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"Lord Sri Krishna and Arjuna blew their celestial conches to rally and enthuse the devotees."

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THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF LORD NITYANANDA

By Ambika Devi Dasi

Sri Nityananda Prabhu made His divine appearance in Ekachakra, West Bengal in 1473, some thirteen years before Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared in Navadvipa, West Bengal in 1486.

His family were Vaisnavas, headed by His father, a learned brahmana named Hadai Pandit and His mother, the pious Padmavati Devi.

His serene disposition and high intelligence, along with His charming beauty, made Him attractive to all who met Him. His performances of Lord Balarama's and Laksmana's divine pastimes as a boy were stunning to those who witnessed them, due to the depth of knowledge, inside information and the great intensity with which He performed them.

Lord Nityananda travelled all over India with a sannyasi while still young, visiting many, many holy places. This culminated years later in a visit to Navadvipa, where He united ecstatically with Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Together They began propagating the *sankirtan* movement of the congregational chanting of the Hare Krishna *Mahamantra*.

This mission of spreading the *sankirtan* movement continued throughout the holy life of Lord Nityananda, in Orissa and Bengal.

He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, non-different from Ananta Sesa, and Lord Balarama.

He is wonderfully merciful, is always joyful and is the reservoir of all pleasure.

His face is more beautiful and cooling than the autumnal moon. His body is completely composed of pure spiritual energy. He moves like a maddened elephant due to His intoxication from *Krishna-prema*. He is the reservoir of all transcendental mellows.

He is an incarnation of mercy, and those who fall down before Him will be delivered, despite being unworthy. His transcendental attributes are unfathomable.

If we can attain even a slight touch of His mercy, we will never be forsaken by Lord Krishna. The shelter of His lotus feet will save anyone from the endless cycle of birth and death.

On the auspicious day of His divine appearance, we have the opportunity to glorify His wonderful attributes and to beg from Him His compassionate mercy. 🐟

Taken from *Sri Caitanya Bhagavata*.

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Srila Prabhupada Uvaca

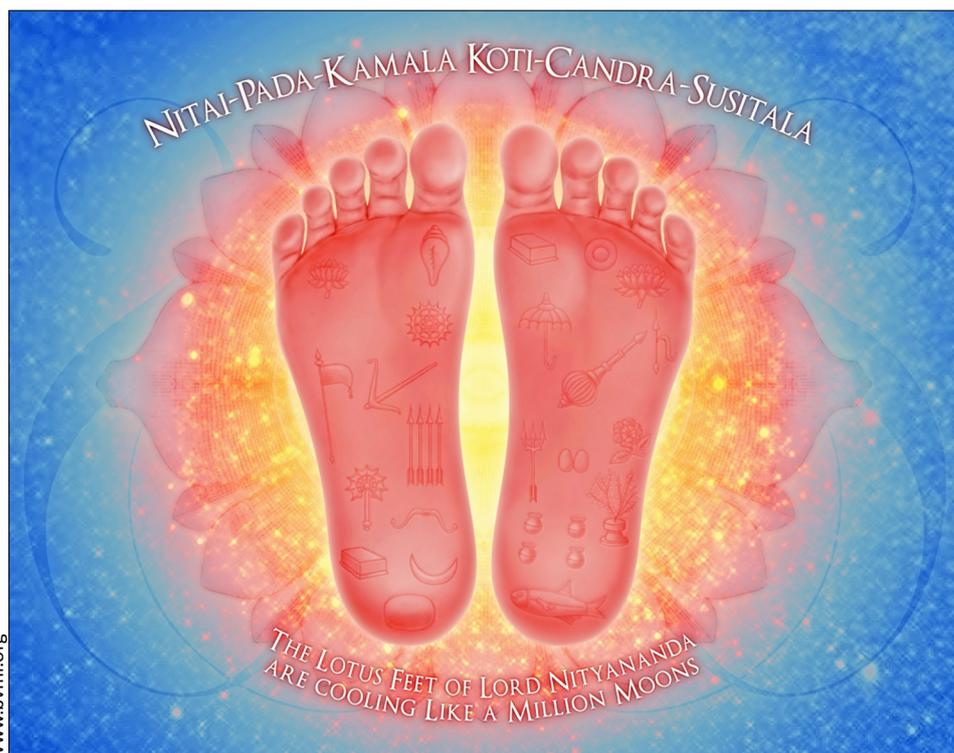
“My name, ‘Advaita,’ will be fitting if I am able to induce Krishna to inaugurate the movement of the chanting of the holy name.”

