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Notes -

- LCM who is Krsna who appeared in the mahabhava in the devotional ecstasy of love of Srimati Radharani and he appeared not only to taste the sweetness of love of sri radha but to understand what she brought love and happiness and in the kaliyuga which has so much confusion, suffering and anxiety to give the highest benediction and revelation of spiritual love of this kali people
- He came with his own spiritual associate - panchatatva. KDK says that through this harinam sankirtan to plunder the love of god and to taste the sweetness of love and share this contents
- Namohavadanaya - LCM is krsna who extending his more mercy than krsna
- He krsna karunasindo - krsna is ocean of compassion who don't have the no shores and no bottoms and this is limitless ocean and all pervading and yet expanding and dinabandu who is not only friend of devotees but friend for the fallens
- Great mystery of ultimate miracle of all miracle is krsnas inconceivable powers and he is supremely merciful but as LCM who is the mood of sri radha who is even give us very freely
- When krsna appears in vrindavan, madhuvan, etc.he reveals his madhuryas and when he appeared as LCM with his associates then he does beyond that and krsna leela is very deep and confidential
- LCM taste the ecstasy of love with his associates and was eager to give the process by which anyone can achieve that love
- KDG says they didn't considered who was qualified or unqualified, impious or pious and simply anyone can accept their mercy and they were willing to give highest treasure of realization of sri sri radha govinda's love in vrindavan
- When LCM took diksha in gaya from ishvara puri and first exhibited the love as his devotees and SP told that LCM played a role of devotee to teach us how to be a devotee.
- Just like teacher teaches us student to how to write alphabets. Teacher already knows but teacher gives to student so that they can learn. Similarly, LCM through his associates and through his examples he taught us how to be a devotee.
- LCM when he began mission from gaya then he immediately wanted to go to vrindavan and started running on the way to vrindavan and devatas reminded LCM that your mission is to remind the sankirtan movement and love of vrindavan to the world of fallen people and go back to navadvip
- LCM gone to navadvip which is non different than vrindavan and there he established sankirtan movement and chanting, hearing, speaking and serving krsna and remembering krsna with ones abilities, skills, intelligence, body and mind and words and life.
- Everydevotee of LCM was although they were unique personality, they are all in common is gopi bhatur pada kamalayaor das das anu das. Everything they did for us.
- LCM was giving supreme benediction to each and every devotees as srivasangam, each devotee was given darshan the form of Lord they worship most.
- Kolevecha sridhar saw krsna and balarama before him and haridas thakur, ramachandra and when LCM neglected mukunda then all devotees were crying and they were not happy when mukunda is not happy

