two legs and keep him inside the house.
- ॐ Give him coconut water to drink until his madness is cured
- ॐ Someone else: He needs Siva ghee
- ॐ Others still: No, he needs Visnu oil
- ॐ SM sent messenger to house of Srivasa to inform of situation

Srivasa diagnoses LCM

- ॐ One day Sv visits LCM
- ॐ When arrive LCM circumambulating tulasi.
- ॐ LCM offers obeisance.
- ॐ Experiences ecstasy. Hairs stand on end, tears, shivers
- ॐ LCM asks Srivasa, tell me are my life airs in disarray.
- ॐ S: No, you have what I want, K prema

- ॐ Your symptoms are desired by Brahma & Siva
- ॐ Let the sinful atheists say what they want
- ॐ LCM: Everyone thought I was insane
- ॐ If you also thought I would have jumped in the Ganga and killed myself.
- ॐ SV then tells SM not to worry.
- ॐ It is not insanity but intense devotion
- ॐ If you want to know more of K’s mysteries then do not reveal this
- ॐ SV goes home & SM feels relief
- ॐ SM still worries VB will leave home

LCM visits AA

- ॐ LCM & Gad go see AA
- ॐ AA worshipping L w/ tulasi and Ganga jal
- ॐ AA see VB & Gad coming and shouts: “Hari! Hari!”
- ॐ Roars like lion
- ॐ VB falls unconscious
- ॐ AA recognizes: here is the L of my life
- ॐ AA thinks: You thief. You have been wandering & hiding just like a thief.
- ॐ Now I shall steal from you today
- ॐ
- ॐ AA went to get articles for worship (padya, arghya, acamana, candana, dupa, dipa, pranama)
- ॐ *Namo brahmanya devaya go...*
- ॐ AA fall at VB feet & cry profusely
- ॐ AA soaks VB’s feet w/ tears
- ॐ Gad: AA this is not appropriate behavior w/ a young boy
- ॐ AA: Gad, you will soon know who this boy is
- ॐ Gad thought to himself: Maybe the SL has appeared
- ॐ VB returns to external consciousness
- ॐ VB try to hide identity by offering obeisance
- ॐ VB surrenders himself to AA
- ॐ AA: You think you are clever but today I have stolen from a thief

LCM rips his heart open

- ॐ One day K is lamenting not seeing K.

- ॐ Gad is told not to worry, K is in the heart
- ॐ LCM begins ripping heart open to see if K is really there
- ॐ Gadadhara saw this & tried to stop/pacify grabbed hands
- ॐ SM noticed that G could control LCM, so she prayed that he would remain w/ LCM day & night

VB’s kirtan disturbs the atheists

- ॐ LCM does kirtan 24 hours
- ॐ Loud chanting awakens the atheists
- ॐ Angry blasphemy
- ॐ The L will become angry
- ॐ We’re unable to sleep
- ॐ To fill their bellies, they call out to K as if insane
- ॐ Silently chanting will bring piety
- ॐ Will loud chanting bring more piety?
- ॐ I’ve heard...

Muslim king sends boat to stop kirtan

- ॐ Muslim king had sent 2 boats to arrest the Vaisnavas
- ॐ Townspeople feared SV and others would leave and they would be punished
- ॐ Therefore they thought they should punish Srivasa, et al.
- ॐ Let’s bind him and turn him over to the authorities
- ॐ News spread of fear
- ॐ Vaisnavas subdued their fear by remember Govinda
- ॐ Why should we fear when the L is here (didn’t know LCM=L)
- ॐ Yet, they were still fearful

“I am He!”

- ॐ One day, LCM sees some cows wandering
- ॐ He thinks they are looking for K
- ॐ Then he shouts I am he, I am he!!!
- ॐ LCM goes to SV house
- ॐ When Srivasa was worshipping Nrsimha: I am He!
- ॐ LCM breaks through the door: “The Lord you are worshipping, I am He!”
- ॐ LCM tells Srivasa to bring his relatives

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ॐ That day LCM reveals 4 armed form of Narayana

Boat continued

- ॐ LCM: SV, I see you are worried about something
ॐ By My will only do things happen
ॐ If I told the king to arrest you then it will happen
ॐ If did this independently hear my plea.
ॐ I will be the first to board the boat
ॐ I will bewilder the king and drag him off his throne
ॐ If this doesn’t work I will speak to him as follows
ॐ O King, bring your Kazis and Mullahs to understand the truth
ॐ O King bring all the elephants horses, animals and birds you have
ॐ Tell the Kazis to recite your scriptures and make these creatures cry
ॐ If he is unable I will manifest myself to the King.
ॐ You dared to stop the sankirtana on the advice of others
ॐ Everyone has seen their power; no one has seen mine
ॐ I will bring an intoxicated elephant before him
ॐ I will gather elephants, horses, deer and birds and induce the to chant and cry
ॐ Don’t’ doubt me SV, I will show you before your own eyes
ॐ LCM sees Narayani (SV’s niece): Chant the name of K & cry
ॐ She do so...