PURPORT

The non dualist Mayavadi philosopher who falsely believes that he is non different from the Lord is unable to call Him like Advaita Prabhu. Advaita Prabhu is non different from the Lord, yet in His relationship with the Lord He does not merge in Him but eternally renders service unto Him as a plenary portion. This is inconceivable for Mayavadis because they think in terms of mundane sense perception and therefore think that non dualism necessitates losing one's separate identity. It is clear from this verse, however, that Advaita Prabhu, although retaining His separate identity, is non different from the Lord.

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu preached the philosophy of inconceivable, simultaneous oneness with the Lord and difference from Him. Conceivable dualism and monism are conceptions of the imperfect senses, which are unable to reach the Transcendence because the Transcendence is beyond the conception of limited potency. The actions of Sri Advaita Prabhu, however, give tangible proof of inconceivable non dualism. One who therefore surrenders unto Sri Advaita Prabhu can easily follow the philosophy of inconceivable, simultaneous dualism and monism.

Chaitanya-charitamrita Adi-lila Chapter 3 Verse 102 and Purport.



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A painting depicting the markings on Lord Nityananda's lotus feet.

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On Monday, 6 November at New Govardhana farm, residents Caranaravinda dasa and Vaisnavi devi dasi were married. Everyone who attended their wedding was very happy to see the lovely couple take their vows in front of Radha Govardhanadhari. Keeping it in the family, Prana dasa was the officiating priest, as he was for Vaisnavi's sister's wedding.



Photo: Visnujana dasa

The happy couple take their vows.

BHUSAYA DASA

by *Kisori dasi*

Bhusaya dasa began associating with the devotees when he was 17 years old and formally joined ISKCON by the age of 18 in Colo River, NSW.

He had obtained a degree in Horticulture but spent his last few years working as a security officer and selling devotional items.

Bhusaya was a steady devotee with great love for the Holy Names who always had his hand in his chanting bag. His kirtans were very joyful and demonstrated his genuine love for Krishna. He was expert at playing all musical instruments.

It was an immense loss to the New Govardhana community

when he passed away suddenly on the morning of 3 November. His departure was very auspicious and he uttered 'Krishna' at least 6 times as his final words. He passed in the presence of devotees chanting, having just returned from holy pilgrimage and at an auspicious astrological time of the day, with cows close by.

Bhusaya's life was dedicated to genuinely serving Their Lordships and the vaisnavas. His many services included managing the Deity worship roster, managing the temple gift shop, as well as pujari duties and cooking for the Deities.

He had all wonderful devotional qualities being mild, kind, grave, having no enemies, and no material desires.

He will be missed by his much-loved sons Kesava and Chaitanya. 🙏

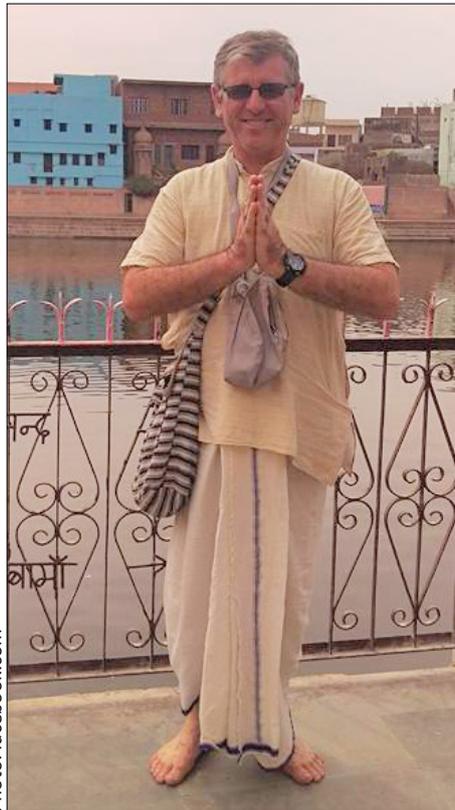


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Bhusaya Dasa at Radha Kunda, India.

BRAJA VALLABHI

by *Kisori dasi*

Braja Vallabhi dasi left this world most gloriously on 11 November in a fatal road accident at Govardhana, near Radha Kunda, India.

She was only 23 years old but had achieved all spiritual and material success in her short life.

Strongly spiritually inclined from the beginning, she found pleasure in devotional service. She used her skills and organisational abilities in many services, for the Youth Ministry including annual Bus Tours and spiritual retreats, the annual Sacred Sound Kirtan Retreat at New Govardhana and Polish tour as well as hosting many devotees at their home in Brisbane.

Her last service in Vrindavan was assisting her godsister Rasika Siromani in organising the annual Kartik pilgrimage run by Indradyumna Maharaja, her Guru.

