

# **Krsna exists and He is the one behind this Base program**

Krsna exists, God exists and He is the one behind this Base program that we have here, the get together with some of His devotees, some of the devotees of God. Those who do not know much more about God, they just say God God, but we call Him Krsna, because we know that God has name, many names. The principle name is Krsna. And that Krsna is cause of all causes.

## **sarvakaranakaranam**

Including this morning's program, this happening here, the event certainly. How could God not be the cause of this program, this get together also?

Krsna exists then you also exist. Again He is the cause of your, our existence. He must be, who else? And then you exist in the form, in the shape which is kind of mysterious. Your form is very mystical, confidential, the secret that even you don't know your own IDs, identities. And that ID is you are spirit souls. You are atma.

## **mamaivamsojivalokejivabhutahsanatanah[BG 15.7]**

That is your real identification and that ID has a form. If you had a spiritual camera, you could take photographs of atma and that ID that personality, that form is very closely connected with Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are very dear to Him, Krsna. That is Krsna, you are very dear to Him or to Him all the living entities are very dear. All the living entities are very dear to Him. And because He is very kind, He has arranged this program, series of programs. This is one of those series of get togethers and encounters with some other devotees of Krsna, 'Hare Krsna's, Krsna devotees.

Lord is kind and He knows that you are not and cannot be happy. You are not happy and you cannot be happy in this existence. Krsna knows that, because He is the creator of this existence. Then He is the cause of this existence and He has already declared that this existence is dukhalayamasasvatam. This existence is dukhalaya and very much temporary. God knows everything, including the nature of His creation. And He knows that we all are not happy. We cannot be happy in this existence which is full of sufferings. So He comes, He also comes here, in this material world. And He doesn't become material. He doesn't become mundane. He remains what He is. He remains transcendental to this world. In this world but not of this world! Lord comes and He comes in this world, but He is not of this world, you understand this? He belongs to another world. He comes in here, but He always belongs to another world. Although this world belongs to Him, but He doesn't take much interest in matter of making His residence here in this world. He always remains eternally in His own abode.

And then He sends Nidradevi [Laughter] forget Him, ignore Him. When we ignore. He is such an ignorant person. Ultimately ignorant of what? Ignorant of Krsna, ignorant of God! He is ignoring. Sometimes we say 'I was right there but he just ignored me. He just ignores me everytime I am around. I was in that party. I was right there but he just ignored me'. Trying to make you understand the meaning of ignorance, he is ignorant. He ignores me. So what are we ignorant of in this world is, ignorance of the Lord. And we are ignoring Him all the time. All the times He is around, He visits, He is around. Although His own abode is eternally in the spiritual kingdom, He also stations Himself in this world. But the purpose was basically to reclaim, reclamation the souls His parts and parcels, His devotees. The sole purpose of God's coming into this world, God's residing in this world, or God's residing in our hearts or God's residing in different forms in this world, the sole purpose is to rectify our mentality. The sole purpose is to, He like to expose Himself to those who are ignoring

Him. Or He is around here to remind us, 'Oh! I exist, I exist do you remember Me? I am your very dear friend. Don't you remember Me?' So to remind us that He exists, to remind us that we all belong to Him, to remind us that we are spirit souls, parts and parcels of Him, to remind that you cannot be happy here.

He comes to give lessons. Happy happy we shall be when we learn our ABC! So sometimes the teachings of Krsna in the form of Bhagavad-gita, this is like a foundational knowledge. This ABC's of the spiritual subject matters. So ABC doesn't mean not very important. ABC is always important, whether it is a student doing just his KG. Before there was no KG. Now there is KG and this and that, all this going on. During our days, at least, I was part of village, there was not KG and LKG and this and that and so many things. In my village the parents would bring their children to the school and the teacher would ask, 'how old is he?' 'He is six years old'. 'No, too early! [Laughter] Come next year'. At the age of seven they would admit children into the school. But now they are starting this education, so called education that teaches you the ways and means to ignore God, forget God. We don't care for Him. You are God. Not exactly in those terms, we are the controllers of the environment. They don't say we are God, but we are controller, that's God. We are the enjoyers, that's God. We are the exploiters, we are God. We are knowledgeable, we are God. This is God, controller, knowledgeable this and that. So this education, forget the God, compete with God. So this is ignorance.

So in this way on the name of knowledge what is taught is ignorance. Ignorance is cultivated. Everyday, we go to school, higher school and then overseas education also and layer upon layer upon layer, you are being distant from God, away from God. Closer to Maya that is away from God. Every step taken closer to Maya, that is another step away from God. Going in the midst of Maya so that Krsna cannot even access you. You

are so absorbed and captured and bound by Maya that you don't remember Krsna. You think you don't need Krsna. 'Oh who has seen Krsna, God?'

So this is education which is described in the Upanisada as 'atmah', the killer of the soul. The present education is killer of the soul. It kills soul, the spirit soul. The soul cannot be cut and killed, that is also our understanding. But at least they try to cover, put cover on the soul, another layer, another package, another package with all the glitter of this existence, all the dazzling nature of the creation, and they want to be get attracted to that, like a moth, moth you know? Little creature called moth, he is attracted by the fire. And what happens? Svaha! He kills himself, commits suicide that way, his existence, the end of his existence as he is attracted by that glitter, dazzling. 'The kingdom of God, without God', this is Prabhupada's statement, very famous statement. Everybody is busy creating kingdom of God without God. Why do we need God, what for? I am God. So kingdom of God without God!

