

The story of
**Sri Sri Radha
Madan-Mohan**
IN VRINDAVAN

Vrindavan in Northern India is associated with history and is an important pilgrimage site. One of its oldest surviving temples is Sri Sri Madan-Mohan temple. Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was able to locate all the important places of Lord Krishna's pastimes in and around Vrindavana. Later He entrusted the task of establishing the palces of Lord Krishna's pastimes to one of his intimate associate Sanantana-Goswami.

Sanatana-Goswami established Sri Sri Radha Madan-Mohanji temple in Vrindavan.

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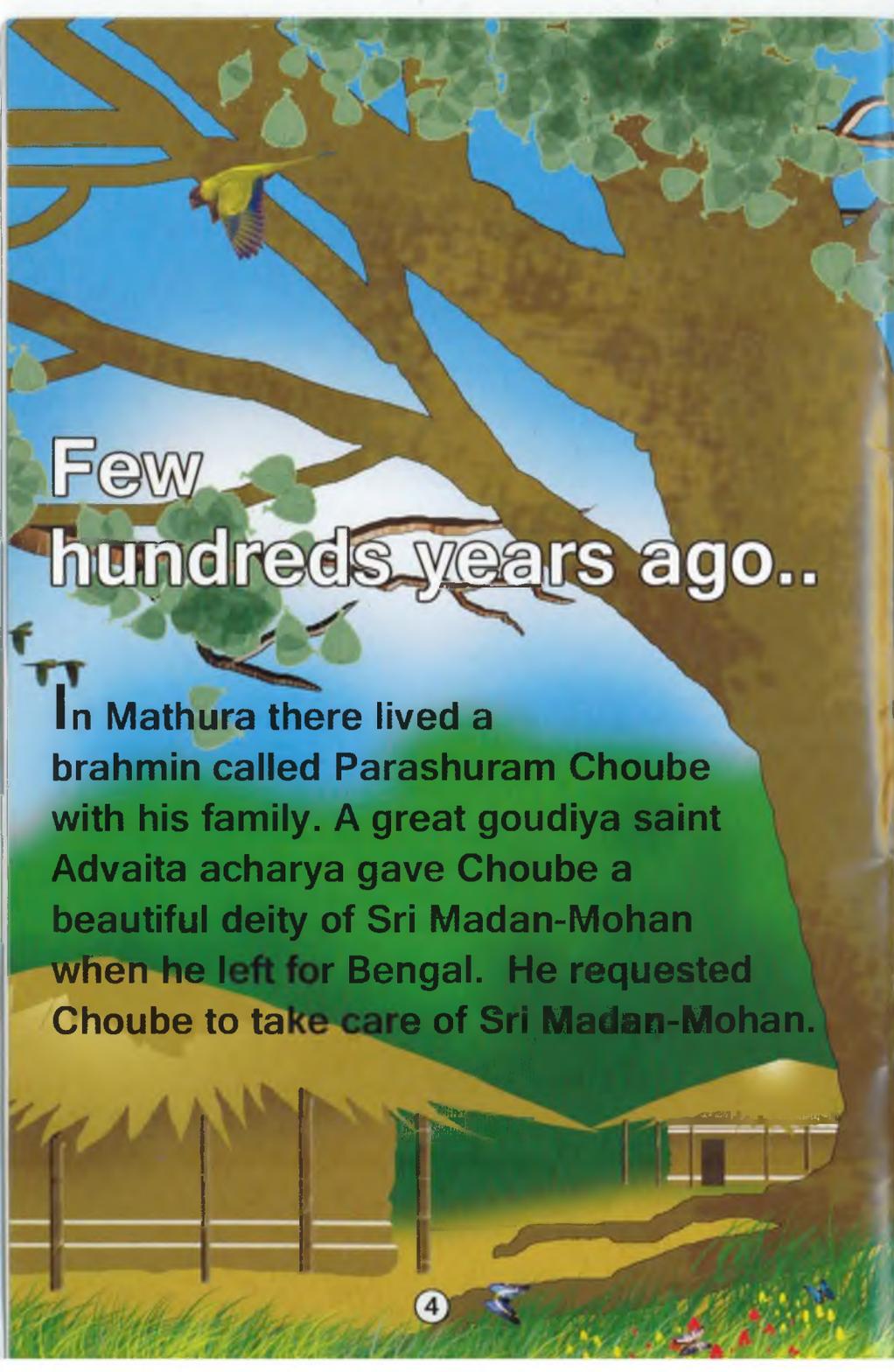
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an inspiring story about the temple and the great saint
Sri Sanatana Goswami associated with it

