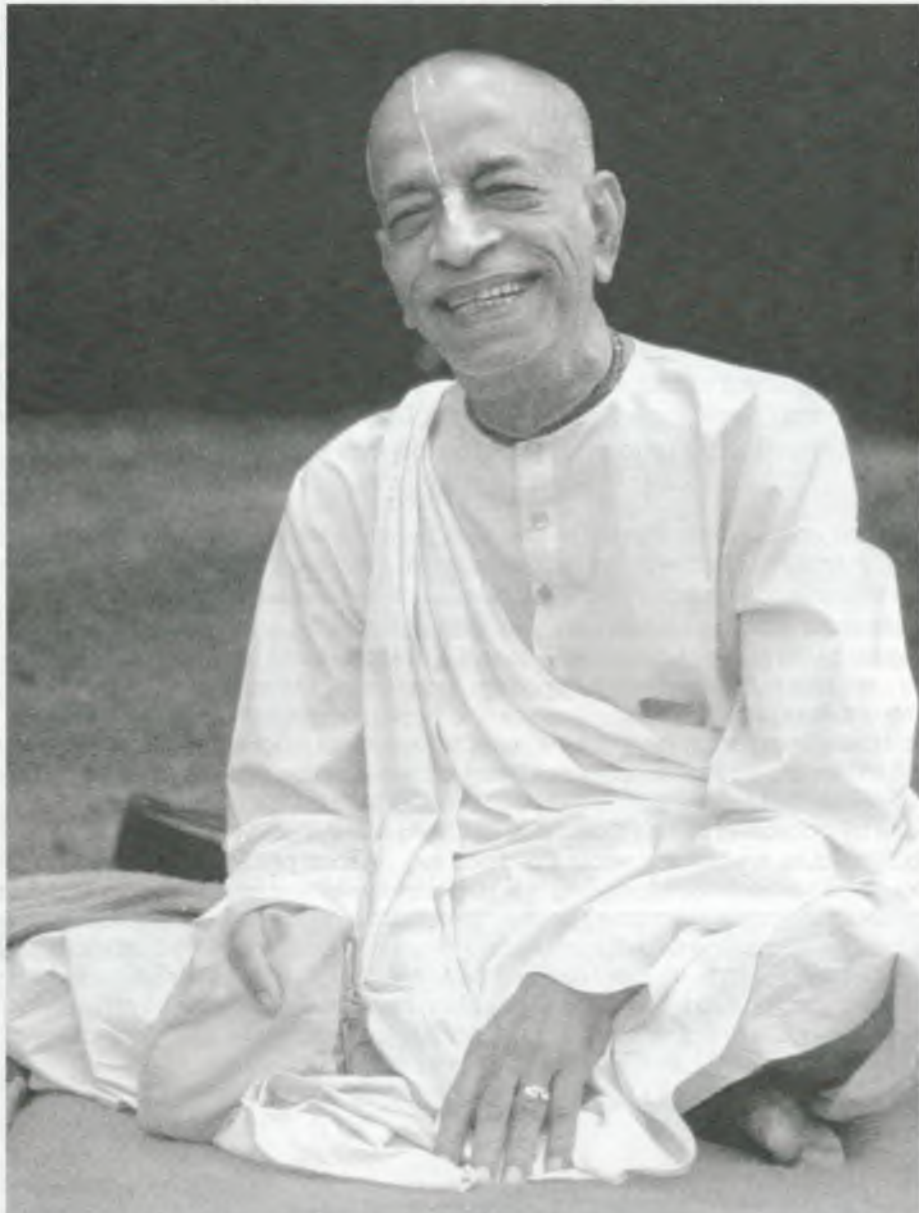


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know the great soul who walked among us

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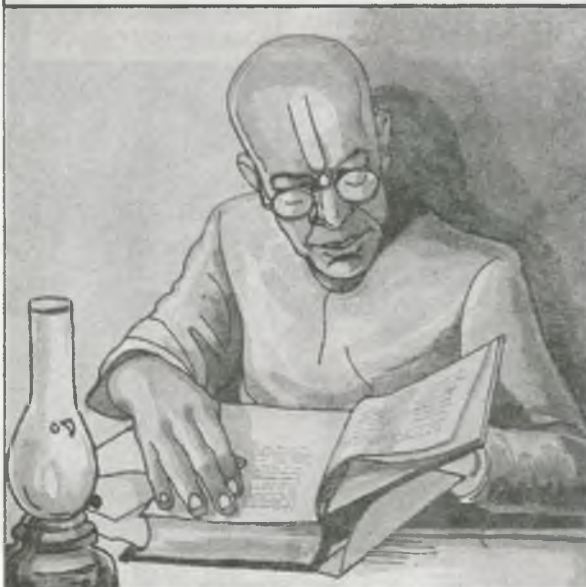
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AT THE SAME TIME IN INDIA..... VARIOUS PHILOSOPHERS WERE PROPOUNDING DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES ABOUT GOD.... THE INDIAN YOUTH WERE LURED BY THE GLAMOUR AND FREEWHEELING LIFE-STYLE OF THE WESTERNERS. THEY ABANDONED THEIR ANCIENT VEDIC TRADITIONS AND BLINDLY FOLLOWED THE WEST. THE FUTUTRE WAS BLEAK.



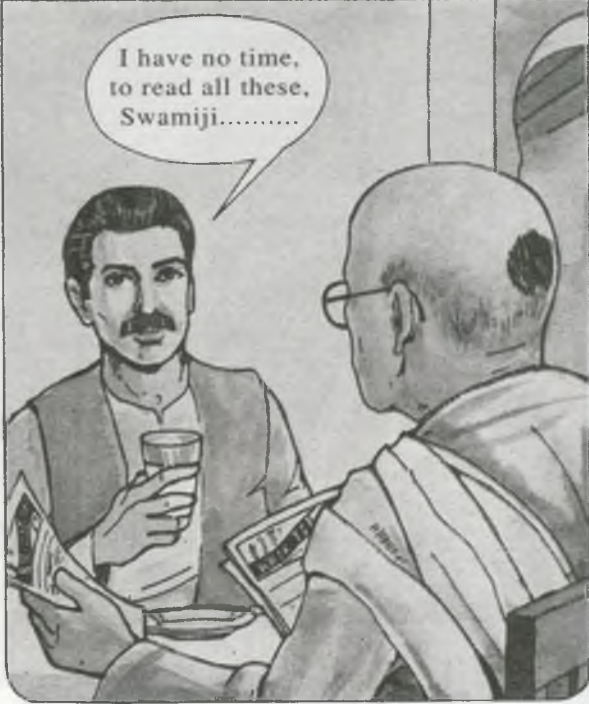
SINCE 1944 HIS EFFORTS.... TO REVIVE GOD CONSCIOUSNESS BY PUBLISHING A MAGAZINE CALLED "BACK TO GODHEAD".....

DURING THIS TIME..... AT VRINDAVANA NEAR MATHURA IN NORTHERN INDIA. UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, A.C.BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI. A 65 YEAR OLD SANNYASI WAS BUSY TRANSLATING THE VEDIC SCRIPTURES INTO ENGLISH IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE WISHES OF HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER.



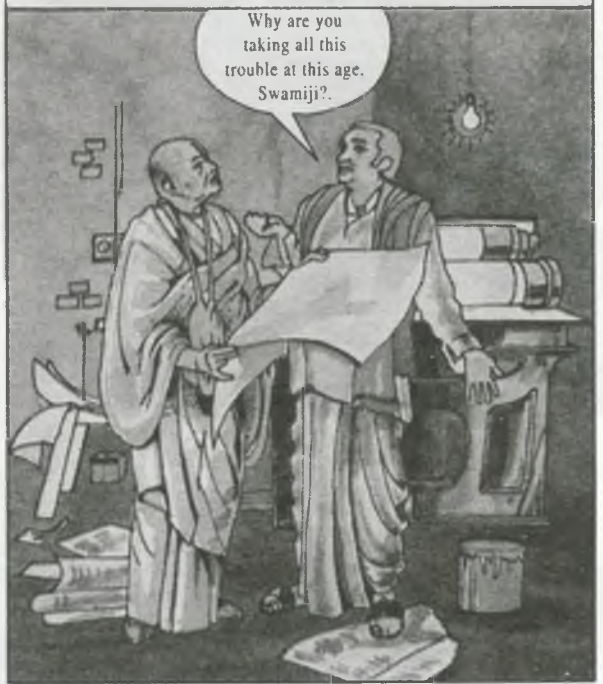
* One anna = 6 indian paise

....HAD BEEN TEDIOUS AND SLOW, BUT HE WAS DETERMINED



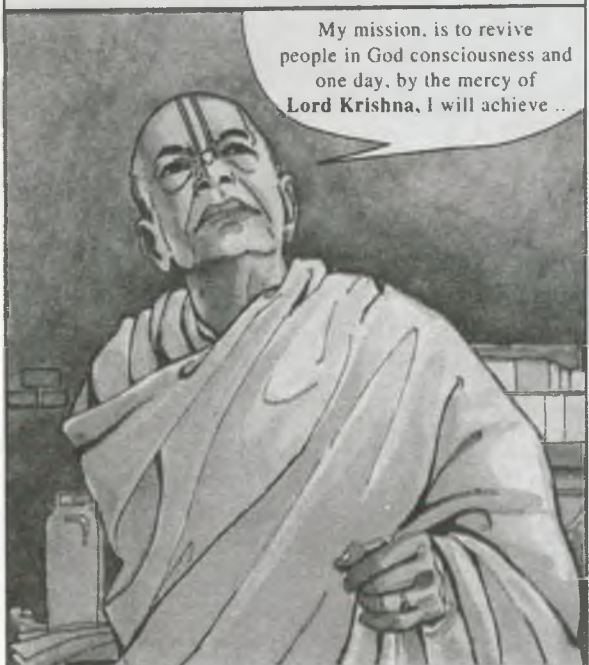
I have no time, to read all these, Swamiji.....

THOUGH ADVANCING IN AGE, HE UNDERTOOK THE TASK OF TRANSLATING SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM* INTO ENGLISH. HE TRAVELLED CONSTANTLY BETWEEN VRINDAVAN AND DELHI TO MEET HIS PRINTER.



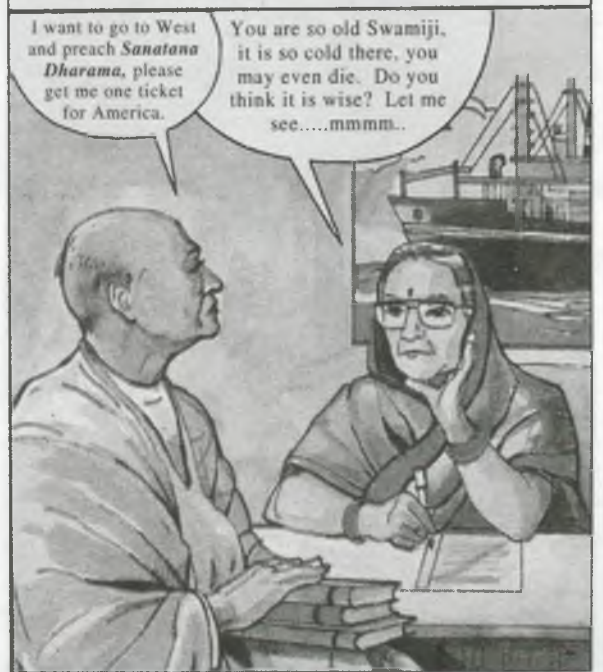
Why are you taking all this trouble at this age, Swamiji?.

HE WAS CONVINCED THAT TO MAKE INDIANS TO COME BACK TO THEIR OWN VEDIC CULTURE. HE HAD TO MAKE THE WESTERNERS TAKE IT UP TOO!



My mission, is to revive people in God consciousness and one day, by the mercy of Lord Krishna, I will achieve ..

SO, WITH PRINTED VOLUMES OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM, HE APPROCHED SRIMATI SUMATI MORAJI, HEAD OF SCINDA SHIPPING COMPANY AND DONOR FOR PUBLISHING HIS BOOKS.



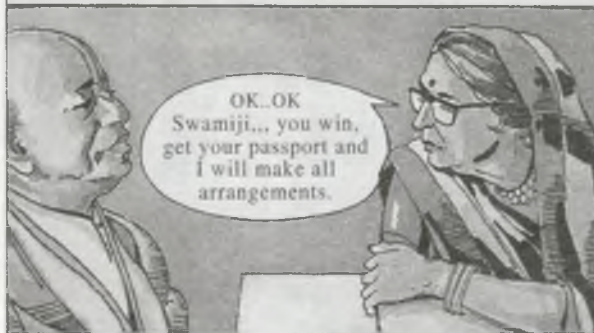
I want to go to West and preach *Sanatana Dharama*, please get me one ticket for America.

You are so old Swamiji, it is so cold there, you may even die. Do you think it is wise? Let me see.....mmmm..

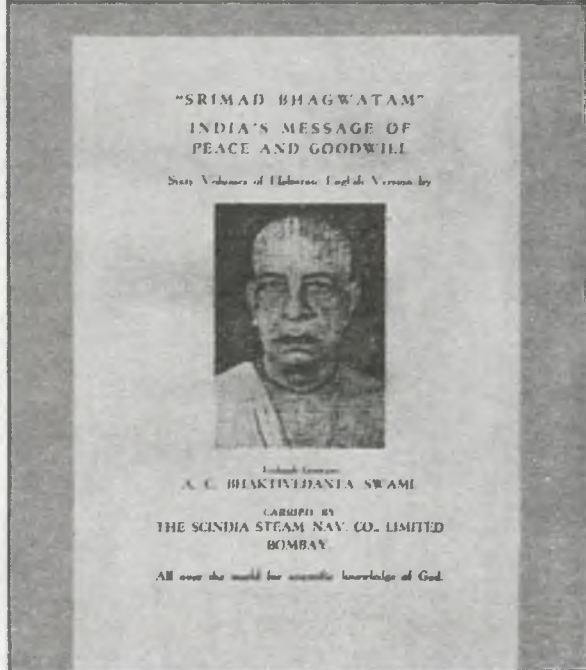
*The Vedic Scripture composed by Srila Vyasadeva describing and explaining the pastimes of Lord Krishna.



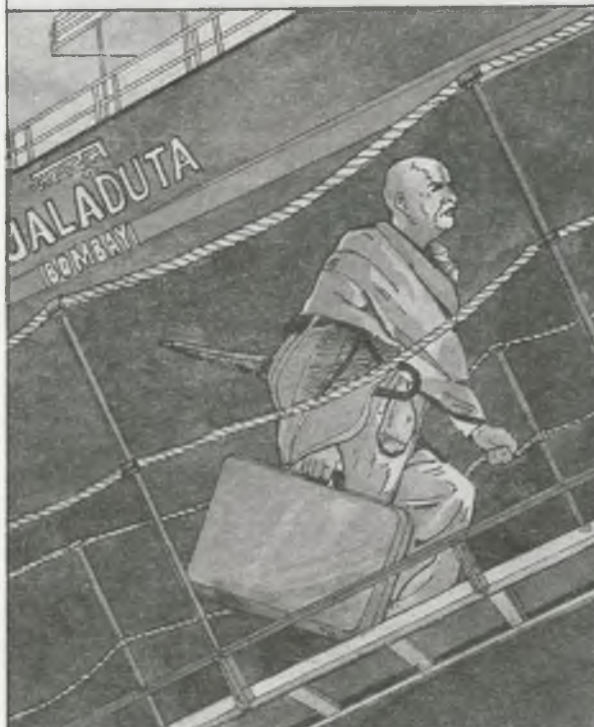
MRS. MORAJI HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR SWAMIJI. SHE RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO SEND HIM TO AMERICA.



ONCE HIS JOURNEY WAS CONFIRMED. HE PRINTED 500 HANDBILLS AS BELOW.



FINALLY. ON 13TH AUGUST, 1965. AT THE CALCUTTA HARBOUR SWAMIJI BOARDED THE 'JALADUTA.'



THE JALADUTA, A CARGO SHIP WITH ONE PASSENGER CABIN SET SAIL FOR AMERICA OCCUPIED BY "ABHAY CHARANAVINDA BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI". HE WAS TAKEN ON BOARD. BEARING "A COMPLIMENTARY TICKET WITH FOOD".



ON ITS FIRST HALT AT **COCHIN**, 200 NOS 3 VOLUME SETS OF **SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM** WERE LOADED ONTO THE SHIP-THE MAIN SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR SWAMIJI IN THE WEST



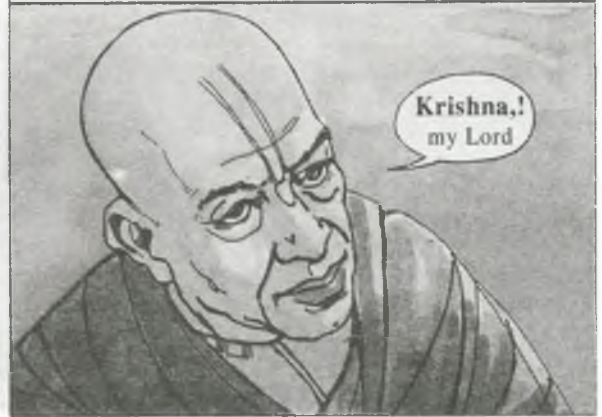
HE ALSO CARRIED WITH HIM A BENGALI COPY OF **CAITANYA CARITAMRTA*** ON BOARD JALADUTTA.



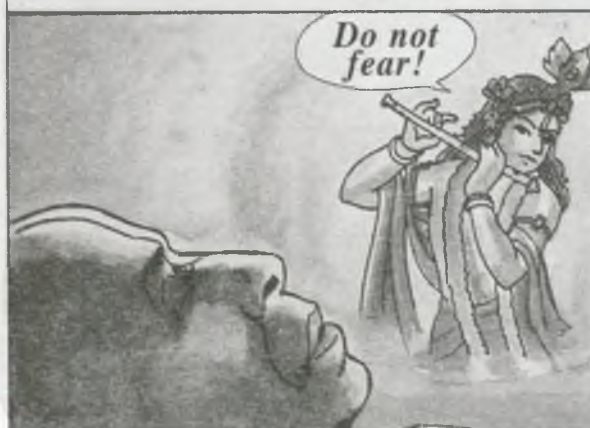
THE SEA WAS ROUGH. SWAMIJI SUFFERED SEVERE BOUTS OF VOMITING AND SEA SICKENSS. IN TWO DAYS HE SUFFERED TWO HEART ATTACKS.



SWAMIJI MEDITATED ON THE PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION. HE WAS TO FULFILL HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER'S WISHES. HE HAD JUST CELEBRATED HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY ON BOARD. HE WAS OLD BUT VERY DETERMINED.



ON THE SECOND NIGHT IN THE SHIP, HE HAD A DREAM **LORD KRISHNA** APPEARED IN HIS DREAM.....



THE NEXT DAY THE SEA CALMED DOWN. SWAMIJI'S HEALTH RECOVERD. THE SHIP WAS SAILING SMOOTHLY. HE WAS WELL ON THE WAY TO REALISING HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER **BHAKTISIDDANTA SARASWATI'S** WISHES. THIS CROSSING WAS THE CULMINATION OF 70 YEARS OF PREPARATION. HE HAD COME A LONG WAY.....



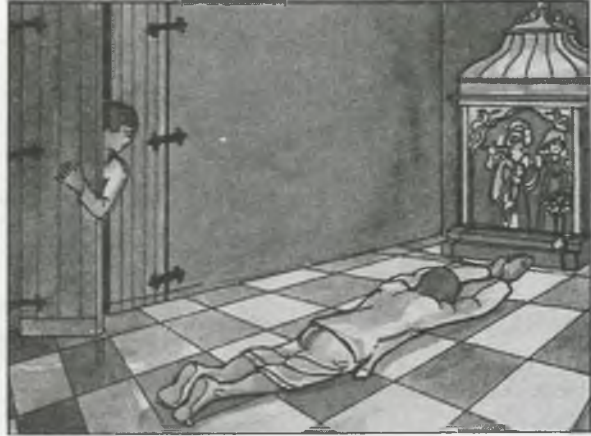
* Biography of **LORD CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU**, written by Krishna Dasa Kaviraja.

HE WAS BORN ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 1896 IN CALCUTTA HIS PARENTS NAMED HIM ABHAY CHARAN. WHEN HE WAS A CHILD HIS ASTROLOGER PREDICTED.....

When this child reaches the age of seventy he will *cross the ocean*. become a great exponent of religion and will open 108 TEMPLES all over the world.



ABHAY'S PARENTS GOUR MOHAN AND RANJANI DE WERE VERY RELIGIOUS. THEY WORSHIPED DEITIES OF SRI SRI RADHA KRISHNA AT HOME



CHILD ABHAY LEARNT TO WORSHIP SRI SRI RADHA KRISHNA FROM HIS VERY CHILDHOOD.

I wish I could one day conduct ratha yatra for Lord Jagannath in Calcutta.



HE WAS PERSUADING HIS FATHER TO PURCHASE A RATHA FOR HIM. SEEING HIS PERSISTENCE . A KIND OLD LADY GAVE HIM A SMALL CART

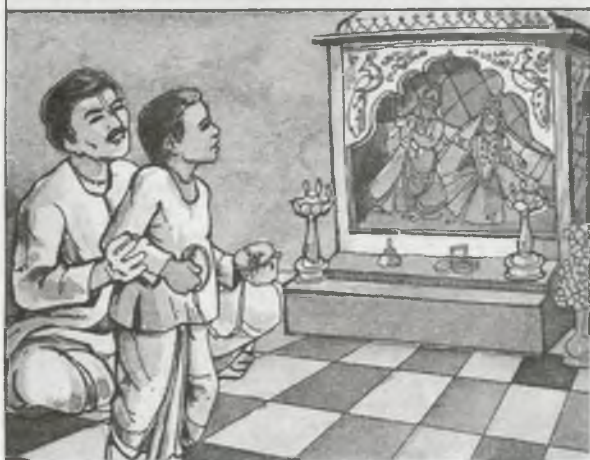
now I got a nice rath..let us do ratha yatra



ABHAY. WITH HIS FATHER'S HELP. PAINTED AND DECORATED THE CAR. ON THE FESTIVAL DAY ABHAY REQUESTED HIS FRIENDS AROUND TO ATTEND HIS RATHA YATRA. AT THE AGE OF SIX ABHAY HELD HIS FIRST RATHA YATRA IN CALCUTTA WHICH LASTED FOR EIGHT DAYS...!



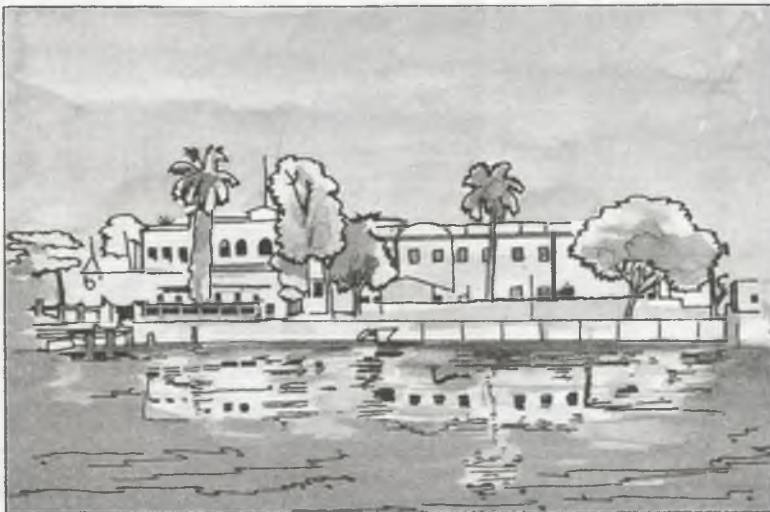
AS HE GREW, HE LEARNT TO SING BHAJANS, KIRTANS...



...AND ALSO LEARNT TO PLAY THE KARTAL AND MRIDANGA FROM HIS DEOVTED FATHER.



ABHAY WENT TO COLLEGE HIS FATHER ARRANGED HIS MARRIAGE TO RADHARANI DATTA, A MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER, WHILE HE WAS STILL IN COLLEGE DURING HIS FOURTH YEAR IN COLLEGE THE FIRST SIGNS OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT BEGAN. NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE WAS ONE YEAR



HIS SENIOR, ABHAY WAS ENCOURAGED TO FIND THAT MAHATMA GANDHI WAS A WORSHIPPER OF LORD KRISHNA. GANDHIJI WAS ALWAYS GUIDED BY THE BHAGAVAD GITA AND WAS PURE IN HIS PERSONAL HABITS. ABHAY WAS IMPRESSED BY HIM. HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT HIS DEGREE IN ORDER TO ALIGN HIMSELF WITH GANDHIJI'S NON-CO-OPERATION MOVMENT.

HE TOOK A JOB IN CALCUTTA AS THE MANAGER OF A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY. HE LEARNT THE TRADE AND BRANCHED OUT ON HIS OWN. AT ALLAHABAD HE STARTED HIS OWN BUSINESS. HE CALLED IT PRAYAG PHARMACY.



IN 1922, WHILE IN CALCUTTA, A FRIEND SUGGESTED CASUALLY.....

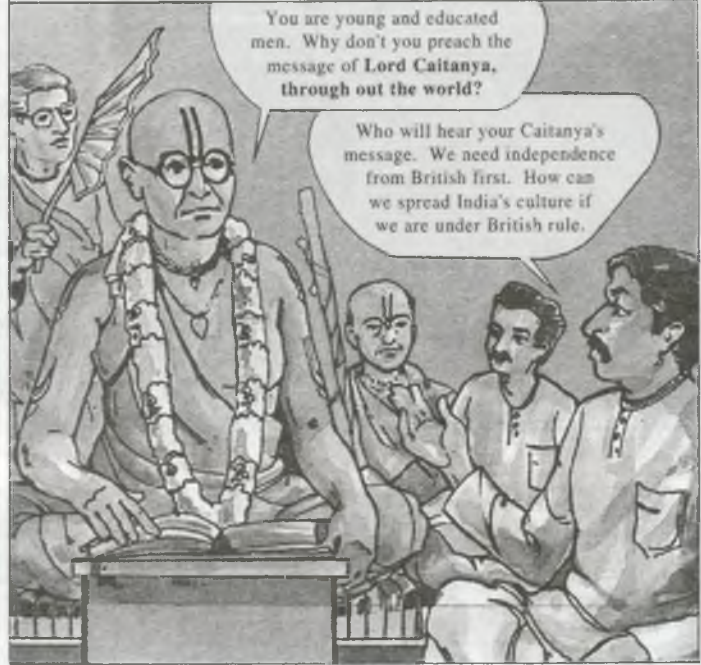
There is one enlightened Swamiji at *Gaudiya Matha*. Why don't we go and meet him?



ABHAY WAS VERY HESITANT. HE HAD SEEN A LOT OF BOGUS SADHUS IN HIS CHILDHOOD DAYS.



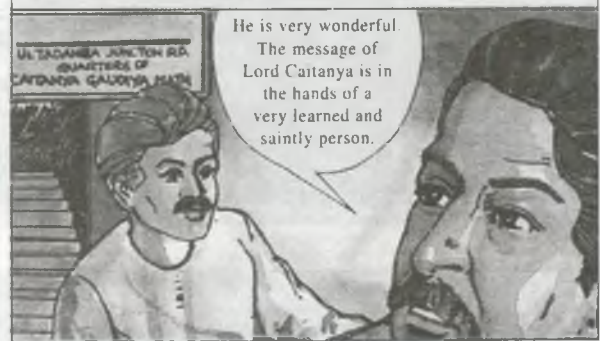
NO SOONER DID ABHAY AND HIS FRIEND RESPECTFULLY BOW DOWN BEFORE THE SAINTLY PERSON*....



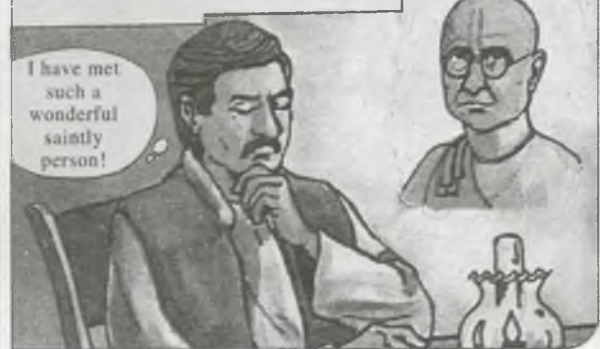
Krishna Consciousness is so important that it cannot wait. No political system can help humanity. This is the verdict of all the *vedic scriptures*.



FOR TWO HOURS, BACK AND FORTH WENT WITH DISCUSSIONS. FINALLY WHILE HE WAS LEAVING WITH HIS FRIEND.....



THIS CHANCE MEETING WITH BHAKTISIDDANTA SARASWATI HAD A DEEP IMPACT ON ABHAY.

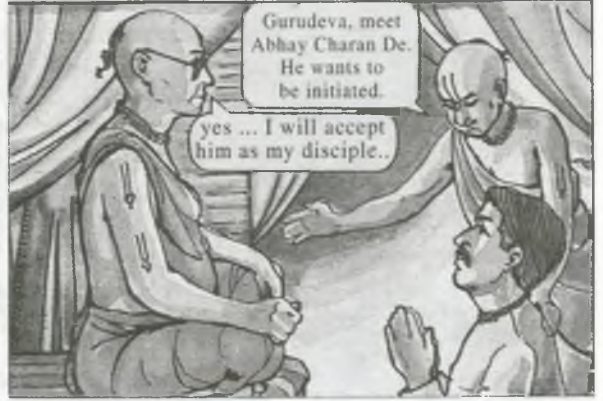


* His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati-the Founder Acharya of Gaudiya Maths.

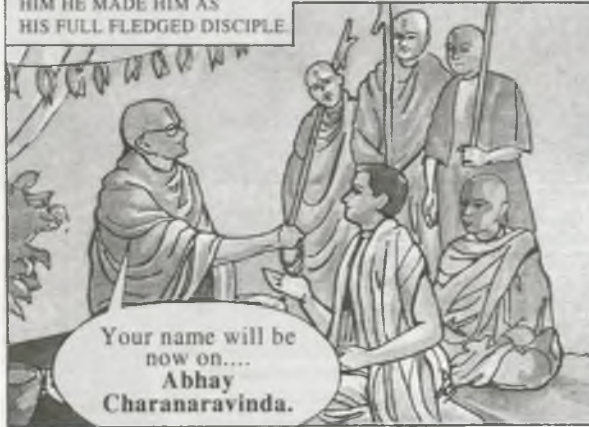
HE STARTED ASSOCIATING REGULARLY WITH BHAKTI-SIDDHANTA SARASWAT'S DISCIPLES. THEY GAVE HIM BOOKS AND TOLD HIM ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THEIR SPIRITUAL MASTER. HE MAINTAINED HIS BUSINESS AND HELPED THE MATH IN WHATEVER WAY HE COULD. HE WANTED TO DO A LOT MORE.



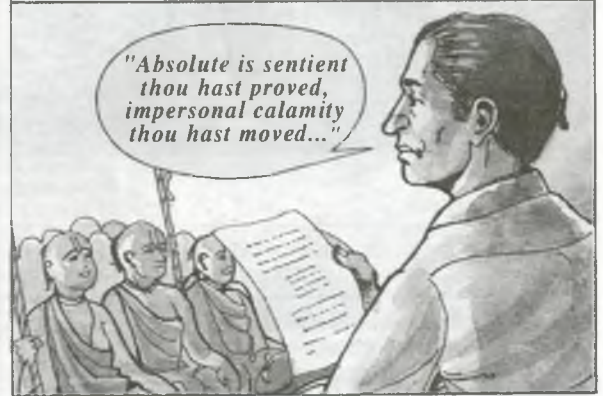
HE HAD READ IN THE BHAGAVAD GITA, 'ONE SHOULD APPROACH A SPIRITUAL MASTER AND RENDER SERVICE UNTO HIM. HE CAN IMPART KNOWLEDGE TO YOU BECAUSE HE HAS SEEN THE TRUTH'.



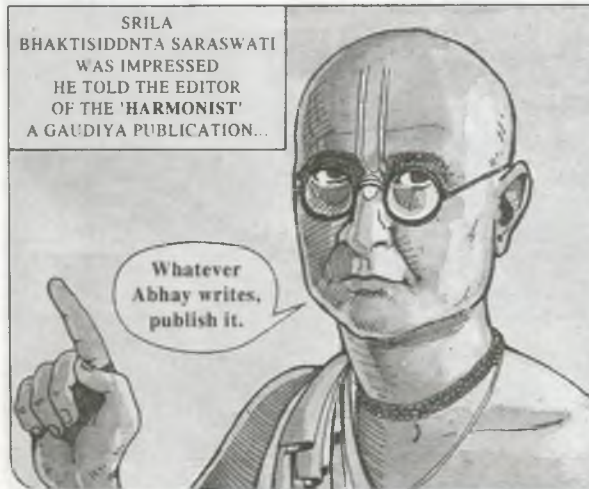
SO IN 1933- SRILA BHAKTISIDDANTA SARASWATI DID THE UNUSAL. HE GAVE ABHAY HIS JAPA BEADS AND ALSO HIS SACRED BRAHMINICAL THREAD- BY INITIATING HIM HE MADE HIM AS HIS FULL FLEDGED DISCIPLE.



HIS ALLABAD BUSINESS FAILED AND SO HE MOVED TO BOMBAY TO START AFRESH. HERE HE HELPED IN OPENING A MATH-ON 25TH FEBRUARY 1935- HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER'S VYASA PUJA* DAY. HE WROTE...



SRILA BHAKTISIDDANTA SARASWATI WAS IMPRESSED HE TOLD THE EDITOR OF THE 'HARMONIST' A GAUDIYA PUBLICATION...

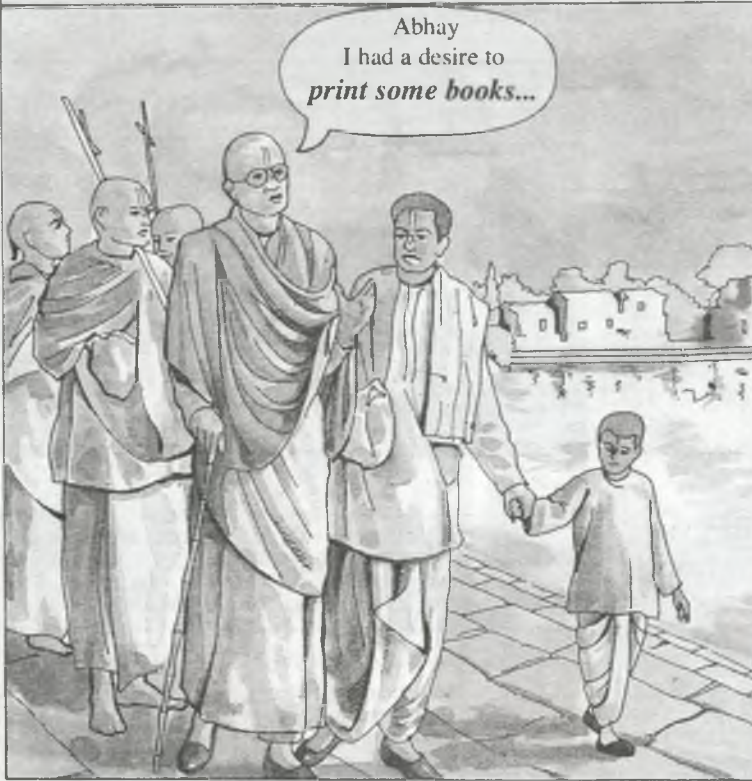


IN NOVEMBER 1935- ABHAY AND HIS SON TRAVELLED TO RADHA KUND** TO MEET HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER.



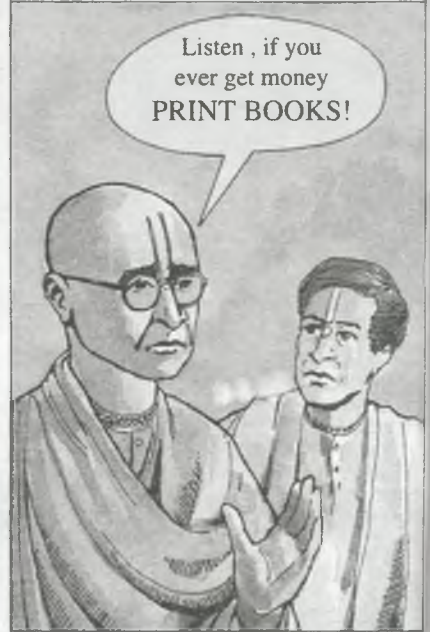
** Holy pond located in the region of Vrindavana-Northern India.

AT RADHA KUND VRINDAVANA. ON THE BANKS OF THE POND. BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI SPOKE TO ABHAY...



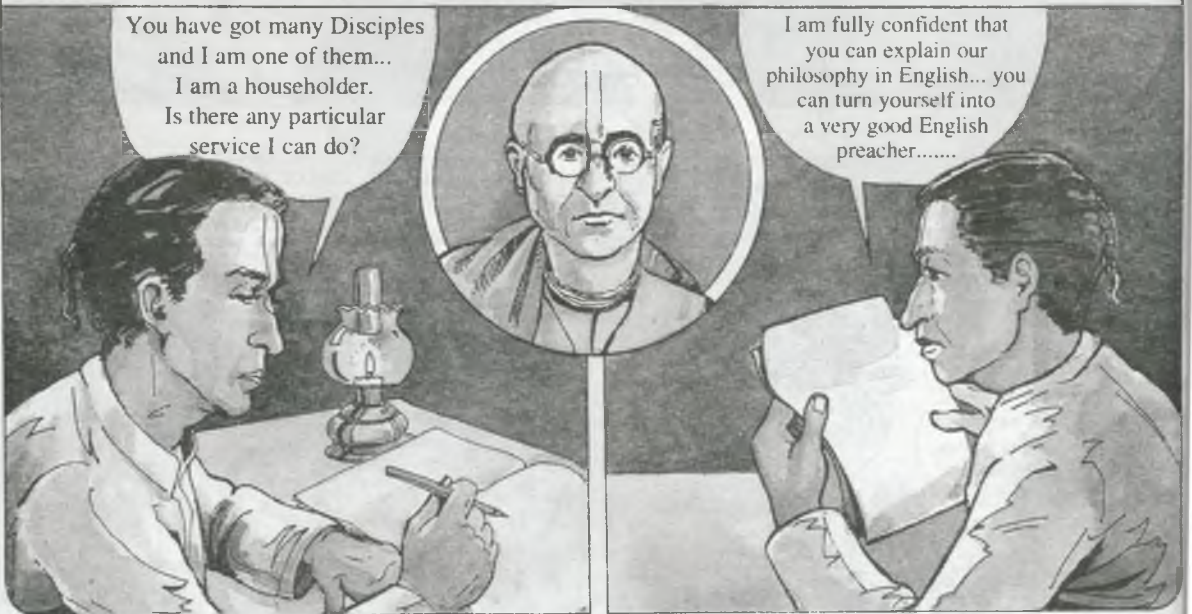
Abhay
I had a desire to
print some books...

ABHAY FELT HIS SPIRITUAL MASTE WAS SPEAKING TO HIM IN URGENCY, AS IF ASKING HIM FOR A HELP OR WARNING HIM TO AVERT A DISASTER. BUT WHAT COULD HE DO...? AS IF IN ANSWER



Listen , if you ever get money
PRINT BOOKS!

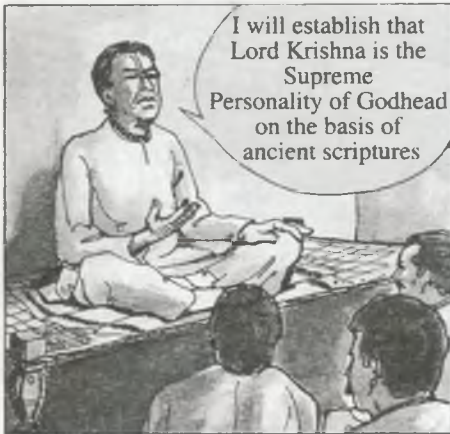
ABHAY'S DESIRE TO PREACH WAS EVER ON THE INCREASE. FINALLY IN DECEMBER 1936, ABHAY WROTE TO BHAKTISIDDANTA SARASWATI. TWO WEEKS LATER, ABHAY RECIVED A REPLY FROM HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER.....



You have got many Disciples and I am one of them...
I am a householder.
Is there any particular service I can do?

I am fully confident that you can explain our philosophy in English... you can turn yourself into a very good English preacher.....

TWO WEEKS LATER, ON 1ST JAN. 1937 BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARSWATI PASSED AWAY. THE LETTER HAD COME JUST IN TIME. NOW, ABHAY KNEW FOR CERTAIN HOW TO PLEASE HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER AND STAY LINKED WITH LORD KRISHNA. HIS INSTRUCTIONS LIVED INDELIBLY IN ABHAY'S HEART. HIS BUSINESS IN BOMBAY DECLINED. HE MOVED TO CALCUTTA AND RENTED A HOUSE AT 6. SITAKANTA BANERJEE LANE. AND AN OFFICE IN AN ADJOINING BUILDING TO MANUFACTURE HIS TONICS AND LINIMENTS.



I will establish that Lord Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead on the basis of ancient scriptures

ABHAY WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH WRITING AND PREACHING THAN HIS BUSINESS AND FAMILY. HE PERSISTED IN BUSINESS IN ORDER TO EARN MORE MONEY TO PUBLISH VEDIC LITERATURE IN ENGLISH. HIS FIRST PIECE IN 1939. "INTRODCUTION TO GEETOPANISHAD" GAINED HIM RECOGNITION AMONGST HIS GOD BROTHERS. THEY CONFERED ON HIM THE TITLE BHAKTIVEDNATA.



SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1939..... ENGLAND SWEEPED INDIA INTO THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY. AT THAT TIME, INDIANS WERE STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE. THE WAR RAGED ON. IN 1943 THE JAPANESE HAD TAKEN BURMA AND WERE PREPARING TO INVADE CALCUTTA.

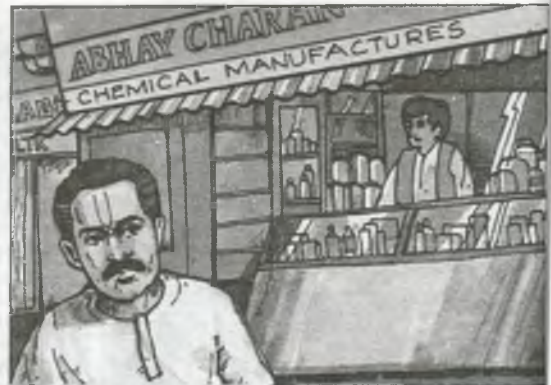


THE BRITISH SANK SEVERAL INDIAN BOATS CARRYING FOOD AND DESTROYED LARGE RICE CROPS. FEARING THAT THE ENEMY WOULD CAPTURE THEM. THIS RESULTED IN A TERRIBLE FAMINE IN BENGAL. DUE TO THE RECESSION, ABHAY'S BUSINESS IN CALCUTTA SUFFERED. HE TRIED TO SET UP A BIG FACTORY IN LUCKNOW WHICH FAILED TOO. HE WENT BACK TO ALLAHABAD WHERE SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER HE HAD ESTABLISHED THE "PRAYAG PHARMACY".



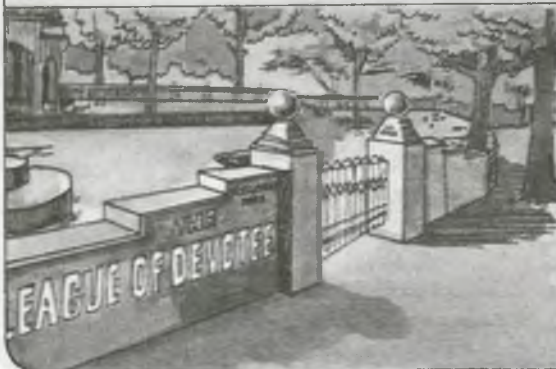
ABHAY RECALLED BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI'S WORDS, "THERE IS NO SCARCITY IN THE WORLD, THE ONLY SCARCITY IS OF KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS".

ABHAY WITNESSED THE MISERIES OF WAR AND FAMINE. IT FURTHER RESOLVED HIM TO PROPAGATE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS. HE WROTE, TYPED AND EDITED A MAGAZINE SINGLE-HANDEDLY. HE DESIGNED A MAST HEAD FOR HIS MAGAZINE. HE PRINTED THIS MAGAZINE FROM THE PROFITS OF HIS BUSINESS



IN OCTOBER 1952, ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO JHANSI, ABHAY WAS INVITED TO LECTURE AT GITA MANDIR. THE PEOPLE OF JHANSI RESPONDED WELL TO THE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS PHILOSOPHY. SO HE LEFT HIS PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESS WITH HIS SON AND NEPHEW AND WENT TO JHANSI. ON MAY 16TH, 1953 AT BHARATI BHAVAN, A PICTURESQUE TEMPLE COMPLEX, HE ESTABLISHED A "LEAGUE OF DEVOTEES".

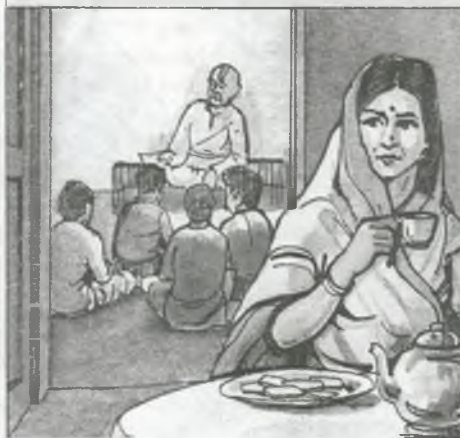
There are atheists of various categories who do not believe in the conception of a creator, but that is only due to their poor fund of knowledge. Everything has its origin in the Supreme Lord.



FOR SIX MONTHS, ABHAY WAS ENGROSSSED IN ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DEVOTEES. WHEN ONE DAY RECEIVED A TELEGRAM..



HE CAME TO CALCUTTA TO RAISE FUNDS SINCE HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO PURCHASE BHARATI BHAVAN. HE VISITED HIS FAMILY. BUT WHILE HE PREACHED KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, HIS WIFE PREFERED TEA.



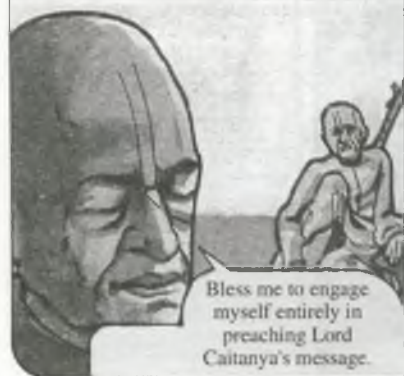
HE HOPED THAT HIS WIFE WOULD TAKE TO KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS WHOLEHEARTEDLY. HOWEVER HIS WIFE WAS NOT MUCH INTERESTED.



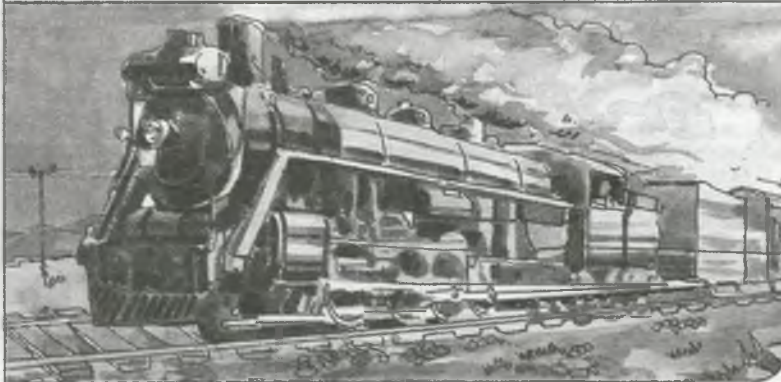
What? I am leaving this unholy house! I shall never again return.



HE WENT TO MEET PARAMAHAMSA MAHARAJ AT JHARGRAM-A SMALL VILLAGE NEAR CALCUTTA.



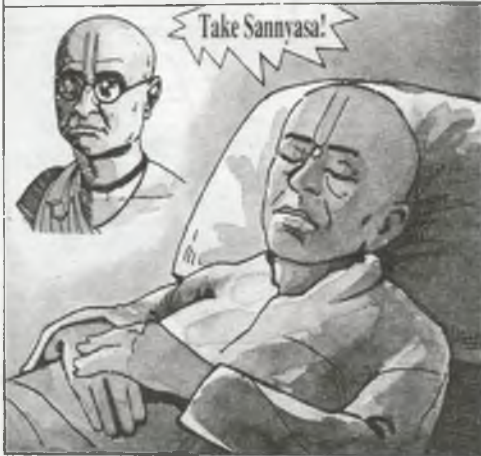
AFTER STAYING AT JHARGRAM FOR SOME TIME HE DECIDED TO GO TO JHANSI. HIS EFFORTS AT JHANSI WERE ALSO NOT FRUITFULL.. HE STAYED AT THE GAUDIYA MATH IN DELHI FOR SOMETIME UNTIL FINALLY HE MOVED TO VRINDAVAN.



HE LOVED VRINDAVANA. THE ENTIRE CITY RESOUNDED WITH BHAJANS, KIRTANS AND CHANTING. PEOPLE GREETED EACH OTHER CALLING OUT "JAI RADHE", "HARI BOL". EVERYTHING ABOUT VRINDAVANA WAS CONDUCIVE FOR HIM TO TRANSLATE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM AND PRINT HIS MAGAZINE.



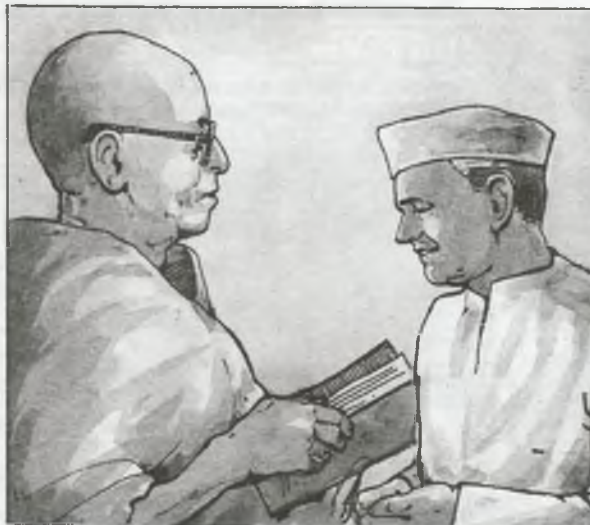
ONE NIGHT HE HAD A DREAM. HIS GURU URGED HIM.....



THIS DREAM HAD APPEARED EARLIER TOO, BUT THEN HE HAD BEEN TIED TO HIS BUSINESS, WIFE AND CHILDREN. FIVE YEARS AGO, HE HAD GIVEN UP FAMILY, HOME COMFORTS AND BUSINESS AND HAD LIVED AS A VANAPRASTHA* EVER SINCE. SO ON SEPTEMBER 15TH 1959 IN MATHURA AT KESAVAJI GAUDIYA MATH HE TOOK SANYASA, CHANGING FROM WHITE CLOTH TO SAFFRON CLOTH, FROM ABHAYABABU TO **BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI MAHARAJA.**



AS A SANYASI, HE WENT ON A PRACHING TOUR OF AGRA, KANPUR, JHANSI AND DELHI. IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, HE PUBLISHED THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM. IN JUNE 1964, HE MET PRIME MINISTER LALBAHADUR SHASTRI AND PRESENTED TO HIM THE FIRST VOLUME OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM. HE NOW NEEDED MONEY TO PUBLISH THE THIRD VOLUME. IN JULY 1964, HE APPROACHED SUMATI MORAJI TO FINANCE THIS PUBLICATION. SHE AGREED. SWAMIJI COULD NOW COMPLETE HIS THIRD VOLUME.

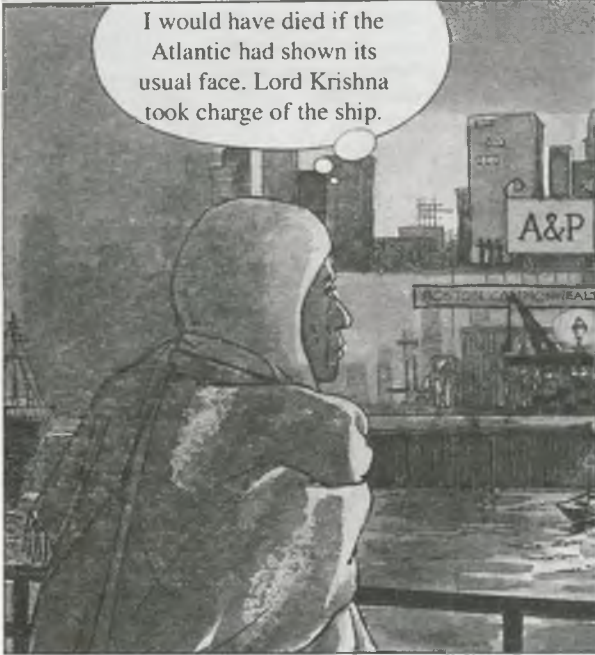


SWAMIJI HAD WORKED ALONE. WHEN HE HAD BOARDED THE SHIP, THERE WAS NO ONE ON THE SHORE TO BID HIM GOODBYE. NO FRIENDS, NO SUPPORTERS, NO DISCIPLES, NOBODY. BARRING HIS ILL HEALTH THE CROSSING HAD BEEN RELATIVELY SIMPLE. SWAMIJI HAD ENDEARED HIMSELF TO THE CREW MEMEBERS. HE GAVE DISCOURSES FROM THE BHAGAVAD GITA ON BOARD. HIS JOURNEY WAS COMING TO AN END. SHORTLY THE JALADUTA WOULD REACH **BOSTON.**.....

* SOCIAL ORDER BEFORE RENOUCED ORDER(SANNYASA) BUT AFTER MARRIED LIFE (GRAHASTHASHRAM)

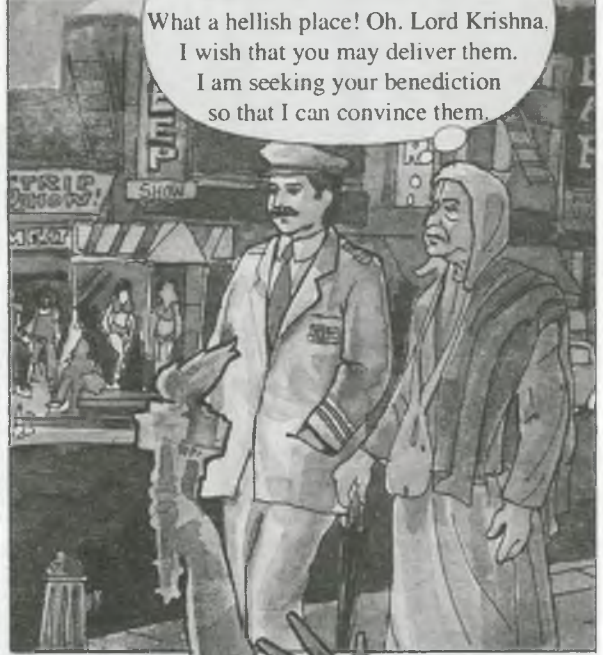
IT WAS EARLY MORNING WHEN THE JALADUTA ARRIVED AT BOSTON HARBOUR ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 1965.

I would have died if the Atlantic had shown its usual face. Lord Krishna took charge of the ship.

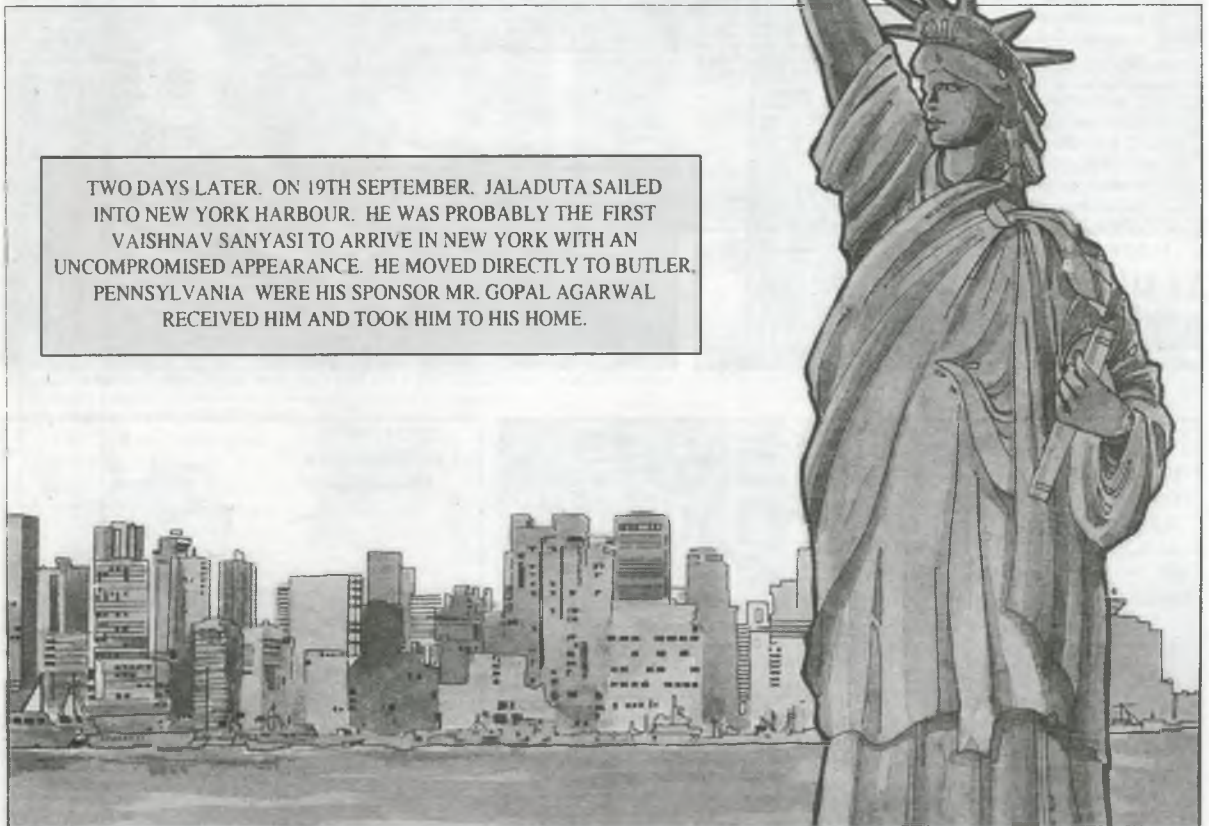


THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP TOOK SWAMJI. ASHORE.

What a hellish place! Oh, Lord Krishna, I wish that you may deliver them. I am seeking your benediction so that I can convince them.



TWO DAYS LATER, ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, JALADUTA SAILED INTO NEW YORK HARBOUR. HE WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST VAISHNAV SANYASI TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK WITH AN UNCOMPROMISED APPEARANCE. HE MOVED DIRECTLY TO BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA WERE HIS SPONSOR MR. GOPAL AGARWAL RECEIVED HIM AND TOOK HIM TO HIS HOME.



HE TAUGHT MRS SALLY. GOPAL'S AMERICAN WIFE TO COOK PRASADAM AND SEVERAL INDIAN DELICACIES.

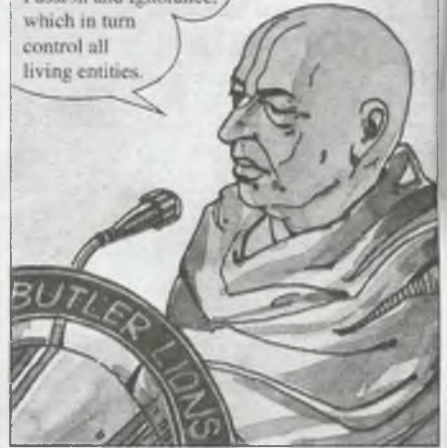


WHO WOULD EXPECT TO MEET A SWAMIJI IN SOMEONE'S LIVING ROOM IN BUTLER?



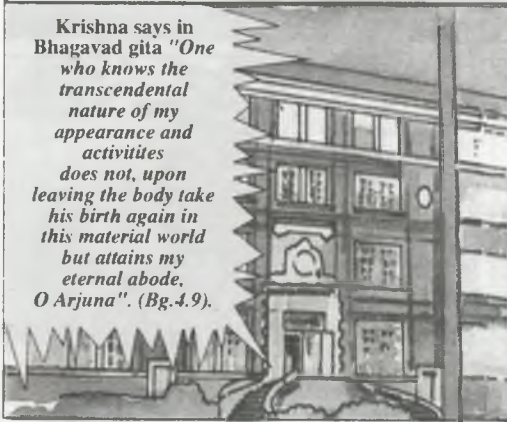
SALLY ARRANGED LECTURES AT LIONS CLUB.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Lord Krishna controls the three modes of material nature. Goodness, Passion and Ignorance, which in turn control all living entities.

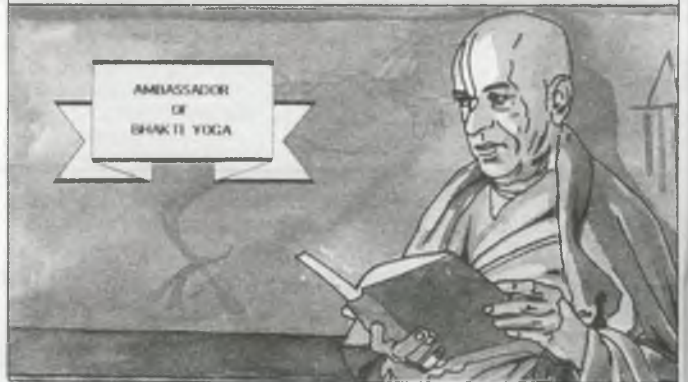


AND ALSO AT BUTLER YMCA

Krishna says in Bhagavad gita "One who knows the transcendental nature of my appearance and activities does not, upon leaving the body take his birth again in this material world but attains my eternal abode, O Arjuna". (Bg.4.9).



ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 1965, HIS PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED IN "BUTLER EAGLE" THE MORNING PAPER. THEY CALLED HIM.



TWO MONTHS LATER HE MOVED TO NEW YORK AND ACQUIRED A ROOM IN A POSH BUILDING. HELPED BY DR. RAMAMURTI MISHRA" AN UPTOWN SWAMI" HE STARTED HOLDING KIRTANAS AND LECTURES ON BHAGAVAD GITA. SOME PEOPLE FROM DR. MISHRA'S CLINIC ATTENDED REGULARLY...



jaya radha madhava..jaya kunjabihari.



ONE DAY HIS ROOM WAS BURGLED. HE LOST HIS TYPEWRITER AND TAPE RECORDER. SWAMIJI DECIDED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PLACE.

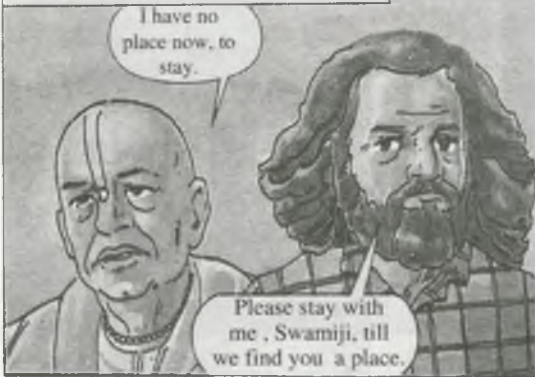


HARVEY AND BILL TWO OF HIS REGULAR VISITORS ADVISED HIM TO SHARE A LOFT AT THE BOWERY* WITH DAVID ALLEN. IT WAS AN AREA FULL OF YOUNGSTERS IN THE MIDST OF THE HIPPIE CULTURE. THEY WERE INTO MUSIC, DRUGS, WOMEN AND "SPIRITUAL MEDITATION".

SWAMIJI HAD HOPED TO MAKE DAVID HIS FIRST AMERICAN DISCIPLE. BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE. DRUGS GOT THE BETTER OF HIM. HE WENT MAD. SWAMIJI LEFT THIS PLACE TOO.



HE WAS ALONE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. FORTUNATELY, HE MET CARL YEARGENS ANOTHER REGULAR VISITOR.



WITH CARL AND MIKE'S HELP, SWAMIJI RENTED A STORE FRONT ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE AND CONVERTED IT INTO A MEETING PLACE. ABOVE THE STORE WAS AN APARTMENT FOR SWAMIJI TO STAY.



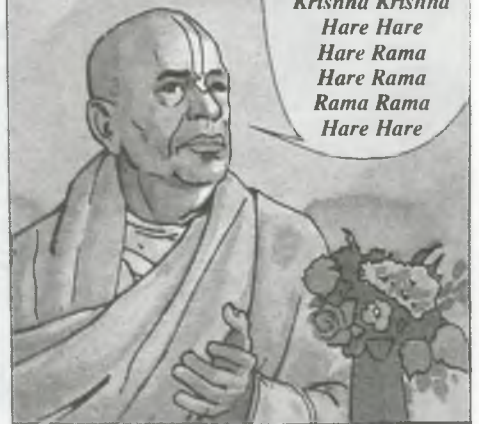
HE POSTED A SIGN ON THE STOREFRONT ANNOUNCING LECTURES ON BHAGAVAD GITA. PEOPLE STARTED COMING REGULARLY. HE STARTED HOLDING KIRTANS. HE READ FROM THE BHAGAVAD GITA, EXPLAINING TO THEM THE PHILOSOPHY OF KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

We have begun this Krishna or God consciousness movement because, it is a great science. If we try to understand God we have nothing more to understand because all knowledge is there.



HE TAUGHT HIS LISTENERS TO CHANT THE MAHA MANTRA.....

*Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare
Hare Rama
Hare Rama
Rama Rama
Hare Hare*



* IN NEW YORK, A PLACE OF RUINED AND HOMELESS DERELICTS.

HE PERFORMED ARATI* EVERY EVENING. HIS VISITORS POPULARLY CALLED IT "BELLS"



SLOWLY SWAMIJI INTRODUCED HIS EARLY VISITORS TO LORD KRISHNA AND THE INDIAN CULTURE.



SURRENDERING UNTO LORD KRISHNA WAS SOMETHING AMAZING FOR HIS VISITORS.



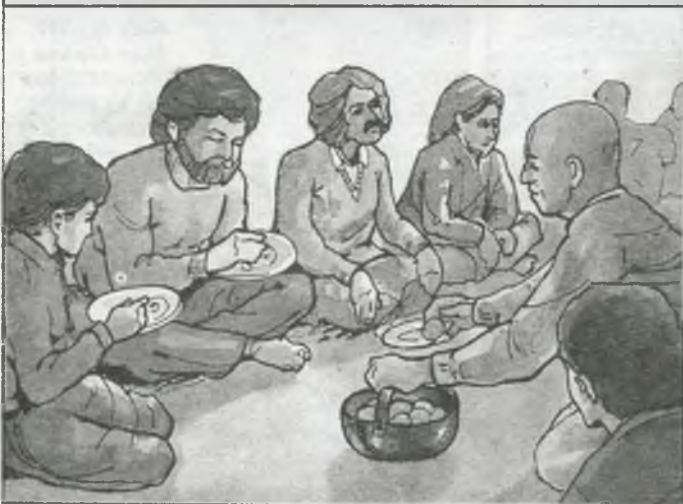
THEY HAD NOW BEGUN TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CEREMONIES. KEITH, HOWARD, WALLY AND OTHERS DECORATED THE STOREFRONT WITH LARGE INDIAN SILK HANGINGS, POSTERS AND INCENSE.



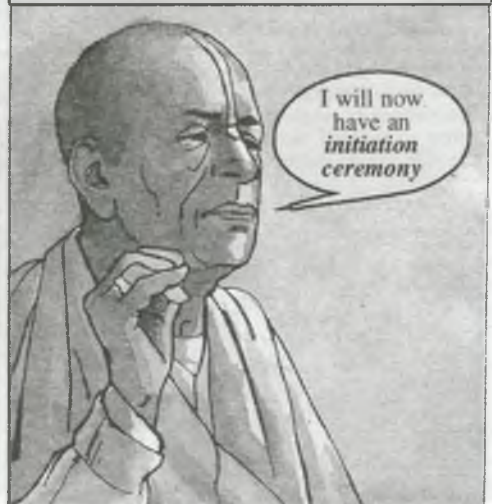
WHEN SWAMIJI ENTERED THE STOREFRONT, THEY WAITED WITH BATED BREATH.



THIS WAS HIS FIRST TEMPLE IN THE WEST. ON SUNDAYS SWAMIJI USED TO COOK AND SERVE PRASAD HIMSELF. SO BY DAY THERE WOULD BE KIRTANS AND CHANTING, AND IN THE EVENINGS THE STORE FRONT WOULD BECOME A PLACE OF INTIMATE WORSHIP.



HIS VISITORS WERE NOW ADVANCING SPIRITUALLY. WHEN SOMEONE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO BECOME A DISCIPLE... SWAMIJI FELT THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE.



*A CEREMONY FOR WORSHIPPING THE DEITY OF THE LORD WITH OFFERINGS OF INCENSES, LAMP, FLOWERS, FAN ETC.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE OCCASION, SWAMIJI INSTRUCTED THEM TO GET 108 BEADS AND STRING THEM, WHILE CHANTING THE MAHA MANTRA.

What does initiation mean?

It's just a formality.

In India it is a standard practice



ON JANMASTAMI DAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 1966, A DAY BEFORE THE INITIATION. AS IF IN ANSWER TO EVERYONES QUIRIES.....

Initiation means that the spiritual master agrees to take charge of the student and the student accepts him and agrees to worship him as God. Any questions?

Why as God Swamiji?



That means that he is due the same respect as God, being God's representative, therefore he is as good as God. Because he can deliver God to the sincerer disciple. Is that clear?

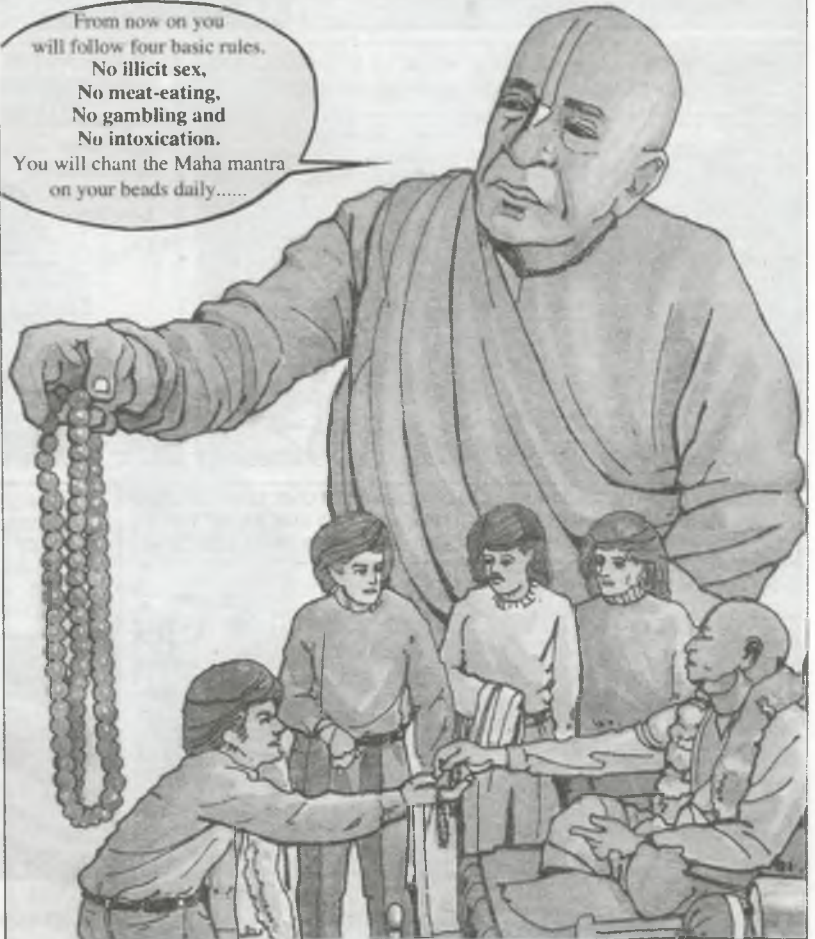


FINALLY ON INITIATION DAY, SWAMIJI, CHANTED ONE ROUND ON THE BEADS OF EACH OF THE INITIATES AND GAVE THE BEADS TO THEM.

From now on you will follow four basic rules.

- No illicit sex,
- No meat-eating,
- No gambling and
- No intoxication.

You will chant the Maha mantra on your beads daily.....



THERE WERE ELEVEN INITIATES. SWAMIJI SET UP A SACRIFICIAL FIRE AND PERFORMED THE VEDIC RITES, AMID CONTINUOUS CHANTING. THEY WERE TO BE THE FIRST AMERICAN DISCIPLES OF SWAMIJI. FROM NOW ON, FOR THE FIRST TIME LORD CHAITANYA'S MESSAGE WOULD BE PREACHED BY AMERICANS.

AMONGST HIS DISCIPLES, THERE WERE SOME WHO HAD EXPERIENCED DRUGS AND OTHER KINDS OF INTOXICATION. AFTER ASSOCIATING WITH SWAMIJI THEY EASILY RENOUNCED ALL THEIR SENSE GRATIFICATORY ESCAPADES. THE NEW EXPERIENCE PROMPTED THEM TO PRODUCE A HANDBILL.

STAY HIGH FOREVER!
No More Copping Down

Practice Krishna Consciousness
Expand your consciousness by practicing the

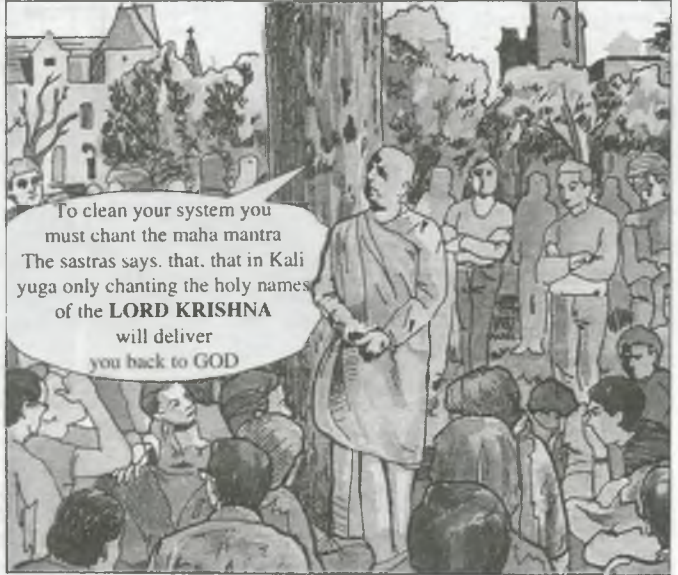
* TRANSCENDENTAL SOUND VIBRATION *

HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE

THE LEAFLET WENT ON TO EXALT KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS OVER ANY OTHER HIGH. IT INCLUDED PHRASES LIKE "END ALL BRINGDOWNS" AND "TURN ON," AND IT SPOKE AGAINST "EMPLOYING ARTIFICIALLY INDUCED METHODS OF SELF-REALIZATION AND EXPANDED CONSCIOUSNESS."

SWAMIJI LIVED AMID THE DRUG CULTURE WHEREIN YOUNG PEOPLE TRIED TO ALTER THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS BY WAY OF DRUGS OR ANY OTHER MEANS. WITH THE POSTER, HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOW REACHING OUT TO THESE MIMICRID YOUTHS. IT WAS THEIR FIRST ACT OF PREACHING.

IN ORDER TO REACH OUT TO MORE PEOPLE, SWAMIJI LED HIS DISCIPLES TO TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK. HERE HE LED THEM IN AN OPEN AIR KIRTAN. HE SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE WHO GATHERED.



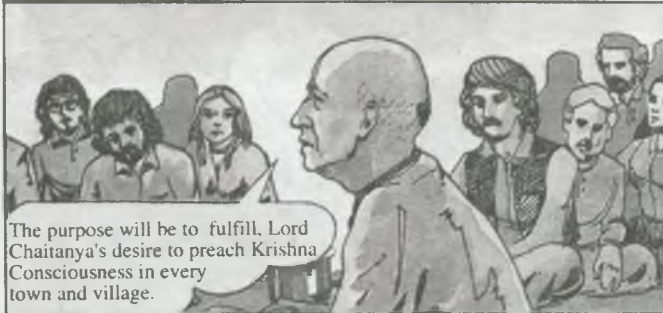
HIPPIES, LOVERS, LONERS, DRUG ADDICTS AND MUSCIANS, ALL JOINED TO CHANT ALONG WITH SWAMIJI....



THERE WAS NOW REGULAR KIRTANS IN THE PARK. THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMNET AS THE PAPERS CALLED IT, WAS BECOMING POPULAR.



HE ASKED SOME OF HIS EARLY FOLLOWERS TO BECOME TURSTES TO INCORPORATE THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS, AS A NON-PROFITABLE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.



BY DAY SWAMIJI PREACHED AND AT NIGHT HE ALLOWED HIMSELF BARELY A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP. HE WOULD GET UP IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE DAY AND CHANT ON HIS BEADS. THEN HE WOULD SIT TO TRANSLATE THE SCRIPTURES INTO ENGLISH.

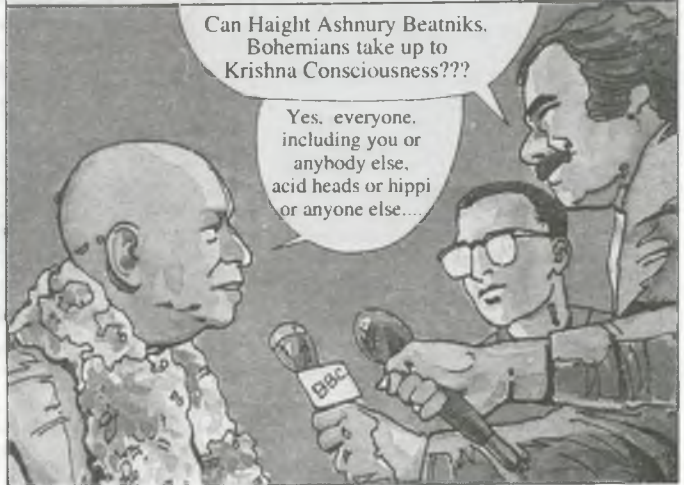


* ALSO KOWN AS ISKCON ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

MUKUNDA AND JANAKI, SENIOR DICIPLES OF SWAMIJI HAD MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO AND RENTED A STOREFRONT AT HAIGHT ASHBURY. THEY CONVERTED IT INTO A TEMPLE AND ASKED SWAMIJI TO VISIT THEM

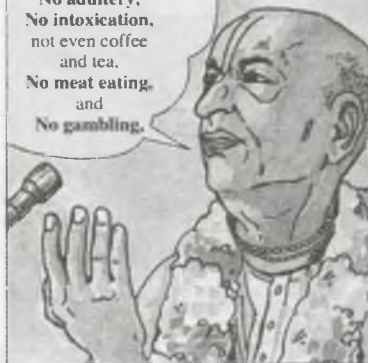


SO ON 16TH JAN, 1967 SWAMIJI ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE PRESS WERE NOW EAGER TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIS SOCIETY. WORD WAS SPREADING FAST ABOUT THE "HARE KRISHNAS".



He has to follow just four simple rules.

- No adultery.**
- No intoxication,** not even coffee and tea.
- No meat eating,** and
- No gambling.**



He has to get up early take a bath and attend prayer meeting every morning and chant Hare Krishna....



MEAN WHILE MUKUNDA, ALONG WITH ALLEN GINSBERG, A POET, AND OTHER FRIENDS, ARRANGED AMANTRA ROCK DANCE AT THE AVALON BALL ROOM. THE BEST ROCK BANDS PARTICIPATED AND SWAMIJI SPOKE AND THEN CHANTED HARE KRISHNA WITH THE BANDS JOINING IN....

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOCKED TO THE AVALON BALL ROOM. THEY CAME WITH, FLUTES, GOURDS, DRUMS, RATTLES, HORNS AND GUITARS. THE HELLS' ANGLES CAME SMOKING CIGARETTES AND ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR GIRLS.

THEY WORE JEANS, BOOTS, GERMAN HELMETS AND DIRTY JACKETS EMBLAZONED WITH EMBLEMS EVERYTHING WAS THERE EXCEPT THEIR MOTOR CYCLES.

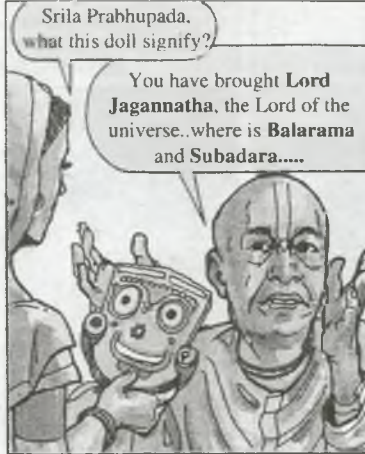
SWAMIJI STOOD UP, LIFTING HIS ARMS HE BEGAN TO DANCE.....



HE GESTURED FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN HIM, AND THOSE WHO WERE STILL SEATED STOOD UP AND BEGAN DANCING AND CHANTING AND SWAYING BACK AND FORTH FOLLOWING SWAMIJI'S GENTLE DANCE.

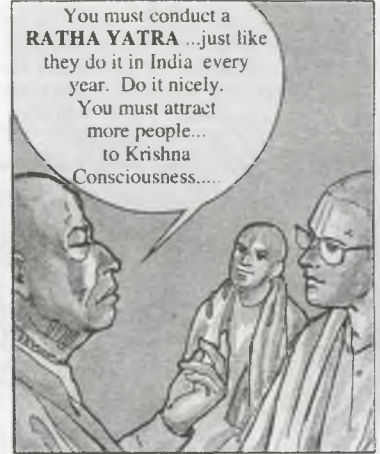


THE DANCE HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT. A LOT OF YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS STARTED COMING TO THE TEMPLE. SWAMIJI HAD TO FACE MANY CHALLENGERS TO HIS PHILOSOPHY. HE HAD ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS. THROWN AT HIM. HIS DISCIPLES WERE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW A SIMPLE ROUTINE. IN THE DAY THEY HAD ONLY TO COOK PRASADAM AND DISTRIBUTE IT ALL WHO VISITED THE TEMPLE. IN THE MORNING AND EVENING THEY HAVE TO HOLD KIRTANS IN THE TEMPLE. SOMETIMES 150 TO 200 HIPPIES FROM HAIGHT ASHBURY WOULD COME FOR PRASADAM*. ONE DAY MALATI A DEVOTEE BROUGHT A DOLL TO SWAMIJI. SHE HAD PURCHASED IT FROM A LOCAL CURIO SHOP.

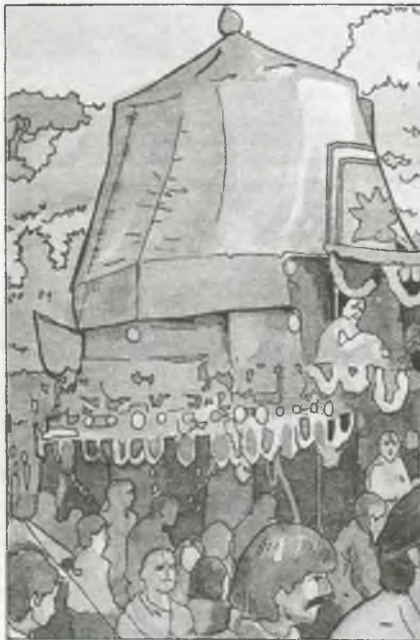


Srila Prabhupada, what this doll signify?

You have brought Lord Jagannatha, the Lord of the universe..where is Balarama and Subadara.....



You must conduct a RATHA YATRA ...just like they do it in India every year. Do it nicely. You must attract more people... to Krishna Consciousness.....



SO FINALLY ON 9TH JULY PRABHUPADA CONDUCTED THE FIRST AMERICAN RATHA YATRA FESTIVAL. MANY PEOPLE HAD JOINED THE LARGE PROCESSION. EVERYONE ON THE STREETS LIKED IT. THE POLICE MOTOR ESCORTS TRIED TO HURRY THE DEVOTEEES BUT SO MANY PEOPLE CROWDED IN FRONT THAT THE PARADE WAS OBLIGED TO GO SLOWLY.....



hey! look Hare Krishnas....

jai jagannath... jai jagannath... hare krishna...



hari bol! hari bol!

FROM THE TRUCK SOME DEVOTEEES HANDED OUT CUT ORANGES, APPLES AND BANANAS. THIS RATHA YATRA FESTIVAL WAS ANOTHER SIGN OF THE GOOD RECEPTION FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE WEST.



jai jaganath! jai jaganath!! jai jaganath!!!

SWAMIJI WAS NOW SEVENTY TWO YEARS OLD. HIS HEALTH HAD DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY. ON 25TH JULY 1967 SWAMIJI LEFT FOR INDIA.



IN CONTRAST TO THE TEARFUL FAREWELL HE GOT IN NEWYORK. THERE WAS NO ONE IN INDIA TO RECEIVE SWAMIJI AT THE AIRPORT. HE TOOK A TAXI AND WENT STRAIGHT TO HIS CHIPPIWADA ROOM IN OLD DELHI.



FROM THERE HE WENT TO HIS OLD ROOM AT RADHA DAMODARA TEMPLE IN VRINDAVANA. HERE HIS HEALTH RECOVERED.



Every day the devotees ask me to return. I thought in my absence they might deteriorate. so. I was reluctant to come to India. So now I am needed to supervise the expansion so I want to go back.



MEANWHILE IN THE UNITED STATES A SMALL GROUP OF HIS DISCIPLES HAD MOVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES AND OPENED A SIMILAR STORE FRONT TEMPLE. SWAMIJI WENT STRAIGHT TO LOS ANGELES. HE STAYED THERE FOR TWO MONTHS AND HELD KIRTANS AND DELIVERED LECTURES. HE GAVE STRENGTH TO HIS NEWLY INITIATED DEVOTEES IN KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

EVEN AMID SWAMIJI'S HECTIC SCHEDULES, HE NEVER STOPPED PREACHING. THE SOCIETY MEMEBERS WERE INCREASING IN NUMBER. HIS DISCIPLES WERE SPREADING KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS ALL OVER AMERICA AND EUROPE.



A GROUP OF DEVOTEES HAD MADE CONTACT WITH GEORGE HARRISON A MEMBER OF THE FAMAUS BEATLES ROCK GROUP. GEORGE WAS RECEPTIVE TO THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT. HE RECORDED AN ALBUM UNDER APPLE RECORDS. HIS COMPANY.

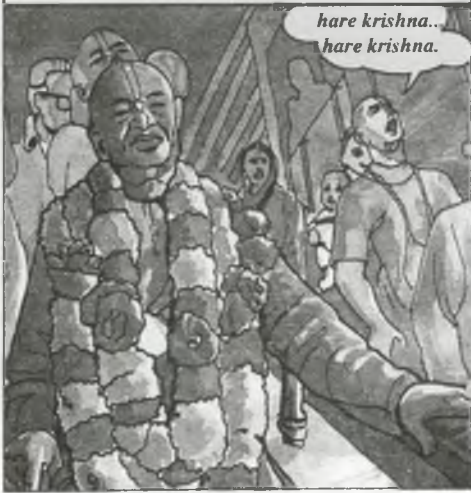
GEORGE TOOK SPECIAL INTEREST IN PRODUCING THE ALBUM.