So Krsna is kind. And He comes and He returns. He also stays here in the form of the Deities. Radha Govindadevaki Jai! Comes in the form of Radha Govindadeva, takes avatar, comes to stay in Noida. Lord makes His residence in Noida. Resident of Noida! He comes to Vrindavan, He is always there. That is another something to understand that in Vrindavan Lord resides eternally, even now. And that Vrindavan is not different from GolokaVrindavan. So He is residing and He comes and speaks, opens His heart, confidentially He speaks to Arjuna. But that speech was meant for everyone in this material world. He is addressing one person, but infactLord is thinking, every single, at least He is thinking of human, the souls in the human bodies, embodied. The soul is embodied by 8 million and four hundred thousandvarieties of bodies, embodied. Then the human body, embodied. Lord is thinking, at least, the humans are only party that is capable of understanding Krsna, understanding His message. So He spoke to Arjuna, but He meant

to speak to each one of us. So then that speech is also made available to read everyday by newer and newer generation after generation after generation, they could read and hear and understand the message of the Lord.

So that kind Lord makes all these arrangements. Kind Lord also appears in the form of His Holy name. This is incarnation of the Lord.

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna KrsnaKrsna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama RamaRama Hare Hare!**

This is Lord's incarnation, avatar. He descends in this existence especially in this age of Kali in the form of Holy Name. What for? To communicate with us, to contact with us, to touch us, Lord wants to touch us. We could touch Him through the medium of this Holy name of the Lord. The soul could touch the Supreme soul. Supreme soul is Holy name. Supreme Soul, Supreme Personality of Godhead is- the Holy Name is Supreme Personality of Godhead. This Holy name is Bhagavan and the living entity is bhakta. Living entity, the spirit soul within this body is a bhakta and then bhakta and Bhagavan are connected. There is communication through bhakti, through devotion. As one chant with attention and with devotion, chants and hears, that is communication. That is yoga that is link, established.

So we are not behind the cause of this program. Don't blame us. The parents were blaming, this Hare Krsna's are the cause of distracting our children. No, this is Gods, Krsna's. This is His arrangement amongst all those different arrangements we mentioned. He is advent to this world, and He is speaking Bhagavad Gita or He is appearing in the form of Deities, in the form of Holy Name. He also sends His devotees or He revives Krsna consciousness of spirit souls and they become devotees. When they become devotees, they understand, they further empowered by the Lord to convert others also to take this path, to others also become Krsna Conscious. Lord gives this inspiration. This is Lord's arrangement. This is Lord's

mission. Not accident, but arrangement! This get together here is not accident. This is whole arrangement. Krsna is behind this. So Krsna is making the arrangements. He has also founded this Hare Krsna movement, International Society for Krsna Consciousness. It's foundation, it's existence, it's propagation which is taking place all over the world, this is all Krsna's, Caitanya Mahaprabhu's kind arrangement. Hare Krsna!

So we should not be held responsible. It is Krsna who is responsible. It is His arrangement.

### **Sankirtanaikpitarau**

He is the founding father of the Hare Krsna movement, inspiring empowering, directing the devotees, the leaders of Hare Krsna movement to contact or directing them to other souls. For especially to those souls whose time has come. This Hare Krsna idea's time has come. The Hare Krsna movement in this form or other form always existent and it is existing now. Not that everybody could come this way or towards Hare Krsna way. Only some are going to come.

### **manusyanamsahasresukascidyatatisiddhaye[BG 7.3]**

Out of thousands and thousands only handful are going to come in the direction of this Hare Krsna's or Radha Krsna's.

The reason being why only those, because their time has come or they have gone through.

### **bahunamjanmanam ante gyanavan mam prapadyate vasudevamsarvamitisa mahatma sudurlabhah [BG 7.19]**

Krsna says. So those who are coming to Krsna now, they had been coming from previous many lives, they had been coming and coming closer closer and now closest, right there. So there are the paths. This is revolution of consciousness. This is revolution, elevation in Krsna Consciousness also. So those who are elevated their time has come and they are going to

take this Krsna Consciousness.

So Srila Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupadaki jai! He started this, Founder Acarya of International Society for Krsna Consciousness, does preaching in India also. And he was appealing to the parents, 'Oh how many children you have?' 'I have five children'. 'Give me one' [Laughter]. Those days five or even dozens they were allowed. Having dozens children, normal thing! Now 'ham do hamareek (one)', Oh! Not even do(two)! They used to write behind the scooter 'ham do hamare do'. But there was time 'astaputrasaubhagyavati', may you have eight children. So during Prabhupada time, there 100 or 150 years ago, there was no limit and there was no need of limit. There was lot of supply. Krsna or Krsna's earth, Bhumi was providing, Vasundhara, means the holder or bearer of the wealth, vasu means wealth, Vasundhara. Earth is still holding but not releasing that wealth in different forms. She is not happy with her offspring's. We are children of earth, Dharati Mata, mother earth is not happy with us, so she is not releasing or hiding the wealth, holding on.