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Few
hundreds years ago..

In Mathura there lived a brahmin called Parashuram Choube with his family. A great goudiya saint Advaita acharya gave Choube a beautiful deity of Sri Madan-Mohan when he left for Bengal. He requested Choube to take care of Sri Madan-Mohan.

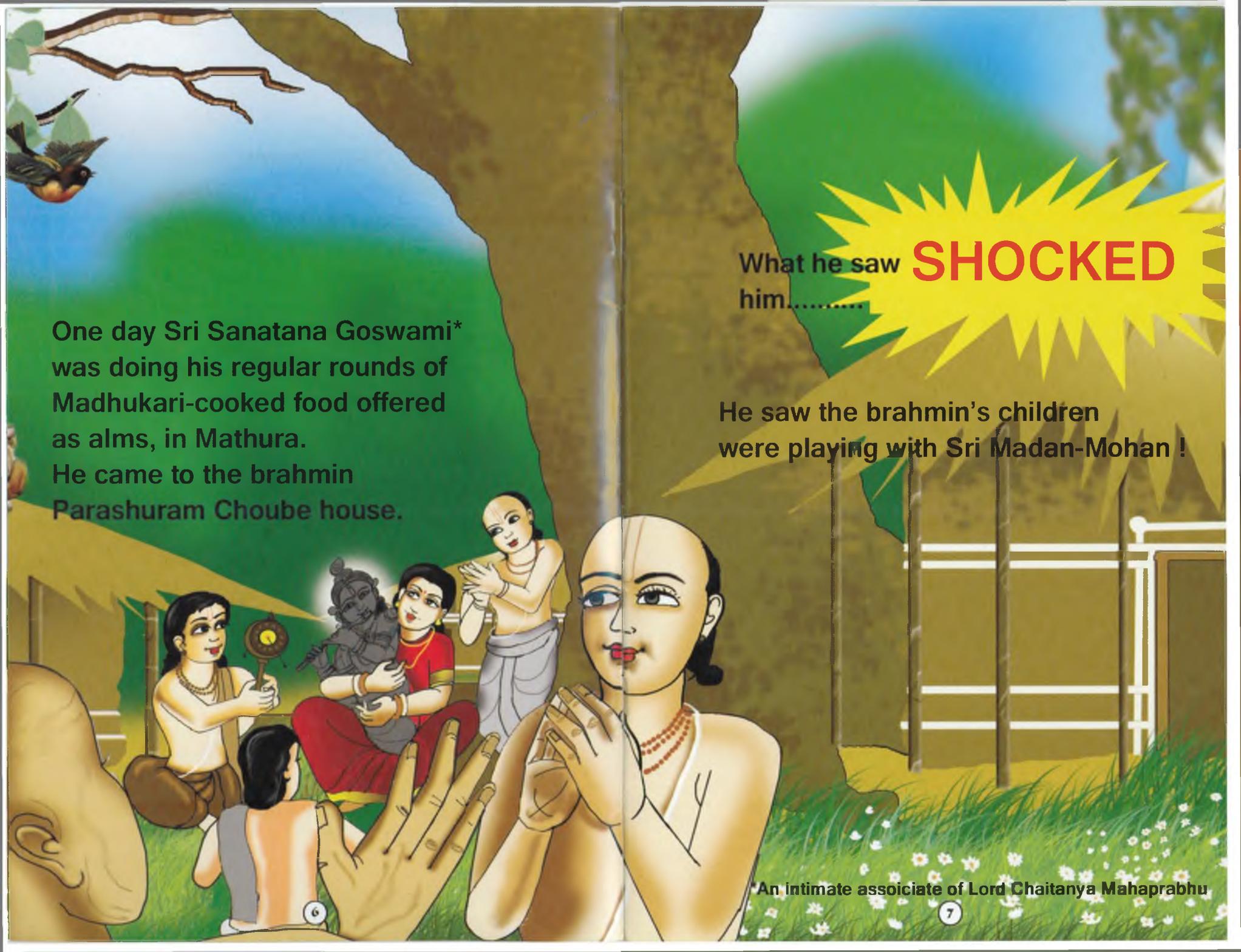
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Kindly
take
care of
my Lord

