



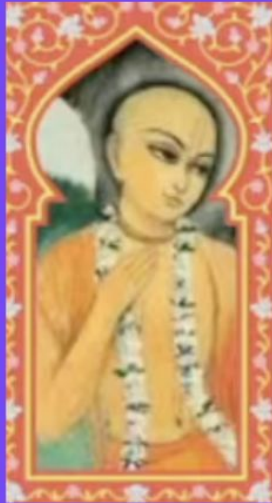
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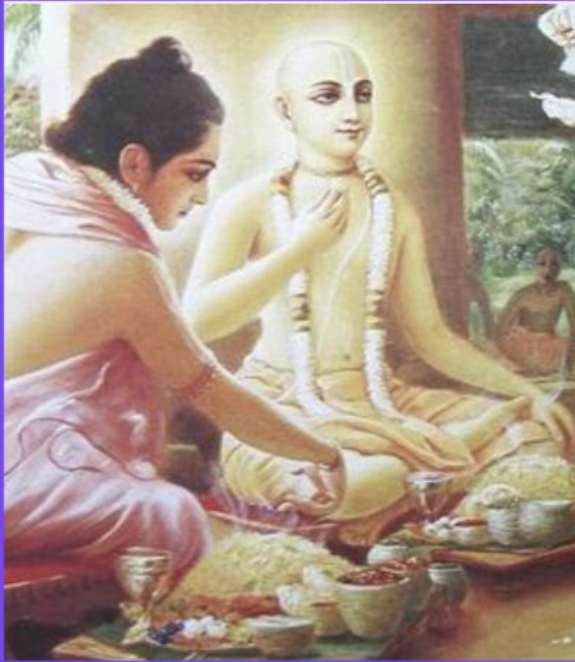
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LORD ACCEPTS PRASAD AT ADVAITA'S HOUSE (41-78)

Offering the food

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All the eatables were first cooked by the wife of Advaita Ācārya

Then Śrīla Advaita Ācārya personally offered everything to Lord Viṣṇu



Prepared food was divided into 3 equal parts - One part was arranged on a metal plate for offering to Lord Kṛṣṇa

Other two were arranged on plantain leaves - filled very nicely with the kinds of food

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HOUSE (41-78)**

Description of the food

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Cooked rice was a stack of very fine grains nicely cooked

Middle was yellow clarified butter from the milk of cows

Surrounding the stack of rice were pots made of the skins of banana trees

These pots were varieties of vegetables and mung dhal

Cooked vegetables were paṭolas, squash, mānakacu and a salad made with pieces of ginger and various types of spinach

Sukhta, bitter melon mixed with all kinds of vegetables, defying the taste of nectar

There were five types of bitter and pungent sukhtas

Grown leaves of nimba trees fried with eggplant

Fruit known as paṭola was fried with phulabaḍi, a kind of dhal preparation first mashed and then dried in the sun

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There was also a preparation known as kuṣmāṇḍa-mānacāki

Preparation made with coconut pulp mixed with curd and rock candy was very sweet

Curry made of banana flowers and squash boiled in milk, all in great quantity

Small cakes in sweet and sour sauce and five or six kinds of sour preparations

All the vegetables were so made that everyone present could take prasādam

Soft cakes made with mung dhal, soft cakes made with ripe bananas, and soft cakes made with urad dhal

Various kinds of sweetmeats, condensed milk mixed with rice cakes, a coconut preparation and every kind of cake desirable

Vegetables were served in pots made of banana leaves taken from trees producing at least thirty-two bunches of bananas

These pots were very strong and big and did not tilt or totter

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Description of the food

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All around the three eating places were a hundred pots filled with various kinds of vegetables

Various vegetables was sweet rice mixed with ghee

This was kept in new earthen pots - Earthen pots filled with highly condensed milk were placed in three places

Chipped rice made with milk and mixed with bananas, and also white squash boiled in milk

Two places there were earthen pots filled with another preparation made with yogurt, sandeśa [a sweetmeat made with curd] and banana - I am unable to describe it all

Upon the stack of boiled rice and all the vegetables were flowers of the tulasī trees

There were also pots filled with scented rosewater

Three sitting places where soft cloths were placed

Lord Kṛṣṇa was offered all the food, and the Lord took it very pleasantly

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Bhoga Arati

It is the system, after offering food, to perform bhoga-ārati. Advaita Prabhu asked the two brothers, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Nityānanda Prabhu, to come see the āraṭi

After āraṭi was performed for the Deities in the temple, Lord Kṛṣṇa was made to lie down to rest

Advaita Ācārya then came out to submit something to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu

Invitation for prasadam

Śrī Advaita Prabhu said, "My dear Lords, kindly enter this room" - The two brothers, Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Nityānanda Prabhu, then came forward to take the prasādam

Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Nityānanda Prabhu went to accept the prasādam, They both called Mukunda and Haridāsa to come with Them