Like cow, sometimes there is milk in the udder of the cow, but specially there is no calf. Calf is taken away. They don't let calf to drink the milk, enjoy the milk. The human beings instead of feeding the calf, the calf not getting the due share, quota, they banned the calf from drinking. They want to drink, they want to exploit. Cow is not very happy with this strategy, so that time although there is milk, she doesn't let it go. She holds on to the milk. This is example. Likewise the earth has all the riches, all the wealth, but not happy with the quality of her children or their consciousness, their attitude is not very good. They are trying to exploit her. Anyways that is another topic, I don't want to open up.

Cutting the forest, as like making the earth naked. This forests are like, sometimes poet describes, it is like a sari, mother earth is wearing sari. Look at the embroidery, nice beautiful, varieties of flowers, and this that. This cutting

trees, deforestation, this is very similar to attempt of Dushasan to disrobe Draupadi. And the outcome off course was Dushasan lost his life for that attempt trying to disrobe Draupadi, intention of enjoying, exploiting. So that is also happening with mother earth, because our attitude towards mother earth is not right. Trying to exploit, enjoy, spoil, and as a result earth is developing some temperature, global warming. 4 degrees increased. So she has developed fever and not happy with her children, that's why she is not supplying. Otherwise there is no shortage. She has all the riches in the stock.

So Srila Prabhupada, the founder of this Hare Krsna movement, he was approaching parents, oh! you have five children. Give me one! But no one even gave one son in India. He approached so many ladies and gentlemen. No one responded. Then He was also advertising when he was in Jhansi, the advertisement in newspapers, 'Students wanted! Young man wanted! I will train them. I will make them brahmanas, the men of better qualities.'

[Coughing sound] You cannot do anything about what I am going through. Just bare with me. So he wanted some youngsters to step forward, join him and he also wanted them to send all over the world to propagate the truth, preach the culture of Bharat varsa and Krsna consciousness, Bhagavat dharma, you could give different names. He wanted to propagate this Holy name, but there was no response. And then of course he was asked or ordered by his spiritual master, go to the west and preach Krsna consciousness in English language there. That is what he ultimately did. He was preparing, lifetime in preparation. Almost 80% of his life he prepared and then he went to the west and he propagated Krsna consciousness there. And there was very good response there. There was no need to approach the parents, please give me your son or give me your daughter. Because so many sons and daughters of American soil, they had abandoned their parents. They had left their parents

[laughter]. They were wandering aimlessly, looking for alternative. They had everything at their disposal to enjoy. They had the kingdom of God, residential palaces. They were residing in palaces, gardens, cars and what not. You could dream and that was there. But none of it satisfied them. Matter cannot satisfy the soul, the spirit. Spirit cannot be satisfied with the matter. You cannot feed the matter to the soul. The souls were starving. Souls are souls, whether the souls are in Indian body or American body or whoever body. Souls are souls. You could only feed spirit to the spirit. You cannot feed matter to the spirit.

So they were looking out. 'Is there any way out? Is this the way life is?' And they were all frustrated, looking beyond that kingdom of God. 'Is there any other kingdom? Is this the only kingdom? Is there something beyond, something better, some alternative?' and then around the time, when they were looking, the time had come for so many souls. Souls in American bodies, their time had come to find the Supreme Spirit, to find the God, meet God, to get connected with the God. Their time had come. Nothing mundane was making them happy. Srila Prabhupada presented Krsna consciousness. And then as a result they all became happy. Even hippies became happies. Some of you don't know what is hippy. Which I will not explain, but the other day, on morning walk, one of you, I don't know who, when I mentioned, 'These hippies became happies'. The bhakta said, 'what is hippy? What do you mean by hippy?' Travelling, that is from another generation. Good that you don't know. You don't have to know. Not of good thing to know, what is hippy. But hippies became happies, and that much you could know.

Then so many American boys and girls were joining Srila Prabhupada, then their parents were not happy with what was happening to their children. And there was a court case in New York, big case against Hare Krsna movement, against this Swami, Indian Swami. He has brainwashed our children. Brain

washing charges against Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada! He has brain washed. Anyway Prabhupada's one response was, 'well you made their brains dirty, and I did the washing. What is a charge? Why are you penalizing me? You should be rewarding me for this brain washing that I did. I did cleansing job.'

Of course those parents were not the first ones to accuse Mahatma or a devotee. Daksha had done the same thing, long long time ago. When Narada Muni had done the preaching, Narada Muni preached to ten thousand sons of Daksha. Daksha means expert and he was expert in producing children. He was Prajapati. That was his duty to produce lots of children. So when Narada Muni did the talking preaching program and Narada Muni also was accused by Daksha. He was calling all ill names, bad names. This is in Bhagavatam, description you can read. And ultimately Daksha also cursed Narada Muni, 'I curse you.' And what is the curse? Daksha said, 'I curse you, so that you cannot stay at one place more than three days.' And when Narada Muni heard this, he said, 'this is not a curse. This is blessing. I am very happy. Thank you! Thank You! Now I could go to more places. From place to place to place I could go chanting the glories of the Lord. I thank you for such a curse.'

So Srila Prabhupada also used to say that, everytime Srila Prabhupada went to stay in temples, there were nice arrangement for Prabhupada's stay, nice quarters for Prabhupada. And then he used to say, 'because your parents have cursed me I also cannot stay in one place more than few days, although nice arrangements. I could have stayed longer but your parents have cursed me like Daksha had cursed, 'only three days''. And then Srila Prabhupada wanted to stay in one place and write his books but he used to say to his disciples or senior disciples, 'now I want to transfer that curse unto you. That curse you may also travel more and more so that I could stay. I transfer the curse so that I could stay at one

place and can write books'. This was his vision.

