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SRI SRIMAD BHAKTI VAIBHAVA PURI GOSWAMI ASTAKAM

sada puja Gurudeva dayanidhe
gatidayak parag Vedamate
bhakti tvadiyamananta dharmadhanam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(1)

bhakta sarbottama he Bhakti Vaibhava
puri goswami nama dharin he deva
rupanugariteh karosi bhajanam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(2)

abatirnah subarna-sujoge bhubi
nityam jiba hite rata krsnapremi
bhabasagar tarana kirti jutam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(3)

jibamoksakarye prabho cabatirna
harinamno bitaraneapyagraganya
prabalambya tu hrdaye gauramatam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(4)

sarbabidya-bisarada bhaktasrestha
sarbasamsaya mocane asi balisthah
sada bhabayasi hrda radhadhabam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(5)

dhyeyam siddha saraswati subhrapadam
krsnebhakti vrindabane cahoratrām
tatha rai ramanandasya pujakarjyam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(6)

biswe chaitanya cetana kathakarīn
hrdi jagannath bibhumaladharin
mukhe piyuse sadrsam subacanam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(7)

karomi manasa Sripada pujanam
sugrahyam bhabatu mama nibedanam
adhamaya mahyam dehi dibyagyanam
pranamami Guroh taba padapadam(8)

Sri Bhakti Vaibhavapadyam Purigoswaminh Stabam
Trikalām jah pathennityam sah jati paramam gatim(9)

iti Sri Bhakti Vaibhava Puri Goswamyastakam Sampurnam

A BRIEF LIFE HISTORY OF SRI SRIMAD BHAKTI VAIBHAVA PURI GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

All glory to the Divine Master and Lord Gauranga

*Nama Om Vishnupadaya Krishnapresthaya Bhutale
Srimate Puri Goswami Bhakti Vaibhava Namine
Gaurabani Pracharaya Dridha Sankalpa Murtaye
Krishna Shakti Swarupaya Sri Bhakti Pradaine Namah*

Great souls say- It is heard from sastras that the living entities are liberated from this material world simply by singing the glories and pastimes of Vaishnavas.

We discuss about the Life History of ideal persons who dedicated themselves to the cause of self realisation and for the benefit of mankind at large. So many Karmis, Jnanis and Yogis had given many pieces of advice through their conduct while preaching according to the interest of the people. They are not beneficial for the liberation of one's soul even though one gets benefit of one's body and mind by following their precepts through daily discussions. We may be benefited for the upliftment of our souls if we develop a taste for discussing the conduct and teachings of the Sadhus and great devotees of the Lord through their Life Histories. There is no other way than this for the benefit of one's soul. It is easy to get facilities for the enjoyment of one's body and mind in every state and in every birth. But the benefit of realisation one's self could be attained only in this human life. So great personalities coming to this world give us precepts through their personal conduct and rigorous practice. Teaching for our benefit and their Teachings are flourished through our self-conduct and adherence to the principles laid. So if we follow their precepts through our lives then certainly it will be beneficial for our souls. So the well-wishers of their self-souls progress in their devotional path by studying and understanding the Life Histories of Spiritual Masters and Vaishnavas.

The Lord Vishnu appears in this world on His own accord, when there is flourishment of irreligions and disgrace to the religion, in order to establish Bhagavata Dharma and to protect his devotees. Spiritual masters of the Vaishnava cult, either with the for permission of the Lord or on their own accord, appear in this world which is the abode of the Lord to re-

establish religion by eradicating the disgracement to the Religion and to make the Truth Seekers drink the nectar of the loving devotional service of the Lord. When the atheists being offensive have lost their mental power and try to destroy the real truth as preached by the Lord Himself, the Lord makes His devotees appear in this world as His representatives to re-establish His doctrine.

It may be right in the beginning to worship the Lord alone as a neophyte devotee does so in a natural way leaving the worship of the great devotees of the Lord and Sadhus. But the Lord's devotees and the spiritual masters come to this world in order to bestow the living entities the joy of service to the Lord.

In this way the devotees come to this world from time to time in order to preach the Lord's doctrine and redeem the fallen souls from the dark well of material existence. Among those devotees, Sri Srimad B.V. Puri Goswami, the Founder President and Acharya of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mission, is one of the great disciples of the world spiritual master 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Prabhupada. He always engages himself in the services of Sri Varsabhanavi devi as if he is Her maid-servant.

'Shakti shakti matoyavedah'. The Lord's potency is the source of all the energies and the Omnipotent Lord is a non-different. It is said in the scriptures that energy is non-different from the Omnipotent Lord. The Lord is the source of potency in reality and the spiritual master being sent by the Lord is like the potency of the Lord. The Omnipotent Lord under the influence of His Para Shakti manifests his Wonderful lilas in this World. The Omnipotent Lord manifests His wonderful lilas through Sri Vyasadeva and other spiritual masters in line of disciplic succession. A spiritual master is well versed with all the scriptures. He churns all the scriptures to find the butter as the Lord's devotion and he declares to the living entities ascertaining their duties as the devotional service of the Lord with reverence.

It is offensive to consider a spiritual master or a sadhu to belong to a particular caste by his birth, as it is offensive to consider the Lord to be a Boar seeing His Boar form or to consider Hanuman who is in a monkey form to belong to a Monkey family.

BIRTH AND PARENTS

The Spiritual master Srimad B. V. Puri Goswami Maharaja appeared on this material plane on 5th day of the waning period of the Moon of

Magha in 1913, in the house of his grandfather, in the village Fulta, which is just 5 km away from Berhampur in Ganjam District of Orissa State in India, Bharata Varsha, the most sacred place in the world. His mother's name is Srimati Devi and his father's name is Sri Damodara. They had four sons and Srila B.V. Puri Maharaj is the second son having no sisters. The parents named our Maharaj on an auspicious day as Nrisimha. His father came with his family from the village Tulasi near Ichhapur to the village Kutharsingi in Ganjam District.

STUDY EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Srila Maharaj received his primary education from a teacher at Kutharsingi. After that he received his higher education in a high school at Surangi near Ichhapur which is few kilometres away from his village. At the encouragement of his elder brother he joined in Khallikote College, Berhampur for higher education and received his B.A. degree. Srila Maharaj was beneficial, noble, truthful and unenvious from his student career, so Mahatma Gandhi's principle of truth and non-violence as well as the 1930's Civil Disobedience Movement had great impact on him. He became the president of the district freedom fighters association and he was a great freedom fighter himself

INTEREST IN AYURVEDA

Gradually he developed interest in Ayurveda and decided to learn it. He successfully completed his study about Ayurveda from the renowned Kaviraja Sripad Madhusudan Sharma who took initiation with his wife from Srila Prabhupada and after finishing Ayurvedic learning Srila Maharaj daily discussed Srimad Bhagavata and Goswamis' scriptures after the class and was encouraged by the teacher. In the meanwhile he also used to discuss with Sharma about the magazine 'The Gaudiya' and the news paper ' Daily Nadia prakash '. In this way some days passed and at the encouragement of Sripad Sharma he received his initiation from the world spiritual master Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada, on 3rd August, 1936, the advent day of Balarama in presence of Sripada Madhusudan Dasadhikari at Sridham Mayapur. After returning from that place by the encouragement of Sripada Sharma he opened an Ayurvedic charitable hospital at Bhanjanagar. After earning a good experience in the line of Ayurvedic treatment he came to be known as Sri Nrisimha Kaviraj. He was well versed with the scriptures of the Vaishnavas as well as Ayurvedic literature. Exactly at that time the staunch followers of Srila Prabhupada who were sannyasis or Brahmacharies came to Ganjam District for preaching the doctrine of Mahaprabhu and stayed at Bhanjanagar. The

disciples of Srila Prabhupada advised Srila Maharaj to live with them in a math, seeing his wonderful zeal in preaching the Lord's doctrine and his self interest in reading scriptures.

