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Notes -

- Vrindavan is explained by SP that it is approx. 90 miles south east of delhi but for those who have been blessed with Radharani and Krsnas grace then they understands that this bhauma vrindavan is identical to the golok vrindavan in the spiritual world which is eternally existed with a sweetest and highest of divine love
- When krsna descends this world then he brings his loving associates and his abode to perform his lilas.
- Paritrana sadhunam - krsna tell in BG that he comes to the world to anihilate the demons and protect and pleasure to his devotees and to reestablish the dharma
- Soul naturally loves krsna but being part and parcel of krsna for that love to be covered and we try to replace that happiness of love with fulfillment of our selfish desire and in such a state we given material bodies, identities and we consider as this body and whatever designation with the bodies is mine
- We are in the influence of ahankar or false ego and krsnas love for us is never covered and krsna is supreme controller of all energies mayadekhsana prakriti - that krsna says if we take shelter of krsna then by his grace he can uplift us from above all the influence of maya or ignorance or selfishness or egoism
- Krsna sees us whoever we are jivera swaroop hoye - nitya sidha krsna - he sees us his intimate loving servant but due to influence of this false ego, we forget and this forgetfulness state then we ignore krsna and neglect krsna and we compete krsna knowingly or unknowingly
- In this world of forgetfulness there are certain characteristics that perpetuates our bondages specially envy.
- SP says in this world the foundational principle is envy. And lesson of great scripture shows us that how terrible the characteristic would be.
- In MB there was duryodhan envy towards yudhistir and pandavas. And yudhistir loves duryodhan and happy to share to him but yudhistir loves by everyone that duryodhan envied him.
- Entire battlefield of kurukshetre was tragedy, sorrow and its based on envy and krsna staged in such a way that we can see that do you follow yudhistir or duryodhan?
- In ramyana, ravana was envy toward rama and he cannot tolerate sita and similarly duryodhan couldn't tolerate the kingdom that he wanted
- In due course of time everyone and everything got anihilated except the eternal soul and those soul without envy can live with krsna and krsna says in BG that arjuna, you can teaching because you don't have envy and because you are my friend. Similarly, SG tells PM that you understand this teaching because you don't have envy
- Our acharyas definition what is qualification to understand is to be without envy and that makes eagerness to chant, hear and remember and we can't really have this to please krsna if we are envious
- SP says to be envy of any person in this world, it is the reflection of envy towards God or

Krsna

- Ahankaar or false ego and envy is connected to each other,
- Essence of dharma is when krsna steals our hearts - param dhrishtva nivartate - it is very difficult to give up the things which are attractive to this world and difference stage of lives they come in different ways
- Attractive energy of maya, kaamdev is very resistable but krsna says if you are attracted to Him then you experience higher taste the natural attraction of the soul for krsnas beauty
- Krsnas beauty is the source of beauty and essence of all beauty. Krsna says in BG whatever wonderful things, splendid things in the world if we put together then its hardly a single spark of his glory
- How many rays are emitting from the sun? all the beauty, glory, fame, strength, pleasures of the world is not even the fractional single ray of sun of krsna.
- Rupa goswami says if you are attached to the body, family, wealth, possession and pleasure in your life, then you don't go to keshighat in yamuna because that govind is standing playing upon his flute and when we see krsna, he steals our heart then param dhrishtva nivartate.
- Anandamaudi vardanam - then you experience ecstasy of happiness and that is the source of all happiness we are seeking in the fullest and krsnas beauty is ever-increasing
- When our love is increases towards krsna then that love is ever-increasing and krsna sees the potential in all of us and that's why he descends to this world again and again to give an opportunity based on our freewill.
- If he performs beautiful pastimes then he gives us clear teachings and he speaks the dharma of all religion throughout of history
- Krsna appears in wonderful incarnation based on TPC eternal form from spiritual world to help us in this world and to attract our hearts and as govinda descends once in a day of brahma to perform his pastimes of vrindavan and brings vrindavan with him
- Process of prepare our heart so that krsna will steal it and that process is bhakti.
- Only by bhakti, you can understand krsna as he is. And because of bhakti our heart becomes soft like fresh butter then krsna happily steal our heart and then we understand the perfection of all time
- Not only blissful for the gopis but anyone who hears this stories with proper faith and proper sources then gradually our hearts becomes soft and krsna steals it and at the same time yashoda mayi is binding krsna with the rope of love and krsna showing the world how he is controlled by devotee
- Today we are celebrating govardhan puja which is the similar way it's a lila simultaneously combined of loving rasas with the devotees and how krsna controlled by love of devotees and devotees is controlled by love of krsna and it is supremely intimate
- Along there is a crushing of the pride of indra and just by this imp story is connected in this way shows the importance of giving up our false pride
- We know it and we tired of hearing it but we don't understand it. Trinad api sunicena - this verse of prayer of LCM is the more humble and tolerant than grass and more tolerant and forgiving than a tree and eager to offer respect to others and giving up the inclination for respect for ourselves and if we cultivate this qualities seriously and prays to krsna with all our heart to help us to imbibe this qualities then kirtaniya sada hari that krsna steals our heart and when krsna steals our heart
- krsna is non different than his name and all of his powers, sweetness and beauty is within in his name and when we chant in such a way that krsna will be pleased
- Haridas thakur teaches us that this two syllables of krsna when I chant them I desire many many tongue and when this two syllables enters in my ears then I desires

