

Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

SRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA **THE GREAT SOUL** **WHO WALKED AMONG US**

Vedic Knowledge
is not a question of research. Our
research work is imperfect because we
are researching things with imperfect senses. We
have to accept perfect knowledge which comes down,
as is stated in Bhagavad Gita, by the parampara disciplic
succession. We have to receive knowledge from the proper source
in disciplic succession beginning with the Supreme Spiritual Master,
the Lord Himself, and handed down to a succession of Spiritual Masters.
Lord Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita 4:34 -

***tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam jnaninas tattva-darsinah***

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from
him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realised soul can impart know-
ledge unto you because he has seen the Truth." No one can be spiritually realised by manufact-
uring his own process, as is the fashion of foolish pretenders. The Bhagavatam says that
the path of religion is directly enunciated by the Lord (Dharmam tu saksad bhagavat-
pranitam.) It is not possible to understand spiritual knowledge by so called aca-
demic education. The opening verses of the fourth chapter of Bhagavad Gita, teach
that the ageless science of Bhakti Yoga is always received by parampara disciplic succession,
that is, it is passed from one teacher to the next in a living chain; from ancient times
to the present. Srila Prabhupada is best understood as one particularly effective link in
this chain which stems from Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. His
Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the modern world's greatest
self-realised master, taught that people could resolve their conflicts and live to-
gether in peace and prosperity only through an essential change of consciousness,
that is, by accepting Krishna Consciousness. Srila Prabhupada, with his bold
spiritual vision, built a house in which the whole world can live. Harvey
Cox, Professor of Divinity, Harvard University, commented, "The
story of Srila Prabhupada proves that one can be a transmitter
of truth and still be a vital and singular person, even in
some ways "original." Srila Prabhupada is, of course,
only one of thousands of teachers. But in an-
other sense, he is one in a thousand,
maybe one in a million."

In a span of 12 years Srila Prabhupada toured the globe twelve times expanding the Sankirtan movement of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. In spite of his hectic travelling schedule he still found time to translate at least 60 volumes of Vedic texts like the Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam, Chaitanya Charitamrita, etc. from Sanskrit to English. He opened more than 108 temples all over the world and even founded Farm Communities, Goshalas, Gurukulas, Scientific Institutes and Book Publishing Houses. Srila Prabhupada initiated more than 10,000 disciples who have so far distributed more than 1 billion copies of his books, like Bhagvad Gita As It Is, Science of Self-Realisation, Perfection of Yoga and others.

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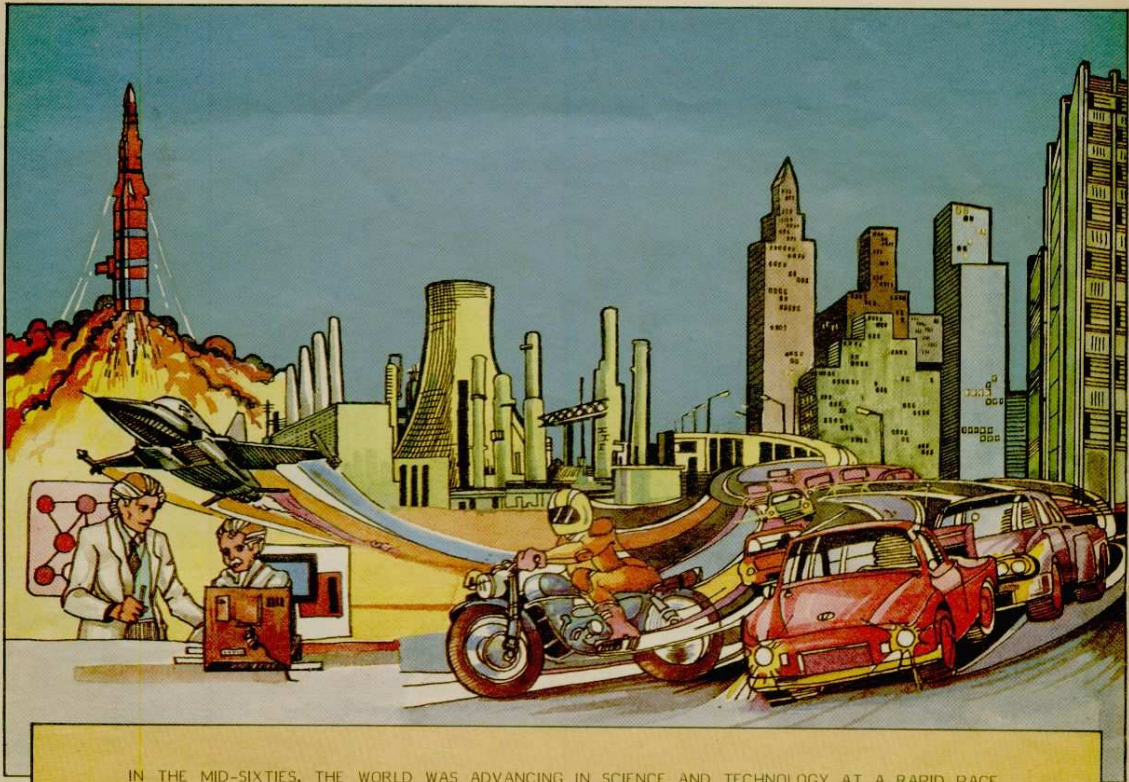
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IN THE MID-SIXTIES, THE WORLD WAS ADVANCING IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT A RAPID PACE. MAN WAS TRYING TO CONQUER THE MOON. TELEVISION, COMPUTERS, CARS WERE GETTING MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED. BUT WITH ALL THE ADVANCEMENT, THERE SEEMED TO BE A GROWING RESTLESSNESS AMONGST THE MASSES. THE YOUTH WERE CAUGHT IN A PARADOX. ON ONE HAND, THEY ENJOYED MATERIAL COMFORTS OWING TO ADVANCEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY EXPERIENCED A VAGUE SENSE OF EMPTINESS. THEY REVOLTED, TOOK TO DRUGS, INTOXICATION AND ADULTERY. BUT NOTHING SEEMED TO SATISFY THEM.

THE WEST WAS SETTING THE STANDARDS.

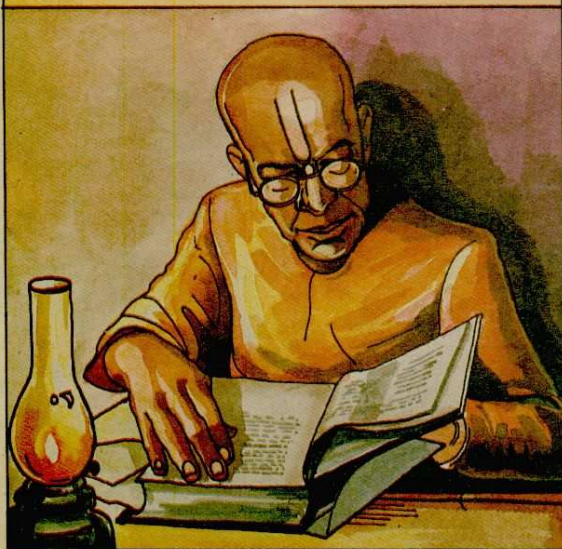


KRISHNA CHITRA KATHA

AROUND THE SAME TIME IN INDIA, THERE WERE VARIOUS PHILOSOPHERS 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 FUTURE WAS BLEAK.

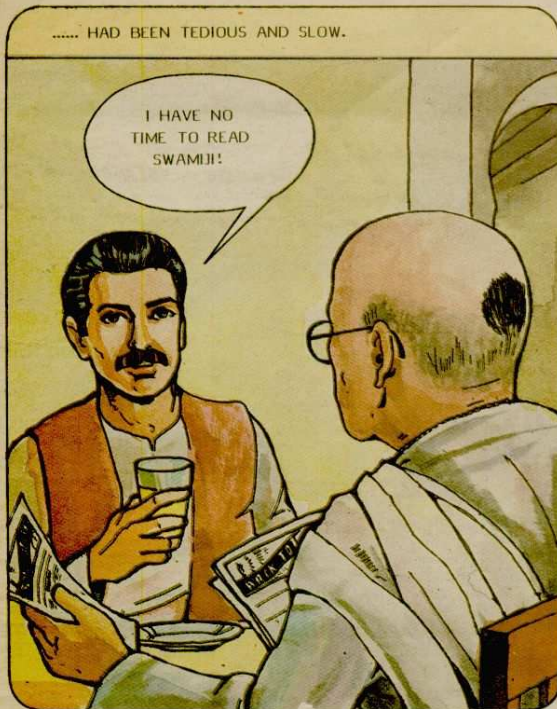


DURING THIS TIME, IN 1965, AT VRINDAVAN NEAR MATHURA IN NORTHERN INDIA. UNKNOWN TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI, A 65 YEAR OLD SANNYASI WAS BUSY TRANSLATING THE VEDIC SCRIPTURES INTO ENGLISH IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE WISHES OF HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER.

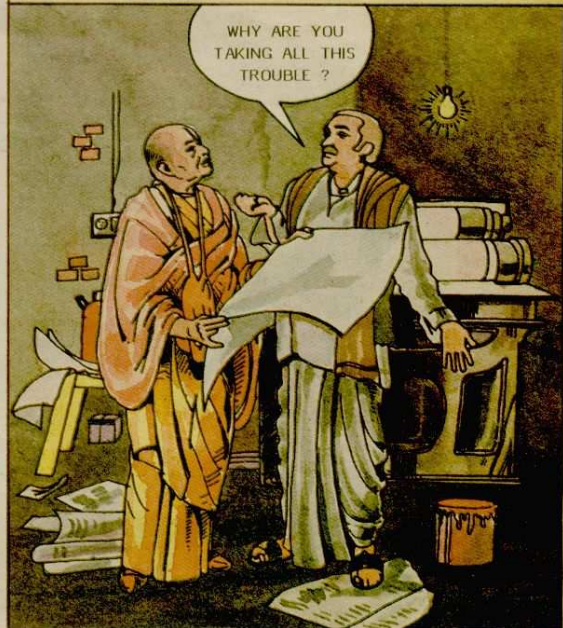


SINCE 1944 HIS EFFORTS.....TO REVIVE GOD CONSCIOUSNESS BY PUBLISHING "BACK TO GODHEAD".....