DISAPPEARANCE OF HIS GURUDEV SRILA PRABHUPADA

After some days a telegram was received by Sripad Madhusudan prabhu and it stated the disappearance of Srila Prabhupada on 1st January 1937. Srila Maharaj attended with Sripad Sharma in that commemoration ceremony. In this way he practised his doctorship and left his house for Mayapur on 25th June, 1937.

DIKSHA

He received Diksha from Srila Ananta Vasudeva Para Vidyabhusan Prabhu as per the advice of the senior most Sannyasis but later on left him for unavoidable circumstances.

1937-1942 IN CHARGE OF KOVVUR GAUDIYA MATH

One day Srila Maharaj met with Srila Bhakti Rupa Vilas Maharaj at the Srivas corridor at Mayapur. He finished his study in Sanskrit up to Bhagavata Acharya while staying at Mayapur. Bhakti Rupa Vilas Maharaj requested Puri Maharaj to stay with him in the Ashram. Puri Maharaj used to write articles for the monthly magazine 'The Gaudiya' staying there. Seeing his high standard articles Srila Bhakti Rupa Vilas Maharaj asked Puri Maharaj to write staying with him. But another envious person became furious at this. In the year 1937 Lord Krishna provided a munificent opportunity to Puri Maharaj by sending him to Sri Raya Ramananda Gaudiya Math at Kovvur in Andhra Pradesh as the chief of that monastery, by the secretary of the Gaudiya Math Sripad Bhakti Sudhakar Prabhu. He proved his administrative capabilities by managing the Gaudiya Math at Madras (Chennai) while he successfully managed the functions of the Kovvur Math as well.

During those days he was affectionately addressed as Nrisimhananda Prabhu by one and all. He used to go for alms to the nearby villages. He used to keep and maintain all the accounts of the Math always of today. As alms he was getting rice, dhal and sugar candy for the

deities. Srila Maharaj has great reverence for Srila Raya Ramananda. So he reconstructed the temple, corridor of the temple, and constructed a house for sadhus and a big hall for taking prasada part from collecting money for the cooking utensils by his personal attempt. After finishing all these constructions he invited all the Gaudiya sannyasis and Brahmacharis for the installation ceremony. All the invitees participated enthusiastically in the ceremony and involved themselves in the 7 days' congregational religious meetings, which was a grand success. Even though every one is praising Srila Maharaj, Maharaj is double-cautious to see that, knowingly or unknowingly, no vaishnava aparadha is committed at any level. At the end of the ceremony Srila Maharaj pleased all the Sadhus, Sannyasis and Brahmacharis by paying due respects to all of them and saw that they are honoured with new cloths etc., apart from money and articles enabling them to serve the Lord better. While doing all these works as a Lord's dedicated worker, he remained peaceful and simple thinking about the Trinadapi sunichena Verse from Sri Sikshastaka, the eight fundamental Regulations enunciated by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

It was in 1942 that in order to instil discipline among the inhabitants of the math and to fix responsibility and caution in rendering the devotional service to the Lord, Puri Maharaj left for Mayapur making them to take charge of the Math. Before he reached Mayapur he went to Kharagpur and then proceeded to Midnapore. At that time the installation ceremony of the Ashram was going on at Midnapore. A great many sadhus like Srila Keshava Goswami Maharaj, and Srila Sridhara Goswami Maharaj had come to that place. Maharaj gave him all sorts of assistance for this ceremony. On account of Maharaj's extraordinary qualities several sannyasi devotees of Srila Prabhupada wanted to give Maharaj the fourth order of sannyasa. But Maharaj wanted to remain impartial towards them and to keep good companionship with all of them. He invited the grace of the Lord to rescue him at this delicate juncture. Even though he used to give assistance according to his capacity to all, he had great love for Srila Sridhar Maharaj and so he used to help him in all kinds of devotional services, Srila Sridhar Maharaj had no servitors with him. Therefore Srila Maharaj brought his followers to engage them for the Lord's service.

As per the request of Srila Sridhar Maharaj, he remained with him in his Ashram with Sripad Ananda Lilamaya Prabhu. Ananda Lilamaya Prabhu used to cook there for the Lord and Srila Maharaj used to worship the Lord. Ten full time devotees gathered there at the encouragement of Srila Maharaj. It was the month of Vaishakha, Srila Maharaj arranged to read Bhagavata at Nadanghata in the house of a Landlord Sripad Panchu Singh. He gave his discourses on Bhagavata for one month and the people of that place were very much pleased. The next year he was engaged in reading Bhagavata for seven days. After the discourses, kirtan was performed.

1942-1948 MAHARAJ STAYED AT MAYAPUR

Srila Maharaj used to go to the banks of Jahnvi during his five years' stay at Mayapur. There he used to meet the crest Jewel of Paramahansa's, Sri Srimad Vamsidas Babaji Maharaj. But Srila Babaji Maharaj did not talk with any one, he only used to show his pipe. The disciple of Srila Babaji Maharaj used to offer coffee to Srila Maharaj because Babaji Maharaj used to drink coffee. He used to make notch-potch. Sometimes that was also available to Maharaj. Srila Babaji Maharaj was a Maha Bhagavata. He had earned success in parental love for Gaura Nitai. His main peculiarity was that he remained always in trance position. He incessantly used to talk with his worshipping deities. Sometimes he laughed by playing jokes with the deities, sometimes he cried and at other times he cried bitterly calling "Oh Hari" who is affectionate for his devotees," O life of my soul Hari", "O Gopal", "O the son of Nanda" etc. In this way he used to call the Lord in His different names. A great deal of people visited him on the banks of the Ganga, but he did not talk with any one and used to talk only with his worshipping deities in a parental loving manner. Though he was very old, he cooked himself for the deities. Sometimes he was under such a trance that he forgot for the service of the deities and even to eat for himself for days together. It was his significance.

Foot prints of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu were established by Puri Maharaj in a quick span in the old and ancient temple of Sri Radha Madan Mohan in Northa District. That was the first service to Srila Rupa Goswami. Maharaj had intimate association with Srila Bhakti Rakshaka Sridhar Maharaj and Bhakti Vijaya Prabhu.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SRILA PRABHUPADA GREAT SUCCESS

In 1947 a Grand celebrations were organised for seven days at Brahmapur Town Hall, on occasion of the 10th commemoration ceremony of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupada. And for that occasion Srila Vaikhanas Maharaj, Srila Nityananda Prabhu and Srila Maharaj had tried their level best with all their full energies. Srila Maharaj did every thing, accompanied by Srila Vaikhanas Maharaj. The donation of Sri Balaji Sahu, the proprietor of 'Ganjam Amala' was very significant. Different sadhus from different pilgrimages attended that meeting held at Brahmapur Town Hall and delivered their discourses. For their boarding some rooms of Khallikote College and Hostel were spared with the help of the then principal of the college. People from nearby villages poured into that meeting to hear the discourses. On every evening Srila Maharaj with more than 300 devotees was going in a procession starting from Balaji Pentha street up to Town Hall with big banners and flags. The important

Sadhus who were present in that great religious meeting were the sannyasi disciples of Srila Prabhupada, like Srila Srauti Maharaj, Santha Maharaj, Jayavara Maharaj and Brahmacharis. .