Anyway this, I was remembering another gentleman, one time Prabhupada was travelling on a train and one gentleman he was traveling with his son and he was approaching Srila Prabhupada, 'Swamiji, please bless my son?' Every now and then he would come with the son, 'please bless my son, please bless my son'. And Prabhupada decided to bless his son. He said 'give your son to me'. Then this gentleman took his son away, to some other compartment or at the end of train, in the last coach. And he never again approached Srila Prabhupada, otherwise he was just bothering, please bless my son. Please bless my son.

So parents also don't know what is a blessing? Anyway it is good to know that the alternative is there. The whole world is busy, the government is busy, the education system is busy just presenting one alternative, mundane, materialistic approach, mundane kind of kingdom of God. So one should know that there are some other alternative? Something else also exists. Does another kingdom exist? This is only life style or there is alternative? Are there only cinema songs or there other kind of, Hare Krsna songs, some other kind songs also exists? Does only illusion exists or does truth also exists? So good to know preferably at the beginning of our life to know this. Then there is alternative, this alternative. Then you take a pick. Then you have a choice. Right now, the material world is not offering you any, materialistic leaders or parents and educational ministers, they are not offering any alternative. 'This is it. This is it'.

But then Krsna very kindly is making offer of this other alternative. 'Hey I exist. Not only Maya exists, I exist. I am here. Haribol! Look at me'. Not at me, look at Krsna! Sleeping souls wake up. Is sleeping only is alternative? Waking up! Alternative is there. So on the behalf of Krsna, there are some other parties also, but Hare Krsna party, Hare Krsna movement is adding this dimension, making this other

alternative available. You should be very much exposed to this. You are made aware of this alternative, the reality, the truth, spiritual life, the Supreme spirit or the connection with Him. So that is what basically this Hare Krsna movement is doing with all the age groups. Especially our ISKCON youth forum is catering to the young generation. So the other party, the government or parents all of them together are making one presentation, one offer, one alternative. And here is another alternative on behalf of Krsna, God, devotees, acaryas, Bhagavad-gita is also there. Vrindavanis also there. There is also Krsna Prasad, not just muttonamchickenam. You try this out. Try this food, food for soul. Here is a food for soul. Your soul is starving. Your soul is thirsty. Your soul is hungry and then angry also when frustration comes. And then Hare Krsna's come, Krsna Prasad, try this out. This satisfies the soul. Person becomes satisfied, person becomes peaceful by Krsna Prasad and chanting Hare Krsna. You should also feel Krsna Consciousness.

So once you have both alternatives, both options then you could choose. Take a pick, as they say. Then you could make decision. You are well informed. Not kept in darkness about other alternative. And you could take decision. Chose and it is not again about joining full time. That's if they are willing, welcome. Krsna welcomes them. But the others could live whole life, but Krsna conscious life, which is good for them, good for their wife, good for their children, good for the family, the society, the country, humanity at large, that kind of life style. You continue your job. Get married, become family man. So that is also there. You know what is what. Keeping Krsna in the center, Krsna in or on the mind, you live life. Brahmachariasram is there, also there is Grihasthasram.

Brahmacariasram is in the temple. We also have grihasthas in temple. They are full time, married men, but they are full time, or they continue their jobs, continue their family life near the temple, but lead a Krsna conscious family life and support or participate Krsna consciousness or propagate Krsna

consciousness with their own capacity.

So is there any question or comment, otherwise we are happy. So far we had only one Base. Someone was calling it student hostel, 'Hare Krsna student hostel'. We had one of them for all these years and expansion is signed of progress. So we are multiplying from one to two student hostels, bases or voices. There are different names. We had NityanandaKutir and now we have Caitanya Kutir, Haribol! So more the merry! We are happy that things are expanding, progressing. Numbers are multiplying. So we welcome this Base, called Caitanya kutir. Who is going to stay here? Only four, or they are busy else where? One has gone to office already. Okay, so you have enough numbers, eight! So you have lot of space here. Anything upstairs? Just this floor! Lot of space here and no one around [laughter]But they are not very far. They are behind you, in front of you. Don't create kind of agitation or disturbance to neighbors. Bible says, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Don't hate them.

**Any question, comment, any reporting, anything else?**

**Question:-Is the number of souls constant?**

Answer: Number of souls, should be. Parts and parcels of the Lord are sanatan means eternal. They existed in the past. They are existing now and they will continue to exist. From this word meaning we could assume that number is constant. They come from spiritual sky, from spiritual world to material world some come, they get lost. They get illusioned, they come here. And some of the souls from here, they are going back to Krsna, Krsnaloka. So that two way traffic is there. Then from one universe they could also go to the next universe, near by neighboring universe. There are innumerable universes. There suppose to be 4,00,000 varieties of human species. Where are they? Some we are. They could also be in higher planets in same universe, some Yakshas and gandharvas, different devatas and vanaras. Vanara, is this nara, is he human, that is vanara meaning. Kimpurusa, there is kimpurusa, are they purusas? So

other universes, so it seems the numbers are fluctuating, changing.