- And they didn't asked any benediction for themselves and LCM was just giving and all were asking to give to mukunda and that is the nature of devotees we should have for each other
- LCM pointed the mistake that mukunda made and they were just begging to please forgive mukunda and let him see to You.
- What is mean by servant of servant of servant - this is not ritualistic word we use that sounds humble and this means very care from the very core of heart we just care.
- Advait acharya spent yearss in the banks of ganges in the loud voice krsna please come down to give prema, love to the people of this world. Advait acharya could sees past, present and future. He could see the all the wars and greed and all pervading of desires of selfishness and egoism and he cared for every living being
- Advait acharya was praying to LCM to come to this world, he was praying for us and we may find hard to believe. But he is the supreme lord of all the universes.
- In kc, we understand everything in a personal way because krsna is the supreme person and this person is the supremely personal with every jivatma
- Advait acharya cared to everyone and because of he cared so much LCM descended to this world but LCM after spreading KC in navadvip around then he saw some people who due to their conditionings they were not in the net of his mercy, so to reached them, he decided to take sanyaas
- In the time of makar sankranti, LCM swam to ganges and walked to katva and then there he became LCM and took vow of renunciation from keshava bharti maharaja
- The first thing LCM decided to go to vrindavan and LCM teaching us to become a devotee and he has such eagerness to come to vrindavan and LCM told everyone except his associates to go back and LCM was so eager to come to vrindavan
- Nityanand prabhu who was balarama the lord's mercy who begged LCM to stay in shantipura in puri by the request of LCM's mother because same krsna who is stay in vrindavan who is jaganath in puri
- In south india trip when LCM returned that he told that he has desire to go for vrindavan and several years avoided to let him go but he would not go to vrindvana without the permission of devotees. This is imp.
- One time, LCM got the permission from everyone and started to vrindavan and during this trip he told gadhadhar pandit that you have taken kshetra sanyas to serve your deity tota gopinath and LCM went without him when gadhadhar fainted
- After walking through towns and villages and everything was following to LCM and there were 1000s and 1000s following him to vrindavan
- In kanainathshala, rupa and sanatana said that you are going to vrindavan with so many devotees is not so good. And he came back to puri and LCM said because I heard the heart of gadhadhar pandit, krsna didn't allowed me to go in vrindavan
- Gadhadhar pandit said I will give fullest mercy but first come to my house and take prasad and then LCM came to vrindavan
- The ecstacies of his love and love of the inhabitants of vrindavan to see him, everyone recognized that krsna had returned and he don't want to returned from vrindavan but after 2months, balabadhara bhattacharya was having greetings, trying to manage people who want appointment with him and all want to see him and LCM wanted to be in secluded and go to imlitala to chant japa alone in the banks of yamuna
- When LCM saw anguish in His devotees, though to return from vrindavan and when LCM returned to puri then He was seeing everything as vrindavan and jagnath vallabh garden as kalpavriksha
- During rath yatra, in the ecstasy of sri radhas love, he was bringing jagnath, baldev and subhadra back to vrindavan and his loving associates 6 goswami sent them to establish holy places and told them to expand them by taking essence of vedic knowledge to teach the world supreme love of godhead which is eternally manifested in vrindavan by their own

example

- 6 goswamis was so much wonderful, healthy, wealthy, famous and they have everything and left behind to live under the trees to beg from brajvasis to reside in vrindavan. And this legacy was established by LCM and 6 goswamis and to preserve in great parampara
- Narootam das thakur was king who came to vrindavan and wrote so many beautiful poems and then later VCT and baldev vidhyabhushan given so much wonderful scriptures to the world
- In 1922, abhaycharanarvinda met BSST and that instant meeting SP got the message was to take the message of LCM to the whole world in english language and SP took that order as his life and soul and it was like seed which was watered constantly through his meditation and prayers and whole life was prepared to fulfil that orders
- When SP retired with family responsibility in vrindavan and called vrindavan as an eternal home and sometimes he used to stay in vamsi gopal temple and radha damodar temple and was quiet simple and chose to live near the samadhi of rupa goswami and jiva goswami
- In vrindavan, SP began his translated his SB because LCM is the very personification of SB because it is the very essence of vedic knowledge and culmination of love of vrindavan for krsna.
- After completing 1st canto, satsvarup das goswami maharaja said he endured to give us KC and from vrindavan he crossed all oceans and continents to give vrindavan to the whole world and in 1971 november, I was here where vrindavan was very quiet that time and there were no cars, no traffics, there was tongas and rickshaws and there were mathura road there was bus stand and the only twice a day bus will come and farthest you will go to mathura and station was there, and farthest you will go to mathura
- SP came with 40-50 devotees of western people in vrindavan and nobody knew I was and I was strangers and SP came with 40-50 devotees of US, america, africa, europeans in India and there was celebration and welcoming in vrindavan that he is the hero of vrindavan who takes the culture of vrindavan and not only he brought vrindavan to the world but he bringing to the world in vrindavan
- SP smiling and happy to see people coming to vrindavan and one thing we must understand that magnitude of compassion was there in SP's heart that how much faith he had that krsna is the supreme lord which is non different than his name and that sri radharani is supreme pleasure potency of ultimate manifestation of Supreme lord to all living beings.
- Krsna never steps out from vrindavan, but SP travelled in all over the world and installing radha and krsna and manifesting vrindavan in all this places and the essence of all religion and scripture is to love of god and SP was establishing love of god in the guru parampara in the sweetest and experience of sri radha gopinath, the lord of vrindavan
- SP built krsna balarama to give us comfortable place for the people to come to vrindavan from all over the world but simultaneously establishing vrindavan in all parts of vrindavan and SP was eager and incredible and wanted nothing for himself but experiencing vrindavan, SP wanted to give to everyone of how to love people who never met and never knew and how to risk our life for everyone and that what SP was.
- During communist region, SP went to russia and was under so much surveillance and cannot do anything but met one person to preach to and multi devi put BG to shyamsunder pr without even telling him and that BG helped to spread KC movement throughout russia
- SP preached only one person and didn't have any asramas and temples and just was a prisoner in a hotel and gave a BG and people were handcopying BG by 100s and 10000s, and when he came back to UK, pujari for the deities was mandakini devi and this devotee was just for 3 days who never saw books who understanding SP mood and enthusiasm and saying yes was difficult but she did it
- and SP's compassion made him fear and tireless to give krsna to everyone and how SP struggled in NY and there is so many devotees in the world with so many problems and

