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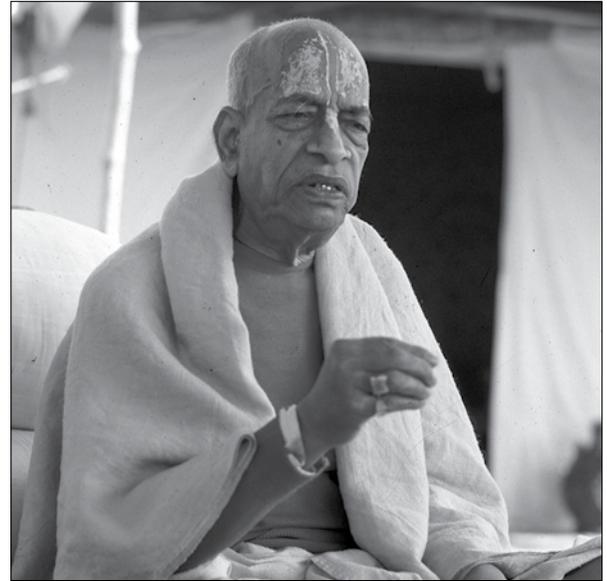


PRAISING GURU IS NOT ENOUGH

His Divine Grace A. C.
Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

You can eulogize your Guru Maharaja, but you have to learn it and face the public and be strong to defend yourself. That is success. Not just by praising your Guru Maharaja. That is not very difficult. Be victorious with the opposing elements. Then you will actually glorify your Guru Maharaja nicely. At home, you can praise your Guru Maharaja, and he will be satisfied, "Oh, my disciples are praising me!" That is good. Respectful. But you have to fight. Then your Guru Maharaja will be glorified. 🙏

— From a conversation in Sandau, 26 December 1975.



His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

UDDHAVA'S PRAYERS TO RADHA

Garga-saṁhitā 5.15.22-41

Coming to Vraja to deliver Krishna's messages to the beloved gopīs, Uddhava first offered the following prayers to Srimati Radharani.

śrī-uddhava uvaca
sadāsti kṛṣṇaḥ paripūrṇa-devo
rādhe sadā tvam paripūrṇa-devī
śrī-kṛṣṇacandraḥ kṛta-nitya-līlo
līlāvati tvam kṛta-nitya-līlā

Sri Uddhava said: O Radha! Eternally Sri Krishna is the perfect Supreme Personality of Godhead and eternally you are his supreme goddess. Sri Krishna enjoys eternal transcendental pastimes, and you enjoy those pastimes with him. (22)

kṛṣṇo 'sti bhūmā tvam asīndirā sadā
brahmāsti kṛṣṇas tvam asi svarā sadā
kṛṣṇaḥ śivas tvam ca śivā śivārtha
viṣṇuḥ prabhus tvam kila vaiṣṇavī parā

Eternally, Krishna is Lord Narayan and you are Goddess Lakshmi. Eternally, Krishna is Lord Brahma and you are Goddess Saraswati. Eternally, Krishna is Lord Shiva and you are Goddess Parvati. Eternally, Krishna is the auspicious Supreme Personality of Godhead and you are his greatest devotee. (23)

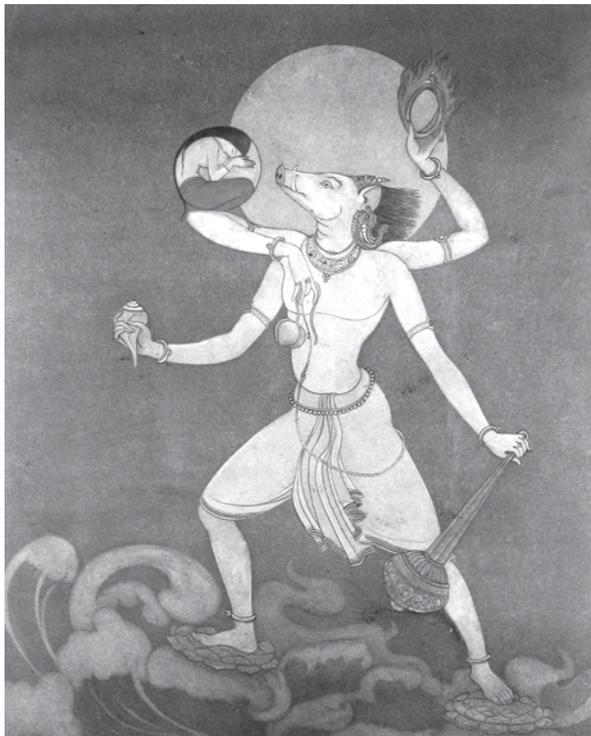
kaumāra-sargī harir ādi-devatā
tvam eva hi jñānamayī smṛtiḥ śubhā
layāmbhasā kṛḍana-tat-paro harir
yajño varāho vasudhā tvam eva hi



