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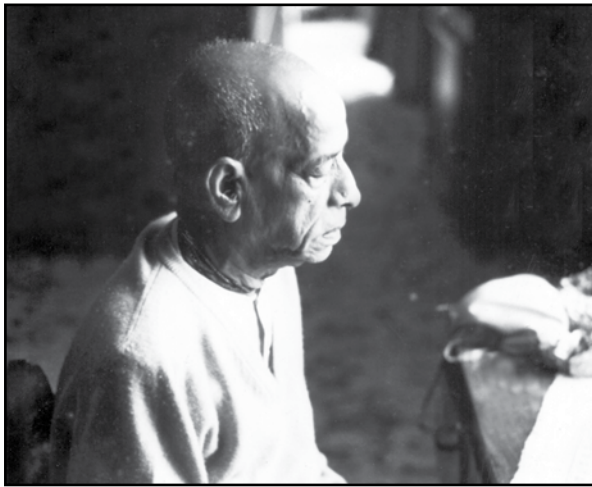
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REAL AND USELESS DISCIPLES

***Srila Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami's
Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta ādi 12.12
With commentary by His Divine Grace
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada***

*dhānya-rāśi māpe yaiche pātnā sahite
paścāte pātnā uḍāñā saṁskāra karite*

Paddy, newly harvested rice, is mixed with straw at first, and one must fan it to separate the paddy from the straw.

PURPORT: This example given by Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami is very appropriate. In the case of the *Gauḍīya Maṭha* members, one can apply a

similar process. There are many disciples of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur, but to judge who is actually his disciple, to divide the useful from the useless, one must measure the activities of such disciples in executing the will of the spiritual master. Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur tried his best to spread the cult of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to countries outside India. When he was present he patronized the disciples to go outside India to preach the cult of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, but they were unsuccessful because within their minds they were not actually serious about preaching His cult in foreign countries; they simply wanted to take credit for having gone to foreign lands and utilize this recognition in India by advertising themselves as repatriated preachers. Many *svāmīs* have adopted this hypocritical means of preaching for the last eighty years or more, but no one could preach the real cult of Krishna consciousness all over the world. They merely came back to India falsely advertising that they had converted all the foreigners to the ideas of Vedanta or Krishna consciousness, and then they collected funds in India and lived satisfied lives of material comfort. As one fans paddy to separate the real paddy from useless straw, by accepting the criterion recommended by Krishnadas Kaviraj Goswami one can very easily understand who is a genuine world-preacher and who is useless. ॐ

**THE PURPOSE OF
KRISHNA'S EXPANSIONS**
Srila Bhaktivinode Thakur
Kṛṣṇa-saṁhitā 3.3-9

Kṛṣṇa-saṁhitā was written by Srila Thakur Bhaktivinode in 1880 for the purpose of reaching the young Bengali intellectuals of his day who considered Krishna's pastimes to be absurd mythological fantasies. As an ācārya preaching according to time and place, Bhaktivinode presented the Lord's pastimes in an allegorical fashion in an attempt to get the intelligentsia to accept Krishna on some level.

Such a presentation, known as lakṣaṇā- or gauṇa-vṛtti, presents an indirect or imaginary interpretation. In their personal lives, devotees follow the mukhya-vṛtti, the primary or direct meaning of śāstra. For preaching, however, the lakṣaṇā-vṛtti may be presented. Srila Prabhupada writes in his purport to Cc. ādi 7.110: "Sometimes ... as a matter of necessity, Vedic literature is described in terms of the lakṣaṇā-vṛtti or gauṇa-vṛtti, but one should not accept such explanations as permanent truths."

*sarvāṁśi sarva-rūpī ca sarvāvatāra-bījakah
kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān sākṣaṁ na tasmāt para eva hi*

All the existing personal expansions and all the created separated expansions, the living entities, are products of Krishna's energy; therefore Lord Sri Krishna is the origin of all expansions. Nothing can manifest outside of his energy, therefore he is the source of all forms. All incarnations of the Lord emanate from him; therefore he is the source of all incarnations. Lord Sri Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. There is no truth superior to him.

*acintya-śakti-sampannaḥ sa kṛṣṇaḥ karuṇāmayah
māyā-baddhasya jīvasya kṣemāya yatnavān sadā*

Krishna is inconceivably powerful and merciful. He is ardently engaged in the welfare of the living entities that have been conditioned by *māyā* due to misuse of their independence.

*yad yad bhāgavato jīvas tat tad bhāgavato hariḥ
avatīraḥ svaśaktiā saḥ kṛṣṇaiva janaiḥ saha*

When the conditioned souls receive various forms according to their nature, the Supreme Lord Krishna, by his inconceivable potency, agrees to



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Sri Krishna is the source of all expansions.

accompany them by incarnating and enjoying pastimes with them.

*matsyeṣu matsya-bhāvo hi kacchape kūrma-rūpakah
meru-daṇḍayute jīve varāha-bhāvavān hariḥ*

When the living entities accept the position of fish, the Lord accepts his fish incarnation, Matsya. Among the reptiles he accepts his form as Kurma. Among the living entities that have developed spines, the Lord incarnates as Varaha.

*nṛsinho madhya-bhāvo hi vāmanaḥ kṣudra-mānave
bhārgavo 'sabyavargeṣu sabhye dāśarathis tathā*

When the living entities accept the combined position of human and animal, the Lord accepts his incarnation of Nrisimha. When the living entities are short, he appears as Vamana. When the living entities are uncivilized, he comes as Parashuram. When they are civilized, he appears as Ramachandra.

