



Sri Sri Nimai Nital Mandir Newsletter

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Sri Krishna Janmashtami - Saturday August 23rd



Other Events

Lord Balarama Appearance Day - Saturday August 16th

Srila Prabhupada Appearance Day - Sunday August 24th

Vegetarian Feast and Festival - Every Sunday 5:30 pm

All Events At ISKCON NY At Long island Temple -
197 S. Ocean Ave, Freeport, NY 11520

*****Latest Temple News*****

August Preparations

August is a big month at the temple with several important festivals occurring, with Sri Krishna Janmashtami being the biggest. We welcome all to come and join us on these most auspicious occasions. Putting these events together requires much planning and coordination. There are many ways that you can help and we've created a list of services and donations needed on the back page. Please contact the temple if you are interested in donating or volunteering.

Vaishnava Calendar

Tuesday August 12

Pavitraropana Ekadasi

Saturday August 16

Lord Balarama – Appearance

Saturday August 23

Sri Krishna Janmashtami

Sunday August 24

Srila Prabhupada – Appearance (Vyas Puja)

We continue to see new faces attending our Sunday feasts and we are very thankful to all who attend. We welcome all to join us every Sunday at 5:30 pm for Hari Kirtan, Bhagavad Gita lecture, and vegetarian prasadam feast.



Prabhupada Quotations

Krishna's Pastimes

"The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna, is always full of six opulences—namely complete wealth, complete strength, complete fame, complete knowledge, complete beauty and complete renunciation. The Lord appears in different complete, eternal forms of incarnation. The conditioned soul has immense opportunity to hear about the transcendental activities of the Lord in these different incarnations. In the Bhagavad-gita it is said, janma karma ca me divyam. The pastimes and activities of the Lord are not material; they are beyond the material conception. But the conditioned soul can benefit by hearing such uncommon activities. Hearing is an opportunity to associate with the Lord; to hear His activities is to evolve to the transcendental nature—simply by hearing. The conditioned soul has a natural aptitude to hear something about other conditioned souls in the form of fiction, drama and novel. That inclination to hear something about others may be utilized in hearing the pastimes of the Lord. Then one can immedi-



ately evolve to his transcendental nature. Krsna's pastimes are not only beautiful; they are also very pleasing to the mind."

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Krishna Consciousness

"It is said that it is the nature of a devotee to constantly apply his mind, energy, words, ears, etc., in hearing and chanting about Krsna. This is called Krsna consciousness, and for one who is rapt in hearing and chanting Krsna, the subject matter never becomes hackneyed or old. That is the significance of transcendental subject matter in contrast to material subject matter. Material subject matter becomes stale, and one cannot hear a certain subject for a long time; he wants change. But as far as transcendental subject matter is concerned, it is called nityanavanavayamana. This means that one can go on chanting and hearing about the Lord and never feel tired but will remain fresh and eager to hear more and more."

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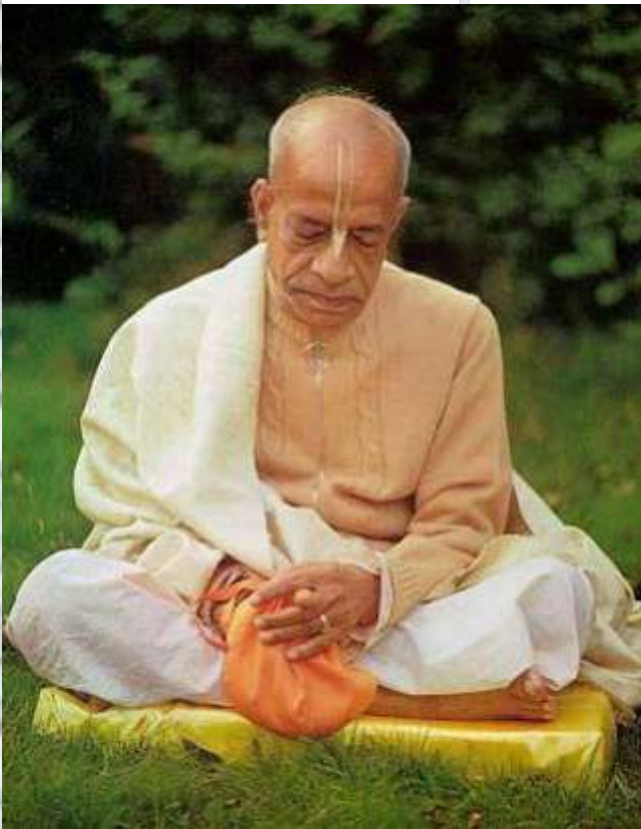
Vyas Puja

In celebration of the upcoming Vyas Puja on Srila Prabhupada's appearance day, we would like to share an excerpt from a letter sent by Srila Prabhupada in 1970, which describes the significance of Vyasadeva and the guru.