Don't worry
He will be
part of our
family.

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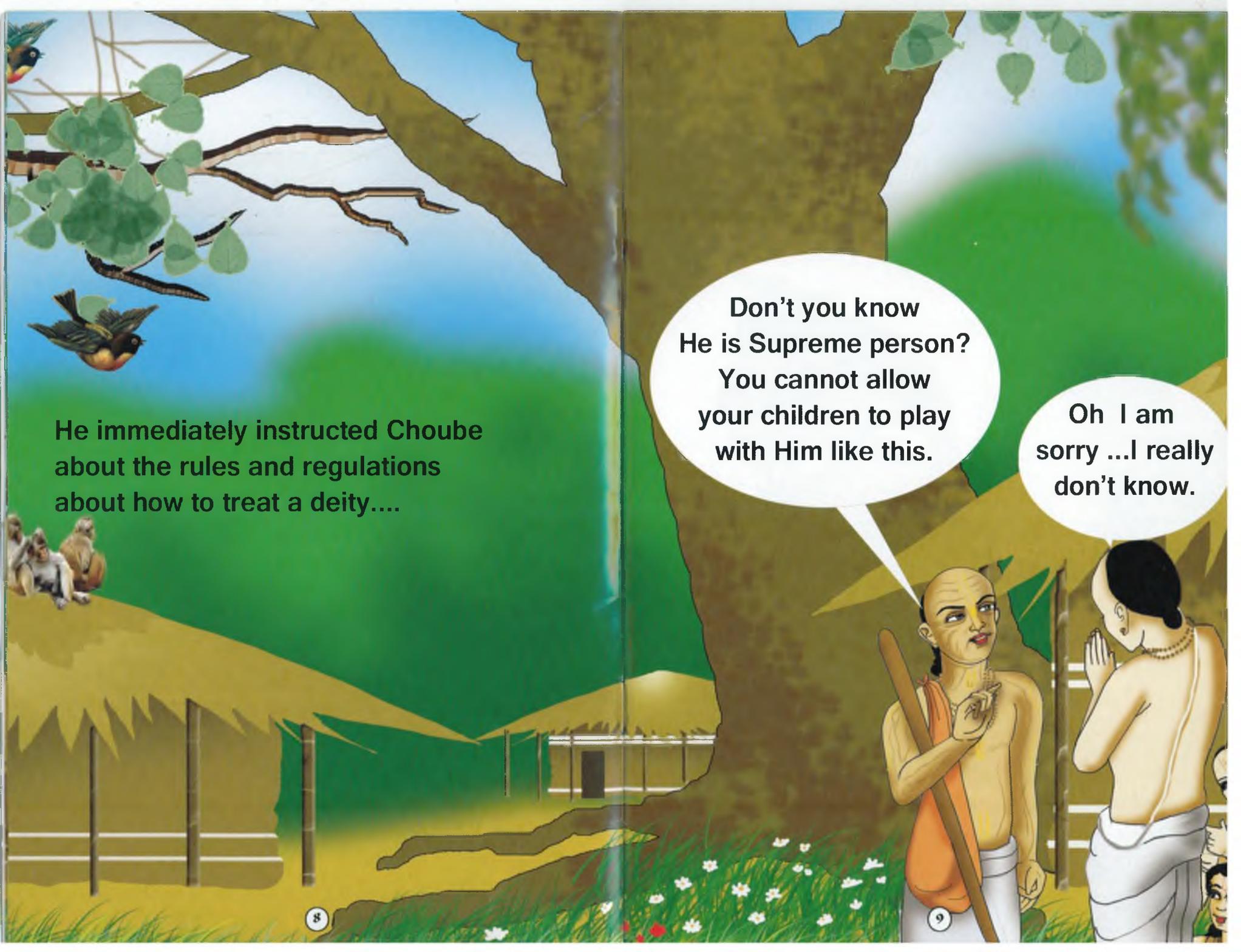
One day Sri Sanatana Goswami* was doing his regular rounds of Madhukari-cooked food offered as alms, in Mathura. He came to the brahmin Parashuram Choube house.