**Question – How can we enter in Vrindavan as we know that we cannot enter in Goloka Vrindavan in spiritual body?**

Answer:- Krsna is kind. Krsna appears in the form of Deity. Otherwise we could not see, with our eyes we do not see the form of the Lord. What to do? Lord appears in the form of archavighraha that we could see. So likewise Krsna allows us to enter in this Vrindavan. But again just physically bringing your body to Vrindavan, is not the way to enter in Vrindavan. May be you not enter in Vrindavan, you think you have entered in Vrindavan. But there is a big question, whether you have reached Vrindavan, entered in Vrindavan. Prabhupada used to say, 'we cannot travel to or enter into Vrindavan by car or by train or by plane. You should enter Vrindavan in the way, who was it?- the way Akrura entered Vrindavan'. Of course he was in Mathura. From Mathura he went to Vrindavan. The kind of consciousness he had, the way he was thinking of Krsna, of Vrindavan, his devotion, he was very very eager to meet Krsna. This is whole attitude, this whole consciousness, so that's the way to enter in Vrindavan.

There are ten offenses against Holy Dham, as there are ten offenses against Holy Name, 'dasanamaaparadha, dasadhamaaparadha'. So there is a list. So if you are offending dhama then you cannot enter, so avoid dhamaaparadha then you can enter. The first dhamaaparadha- those who reveal dhama unto you, those who introduce dhama unto you, if you offend them then you have offended dhama also. Like that, although you may be thinking that you are in there, but you are out of there. You are not in there. So like that, different things to do and not to do, to become adhikari to become eligible, eligibility to enter Vrindavan.

**Question:-Earlier you were saying that Krsna is the cause of all causes. Means that everything is done by Krsna only. Should we blame Krsna for the thing happened in our life?**

## **Should we blame Krsna as Krsna is the cause of all causes?**

Answer: – Those things that happened, those things are reminder that Krsna exists, but this is not the place for us to be. This is not the place to be enjoyed. To get those reminders, when some people say why do the bad things happen to good person like me? Why bad things happen? But sometimes, or lot of time, those bad things are good. If bad things would not happen, if everything good would happen to you in this world, you will never think of going, leaving this world.

KuntiMaharani she prays, Kunti, mother of Pandavas

**vipadahsantutahsasvattatratatrajagad-guro**

**bhavatodarsanamyatsyadapunarbhava-darsanam [SB 1.8.25]**

Please send me calamities, send me bad things. As if they had not enough, Pandavas were already, so many happenings to them, so many troubles. Send more, send more! Send more difficulties, more troubles, because then we will remember You. We will come to You, please help, help, protect, protect, Krsna protect. And the result of this is apunarbhavadarshanam, then we do not have to take darsana of this world again, we don't have to enter in this world again. Send difficulties; send difficulties and when there are difficulties, we run to You. We will come to You. We will have Your darsana, then we will not have to take darsana of this world again. This is the strategy of Kunti Maharani. Krsna is all good. He never does anything bad to us. He is our well wisher. He is loving father and friend.

One king while he was doing hunting, he lost his finger and he was blaming, why God did this to me? He was blaming God for losing the forest. And then in the same forest, the Kali temple, and they were looking for human to be sacrificed, slaughtered for the pleasure of this Durga. So they were going around, searching and they found this king. And they dragged him to this Kali temple, and the priests before making

offering to Kali, they were checking up the body of this person. Is he wholesome or some defects, something missing? And while searching, they found one finger is missing. He said, 'No, this is not fit offering, send him away'. You get the point? So first time when he lost the finger, he did not understand, why did the God did this to me? But then he realized, 'Thank you God, thank you. I just lost my finger. They would have cut my throat. Thank you'. So like that also those connections are there.

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## Sign Says Matchless Gift

**Sign says matchless gift**

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You all are welcome. I see some old faces, lot of new faces also. And some faces I don't see them here, maybe they are on their way. It's a very special year, this year. You know what is so special about this year? There will be a Bhumi Puja. **ISKCON** Den Haag will have their own Vedic style designed temple. Of course it will not be completed this year. It has been announced that the bhumi puja is next month. Please be there. I was in Germany and there is a big **Radha Madanmohan** temple and **Radhadesh** has a landmark, some historic location. I was traveling around and every other place has their own big temple, except Den Haag. This year you will have your own temple.

There are so many temples so what is the need of yet another temple? Someone asked **Srila Prabhupada** that question "Swami, there are so many temples in India. Why are you building some new temples"? **Prabhupada** asked that gentleman who was there

with his good wife. "Is that sitting next to you your wife?"

"Yes, yes she is my wife."

"And that boy is that your son?"

"Yes, he is my son."

**Prabhupada** said, "There are so many children already what was the need of one more?"

"No, but this is my son. There might be other children but this is my son.?"

**Prabhupada** said, " There are so any temples but this will be my temple, my **Krishna's** temple." So that's one reason why this is a special year.

Yet there is another reason why 2016 is very important year for the **International Society for Krishna Consciousness**. You can say this is fiftieth birth anniversary of **ISKCON**. **ISKCON** was founded in 1966 when **Prabhupada** went to the West. Last year was **Jaladuta 50**. **Prabhupada** was a devaduta, messenger of **Krishna**. He sat in the **Jaladuta** and went to the West as instructed by his spiritual master to fulfil the wishes of his spiritual master. This **Krishna** consciousness is so essential for everybody. Every soul in the world, especially in the Western world. They know very little about how God is great. Yes, they know 'God is great', but they don't know how God is great. "Love thy Lord with all thy heart and all thy strength" says the bible. But not knowing who the Lord is? And not knowing who you actually are? It is very difficult to love the Lord with all thy heart and all thy strength. One **ISKCON** devotee had come to India and one Indian Hindu gentleman had asked why he had become Hindu? "You gave up your Christianity, and have you become Hindu?" He said, " No, no no now I have become a better Christian. Before all I was told "Thou shall not kill". This is also one of the 10 commandments "Thou shall not kill." But that is what we did all day. Well, we did not kill personally. Someone else slaughtered the animals and then we ate for breakfast for lunch, dinner but "Thou shall not kill."