MAHARAJ KNOWN TO BE THE BHAGAVATACHARYA AT RAMANANDA GAUDIYA MATH AMONG MAYAPUR SANNYASIS

When Maharaj used to stay at Mayapur he attended the classes on Bhagavata of Srila Bhakti Pradipa Tirtha Maharaj. Srila Tirtha Maharaj loved him very much. He became the monitor of that Bhagavata class. He could give correct answers of all sorts of questions on Bhagavata. Maharaj at that time used to take Bhagavata classes at the direction of Srila Tirtha Maharaj and Srila Tirtha Maharaj used to sit along side with him. In this way Srila Maharaj got his recognition as a Bhagavata Acharya at Mayapur. Still now Srila Maharaj gives the correct annotation of any verse from Bhagavata at his present advanced as of 85 years. Maharaj has remembered most of the verses of Srimad Bhagavata. He usually takes water or any food after reading Srimad Bhagavata.

1948-1966 IN CHARGE OF GAUDIYA MATHS, KOVVUR, MADRAS

At that time the things were settled between the Gaudiya Maths and Kunjada received some maths. After that Maharaj again became the chief of the previous two maths situated at Kovvur and Madras (Chennai).

LEAVING GAUDIYA MATH AT KOVVUR

Once he went on a pilgrimage to the south with Srila Nityananda Prabhu giving the charge of the math to Purushottam Brahmachari. Maharaj never allowed indiscipline in the devotional service to the Lord. One Sannyasi took charge of the math from Sripad Purushottam Prabhu. Srila Maharaj saw this incident to his utter displeasure after returning from his pilgrimage and mentally decided to leave the Math. He left the math with Srila Janardana Maharaj, Srila Nityananda Prabhu, Srila Ananda Prabhu and Srila Ramamohan Prabhu. At that time the followers of the math who were renunciates or house-holders requested him, "This is your place, you stay here". Though they requested Srila Maharaj to stay there,

he did not stay with them and told, "I have not come to establish any math, building, etc. If Sriman Mahaprabhu wants that I should preach His doctrine, then I can establish 10 to 15 maths. Why should I stay here?" Leaving that place he took shelter in the house of a Fortunate devotee named Garpati Subamma at her humble request. He used to go for alms and remained in her house. He cooked himself the alms and offered to the Lord. He alone continued his preaching activity and achieved the task.

TOOK SANYASA IN 1966 FROM SRILA GIRI MAHARAJ

The aged sannyasis who were loving him wanted to make him their sannyasi disciple seeing Maharaja's great devotion, service to Vaishnavas, and his thoroughness in scriptures. He consulted with Srila Vaikhanas Maharaj about taking sannyasa and at last on 7th February, 1966 he took sannyasa in Mayapur at Sriman Mahaprabhu's birth place according to the scriptural injunctions, from Srila Bhakti Svarupa Giri Maharaj in presence of his Vaishnava circle. After this he came to Srila Keshava Maharaj with Srila Giri Maharaj. Srila Keshava Maharaj became angry upon Srila Giri Maharaj and said, "Why did you give sannyasa to him? He is ours." But Srila Giri Maharaj in order to avoid this told, "I am your servitor." Everyone wanted to make Maharaj his own disciple. The main reason behind it was that Maharaj was apt in management of maths and he was well versed in Bhagavata. Everyone wanted to give him the charge of their maths.

ESTABLISHED SRI KRISHNA CHAITANYA ASHRAM IN KAKINADA IN 1966

After so much effort Srila Maharaj wanted to stand up himself and to manage an Ashram. He formed one registered board named 'Sri Krishna Chaitanya Ashram' in Kakinada of Andhra Pradesh in June, 1966. He became the president of that registered board. A Retd. Police officer was the cashier of the registered board and the secretary was a local devotee named Satyanarayan Murty (A Retd. Chemistry Lecturer). After some years some maths were established.

FORMED THE PRESENT SRI KRISHNA CHAITANYA MISSION

In 1983 he formed a new registered board at Itota in Sridhama PURI making Sri Chaitanya Chandra Ashram the centre place of the Mission and Srila Purushottam Tirtha Maharaj became the Secretary of that registered body. From that time onwards this body is functioning and the number of maths under the mission rose to 18. (list of addresses even at the end of this book.)

On the one hand Srila Maharaj is devoid of lust and thinks himself to be an ordinary devotee and on the other hand he was a noble worker of the Congress and is beneficial to all. He is a lover of truth and non-violence. Once Srila Maharaj was returning from Mayapur after finishing the advent ceremony of Sriman Mahaprabhu, Srila Jayavar Maharaj came from the Ashram of Srila Sridhar Maharaj and met him at Howrah railway station. He asked Maharaj to accept the charge of the math. Maharaj refused to accept anything. He tells to his disciples, "You get together for one purpose, that is the service of the Lord and try to preach the doctrine of Mahaprabhu after me. You keep good relations with yourselves and stay in the Ashram."

ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES

Srila Maharaj has never tasted any kind of intoxicants and he can not tolerate any one using them. He comments against the intoxicants telling that these are the disciples of this iron age. Once a Brahmin came to the Ashram at Rajahmundry. He took his dinner and asked some money for taking betel. Maharaj became furious and scolded him. That Brahmin also became furious and cursed him saying, "You cut the root after allowing one to climb a tree." Maharaj gave scriptural evidences in support of his comment. After that the Brahmin understood his fault and left that place. So Maharaj tells during his discourses every human being should try to rectify his personal fault.

VAISHNAVA APARADHA IS NEVER TOLERATED

Maharaj can not tolerate denouncing Guru-Vaishnavas or doing anything against scriptural injunctions. Even in the meeting if one tells something sounding so, he asks him to stop his discourse or if there is chance he rules it out by quoting scriptural verses. Once a conference of sadhus was organised at Bhakti Vinod Ashram in Brahmapur. One scholar described that a farmer's utterance of the name of Hari only once before going to bed is greater than the incessant chanting of Narada. Hearing this Maharaj stopped him to say any more. The reason behind it is that the incessant chanter Narada, Who is a stalwart devotee, is incomparable to a

farmer who is a mere Karmi. This goes against Mahaprabhu's doctrine. He says chant always Hari. In this way Srila Maharaj establishes any matter which goes against scriptural injunctions with strong arguments basing on scriptures.

INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP WITH A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SVAMI

The founder Acharya of ISKCON, Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami Maharaj was an intimate friend of Srila Maharaj. He liked Maharaj very much among all the sannyasis of Gaudiya maths. The Vaishnavas of all other Gaudiya Maths were disliking Swami Maharaj. Srila Maharaj liked him very much and that's why he was invited by Srila Swami Maharaj while installing new temples or conducting religious meetings. Srila Maharaj accepting his invitation used to attend the ceremonies arranged by Srila Swami Maharaj. Srila Maharaj went around the streets of the town Visakhapatnam with Srila Swami Maharaj and he arranged prasada and boarding for all the foreign devotees who came with Srila Swami Maharaj. Especially he helped them in preaching Mahaprabhu's doctrine and being pleased in his service Srila Swami Maharaj loved him very affectionately. Before the disappearance of Srila Swami Maharaj he called his disciples and told them, "You take advice of Srila Sridhar Maharaj or my most dear friend Srila Bhakti Vaibhava Puri Goswami Maharaj on any matter regarding scriptural injunctions or temples." At the last time of his disappearance Srila Swami Maharaj wanted the presence of Srila Puri Maharaj at Sridham Vrindavan.