Unknown artist

Krishna sent Uddhava to Vraja with messages for the gopīs

Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the father of the four Kumaras, and you are the auspicious śruti-śāstra. Krishna is Yajna Varaha, who plays on the ocean of devastation, and you are the earth goddess. (24)



Unknown artist

Varaha lifts the earth

devarṣi-varyo manasā hariḥ svayaṁ
tvam tatra sākṣan nija-hasta-vallakī
nārāyaṇo dharma-suto nareṇa hi
śantis tadā tvam jana-śānti-kāriṇī

Krishna is Narada, the best of divine sages and you are the vina in his hand. Krishna is Narayan Rishi, the son of Dharma and the companion of Nara, and you are Shanti, who brings peace to the living entities. (25)

kṛṣṇas tu sākṣāt kapilo mahāprabhuḥ
siddhis tvam evāsi ca siddha-sevitā
dattas tu kṛṣṇo 'sti mahā-muniśvaro
rādhe sadā jñānamayī tvam eva hi

Krishna is Lord Kapila and you are the mystic perfections served by the Siddhas. O Radha! Krishna is Dattatreya, the king of the great sages, and eternally you are the perfection of transcendental knowledge. (26)

yajño haris tvam kila dakṣiṇā harir
urukramas tvam hi sadā jayanty atah
pṛthur yadā sarva-nṛpeśvaro harir
arcis tadā tvam nṛpa-paṭṭa-kāminī



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Yajna Avatar

Krishna is Yajna and you are Dakṣiṇa. Krishna is Urukrama and eternally you are Jayanti. When Krishna is Prithu, the master of all kings, you are beautiful Queen Archi. (27)

śaṅkhāsuraṁ hantum abhūd harir yadā
matsyāvātāras tvam asi śrūtis tadā
kurmo harir mandara-sindhu-manthane
netri-kṛtā tvam śubhadā hi vāsukī

When Krishna is Matsya and killing Sankhasura, you are the four Vedas. When, for the churning of the milk-ocean, Krishna is Kurma, you are Vasuki, the auspicious churning-rope. (28)

dhanvantarīś carti-haro hariḥ paras
tvam auśadhī divya-sudhāmayī śubhe
śrī-kṛṣṇacandras tu babhūva mohini
tvam mohini tatra jagad-vimohini

Illustration from Matsya Purāṇa, Mewar, c. 1840



Matsya kills the demon Sankhasura and rescues the Vedas

O beautiful one, when Krishna is Dhanvantari, the physician who cures all sufferings, you are his medicine of transcendental nectar. When Krishna is Mohini, you also are Mohini, the beautiful girl that bewilders all the worlds. (29)

*harir nṛsimhas tu nṛsimha-līlayā
līlā tadā tvaṁ nija-bhakta-vatsalā
babhūva kṛṣṇas tu yadā hi vāmanaḥ
kīrtis tadā tvaṁ nija-loka-kīrtitā*

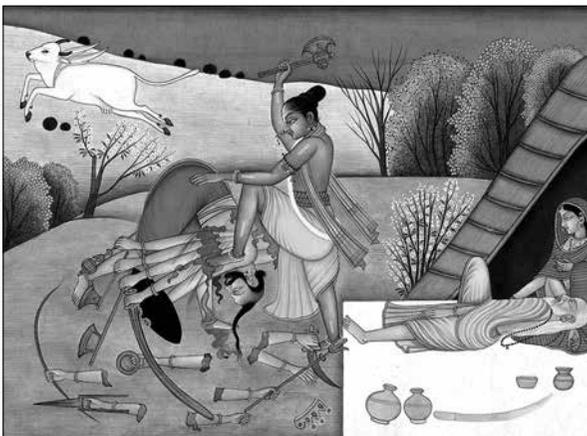
When Krishna is Nrisimha, you are his man-lion pastimes, pleasing to his devotees. When Krishna is Vamana, you are his fame, chanted by his devotees. (30)

*harir yadā bhārgava-rūpa-dhṛk pumān
dharā kuṭhārasya tadā tvaṁ eva hi
śrī-kṛṣṇacandro raghu-vaṁśa-candramā
yadā tadā tvaṁ janakasya nandinī*