But now no more killing for me. My menu is menu that is given by God.

**patram pushpam phalam toyam yo me bhaktya prayacchati**

No more **muttonam chikanam biryanim fisham**. So before I had heard some priests were talking "Thou shall not kill" but they killed. Someone killed animals for us and then we ate them. We gobbled them up, but now I don't do that anymore. So I am a better Christian, now I am practising Christianity. **Srila Prabhupada** was asked by his spiritual master go to the West and propagate this **Krishna consciousness** in the Western world in English. That's why we are speaking in English here. Not that we don't speak in local or regional languages, but **Prabhupada** was asked to preach in the English language.

So that was in 1965 when **Prabhupada** reached America under so many unfavourable conditions. **Prabhupada** had to go through so much struggle. Then he managed to get. I am saying all this in this hall here and in New York 26 Second avenue that was the address where **ISKCON** started. It was a store front. What **Prabhupada** managed to rent out was the store front a store. That store was shifted elsewhere and then **Prabhupada** took over and at some point **Prabhupada's** followers found out there was a sign at the top. Should we take that down **Swamiji**? **Prabhupada** wanted to know what the the sign said? Sign says matchless gift. **Prabhupada** said, "Don't take it down. It's a good sign. What I am distributing here is a matchless gift. **Krishna consciousness** is a matchless gift. Krishna is matchless and everything about Krishna is a matchless. The message of **Bhagavat Gita** is matchless. The philosophy is matchless. The culture is matchless. The holy name is matchless, matchless prasada. Is there anything like Krishna prasada in this world?"

So that matchless gift is where Krishna consciousness started. So '65 was arrival and '66 **Prabhupada** started **International Society for Krishna Consciousness** with the help of a bunch of

American boys and girls. **Prabhupada** was trying to start this movement in India and he was trying to get some followers, some youths to join. He was asking Indians how many children they had? "5, good give me 1." We picked up the right one the other day. I asked how many children he has? He said I have none. In those days they were having 5 children or ashtaputra saubhagyavati. These were the blessings – I bless you . May you have 8 children. Sages or brahmins would bless like that. But now that is a thing of the past.

In **Prabhupada's** days having half a dozen children was common. **Prabhupada** would appeal to "please give me one son. I will train him, I will send him all over the world or make him a preacher in Krishna consciousness", but no one was coming forward. One gentleman was traveling in the same train as **Srila Prabhupada**. He was traveling with his son and he kept appealing, begging and bugging **Srila Prabhupada**, "**Swamiji Swamiji**, bless my son, bless my son." He was not leaving **Prabhupada** alone every now and then, "please bless my son, bless my son." So **Prabhupada** said 'Give me your son'. After hearing that this gentleman left the compartment and went far away where **Swamiji** would never find this person and person's son.

But as he reached America then some American boys and girls were ready. They were already kind of loitering on the streets. They were disgusted, frustrated with so much to enjoy and they were looking for some alternatives. That materialism had not satisfied them and it's not possible, materialism cannot satisfy us to satisfy our senses, satisfy our mind. There is some entertainment, some body satisfaction, mind satisfaction but soul satisfaction is not possible. Deep within us is our soul. We see something and then there is some happiness. Something we hear, some music, touch, smell gives some temporary pleasure, but that is flickering and just disappears like bubbles. How long do bubbles last? They don't last very long. That's why the acaryas have said,

## **kamala dala jala jivana tala mala**

Like having a drop of water on kamala dal, lotus petal. With a little wind **tala mala, tala mala kamala dala jala jivana tala mala** is finished. Hence the advice is,

## **bhajahu hari pada niti re**

Hari pada – lotus Feet of Hari should be worshiped and that is permanent.

## **bhajahu re mana sri-nanda-nandana abhaya-caran?aravinda re**

When **Srila Prabhupada** was in that store front he started holding programs twice a week. On the street in the park he would hand out some visiting cards, invitation cards to come to the store front, the matchless gift place. He was getting good numbers and this matchless gift place was becoming packed. One of the special attractions was the prasada which Swamiji would cook before the arrival of his guests. 100 to 150 would fit into the hall which was a little bigger than this.

So he would cook and come down and give **pravachan**. Everything was brand new to these American folks. They had not even heard of all this. Hare Krishna what? Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, and **Prabhupada** would sometimes show Radha Krishna photographs. This is the flute player. This is **Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead**. And they would ask what is that girl doing there? Next to God, who is that girl. So much ignorance. **Prabhupada** had to start from scratch. He did not mind. He knew this is what he had to do. He would deliver his talk. They did not know even how to sit down. Like most of you are sitting, this is called **sukhasan** if not **padmasan**. Different lotus position is **padmasan**. But cross-legged is called **sukhasan, sukh-asan** comfortable sitting. They did not know.

