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## **Narottam Finds the Deity of Gaura**

Nityananda Das was a disciple of Jahnava Mata, the divine consort of Lord Nityananda Prabhu. Jahnava related to Nityananda Das many stories from the lives of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Nityananda Prabhu and their associates. On her order he compiled those stories into the book known as Prema-vilasa. The following is a translation excerpted from the 19th chapter.

One day in his home Narottam thought about installing a deity. That night Narottam saw in a dream the six deities of Gauranga, Vallabhi Kanta, Sri Krishna, Vraja Mohana, Radha Kanta and Radha Ramana. Seeing those six dear deities the pleasure that Narottam received was beyond description. After seeing that dream Narottam woke and, sitting up, spent the rest of the night crying tears of joy.

When the night finished he performed his morning duties, and then began arranging for the deities to be carved. Stone was brought and artisans started carving those six deities with great devotion. The five Krishna deities were made beautifully, but although all due care was taken in the work, the deity of Gauranga was not made nicely. Seeing the deity of Mahaprabhu, Narottam became disheartened, and began calling out in a loud voice, "Gauranga, Gauranga," and crying and crying. Later, in a dream, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu appeared before Narottam. In his dream Narottam saw Mahaprabhu sitting at his side. The Lord said gently:

*ohe bapu narottama suna diya mana  
balm yatne o morn murtira nd habe gathana*

*e murtite ami adhisthana nahi habe  
dmdra nirmita miirti tomdre kahiba*

*sannydsera purve nija miirti niramiya  
keha nahi jane rdkhi gahgdy dnbaiya*

*tumi prema-murti mom, tore kari anugraha  
vipradasera dhanya goldya rekhechi vighraha*

"My dear Narottam, listen carefully. With much care you are trying to carve a deity of Me, but I will never stay in this murti. I will tell you how to obtain a deity of Me. Before I accepted sannyasa I had a deity made of Myself which I had put into the Ganges. No one knows about this. But because you My dear devotee I am blessing you with this knowledge. That deity is now inside the rice storage house of Vipradas." After saying this, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu disappeared.

Narottam awoke and saw that morning had arrived. After finishing his morning duties he began making inquiring from people as to the whereabouts of Vipradas. One person told him that Vipradas was a wealthy man who lived nearby. He said that Vipradas was doing business in large quantities of rice and other grains. Hearing this, Narottam went to the house of Vipradas. When Vipradas saw that Narottam had arrived he offered his obeisances and inquired what had brought him to his home.

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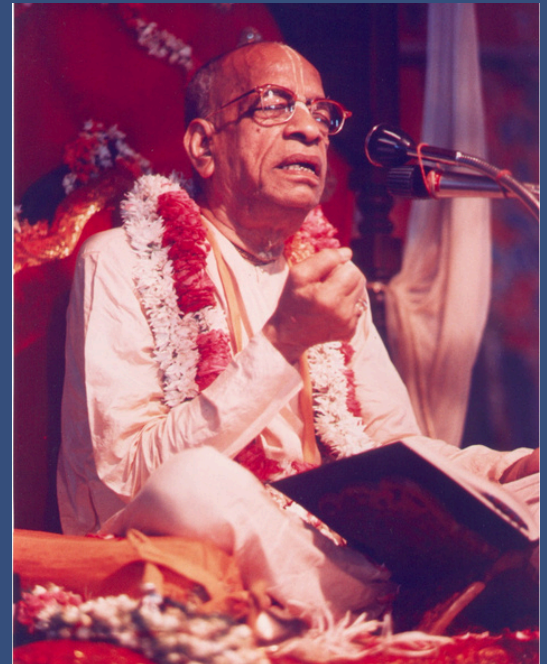
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Vipradas replied, "O Mahashay, this is not possible to do. That is a fearful place with many kinds of snakes. As soon as they see a man they begin to hiss very loudly. Out of fear of those snakes no one can go near that place. For many days much grain has been laying there."

Narottam said, "Don't worry. When I go there the snakes will all leave."

After saying this, Narottam Mahashay went to that storage room. Immediately all the snakes left that place and then Narottam came out with a deity of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Seeing this, all of the people became surprised.

From that time there was no more fear of snakes in that place, Vipradas became very happy. Vipradas came with his whole family and took shelter at the feet of Thakur Mahashay. Obtaining that deity, Narottama brought Him to his house and installed Him. Seeing the beauty of that deity, everyone felt very blissful. Those who had previously seen Chaitanya Mahaprabhu verified that the deity looked exactly like Him.



### **Aksapa verse 5 -**

### **Narottama Das Thakura**

**kena ba achaye prana ki sukha lagiya  
narottama dasa kena na gela mariya**

Why do I stay alive? What happiness do I have? Why did Narottama dasa not die long ago?



