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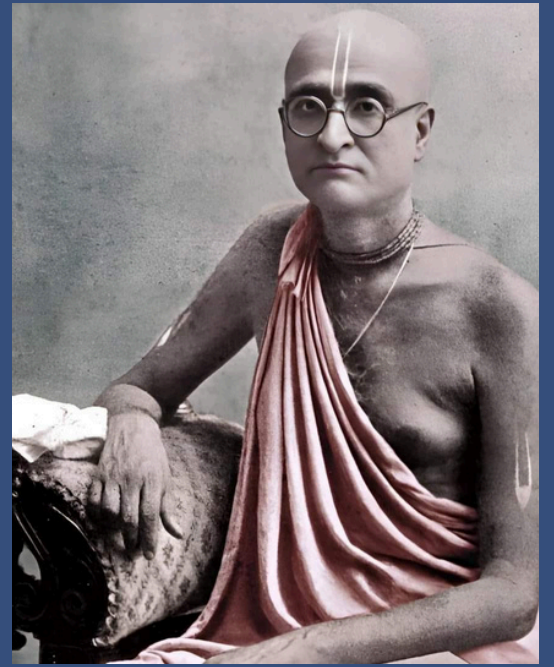
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Instructions

Just a week before Srila Bhaktisiddhantha Saraswati Goswami Thakur left this world, on the morning of Dec 23, 1936, he gave some special instructions to his disciples. These are of interest to any one who desires spiritual perfection.

These are:

1. All of you please preach the message of Rupa and Raghunath with great enthusiasm. The ultimate object of our desires is to become specks of dust at the lotus feet of the followers of Rupa Goswami
2. All of you remain united in submission to the Lords' form as the repository of devotion, seeking to satisfy the transcendental senses of the one, non-dual supreme consciousness. Make your way through this impermanent, transitory life in whatever way you can, keeping the goal of worshipping the Lord foremost in your minds. Don't abandon this goal, even in the face of hundreds of dangers, insults or persecutions.
3. Don't lose your spirit if you see that the majority of people cannot accept the principle of selfless service to the supreme lord.
4. Our true being and identity is to be the dust at the lotus feet of Sri Rupa Goswami, life after life.
5. In the material world, we continuously come into contact with difficulties. There is no need for us to be bewildered by these difficulties, nor should it be our objective to remove them. Rather we should think of what will be left to be attained after all these obstacles are removed, We must learn about our eternal life while we are still in this world. Our only real obligation is to go beyond duality and to enter that realm of eternal fulfillment.

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6. In this world, no person should be a special object of attraction or aversion. All arrangements we make here last only for moments. Our only unavoidable necessity is to seek out the ultimate goal of life.
7. Work together with a single purpose—to win the qualifications to serve the original repository of love for Krishna, Srimati Radharam.
8. May the current of ideas propagated by Rupa Goswami flow throughout the world.
9. May we never under any circumstances become indifferent to the seven tongued sacrificial flame of the holy name. If our attraction to the holy name continually increases, we will achieve all perfection.
10. Remain exclusively faithful to the followers of Rupa Goswami and preach Rupa and Raghunath's teachings enthusiastically and fearlessly.

Srila Bhaktisiddhantha Prabhupada



Janaka Maharaja's Visit to Hell

Jana Maharaja is the father of Sita and a great devotee of Lord Ramachandra. It is described in Śrīmad Bhāgavatam (6.3.20) that he is one of the twelve great authorities on religious principles in this universe. The following story from Padma Purāṇa (pātālakhaṇḍa 18.31-77) of how Janaka Maharaja once visited hell illustrates the supreme potency of the holy name and the association with saintly persons.

Lord Ananta Sesa once narrated a wonderful account of how King Janaka visited the abode of Yamaraja. After a long life, Janaka Maharaja gave up his body through the process of yoga. A divine airplane decorated with many bells descended and Janaka Maharaja boarded it.