They did not know how to sit and **Prabhupada** taught them how to sit. Then he would get them to stand up and he was teaching

them the dance. He was chanting and dancing. Not only chanting. Chanting has to be accompanied with dancing. So would get them to stand up and raise their hands and it became universal known as the swami step. That dance became popular as the swami step.

**Prabhupada** taught that. Talk and then **kirtana** and getting them to sit down for prasada. They would all sit down and who would serve? Swamiji had to serve all of them and he did not mind. He was happy. He was 70 years old. He was raising some funds to maintain this establishment, sponsor the prasada. After prasada they would all leave and Swamiji had to clean not only the hall, but the plates and the pots. This is just a little sampling of what **Prabhupada** was going through. You should study the life or teachings of **Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada**. **Prabhupada lilamrita** is available in Dutch? English ,of course yes and maybe some 100 languages is available. Even Chinese are printing. You should all study the life of **Srila Prabhupada**. It is some additional chapters of **Bhagavatam**. **Prabhupada** was Bhagavat,

**person-bhagavat, maha bhagavat.**

**svayambhur narada? sambhuh kumarah kapilo manuh?prahlado janako bhismo balir vaiyasakir vayam**

Twelve original 12 bhagavats are mentioned in **Srimad-Bhagvatam** and in that parampara, disciplic succession, **Prabhupada** was a living Bhagavat. Studying his life is studying Bhagavatam.

**nityam bhagavata sevaya**

This is the statement from **Bhagavatam** and **Prabhupada** translates that as Studying **Bhagavatam** or serving person bhagavat, reading book bhagavat or serving person bhagavat. That is the meaning of **nityam bhagvata sevaya**.

Knowing **Srila Prabhupada maha bhagavat** and then taking inspiration from his life and then you try to follow the footsteps of **Srila Prabhupada**. Some of those followers were

now becoming serious students, serious practitioners. They started chanting,

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare**  
**Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

Prabhupada gathered that serious group together and asked them if they could assist him in the propagation of Krishna consciousness, but they had to follow the four regulative principles to become his associate members or initiated disciples. For the first time Prabhupada split out in a formal way he spelled out the four regulative principles.

No meat, fish or eggs, no intoxication including tea and coffee, no illicit sex and no gambling. "So are you ready?" You are still thinking but those who were present before **Prabhupada** did not take much time. They said, "Yes Swamiji, we are ready." Everybody present there was ready to follow these four regulative principals. Then with the help of those handful American youths **Srila Prabhupada** found this Hare Krishna movement in 1966 and then **ISKCON's** first temple **Radha Govinda Mandir** in New York opened. After 50 years you are opening here in Den Haag, but the first Radha Govinda temple was opened in New York. Now **ISKCON** has 650 temples around the world in a short span of 50 years. And millions of books have been distributed in over 100 languages. There are over 100 **Govinda's** restaurants around the world. Farm communities around the world. Prasada distribution is big. In India we have something called midday meal served to the school going children at midday. Every day **ISKCON** distributes 1.2 million plates of prasada. Did you hear that? 1.2 million plates daily served at this midday meal scheme.

**ISKCON** holds 10 000 festivals every year. **Janmastami, Gaur Purnima, Ratha yatra**, and many more. The Grand total is over 10 000 festivals. All this in a short span of 50 years, and this is just a beginning. This is **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** movement. **ISKCON** is **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** program as per **Caitanya Mahaprabhu's** vision. Krishna's of course **Ramacandra,**

**Krishnacandra**, but specially **Caitanyacandra**, **Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. Rama appeared in **Treta-yuga** Krishna appeared in **Dvapara yuga** but we are in **Kali-yuga** so,

**dharma-samsthapanarthaya sambhavami sambhavami yuge yuge**

The latest advent of the Lord was 520 years ago in the form of **Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. He has given to this world this yuga dharma which is the chanting the holy names of the Lord. Tulasi Das also says,

**kali yuga kevala nama adhara**

Nama is the only adhar, only shelter, only base, only protection in this age of kali. Every time Kali-yuga comes there is the same dharma. How many times does Kali-yuga come? So many times. In Brahma's one day, Brahma Vishnu Mahesh, In Brahma's one day **1000 Kali-yugas** come. **1000 Satya yugas**, **1000 Treta yugas**, **1000 Dvapara yugas** and **1000 Kali-yugas**. Every time, so this is not the first time **Kali-yuga** has appeared. So now what to do? Nothing to worry. Checkout what was done in the previous **Kali-yuga**. What was the process? Same process that would work out this time also.

Every time there is a winter – is this is winter or summer? Climatic changes occur because of our misbehaviour. The way we are treating mother earth, cutting the trees and deforestation. So many factories and chimneys, who's smoke expel CO2 and what not, animal killing. As a result we have increased the temperature of mother earth. Temperature is rising 4 degrees than normal. As a result of all this everything is topsy-turvy. This could be just the beginning of what is in store for us. Man is so greedy wanting to enjoy and exploit mother earth – deforestation, cutting the trees. The nice trees and greenery and flowers everywhere. This is like a sari worn by mother earth. She wears green sari and flowers are like embroidery. But you know what happened when Dushasan attempted to disrobe mother Draupadi. Result was the war and

killing because of the way Dushasan dealt with mother Draupadi. He was trying to disrobe her.

