

GOPAL GOES TO THE HEAVENLY PLANETS

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Some of King Krsnacandra's ministers wanted to get rid of Gopal Ban, as he was too cunning



So they devised one plan, they employed the local barber, as the barber's shop was a place of gossip. He was the king's personal barber



When the king came to the barber..



Barber asked king...

How are your relatives
faring in the heavenly planets?



Well I don't know

You should send someone
up to the heavenly planets
to find out





What a good idea!



It should be someone
very confidential
and close to you.



Like your Gopal,
for instance



Yes, what a brilliant idea!
Gopal should go to the heavenly
planets and find out how
my relatives are faring

So the method prescribed for going to the heavenly planets was that Gopal be burned in a fire.





Would you do it ?

He was very enthusiastic.

Yes, of course I will do it



So the ministers were very pleased



But Gopal was very cunning, and he made a trapdoor opening into a tunnel from the stake where he was to be burnt, all the way to his house



They performed the ceremony



Gopal escaped through the trapdoor and crawled through the tunnel to his house



And he stayed there



MORAL :

**If someone is cunning we must be
more cunning**

- Srila Prabhupada