On the way the airplane came near to the abode of Yamaraja, the lord of death. There, sinners were suffering punishment in millions of hells. When the wind that had touched the body of Janaka came to them they felt great joy and their misery disappeared. Then those persons, oppressed by sins, wanting to keep Janaka's association, began to lament. They spoke piteously to Janaka Maharaja, "O blessed one. Please do not leave. We who are greatly tormented are feeling happy due to contact with the breezes that have touched your body. Hearing their words, the very righteous king became filled with pity and thought to himself, "If due to the touch of the breezes that have touched my body I am bringing some happiness to the residents here, then I will stay in this place. This is heaven for me."

Thinking like this, the king stayed there by the gateway to hell. After some time, Yamaraja himself, who inflicts severe torment upon sinners, came to that gateway. There he saw Maharaja Janaka, full of mercy and a doer of great meritorious deeds, standing by the doorway.

Yamaraja smiled and said to Janaka, "O king! You are sarva-dharma-ēiromaṇi — the crest jewel of piety. Why have you come here? This is a place for wicked sinners who cause harm to others. Men like you who perform meritorious deeds do not come to this place. Only those persons who deceive others, who are engaged in criticizing others, and who are intent on stealing others' wealth come here. A man who abandons a religious wife who is serving him without fault comes here. One who, out of greed for wealth, deceives his friend, comes here and receives intense punishment from me."

Yamaraja then said, "Those persons who do not

remember Lord Ramachandra with their mind, words, or deeds I throw into hell and have boiled. Those who have remembered the Lord of the Goddess of fortune leave the sufferings of hell and quickly go to Vaikuntha.

"O very intelligent king, my servants, unable to even look at persons like you, bring those who are great sinners. Therefore you should leave this place and go to enjoy many pleasures. Enter the excellent airplane and go reap the fruits of the religious merits you have earned."

Hearing the words of Yamaraja, with great compassion Janaka replied, "O Lord, out of pity on these beings I shall not go to Vaikuntha. Although situated in this place, they are feeling some comfort due to the breezes blowing past my body. If you release all of these persons living in hell then I shall be happy and will proceed to Vaikuntha."

Hearing the words of Janaka, Yamaraja pointed out to him each of those living in hell and said:

"This one had sex with his friend's wife that had confided in him, therefore I am having him roasted on an iron stake for thousands of years. Afterwards he will be born as a pig. Then when he again takes birth in a human body he will be a eunuch. This one repeatedly raped the wife of another man. Therefore he will be roasted in the hell known as raurava for a hundred years. This wicked one stole the wealth of others and enjoyed it. Therefore, having cut off his hands, I shall cook him in puss and blood. This one did not honor or welcome, even with words, a guest who had come to him, oppressed by hunger. He will be dropped into the tāmisra hell, which is full of fire. There, bees will torment him for a hundred years.

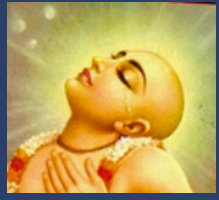
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About Chanting Holy Name

Chanting the Hare Krishna maha mantra with offenses is not chanting harinam but namaparadha. Only chanting the maha mantra under direct order of Guru will free you from offenses. Guru means God realised soul otherwise he is not Guru but a fake.

This is clearly explained in Bhagavad Gita as it is by Srila Prabhupada in his purport to this verse BG 4.34

Dharmavira Maharaja



Sri Siksastaka

Verse Four What is the desire of the sādḥaka?

**na dhanam na janam na sundarim
kavitam va jagadisa kamaye
mama janmani janmanisvare
bhavatad bhaktir ahaituki tvayi**

O Lord of the universe, I do not desire wealth, followers such as wife, sons, friends and relatives, or mundane knowledge expressed in poetic language. My only desire, O Lord, is that in birth after birth I may have unmotivated devotion unto Your lotus feet.