## **A.C. Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada nectar #1**

In San Francisco in 1967, Srila Prabhupada only gradually raised the standards of his followers. Most of them were not much more than hippies having a good time eating and singing in the storefront. Right next to the temple was an ice cream shop, and at the end of the street there was a doughnut shop - both frequented by devotees. Unless there was a specific function in the temple, many of the devotees could be found in one of the two food shops.

Therefore, when Prabhupada would come down from his apartment, he would sometimes pass very slowly in front of the ice cream shop to see if any of his followers were there. Then he would go down to the doughnut shop and look in the window therein. The "devotees" would even slink down in their seats so as not to be spotted as Srila Prabhupada looked

in. More than once in the evening lecture Srila Prabhupada mentioned that devotees don't take part in eating in ice cream shops or eating doughnuts, but they eat only Krsna prasadam.

From the very beginning of his preaching in America, Prabhupada used to encourage his devotees to take part in the devotional ecstasy of chanting and dancing. On morning walks, he would sometimes ask each devotee, "Were you chanting last night?" referring to the congregational kirtana in the temple. "I tried to, but there wasn't any room." one devotee replied.

Gargamuni said, "No, because I was afraid I would cry." No doubt these remarks by his disciples contained neophyte emotions, yet Srila Prabhupada replied seriously.

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**Inspiring on Chanting by**  
**Aniruddha das Adikary #7**

"Dear devotees, falling at your feet, I repeatedly beg all of you to CHANT 64 ROUNDS (1 lakh harinama) attentively daily. Śrī Gaurahari has promised that He will always reside with those who chant one lakh harinama daily. How can Kali Mahārāja enter a place where Śrī Gaurahari resides?"

**Why are you suffering in this**  
**material world?**

You have taken shelter of five enemies.

**Who are those enemies?**

Lust, anger, greed, envy and corrupt association.

**What are they doing to you?**

They are like crocodiles with ferocious mouths ready to swallow you up. Fruitive activity and mundane knowledge are two swindlers who have cheated you.

**Who is your only friend?**

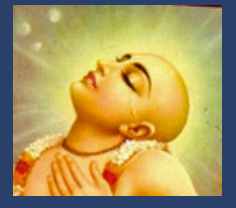
Sri Krishna holy name is the only friend to easily cross over the ocean of material existence. The purport of this verse is that one should completely renounce all desire for material sense enjoyment and take shelter of Sri Krishna lotus feet for eternal happiness.

**Dharmavira Maharaja**

**Sri Siksastaka**

**Verse Five**

**What is the intrinsic form of**  
**the sādḥaka?**



**ayi nanda-tanuja kinkaram**  
**patitam mam vishame bhavambudhau**  
**kripaya tava pada-pankaja-**  
**sthita-dhuli-sadrisham vichintaya**

*O son of Nanda Maharaja, please be merciful upon me, Your eternal servant, fallen in the dreadful ocean of material existence as a result of my fruitive actions. Please consider me as a particle of dust affixed to Your lotus feet and accept me forever as Your purchased servant.*

\*"When you are with ordinary people," he said, "then you should not cry, because they will not understand. But when you are with devotees, you can cry, because the devotees will know that you are crying for Krsna."

And Prabhupada also demonstrated this crying. Once during the Sunday feast program, the devotees enacted the drama of Narada Muni's rescuing the hunter Mrgari. Visnujana dasa played Narada and when he recited verses from "The Prayers to the Spiritual Master," everyone could notice something shining in the corner of Prabhupada's eye. He had a tear in his eye, but it was particularly shiny, like a diamond. After Prabhupada left the temple, many devotees were commenting, "Did you see the diamond in Prabhupada's eye?"

**Four Qualities of Devotees**

"Sree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu preached the All-Embracing and All- Accommodating Gospel of Divine Love, i.e. Love for Supreme Lord Sree Krishna and all in relation to Sree Krishna. The sincere devotees who preach this All-Embracing Gospel of Divine Love, how can they have incompatibilities amongst them? A real sadhu sees adjustment in all circumstances, even in contrary circumstances. Actually when we miss the target, everything becomes chaos. Target should be- pure causeless devotion to Sree Krishna for His satisfaction only. There should not be any ulterior desire in the mind. Actually realized sincere souls are very scarce in this world. The novice who has started bhajan, can get this elevated state gradually, of course, by the grace of Guru, Vaishnav and Bhagavan. I am encouraged to know that the duties of different Maths or institutions gather together and are doing bhajan unitedly. This is good for them and also for the eternal benefit of others, who will be encouraged to see this ideal. Sree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has emphatically said in His writing about, the four qualities of devotees to do Harinam- he should be humbler than the blade of grass, more tolerant than a tree, should give respect to all and should not desire to get respect from others. By only memorizing these we will not get the actual benefit if we do not practice. Example is better than precept".

**Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami**

**CHANT AND BE HAPPY**

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

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

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