In 1971 Srila Maharaj invited Svami Maharaj to inaugurate a new temple at Rajahmundry on the banks of Godavari. In 1973 A.C. Bhakti Vedanta Svami Maharaj visited our Visakhapatnam Ashram with 15 senior disciples and stayed for about 20 days. They discussed lots of issues in Practice of Bhakti and its preaching.

Srila B.V. Puri Maharaj went to Mayapur to lay foundation to the present Chandrodaya Temple of ISKCON. Thus a thick friendship was established between them.

The aged and most experienced sannyasis and Brahmacharies of other Gaudiya Maths were also attending with Srila Maharaj while installing new temples or constructing buildings for sadhus. They also were making success to the religious meetings following the words of their spiritual master. Now also the justified disciples of Srila Swami Maharaj request Srila Maharaj for attending the installation ceremonies and joining in the religious meetings.

MAHARAJ LOVES KIRTAN AND LOUD CHANTING

Maharaj used to say at universal conference of sadhus, "should Vaishnavas go ahead of a procession with loud chanting." The aim of such advice was to attract persons to the procession and to make them realise the effect of kirtan, so that the people of that place would come to the meeting place for hearing the discourses delivered by pure devotees and to benefit themselves. He always wants to fulfil the desires of Guru and Gauranga. It is also his aim to encourage persons to follow good conduct leaving bad conduct of this iron age and to serve the Lord by remaining away from quarrelling themselves.

KEEN INTEREST ON THE SONGS OF NAROTTAMA THAKUR

Srila Maharaj liked the songs written by Narottama Thakur. The songs which are loved by Maharaj, written by Narottama Thakur are, "Gora Panhu na Vajiya mainu" and Narottama Dasa "kene nagela mariya". He says that the songs written by Lochana Dasa are good but advisory. Similarly the songs written by Bhaktivinode Thakur are systematic but those are only his feelings. The songs of Narottama Dasa Thakur have great impact on the neophytes. "The Prema Bhakti Chandrika" of Srila Narottama Thakur is the best of all his songs. He tells about the preaching in West Bengal. Srila Jayavar Maharaj had a good voice and he was also a good singer. While Srila Keshava Maharaj was doing kirtan Srila Maharaj rhythmically used to repeat the same song. At the time of preaching he used to sing with other sannyasis.

MERCY OF THE VAISHNAVAS IS ESSENTIAL

Srila Maharaj has observed the conduct and behaviour of great Vaishnavas staying with them. So he says it is very difficult to get the Lord's feet by any one who has not stayed with great personalities or pure devotees of the Lord.

EYES WITH TEARS

Srila Maharaj comes into trance with full of tears in his eyes while narrating the pastimes of Gauranga or commenting on the verses of

Srimad Bhagavata. He is very sentimental. He does with utmost care the service to Tulasi, circumambulating the temple of the Lord, worshipping the deities or singing the names of the Lord. These are his daily routine work and ideal principles. He daily discusses in his friends' circle and with his disciples 'Sri Chaitanya Charitamrita', 'Srimad Bhagavata', scriptures of Gaudiya philosophy, etc. He being accompanied by his disciples always teaches how to serve the Lord. Every day in the morning he with his disciples reads Srimad Bhagavata, Srimad Bhagavat Gita, Brahma Samhita, Stotra Ratna and sometimes does it by the help of his disciples. He becomes furious if any disciple does not sit for kirtan and he points out the errors of his disciples through his lecture with strong words in order to rectify them. His main teaching is that if one wants to take shelter under one's spiritual master's feet then he should have perseverance to accept his spiritual master's ruling. Tolerance is one of the good qualities of an Ashram dweller. It is not possible on one's part to develop without tolerance.

MOST OF THE INTIMATE ASSOCIATES OF THE MAHARAJ LEFT THIS MATERIAL WORLD

Srila Maharaj had great friendship with Srila Nityananda Prabhu, Srila Tirtha Maharaj, Srila Ananda Prabhu and Srila Janardana Maharaj. He used to send some money to Ananda Prabhu in every month while he was in Vrindavan. He also helped Srila Nityananda Prabhu in his difficulties and he also used to send money and paper to Nityananda Prabhu for printing books. He comes to Brahmapur at the time of the commemoration day of Srila Prabhupada and at some other times. Sometimes two friends talked with each other in a friendly way. He was loving very much to Srila Tirtha Maharaj thinking that he would look after him the developmental work of the Ashrams but he had lost almost all his true friends. So Srila Maharaj is in deep sorrow due to the separation of Vaishnavas. He is now staying in this world to give chance to the fallen souls for their upliftment by the God's will and doing the work of installing Ashramas and publishing scriptures on Vaishnava philosophy besides guides the temple in charges in execution of their daily devotional work effectively.

EFFORTS IN ESTABLISHING A MATH IN VRINDAVAN

By the desire of his friends' circle he wanted to establish a math in Vrindavan. His spiritual master, who had given him sannyasa, Srila Giri Maharaj, had a math at Vrindavana and Srila Maharaj was the only disciple

of Srila Giri Maharaj. So Srila Giri Maharaj wanted to make him his successor and handover his math at Vrindavan. But at God's will Srila Giri Maharaj fell ill and while he was in the hospital the disciples of Srila Madhava Maharaj were looking after him. Still then he wanted to handover his math to Srila Puri Maharaj. Hearing this one of the householders told to Giri Maharaj, "Srila Puri Maharaj is not here. He is in Andhra Pradesh. So please handover your math to Srila Madhava Maharaj." So Srila Giri Maharaj handed over it to Srila Madhava Maharaj.

VRAJAVASIS DESERVE OUR SERVICE

Now as per the causeless mercy of Sri Vrisabhanunandini Srimati Radharani, he has a temple near Her place of sporting called Sevakunja in Vrindavan. He says his disciples, "We have come to this place for serving the Lord but not to receive service from the Vrajavasis." So he denies to ask alms from the inhabitants of Vrindavan Dhama. At the request of his disciples and some householders he has accepted some foreign disciples and he has now established a math at Sridham Mayapur, the advent place of Sriman Mahaprabhu. Though Srila Maharaj was driven out indirectly from the Raya Ramananda Gaudiya Math at Kovvur in Andhra Pradesh, he has constructed many maths, by the will of Mahaprabhu, on the donated lands as per the request of the local people. Now he has 18 maths, some charitable hospitals and libraries. Still then he has formidable promise to preach and distribute the doctrine of Sriman Mahaprabhu.

ESTABLISHED BOOK TRUST AND PUBLISHING SEVERAL BOOKS

He has published many books on Vaishnava philosophy in different languages like Telugu, Oriya, Hindi and English in order to supply books on unalloyed devotion to the public. After the demise of Srila Nityananda Prabhu he established a book trust named "Sri Bhakti Bigyana Nityananda Book Trust" in the name of Srila Nityananda Prabhu on 28th July, 1988. As the president of the trust he advises the trust at different times to publish different books. These books are printed with the help of a printing machine which was established by Srila Nityananda Prabhu and Srila Maharaj. The printed books are sent to different maths of this mission for the benefit of the devotees. Now he is the chief editor of the monthly magazine "The Siddhanta" which was published under the able guidance of Srila Nityananda Prabhu before his disappearance.

IMPORTANT BOOKS AT LOW COST

He has high ambition to fulfil the will of his spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada by publishing books from the printing press which is called "Brihat Mridanga." Now he desires to publish Srimad Bhagavata which was written by Sri Krishna Dvaipayana Veda Vyasa but it has not been done. It may be fulfilled if Lord so desires. He spends money in printing books. He is always very particular for the get up of the books, errorless printing and low cost of the books. He thinks that people should be able to buy books at low cost so that they can read them and get benefit out of them. He gives strong instructions to the charge holders of various maths to pay the cost of the books sent to them. He wants that small booklets should be published on the teachings of Srila Prabhupada, the life histories of great souls, the life histories of Associates of Sriman Mahaprabhu, the philosophy of Sriman Mahaprabhu, the main theme of Srimad Bhagavatam and the teachings of Sri Krishna in Gita.