*ayaṁ tavaṁ parasyocair nindāṁ kurvanna lajjitah
ayam apyasnōt karnau prerayan bahusasta tām*

"This shameless person loudly criticized another. This one here, with great interest, listened to that criticism many times. Therefore these two have fallen into a dark well. "This one, who deceived his friend, is being roasted in the hell known as raurava. After making all of these persons eat the fruit of their sins, I shall release them. O best among men who have accumulated vast amounts of religious merit, please leave this place."

Having pointed out the sinful persons, Yamaraja became quiet. With his eyes full of tears, Janaka, the great devotee of Lord Rama, said, "Tell me, how can these miserable beings quickly be set free from hell and attain happiness?" Yamaraja replied, "These persons have never worshiped Lord Vishnu. They have never listened to the transcendental accounts of the Lord's activities. How then can they be free from hell? O great king, if you desire to release them, even though they are great sinners, then give them the following religious merit possessed by you: Once, upon getting up in the morning, you meditated with a pure heart upon Lord Raghunatha [Ramachandra], who is known as mahā-pāpa-harābhīdhah – the remover of great sins. Give them the religious merit which you obtained that morning when with a pure heart you uttered, "Rama, Rama." Obtaining that merit, they will get freedom from hell."

Hearing these words of the intelligent Yamaraja, the great king Janaka gave those persons the religious merit obtained by him from his birth. Janaka said, "Let these persons be released from hell due to the religious merit earned by me from birth by the worship of Raghunath." As soon as he said this, those persons dwelling in hell immediately were freed from their suffering condition and obtained divine bodies. They said to King Janaka, "O king, by your favor in one moment we have been freed from miserable hell and will now go to the highest position, paramaṁ padam." Seeing those now-efulgent persons freed from hell, Janaka Maharaja, who desired the welfare of all living beings, was very pleased in his mind. All those persons praised the great king Janaka, the very treasure-house of compassion, and went to the spiritual world.

– Translated from the Navabharat Publishers edition of Padma Purāṇa, Calcutta, 1402 jyestha.

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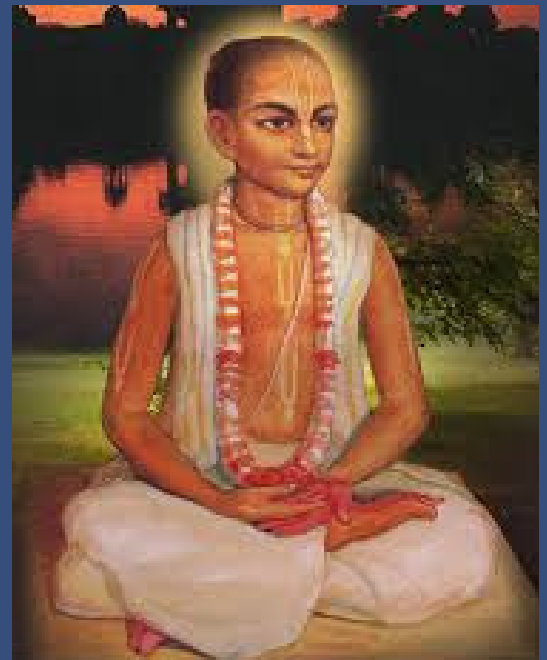
"Chant hari-nāma in any way you are able to – purely or impurely; with or without improper pronunciation; there is no loss. Krsna observes your mood and intent."

"There is actually no difference in chanting the holy name and meeting Krsna. But one who does not chant at least one lakh everyday, attentively and audibly cannot realise this."

Aksapa verse 4 - Narottama Das Thakura

**bisaya bisama bisa satata khainu
gora-kirtana-rasa magana na hainu**

I continually drank the virulent poison of sense-gratification. I refused to swin in the nectar of Lord Caitanya's sankirtana movement.



CHANT AND BE HAPPY

**HARE KRISHNA
HARE KRISHNA
KRISHNA KRISHNA
HARE HARE**

**HARE RAMA
HARE RAMA
RAMA RAMA
HARE HARE**

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