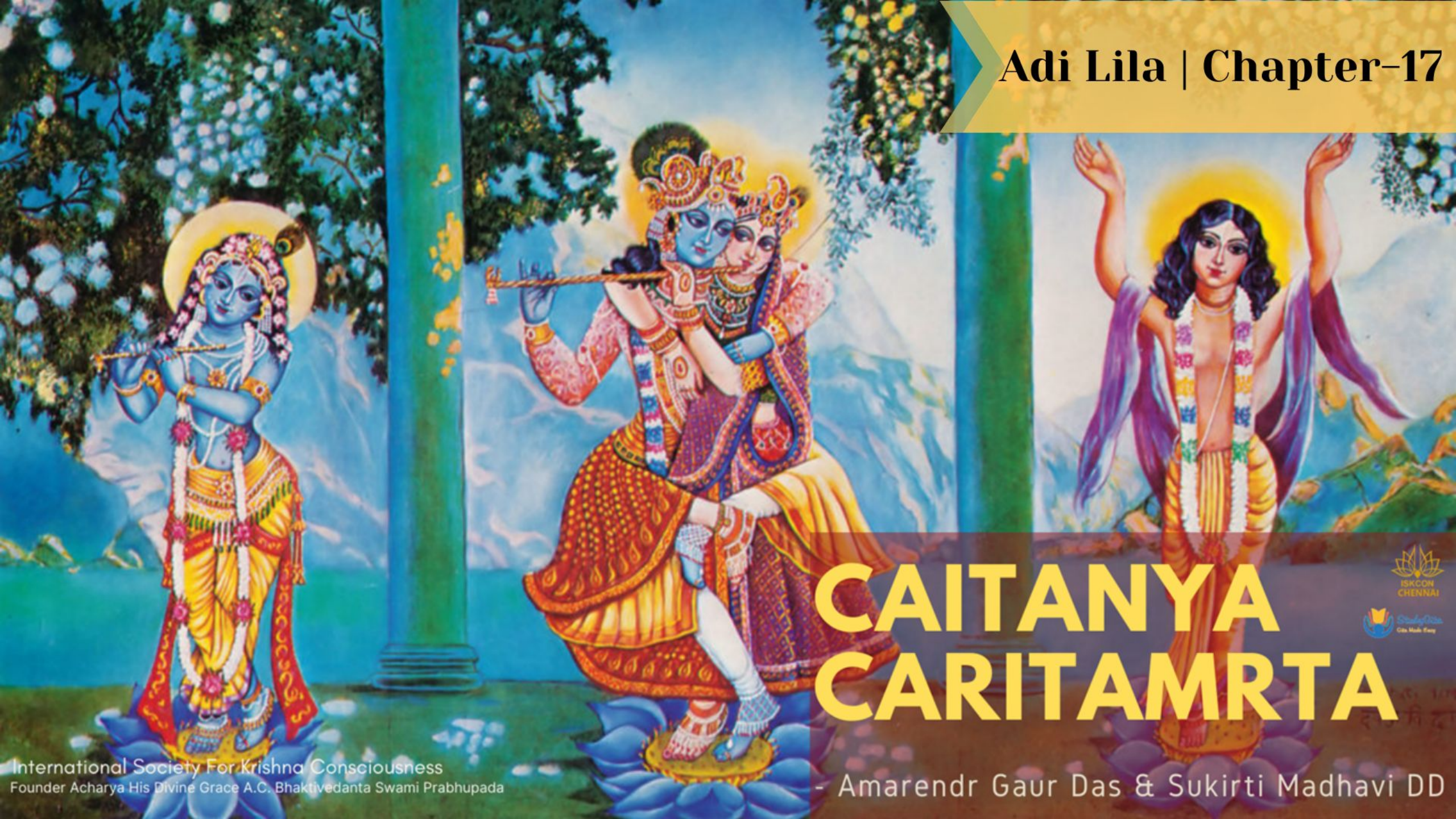


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Lord was going to leave home to take sannyāsa, He privately spoke to Nityānanda

"You should tell only five persons what I am about to say"

Makara-saṅkrānti day [January 14 or 15] I will certainly leave home and take sannyāsa

Village named Katwa near Indrāṇī. At that place lives the pure soul, Keśava Bhāratī

"Glorify Kṛṣṇa, worship Kṛṣṇa, and chant the name of Kṛṣṇa. Do not think of anything other than Kṛṣṇa"

"If you have any affection for Me, then don't speak about any topics other than Kṛṣṇa"

"Whether you are sleeping, eating, or waking, day and night think of Kṛṣṇa and chant His name"

Śrīdhara came there with a bottle-gourd in his hand

Lord, however, thought, "Tomorrow I will leave, therefore I'll not be able to eat this"

"Yet whatever is brought by Śrīdhara cannot be wasted, so I must eat it today"

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He requested His mother to cook the bottle-gourd

One fortunate person came and offered a pot of milk

Lord smiled and told His mother, "This is very nice. Please cook these together"

Son of Śacī is so affectionate to His devotees

Lord woke the next day for leaving during the brahma-muhūrta

Gadādhara and Haridāsa also woke, and Gadādhara told the Lord, "I will accompany You"

Lord, however, replied, "I am fully independent, one without a second. This is My pastime"

Lord held Mother Saci hands and solaced her in various ways

"You have maintained Me very nicely. Because of you, I have studied and learned"

"Without caring a bit for your personal happiness"

Amount of affection you have shown Me at every moment is more than I can repay in millions of kalpas

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I will remain indebted to you life after life

Entire creation is under the control of the Supreme Lord. No one has the power to be independent

Who can understand the Supreme Lord's will, by which living entities sometimes meet and sometimes separate?