- countless millions of ears and when it enters in my heart then I am conquered
- In this forest of vrindavan, krsna and balram was herding the cows and one day they saw elaborate prep made for big festival which is the sacrifices because in spiritual circles, we find that festival is built around sacrifice but not about enjoyment
 - Yanjya sankirtan prayair - the greatest sacrifices in the age of kali is to chant of the holy name
 - Nanda maharaja and gopas was arranging this sacrifices and krsna asked nanda maharaja that what are you doing and why are you doing and what is the purpose and what will you achieve by it and krsna said you may think I am just 7 year old and I cannot understand and actually I understood there is no secret and I am yours family
 - Nanda maharaj said that this is the tradition and something coming from scriptures that we are in farm community taking care of cows and our livelihood and everything depends on rain and indra is superintendent of rain and our forefathers started sacrifices to please indra
 - SP said that this is form of sacrifices is like karma kanda to understand that there is higher power beyond own and to humble ourselves before higher power and offer our gratitude.
 - Krsna says that we don't want to worship indra and everything happens by karma that if I do good then good happens and do bad things then bad happens and we are giving nice worshipping brahmanas and cows and indra has to give indra and we are dependent on the blessings of the grace of cow who gives us milk and dependent on govardhan hill who gives fresh grass to the cows and sweet water to cows and all of us and the same things we are about to worship indra, we should all of it to worship brahmans, cows, and govardhan hill.
 - Ultimately all vrajavasis wants to make krsna happy. Krsna says in BG abandoned all varieties of dharmas and just surrender to me and I shall give all reaction of sin and do not fear
 - SB starts from that place where BG concludes and SB begins from here dharma projto kaitavo. LCM prayed na dhanam na janam na sundarim - prayer of devotee is I don't want wealth, opposite sex, fame, follower, mystic perfection and I don't want to liberate you from suffering but I want to please you in whatever situation you put in
 - Haridas thakur only want benediction is let me remain servant of your servant of your servants and let me also remember you in association of devotees as your servant
 - Even If you make dogs in outside of house of your devotees where I can get remanants of their food to honor them and haridas thakur feels embarrassed who I am to asks you something so exalted is this.
 - To the degree when we start emulating and valuing it what haridas thakur asking for is actually how we become a true vaishnava
 - Krsna is the source of everything aham sarvasya prabhava. SB says that when you surrender to mukunda, we completely fulfil our obligation to demigods and rishis is like watering to the root of the tree
 - Krsna says nandamaharaja worship cows, brahmanas and govardhan hill because they are dear to me and krsna is teaching us to worship me
 - Krsna is the acharya of sacrifices and everything offered to sri giriraj govardhan mountain and they pleased the cows with fresh grass and they pleased brahmanas and they circumambulated govardhan hill and as they were doing parikrama everyone was happy and krsna was happy and that was the million times blissful than indrapuja and when it was done then something extraordinary happens that krsna manifest as gigantic form as govardhan hill and this form of giriraj enormous mountain form that he manifest many arms and personally taking every single prep that everyone made it and all the lakes,

