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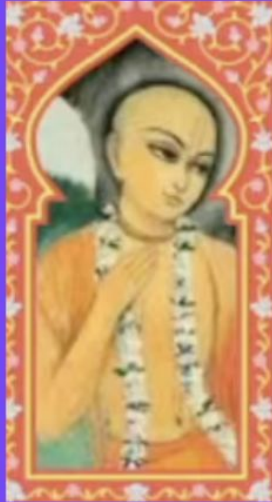


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My inauspicious days and nights have become unbearable. I do not know how I shall pass the time

All these inauspicious days and nights are not passing, for I have not met You. It is difficult to know how to pass all this time

You are the friend of the helpless and an ocean of mercy. Kindly give Me Your audience, for I am in a precarious position

Lord's restlessness was awakened by ecstatic feelings, and His mind became agitated

Lord Caitanya could not meet the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, His mind burned - He began to ask Kṛṣṇa about the means by which He could reach Him

I do not know what to do or where to go. Where can I find You? I am asking You to give directions

O My Lord! O dearest one! O only friend of the universe! O Kṛṣṇa, O restless one, O only ocean of mercy! O My Lord, O My enjoyer, O beloved to My eyes! Alas, when will You again be visible to Me?

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Bodily Transformations

Different transformations of the body of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu

Being stunned

Trembling

Perspiring

Fading away of color

Weeping

Choking of the voice

Caitanya Mahāprabhu would laugh, sometimes cry, sometimes dance and sometimes sing. Sometimes He would get up and run here and there, and sometimes fall on the ground and lose consciousness

Krishna appears as Lord Caitanya

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was thus unconscious, He happened to meet the Supreme Personality of Godhead

Consequently He got up and immediately made a tumultuous sound, very loudly declaring, "Now Kṛṣṇa, the great personality, is present"

**KAVIRAJA GOSWAMI GLORIFIES LORD
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Lord Caitanya's activities, Dealings and Nature

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Lord Caitanya passed His time reading the books and singing the songs of Caṇḍīdāsa and Vidyāpati

Listening to quotations from the Jagannātha-vallabha-nāṭaka, Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta and Gīta-govinda

Association of Svarūpa Dāmodara and Rāya Rāmānanda, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu passed His days and nights chanting and hearing with great pleasure

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu enjoyed

Paternal loving affection from Paramānanda Purī

Friendly affection with Rāmānanda Rāya

Unalloyed service from Govinda and others

Humors of conjugal love with Gadādhara,
Jagadānanda and Svarūpa Dāmodara

He remained obliged to His devotees

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No one, not even Lord Brahmā, can ascertain or even taste a drop of this confidential ocean of ecstasy, but Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, out of His causeless mercy, has distributed this love of Godhead all over the world

There cannot be any incarnation more munificent than Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

One who is able to understand, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu has shown mercy by giving him the association of the servant of His own servant

Parampara, Benefits of Caitanya-caritāmṛta

Pastimes of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu are the topmost of jewels

They have been kept in the storehouse of Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī, who has explained them to Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, who has repeated them to me (Author of CC)

Whatever little I have heard from Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī I have described in this book, which is presented to all devotees

If one says that Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta is full of Sanskrit verses and therefore not understandable by a common man, I reply that what I have described are the pastimes of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and that for me to satisfy everyone is not possible

In this Caitanya-caritāmṛta there is no contradictory conclusion, nor is anyone else's opinion accepted

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I have written this book to describe the simple substance as I have heard it from superiors

If I become involved in someone's likes and dislikes, I cannot possibly write the simple truth

If one does not understand in the beginning but continues to hear again and again the wonderful effects of Lord Caitanya's pastimes will bring love for Kṛṣṇa

Reply to those critics who say that Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta is full of Sanskrit verses, it can be said that Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is also full of Sanskrit verses, as are the commentaries on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam can be understood by everyone, as well as by advanced devotees who study the Sanskrit commentaries

Why, then, will people not understand the Caitanya-caritāmṛta? There are only a few Sanskrit verses, and these have been explained in the Bengali vernacular. What is the difficulty in understanding?

