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When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu went to the residence of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, He accidentally saw the palm leaf on the roof, and thus He read the verse composed by him

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu went into an ecstatic mood

Rūpa Gosvāmī came and immediately fell down on the floor like a rod

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu got up and gave him a slap. Then, taking him on His lap, He began to speak to him

“No one knows the purport of My verse,” Caitanya Mahāprabhu said. “How could you understand My intention?”



Śrīla Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī replied to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, “If Rūpa Gosvāmī can understand Your mind and intentions, he must have Your Lordship’s special benediction.”

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RUPA GOSWAMI RECEIVES LORD CAITANYA'S BLESSINGS

"I accept Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī as quite fit to understand the confidential mellows of devotional service"

"I recommend that you explain devotional service to him further"



Author says "I shall describe all these incidents elaborately later on. Now I have given only a brief reference"

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Verse Composed by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī

My dear friend, now I have met My very old and dear friend Kṛṣṇa on this field of Kurukṣetra.

I am the same Rādhārāṇī, and now We are meeting together.

It is very pleasant, but still I would like to go to the bank of the Yamunā beneath the trees of the forest there.

I wish to hear the vibration of His sweet flute playing the fifth note within that forest of Vṛndāvana.

Subject of His thoughts was Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who met Kṛṣṇa on the field of Kurukṣetra.

Although She met Kṛṣṇa there, She was nonetheless thinking of Him in the following way

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She thought of Him in the calm and quiet atmosphere of Vṛndāvana, dressed as a cowherd boy.



Radharani's thought at Kurukshetra



But at Kurukṣetra He was in a royal dress and was accompanied by elephants, horses and crowds of men.

Thus the atmosphere was not congenial for Their meeting

Rādhārāṇī longed for Kṛṣṇa to take Her to Vṛndāvana again to fulfill Her desire in that calm atmosphere

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Krishna's lotus feet are the only shelter

The gopīs spoke thus: "Dear Lord, whose navel is just like a lotus flower, Your lotus feet are the only shelter for those who have fallen into the deep well of material existence."

Your feet are worshiped and meditated upon by great mystic yogīs and highly learned philosophers.

We wish that these lotus feet may also be awakened within our hearts, although we are only ordinary persons engaged in household affairs

Absorbed in the ecstasy of the Gopis

The gopīs thought, "Dear Lord, if Your lotus feet again come to our home in Vṛndāvana, our desires will be fulfilled."

One verse, Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī has explained the confidential meaning of the verse of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam for the understanding of the general populace

The gopīs continued, "Dear Kṛṣṇa, the fragrance of the mellows of Your pastimes is spread throughout the forests of the glorious land of Vṛndāvana, which is surrounded by the sweetness of the district of Mathurā."

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Absorbed in the ecstasy of the Gopis

In the congenial atmosphere of that wonderful land, You may enjoy Your pastimes, with Your flute dancing on Your lips, and surrounded by us, the gopīs, whose hearts are always enchanted by unpredictable ecstatic emotions

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu saw Jagannātha, He saw that the Lord was with His sister Subhadrā and was not holding a flute in His hand

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu wished to see Lord Jagannātha in His original form as Kṛṣṇa, the son of Nanda Mahārāja

Last twelve years of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu were passed in this transcendental craziness.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE MADHYA LILA (91 - 248)

Lord Caitanya's first attempt to go to Vrindavana

After accepting the sannyāsa order, Caitanya Mahāprabhu proceeded toward Vṛndāvana

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was overwhelmed with ecstatic love for Kṛṣṇa, and He lost all remembrance of the external world

He traveled continuously for three days in Rāḍha-deśa, the country where the Ganges River does not flow



Lord Nityānanda bewildered Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu by bringing Him along the banks of the Ganges, saying that it was the river Yamunā

After three days, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu came to the house of Advaita Ācārya at Śāntipura and accepted alms there.

This was His first acceptance of alms. At night He performed congregational chanting

At the house of Advaita Prabhu, He met His mother as well as all the devotees from Māyāpur

He adjusted everything and then went to Jagannātha Purī

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Journey to Jagannath Puri

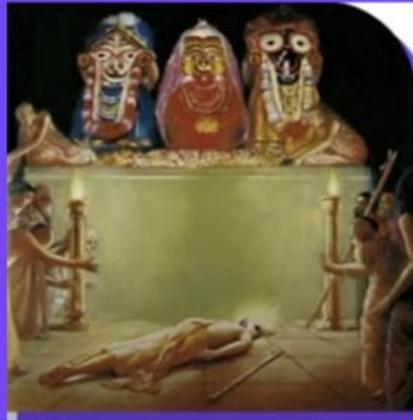
He visited various temples and heard the story about Mādhavendra Purī and the installation of Gopāla

From Nityānanda Prabhu, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu heard the story of Kṣīra-curī Gopīnātha and of the witness Gopāla.

Nityānanda Prabhu broke the sannyāsa rod belonging to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu

Caitanya Mahāprabhu apparently became very angry and left His company to travel alone to the Jagannātha temple

Caitanya Mahāprabhu entered the Jagannātha temple and saw Lord Jagannātha, He immediately lost His senses and fell down on the ground



**Meeting with Sārvabhauma
Bhaṭṭācārya**

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu saw Lord Jagannātha in the temple and fell down unconscious, Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya took Him to his home.