What he saw
him.....

SHOCKED

He saw the brahmin's children were playing with Sri Madan-Mohan !

*An intimate associate of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

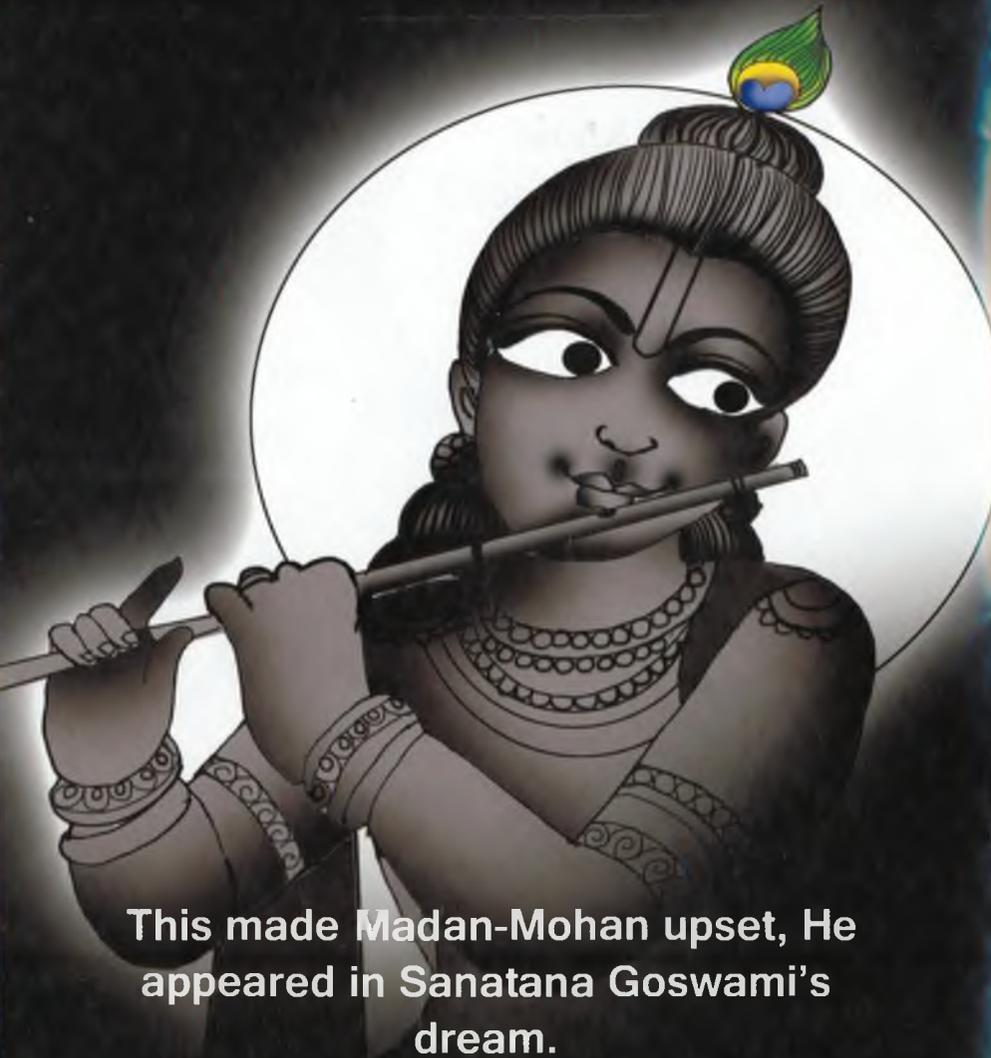


He immediately instructed Choube about the rules and regulations about how to treat a deity....