setbacks but SP taught us to never be discouraged because we are depended on Krsna's mercy

- In mood of residents of vrindavan is whatever situation comes is how could I please krsna and that's simple formula to be transcendental samsidhir haritoshanam
- yasya prasada bhagavad prasada - we must know that we should please our guru by pleasing krsna and Let us have gratitude to SP, and all devotees who sacrificed their lives to assist SP and all devotees who are whatever big and small ways trying to accept SP mercy and live that mercy and share that mercy with the world
- Gratitude is the fertilizer that makes our heart soft and gratitude and humility soften the heart and make a heart futile field for the seed of bhakti to grow.
- SP through his books, through his examples and associates spreads this bhakti to the millions and there is nothing more precious in all the world in that seed of bhakti
- We need association to remind us because tendency is to minimize the value of bhakti lata bheej due to get distracted by wealth, popularity, sense gratification, and we have so many fears, dejected, disease, death and there is no shortage of reason to get fear in this world and there is no shortage of reason to try to be an enjoyer but in the association of devotees we understand that how precious is this bhakti that has awakened by the mercy of vaishnavas appeared in my heart and to be grateful for.
- Gratitude is not what something spoken but the way of life. It is to put the will of those who are grateful for above our own will. Gratitude means to willingness to make sacrifices and to find joy in that sacrifice.
- and when we that this gratitude then the seed of bhakti is watered by chanting of the holy name and remembering and engaging in the service of lord then it grows.
- LCM explained to Rupa goswami says how this seed of bhakti grows and bear the fruit of prema.
- When we came here in pilgrimage we must meditate on principles of gratitude and gratitude to SP who is carrying krsna in a whole paramapara for us and gratitude for each other and that will please SP
- When we come to the holy places like vrindavan then every moment is the sacred. To the degree we are grateful and see the every moment sacred then to that degree we get actually benefitted
- If we come for vacation then there will be some benefit, if we come as sincere seeker of essence of life then we make great spiritual progress
- prema pumartha mahana - the highest pleasure of lives is to love krsna. Nitya sidha krsna prema - love of krsna is dormant within in everyones heart and by associating with devotees and by chanting and engaging in PDS then that love is awakened and we come to vrindavan to beg that love.
- BSST said do not try to see krsna but serve krsna in such a way so that krsna will please to see you and vrindavan is non different than krsna and radharani is vrindavaneshvari and vrindavan is the expansion of her love and we come to vrindavan to serve
- BVT says the impediment in the path of bhakti is the opportunities to grow
- There are so many impediment and we understand that nothing that any human beings can do is to disturb krsna's eternal abode and only the surface of the world is affected.
- Therefore, SP taught us that we must see through our ears and when we hear what is vrindavan, bhakti, krsna, radha and leela and then we awakens faith in our hearts and we see on the basis of that faith.
- Acharyas taught us the principle which is the foundation of SB is to have eagerness to chant, serve, hear and many times, SP discussed the imp of enthusiasm
- Once said what if I don't have enthusiasm in bhakti. SP said if you don't feel enthusiastic then you act enthusiastic. Because we must enthusiastic to please krsna and we don't be enthusiastic of how we feel.

