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It is well known that the Lord's name is the most compassionate - even more merciful than the Lord's form. Here is an ancient prayer to Lord Rāma's name, which I found in one of my many notebooks where I had written down numerous gems of inspiration.

RĀMA NĀMA



Lord Rāma built a long bridge across the ocean, to transport many monkeys and bears over the waters but by Rāma Nāma unlimited numbers of souls have crossed the ocean of saṃsāra.

Lord Rāma conferred immortality to his faithful servants like Śabarī and Jaṭāyu but Rāma Nāma has delivered many wretched people without asking for any qualification.

Lord Rāma killed demons like Rāvaṇa, Kara and Duśāsana but Rāma Nāma has extinguished innumerable demonic qualities.

Lord Rāma touched and liberated one Akalya, who was imprisoned in stone but Rāma Nāma has broken down so many prison walls of Māyā.

Lord Rāma purified forests like Citrakūṭa and Daṇḍakāranya Rāma Nāma however has cleansed so many jungles of the heart.

Lord Rāma gave shelter to Vibhīṣaṇa and Sugrīva Rāma Nāma however has sheltered uncountable souls.

It is an open secret that Rāma's name has qualities like forgiveness and compassion - qualities that the nirguṇa brahman lacks.

All glories to Lord Rāma and His Name.

(April 2012)



THE LIVING NAME

*When will I feel Your name
pulsating with life
like a young bird
in my open palms?*

*When will Your name
taste like yogurt and ice cream
on my thirsty tongue, which is
exhausted by the tastes of this world?*

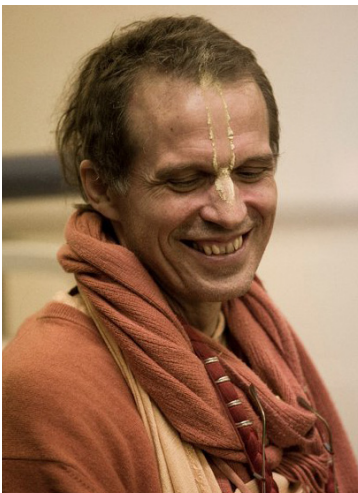
*When will I stop offering You
broken repetitions of Your names
because my love is still divided
between You and the world?*

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The Lord's holy names are said to be a special type of touchstone. There are normal touchstones that turn everything they touch into gold. Chanting the divine names is different: whatever you think of while you chant - that becomes your

reality. If you think of other things than your spiritual goal you will get them! Only if you think of and connect with God while chanting, will you get the association of God.

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Important events over the next two months:

May 1st-3rd Seminar: Pillars of Good Vaiṣṇava Saṅga, Siṃhāchalam, Ger.

May 11th-13th Sacred Space Weekend Seminar Part 2, Switzerland

May 20th-27th Kṛṣṇa Samādhi Seminar, Goloka Dhāma, Germany

June 2nd-3rd 24h Kīrtana, Birmingham, UK

June 16th-23rd Japa & Kīrtana Retreat Croatia

You can find a more detailed schedule on sacinandaswami.com