Don't you know
He is Supreme person?
You cannot allow
your children to play
with Him like this.

Oh I am
sorry ...I really
don't know.

Choube instructed his children not to play with Madan-Mohan.



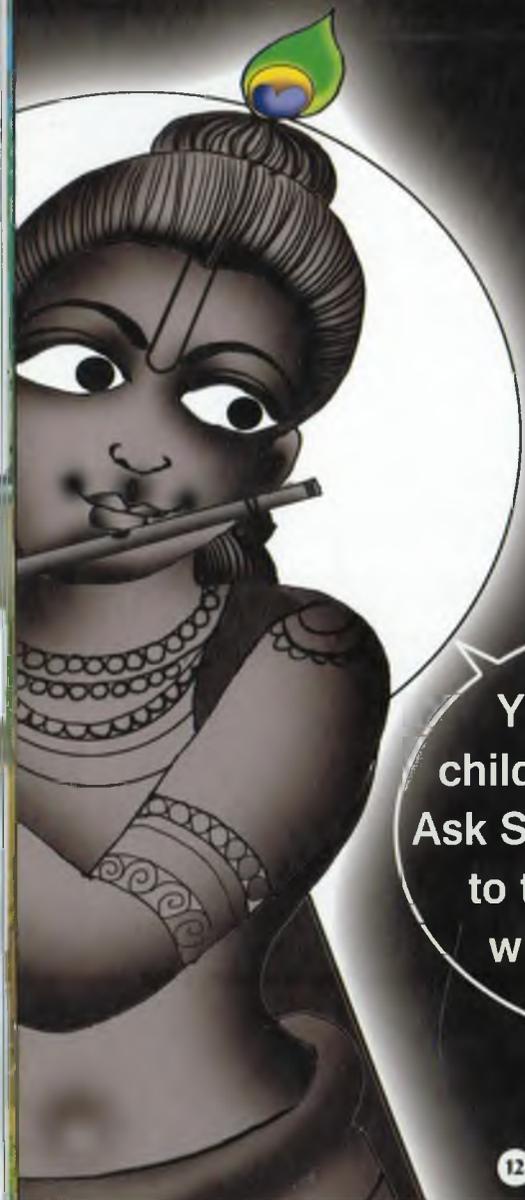
This made Madan-Mohan upset, He appeared in Sanatana Goswami's dream.

I was happy playing with the children as one of their family member. Now that you have introduced so many rules and regulations that I am not comfortable.....

Oh forgive me for my offense... my Lord..

Sanatana Goswami woke up and decided to seek apology from the brahmin.

The same night Sri Madan-Mohan also appeared in brahmin Choube's dream.



You have many children to take care. Ask Sanatana Goswami to take Me with him when he comes.

Next day Sanatana Goswami came to meet Choube to seek apology.



Sir, forgive me for my offense.

But

Sanatana Goswami was interrupted by the brahmin....

A woman with a bindi and jewelry is holding a young boy who is playing a flute. The boy has a peacock feather in his hair. They are outdoors in a rural setting.

I had my instruction
from Sri Madan-Mohan

kindly take
Him with you

He rushed inside his house and
brought Sri Madan-Mohan
and gave to Sanatana Goswami.

Oh....no I am a mendicant
What good I can offer to
My Lord - I live on dry
chappathis*.

**Sanatana Goswami refused to
take Sri Madan-Mohan with him.**

*Saintly people eat only to maintain their body- so they eat dry
chappatis - flat bread made of wheat flour without oil on fire.

