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## Radhashtami

Sunday September 7th, 6-9 pm



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

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## Janmashtami Celebration



On Saturday, August 23rd, Sri Krishna Janmashtami, the appearance day of Lord Krishna was celebrated at the temple. Many devotees attended and a good time was had by all. We thank all those who helped make the event a great success. Hare Krishna!



### Vaishnava Calendar

Sunday September 7

Radhashtami - Appearance of Srimati Radharani

Wednesday September 10

Parsva Ekadasi

Thursday September 11

Lord Vamanadeva - Appearance

Friday September 12

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura – Appearance

Thursday September 25

Indira Ekadasi

Thursday October 9

Ramacandra Vijayotsava

Friday October 10

Pasankusa Ekadasi

## Prabhupada Quotations

### Devotional Service

"...Devotional service to the Lord consists essentially of nine transcendental activities: (1) hearing about the Lord, (2) glorifying the Lord, (3) remembering the Lord, (4) serving the lotus feet of the Lord, (5) worshiping the Lord, (6) offering prayers to the Lord, (7) serving the Lord, (8) enjoying friendly association with the Lord, and (9) surrendering everything unto the Lord. These nine principles of devotional service-taken all together or one by one-help a devotee remain constantly in touch with God. In this way, at the end of life it is easy for the devotee to remember the Lord. By adopting only one of these nine principles, the following renowned devotees of the Lord were able to achieve the highest perfection: (1) By hearing of the Lord, Maharaja Pariksit, the hero of Srimad-Bhagavatam, attained the desired result. (2) Just by glorifying the Lord, Sukadeva Gosvami, the speaker of Srimad-Bhagavatam, attained his perfection. (3) By praying to the Lord, Akrura attained the desired result. (4) By remembering

the Lord, Prahlada Maharaja attained the desired result. (5) By worshiping the Lord, Prthu Maharaja attained perfection. (6) By serving the lotus feet of the Lord, the goddess of fortune, Laksmi, attained perfection. (7) By rendering personal service to the Lord, Hanuman attained the desired result. (8) Through his friendship with the Lord, Arjuna attained the desired result. (9) By surrendering everything he had to the Lord, Maharaja Bali attained the desired result."

Purport from Sri Isopanisad 17

### Hearing About Krishna

"Srimad Bhagavatam (1.2.17) says, 'By hearing of the activities of the Lord, the devotee draws the attention of the Lord. Thus the Lord, being situated in the heart of every living being, helps the devotee by giving him proper directions.'"

Purport from Sri Isopanisad 13



## Srimati Radharani

*Radhashtami celebrates the appearance of Srimati Radharani, the eternal consort of Lord Krishna.*

“Srimati Radharani is as fully spiritual as Krishna. No one should consider Her to be material. She is definitely not like the conditioned souls, who have material bodies, gross and subtle, covered by material senses. She is all spiritual, and both Her body and mind are of the same spiritual embodiment. Because Her body is spiritual, Her senses are also spiritual. Thus Her body, mind and senses fully shine in love of Krishna. She is the personified hladini-sakti (the pleasure-giving energy of the Lord’s internal potency), and therefore She is the only source of enjoyment for Sri Krishna. Sri Krishna cannot enjoy anything that is internally different from Him. Therefore Radha and Sri Krishna are identical. The sandhini portion, Sri Krishna’s internal potency, has manifested the all-attractive form of Sri Krishna, and the same internal potency, in the hladini feature, has presented Srimati Radharani, who is the attraction for the all-attractive. No one can match Srimati Radharani in the transcendental pastimes of Sri Krishna.” (Caitanya Caritamrita Adi 4.71, purport)

“The transcendental mellow relished by the gopis in Braja is super excellently featured in Srimati Radharani. Mature assimilation of the transcendental humor of conjugal love is represented by Srimati Radharani, whose feelings are incomprehensible even to the Lord Himself. The intensity of Her loving service is the highest form of ecstasy. No one can surpass Srimati Radharani in relishing the transcendental mellow qualities of the Lord.” (Caitanya Caritamrita Adi 4.50, purport)

“Sri Krishna is the potent factor, and Srimati Radharani is the internal potency. According to Vedanta philosophy, there is no difference between the potent and potency; they are identical. We cannot differentiate between one and the other, any more than we can separate fire from heat. Everything in the Absolute is inconceivable in relative exist-



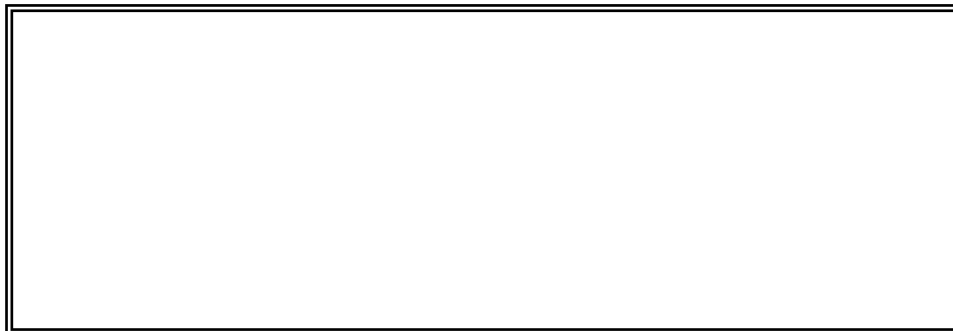
tence. Therefore in relative cognizance it is very difficult to assimilate this truth of the oneness between the potent and the potency. The philosophy of inconceivable oneness and difference propounded by Lord Caitanya is the only source of understanding for such intricacies of transcendence. “In fact, Radharani is the internal potency of Sri Krishna, and She eternally intensifies the pleasure of Sri Krishna. Impersonalists cannot understand this without the help of a mahabhagavata devotee. The very name Radha suggests that She is eternally the topmost mistress for the comforts of Sri Krishna. Devotees in Vrindavana therefore seek the mercy of Srimati Radharani in order to be recognized as loving servitors of Sri Krishna. (Caitanya Caritamrita Adi 4.56 purport)

“O Queen of Vrindavan, O Radharani, Your complexion is like molten gold, Your doe-like eyes are captivatingly restless, a million

full and brilliant moons wane before Your lustrous countenance, and a blue sari, having stolen the hue of a fresh rain-laden cloud, has enwrapped Your exquisite form. O Radha, You are the crest-jewel of all the dallying damsels of Vrindavan, fragrant and pristine like a budding jasmine flower. Your sublime form is adorned with priceless jewelry, and you are the best of all the charming and intelligent gopis. You are decorated with all wonderful excellences and surrounded by eight dedicated and beloved cowherd girls known as the asta-sakhis. “The ambrosia of Your beautiful lips, red as the bimba fruit, is life-giving syrup to Krishna. O Radha, I am rolling on the banks of the Yamuna, my poor heart filled with anticipation, praying to You with all humility. I am guilty of being an offender, a rascal, a useless wretch-yet I beg You to kindly engage me in even the smallest service to Your lotus feet. O most merciful Lady, it will not become You to ignore this most distressed soul, for Your heart is always overflowing with compassion and love.”

Prayer by Srila Rupa Goswami

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*Deity Darshan, Sri Krishna Janmashtami,  
Saturday August 23rd, 2008*