*sarva vijñāna-sampanne kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān svayam
tarka-niṣṭhanare buddho nāstike kalkir eva ca*

When the living entities possess the wealth of practical knowledge, then Lord Krishna himself

appears. When the living entities develop the tendency for argument, the Lord appears as Buddha. And when they are atheistic, the Lord comes as Kalki.

*avatārā harer bhāvāḥ kramorddhva-gatimad-dhṛdi
na teṣāṁ janma-karmādaḥ prapañco vartate kvacit*

In the course of the gradual development of the living entities' hearts, the Lord incarnates in a form corresponding to the mood of the devotees. The source and activities of those forms are untouched by material contamination. ❀

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KRISHNA'S BRAHMACARI LIFE PART FOUR: REMEMBERING VRAJA

Adapted from Srila Jiva Goswami's *Gopāla-campū*, part 2, chapter 8

Addressing Nanda Maharaja and the assembly of vrajavāsīs, including his brother Snigdha-kantha, the bard Madhu-kantha is describing Krishna and Balaram's stay at the ashram of Sandipani Muni.

While lying in bed in the evening at the *gurukula*, Krishna would talk with Balaram about Vraja. When I remember how he would continuously talk about Vraja in his sleep, the lotus of my heart burns.

*bhṛātar mātūra-loka-ṛtta-kathanāṁ yatnāṁ manasyānaye
vismartuṁ vraja-ṛttam atra valate tat pratyuta smārakam
mātā mātaram ādadhāti pitarāṁ citte pitā bandhuta
bandhūn me karaṁṇi kiṁ bata mayā kālaḥ kathāṁ kṣipyaṭam*

O brother! In order to forget the topics of Vraja I am carefully recalling all the topics about the people of Mathura. But those topics make me remember Vraja. Hearing the word "mother", I think of Yasoda. Hearing the word "father", I remember only Nanda in Vraja. Hearing the word "friend", I think only of my cowherd friends. What should I do? How should I pass my time? (Text 44)

*idānīm mātā māṁ smarati śayanād bhraṁṣīta-vapuḥ
pitā tadvat kintu prasajati mīthas tan na mīthunam
jvalaty uccair bahmau nija-vapuṣi ko vā sakhi-janāṁ
pariṣvaktāṁ hā dhik patanam iha tasyāpi laṣati*

Mother is remembering me now. Father, with a weak body, getting up from bed, is remembering me.

They stay together in the house. Since his body is on fire, how can friends embrace him? Who desires to fall into that fire? (Text 45)

*mātāpy astu pitāpy astu sakhāyaḥ santu dūrataḥ
goṣṭhāṁ vanam ca tat sarvaṁ dandagḍhi hṛdayaṁ mama*

What to speak of remembering my mother, father, and friends, remembrance of Vraja burns my heart completely! (Text 46)

With tears in his eyes, Balaram consoled him. "O brother! Giving up everything, I want to go there. Showing some restraint, you should conceal your feelings. When you remember them in order to gain consolation, you immediately forget everything else, for without going there you see them."

Krishna said, "Ah! It is true. It is true. Seeing them as if in a dream, I experience them as a reality. What can I do?"

Madhukantha said, "Embracing each other with tears in their eyes, they fall asleep."



Lord Balaram

Madhukantha then told Nanda Maharaja, “O Nanda! Whatever was seen as a *sphūrti* is seen directly now. You and Krishna are here in the assembly.” ❀

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THE GLORIES OF SRILA GOPAL GURU GOSWAMI Narahari Das

*āre mora gopāla guru bhakati kalpataru
śrī makaradhvaja nāma yāhāra
śrī kṛṣṇa caitanya yānke gopāla baliyā ḍāke
dekhī śiśu caritra udāra*

O my Gopal Guru, the desire-fulfilling tree of devotion, also known as Makaradhvaja! Seeing the generous nature of the child, Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya addressed him as Gopal.

*śrī gaurāṅgera sevā-rase sadāi ānande bhāse
gaurā-vinu nāhi jāne āna
tileka nā dekhi yānre dhairaya dharite nāre
gorā yena gopālera prāna*

He always floats on the flavor of service, *sevā-rasa*, of Sri Gauranga, and does not know anything other than Gauranga. Lord Gauranga



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is like the life of Gopal; he (Gopal) cannot keep his patience even for one moment without getting Gauranga's *darśana*.

*gopāla prabhura prati śikṣādila ekarīti
prabhu premāveṣe ḍhali ḍhūli
kahe sabe āre āre āja haite gopālere
ḍākibā gopāla guru bali*

Once Gopal gave an instruction to Gauranga and then Mahaprabhu told to everyone, “From today on all of you should address Gopal as “guru”.

*gopāle karunā dekhi sabāra sajala ānkhī
sukhera samudra uthalī
sabe kahe amupāma śrī gopāla guru nāma
prabhu datta jagate vyāpīla*

Seeing the Lord's mercy on Gopal, tears came to everyone's eyes and their ocean of bliss overflowed. Everybody began telling that “Sri Gopal Guru” is the matchless name given by Mahaprabhu.

*gopālera guru bhakti kahite nāhika śakti
sadāi prasanna vakreśvara
mahāmatta nṛtya-gīte nāhika upamā dite
sarva cittākarye kalevara*

I have no power to describe Gopal's *guru-bhakti*. He has pleased his spiritual master Srila Vakreswar Pandit. Gopal is always absorbed in singing and dancing. His all-attractive body is beyond compare.

*dekhila sakala thāni emana dayālū nāi
kebā nā jagate yaśa ghoṣe
sabe kaīla premapātra kevala vañcīta mātra
narahari nija karma doṣe*

After searching the entire universe, I don't find anyone more merciful than he. Who will not sing about his glories? He gives his mercy to one and all except for this Narahari, who is deprived due to his faults. ❀

— Translated by Mani Gopal Das