AFFECTIONATE TOWARDS DISCIPLES BOTH FOR GRIHASTAS AND THYAGIES

Srila Maharaj is affectionate to his disciples. He is eager to dispel the doubts of his disciples. He asks his disciples how do they chant, what do they feel and so on? He never tries to disrespect others. He also does not tolerate any kind of disrespect to others. He tells his disciples that who does not chant even residing in maths, his life is spoiled due to the misutilisation of a golden opportunity given by the Lord. One's song or kirtan should be impressive as per his advice. He always says that prayers should make oneself to feel as insignificant as a blade of grass. He does not like to sing like a tape-recorder without proper feeling. He praises one seeing one's serving attitude and encourages him to do so. He does not tolerate any one's negligence in performing his service to the Lord and he scolds him.

GOOD COMMAND ON DISCOURSES IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

Srila Maharaj has a great power in delivering speech without a pause in Oriya, Telugu, Hindi, Bengali and English languages. The listeners are wonderstruck by hearing his speech. Though Maharaj has strong faith on Sri Radha Krishna, he has also strong devotion for Nrisimhanatha. He has success over Nrisimha mantra and so he advises to mutter Nrisimha

mantra while one is under illness. Maharaj knows Nrisimhadeva eradicates all the difficulties in the path of devotion and He also eradicates all other sorts of difficulties, while bestowing the things that are beneficial to one's self.

VISITS ABROAD IN HIS PURSUIT OF PREACHING

He went on tour for two months to the Western countries like Italy and Spain on 5th May, 1997 as per the request of the foreign devotees and delivered devotional discourses on unalloyed devotion in the religious meetings arranged in Schools, Colleges, Universities and public places. The devotees of those places were very much pleased by his speech. Now he has been donated a large plot for establishing a centre in the foreign country to distribute unalloyed devotion as preached by Sriman Mahaprabhu.

It should be remembered that the will of God is mighty. Srimati Radharani has kept Her associates to spread serving attitude to the Lord among the fallen souls for their liberation.

TEAM SPIRIT IN TRAINING A GROUP OF DISCIPLES

Now Maharaj has arranged to learn Sanskrit by his disciples at Sridham Vrindavan so that after him they would engage themselves in preaching the unalloyed devotion of Lord Gauranga. It is his will that these devotees should be well versed in scriptures and scriptural conclusions, so that they can redeem the fallen souls after his disappearance. He has great desire in preaching. He wants a vehicle to go round the villages of Orissa in order to preach the devotional path. He says quoting from Prabhupada's words, "One should preach till he breathes his last." The preacher controls himself while preaching, he follows the real path and he can engage others to follow the path of reality. He is not in support of preaching without good behaviour. So he advises his disciples to have good conduct. He has collected the conduct rules and has published a book named "Sankhpta Sadachara".

PUBLISHED IN A NUTSHELL

It is not possible to glorify the Vaishnavas whose mercy can liberate the people of the world. Even the demigods are unable to glorify the Vaishnavas. So the little we glorify them is a mark of our inability. The life history of our spiritual master is very deep and inexpressive. It is impossible on our part to touch it as we are foolish and ignorant. As we are much delighted to discuss his life history we tried to publish it in a nutshell.

PRAY FOR LONG LOVE

Let Srila Maharaj live long for more years to preach the doctrine of the Lord, publish books, establish temples, install deities, etc. Nowadays we see Vaishnavas leave this world one by one and the world is felt to be empty of Vaishnavas. So the presence of Srila Maharaj will certainly give encouragement, inspiration and provocation to Vaishnavas. So let the Lord Vrajendra Nandana keep alive him among his disciples and devotees for more years so that he would keep the flow of Gaura Sarasvata Bhakti Vinoda stream eternal. This is the sole prayer at the lotus feet of Sri Radha Vrindavana Chandra and Sri Godruma Bihari.

ALL GLORY TO MAHARAJ

All glories, all glories to the crest jewel of Paramahansa's Om Vishnupad 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Vaibhava Puri Goswami Maharaj. All glories, all glories to Sri Guru Gauranga Gandharvika Giridhari Radha Vinod Bihari and their associates.

(N.B: - Due to some difficulties the life history of Srila Maharaj has not been published in detail. If the spiritual master and the Vaishnavas will be graceful then we will be able to publish his elongated life history in a large volume.)

SOME IMPORTANT PRECEPTS OF OUR SPIRITUAL MASTER SRILA BHAKTI VAIBHAVA PURI GOSWAMI MAHARAJ THROUGH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: - When can a living entity live peacefully?

A: - A living entity can not enjoy peace until he is under the fruits of his past deeds. He is weak, inefficient and incomplete. So he can not attain eternal peace until he surrenders himself to the lotus feet of the Lord.

Q: - This material world is treacherous soil, so under these circumstances what is the duty of a devotee?

A: - Though the material world makes a living entity to enjoy different kinds of sorrows, a devotee is not affected by such sorrows. So a devotee should proceed in the path of devotion with enthusiasm and perseverance.

Q: - What is the duty of the human society? What is the result of following one's duty?

A: - The sole duty of the human society is the congregational chanting of the holy name of Lord Krishna. Sriman Mahaprabhu is the most munificent incarnation as He has guided us to take the shelter of Sri Krishna name or He has provoked us to chant the name of Krishna incessantly. A living entity is empowered to relish the devotional mellows of Sri Krishna by chanting His name which is not attainable even by the demigods.

Q: - Everyone in this world is selfish. What is your opinion on this point?

A: - It is natural that the people of this material world are engaged themselves in their personal benefit. But we are eager to gain the devotion at the lotus feet of the Lord. We are fully selfish because the only object of our worship is to please Lord Krishna and we think we are the servitors of Krishna.

Q: - In which way an intelligent person would utilise his selfishness?

A: - We have no any other desire except serving the Lord Krishna and our spiritual master. Thinking in this line one should utilise his intelligence for serving both the above persons.

Q: - Can a living entity do any beneficial work for himself?

A: - A living entity can not attain one's ultimate goal by reading hundreds of scriptures and engaging himself in singing, worshipping, etc. according to his personal will and pleasure.

Q: - Can a living entity become Brahma?

A: - It is not possible to get curd out of water. Similarly, a living entity can not become Brahma. The living entity has some similar qualities like the Supreme Lord and so he is endowed with the power to serve the Lord. As God is above all the living entities and demigods, it is not possible on the part of a living entity to occupy His position.

Q: - Everyone says that one should marry to have a son. What is the significance of this proverb?

A: - A son delivers his parents from the hell named 'Pun' and so he is called a son. A son who does not serve the Lord and engages himself in other deeds, according to scriptures he is an unwanted son. It is just like doing enviousness to the living entity by giving birth to such a son. The son who serves the Lord and the father who makes his son serve the Lord, such type of parental relation with the son is beneficial for their clan.

Q: - Can a person be benefited by denouncing or praising others character?

A: - It is never so. The benefit of the soul can not be attained by denouncing or praising others character. Moreover it is better to discuss over personal loopholes than discussing over others faults. To control the mind is one type of yoga. The discussion over others character means discussion over the deeds of a person who is not in a position to serve the Lord. So it is not beneficial for the soul. But the word 'Para' means the Lord. So by discussing over the Lord's pastimes, names, etc. we can be benefited in a true sense.