mountains and everything he was eating and nanda maharaja was making mountains and other people makes little preps even if the nandagram his hands are going there and he eats that by putting his mouth

- Krsna is bhaav grahi - accepting the love of devotees and according to the story he ate more and wanted more. aniyor aniyor krsna knows what he likes by krsnas direction just by offering tulsi leaf, he was satisfied and this was govardhan festival celebrated
- Everyone was ecstatic except indra. And indra took this great insult and indra was great devotee and sometimes different devotees has some anarthas this could be happen and indra has so many demigods under his jurisdiction and in puranas is mentioned that indra performs sacrifices in indraloka and vishnu comes to give blessings and accept offerings and when krsna wants to teach lessons from great person
- SP says that in the battlefield there was bhishma who was mahajanas who fought against pandavas to defend duryodhan. Because bhishma was the powerful warrior in the universe and krsna wanted to show that even someone powerful like him will eventually be defeated if he takes side against God.
- So, indra was not a mahajan but a devotee who has karma mishra bhakta who has so many material desires and krsna understood that my devotee has too much false pride and this indra has so much beauty all around and he fallen under the trap of false ego and where there is false pride, its spoils our devotion and krsna says I must crush this pride
- Even Indra became confused that thinking that who is this little 7 years boy spoiling the puja that meant for me and I have been receiving this puja every generation and he changed everything and this is insult and furious for nanda maharaja and from krsna's perspective nanda maharaja was an eternal associates who is nitya sidha, vatsalya ras in his fullness appeared from golok dham
- LCM says I am not so concern of worshipping so many of the great scriptures of the great sages and I just want to worship nanda maharaj because absolute crawling in his courtiyard as an ordinary little sweet boy
- Indra tottally lost his intelligence who considered krsna who is his worshippable lord as nothing but a little child mixed up in an ignorance
- When you have a great power, the tendency is to use it and indra didn't came to chastise krsna but he called samvartaka cloud that cloud who destroyed the universe and flooded the earth and go to vrindavana and devastate vrindavan
- Everyone was satisfied in vrindavan and suddenly dark began to form cloud very fast with a rumbling of the thunder and winds started blowing and torrents of rain and no one sees this rain before in vrindavan
- In this helpless condition, all vrajvasis took shelter of Krsna and they took shelter of krsna because they can serve krsna and krsna please help us and save us and krsna smiled and then he began to teach indra a great lesson
- To curb indra's pride, krsna has vrajvasis to offer govardhan hill that supposed to curb his pride but medicine made even worst and instead of my dear lord is having them do like this, indra decided to destroy them all and govardhan hill is so pleased with our offerings for him and he will protect us
- And krsna effortlessly like a little child picks up the mushroom, krsna lifted govardhan hill and as krsna was doing there was enormous sound because he was lifting the hill from earth that some of the earth from govardhan hill found all the edges and made boundary of the edges so that water couldn't come in and krsna held hill on his left hand and called vrajvasis that giriraj becomes so pleased that he became giant umbrella and bring everything under the govardhan hill and will celebrate the festival under this hill
- Everyone was gazing on krsna and krsna gazing on everyone and every animals, gopas,

gopis who were under the hill that they were feeling that krsna is only looking at me. Krsna is raasbihari and krsna is the king of loving mellows and he is unlimited and sweetness to attract our hearts is unlimited and capacity to show love for everyone in a personal way is unlimited.

