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Lord Nityananda’s Vyasa Puja Ceremony
and His Darshan of the Lord’s Six-armed Form

Preparing to celebrate Vyasa Puja

- ॐ VB to Nt: Where should we celebrate your VP?
- ॐ Tomorrow is the full moon when Vyasa is worshipped
- ॐ Nt: Bring SV forward; I will observe VP in the house of this brahmana
- ॐ VB to SV: This is a great opportunity for you.
- ॐ SV: This is not a burden. I already have all the ingredients. I only need to borrow a book explaining the procedures. I am most fortunate. Tomorrow I will see VP
- ॐ LCM orders the entrance closed so the only intimate associates could enter
- ॐ Kirtan begins
- ॐ Ecstatic dancing
- ॐ VB (in mood of Balarama): Bring me wine x2. (to reveal Nt’s glories)
- ॐ VB to Nt: give me your plow and club (some devotees saw this exchange, others saw only the shaking of hands)
- ॐ LCM calls for Varuni
- ॐ Everyone is confused, so they bring a pitcher of water
- ॐ LCM calls out “Nada! x2”
- ॐ No one can understand.
- ॐ Who is Nada?
- ॐ LCM: He by whose loud cries I came. This incarnation of mine was induced by AA. Nada brought me from Vaikuntha but now he is living free of concerns w/ HDT
- ॐ I have descended to inaugurate the sk movement
- ॐ “I will not award love of God to those fallen souls who have offended my devotees because they are proud of their education, wealth, high birth, knowledge, and austerities. Otherwise I will give everyone that which persons like Lord Brahma enjoy”
- ॐ LCM: Have I been restless?
- ॐ Devotees: No, not really
- ॐ LCM: Please don’t be offended by my behavior
- ॐ Nt goes into ecstasy; one moment laughing, crying, naked (just like a child)
- ॐ LCM calms Nt.
- ॐ Be calm; tomorrow you must worship Vyasa
- ॐ All went home except Nt (who stayed at the house of SV)

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Morning of Vyasa Puja

- ॐ In the morning Ramai Pandita (the younger brother of Srivasa) notices a broken kamandalu & danda
- ॐ RP tells SV
- ॐ SV tells RP to inform LCM
- ॐ LCM comes laughing
- ॐ LCM takes Nt to Ganga; others follow
- ॐ Nt doesn’t speak to anyone
- ॐ Sees crocodile and tries to ride
- ॐ LCM to Nt: come quickly to celebrate VP
- ॐ Nt obeys
- ॐ SV appointed head priest
- ॐ SV hands garland to Nt: Place the garland on Vyasa & offer obeisance
- ॐ Nt: Yes!
- ॐ But Nt did not know which prayer to recite.
- ॐ Nt murmurs something no one could understand.
- ॐ Stands w/ garland looking around
- ॐ SV to LCM: He isn’t doing anything
- ॐ LCM to Nt: Gosai, offer the garland & worship Vyasa
- ॐ Nt offers garland to VB
- ॐ VB manifests sad-bhuja
- ॐ Nt falls unconscious w/ no sign of life
- ॐ Devotees: Raksa Krsna x2; K please protect him x2
- ॐ LCM picks up Nt
- ॐ LCM to Nt: Nt, please get up & steady your mind.
- ॐ Listen to the sankirtana that has begun.
- ॐ The kirtan for which you incarnated to inaugurate has begun.
- ॐ What more do you want?
- ॐ Loving devotional service belong to you b/c you are the personification of ecstatic loving service.
- ॐ Unless you distribute it no one can possess it.
- ॐ Please get up.
- ॐ Anyone who is envious of you is never dear to me even if he worships me. (Some strong verse about Vaisnava aparadha – see below)

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- ॐ Nt regains consciousness and begins to cry
- ॐ LCM: now VP is over
- ॐ Kirtan begins
- ॐ LCM roles on ground
- ॐ Some try to grab his feet
- ॐ SM watches from a solitary place & thinks these 2 are my sons
- ॐ VB: now bring the remnants of food stuffs offered to V
- ॐ SV brings the prasada and LCM distributes to all

Vaisnava Aparadha verse

- ॐ The Vaisnavas are eternally pure and full of knowledge. Their quarrelling is simply a part of their pastimes. *The pure Vaisnavas are full of eternally pure knowledge. The difference of opinion seen among such exalted Vaisnavas is simple differences of opinion among Vaisnavas. Differences of opinion are only present among mental speculators. The differences of opinion found among Vaisnavas expand the variety of their constitutional activities. In those, there is no question of material enjoyment, renunciation, or pseudo devotional service.*
- ॐ If someone who has lost his intelligence and does not understand this worships one and criticize the other, he will be ruined. *Those who do not understand this fact and consider that one Vaisnava has eternally pure knowledge while another Vaisnava does not are understood to have perverted intelligence. The confidential mystery in this regard is that if one accepts a non-Vaisnava as a Vaisnava without knowing the difference between a V and a non-V, then such a misconception will spread among the Vaisnavas and create bewilderment.*
- ॐ Just as a foolish person who worships the feet of a brahmana and then beats him in the head goes to hell, one who worships the Deity form of Lord Visnu and then disrespects that same Lord who is situated in the hearts of all living entities also goes to hell.
- ॐ What to speak of being envious of the Vaisnavas, if one causes pain to ordinary living entities he is considered a fallen low-class person. Even after worshipping Lord Visnu, if a person gives trouble to other living entities, his worship becomes fruitless. Such a person suffers unlimited miseries. *If a person is knowingly or unknowingly envious of a Vaisnava who is engaged in the nonduplicitious service of Lord Hari, his degradation is inevitable. Of this there is no doubt. Apart from this, if even persons claiming to be devotees of Visnu are envious of ordinary living entities and give various troubles to them, they are actually far away from devotional service to V and are not fit to be called human beings. Their worship of V becomes the source of misery. Those endowed with an absence of the jive-daya, or compassion for other living entities,*

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and yet proudly consider themselves servants of L V achieve the threefold miseries rather than the devotional service of the Lord.

- ॐ The worship of persons who do not know that Lord Visnu is present with the heart of every living entity is certainly materialistic
- ॐ Their worship is like someone who washes the feet of a brahmana with one hand and beats him on the head with his other hand.
- ॐ Consider carefully, have such persons ever been benefited, or will they ever be benefited?
- ॐ It is a hundred times more sinful to blaspheme a Vaisnava than to be envious of ordinary living entities.
- ॐ Those who faithfully worship the Deity form of the Lord but do not respect his devotees; those who do not show compassion to those who are foolish, wretched, or fallen; those who worship one incarnation of the Lord and do not worship other incarnations; those who discriminate between K and Ramacandra; and those who have no love for Balarama and Siva are, according to the scriptures, the lowest of all devotees.
- ॐ A devotee who faithfully engages in the worship of the Deity in the temple but does not behave properly toward other devotees or people in general is called a prakṛta-bhakta, a materialistic devotee, and is considered to be in the lowest position.