Mukunda and Haridāsa, both with folded hands, spoke as follows

Mukunda was called for, he submitted, "My dear sir, I have something to do that is not yet finished. Later I shall accept the prasādam, so You two Prabhus should now please enter the room"

Haridāsa Ṭhākura said, "I am the most sinful and lowest among men. Later I shall eat one palmful of prasādam while waiting outside"

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Glory of offering food to Krishna

- Two Lords saw the arrangement of the prasādam - Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was very pleased
- Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu approved of all the methods employed in cooking and offering food to Kṛṣṇa
- He was so pleased that He said, "Frankly, I will personally take the lotus feet of anyone who can offer Kṛṣṇa such nice food and place those lotus feet on My head birth after birth"

Lord Caitanya's refusal

- Lord saw 3 divisions of food, and He knew that all of these were meant for Kṛṣṇa
- However, He did not understand the intentions of Advaita Ācārya
- Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, "Let Us sit down in these three places, and We shall take prasādam"
- Advaita Ācārya said, "I shall distribute the prasādam"
- Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu thought that all three servings were meant for distribution - therefore He asked for another two banana leaves, saying, "Let Us have a very little quantity of vegetable and rice"
- Advaita Ācārya said, "Just sit down here on these seats." Catching Their hands, He sat Them both down
- Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, "It is not proper for a sannyāsī to eat such a variety of foods. If he does, how can he control his senses?"

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LORD ACCEPTS PRASAD AT ADVAITA'S HOUSE (41-78)

Advaita persuades the Lord to eat



Lord accepts prasadam

Advaita Ācārya said, "Please give up Your concealment. I know what You are, and I know the confidential meaning of Your accepting the sannyāsa order"

Lord replied, "I certainly cannot eat so much food"

Advaita Ācārya then requested the Lord to simply accept the prasādam without pretense. If He could not eat it all, the balance could be left on the plate

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, "I will not be able to eat so much food, and it is not the duty of a sannyāsī to leave remnants"

Advaita Ācārya pointed out that at Jagannātha Purī Caitanya Mahāprabhu ate fifty-four times a day, and each time He ate many hundreds of pots of food

Śrī Advaita Ācārya said, "The amount of food that three people can eat does not constitute even a morsel for You. In proportion to that, these edibles are not even five morsels of food for You"

"By My great fortune You have just come to My home. Please do not juggle words. Just begin eating and do not talk"

Advaita Ācārya supplied water to the two Lords so that They could wash Their hands. The two Lords then sat down and, smiling, began to eat the prasādam

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Nityānanda Prabhu said, “I have undergone fasting for three days continuously. Today I had hoped to break My fast”

Although Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was thinking that the quantity of food was enormous, Nityānanda Prabhu, on the contrary, thought it not even a morsel

He had been fasting for three days and had greatly hoped to break fast on that day

He said, “Although I am invited to eat by Advaita Ācārya, today also is a fast. So small a quantity of food will not fill even half My belly”

Advaita Ācārya replied, “Sir, You are a mendicant traveling on pilgrimage. Sometimes You eat fruits and roots, and sometimes You simply go on fasting”

“I am a poor brāhmaṇa, and You have come to My home. Please be satisfied with whatever little food You have received and give up Your greedy mentality”

Lord Nityānanda Prabhu replied, “Whatever I may be, You have invited Me. Therefore You must supply as much as I want to eat”

Advaita Ācārya said, “You are a reject paramahansa, and You have accepted the renounced order of life just to fill up Your belly. I can understand that Your business is to give trouble to brāhmaṇas”

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“You can eat ten to twenty mānas of rice. I am a poor brāhmaṇa. How shall I get so much rice?”

“Whatever You have, though it be a palmful of rice, please eat it and get up. Don't show Your madness and strew the remnants of food here and there”

After eating half of each vegetable preparation given to Him, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu abandoned it and went on to the next

As soon as half of the vegetable in the pot was finished, Advaita Ācārya filled it up again

In this way, as the Lord finished half of a preparation, Advaita Ācārya again and again filled it up

After filling a pot with vegetables, Advaita Ācārya requested Them to eat more, and Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, “How much more can I go on eating?”

Advaita Ācārya said, “Please do not give up whatever I have already given You. Now, whatever I am giving, You may eat half and leave half”

Advaita Ācārya made Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Lord Nityānanda eat

Thus Caitanya Mahāprabhu fulfilled all the desires of Advaita Ācārya

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**JOKING DEALING WITH ADVAITA ACHARYA AND
LORD NITYANANDA (79-107)**

Nityānanda Prabhu jokingly said, “My belly is not yet filled up. Please take away Your food. I have not taken the least of it”

Nityānanda Prabhu took a handful of rice and threw it on the floor in front of Him, as if He were angry



When two or four pieces of the thrown rice touched His body, Advaita Ācārya began to dance in various ways with the rice still stuck to His body