- If krsna is pleased then krsna will bless us of actual enthusiam and this the basis of path of bhakti and when we are enthusiastic to serve, hear and chant and receive krsna then krsna reveals himself to us but austerity is imp
- We have 4 regulative principles but LCM explains that there are so many things unfavorable in bhakti and one is gossip, prajalpa and fault finding and even if something is wrong unless we are really sure that we are trying to do something constructive and inquiring with senior vaishnavas is it actually constructive?
- And we must not find fault in others and if you actually starts develops taste in krsna and hearing about krsna then we lose our tendencies of gossip and fault find with others
- Let us put others in front of ourselves and no time for goossips of world while I am here let me absorb completely in every situation whether is hot or cold and I am not coming here to complaint but this things is very great incentives to go beyond bodily concept and eagerly come to hear and eagerly come to serve krsna and serve devotees and call his holy names
- To the extent we have this spirit, we are in vrindavan
- SP said the LCM story that gadhadhar never came to vrindavan, ramanand raya,swaroop damodar never came to vrindavan physically but they were always in vrindavan because they were absorbed in the spirit of vrindavan. SP said that coming to vrindavan is that not possible just by getting plane or train ticket but it is a state of mind
- When akrur came to vrindavan when he saw the dust of lotus feet of krsna and balrama, akrur was crying to serve krsna with eagerness in vrindavan
- This eagerness to serve, hear and chant, that actually opens our heart to experience vrindavan and this is the purpose we have come with a grateful heart in enthusiastically to serve
- Ananda mayo abhyasat - everyone in this world looking for the pleasure because it is the nature of the soul to feel the krsna's love
- Mam upateya kaunteya punar janam na vidhyate - from the highest to lowest planet in the world is the place of misery - dukhalayam asavattam and eternal soul is trying to find krsna's love in ever changing things and that is the source of all suffering
- Prahlad maharaj said the simple formula to be happy is to simply stop trying to be happy because our nature is happy and we lost that nature because of that we are looking for the pleasure. Whether you are ant or animals or here human beings looking for pleasure
- Oldage, disease and disappointments and we must give up our faith that happiness in this world then we understand that happiness is in our eternal soul
- Krsna says that bahunam janmanam ante - after getting births of gettingknowledge and austerity and charity and sort of purification of yoga process and finally comes to the point of true knowledge vasudevam sarvam iti - surrendering to krsna knowing that he is CEO then daivi esa guna mayi - this material nature is very difficult to overcome and very powerful maya dekshana prakrti suyate - this material nature is krsnas external energy but krsna says one who takes shelter of me then easily cross beyond it and this is the essence
- Bhakti means taking shelter of krsna. Sarva dharman parityagya - abandon all varieties of dharma and just surrender unto me that I am yours and krsna you are my only shelter and to please you is my truest goal in my life
- man mana mad bhakto - always think of me and become devotee of me and worship me and in this way you will come to me without fail. And krsna is giving us closer to him that how we approach vrindavan
- Bhaktyaham api jyananti - the bhakti is the process by which we can re unite with the love of God with the supreme person and first 9 cantos explains about various incarnation of one supreme person and we read and hear the love of devotees for the lord.
- When we understand that krsna tattva in this way then we can get understanding of vrindavan otherwise, we could something take granted or ordinary
- Aham sarvasya prabhava - I am the CEO and wise person knows me then engage in me in

loving service in me. Sarva yoneshu kaunteya - there are all living beings is born from his nature who is supreme father and mother of everyone