- Every gopa and gopi reciprocating with krsna with fullest heart contents by simply glancing on each other
- As all gazing toward krsna, krsna holding giri govardhan hill and they were all embracing krsna with their sweet glance in their heart
- And in this way krsna playing his flute under the giri govardhan hill
- This supremely beautiful darsan of giriraj who is reciprocating every devotees with his rasas in a fullest way for a 7 days and 7 nights
- Madhavendra puri when he was in govardhan - a little gopa came to him at govind kund and gave him milk to drink and later on that gopa appeared in a dream to him that I am the lifter of govardhan hill and I am waiting for long time
- LCM felt such a loving reciprocation of great ecstasy by seeing the darshan of giriraj.
- Krsna standing his threefold bending in giriraj form completely made a festival of love and outside samvartaka clouds crashing rains and thunder and cyclones and tornadoes and typhoons that no one ever seen and such a storm and lightening continuing crashing on govardhan hill and underneath there was another storm of blue cloud in the form of krsna as shyamsunder and rainbow in the form of peacock feather and there was lightening in the form of glances of krsna and gopis exchanges with each other and massive rain storms of the love where krsna was enundating with every vrajvasis hearts with.
- Samvartaka cloud tried the best but they were totally exhausted that they could not even touch the vrajvasis and told indra and indra became more angry and told go back and samvartaka cloud said that krsna is holding govardhan like an umbrella and we cannot take drop of water inside and then indra said with all his wind, thunderbolts, rains, etc crushed that govardhan to fall crush the vrajvasis
- Greatest storms and wind and krsna is balancing in his tip of the finger and indra's instigation they came back and started blowing heavy wind and all of the powers and potency to destroy the universe that they couldn't move krsnas finger and when krsna want to humble someone, he could be so thorough and for 7 days and 7 night they couldn't do anything to krsna and vrajvasis
- Indra himself becomes angry and came with airavata along with samvartaka and came with devatas of storms together in those 7 days that they could not disconnect single leaf from the millions of trees and they couldn't able to uplift any single blade of grass. And indra and samvartaka was exhausted and couldn't caused any slightest disturbance and the more he storm on govardhan hill, the brighter and ecstatic govardhan hill looks
- Finally, when indra's false ego and pride becomes powder then he remembered krsna is the supreme Lord and he is the source of vishnu and who is the one who gives intelligent to everyone and how I am foolish and stupid I am I tried to destroy the vrindavan - an eternal dham of krsna and indra felt ashamed and felt fear and ashamed in depression and after he left everything stopped and sun arose and krsna said you can go now to your home and no one wants to go and krsnas will is they should go
- Everything around the govardhan hill was completely deluge by storm and only under govardhan hill nothing and krsna in the form of sudarshan chakra drying up the whole area around of parikrama of govardhan
- One contemplate objects that develops attachments and from that lust arises and then anger arises by unfulfilled lust and from anger once intelligent is lost and falls down into the material condition