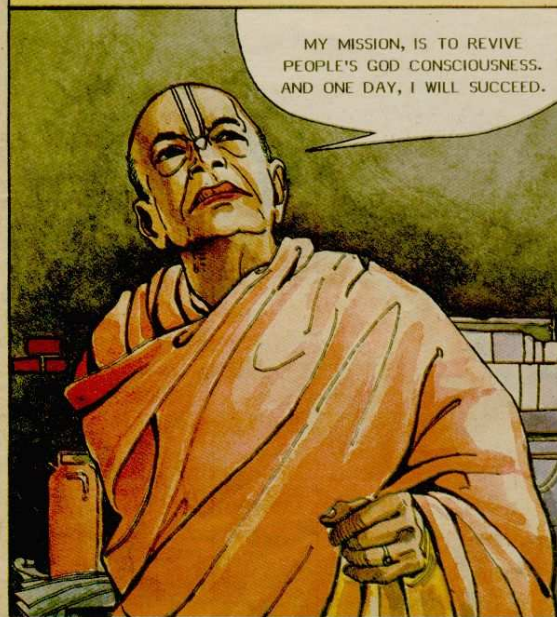




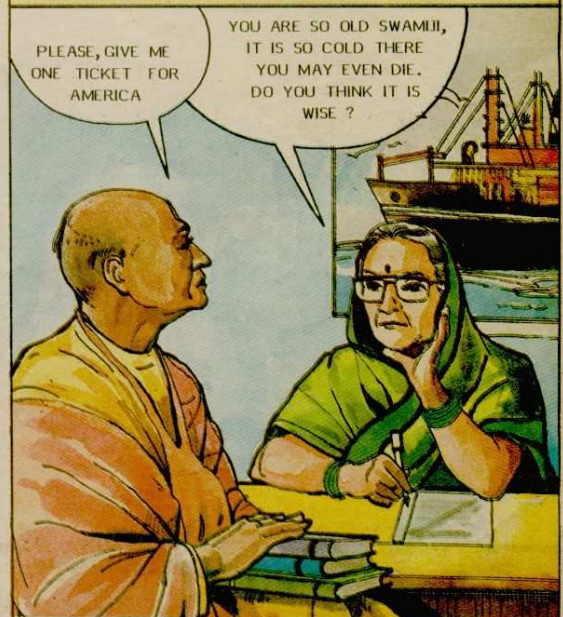
THOUGH ADVANCING IN AGE, HE UNDERTOOK THE TASK OF TRANSLATING SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM* INTO ENGLISH. HE TRAVELLED REGULARLY BETWEEN VRINDAVAN AND DELHI TO MEET HIS PRINTER.



HE WAS CONVINCED THAT TO MAKE THE INDIANS RETURN TO THEIR OWN VEDIC CULTURE, HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE WESTERNERS TAKE IT UP TOO!



SO, WITH PRINTED VOLUMES OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM, HE APPROACHED SUMATI MORARJI, HEAD OF SCINDIA SHIPPING COMPANY AND DONOR FOR PUBLISHING HIS BOOKS.



*THE VEDIC SCRIPTURE COMPOSED BY SRILA VYASADEVA DESCRIBING AND EXPLAINING THE PASTIMES OF LORD KRISHNA.

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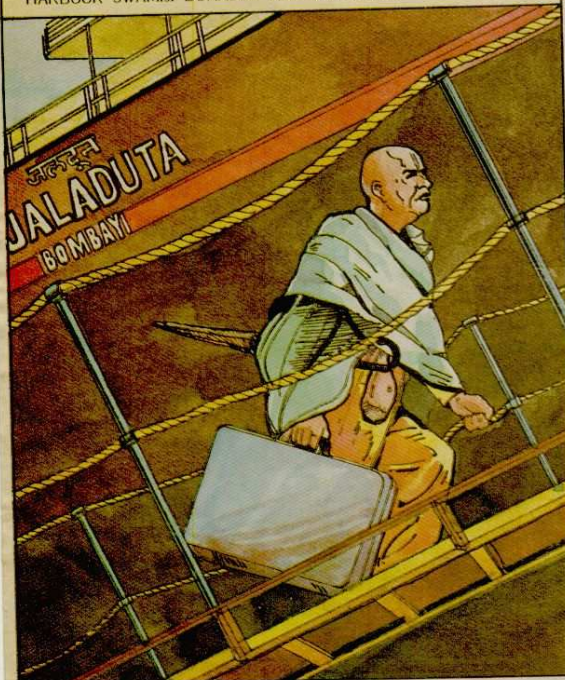
NO, PLEASE. ITS ALRIGHT!
I HAVE TO GO.

SINCE MRS. MORARJI HAD DEEP RESPECT FOR SWAMIJI, SHE
RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO SEND HIM TO AMERICA.

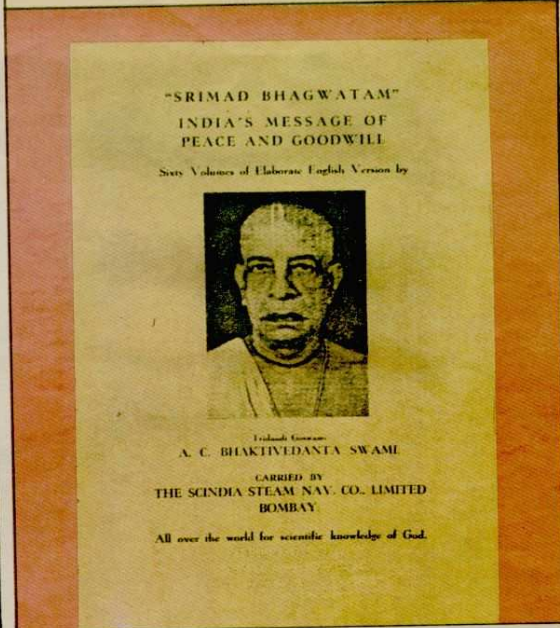


O.K...O.K...
GET YOUR PASSPORT
AND I WILL MAKE
ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS

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



ONCE HIS JOURNEY WAS CONFIRMED, HE PRINTED 500
HANDBILLS.



"SRIMAD BHAGWATAM"
INDIA'S MESSAGE OF
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Sixty Volumes of Elaborate English Version by



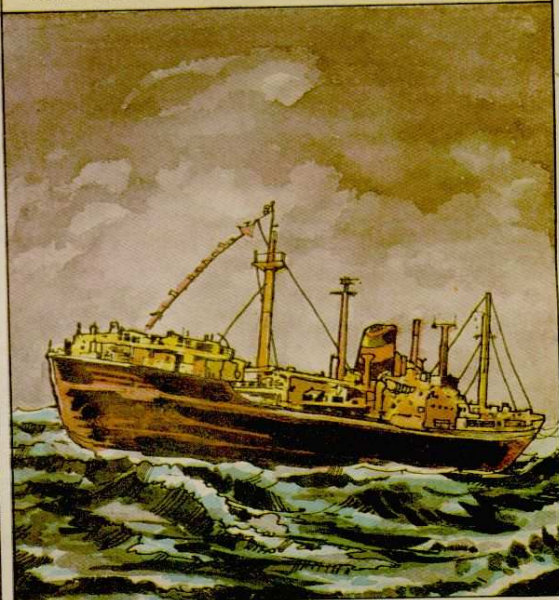
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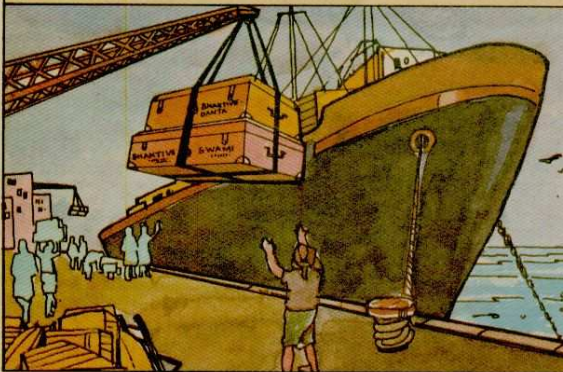
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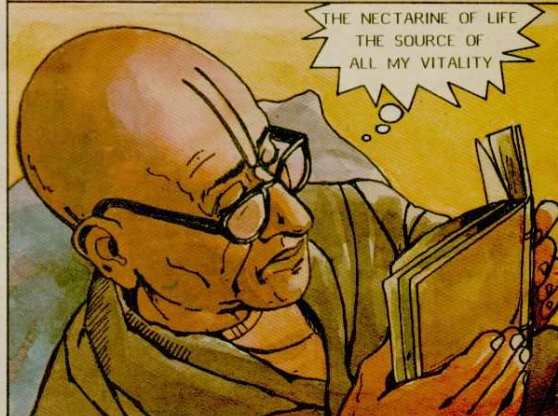
THE JALADUTA, A CARGO SHIP WITH ONE PASSENGER
CABIN SET SAIL FOR AMERICA. THE CABIN WAS OCCUPIED
BY "ABHAY CHARANARAVINDA BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI".
HE WAS TAKEN ON BOARD, BEARING "A COMPLIMENTARY
TICKET WITH FOOD".



ON ITS FIRST HALT AT COCHIN, 200 3 VOLUME SETS OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM WERE LOADED ONTO THE SHIP - THE ONLY SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR SWAMJI IN THE WEST.



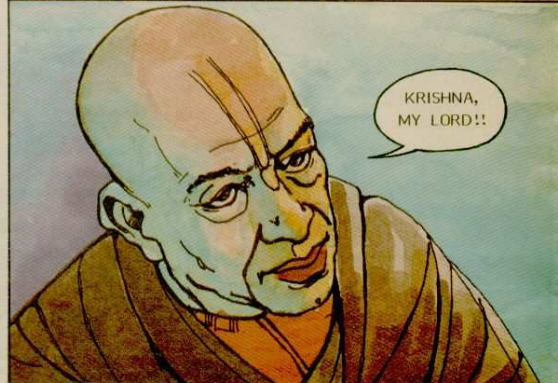
HE HAD ALSO CARRIED A BENGALI COPY OF CHAITANYA CHARITAMRTA* ON BOARD.



THE SEA WAS ROUGH. SWAMJI SUFFERED SEVERE BOUTS OF VOMITING AND SEA SICKNESS. IN TWO DAYS, HE SUFFERED TWO HEART ATTACKS.



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



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



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



*BIOGRAPHY OF LORD CAITANYA MAHAPRABHU, WRITTEN BY KRISHNA DASA KAVIRAJA.

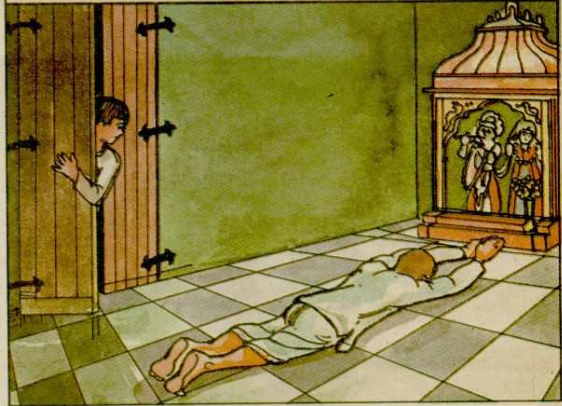
KRISHNA CHITRA KATHA

HE WAS BORN ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 1896 IN CALCUTTA HIS PARENTS NAMED HIM ABHAY CHARAN. AS 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 OPEN 108 TEMPLES.

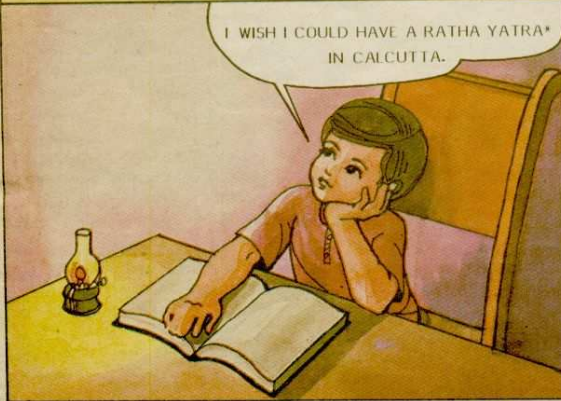


ABHAY'S PARENTS GOUR MOHAN AND RAJANI DE WERE VERY RELIGIOUS. THEY WORSHIPPED DEITIES OF RADHA-KRISHNA AT HOME.



ABHAY LEARNT TO WORSHIP LORD KRISHNA FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD.

I WISH I COULD HAVE A RATHA YATRA* IN CALCUTTA.



HE PERSUADED HIS FATHER TO PURCHASE A RATHA. SEEING ABHAY'S PERSISTENCE, A KIND OLD LADY GAVE HIM A SMALL CART.

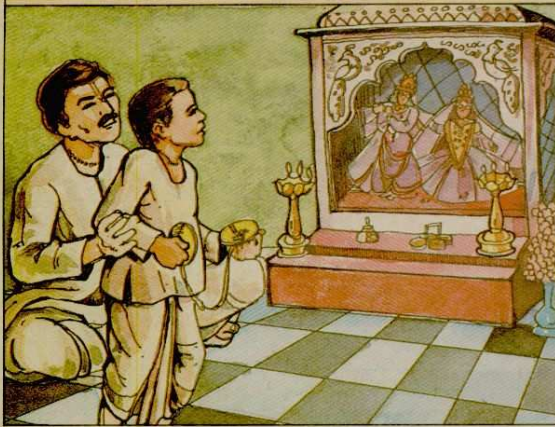
FATHER, I WANT A RATH.



ABHAY, WITH HIS FATHER'S HELP, PAINTED AND DECORATED THE CART. ON THE FESTIVAL DAY ABHAY REQUESTED HIS NEIGHBOURS TO ATTEND HIS RATH-YATRA. HE HAD PLEADED WITH HIS FRIENDS' MOTHERS TO MAKE SWEETS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM AT THE FESTIVAL. FOR EIGHT DAYS THE FESTIVITIES CONTINUED. SO AT THE AGE OF SIX ABHAY HELD HIS FIRST RATH-YATRA IN CALCUTTA.



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

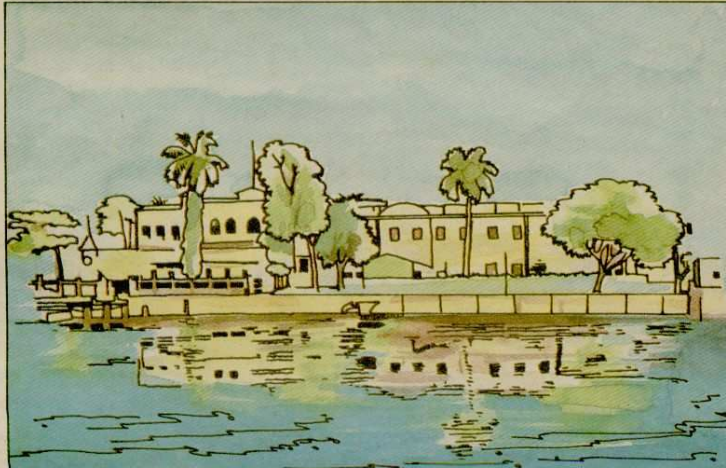


.....AND ALSO LEARNT TO PLAY THE MRIDANGA FROM HIS FATHER.



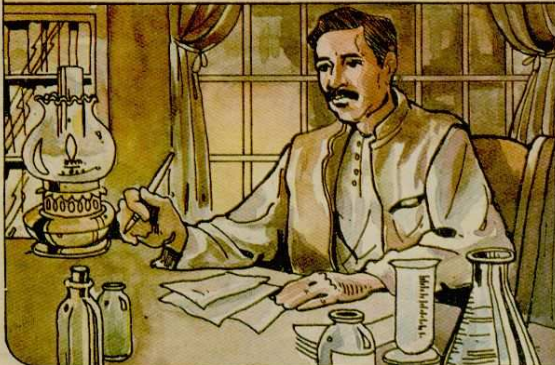
ABHAY WENT TO COLLEGE. HIS FATHER ARRANGED HIS MARRIAGE TO RADHARANI DATTA, A MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER, WHILE HE WAS STILL IN COLLEGE.

DURING HIS FOURTH YEAR IN COLLEGE THE FIRST SIGNS OF THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE. NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE WAS ONE YEAR



HIS SENIOR. ABHAY WAS ENCOURAGED TO FIND THAT MAHATMA GANDHI WAS A WORSHIPPER OF LORD KRISHNA. GHANDIJI 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-COOPERATION MOVEMENT.

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.



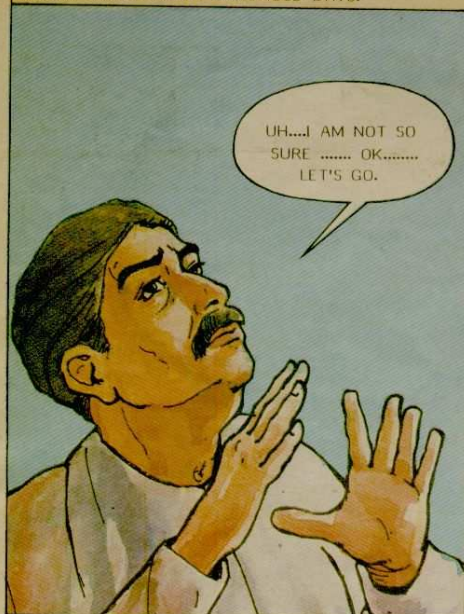
IN 1922, WHILE IN CALCUTTA, A FRIEND SUGGESTED CASUALLY

THERE IS A SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENED MAN AT GAUDIYA MATHA. WHY DON'T WE MEET HIM?

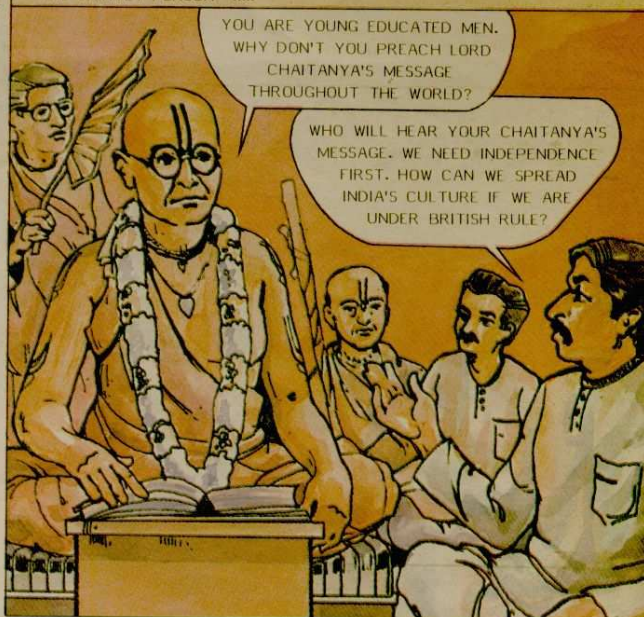


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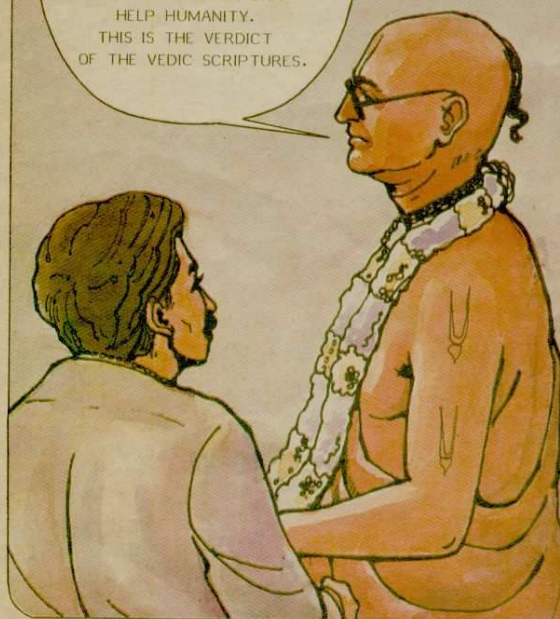
ABHAY WAS HESITANT. HE HAD SEEN A LOT OF BOGUS SADHUS IN HIS CHILDHOOD DAYS.



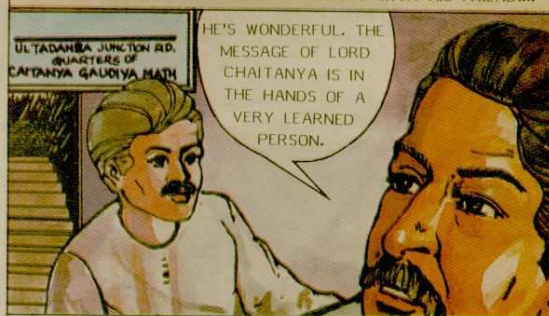
NO SOONER DID ABHAY AND HIS FRIEND RESPECTFULLY BOW BEFORE THE SAINTLY PERSON*



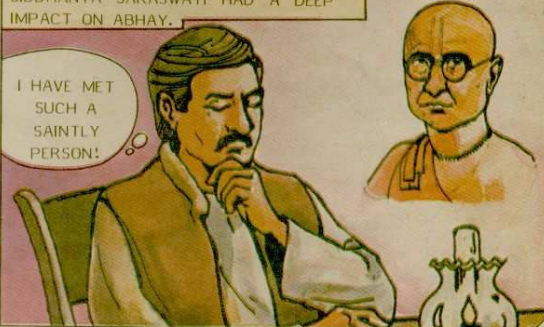
KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS IS SO IMPORTANT THAT IT CANNOT WAIT. NO POLITICAL SYSTEM CAN HELP HUMANITY. THIS IS THE VERDICT OF THE VEDIC SCRIPTURES.



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



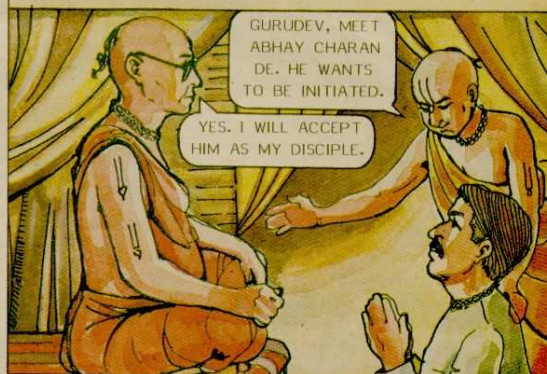
THIS CHANCE MEETING WITH BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI HAD A DEEP IMPACT ON ABHAY.