- If you want to actually experience vrindavan then we must pray the offering to brahma
- BVT says that after having this wonderful pastimes that brahmaji understood that how false pride is such an impediment to actually understand and love krsna and ultimately given a benidiction by LCM that krsna appeared to him and brahma prayed that let me be a humble mood and position where I could chant your holy names and I don't like this position of brahma and by LCM mercy, brahmaji became haridas thakur
- Haridas thakur wherever he went, he would been criticized and insulted and tried to kill him and there also haridas thakur was very happy and so that absorbed in chanting of names and always tasting the sweetness of holy names
- Trinad api sunicena - humility, tolerance and eagerness to respect others and not to demand respect for oneself and haridas thakur is the personification of this qualities and therefore, he was able to taste the holy names constantly
- As brahma was bewildered by seeing the activities of Lord but as haridas thakur, he wasn't bewildered and always taking shelter in krsnas names and in indra, such a great demigod who was bewildered by seeing activities of krsna and when he got to know that krsna is the source of all incarnation and source of impersonal brahman and indra surrendered and did beautiful abhishek and given a name krsna as govinda
- Krsna is in vrindavan taking such an ordinary of experience of gopas that can truly be understood by krsnas mercy and SP was very careful that we don't take to raaslila as an ordinary and it is a highest expression of purest love and LCM taught the ultimate meditation of renounced order of lives and those who renounced of opposite sex of the world, possession of this world, their meditation is to take love and shelter of gopis
- Sukhdeva goswami is the greatest sanyassi but he proclaimed to the whole world forever there is nothing in comparrison anywhere is the purity of the love of gopis for krsna and krsna for gopis but the tendencies is to see something as an ordinary
- Krsna says in BG suhrdam sarva butanam - he is the ultimate well wisher of every living being, samahom sarva bhuteshu, he doesn't envy anyone, aham bija pradah pitah - the father and mother of all living beings. Krsna never reduces his love for anyone but he does what is always best
- Love of vrindavan is the source of all love and krsna becomes subordinate to the love of his devotees and devotees becomes subordinate of love for krsna in vrindavan
- In brhad bhagavatamirta, gopakumara is a simple village cowherd boy from the area of govardhan and he is seeking the highest happiness and how he innocently and pure and appreciated to everyone by the mercy of guru and krsna he is going to different lokas and wanted always something pure and intimate and he also goes to brahman, but he seeks krsna and goes to vaikuntha and then he goes more intimate the ayodhya of rama's leela and he goes to dwarka the spiritual world and then from dwarka, he got to know krsna and krsna's magnificent palace and krsna sees him and said udhava to bring him and udhava brings to gopakumara to dwarkadeesh and takes gopakuma takes head and pushes against krsna's lotus feet and meanwhile all the queens were watching this pastimes and krsna holding this flute, krsna is crying that this flute came from govardhan from bhauma vrindavana
- Gopakumara looks up and not seeing krsna as dwarkadeesh but he is seeing as shyamsunder. According to gopakumara's love, krsna is revealing Himself as he sees krsna as gopas in vrindavan and seeing vrndavan everywhere
- Krsna understood the love of vrindavan, love of brajbasis, and udhava and naradmuni in their dialogue revealed that you you will never be happy anywhere except in vrindavan and there is an wonderful description that golok vrindavan in the highest revelation of vaikuntas and all incarnation of God are expansion of krsna and all incarnations are manifest from him

- Krsna is Supreme Lord with all his sweetness and love
- Krsna is revealing by the acharyas and greatest personality or vaishnavas and by LCM and this vrindavan where SP resided and carried within heart
- By SP's grace that we an opportunity to come here and our eagerness to heart. Chant. Serve. Eagerness to serve for PDS, it I what determinant that we actually please krsna to reveal vrindavan through our heats
- SP establishes this temples so, that we can become spiritually surcharged and following his footsteps and to bring spirit of vrindavan wherever may be reside
- Our acharyas from vrindavan has expanded the glory of vrindavan to the whole world as a servant of servant of servant of krsna

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna