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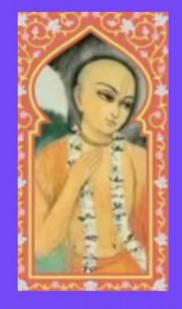
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My dear Sākara Mallika, from this day your names will be changed to Śrīla Rūpa and Śrīla Sanātana

Now please abandon your humility, for My heart is breaking to see you so humble

You have written several letters showing your humility

In order to teach you - I sent you one verse, which reads as follows

'If a woman is attached to a man other than her husband, she will appear very busy in carrying out her household affairs, but within her heart she is always relishing feelings of association with her paramour.'

I have come to bengal - just to see you two brothers

Birth after birth you have been My eternal servants. I am sure that Kṛṣṇa will deliver you very soon

Lord then placed His two hands on the heads of both of them, and in return they immediately placed the lotus feet of the Lord on their heads



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Vaishnavas bestow their mercy

Vaiṣṇava associates of the Lord were present, including Nityānanda Prabhu, Haridāsa Ṭhākura, Śrīvāsa Thākura, Gadādhara Pandita, Mukunda, Jagadānanda, Murāri and Vakreśvara

They were very much gladdened, and they began to chant the holy name of the Lord, "Hari!"

Rūpa and Sanātana, immediately touched the lotus feet of these Vaiṣṇavas, who all became very happy and congratulated the two brothers for having received the mercy of the Lord

Sanatana's suggestions

Dear Lord, although the King of Bengal, Nawab Hussain Shah, is very respectful toward You, You have no other business here. Kindly depart from this place

King is respectful toward You, he still belongs to the yavana class and should not be believed

Dear Lord, You are going to Vṛndāvana with hundreds and thousands of people following You, and this is not a fitting way to go on a pilgrimage

Two brothers offered prayers to the lotus feet of the Lord and returned to their homes. Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu then desired to leave that village

Lord left and went to a place known as Kānāi Nāṭaśālā - He saw many pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa

Lord considered Sanātana Gosvāmī's proposal that He should not go to Vṛndāvana followed by so many people

Lord thought, "If I go to Mathurā with such crowds behind Me, it would not be a very happy situation, for the atmosphere would be disturbed"

Lord concluded that He would go alone to Vṛndāvana or, at most, would take only one person as His companion

Lord took His morning bath in the Ganges and started for Nīlācala, saying "I shall go there"





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Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu arrived at Śāntipura and remained at the house of Advaita Ācārya for five to seven days

Śrī Advaita Ācārya Prabhu sent for mother Śacīdevī, and she remained at His house for seven days to prepare the meals for Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu



Taking permission from His mother, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu then started for Jagannātha Purī

He requested all the devotees to come to Jagannātha Purī and meet Him during the car festival

2 persons who accompanied Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu to Jagannātha Purī [Nīlācala] were Balabhadra Bhaṭṭācārya and Dāmodara Paṇḍita

Lord arrives at Shantipur



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return journey and Vrindavana visit to

Lord's

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Lord secretly started for Vṛndāvana at night. He did this without anyone's knowledge

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu left Jagannātha Purī for Vṛndāvana, only Balabhadra Bhaṭṭācārya was with Him

He traveled on the path through Jhārikhaṇḍa and arrived in Benares [Vārāṇasī]

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu stayed at Benares only 4 days and then left for Vṛndāvana

After seeing the town of Mathurā, He visited the twelve forests

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu visited all twelve places of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pastimes, He became very much agitated because of ecstasy

Balabhadra Bhaṭṭācārya somehow or other got Him out of Mathurā

Then Lord began to walk along the path on the bank of the Ganges, and finally He reached the holy place named Prayāga [Allahabad]



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It was there that Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī came and met the Lord

At Prayaga, Rupa Gosvamī fell down on the ground to offer obeisances to the Lord, and the Lord embraced him with great delight

After instructing Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī at Prayāga, at the Daśāśvamedha-ghāta, Caitanya Mahāprabhu ordered him to go to Vrndāvana. The Lord then returned to Vārānasī



Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu arrived at Vārānasī, Sanātana Gosvāmī met Him there

Lord remained there for two months and instructed Sanātana Gosvāmī perfectly

Srī Caitanya Mahāprabhu sent him to Mathurā with empowered devotional service

In Benares He also bestowed His mercy upon the Māyāvādī sannyāsīs. He then returned to Nīlācala [Jagannātha Purī]



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India travel

Lord traveled all over India for six years. He was sometimes here and sometimes there, performing His transcendental pastimes, and sometimes He remained at Jagannātha Purī

Lord passed His time in great joy by performing sankīrtana and visiting the temple of Jagannātha in great ecstasy



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Activities in Puri

Lord returned to Jagannātha Purī from Vṛndāvana, He remained there and did not go anywhere else for eighteen years

All the devotees of Bengal used to visit Him at Jagannātha Purī every year - They would remain there for 4 months

He enjoyed the pastime of sankīrtana. He manifested His causeless mercy, pure love of God, to everyone, including the lowest man



At Jagannātha Purī, Haridāsa Ṭhākura passed away. The incident was very wonderful because the Lord Himself performed the festival of Thākura Haridāsa's departure

At Jagannātha Purī Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī met the Lord again - Lord invested his heart with all transcendental power

Lord punished Junior Haridāsa, and Dāmodara Paṇḍita gave some warning to the Lord

Sanātana Gosvāmī met the Lord again, and the Lord tested him in scorching heat during the month of Jyaiṣṭha

Being pleased, the Lord sent Sanātana Gosvāmī back to Vṛndāvana





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After that, He was fed wonderfully by the hands of Śrī Advaita Ācārya

Lord privately consulted with Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu. He then sent Him to Bengal to preach love of Godhead

Vallabha Bhatta met the Lord at Jagannātha Purī, and the Lord explained to him the import of the holy name of Krsna

After explaining the transcendental qualities of Rāmānanda Rāya, the Lord sent Pradyumna Miśra to his residence, and Pradyumna Miśra learned krsna-kathā from him

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu saved Gopīnātha Paṭṭanāyaka, the younger brother of Rāmānanda Rāya, from being condemned to death by the King

Rāmacandra Purī criticized Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's eating; therefore the Lord reduced His eating to a minimum

When all the Vaisnavas became very sorry, the Lord increased His portion to half as much as usual

used to come to Jagannātha Purī to visit Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu



Devatas from all planetary system would visit Puri - Dressing like human beings on pilgrimage, they all

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All the devotees, headed by Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura, were chanting the transcendental qualities of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

Not liking the chanting of His transcendental qualities, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu chastised them as if He were angry

"What kind of chanting is this?" He asked. "Are you leaving aside the chanting of the holy name of the Lord?"

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu chastised all the devotees, telling them not to show impudence and spoil the entire world by becoming independent

Many thousands of people outside loudly cried in a tumultuous voice, "All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu!"

All the people began to call very loudly, "All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who is the son of Mahārāja Nanda! Now You have appeared in order to deliver the whole world!"

"O Lord, we are very unhappy. We have come a long distance to see You. Please be merciful and show us Your favor"

When the Lord heard the humble petition made by the people, His heart softened



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Being very merciful, He immediately came out and gave audience to all of them

Raising His arms, the Lord asked everyone to chant loudly the vibration of the holy name of Lord Hari.

There immediately arose a great stir, and the vibration of "Hari!" filled all directions

Everyone accepted the Lord as the Supreme, and thus they offered their prayers

Śrīvāsa Thākura sarcastically said to the Lord, "At home, You wanted to be covered. Why have You exposed Yourself outside?"

Śrīvāsa Thākura continued, "Who has taught these people? What are they saying? Now You can cover their mouths with Your own hand"

"It is as if the sun, after rising, wanted to hide itself. We cannot understand such characteristics in Your behavior"

Lord replied, "My dear Śrīnivāsa, please stop joking. You have all combined together to humiliate Me in this way"

Lord entered His room after glancing auspiciously upon the people out of charity. In this way the desires of the people were completely fulfilled