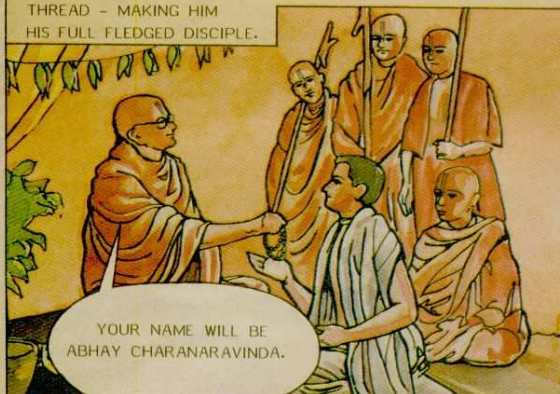
HE STARTED ASSOCIATING REGULARLY WITH BHAKTI-SIDDHANTA SARASWATI'S DISCIPLES. THEY GAVE HIM BOOKS AND TOLD HIM ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THEIR SPIRITUAL MASTER. HE MAINTAINED HIS BUSINESS AND HELPED THE MATHA IN WHATEVER WAY HE COULD. HE WANTED TO DO A LOT MORE.



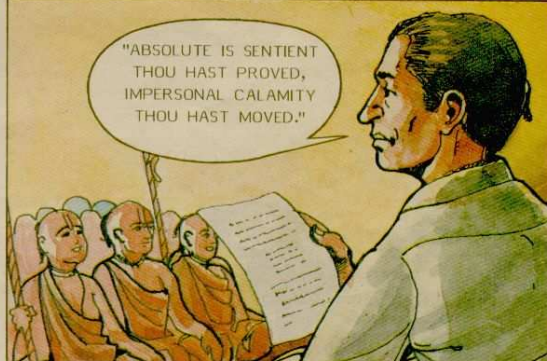
HE HAD READ IN THE BHAGAVAD GITA, 'ONE SHOULD APPROACH A SPIRITUAL MASTER AND RENDER SERVICE UNTO HIM. HE CAN IMPART KNOWLEDGE TO YOU BECAUSE HE HAS SEEN THE TRUTH'.



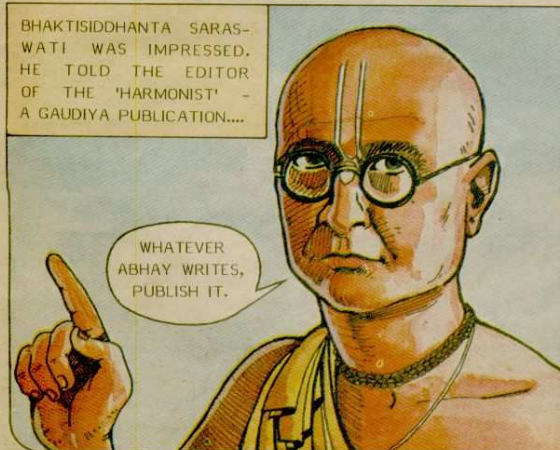
SO IN 1933 - SRILA BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI - DID THE UNUSUAL. HE GAVE ABHAY HIS JAPA BEADS AND ALSO HIS SACRED BRAHMINICAL THREAD - MAKING HIM HIS FULL FLEDGED DISCIPLE.



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



BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI WAS IMPRESSED. HE TOLD THE EDITOR OF THE 'HARMONIST' - A GAUDIYA PUBLICATION....

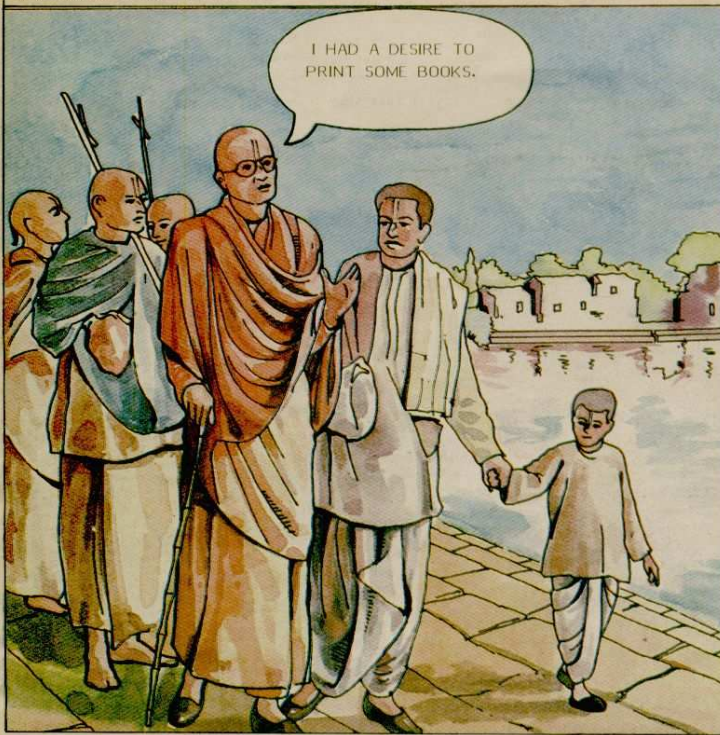


IN NOVEMBER 1935 - ABHAY AND HIS SON TRAVELLED TO RADHA-KUND** TO MEET HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER.

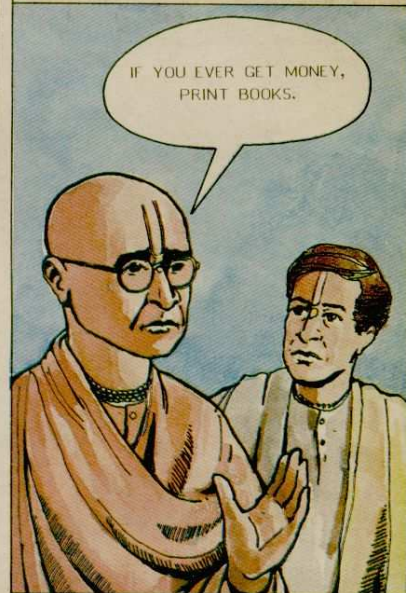


*CELEBRATIONS OF THE APPEARANCE DAY OF ONE'S SPIRITUAL MASTER, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF VYASADEVA.
 **HOLY POND LOCATED IN THE REGION OF VRINDAVANA.

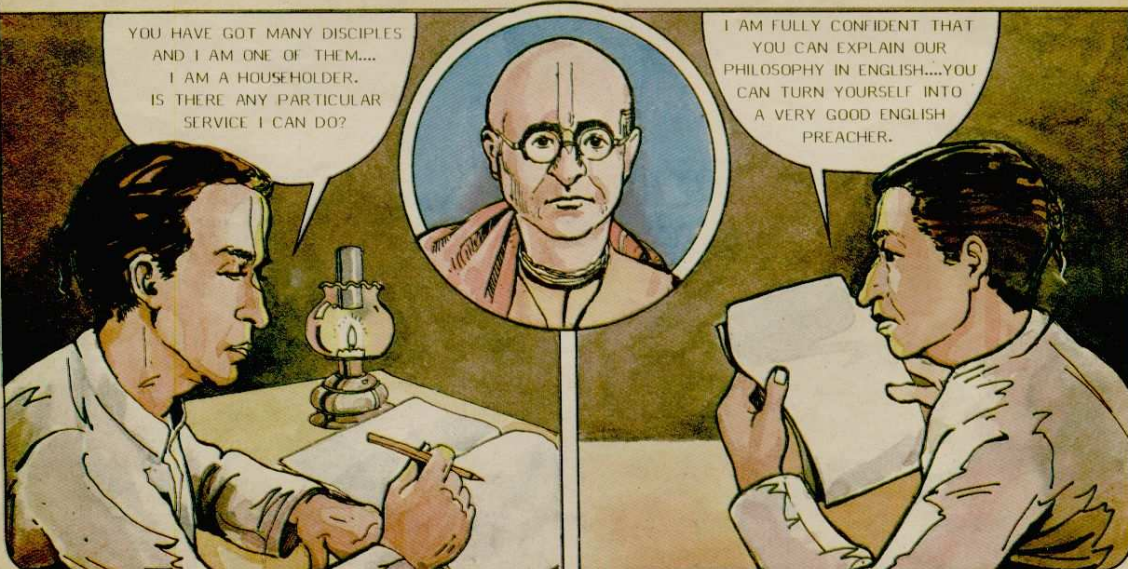
AT RADHA KUND VRINDAVAN, ON THE BANKS OF THE POND BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI SPOKE TO ABHAY.



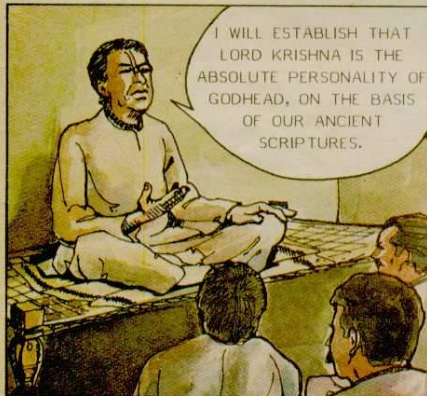
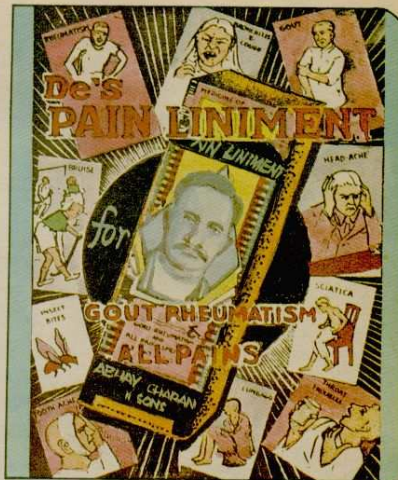
ABHAY FELT HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER WAS SPEAKING TO HIM IN URGENCY, AS IF ASKING HIM FOR HELP OR WARNING HIM TO AVERT A DISASTER. BUT WHAT COULD HE DO.....? AS IF IN ANSWER.



ABHAY'S DESIRE TO PREACH WAS EVER ON THE INCREASE. FINALLY IN DECEMBER 1936, ABHAY WROTE TO BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI. TWO WEEKS LATER, ABHAY RECEIVED A REPLY.

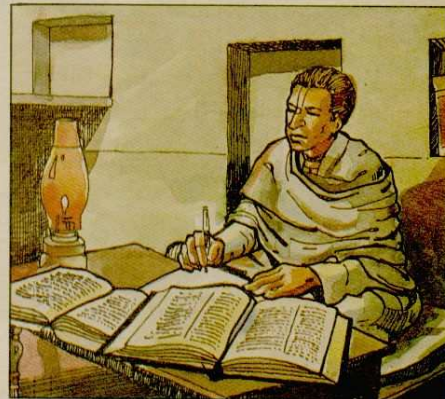


TWO WEEKS LATER, ON 1ST JAN. 1937 BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASWATI PASSED AWAY. THE LETTER HAD COME JUST IN TIME. NOW, ABHAY KNEW FOR CERTAIN HOW TO PLEASE HIS SPIRITUAL MASTER AND STAY LINKED WITH LORD KRISHNA. HIS INSTRUCTIONS LIVED INDELIBLY IN ABHAY'S HEART. HIS BUSINESS IN BOMBAY DECLINED. HE MOVED TO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



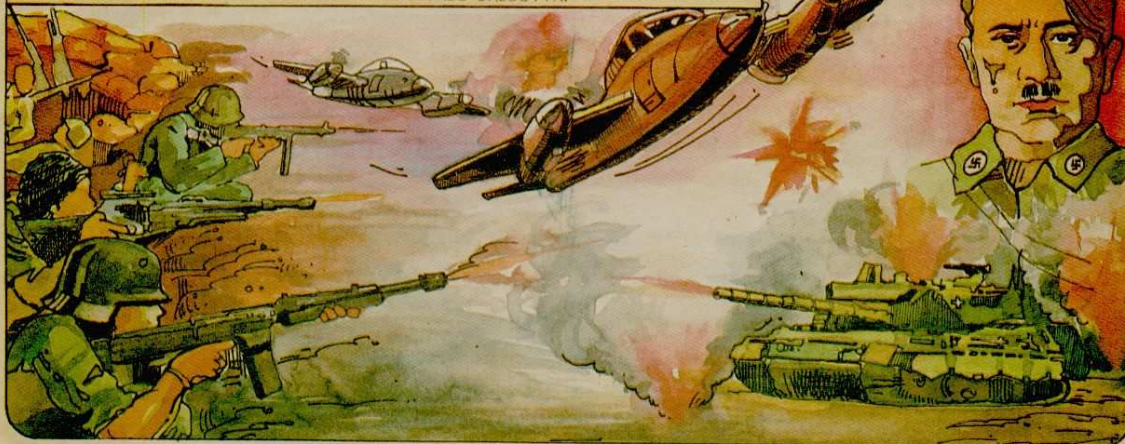
I WILL ESTABLISH THAT LORD KRISHNA IS THE ABSOLUTE PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD, ON THE BASIS OF OUR ANCIENT SCRIPTURES.

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



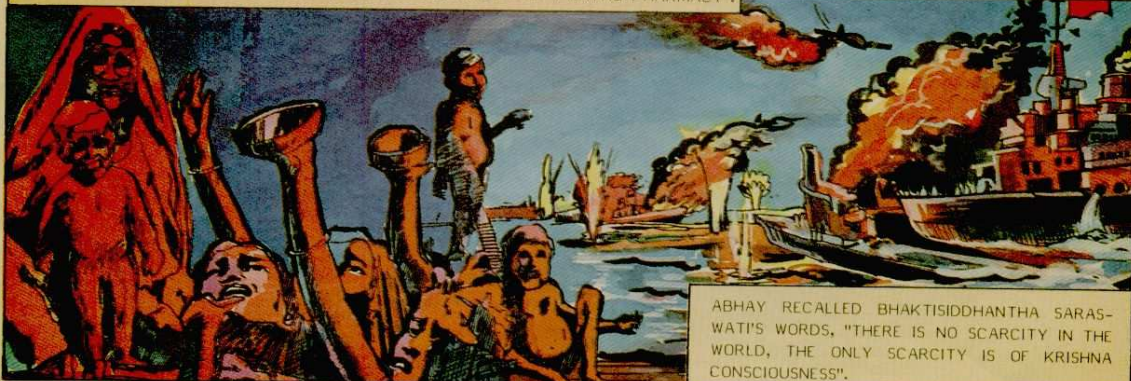
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 1939....

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.



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

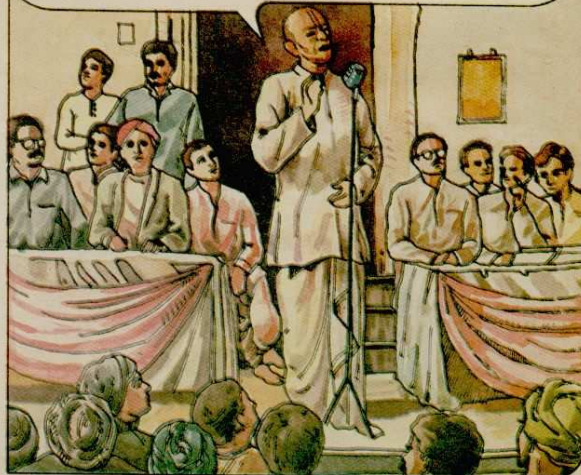
ABHAY WITNESSED THE MISERIES OF WAR AND FAMINE. IT FURTHER RESOLVED HIM TO PROPAGATE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS. HE WROTE, TYPED AND EDITED A MAGAZINE SINGLE-HANDEDLY. HE DESIGNED A MAST HEAD FOR HIS MAGAZINE. HE PRODUCED THIS MAGAZINE FROM THE PROFITS OF HIS BUSINESS.



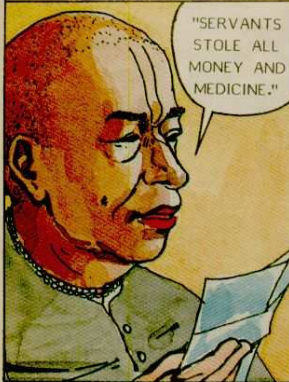
IN OCTOBER 1952, ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO JHANSI, ABHAY WAS EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO LECTURE AT GITA MANDIR. THE PEOPLE OF JHANSI RESPONDED WELL TO THE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS PHILOSOPHY, SO HE LEFT HIS PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESS WITH HIS SON AND NEPHEW AND WENT TO JHANSI. ON MAY 16TH, 1953 AT BHARATI BHAVAN, 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 ENGROSSED IN ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF DEVOTEES, WHEN ONE DAY HE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM.



"SERVANTS STOLE ALL MONEY AND MEDICINE."



WHY DON'T YOU GO TO ALLAHABAD?
NO THIS IS GOOD FOR ME. I WAS SAD, BUT NOW ONE GREAT ATTACHMENT HAS COME TO AN END, AND MY LIFE IS FULLY SURRENDERED TO SRI SRI RADHA MADHAVA.

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 PREFERRED TO TAKE TEA.



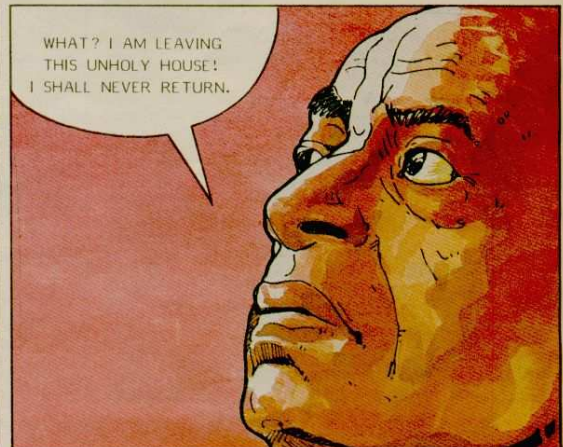
HE HOPED THAT HIS WIFE WOULD TAKE TO KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS WHOLEHEARTEDLY. HOWEVER HIS WIFE WAS NOT MUCH INTERESTED.



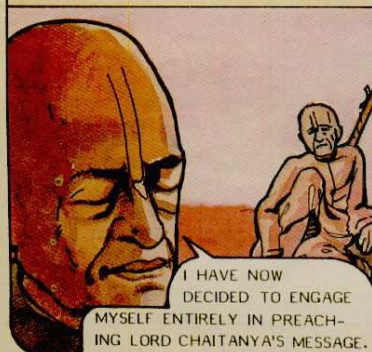
WHERE IS MY BHAGAVATAM?

I TRADED IT FOR TEA BISCUITS.

WHAT? I AM LEAVING THIS UNHOLY HOUSE! I SHALL NEVER RETURN.

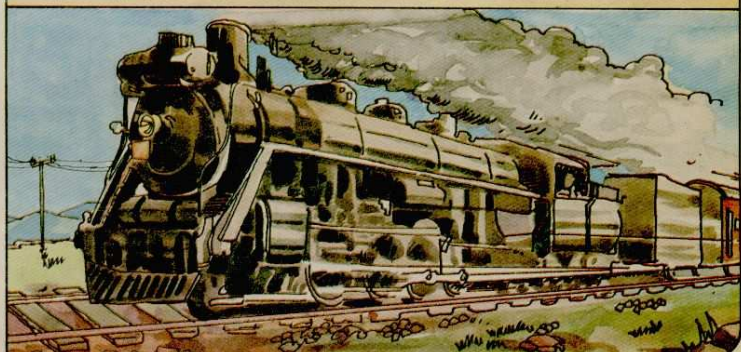


HE WENT TO MEET PARAMAHAMSA MAHARAJ AT JHARGRAM - A SMALL VILLAGE OF CALCUTTA.



I HAVE NOW DECIDED TO ENGAGE MYSELF ENTIRELY IN PREACHING LORD CHAITANYA'S MESSAGE.

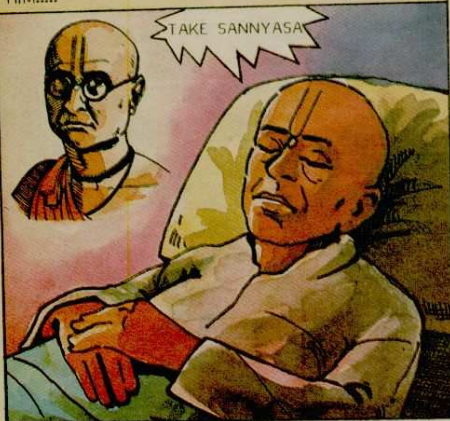
AFTER STAYING AT JHARGRAM FOR SOME TIME HE DECIDED TO GO TO JHANSI. HIS EFFORTS AT JHANSI WERE ALSO FRUSTRATED. HE STAYED AT THE GAUDIYA MATH AT DELHI FOR SOMETIME UNTIL FINALLY HE MOVED TO VRINDAVAN.



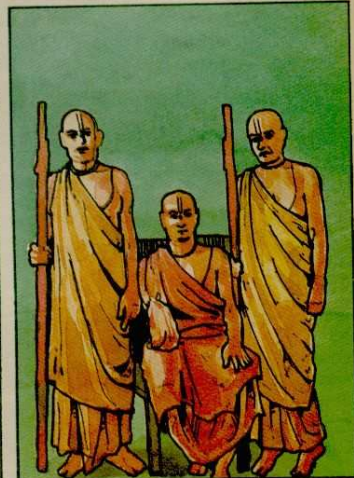
HE LOVED VRINDAVAN. THE ENTIRE CITY RESOUNDED WITH BHAJANS, KIRTANS AND CHANTING. PEOPLE GREETED EACH OTHER BY CALLING OUT "JAI RADHE", "HARI BOL". EVERYTHING ABOUT VRINDAVAN WAS CONDUCTIVE FOR HIM TO TRANSLATE SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM AND PRODUCE HIS MAGAZINE.



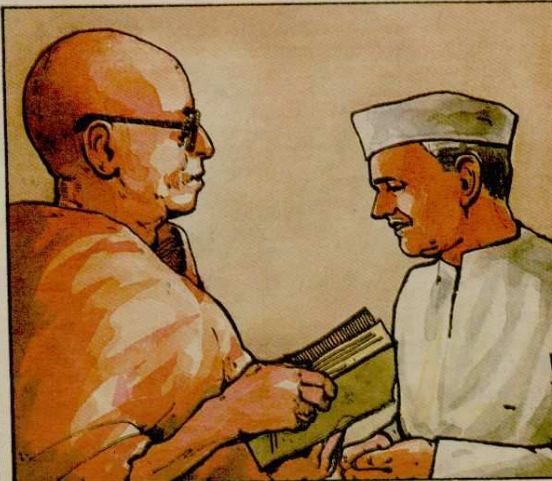
ONE NIGHT HE HAD A DREAM. HIS GURU URGED HIM.....