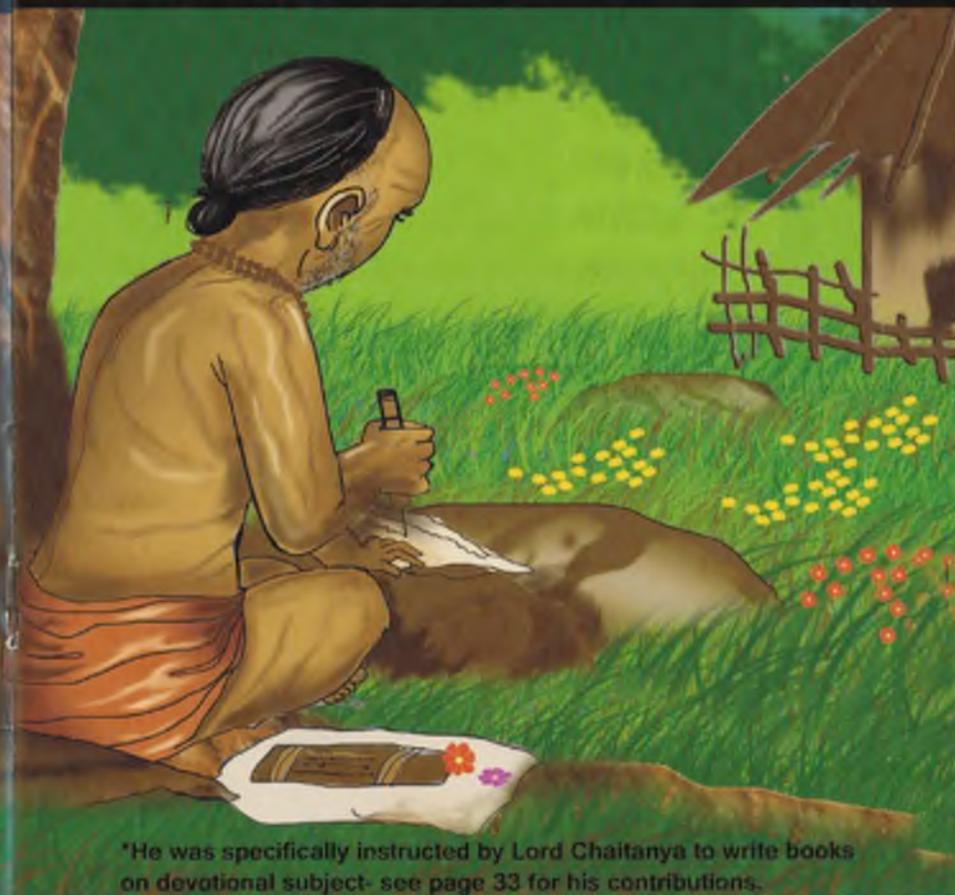
That night Sri Madan-Mohan appeared
in Sanatana Goswami's dream



Take me with you



Next day Sanatana Goswami brought
Sri Madan-Mohan and placed Him under
a tree near his bhajan kutir at Dyadasadity
hill and resumed his writing works.*



*He was specifically instructed by Lord Chaitanya to write books
on devotional subject- see page 33 for his contributions.

One day as usual Sanatana Goswami offered dry chappatis to Madan-Mohan and started writing.



Sanatana ...
can you serve me
some salt. This
chappatis are so dry.



I am sorry
my Lord.
I cannot - your are
asking salt
today ..tomorrow
you may ask
me for sweets.
I am an old man
with lots of writing
work to do.
Kindly accept
these dry chappatis.



Madan-Mohan accepted
the dry chappatis with a smile.

On the same day a wealthy merchant Ramdas Kapoor had his boat filled with salt and was sailing down the rivers to Agra.

His boat got stuck on the sands of the river bank near the bhajana kutir of Sanatana Goswami

Oh my Lord.. what am I going to do now?

He was worried.....

Suddenly a cowherd boy appeared on the banks of the river and said

Sir don't worry
There is one saint living
on this hill. He will
help you.