When Krishna is Parashuram, you are the sharpness of his ax. When Krishna is Rama, the moon of the Raghavas, you are Sita, the daughter of King Janak. (31)

*śrī-sārṅga-dhanvā muni-bādarāyaṇo
vedānta-kṛt tvaṁ kila veda-lakṣaṇā
saṅkarṣaṇo mādharma eva vṛṣṇiṣu
tvaṁ revatī brahma-bhavā samāsthitā*

Rajasthan reproduction by Kailash Raj



With his ax, Parashuram cuts off the many arms of Kartavirya Arjuna

When Krishna, who holds the sārṅga bow, is the sage Vyas and writes the Vedānta-sūtra, you are that commentary on the Vedas. When Krishna is Balaram among the Vrishnis, you are Revati. (32)

*buddho yadā kauṇapa-moha-kārako
buddhis tadā tvaṁ jana-moha-kāriṇī
kalkī yadā dharma-patir bhaviṣyati
haris tadā tvaṁ sukṛtir bhaviṣyati*

When Krishna is Buddha, bewildering the atheists, you are the intelligence by which he bewilders them. When Krishna is Kalki, the master of religion, you are his pious deeds. (33)



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Parvati-Shiva and their son Ganesh. Ganga Devi is on Shiva's head

*śrī-kṛṣṇacandro 'sti hi candra-maṇḍale
rādhe sadā candra-mukhīti candrikā
śrī-kṛṣṇa-sūryo divi sūrya-maṇḍale
sūrya-prabhā tvaṁ paridhī-pratiṣṭhitā*

O moon-faced Radha! Sri Krishna is a moon, and eternally you are his moonlight. Sri Krishna is a sun, and eternally you are his sunlight. (34)

*indraḥ sadāste kila yādavendras
tatraiva rādhe tu śaci śacīśvari
hiraṇya-retā hi hariḥ pareśvaro
hetih sadā tvaṁ hi hiraṇmayī parā*

Krishna, the king of the Yadavas, is Indra. O Radha! Eternally you are his saintly queen Sachi. Krishna is a fire, and eternally you are his splendid light. (35)

*śrī-rāja-rājo hi virājate harir
virājase tvaṁ tu nidhau nidhīśvarī*

*kṣīrābdi-rūpī tu haris tvam eva hi
taraṅgita-kṣauma-sitā taraṅgini*

Krishna is Kuvera, and you are the queen of his treasury. Krishna is the ocean of milk, and you are the silk-white waves on that ocean. (36)

*bibhrad vapuḥ sarva-patir yadā yadā
tadā tadā tvam viditānurūpinī
jagan-mayo brahma-mayo hariḥ svayaṁ
jagan-mayī brahma-mayī tvam eva hi*

Whatever Lord Krishna, the master of all, assumes as a form, you are the companion form. When he is the universal form or the impersonal Brahman, you are also the universal form or the impersonal Brahman. (37)

*athaiva so 'yam vraja-rāja-nandano
jātāsi rādhe vṛṣabhānu-nandini
yābhyāṁ kṛtā sattva-mayī praśāntaye
līlā-caritair lalitādi-lilayā*

O Radha! Most certainly he is the son of Vraja's king, so you are born as Vrishabhanu's daughter. With your charming pastimes you bring peace and happiness to your devotees. (38)

*kṛṣṇaḥ svayaṁ brahma paraṁ purāṇo
līlā tad-icchā-prakṛtis tvam eva
parasparam sandhita-vigrahābhyāṁ
namo yuvābhyāṁ hari-rādhikābhyāṁ*



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Unknown artist. Mithila style

Radha-Krishna are eternally one and different

Krishna is the perfect Supreme Personality of Godhead and you are his pastimes and the potency that fulfills his desires. I offer my respectful obeisances to you, Sri Sri Radha and Krishna, the Supreme, whose forms are eternal. (39)

*grhāna patraṁ nija-nātha-dattaṁ
śokaṁ paraṁ mā kuru rādhike tvam
hrasvena kālena vidhāya kāryaṁ
tatrāgamiṣyāmi tad-ukta-vākyam*

O Radhika! Please take this letter. Don't lament! Krishna said, "Soon I will finish my duties here. Then I will return." (40)

*grhñidhvam adyaiva śatāni kṛṣṇa-
dattāni patrāṇi su-maṅgalāni
praty-arpitaṁ yūtha-śataṁ ca gopyaḥ
kṛṣṇa-priyāṇāṁ vraja-sundariṇāṁ*

Please also take these hundred very auspicious letters, one for each of the hundred groups of beautiful girls in Vraja! (41) 🙏

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