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 KESAVJI GAUDIYA MATH HE TOOK SANNYASA, CHANGING FROM WHITE CLOTH TO SAFFRON CLOTH, FROM ABHAYBABU TO BHAKTIVE-DANTA SWAMI MAHARAJA.



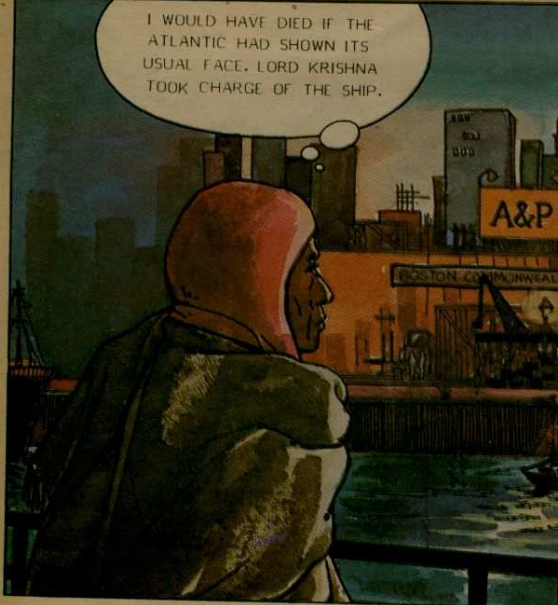
AS A SANYASI, HE WENT ON A PREACHING TOUR OF AGRA, KANPUR, JHANSI AND DELHI. IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, HE PUBLISHED THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM. IN JUNE 1964, HE MET PRIME MINISTER LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI AND PRESENTED TO HIM THE FIRST VOLUME OF SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM. HE NOW NEEDED MONEY TO PUBLISH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



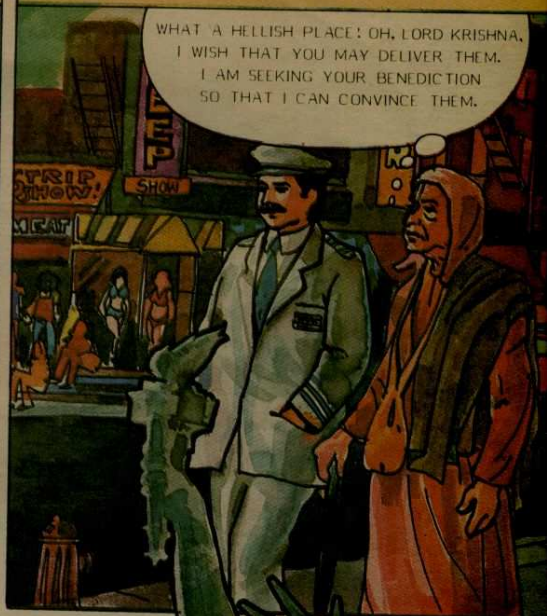
SWAMIJI HAD WORKED ALONE. WHEN HE HAD BOARDED THE SHIP, THERE WAS NO ONE ON THE SHORE TO BID HIM GOODBYE. NO FRIENDS, NO SUPPORTERS, NO DISCIPLES, NOBODY.

BARRING HIS ILL HEALTH THE CROSSING HAD BEEN RELATIVELY SIMPLE. SWAMIJI HAD ENDEARED HIMSELF TO THE CREW MEMBERS. HE GAVE DISCOURSES FROM THE BHAGAVAD GITA ON BOARD. HIS JOURNEY WAS COMING TO AN END, SHORTLY THE JALADUTA WOULD REACH BOSTON.....

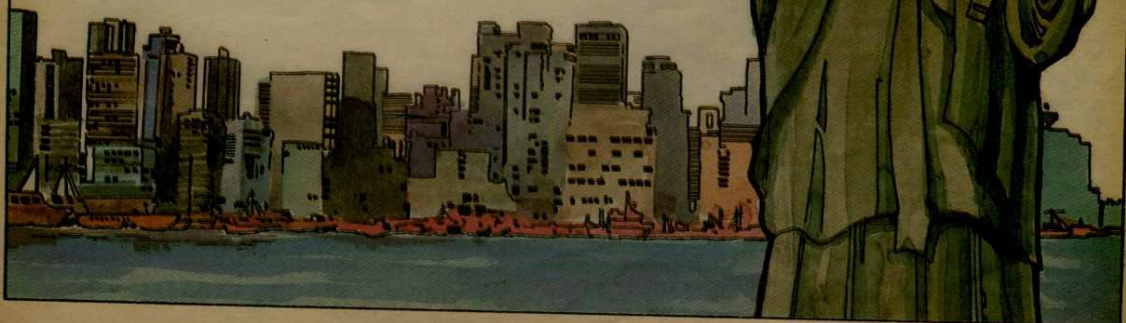
IT WAS EARLY MORNING WHEN THE JALADUTA ARRIVED AT BOSTON HARBOUR ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 1965.



THE CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP TOOK SWAMIJI ASHORE.



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 UNCOM-
PROMISED APPEARANCE. HE MOVED DIRECTLY TO BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA WHERE HIS SPONSOR MR. GOPAL AGARWAL RECEIVED HIM AND TOOK HIM, TO HIS HOME.



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

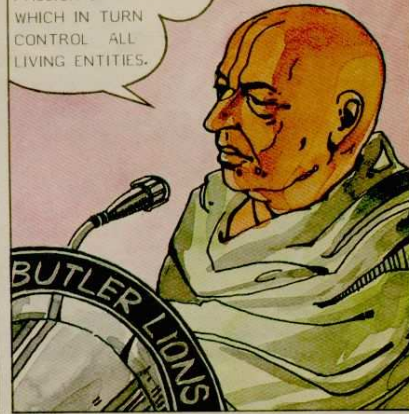


WHO WOULD EXPECT TO MEET A SWAMI IN SOMEONE'S LIVING ROOM IN BUTLER?



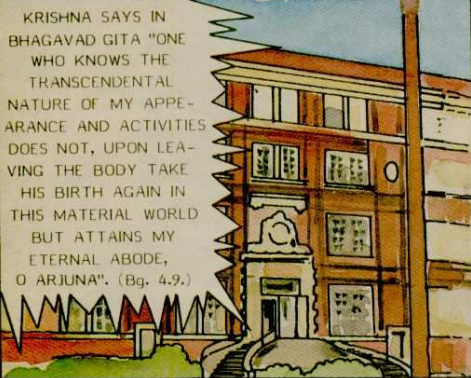
SALLY ARRANGED LECTURES AT LIONS CLUB....

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LORD KRISHNA CONTROLS THE THREE MODES OF MATERIAL NATURE: GOODNESS, PASSION & IGNORANCE WHICH IN TURN CONTROL ALL LIVING ENTITIES.



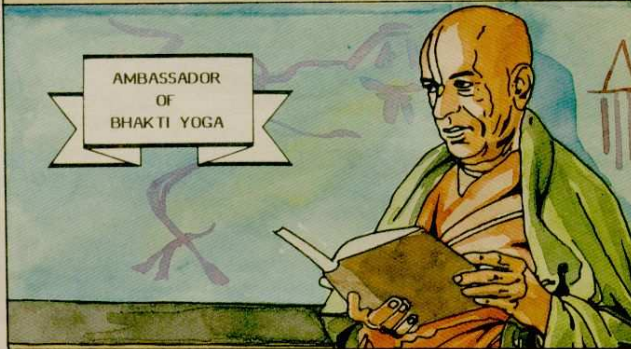
AND ALSO AT BUTLER YMCA

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 THE "BUTLER EAGLE" THE MORNING PAPER. THEY CALLED HIM...

AMBASSADOR OF BHAKTI YOGA

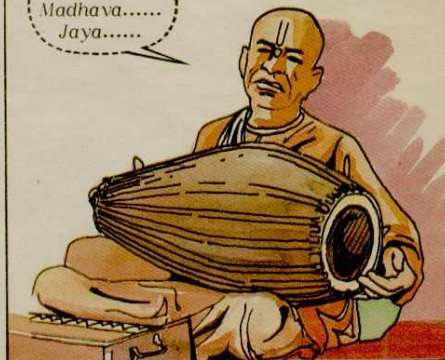


TWO MONTHS LATER HE MOVED TO NEW YORK AND ACQUIRED A ROOM IN A POSH BUILDING, HELPED BY DR. RAMAMURTI MISHRA "AN UPTOWN SWAMI".

HE STARTED HOLDING KIRTANAS AND LECTURES ON BHAGAVAD GITA. SOME PEOPLE FROM DR. MISHRA'S CLINIC ATTENDED REGULARLY....



Jaya Radha Madhava.....
Jaya.....

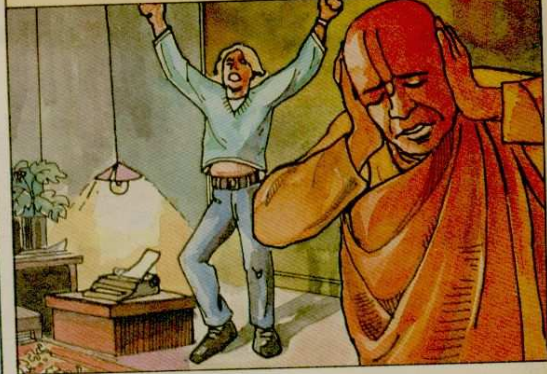


ONE DAY HIS ROOM WAS BURGLED. HE LOST HIS TYPEWRITER AND TAPE RECORDER. SWAMIJI DECIDED TO MOVE TO ANOTHER PLACE.

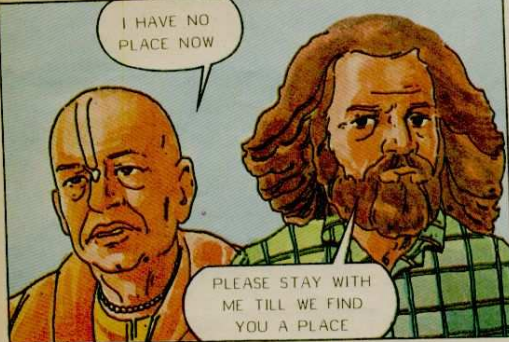


HARVEY AND BILL TWO OF HIS REGULAR VISITORS ADVISED HIM TO SHARE A LOFT AT THE BOWERY* WITH DAVID ALLEN. IT WAS AN AREA FULL OF YOUNGSTERS IN THE MIDST OF THE HIPPIE CULTURE. THEY WERE INTO MUSIC, DRUGS, WOMEN AND "SPIRITUAL MEDITATION."

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.