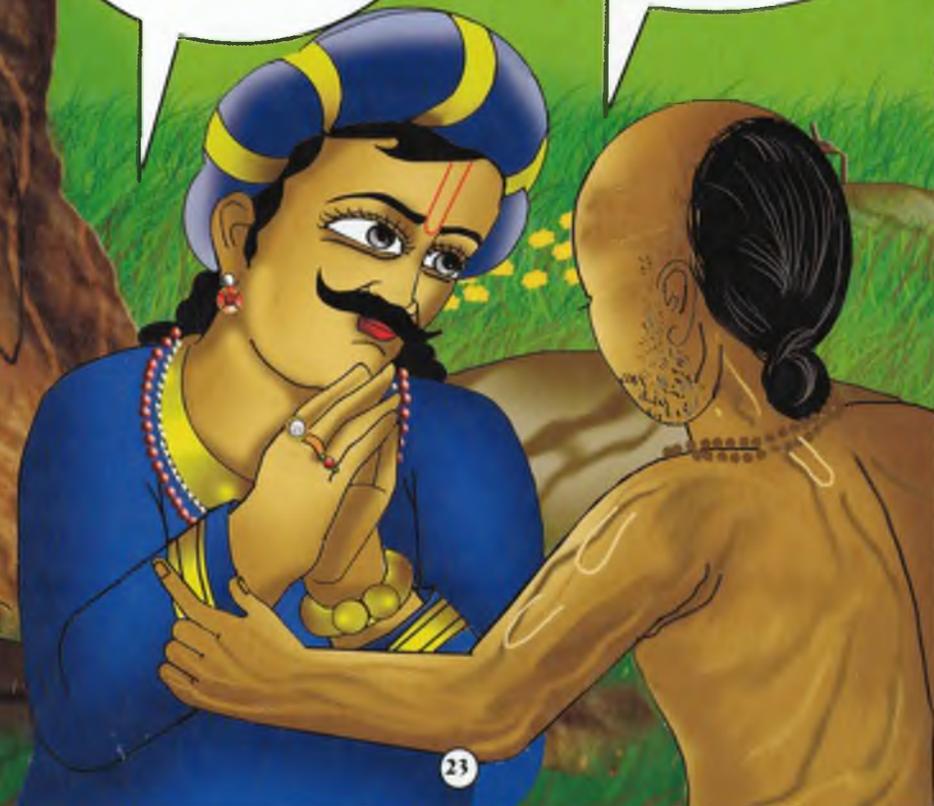
Saying this He walked away.

Ramdas Kapoor climbed up the hill and met Sanatana Goswami and requested him.



Maharaj kindly help memy boat got stuck on the river banks....

You should pray to Madan-Mohan He can help you.



The merchant prayed to
Sri Madan-Mohan for help.



Suddenly there was a storm and
the water in the river raised ...

I will come on my
way back....thank you..!



the boat was freed..

the boat was freed..

Reaching Agra the merchant sold all his goods for a good profit and returned to Sanatana Goswami on his way.



He offered a lot of wealth to Sanatana Goswami

Kindly accept this



I don't need this...use
this to build a nice temple
for Madan-Mohan.



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With his wealth the merchant
built a beautiful temple and
with great pomp installed