- Indra took the shelter of Lord brahma and brahma said that not only you offend krsna but also you have terrible motives to harm those, those krsna loves. His father and mother and gopas and gopis and cows and calves and vrindavan and krsna loves vrindavan because the vrindavan is the manifestation of his own hladini energy
- You cannot approach krsna directly but if beloved devotee of krsna prays on your behalf then krsna will listen your prayers namo brahmanaya devaya - krsna loves cows and gone to surabhi - the mother of cow and with all sincerity and genuine intent you should take the shelter of suravi and if she sees your sincerity then she will approach krsna and indra who is the king of swargaloka and suravi takes indra to krsna who knows krsnas heart and krsna knows suravi heart
- And indra offered prayers to the Krsna when surabhi approached krsna to forgive indra and prayed to krsna to forgive and krsna forgave him as if nothing as happened
- Indra came as humble than blade of grass through the mercy of surabhi
- This is the eternal principle that jagai madhai was so demoniac in the previous birth they were hiranyakshipu, hiranyaksha, etc and they were now doing so much wrong activities that they were killing cows and killing brahmanas and lightning the house in fire and madhai also smashed nityanand pr's head and LCM came with eyes in glowing with anger and called his sudarshan chakra and they became humble but nityanand pr prayed to LCM that please be merciful on them and we are appeared in this world to show mercy upon most fallen and every kaliyuga is the more or less like jagai madhai and we came here not to kill their bodies but to liberate them from the demoniac propensity from their mind and give the pure ecstatic love
- LCM became happy when nityanand pr said jagai tried to saved me when madhai was going to hit me 2nd time and LCM said that you protected my devotee and manifest in the form of narayan and jagai felt down unconscious and kept his foot on jagai's heart and jagai was in ecstasy of love and when madhai saw this whatever I done, he did and whatever he did, I did
- Whatever you have given ectstacy happiness then give it to me, madhai said
- LCM said, no you have hurt nityanand
- Nityanand prabhu prayed for the lord to give mercy like surabhi and LCM gave full mercy and if you give them full mercy and if you take shelter of nityanand pr then you are safe and madhai fall on his feet and nityanand pr picked him up and said LCM that I offer him to you
- Jagai madhai was dancing in the presence of associates of LCM with other devotees because nityanand pr prayed to lord to accept them
- Nityanand pr is the original guru
- and one time some devotee asked to SP that what is the qualification to receive the mercy of LCM and what did SP comes to give us? The essence and perfection of religion is love of god. Sa vai pumsah para dharmoh - the supreme dharma that nourishes and awakens the prema, love for God. And such love must be unmotivated by selfishness and egoism and uninterrupted by any ever changing situation, good times or bad times, honor or dishonor, pleasure or pain and when our service to the lord is unmotivated and uninterrupted that is true love and that is real dharma
- When we learn through 9 cantos and when we come to the 10 cantos the crescendo -the summom bonnum, the essence of all highest revelation of supreme prema is revealed in the simplicity of vrindavan
- Vrajvasis loves krsna so much that they don't even care that he is god or not and krsna loves vrajavasis so much that doesn't even matter to him that he is god or not
- Krsna is controlled by devotee's love and devotee is controlled by krsna and only in vrindavan, krsna reciprocate as a friend

- Krsna says that your love for me is so pure and so sweet even in entire life time of brahma I cannot repay you and vrajavasis in their simplicity who are totally humble condition because they just love krsna because krsna is revealing to them such sweetness and intimacy and love
- Devotee asked what is our qualification to receiving the path to brindavan. SP said that you have no qualification and I have made your qualification
- As surabhi made qualification for indra to approach krsna and nityanand prabhu made qualification for jagai and madhai to get prema bhakti from LCM. And during the kirtan at srivasngam they were dancing together in a ecstasy
- LCM turned into a very dark color and advait pr said that you are looking like krsna and LCM said I want all the world to know this that all the sin of jagai and madhai I have taken over my body and now no more sins in them and they are completely pure and now if you want this sins go away from My body then chant the holy names very loudly
- Devotees were chanting very loudly in srivasngam were chanting more loudly than you and they were chanting with pure ecstatic love and all darkness came out of body and said where is all sins of jagai and madhai going? Wherever anyone offends my devotee that's when sins would go and we must be very careful and jagai and madhai, if you go to the katva in the banks of ganges, the samadhi of madhai is there today
- And over 450 years, great vaishnava and sages and mahabhagavats gone there to prays for the mercy of madhai
- If you want krsnas mercy or LCM mercy, SP made our qualifications to please him and make him happy and it is more imp than learning 10million verses and building temples or votes or followers
- SP gave his life for each one of us and krsna is so intimately grateful that if you please SP how krsna will bless us.
- When demigods saw vrajavasis with such a simplicity, devatas understood that compare to them that we have no devotion at all, this is vrindavan

Thank you very much
Hare Krsna