"...your reference to Srila Vyasadeva on this Vyas Puja Day is very significant. Srila Vyasadeva is the original Spiritual Master for anyone who is following the Vedic way of Spiritual realization. Spiritual Master is the representative of Vyasadeva because he carries the message of Vyasadeva throughout the world. As you know it very well that Vyasadeva compiled all Vedic literatures wonderfully. Sometimes the so-called 'realist' philosophers do not believe that there was

by the disciplic succession. Both the students and the Spiritual Master of those ages were so sharp in their memory that once they heard the transcendental message from the Spiritual Master the message was immediately imprinted in the brain as vivid as a written language. For example, Sukadeva Goswami was narrating Srimad Bhagavatam extemporaneously. The whole Srimad Bhagavatam, eighteen thousand verses, very difficult to pronounce even what to speak of memorizing, was narrated very easily just like reading some printed book. He narrated the whole subject of Srimad Bhagavatam continuously for seven days and Maharaj Pariksit also understood the subject matter very clearly. Both of them were so meritorious that they attained the highest goal of life, namely the Lotus Feet of Lord Krishna simply by reciting and hearing respectively. Of course that time was just the moment when Kali, the predominating Deity of the present age, was peeping to infiltrate in the worldly affairs and later on it was complete through the exigency of an upstart Brahmana boy. So

Vyasadeva was a real person accepted by all authorities and any one can judge how wonderful he was to compile the Vedic literatures. He is therefore known as Mahamuni. Muni means thoughtful or great thinker or great poet and Maha means still greater. So there is no comparison with Vyasadeva with any writer or thinker or philosopher. Nobody can estimate



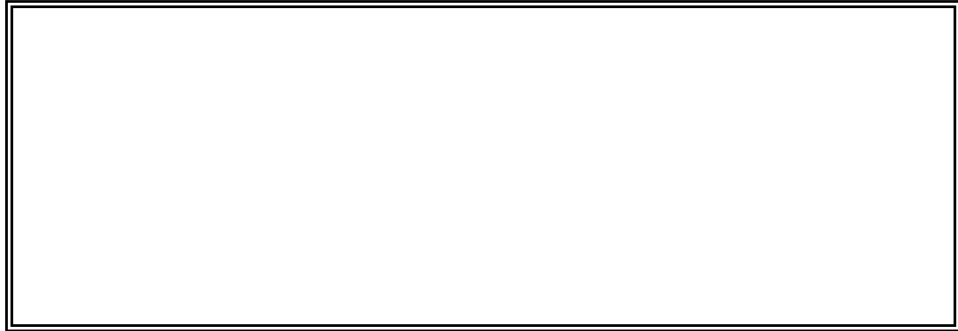
any person of the name Vyasadeva. Their opinion is that any person distributing the Vedic knowledge is called a Vyasadeva. This class of philosophers generally being impersonalists cannot appreciate how one man could write so many books. Actually it is astonishing. Before Vyasadeva, all the Vedic Scriptures were taught and received verbally



the scholarly importance of Srila Vyasadeva. He composed many millions of Sanskrit verses and we are just trying to receive a fragmental knowledge out of them by our tiny efforts only. Srila Vyasadeva therefore summarized the whole Vedic knowledge in the shape of Srimad Bhagavatam which is known as the ripened fruit of the desire tree known as Vedic knowledge. The ripened fruit is received hand to hand through disciplic succession and anyone who does this work in disciplic succession from Srila Vyasadeva is considered as representative of Vyasadeva and as such the bona fide Spiritual Master's Appearance Day is worshipped as Vyas Puja. Not only that, the exalted seat on which the Spiritual Master sits is also called Vyasasana. In the Mayavadi Sampradaya they observe the Guru Purnima day to offer respect to the Spiritual Master. This system of offering respect to the Spiritual Master is current in all sections of Vedic followers, but so far we of the Gaudiya Sampradaya is concerned, we offer on the Appearance Day of the Spiritual Master our humble homage annually and this particular auspicious moment is called Vyas Puja..."

Srila Prabhupada, Letter 19700825

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Janmashtami Celebration

In Kind Donations:

tent rental \$1000
 bhoga purchasing \$1000
 flower purchasing \$ 300
 garden/landscape \$1060

Services Needed:

cooking
 flower garlands and vases
 prasadam servers
 temple landscaping

Yashoda-dulal Abhishek



**Sponsor a milk
 Abhishek
 offering to the
 Lord \$251**

*“If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit or water, I will accept it.”
 (Bhagavad Gita 9.26)*

For Sri Krishna Janmashtami, YES, I would like to be a :

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(* Includes ISKCON International Life Patronship, Name engraved on plaque in the temple, Abhishek pass, Kalash to take home & Maha Prasadam)

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GOVERDHAN SEVAK - \$ 501

(* Abhishek pass, Kalash to take home & Maha Prasadam)

YASHODA DULAL ABHISHEK - \$ 251

(* Abhishek pass & Maha Prasadam)

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phone # _____

Donation amount _____

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