She was loved by many devotees around the world and is survived by her sister and her parents. 🙏



Photo: Ananta Vrindavan dasa

Braja Vallabhi dasi in Vrindavana on Gopastami.

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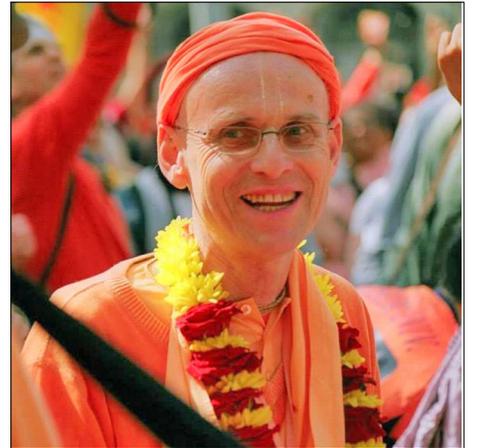
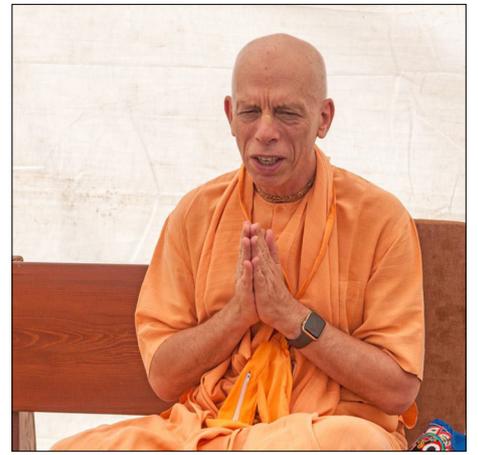
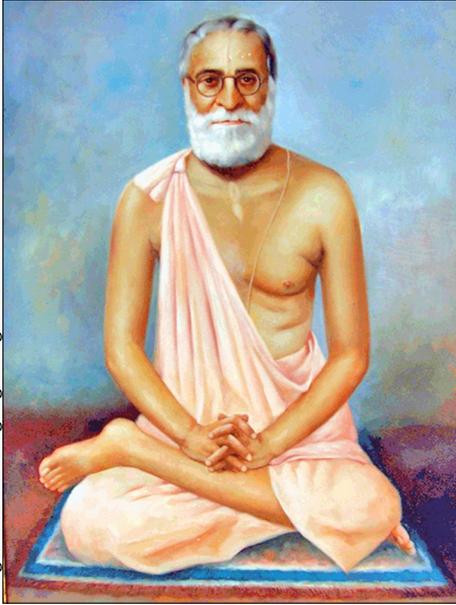


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UPCOMING EVENTS



- 7 December** Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Disappearance
14 –19 December Prahlanananda Swami
28 December – 8 January Kadamba Kanana Swami (NYE Gold Coast Harinama)
7–18 January Narayani Devi Dasi
30 January Nityananda Trayodasi

For more information and program details please go to www.krishnafarm.net

DECEMBER AND JANUARY CALENDAR

(from Vaishnava calendar www.vaisnavacalendar.com)

December 2017

- 1 Fri Dvadasi Break fast 5.41 – 10.17am
7 Thu Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura – Disappearance (Half-day fast)
14 Thu Fasting for Saphala Ekadasi
Sri Devananda Pandita – Disappearance
15 Fri Dvadasi Break fast 5.43 – 10.22am
21 Thu Srila Jiva Gosvami – Disappearance
29 Fri Ekadasi (not suitable for fasting)
30 Sat Dvadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Putrada Ekadasi
31 Sun Trayodasi Break fast 5.51 – 10.30am

January 2018

- 6 Sat Srila Gopala Bhatta Gosvami – Appearance
12 Fri Fasting for Sat-tila Ekadasi
13 Sat Dvadasi Break fast 9.32 – 10.37am
22 Mon Srimati Visnupriya Devi – Appearance
Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura – Disappearance
Srila Raghunatha Dasa Gosvami – Appearance
24 Wed Sri Advaita Acarya – Appearance (Fast today)
26 Fri Sri Madhvacarya – Disappearance
27 Sat Sri Ramanujacarya – Disappearance
28 Sun Fasting for Bhaimi Ekadasi (Fast today for Varahadeva)
29 Mon Dvadasi Break fast 6.14 – 10.44am
Varaha Dvadasi: Appearance of Lord Varahadeva
(Fasting is done yesterday)
30 Tue Nityananda Trayodasi: Appearance of Sri Nityananda Prabhu
(Fast today)
31 Wed Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura – Appearance



HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA!

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