

The Higher Taste

For those who want to stay high forever!

Lord Chaitanya – Heart of the devotees and the heart of scriptures!!

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APPETIZER

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu is accepted as the Supreme Personality of Godhead in many Vedic literatures. Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (11.5.32) states:

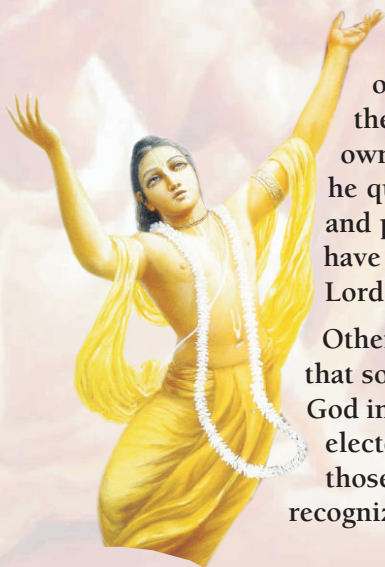
*kṛṣṇa-varṇam tviṣākṛṣṇam sāṅgopāṅgāstra-pārsadam
yajñaiḥ saṅkīrtana-prāyair yajanti hi sumedhasaḥ*

"In the age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregational chanting to worship the incarnation of Godhead who constantly sings the names of Kṛṣṇa. Although His complexion is not blackish, He is Kṛṣṇa Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons and confidential companions."

MAIN COURSE

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu is the Supreme Personality of Godhead appearing as His own devotee on earth five hundred years ago. Krishna as Lord Caitanya tasted the bliss that Srimati Radharani experienced in loving Him and simultaneously distributed that prema (love) to the jivas of the material realm. Devotees of the Lord have full faith in the words of Acharyas. On the strength of Srila Prabhupada's own conviction; on the strength of the several Vedic evidences he quoted and on the realization which comes from chanting and participating in the Sankirtana Movement-many devotees have been fortunate enough to receive faith in the divinity of Lord Caitanya.

Others however, are doubtful. First there are those who doubt that someone appearing so much like an ordinary man could be God incarnate. Secondly there are those who worship their own elected "avatars" or "incarnations" as God. Thirdly there are those who simply don't know. All of these are in trouble by not recognizing Lord Caitanya's unique position.



In this issue we shall present some of the many astounding verses from the Vedic literatures which leave no doubt as to who the incarnation of God is in the age of Kali.

The incarnation of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is also described in the Sri Visnu-sahasra-nama, which appears in Chapter 189 of the Dana-dharma-parva of Mahabharata. There Sage Vaisampayana says:

*suvarna-varno hemango varangas candanangadi
sannyasa-krc chamah santo nistha-santi-parayanah*

"In His early pastimes He appears as a householder with a golden complexion. His limbs are beautiful, and His body, smeared with the pulp of sandalwood, seems like molten gold. In His later pastimes He accepts the sannyasa order, and He is equipoised and peaceful. He is the highest abode of peace and devotion, for He silences the impersonalists & nondevotees."

The Mundaka Upanisad (3.1.3) further points out that the Lord appears in a golden (rukma-varnam) form: *"One who sees that golden-colored Personality of Godhead, the Supreme Lord, the supreme actor, who is the source of the Supreme Brahman, is liberated."*



There are many other scriptural references which specifically point to Lord Caitanya as the Godhead. But we'll take only few of them here. For example:

Kṛṣṇa-yāmala-tantra states: puṇya-kṣetre nava-dvīpe bhaviṣyāmi śacī-sutaḥ. "I shall appear in the holy land of Navadvīpa as the son of Śacī-devī."

Vāyu Purāṇa says: kalau saṅkīrtanārambhe bhaviṣyāmi śacī-sutaḥ. "In the Age of Kali when the saṅkīrtana movement is inaugurated, I shall descend as the son of Śacī-devī."

In *Brahma-yāmala-tantra*, Krishna says :

*atha vāhaṁ dharādhāme bhūtvā mad-bhakta-rūpa-dhṛk
māyāyām ca bhaviṣyāmi kalau saṅkīrtanāgame*

"Sometimes I personally appear on the surface of the world in the garb of a devotee. Specifically, I appear as the son of Śacī in Kali-yuga to start the saṅkīrtana movement."

Ananta-saṁhitā states: “The Supreme Person, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself, who is the life of Śrī Rādhārāṇī and is the Lord of the universe in creation, maintenance and annihilation, appears as Gaura, O Maheśvarī.”

DESSERT

As the heart is a very confidential place in our body, so Lord Chaitanya's incarnation is also mentioned in a confidential manner in all the scriptures. He is in the heart of His unalloyed devotees and they also lives eternally in His heart. So, Lord Chaitanya is both the heart of devotees and heart of all the Vedic Scriptures.

Although there are many more references that proves Lord Chaitanya's divinity, but due to space shortage we cant take them all in this issue. But, finally, we would like to quote few more verses that shows very clearly that Lord Chaitanya is Krishna Himself! For example:

sva-nama- mula-mantrena sarvam hladayati vibhuh.

Appearing in this golden form, the all-powerful Supreme Lord will fill the entire universe with transcendental bliss by the chanting of His own holy names. [Caitanya Upanisad 9]

Srila Narottam Das Thakur, a great saint, says:

*bhajo bhajo bhāi, caitanya nitāi sudr̥ḍha biśwāsa kori
viṣaya chāḍiyā, se rase majiyā mukhe bolo hari hari*

“My dear brother, I request that you just worship Lord Caitanya and Nityānanda with firm conviction and faith. If one wants to be Kṛṣṇa conscious by this process, one has to give up his engagement in sense gratification. One simply has to chant, "Hare Kṛṣṇa! Hari Hari!" without any motive.”

So, Please take up the process given by Lord Chaitanya and His associates as it is the most easiest as well as joyful process of going back home, Back to Godhead!! Just Chant the Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and the result is guaranteed!!



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