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## MORE MERCIFUL THAN KRISHNA

*His Divine Grace*

*A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada*

Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is very kind. *Parama karuna, pahū duijana* — “These two Lords, Nitai-Gaurachandra, Nityananda Prabhu and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, they are very kind. They have appeared just to reclaim the fallen souls of this age. They are more kind than Krishna. Krishna is also very kind. He comes to deliver. But Krishna demands that first of all surrender. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu even does not demand surrender. He is so kind [voice choking]. So take shelter of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and be happy. Thank you very much [in choked voice]. 🙏

— Arrival address in Atlanta, Georgia. 28 February 1975.

## SRI GAURASUNDARA AND SRI KRISHNACHANDRA

*Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur Prabhupada*

Mahaprabhu and Radha-Krishna are nondifferent. There is no difference between them. The only difference is that Gaurahari is *vipralambha-rasa-vigraha* [the form of experiencing separation], searching for Krishna, and Radha-Krishna are *sambhoga-rasa-vigraha* [the form of experiencing union]. Attainment of Vraja is possible only by serving Sri Gaurahari. The process of *bhajana* demonstrated by Mahaprabhu is described in the twentieth Chapter of *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*.

## LAST LIMIT OF BHAKTI

Sri Srimad Gour Govinda Swami Maharaja

Krishna is the Absolute Truth, *advaya-jñāna-tattva*, the Supreme Truth, *parama-tattva*. Similarly, Chaitanya is also *advaya-tattva*, but one addition is there — *prema-bhakti*. *Prema-bhakti* is *bhakti-naipūṇya*, the last limit of *bhakti*. If *prema-bhakti* is added to Krishna, that is Chaitanya. Sachinandan Gauranga is the Supreme Absolute Truth, *parama-tattva* Bhagavan, with *bhakti-naipūṇya* added. That is Gauranga. 🙏

— From *The Last Limit of Bhakti*, p. 53. Lecture in Bhubaneswar on 3 January 1993.

## MAHAPRABHU'S PURPOSE IN COMING

Srila Lochan Das Thakur's

Śrī Caitanya-maṅgala Sutra-khaṇḍa song 12

(Kṣudra-chanda - Dhanaśī rāga)

In the spiritual world a thought sprouted in Krishna's heart.

*prthivīte janama labhiba ye kārane*  
*tattva kahi — sarvajana śūna sābadhāne*

(He said): "I will take birth on the earth. Now I will tell the reason why. Everyone please carefully listen." (text 545)

*nija vṛnda lañā prabhu kahe nija-kathā*  
*mahā-maheśvara kare prthivīra cintā*

Surrounded by his associates, the Supreme Lord spoke his heart. The supreme controller of all controllers was worried about the earth. (546)

*dāhine rādhikā — vāme devī śrī rukmiṇī*  
*tānhāra antare yata pradhāna raṅgiṇī*

On his right side was Radhika. On his left was Rukmini. All around him were the most important *gopīs* and queens. (547)

*yuge yuge janma mora prthivīra mājhe*  
*sādhujana-trāṇa dharmā rākhibāra kaje*

(The Lord said): "Yuga after yuga I take birth on the earth. I protect the devotees and I also protect the principles of religion. That is my mission. (551)

*dharmā-saṁsthāpana kari — nā bhujha-i keho*  
*adhike bādḥaye pāpa — paramāda seho*

"I establish the principles of religion. Still, the people do not understand. Sin has greatly increased. The people are now addicted to sin. (552)

*satya-yuga-adhika tretāya bādḥe pāpa*  
*dvāpare tāhāra adhika — e baḍa samtāpa*



Unknown artist. Bengali painting, early 1900s.

Gaurasundara's mercy is unlimited and Krishnachandra's sweetness is unique. That is why Gaura is addressed as *mādhurya-vigraha*. Know for certain that there is no such thing as greater or lesser as far as these two personalities are concerned. Taking shelter of Gaura's lotus feet and serving Krishna are one and the same thing. Both of them are supremely enchanting. Lord Gauranga is the combined form of Radha and Krishna and so he is not greater or lesser than Krishna.

By chanting the holy names of Krishna, the living entities achieve supreme benefit. The holy name is nondifferent from the Supreme Lord himself. You should study *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* very carefully. Sri Narottam Das Thakur has written, *gorā pahūnā bhajiyā mainu, adhane yatana kari dhana teyāginu*, "I have spoiled my life by not worshiping the lotus feet of Gauranga. I have given up real wealth for hankering after worthless things." Keep all these prayers inside your heart and constantly chant the holy names of Krishna. Then no material miseries will cause you any harm. 🙏

— From a letter dated 2 August 1915. Excerpted from *Patrāmṛta, Nectar from the Letters*, pp. 54-55. Touchstone Media. Kolkata. 2012.



Painting by Kartick Biswas

## The birth festival of baby Nimai

“In *Treta-yuga*, sin increased. It was worse than *Satya-yuga*. *Dvāpara-yuga* was worse yet. That made me very sorrowful. (553)

*kali ghora andhakāra — nāhi dharmaleśa  
karuṇā bāḍhala dekhi sarva-jana-kleśa*

“Then came horrible *Kali-yuga* filled with blinding darkness. Not the smallest particle of true religion remained. Seeing everyone’s sufferings, I felt very compassionate. (554)

*adharmā-vināśa hetu mora avatāra  
adharmā bāḍhaye punaḥ ki kāja āmāra*

“What is my duty when irreligion increases? To destroy irreligion I must descend to the material world. (555)

*aichana jāniñā dayā upajila cite  
janama labhiba nija prema prakāśite*

“Compassion has now taken birth in my heart. To manifest the ecstatic love the devotees feel I will now take birth in the material world. (556)

*emata durlabha prema-bhakti prakāśiyā  
bujhā-iba loka dharmādharmā vicāriyā*

“I will manifest rare *prema-bhakti*. I will teach what is true religion and what is not. (557)

*navadvīpe janma mora śacīra udare  
gaṅgāra samīpe jagannātha-mīśra-ghare*

“In *Nabadwip*, in the home of *Jagannātha Mishra* near the *Ganga*, I will take birth in the womb of *Sachi*. (558)

*āra avatāra hena avatāra nahe  
asura-saṁhāra-hetu pṛthivī vijaye*

“This *avatāra* will not be like the other *avatāras*. In the other *avatāras* I conquer the earth to kill the demons. (559)

*mahākāya, mahāsura, mahā-antra-mora  
mahāraṇe saṁhāra kariyā karo cūra*

“[Previously when I came] my form was great. My weapons were great, and my demoniac enemies were great. Fighting great battles, I killed the demons, crushing them to powder. (560)

*ebe sarvajana sei hṛdaya āsuri  
khaḍaga-chedra nahe — astra-bale kibā kari*

“Now everyone is a demon at heart but I will not cut them to pieces with my sword. How can I attack them with my weapons? (561)

*nāma, guṇa, saṅkīrtana — vaiṣṇavera śakti  
prakāśa kariba āra nija prema-bhakti*

“I will manifest the holy names, transcendental qualities, the *saṅkīrtana* movement, and the power of devotees. I will manifest the *prema-bhakti* of the devotees. (562)



Unknown artist

Nimai embraces his mother after taking *sannyāsa*

*ei mate kali-pāpa kariba saṁhāra  
sabhe cala — āge pāche nā kara vicāra*

“In this way I will destroy the sins of Kali-yuga. All of you please go there before me. Go, and I will follow. Don’t hesitate. (563)



*ebe nāma saṅkīrtana khaḍaga tikṣṇa laṅā  
antara āsura jīvera pheliba kārḍhiyā*

“Wielding the sharp sword of *nāma-saṅkīrtana*, I will cut to pieces the demonic desires in their hearts. (564)

*yadi pāpī chāḍi dharma dūra deśe yāya  
mora senāpati bhakta yāibe tathāya*

“If the sinners flee far away, the great devotees who are generals in my armies will pursue them. (565)

*nija-preme bhāsā-iba e brahmāṇḍa sab  
kabhu nā rākhiba duḥkhā-śoka eka-laba*

“I will plunge the whole world in the nectar of ecstatic spiritual love for me. Not a single particle of suffering or grief will remain. (566)

*bhāsāiba sthavaṛa jaṅgama deva-gaṇe  
śūni ānandita kahe e dāsa locane*

“Into that nectar I will plunge the demigods and all the moving and unmoving beings.” Hearing these words, Lochan Das is filled with bliss. (567) 🌸

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