I take full responsibility for both your worldly and spiritual needs

Placing His hand on mother Śacī's chest, the Lord repeatedly solaced her, saying, "I will take full care of you"



Mother Śacī quietly listened to what the Lord said - She made no reply but simply shed incessant tears

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Lord then took the dust of His mother's feet on His head, and after circumambulating her, He immediately departed

Devotees took their morning bath, they were unaware of the Lord's departure

Magnanimous Śrīvāsa was the first to inquire, "O mother, why are you sitting at the doorway?"

She was unable to reply, except for the incessant flow of tears from her eyes

You may all distribute the items He has left among yourselves. The śāstras declare that those items belong to you

So be satisfied, do as you please, and let me go from here

Devotees immediately fell unconscious to the ground - They all began to cry loudly in distress

They cried out, "O Gopīnātha, what a terrible night we have passed!" as they held their heads and wept

How will we live without seeing that moonlike face? What is the use of this sinful life?

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LORD CAITANYA TAKES SANYASSA (247-274)

Even the offenders and atheists became aggrieved while hearing the people lament - they also began to cry

After crossing the Ganges, Śrī Gaurāṅga arrived that day at Kaṇṭaka-nagara (Katwa)

Nityānanda Prabhu, Gadādhara, Mukunda, Candraśekhara Ācārya, and Brahmānanda Bhāratī each gradually arrived there

Lord, like a maddened lion, arrived there to meet Keśava Bhāratī

Lord fell flat offering obeisances

Lord then began to dance and cry out loudly

Indescribable wonderful flow of tears from the Lord's eyes could not be described by even Lord Ananta

Lord shivered, another moment He perspired, and the next moment He fell unconscious

Lord of unlimited universes, in the mood of His own servant, took a straw between His teeth and begged everyone for the service of Lord Kṛṣṇa

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LORD CAITANYA TAKES SANYASSA (247-274)

How will His mother and wife survive when even our hearts are broken?

Keśava Bhāratī was absorbed in an ocean of bliss on seeing the devotional sentiments displayed by the Lord. He therefore offered his prayers to the Lord

I have clearly understood that You are the spiritual master of the entire world, therefore no one is qualified to become Your guru

Yet I think that to teach people in general, You will accept me as Your guru

Candraśekhara Ācārya began to perform the required Vedic rituals

Variety of ingredients that people from the surrounding villages brought cannot be described

They brought milk, yogurt, butter, mung dhal, betel, sandalwood, flowers, sacred threads, and cloth

Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the life of all, sat down to have His head shaved, including the śikhā

When the barber came to shave the Lord, a tumultuous sound of weeping arose

Before he even touched the Lord's head, he began to cry

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LORD CAITANYA TAKES SANYASSA (247-274)

What to speak of the devotees, even the people in general all began to cry in lamentation

The entire universe was filled with the sound of crying

Viśvambhara got up and exclaimed, “Chant! Chant!” As Mukunda began to sing, the Lord continuously danced

Lord constantly roared, “Hari bol!” The barber was therefore unable to perform his task

Lord of all took His bath in the Ganges and sat for His sannyāsa ceremony

Lord then spoke something to Keśava Bhāratī

Lord said, “In a dream some mahājana appeared to Me and spoke some sannyāsa mantra in My ear”

Please examine whether it is appropriate or not - Speaking in this way, the Lord spoke the mantra into Keśava Bhāratī’s ear

Lord by trickery made Keśava Bhāratī His disciple, and Keśava Bhāratī was struck with great wonder

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LORD CAITANYA TAKES SANYASSA (247-274)

Keśava Bhāratī said, “This is the best of all mantras. By the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa, what is unknown to You?”

Broad-minded Keśava Bhāratī then spoke that very mantra into the ear of the Lord

Lord put on the enchanting saffron dress, He appeared as beautiful as millions of Cupids

Holding His daṇḍa and kamaṇḍalu in His hands, the Lord was overwhelmed in ecstatic love

Śrī Vedavyāsa has described in his Viṣṇu-sahasra-nāma that the Lord appears in one of His incarnations as a sannyāsī



Keśava Bhāratī said - Your name will be Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya

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LORD CAITANYA TAKES SANYASSA (247-274)

Devotees then offered obeisances to Keśava Bhāratī, and even the Lord felt satisfaction on receiving His name

By hearing this pastime of the Lord's acceptance of sannyāsa in this Madhya-khaṇḍa, one will achieve the wealth of kṛṣṇa-prema

O Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Nityānanda Prabhu, my only desire is that I should never forget You