Q: - What should we do at every moment?

A: - It is always required to discuss relating to our resort, then we can free ourselves from material entanglement. When a devotee gets devotion towards the Lord, he always discusses over the names and deeds of Hari and this helps him in attaining the summum bonum of life.

Q: - How many kinds of Vaishnavas are there and how would we identify them?

A: - There are three kinds of Vaishnavas like neophytes, middle order Vaishnavas and superior Vaishnavas i.e. who are engaged in the service of the Lord after attaining perfection. A Vaishnava's position is considered according to his attachment for chanting the Lord's name. The neophytes have interest to worship the Lord but they do not have the knowledge about Krishna, His devotees and His self-soul. They are like Vaishnavas. The middle-order Vaishnavas have inward mentality and they serve the enlightened devotees attentively. The Superior Vaishnavas are impartial to the living entities and they have no discrimination over the name and His person.

Q: - To which kind of reality Sri Jagannath, Sri Balarama and Sri Subhadra Devi belong?

A: - Sri Jagannath is the symbol of the Lord having the form of the Lord with eyes and hands. The meaning of this is that the Lord sees everything, knows everything and creates everything. Balarama is the potency of the Lord who has the capacity to create living entities. Mother Subhadra is the illusory potency of the Lord and Sudarsana represents His will power.

Q: - Why Brahma and Siva are called the demigods?

A: - Brahma and Siva belong to the differential potency of the Lord. So they are considered as demigods.

Q: - Which method is the better one to enter into the transcendental world?

A: - There is no other way except congregational chanting to enter into the transcendental world for the living entity.

Q: - How can one attain the highest qualification to enter into the spiritual life?

A: - The association with sadhus bestows a living entity to enter into the spiritual life.

Q: -What is the result of association with good persons and bad persons?

A: - A living entity attains love for Krishna by the association with Saints but by the association with unholy people men become like beasts and can not discriminate between good and bad. The association with the unholy persons deviates one's mind from serving Lord and the real duty of a person.

Q: - It is said that one should give up imitation and should follow the path of good persons, what is the difference between the two?

A: - It is seen that people act like Narada in a drama. But it is quite different from following the devotional path shown by Narada. When one imitates others, he is devoid of benefiting himself but by following the devotional path of saints one attains devotion to the Lord.

Q: - What is the difference between muttering and chanting the Lord's name?

A: - Utterance of an incantation with a murmuring voice without the movement of the lips is called mutter. But when one chants with the movement of his lips is called kirtan. Kirtan is more beneficial than muttering. Utterance of the Lord's name, quality and pastimes with a loud voice is called chanting.

Q: - What is the first hand information about Krishna and what is the significance of Krishna's name?

A: - The first hand information about Krishna is His holy name. The name of Krishna has the attractive power and it is the most powerful reality in itself. One should chant Krishna's name for attaining Krishna Himself .

Q: - It has been told that five types of accomplishments are there to attain success in devotional path. Are they not self-sufficient?

A: - Leaving chanting of Lord's name, no accomplishment is complete in its nature. That means leaving chanting, dwelling in Mathura, association with saints are imperfect. Chanting of the Lord's name gives us the fruit of dwelling in Mathura, association with saints, worship of deities and reading Bhagavata.

Q: - It is known that the chanting of the Lord's name is the means as well as the end. How far is it true?

A: - Lord's grace is the only way to attain accomplishment. Any other kind of deed or knowledge is not counted as the chief accomplishment. The name of the Lord and His person are non-different. So the attainment of one's objective is itself the attainment of the Lord as the Lord Himself is in the form of His name.

Q: - Why people treat the pastimes of Krishna as the deeds of an ordinary person?

A: - The character of Sri Krishna is clear and devoid of misconduct as seen in his meditation by Vyasadeva. The historical characters are entangled with material existences but the pastimes of Krishna are not considered so. The pastimes of Sri Krishna have no relationship with a country's time, place and person or it is not related with any kind of material happiness.

Q: - Many people think ill of Krishna as He has stolen the clothes of the Gopis. What is the significance of this pastime?

A: -Those who want to serve the Lord have nothing to conceal before the Lord. In order to teach this to his devotees the Lord enacted this pastime.

Q: - How Sri Radha and Krishna are related to each other?

A: - The persons who have accepted the doctrine of Sriman Mahaprabhu know that the conjugal love for Sri Krishna is the greatest serving attitude. The persons who are the followers of Srimati Radharani can taste this mellow. Sri Krishna is the truth in reality and Srimati Radharani is His eternal consort. Sri Radha and Krishna are one and the same and they glorify the mellows of Their service. They appear in two forms. They are like the two sides of the same coin.

Q: - What is the difference between Goloka and Gokula?

A: - There is no difference between Goloka and Gokula. The eternal abode of the Lord is called Goloka and when it comes down to this material world is called Gokula, as the mark of Sri Krishna's sporting place.

Q: - Is it possible to see the manifested Dhama with our material eyes?

A: - One should have transcendental eyes to see a Dhama in its real form. Those who receive transcendental vision by the grace of the Lord, are eligible to see the transcendental abode of the Lord.

Q: - Why is it required to take shelter under the lotus feet of Sriman Mahaprabhu?

A: - The propagator of the congregational chanting of Sri Krishna's name is Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He enlightens in their hearts and encourages them with Krishna Prema. They gain devotion for the Lord with the help of Sri Krishna sankirtan and taste the mellows of conjugal love. So it is the foremost duty of a living entity to take shelter under the lotus feet of Sri Chaitanya. Again one should take shelter of the staunch followers of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu like Sri Svarupa Damodara, Rupa Goswami etc. in order to get the grace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Q: -Why is it said that the incarnation of Gauranga Mahaprabhu is unconceivable?

A: - The significance of taking incarnation in this iron age is to preach kirtan and distribute Krishna Prema among the living entities. Though this incarnation has its own significance, it is secret to the ordinary people.

Q: - What will one attain by remembering the pastimes of Gaura and Sri Krishna?

A: - There are two compartments in the Vrindavan, which is above this material universe. There exist the servitors who are generous. But sweetness is the main character of this abode. In the place of Gauranga generosity is main but there also live the persons who have taken shelter of sweetness. At the time of accomplishment those who worship both Krishna and Gaura, attain at the time of perfection spiritual bodies and stay simultaneously in both the places.

Q: - Who are the disciples of this iron age?

A: - To worship Gauranga with the incantation of Krishna and worship Lord Krishna with the incantation of Gaura is the one and the same. Those who consider them to be different are called the disciples of this iron age.

Q: - Who worships Gauranga and who worships Sri Krishna?

A: - When a living entity is not free from material entanglement he worships Gaurasundara and when he is freed from material attachment, Sri Krishna becomes his worshipable Lord.

Q: - The religion of this Kali Yuga is congregational chanting of Lord's name. But why do you engage your devotees in constructing temples and buildings?

A: - Everyone has not that qualification which is required to chant the sacred name of the Lord. So they are asked to construct buildings to create serving attitude towards the Lord. At the grace of the Lord one becomes the servitor of the Lord and the transcendental name of the Lord dances on his tongue.

Q: - How can we be freed from sense gratification?

A: - By the grace of the Spiritual Master when the transcendental name of the Lord purifies our ears we are freed from sense gratification mentality.

Q: - When can a living entity be freed from material attachment?

A: - When we engage ourselves in chanting the name of Hari thinking ourselves to be Karmis, we attain religion, name and fulfilment of our desires. Then we do offence at the transcendental name. So we get only material benefit. When we chant the name of Hari having no ambition for salvation, we are freed from material entanglement.