I HAVE NO PLACE NOW

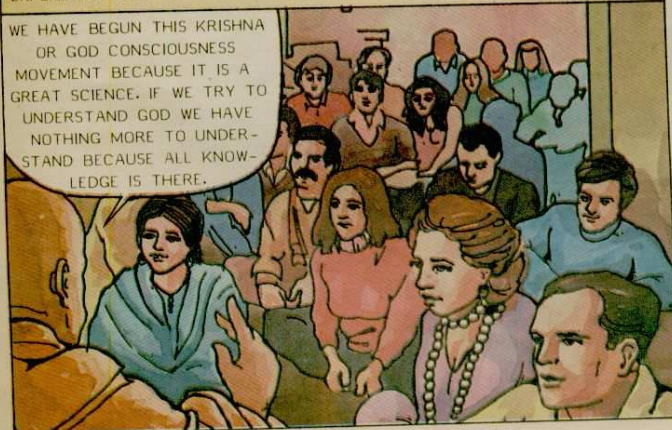
PLEASE STAY WITH ME TILL WE FIND YOU A PLACE

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.



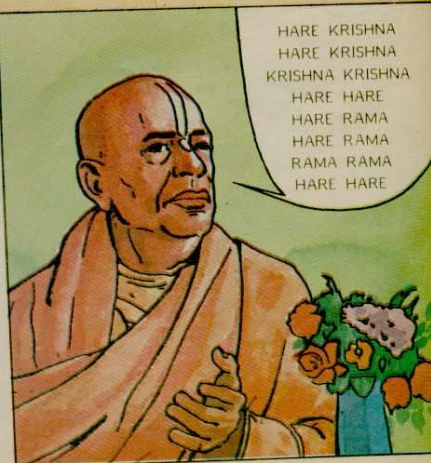
HE HAD POSTED A SIGN ON THE STOREFRONT ANNOUNCING LECTURES ON BHAGAVAD GITA. SLOWLY, PEOPLE STARTED COMING REGULARLY. HE STARTED HOLDING KIRTANS. HE READ FROM THE BHAGAVAD GITA DAILY, EXPLAINING TO HIS VISITORS THE PHILOSOPHY OF KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

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



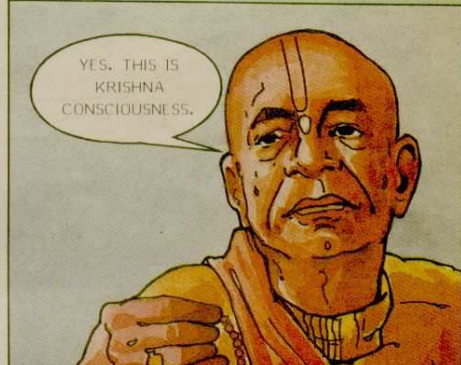
SURRENDERING UNTO LORD KRISHNA WAS SOMETHING AMAZING FOR HIS VISITORS.



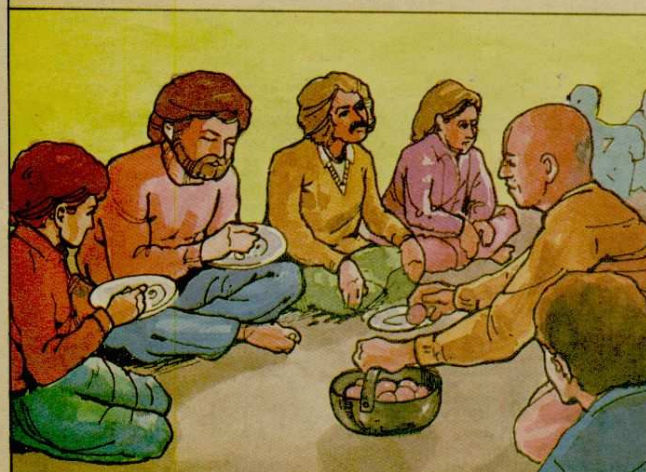
THEY HAD NOW BEGUN TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CEREMONIES. KEITH, HOWARD, WALLY AND OTHERS DECORATED THE STOREFRONT WITH LARGE INDIAN SILK HANGINGS, POSTERS AND INCENSE..



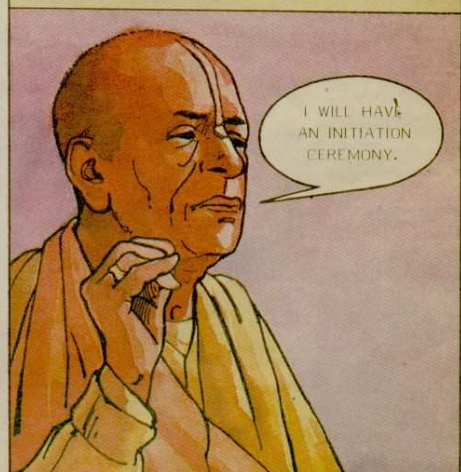
WHEN SWAMJI ENTERED THE STOREFRONT, THEY WAITED WITH BATED BREATH.



THIS WAS HIS FIRST TEMPLE IN THE WEST. ON SUNDAYS SWAMJI 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 DISCIPLESWAMJI FELT THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE.



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



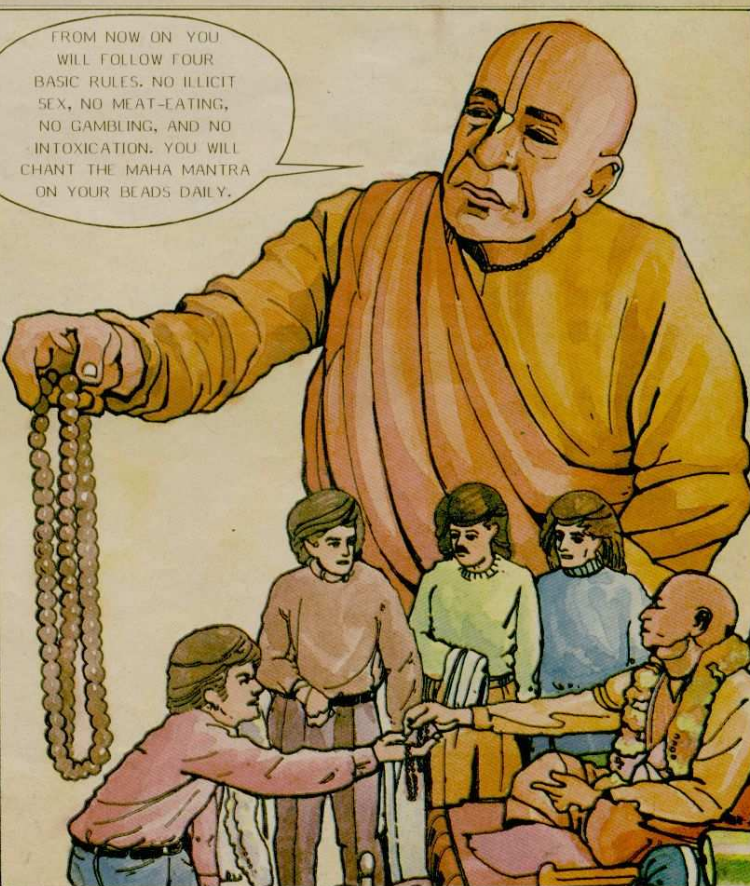
ON JANMASHTAMI DAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 1966, A DAY BEFORE THE INITIATION. AS IF IN ANSWER TO EVERYONE'S QUERIES.....



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 SINCERE 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.



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 Coming 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 EXTOL 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 MISGUIDED 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.



TO CLEAN YOUR SYSTEM YOU
MUST CHANT THE MAHA
MANTRA. THE SHASTRAS
SAY, THAT IN KALI YUGA
ONLY CHANTING WILL DELIVER
YOU BACK TO GOD.

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



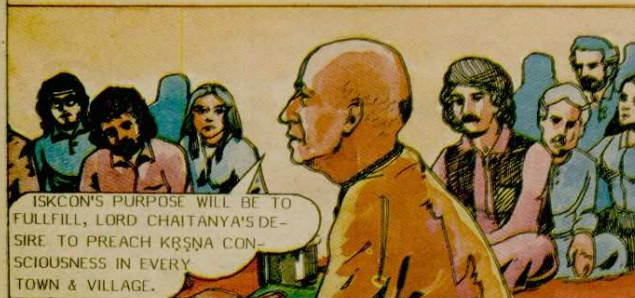
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna....

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



Hare Rama
Hare Rama
Rama Rama
Hare Hare

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



ISKCON'S PURPOSE WILL BE TO
FULLFILL, LORD CHAITANYA'S DE-
SIRE TO PREACH KRISHNA CON-
SCIOUSNESS IN EVERY
TOWN & VILLAGE.

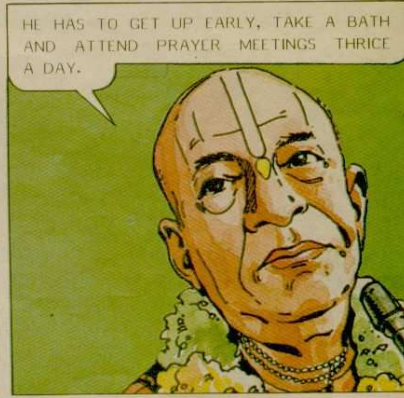
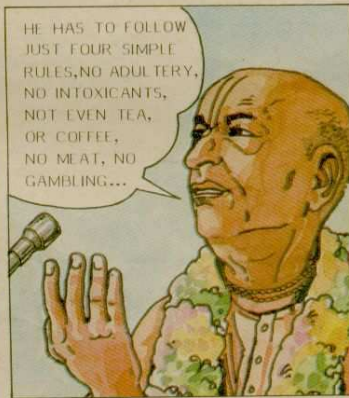
BY DAY SWAMIJI PREACHED AND AT NIGHT HE ALLOWED HIMSELF BARELY A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP. HE WOULD GET UP IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE DAY AND CHANT ON HIS BEADS. THEN HE WOULD SIT TO TRANSLATE THE SCRIPTURES INTO ENGLISH.



MUKUNDA AND JANAKI, SENIOR DISCIPLES 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".



MEANWHILE MUKUNDA ALONG WITH ALLEN GINSBERG, A POET, AND OTHER FRIENDS, ARRANGED A MANTRA-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' ANGELS CAME, SMOKING CIGARETTES AND ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WOMEN; THEY WORE JEANS, BOOTS, GERMAN HELMETS AND DIRTY JACKETS EMBLAZONED WITH EMBLEMS; EVERYTHING WAS THERE BUT THEIR MOTORCYCLES. SWAMIJI STOOD UP, AND 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.



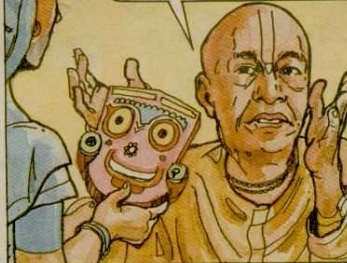
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THE DANCE HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT. A LOT OF YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS STARTED COMING TO THE TEMPLE. SWAMJI HAD TO FACE MANY CHALLENGERS TO HIS PHILOSOPHY. HE HAD ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS THROWN AT HIM. HIS DISCIPLES WERE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW A SIMPLE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

SWAMJI, WHAT DOES THIS DOLL SIGNIFY?

YOU HAVE BROUGHT LORD JAGANNATHA, THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE. WHERE IS BAI ARAMA* AND SUBHADRA?