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Reason for giving the synopsis

I have already given a synopsis of all the facts and figures of Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's last pastimes, and I have a desire to describe them elaborately

I have now become too old and disturbed by invalidity. While I write, my hands tremble

I cannot remember anything, nor can I see or hear properly. Still I write, and this is a great wonder

In this chapter I have to some extent described the essence of the pastimes of Lord Caitanya at the end

If I die in the meantime and cannot describe them in detail, at least the devotees will have this transcendental treasure

If by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy I live for so many days that I can fulfill my desires, I will give full consideration to these pastimes

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Respects to all

I worship herewith the lotus feet of all kinds of devotees, both advanced and neophyte

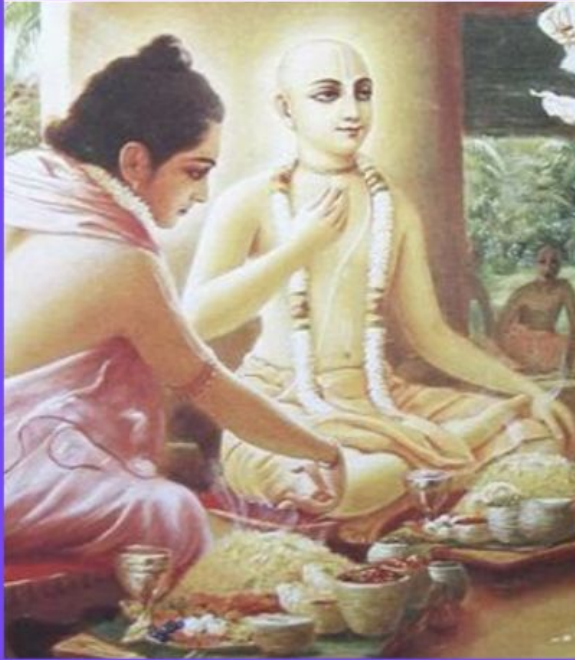
I am faultless because I have written herein whatever I have understood from Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī and Rūpa and Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmīs

I have neither added to nor subtracted from their version

According to the paramparā system, I wish to take the dust from the lotus feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Nityānanda Prabhu, Advaita Prabhu, and all the associates of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu like Svarūpa Dāmodara, Rūpa Gosvāmī, Sanātana Gosvāmī and Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī

Receiving orders from the above authorities and the Vaiṣṇavas of Vṛndāvana, especially from Haridāsa, the priest of Govindajī, I, Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī, have tried to describe one small particle of one drop of one wave of the ocean of the pastimes of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

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Lord Nityananda diverts Lord Caitanya (1-40)

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LORD NITYANANDA DIVERTS LORD CAITANYA (1-40)

Obeisances

After accepting the sannyāsa order of life, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, out of intense love for Kṛṣṇa, wanted to go to Vṛndāvana, but apparently by mistake He wandered in the Rāḍha-deśa

He arrived at Śāntipura and enjoyed Himself there with His devotees. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

Lord accepted sannyasa

End of His twenty-fourth year, in the month of Māgha, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu accepted the sannyāsa order during the waxing period of the moon

He mistakenly wandered about in a trance continuously for three days in the tract of land known as Rāḍha-deśa

Passing through the tract of land known as Rāḍha-deśa, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu recited the following verse in ecstasy

Determination of a sannyasi to serve Krishna

As a brāhmaṇa from
Avantī-deśa said

I shall cross over the insurmountable ocean of nescience by being firmly fixed in the service of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa

This was approved by the previous ācāryas, who were fixed in firm devotion to the Lord, Paramātmā, the Supreme Personality of Godhead

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu approved the purport of this verse on account of the determination of the mendicant devotee to engage in the service of Lord Mukunda

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Real Purpose of sannyasa

Dedicate oneself to the service of Mukunda. By serving Mukunda, one can actually be liberated from the bondage of material existence

After accepting the sannyāsa order, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu decided to go to Vṛndāvana and engage Himself wholly and solely in the service of Mukunda in a solitary place

Ecstatic Symptoms manifest

As Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was en route to Vṛndāvana, all the ecstatic symptoms became manifest

He did not know in which direction He was going, nor did He know whether it was day or night

Nityānanda Prabhu, Candraśekhara and Prabhu Mukunda followed Him

Inducing others to chant

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu passed through Rāḍha-deśa, whoever saw Him in ecstasy exclaimed, "Hari! Hari!"

