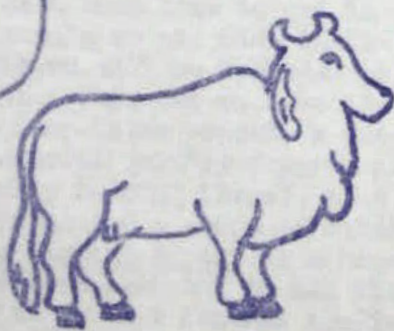


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There are no events on the VAISNAVA CALENDAR for this week.

## DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and our Siksaguru Kirtanananda Maharaj! All glories to Sri Sri Guru & Gouranga!!

This issue of The Brijhasi Spirit contains a lot of varied and interesting material. We didn't have time to get in the crossword puzzle or any nice illustrations, but these will be included as Krishna sees fit. This ish we have the Lord Jagannath Snan Yatra report, a feature on our wonderful jewelry department (things are really hoppin' there), plus our regular columns and a score of other things. The Jannastami Report is a newsletter that has been sent out to all the ISKCON temples in North & Central America. Also, more time and effort has gone into the Board Minutes, which we hope are much more presentable this week. We are very sorry, but Bahulaban Diary simply didn't get submitted this week and because of Sridhara das leaving, "Devotional Thoughts" has drawn to a close.

Please accept our apologies for all the faults and negligent mistakes in this issue. Please pray, along with ourselves, that Krishna will give us the ability and

determination to perfect this transcendental newspaper. All glories to your service. We hope this issue meets you in fine serving mood.

--the editors

## ATTACK DRILL

On June 5th, the anniversary of the day when Sri Vrindavana Candra repulsed the attack of the demons, during Srivid Bhagavat- an class at the Vrindaban brahmachari farm suddenly a round of gunfire shots broke the peaceful air. The sounds of shattering glass and other loud disturbances could be heard. Devotees exhibited a number of reactions such as diving behind the stove and Vyasesana, lying flat on the floor, running out the door, to sitting and chanting. The pujari, Radhanath das, had his wits together and ran off into the woods with Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Math wrapped in a blanket. Then temple commander Parambrahma das, who observed carefully the reactions of the devotees, explained that everything was alright, it was just a drill. The devotees sat back down, their hearts still situated in their throats.

This drill showed very clearly how at the time of death one's mind becomes very disturbed. How many had been thinking of Krishna, of protecting the Deities, or even of protecting their own Godbrothers. No, almost everyone had been mainly concerned with a lump of stool, their material body. So it was dramatically illustrated how we must shake off this misidentification with the material body and become serious about this Krishna consciousness.

## BOILER

Finally last Thursday New Vrindaban acquired its long awaited steam boiler. Running on gas, it puts out 3 horsepower-- 100,000 BTU's. It will be hooked up on Sunday and will be used in conjunction with the hemispheric cooker to cook down Surabhi milk sweets (chaw, etc.).



## DEAR SWAMI

Dear Swami,

What should a brahmachari do if he has the desire to become a householder? Should he try to realize that his desire may be based primarily on lust, or should he take the proper steps? And what are those steps?

- - Perplexed

My dear Perplexed,

To remain brahmachari is of course the very best thing but real brahmachari is not so much a matter of dress color, but of your spiritual commitment, to live a life free from sense gratification. So if you want to become grihastha for Krishna and help develop New Vrindaban in that way, that is very nice. And if you want to remain on the brahmachari farm to develop New Vrindaban, that is also very nice. Actually, as Vaishnavas we don't have anything to do with varna and ashrama. Our only business is to serve Krishna, under any and all circumstances.

If you feel inclined to become a householder and serve in that way, consult with your farm manager or temple commander and he will give you the best Krishna conscious advice.

- - "Swami"

## UNINVITED SPIRIT

Last week Bahulaban had an unwanted visitor, a ghost. It was trying to take residence in the trailer where Mother Shalavati, who was lead pujari for the L.A. temple, and her girls are staying. The first 2 nights they had moved in they would wake up and not be able to think clearly, move or breathe. These are common symptoms when a ghost enters into the mind when one is weakest while sleeping. The 3rd night the girls had a loud, blissful kirtan before taking rest. Romharsan das had watch that night and chanted japa loudly by the trailer. He mentioned that while he was chanting he felt a strange "influence". Anyway, the next morning the girls awake with smiles on their faces and the ghost hasn't troubled them since.