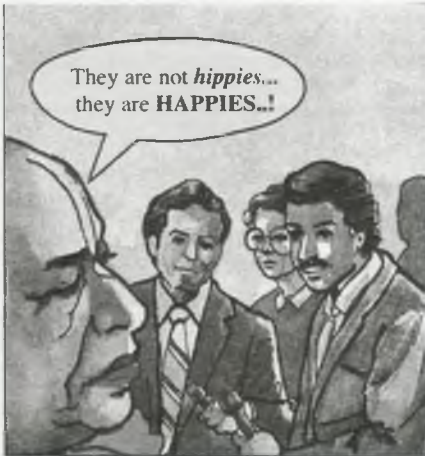
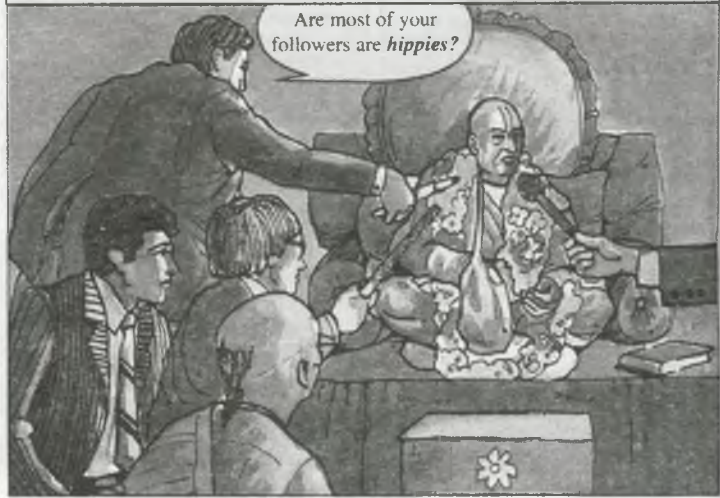
THE RECORD SOLD 70,000 COPIES ON THE FIRST DAY. THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT WAS GROWING IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS.



SWAMIJI WAS CALLED TO LONDON.
HIS DEVOTEES
CHANTED AT THE AIRPORT IN ANTICIPATION.



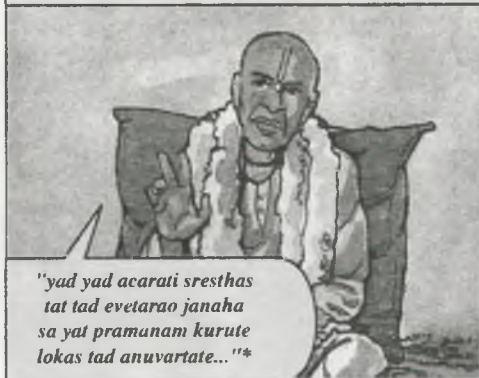
THE REPORTERS BESEIGED SWAMIJI. HE HAD BECOME AN
INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY.....



FROM THE AIRPORT
SRILA PRABHUPADA
DROVE STRAIGHT TO
JOHN JENNON'S VILLA.
THE DEVOTEES HAD
WROKED FEVERISHLY
TO CONVERT
ONE ROOM INTO A
TEMPLE. COMPLETE
WITH A VYASASANA
FOR PRABHUPADA.
HERE HE RECIVED
THE BEATLES AND
ASKED THEM TO
EMBRACE KRISHNA
CONSCIOUSNESS.



HE MET JOHN. PAUL, GEORGE AND RINGO,
MEMBERS OF THE FAMOUS BEATLES GROUP.
HE URGED THEM TO TAKE UP
KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

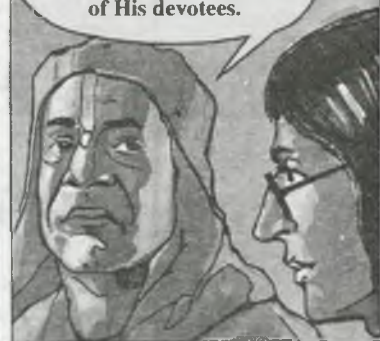


JOHN LENNON ALLOWED THE
USE OF HIS VILLA.

I will share
whatever I have
please stay on here.



I am not
attached to any
comfortable apartment.
My attachment is to
Lord Krishna and to live in
the association
of His devotees.



*WHATSOEVER THE LEADERS IN SOCIETY DO. THE MASSES TEND TO FOLLOW.-
-BHAGAVAD GITA

HE MOVED TO 7 BURY PLACE, WHERE THE DEVOTEES WERE BUSY TRYING TO SET UP A TEMPLE. THOUGH THEY WERE LOW ON FUNDS, SWAMIJI WAS HAPPY TO ASSOCIATE WITH THEM. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR DEITIES FOR THE TEMPLE.

ONE DAY A REPRESENTATIVE OF A HINDU SOCIETY EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO DONATE DEITIES.



Take me there at once....



RADHARANI'S FINGER WAS CHIPPED IN TRANSIT.



Swamiji, we will fix this broken finger and bring them to you..

Don't worry, we have an expert. We can do it...



ON INSTALLATION DAY SWAMIJI OPENED THE MAIN CURTAIN. BBC VIDEO TAPED THE ENTIRE OPENING CEREMONIES.



THIS WAS THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF PLANNING. BHAKTIVINODA THAKURA* HAD PREDICTED THAT "A PERSONALITY WILL APPEAR TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF LORD CHAITANYA AROUND THE WORLD".



THE WESTERNERS WERE NOW TAKING TO KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS SERIOUSLY. THE INDIANS WOULD SOON FOLLOW THE SUIT. SWAMIJI HAD NOW ACCEPTED THE TITLE PRABHUPADA** TIRELESSLY HE INITIATED MORE AND MORE PROJECTS IN THE WEST



* GRAND SPIRITUAL MASTER OF SRILA PRABHUPADA . GREAT ACHARYA, SCHOLAR IN GAUDIAYA SAMPRADAYA.
 ** THE SPIRITUAL MASTER AT WHOSE FEET ALL OTHERS TAKE SHELTER.

IN KEEPING WITH KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS PHILOSOPHY, COW PROTECTION FIGURED ON TOP PRIORITY WITH PRABHUPADA. HE ESTABLISHED MANY GOSHALAS ALL OVER THE WORLD.



IN 1977 A HISTORIC COURT DECISION WAS HANDED DOWN IN THE USA.

HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT IS BONA FIDE RELIGION

Washington, March 18

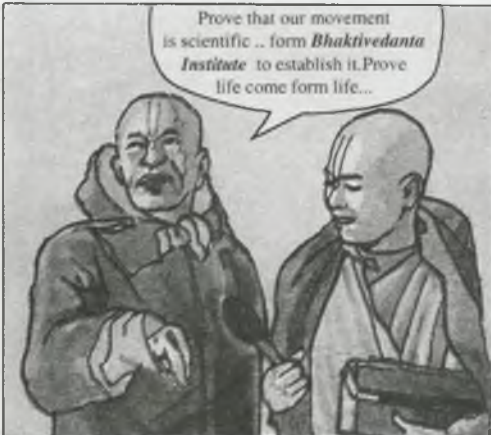
The Hare Krishna movement was called a "bona fide religion" yesterday by the New York High Court Justice who threw out two charges against the officials of the movement of "illegal imprisonment" and "attempted extortion." The charge had been preferred by an angry parent that his son, as well as another disciple, had been held by the movement illegally and that they had been brainwashed. "The entire and basic issue before the court," said the Justice in dismissing the charges, "is whether the two alleged victims in this case and the defendants will be allowed to practice the religion of their choice and this must be answered with a resounding affirmative." Said Mr. Justice John Leach, "the Hare Krishna movement is a bona fide religion with roots in India that go back thousands of years. It behooved Merrill Kresnower and Edward Shapiro to follow the tenets of that faith and their inalienable right to do so will not be trampled upon. The separation of church and state must be maintained. We must remain a nation of laws, not of men. The presentment and indictment by the Grand Jury was in direct and blatant violation of the defendant's constitutional rights." The Justice said that it appeared to the court, "The people treat their case on an erroneous minor premise to arrive at a fallacious conclusion. The record is devoid of one specific allegation of a misrepresentation or any act of deception on the part of any defendant." The Justice said, "The freedom of religion is not to be abridged because it is unconventional in beliefs and practices or because it is approved or disapproved by the mainstream of society or more conventional religions. Without this proliferation and freedom to follow the dictates of one's own conscience in this search of approach to God,

My mission is now successful. I came to U.S.A. in 1965. I was loitering in the streets all alone, carrying books. Nobody cared. They have finally recognised my mission after twelve years.



THE BBT TODAY PRODUCES BOOKS IN MORE THAN 50 LANGUAGES INCLUDING RUSSIAN, CHINESE ETC.. IT WAS ONLY BOOKS THAT ISKCON GAINED POPULARITY EVEN IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

IN JULY 1970 PRABHUPADA HAS ESTABLISHED THE BHAKTIVEDANTA BOOK TRUST. PRABHUPADA CALLED HIS BOOKS TIME BOMBS, MEANING THAT ONCE HIS BOOKS ENTERED A HOUSE, THEY WOULD EXPLODE ONE DAY AND FILL EVERYONE AROUND THEM WITH KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.



Prove that our movement is scientific .. form *Bhaktivedanta Institute* to establish it. Prove life come form life...

IN 1976 SRILA PRABHUPADA FOUNDED BHAKTIVEDANTA INSTITUTE. THE SCIENCE AND ACADEMIC DIVISION OF ISKCON FOR PREACHING TO SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS. SRILA PRABHUPADA RECOGNISED THAT SCIENTISTS WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPAGATING MATERIALISM IN THIS WORLD AND HE FELT THAT IF A SINGLE IMPROTANT SCIENTIST WOULD TAKE TO KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD. SO SRILA PRABHUPADA REQUESTED ALL THE SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS WITH GOOD ACADEMIC BACKGROUND TO JOIN THE BHAKTIVEDANTA INSTITUTE.



BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 SRILA PRABHUPADA TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY AROUND THE WORLD. HE ESTABLISHED GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION TO MANAGE THE TEMPLES AROUND THE GLOBE. HE WAS NOW FREE TO TRANSLATE THE REMAINING CANTOS OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM.

CANADA

HE TRAVELLED TO USSR.

GERMANY

HIS DISCIPLES WERE NOW ORGANISING REGULAR SANKIRTANS, RATHA-YATRAS AND ALSO OPEING TEMPLES IN MANY PLACES.

SANKIRTAN

FRANCE

LOS-ANGLES

NEW VRINDAVAN
WEST VERGINIA

LONDON

PRABHUPADA PERSONALLY SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE MAJOR TEMPLE PROJECTS IN INDIA.

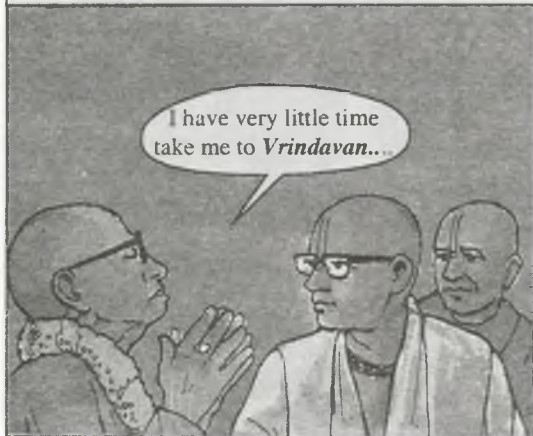
WHAT THE ASTROLOGER HAD PREDICTED DECADES AGO CAME TRUE IN ALL RESPECTS!!!!

**SRI SRI KRISHNA -
BALARAM TEMPLE**
GUEST HOUSE
AND GURUKULA
VRINDAVAN-U.P.

**SRI SRI
RADHA RASABHARI TEMPLE**
GUEST HOUSE- BBT
BOMBAY

**SRI SRI
MAYAPUR CHANDRAODAYA MANDIR**
GUEST HOUSE
MAYAPUR-WEST BENGAL

HE HAD NOW ESTABLISHED ISKCON AS ONE OF THE **GREATEST MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD**. THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT HAD COME TO STAY. SRILA PRABHUPADA WAS NOW ADVANCING IN AGE. HE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO BE IN **VRINDAVANA**.

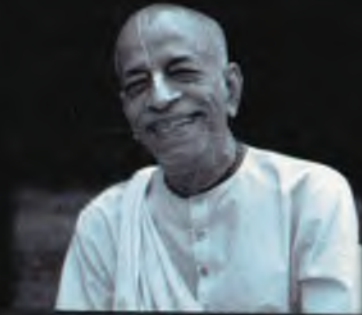


ON **NOVEMBER 14TH-1977** AT 7.30 PM IN HIS ROOM AT KRISHNA BALARAM MANDIR SRILA PRABHUPADA GAVE HIS FINAL INSTRUCTION BY LEAVING THIS PLANET AND GOING BACK TO GODHEAD. TO HIS LAST BREATH HE REMAINED CALM AND COLLECTED, NOBLE AND SOBER TEACHING UNTIL THE END. HE TAUGHT HIS DEVOTEES HOW TO LEAVE THIS BODY BY **ALWAYS DEPENDING ON KRISHNA**.



YES, SRILA PRABHUPADA IS PHYSICALLY NOT AMONGST US. HE LIVES IN HIS **BOOKS**. HE LIVES IN THE HEARTS OF THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES. MOST OF ALL HE LIVES ON IN THE CONTINUATION OF HIS PROJECTS. EVEN TODAY HIS DEVOTEES CARRY OUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS SINCERELY.....

For further details on Srila Prabhupada's life history and his achievements contact your nearest ISKCON at



*The Spiritual Master
lives forever by
his divine instructions and the
follower lives with him*

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