Q: - What are the favourable situations for chanting the name of the Lord?

A: - At first we shall be freed from enviousness to the Vaishnavas because it causes misfortune in this material world as well as in the transcendental world. This material world is the testing place. We find here only sorrow. Tolerance, feeling insignificant and praising others are helpful for chanting the Lord's name.

Q: - How can we make this material body favourable towards devotion?

A: - One should not try to do any thing against the will of Lord Krishna. If one serves the Lord he feels comfort with his body, mind and soul. If one keeps oneself away from the service of the Lord it stands against him in doing service to the Lord.

Q: - Are the names uttered by us transcendental?

A: - It is not possible to utter the transcendental name of the Lord with His form, attributes and pastimes with the help of our natural eyes, ears and tongues. With serving attitude of the senses the Omnipotent Lord manifests Himself before us.

Q: - What is the result of chanting offensive name?

A: - By chanting offensive name we shall be dragged towards hell. This stands against utterance of transcendental name.

Q: - How can we be freed from mental speculation?

A: - After hearing the scriptures one can be freed from mental speculation. After hearing the scriptures all kinds of mental speculations against the scriptures are removed.

Q: - When does one attain the wealth of transcendental name?

A: - The Lord and His devotees manifest in this material world for distributing the wealth of Vaikuntha. Vaishnavas are transcendental in nature. They know the temporal existence of this material world and that's why they inform us about the transcendental matter.

Q: - While chanting the Lord's name mundane thoughts come to our mind. So this chanting becomes valueless. Then how can we be freed from its clutches?

A: - It is not wise to leave chanting of the Lord's name, thinking that the material thoughts come to our mind while chanting the transcendental name. Gradually by accepting the transcendental name these unnecessary thoughts vanish and the transcendental name will arise as a Sun with its self-effulgence.

Q: - What is the system of serving the Lord?

A: - Sri Krishna Dasa Kaviraja Goswami has taught to worship one's Spiritual master at the beginning, then Sri Gauranga and at the end Gandharvika Giridhari.

Q: -To which thing one should be conscious while chanting the Lord's name?

A: - If one chants the Lord's name Krishna in a clear heart, the senses don't go away from the Lord's transcendental form, attributes and pastimes. One should have keen interest for the unbreakable manifestation of the Lord's form, attributes and pastimes.

Q: - Why is the human form considered as the most valuable form?

A: - Human form is the most valuable form because it is attained as a result of congregation of good deeds in different births. This is attained by travelling through 80 Lakhs of births. It has been said in the 11th canto 2nd chapter and 29th verse of Srimad Bhagavatam that this temporary human form is very much valuable form which is attained after the accumulation of good deeds in different births. Due to ignorance animals and birds don't have the knowledge to serve the Lord. They don't have sacrificing mentality. This human form is suitable for serving the Lord. So the human form is considered as the most valuable form.

Q: - Is there any remedy for death? How can one conquer it?

A: - Yes, one can overcome death. But atheists can not overcome death. They can never escape from the hands of death. Only the devotees of Krishna can overcome death, like Bhisma who accepted death at his own will. One can overcome death by taking shelter under the lotus feet of the Lord Krishna. Lord has told in Bhagavata in the 2nd canto 3rd chapter 17th verse that the sunrise and sunset destroys man's life span, if they are not utilised for discussing the Lord's pastimes. Those who spent their time in discussing Lord's pastimes, are not under the control of death. Lord Sri Krishna has also told to Arjuna in Srimad Bhagavata Gita 9th chapter 31st verse, "O Arjuna, O, the son of Kunti, I declare it properly that my devotee is never destroyed. I will protect him."

Q: - Then what should a person do at the time of death?

A: - When a person is at the doorstep of death he should take complete shelter of Krishna, His name, attributes, form and pastimes should be remembered. He should associate with saints and should hear and chant Hari. Once Khatvanga Maharaj had a life span of only a moment. Knowing this he took complete shelter under the lotus feet of the Lord and then he went to the transcendental abode of Lord Hari. It is said in Vishnu Smriti by the Lord, "O Sadasiva, O Mahadeva, I promise, My name 'Krishna' is very secret. What can I say more about it as it protects one from death." So always remember the name of Krishna.

Q: - What is called the doctrine of Bhagavata? Let me tell this gracefully.

A: -The Lord Shyamasundar has expressed the easiest method to attain Him. To offer Lord Sri Krishna all the deeds done either due to enforcement of one's nature or fate with mind, speech, sense organs, intelligence or heart is called the doctrine of Bhagavat.

Q: - What do people feel when Mahaprabhu manifested Himself in Navadvipa?

A: - When Mahaprabhu appeared in this world at Navadvipa, the fallen souls, fools, Muslims and illiterate people felt happy and the people of the world chanted the name of Hari and received Krishna Prema which is even unattainable by Brahma.

Q: - Can the remnants of Lord Jagannath be compared with the ordinary food?

A: - Not at all, the remnants of the Lord, the name of Krishna are transcendental in nature as per devotees of the Lord. So the transcendental objects are not related with the local time, place and person.

Q: - Does the pastimes of the Lord like killing of demons occur in the transcendental abode of the Lord which is above this world?

A: - Goloka is eternally transcendental abode of the Lord. There is no place for illusion. There, the servitors of the Lord enjoy the mellows of conjugal love by thinking themselves as the servitors of the Lord.

Q: - Are Brahma, the Super Soul and the Lord different reality and why Sri Krishna has more importance?

A: - Though they are same in nature, one realises the reality as per his accomplishment and one thinks that to be the most desirable thing. Krishna is the embodiment and one thinks that to be the transcendental form, the Super Soul and Brahma.

Q: - What quality should one possess to enter into the abode of the Lord and how can it be attained?

A: - In order to enter into the Lord's abode or to attain His name one has to acquire four attributes- 1) One should think himself to be as insignificant as a blade of grass, 2) He should be tolerant more than a tree, 3) He should give up the desire of name and fame, and 4) He should be compassionate towards the living entities. These four qualities are required to chant Hari Nama. There is no other way except the possession of these attributes.

Q: - Does the Lord is served by serving His deity?

A: - There is no difference between the service of the deity and the Lord. He manifests Himself in the worshipable form. We know that the writers of the scriptures declare that His name, form and God are non-different things. He who has no devotion, says the deity is an idol. One who knows the method of creating electricity with the help of a wire, can say that the wire itself is the current. But the person having no knowledge about it will say it is a wire. Similarly a material thing becomes transcendental.

Q: - What is the object of a devotee?

A: - A devotee wants to give satisfaction to the Lord. He chants the holy name of the Lord with a serving attitude. He has no other ambition.

Q: -What quality should we possess to serve the Lord?

Q: - The things that are favourable in the line of serving the Lord are tolerance, feeling insignificant and praising others. Unless one has tolerance, one can not have strong faith in the Lord. Tolerance is the ornament of a Vaishnava. One can not praise another person unless one feels oneself to be inferior. So these are the attributes helpful in the line of serving the Lord.

Q: - Why shall we call a Mahabhagavata to be the Universal spiritual master?

A: - Mahabhagavata sees all the living entities as his spiritual master. This great attribute makes him great and gives him the fame of Universal spiritual master.

Q: - Maharaj! Everybody has emanated from the Lord. Then why should articles be offered to Him and what significance has it?