YOU MUST HAVE A RATHA YATRA JUST LIKE THEY HAVE IN INDIA EVERY YEAR. DO IT NICELY YOU MUST ATTRACT A LOT OF PEOPLE.



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 DEVOTEES BUT SO MANY PEOPLE CROWDED IN FRONT THAT THE PARADE WAS OBLIGED TO GO SLOWLY.

Hey Hare Krishnas....

Jai Jagannatha...
Jai Subhadra...



Hari bol...

FROM THE TRUCK SOME DEVOTEES 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 Jagannatha,
Jai Jagannatha....

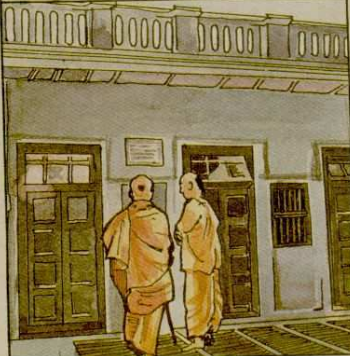


SRILA PRABHUPADA

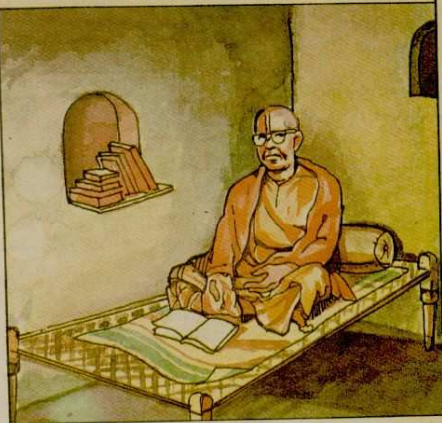
SWAMIJI WAS NOW SEVENTY TWO YEARS OLD. HIS HEALTH HAD DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY. ON 25TH JULY 1967 SWAMIJI LEFT FOR INDIA.



IN CONTRAST TO THE TEARFUL FAREWELL HE GOT IN NEW YORK, 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 VRINDAVAN. 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.



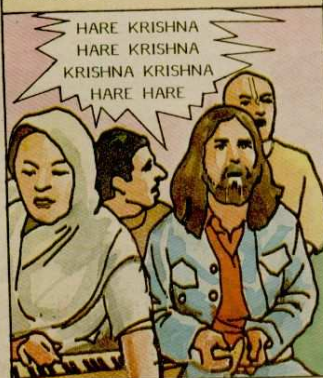
MEANWHILE IN THE UNITED STATES A SMALL GROUP OF HIS DISCIPLES HAD MOVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES AND OPENED A SIMILAR STORE FRONT TEMPLE. SWAMIJI WENT STRAIGHT TO LOS ANGELES. HE STAYED THERE FOR TWO MONTHS AND HELD KIRTANS AND DELIVERED LECTURES. HE GAVE STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE TO HIS NEWLY INITIATED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

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

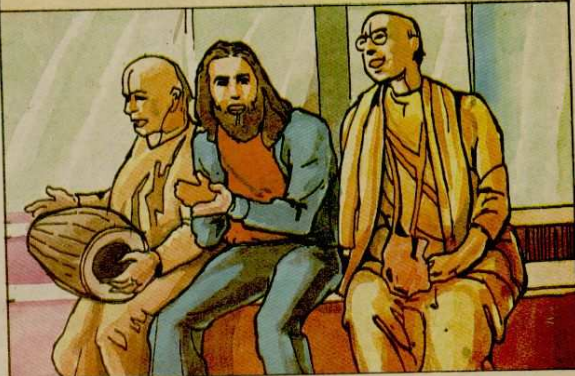


A GROUP OF DEVOTEES HAD MADE CONTACT WITH GEORGE HARRISON A MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS BEATLES ROCK GROUP. GEORGE WAS RECEPTIVE TO THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT. HE RECORDED AN ALBUM UNDER APPLE RECORDS, HIS COMPANY.

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.

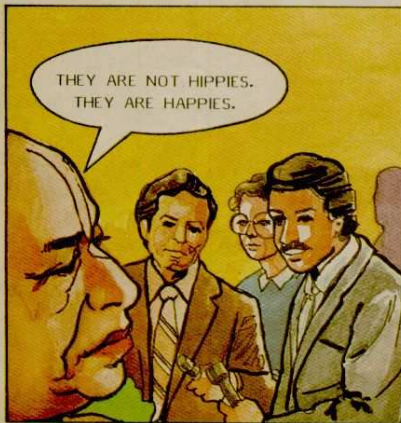
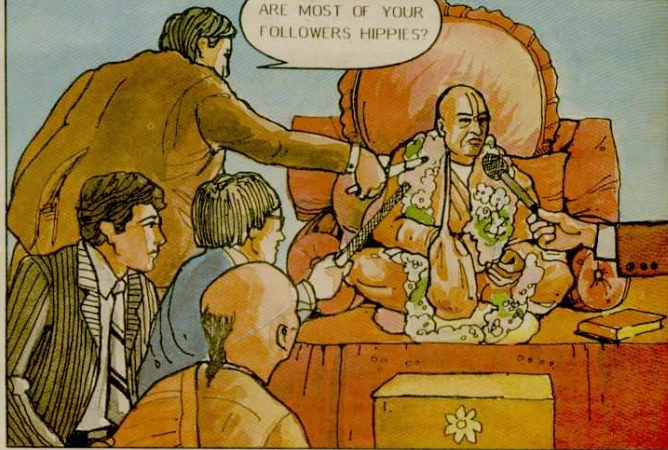


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SWAMIJI WAS CALLED TO LONDON. HIS DEVOTEES CHANTED AT THE AIRPORT IN ANTICIPATION.



THE REPORTERS BESIEGED SWAMIJI. HE HAD BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL FIGURE.



FROM THE AIRPORT SRILA PRABHUPADA DROVE STRAIGHT TO JOHN LENNON'S VILLA. THE DEVOTEES HAD WORKED FEVERISHLY TO CONVERT ONE ROOM INTO A TEMPLE, COMPLETE WITH A VYASASANA FOR PRABHUPADA. HERE HE RECEIVED 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.



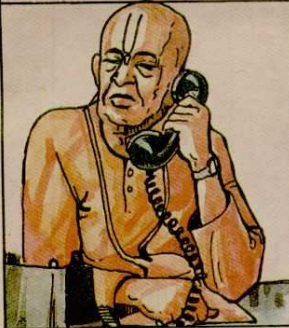
I AM NOT ATTACHED TO A COMFORTABLE APARTMENT. MY ATTACHMENT IS TO LIVING IN THE ASSOCIATION OF DEVOTEES.



SRILA PRABHUPADA

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.



TAKI ME THERE AT ONCE.



RADHARANI'S FINGER WAS CHIPPED IN TRANSIT.



SWAMIJI WE WILL FIX IT AND BRING THEM.

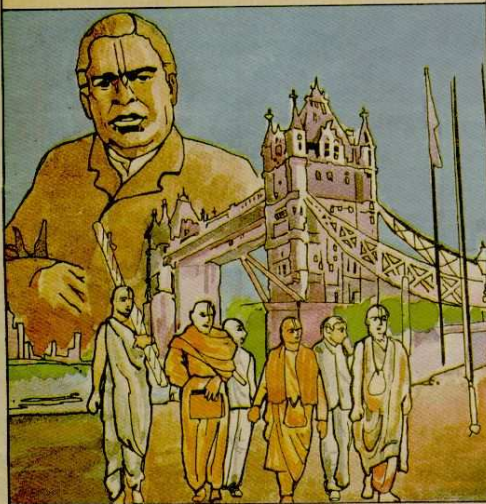
WE HAVE AN EXPERT. HE CAN DO IT.



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



THIS WAS THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF PLANNING. BHAKTI VINODA THAKUR* 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 MISGUIDED INDIANS WOULD SOON FOLLOW 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 GAUDIYA SAMPRADAYA.
** THE SPIRITUAL MASTER AT WHOSE FEET ALL OTHERS TAKE SHELTER.

KRISHNA CHITRA KATHA

IN KEEPING WITH KRISHNA CONSCIOUS 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

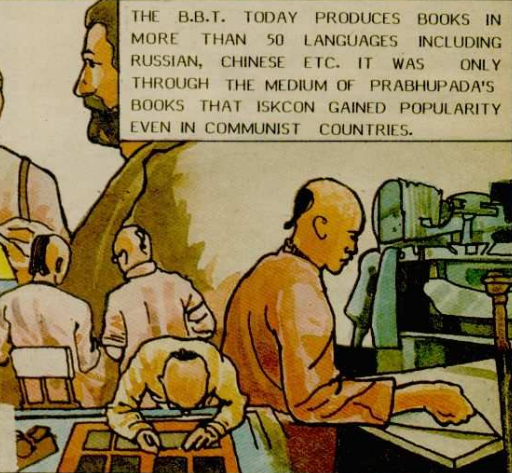
The Hare Krishna movement was called a "bona fide religion" yesterday by the New York High Court Justice who threw out two charges against the officials of the movement of "illegal imprisonment" and "attempted extortion." The charge had been preferred by an angry parent that his son, as well as another 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 Leary, "the Hare Krishna movement is a bona fide religion with roots in India that go back thousands of years. It behooved Merrill Kreshower 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 rest 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 ALONE, CARRYING BOOKS. NOBODY CARED. THEY HAVE FINALLY RECOGNISED MY MISSION AFTER TWELVE YEARS.



IN JULY 1970 PRABHUPADA HAD 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.

THE B.B.T. TODAY PRODUCES BOOKS IN MORE THAN 50 LANGUAGES INCLUDING RUSSIAN, CHINESE ETC. IT WAS ONLY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF PRABHUPADA'S BOOKS THAT ISKCON GAINED POPULARITY EVEN IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.



PROVE THAT OUR MOVEMENT IS SCIENTIFIC. FORM AN INSTITUTE TO ESTABLISH IT.



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 IMPORTANT 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.

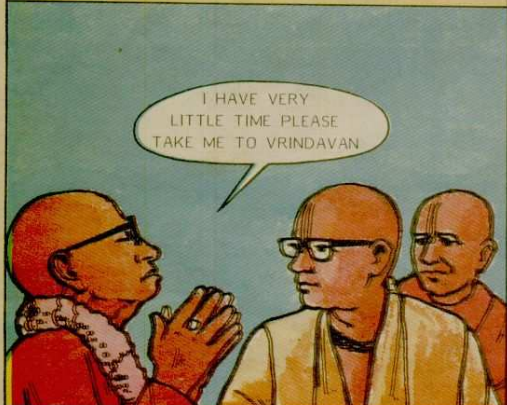


SRILA PRABHUPADA

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



HE HAD NOW ESTABLISHED ISKCON AS ONE OF THE GREATEST MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD. THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT HAD COME TO STAY. PRABHUPADA WAS NOW ADVANCING IN AGE. HE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO GO TO VRINDAVAN.



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



YES, PRABHUPADA IS PHYSICALLY NOT AMONGST US; BUT 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 FEELING HIS PRESENCE ALWAYS.

READERS INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT SRILA PRABHUPADA AND ISKCON ARE REQUESTED TO VISIT OR CALL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAJOR CENTRES AROUND THE WORLD.

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