The Lord remained unconscious until the afternoon, when He finally regained His consciousness

Nityānanda, Jagadānanda, Dāmodara and Mukunda came to see Him, and after seeing Him they were very pleased

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu bestowed His mercy upon Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya by showing him His original form as the Lord

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Lord's South India travel



Lord started for southern India. When He came to Kūrma-kṣetra, He delivered a person named Vāsudeva

After visiting Kūrma-kṣetra, the Lord visited the South Indian temple of Jiyāḍa-ṅṣimha and offered His prayers to Lord ṅṣimhadeva.

On His way, He introduced the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa mahā-mantra in every village

Lord mistook the forest on the bank of the river Godāvārī to be Vṛndāvana

In that place He happened to meet Rāmānanda Rāya

He visited the places known as Tirumala and Tirupati, where He extensively preached the chanting of the Lord's holy name

After visiting the temples of Tirumala and Tirupati, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu had to subdue some atheists.

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He then visited the temple of Ahovala-nṛsimha

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu came to the land of Śrī Raṅga-kṣetra, on the bank of the Kāverī



He visited the temple of Śrī Raṅganātha and was there overwhelmed in the ecstasy of love of Godhead



Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu lived at the house of Trimalla Bhaṭṭa for the four months of the rainy season

After the end of Cāturmāsya, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu continued traveling throughout South India. At that time He met Paramānanda Purī

Lord's South India travel

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Lord's South India travel

Kṛṣṇadāsa, the servant of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, was delivered from the clutches of a Bhaṭṭathāri.

Caitanya Mahāprabhu then preached that Lord Kṛṣṇa's name should also be chanted by brāhmaṇas who were accustomed to chanting Lord Rāma's name

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu then met Śrī Raṅga Purī and mitigated all the sufferings of a brāhmaṇa named Rāmadāsa

Caitanya Mahāprabhu also had a discussion with the Tattvavādī community, and the Tattvavādīs felt themselves to be inferior Vaiṣṇavas

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu then visited the Viṣṇu temples of Anantadeva, Puruṣottama, Śrī Janārdana, Padmanābha and Vāsudeva

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu delivered the celebrated Sapta-tāla trees

Took His bath at Setubandha Rāmeśvara and visited the temple of Lord Śiva known as Rāmeśvara

At Rāmeśvara, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu had a chance to read the Kūrma Purāṇa, in which He discovered that the form of Sītā kidnapped by Rāvaṇa was not that of the real Sītā but a mere shadow representation

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was very glad to read about the false Sītā

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Lord's South India travel

He remembered His meeting with Rāmadāsa Vipra, who was very sorry that mother Sītā had been kidnapped by Rāvaṇa

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu eagerly tore this page from the Kūrma Purāṇa, although the book was very old, and He later showed it to Rāmadāsa Vipra, whose unhappiness was mitigated

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu also found two other books — namely, the Brahma-saṁhitā and Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta

Pastimes in Puri

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu returned to Jagannātha Purī

At that time, the bathing ceremony of Jagannātha was taking place, and He saw it

When Jagannātha was absent from the temple, Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who could not see Him, felt separation and left Jagannātha Purī to go to a place known as Ālālanātha

He received news that all the devotees from Bengal were coming to Jagannātha Purī

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Pastimes in Puri



When the devotees from Bengal arrived at Jagannātha Purī, both Nityānanda Prabhu and Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya greatly endeavored to take Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu back to Jagannātha Purī

After due consideration, all the devotees began chanting the holy name congregationally

Lord Caitanya's mind was thus pacified by the ecstasy of the chanting

Upon the order of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Rāmānanda Rāya took leave of the King and returned to Jagannātha Purī

Rāmānanda Rāya's arrival, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu bestowed His mercy upon Kāśī Miśra and met Pradyumna Miśra and other devotees

At that time three personalities — Paramānanda Purī, Govinda and Kāśīśvara — came to see Lord Caitanya at Jagannātha Purī

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Pastimes in Puri

Eventually there was a meeting with Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī, and the Lord became very greatly pleased

Then there was a meeting with Śikhi Māhiti and with Bhavānanda Rāya, the father of Rāmānanda Rāya

Residents of Kulīna-grāma also came to see Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu for the first time

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu washed and cleaned Śrī Guṇḍicā temple with the assistance of many devotees

Caitanya Mahāprabhu Himself danced in front of the car, and after dancing He entered a garden



Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu bestowed His mercy upon King Pratāparudra

He ordered devotees to come to see the Ratha-yātrā festival every year

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was invited to dine at the house of Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya

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Pastimes in Puri

son-in-law of Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya [the husband of his daughter Śāṭhī] criticized Him

Śāṭhī's mother cursed him by praying that Śāṭhī would become a widow - In other words, she cursed her son-in-law to die



A dog accompanied Śivānanda Sena and the devotees, and that dog was so fortunate that after seeing the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, it was liberated and went back home, back to Godhead

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Pastimes in Puri



All the Vaiṣṇavas met with Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Later, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu sported in the water, taking all the devotees with Him

On Herā-pañcamī day they all saw the activities of the goddess of fortune, Lakṣmīdevī

On Janmāṣṭamī, Lord Kṛṣṇa's birthday, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu dressed Himself as a cowherd boy

At that time He carried a balance with pots of yogurt and wheeled a rod about

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu bade farewell to all the devotees from Gauḍa-deśa [Bengal] and continued chanting with His intimate devotees who constantly remained with Him