A: - This is a good question. The persons who like arguments think that existence of God is not at all required. So it is not required to offer food to Him. They think that the things created by the Lord when offered to Him, make one think the Lord's godly qualities to be transformed into mere human qualities. They argue against the requirement of prayer, meditation and eulogy for the benefit of our souls. All the work should be directed for pleasing the Lord and, there should not be any thought of personal benefit. The love for the Lord shows that the beautiful Lord sits before us and enjoys Himself as a father feels arranging food for his children. Similarly God has arranged food for us. For the pleasure of the father the children collected food and offered to their father as a mark of love to obtain blessings. Father lovingly blesses them and returns them all the food articles and says, "O my dear children, these are for you. You offer me as a symbol of love for me. But I don't require anything. I

accepted a little of your offering which is nothing but the unalloyed love and selfless affection." When we accept Mahaprasad we become happy.

Q: - Are the attainment of service of Lord Sri Krishna and realisation of Him equally significant?

A: - A living entity is the servitor of Lord Krishna by nature. By chanting the transcendental name of Lord Krishna one attains eligibility to serve Lord Krishna, who is a Cupid. When one is interested with a particular type of service, His real form and realising His real form are equally important.

Q: - When a living entity is entitled to utter the transcendental name of the Lord?

A: - When one is mentally prepared to serve the Lord for His happiness, then the transcendental name would dance on his tongue automatically.

Q: - What is the duty of a man, whose birth is temporary?

A: - An intelligent person engages his energy fully in the service of the Lord without wasting a moment insignificantly because he knows very well that his life span is very short.

Q: - What should a devotee do being effected by grief?

A: - One should tolerate it knowing that it has been created by the grace of God. There is no other way to overcome it, other than waiting for the receipt of Lord's grace.

Q: - Maharaja! What is the aim of begging alms from door to door?

A: - This begging system is for the benefit of pure devotees, but the religious hypocrites misutilise this system to fulfil their belly.

Q: - What is the most beneficial pity for the living being?

A: - The preach of devotional path is the most ideal benevolence for the living entities, it keeps away from sinful activities and drags them to the Lord.

Q: - Why does a living being disbelieve in the existence of the Lord?

A: - Atheists learn to argue irrelevantly due to their association with bad persons from their childhood and being effected by this, he does not believe God's existence. He harms himself and there is no loss to the God.

Q: - Though a living being is an eternal servitor of the Lord, why does he disbelieve in Him?

A: - Those who don't have transcendental eyes can't see the Lord, and so they think that God does not exist. As the blind can't see the light of the Sun, so also an atheist doesn't have belief in God.

Q: - Who can not be termed as a human being?

A: - What is the world? Who am I? Who has created this world? What is my duty? Those don't have ideas over these things can't be termed as human beings.

A: - What are the five states of a living entity?

A: - A fallen soul has five states like conceived consciousness, contracted consciousness, blossomed consciousness, flourished consciousness and perfect consciousness.

Q: - What is called birth?

A: - When a fallen soul's astral body is covered with its material body according to the fruit of his action is called the birth of a living entity.

Q: - What is called death?

A: - When the material body of a living being is detached from its astral body is called death.

Q: - What is called egoism? How long does it stay with a living being?

A: - As long as the astral body is not destroyed the living entity feels egoism in contact with the material body.

Q: - In which body does a living entity enjoy the material things and what is the effect over him?

A: - The cause of one's willingness to enjoy the world is due to the existence of astral body encircled with aspirations. The astral body is the cause of a living being's happiness, sorrow, fear and unhappiness. That's why a living being is entangled with this material world.

Q: - Which body favours the living being to serve the Lord?

A: - A living being cannot serve the lord until he has an astral body along with the material body. When one realises his own self by pure devotion, the serving attitude of the soul is aroused and he gets the right to relish the ecstatic bliss related to the service of Lord Krishna.

Q: - By whom a living being is effected and can't know himself?

A: - The knowledge of a living being is captivated by the Lord's illusory potency. His outward knowledge is effected by that prime nature of a living being. So he can't think himself to be devoid of prime natures.

Q: - Who feels sorrow due to birth and death?

A: - A person who saves more than his requirement is called a thief, he always enjoys the sorrow due to death and birth

Q: - What is an absolute knowledge?

A: - To know one's object of worship and real self form is called absolute knowledge.

Q: - How can we know that we are endowed with devotion?

A: - It is possible to be related with God by devotion. Devotion is the only way to gain the service of the Lord. When our transcendental eyes are cleared with devotion we are able to know the God in His real form. The God manifests Himself in the Heart of a pure devotee.

Q: - What happens when a living being comes to the state of contemplation and state of loving attitude to the Lord?

A: - In the State of contemplation one attracts the Lord Krishna with his associates but in the loving state one relishes the devotion to the Lord sporting with His associates.

Q: - What is devotion? Please explain it graciously?

A: - The state of mind which thinks over Krishna in a conducive way being devoid of jnana, karma and yoga is called unalloyed devotion. Devotion is internal in nature. It is not a thing to show outwardly.

Q: - Can a living being serve the Lord without the grace of his resort deity?

A: - It can't be so. One's spiritual master is the resort deity and his disciples belong to the resort class of servitors or the dust particles of the resort deity. When one realises this he can serve the Lord. When one serves His spiritual master properly he attains the service of Lord by his grace. It is not possible to get the service of Lord through personal attempt.

Q: - Let me know the difference between knowledge and devotion?

A: - One can remove the forgetting attitude to the Lord by devotion. Knowledge roots out the virtue and vice arising out of one's pursuits. But devotion destroys the seed of pursuits causing virtue and vice and also

destroys completely the main root of ignorance. Devotion destroys the sinful fruits of past deeds and present deeds.

Q: - Why is the mind entangled with sorrow and happiness?

A: - As long as the mind is under the control of primal quality of birth and goodness second basic quality of a human being and ignorance, it remains being absorbed in sense gratification with its senses of knowledge and senses related to actions.

Q: - What is the real form of a soul?

A: - All the things in the transcendental world have emanated from the Sandhini potency of the Lord. Knowledge and will power has emanated from Sandhini potency and chit potency is the cause of bliss. The embodiment of these three potencies is the real form of the Jiva Soul.

Q: - What is the significance of the Lord?

A: - The Cit potency, Samvit potency and Hladini potency are minutely present with a living being, whereas they are in complete form with the Lord. There lies the significance of the Lord .

Q: - What is the difference between the mind and soul?

A: - The soul never tries for sense gratification whereas the mind is engaged in sense gratification. This is the difference between the two.

PRECEPTOR'S PRECEPTS IN BRIEF

1. A living being attains devotion to the Lord as a result of congregational chanting of the Lord's name. He relishes the devotional mellow. So one should take shelter under the lotus feet of the Lord Sri Chaitanya Deva. It is concluded that one gets the grace of the Lord by loving the followers of Chaitanya Dev like Svarup and Rupa.

2. A living entity is an eternal servant of Lord Krishna. One realises his own self by chanting the transcendental name of Lord Krishna which is a service of Lord Krishna, the Cupid.

3. Encouragement and perseverance are the two main qualities of a devotee. The material world can't give displeasure to a true devotee.

4. One should chant the name of the Lord Krishna in a clear heart. One should be attentive not to allow the detachment of his senses from meditation on Lord's form, attributes and pastimes.

5. I am completely selfish because my object of worship is Krishna and I belong to Krishna. I have no love for any other thing unrelated to Krishna.

6. We have no aim other than serving the spiritual master as well as Lord Krishna. An intelligent person should guide his intelligence to acquire this.

7. The human society has one duty that is to chant congregationally the name of Lord Krishna. This is the most munificent quality of Sriman Mahaprabhu, because a living being attains Krishna Prema which is not attainable by the demigods.

8. Association with the saints endows one with the capacity to lead a spiritual life.

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