Madan-Mohan

in that temple

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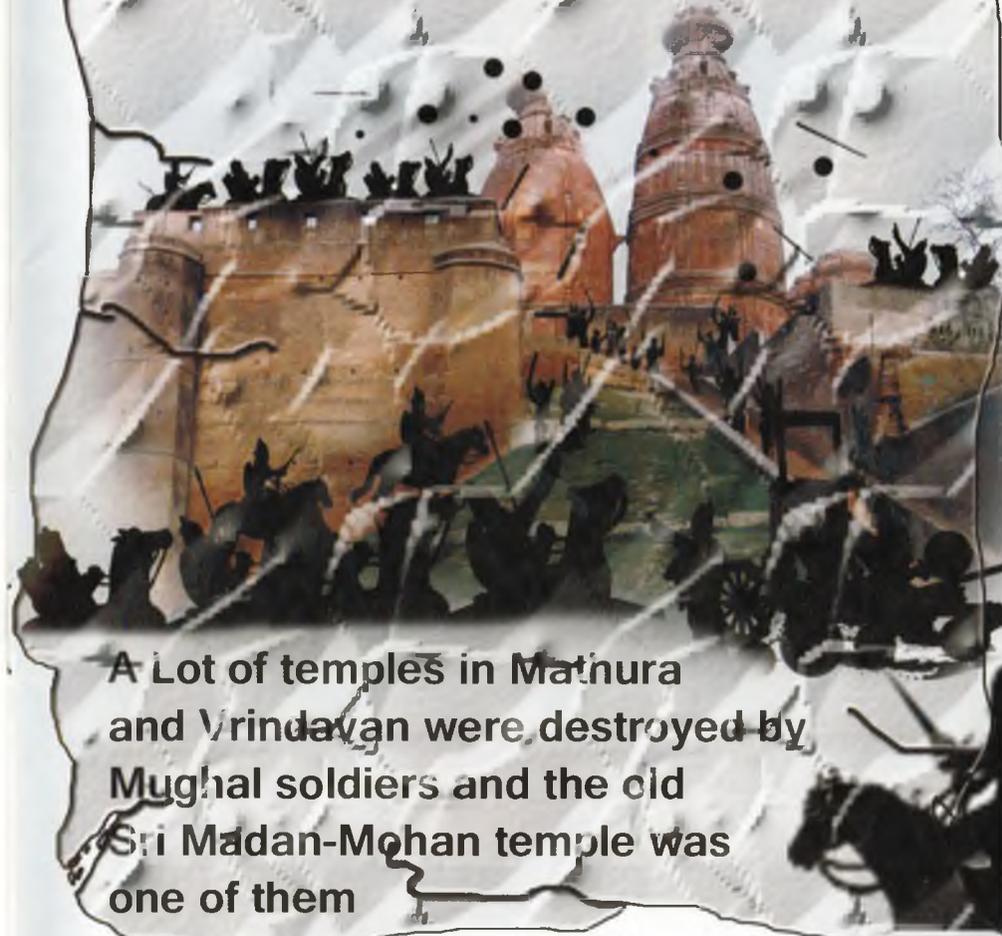
Later hearing about Sri Madan-Mohan temple ...

King Pratap Rudra of Puri sent two deities to Sri Madan-Mohan temple in Vrindavan.

Sri Madan -Mohan instructed His pujaris to place Lalitha the big one and Srimati Radha the small one on His either side.



100 years later during Mughal invasion, fearing for the safety of the Sri Madan-Mohan the villagers moved Him to Jaipur and then to Karauli and where He was worshipped.



A Lot of temples in Mathura and Vrindavan were destroyed by Mughal soldiers and the old Sri Madan-Mohan temple was one of them

Even today if you travel to
Vrindavan - Mathura in India
you can see the splendid temple and
have the darshan of
Sri Sri Radha Madan-Mohan.

**Sri Sri Radha
Madan-Mohan ki jai !**

The literary works of Srila Sanatana Goswami

Sanatana Goswami wrote four important books in Sanskrit
on Gaudiya Vaishnava philosophy:

Brihat-bhagavtamrita

("The Great Nectar of the Lord's Devotees")

Hari-bhakti-vilasa

("Performance of Devotion to Hari")

Krishna-lila-stava

("Glorification of the Pastimes of Krishna")

Brihad Vaishnava Toshani

("That which brings Great Joy to the Devotees of Krishna")





janma karma ca me divyam
 evam yo vetti tattvatah:
 tyaktva deham punar janma
 naiti mam eti so rjuna

“One who knows the transcendental nature of My appearance and activities does not, upon leaving the body, takes his birth again in this material world but attains My eternal abode, O Arjuna”.

- Bhagavad Gita. 4-9.

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