This forest and the trees and greenery, this is a sari. This is the clothing of mother earth and we are just chopping, cutting and we are getting reactions. So much enjoying spirit. The survey conducted recently on the consumption of consumers goods said that if the whole world consumed as much as whatever they consume then for the waste we would require five earths. One would not be sufficient. You want go by the American land of enjoyment, land of opportunities. The land the whole world would like to imitate. All Indians like to. So many attempts to exploit the resources where there is gold deep in the body of mother earth and the small city towns inside the earth. The railway tracks go miles in the depth of the earth. I have seen a gold mine in South Africa. By a lift they took us way down. I don't know how many stories down and we were walking and we had helmets and a guided tour.

There so many are there. Now the scientists were hoping that the they would make this world enjoyable. They did lots of industrial economy and what now? Now the scientists say that this planet is not liveable anymore and that we better look for another planet. Their hands are up, " Sorry folks. We can't deliver our promises."

The sea levels are rising. I don't know what would happen to Mauritius, a small Island in the middle of Indian Ocean. And right on the banks of the ocean and there is no high altitude. There is just a few meters height and all will be drowned in the water.

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

So every time Kali-yuga comes you have to chant Hare Krishna.

**harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam?kalau nasty eva  
nasty eva nasty eva gatih anyatha**

Kalau means the age of kali. There is no other way, there is no other way, there is no other way. Only the chanting of the holy names of the Lord. This is the truth . This is the arrangement of the Lord. It may not be known so much in the West because they follow this culture ,that culture and some new religions, some religion 1500 year old religion or maybe 2500 year old religion. But religion has to be eternal. Religions are not created or born. Anything and everything that has a beginning has and end also. This is a simple law rule here. This religion that religion started on such and such date will also have a beginning and an end.

We are talking of jivas, the living entity dharma has to be eternal. If you want to give a name to dharma then Sanatana dharma is one name. Sanatana means no beginning no end, eternal. And that is the dharma of every living entity regardless of whether they may say, "I am Christian, I am Hindu, I am Muslim". This is the faith, but religion, dharma ,the characteristic of the living entity does not change.

Electricity must give a shock or sugar is always sweet, salt is always salty. Being salty is the dharma of salt, being sweet is a dharma of sugar. So every living entity has a dharma and the dharma for all living entities is the same. Brahmas one day has 1000 cycles of this four **yugas Satya-Treta-Dvapara-Kali** put together is **Maha yuga** and 1000 times. Once again to become universal applicable everywhere. **Caitanya Mahaprabhu appearing 500 years ago** established this chanting as a yuga dharma for this age of kali and he predicted that this would spread all over the world. As per His visions and predictions now you see it is spreading all over the world. Chanting is spreading all over the world. Practically every country in the world has the presence of the Hare Krishna movement. In this **Kali-yuga** there is a golden period of **10,000 years**, out of those **10,000 years Caitanya Mahaprabhu** appeared 500 years ago. So 500 years and then 50 years. **ISKCON** is 50 years old. We have **9500 years** to go. This Krishna

consciousness movement has already spread in 50 years. We will be spreading Krishna consciousness movement for another almost **9-10000 years in global** phenomena universal.

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

God has a name, form, qualities and pastimes. **Prabhupada** always appealed to the audience, Indians to understand this movement. Then he would also repeat what **Caitanya Mahaprabhu** had said or expected specially those who have some Bharat connection, some Indian origin.

**bharata-bhumite haila manusya janma yara?janma sarthaka kari  
kara para-upakara**

These are words of **Caitanya Mahaprabhu**. You are born in India. Of course at one time India was not limited to the present map of India. India was all over the planet. It was Bharat Varsha. We find remnants of India's presence and culture in all the continents. If you have taken birth on this planet in Bharat Varsha then you would like to make your life perfect. How to do this?

**janma sarthaka kari kara para-upakara**

To make your life perfect do **para-upakar**. **Srila Prabhupada** has set that example the world is in need of Krishna. Krishna consciousness is lacking. Everything else is there and what this world is lacking, is Krishna consciousness. The soul needs Krishna. The soul could only be happy when it attains Krishna or Rama He has many names, many forms. He appears again and again in different forms. You accept Krishna consciousness and you practice Krishna consciousness and you propagate. Share this Krishna consciousness with as many people- your family members, your neighbours, your circle of friends. As much bigger circle you could make spread, propagate this. Let the word of God spread.

And it says as **paropkaraya**, '**paropkaraya vahanti nadya**' that comes at the end. For the benefit of others rivers flow and distribute water.

**paropkaraya vahanthi nadhyaha**  
**paropkaraya dhuhanthi gavaha**

The cows give milk for others, **paropkaraya phalanthi vrkshaha** – for the benefit of others trees give fruits. **paropkarartham idham shariram** – specially this human form of life is for paropkaraya. This **Krishna consciousness** is the topmost welfare programme for humanity at large. Debt, disease and fire must be dealt with urgently, you hear that. Something is on fire, "Oh! I will take my breakfast". No! The world is on fire, davagni.

**samsara-davanala-lidha-loka**

What could extinguish the fire? Mercy clouds. when the forest is on fire you cannot throw a few buckets of water. When the forest is on fire you cannot go there with a spoon and sprinkle some water. That would not do. No other attempts would work. You need some mercy from above. That mercy is the mercy of the Lord which also comes down through His devotees, sadhus , mahatmas.

Hari Hari!