All the cowherd boys who saw Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu passing joined with Him and began to shout loudly, "Hari! Hari!"

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was very pleased. He approached them, put His hand on their heads and said, "Go on chanting like that"

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Nityananda's trick

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Calling all the boys in confidence and telling a reasonable story, Nityānanda Prabhu instructed them as follows

“If Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu asks you about the path to Vṛndāvana, please show Him the path on the bank of the Ganges instead”

When the cowherd boys were questioned by Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu about the path to Vṛndāvana, the boys showed Him the path on the bank of the Ganges, and the Lord went that way in ecstasy

As the Lord proceeded along the bank of the Ganges, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu requested Ācāryaratna [Candraśekhara Ācārya] to go immediately to the house of Advaita Ācārya



Śrī Nityānanda Gosvāmī told him, “I shall take Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu to the bank of the Ganges at Śāntipura, and Advaita Ācārya should carefully stay there on shore with a boat”

Nityānanda Prabhu continued, “I shall go to Advaita Ācārya’s house, and you should go to Navadvīpa and return with mother Śacī and all the other devotees”

After sending Ācāryaratna to the house of Advaita Ācārya, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu went before Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu and gave notice of His coming

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Nityananda talks to Lord Caitanya

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Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was in ecstasy, and He asked where Nityānanda Prabhu was going. Nityānanda replied that He was going with Him toward Vṛndāvana

When the Lord asked Nityānanda Prabhu how far it was to Vṛndāvana, Nityānanda replied, "Just see! Here is the river Yamunā"

Nityānanda Prabhu took Caitanya Mahāprabhu near the Ganges, and the Lord, in His ecstasy, accepted the river Ganges as the river Yamunā

Lord said, "Oh, what good fortune! Now I have seen the river Yamunā."

Thus thinking the Ganges to be the river Yamunā, Caitanya Mahāprabhu began to offer prayers to it



O river Yamunā, you are the blissful spiritual water that gives love to the son of Nanda Mahārāja

You are the same as the water of the spiritual world, for you can vanquish all our offenses and the sinful reactions incurred in life

You are the creator of all auspicious things for the world. O daughter of the sun-god, kindly purify us by your pious activities

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu offered obeisances and took His bath in the Ganges. At that time He had on only one piece of underwear, for there was no second garment

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Advaita arrival

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was standing there without a second garment, Śrī Advaita Ācārya arrived in a boat, bringing with Him new underwear and external garments

When Advaita Ācārya arrived, He stood before the Lord and offered His obeisances. After seeing Him, the Lord began to wonder about the entire situation



Still in His ecstasy, the Lord asked Advaita Ācārya, "Why did You come here? How did You know that I was in Vṛndāvana?"

Advaita Ācārya disclosed the whole situation, telling Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, "Wherever You are, that is Vṛndāvana. Now it is My great fortune that You have come to the bank of the Ganges"

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Advaita's explanation to Nityananda's cheating

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Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu then said, “Nityānanda has cheated Me. He has brought Me to the bank of the Ganges and told Me that it was the Yamunā”

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu accused Nityānanda of cheating Him, Śrīla Advaita Ācārya said, “Whatever Nityānanda Prabhu has told You is not false. You have indeed just now taken Your bath in the river Yamunā”

Advaita Ācārya then explained that at that spot the Ganges and Yamunā flow together

On the western side was the Yamunā, and on the eastern side was the Ganges

Advaita Ācārya then suggested that since Caitanya Mahāprabhu had taken His bath in the river Yamunā and His underwear was now wet, the Lord should change His underwear for dry garments

Advaita Ācārya said, “You have been fasting continuously for three days in Your ecstasy of love for Kṛṣṇa. I therefore invite You to My home, where You may kindly take Your alms. Come with Me to My residence”

Advaita Prabhu continued, “At My home I have just cooked one palmful of rice. The vegetables are always very simple. There is no luxurious cooking — simply a little liquid vegetable and spinach”

Śrī Advaita Ācārya took the Lord into the boat and brought the Lord to His residence

Advaita Ācārya washed the feet of the Lord and was consequently very happy within