## WOOD

The wood department has a new man - Bhakta Chris. Romharsan das stated that Chris seems real steady and he will be a full-time woodcutter. A sled is being planned to haul wood on a winch by using oxen power, just like at Govindaji temple site. It will be located past Adi Pati's home on top of the big hill. For the Janmastami celebration, 2 sled loads out of a total of 16 have already been hauled up to the pavilion. Lastly, the wood department got a chain saw to help facilitate the service to Their Lordships.

## BHAGAVATAM ESSAYS

Question: What is the proper way to hear Bhagavatam?

1) In the first canto, part one, p. 89 of the Srīmad Bhagavatam it says: "The questions that pertain to Krishna are the sum and substance of all Vedic inquiries." "...in the Bhagavatam the Absolute Truth is to be known..." In the Bhagavad-gita the Personality of Godhead says that in all the Vedas there is nothing but the urge for searching after Him, Lord Krishna; "By all the Vedas I am to be known; indeed I am the Compiler of Vedānta and I am the Knower of the Vedas." (Bg. 15:15)

This first chapter of the Srīmad Bhagavatam asserts the nature and qualities of Sri Krishna as the original Personality of Godhead, the Primeval Cause of all causes, the Absolute Truth, who's forever free of illusion. (S.B. p. 44)

Lord Caitanya describes it as the spotless Purana because it contains the transcendental narration of the Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, and it says in the S.B. (p. 4, first canto, ch. 4) these transcendental activities are described, especially in the tenth canto of Srīmad Bhagavatam, but in order to reach to the very substance, one has to proceed gradually by developing knowledge of the categories. Thus, the qualities of Krishna described in this first part dwell mostly on His position as God, the Creator, the Controller, the Absolute Truth, so as to bring us the



# COWS

## A Transcendental Review of the Bahulaban Coshalla

The following are the milk figures from June 1 thru June 7:

| <u>Day</u>   | <u>Amount</u>      |
|--------------|--------------------|
| June 1       | 792.6 lbs.         |
| June 2       | 858.3 lbs.         |
| June 3       | 864.5 lbs.         |
| June 4       | 850.4 lbs.         |
| June 5       | 804.5 lbs.         |
| June 6       | 792.3 lbs.         |
| June 7       | 812.0 lbs.         |
| <u>total</u> | <u>5774.6 lbs.</u> |

This is an increase of 91.1 lbs. over last week. The average pounds daily for the week was 824.9, over 13 lbs. from last week. The average daily production per cow as based upon these figures is 43.4 lbs., up 1.2 lbs. from last week. The total gallons for the week was 671.4 gal. The daily average came to 94.5 gallons. The big day was Monday when the transcendental Surabhis gave a gift of 100.5 gallons to Lord Jagannath the day before the Lord became ill. The number of cows who were giving milk this week was 19.

For 5 out of the last seven days now Mother Parvati, only 2½ weeks since calving, has given over 70 lbs. of milk daily reaching up to 72.2 lbs. on Friday and she doesn't show any signs of decreasing. Hari bol. The next time you see Mother Parvati please offer your respectful obeisances. At the present time she is the top producing cow in the barn, being milked by Dharma and Chirantana prabhuh.

We have 2 kicked buckets to report this week. Milking Rocana was Devaki and Kuladri prabhuh and milking Surabhi was Sudama and Dharma prabhuh. The estimated milk loss was 25 lbs. Please let us stress that at both of these incidences someone was in the barn conversing with the milkers about some other business, thereby helping to decrease the concentration of the milkers and causing slight agitation to the cows. So again we make this humble plea that no one enter the

barn during milking hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

All glories to Mother Kaliya. She is the first cow to be cared for at New Vrindaban. In the earliest days of milking at New Vrindaban it would take Paramananda das hours to milk her. Now she is 14 years old and she is expected to have another calf July 1st. Srila Prabhupada named this cow Kaliya (which means black) a few years ago. At this time she is experiencing what it is like to be an old cow. She has been blind in one eye for many years and also has been bothered by a respiratory ailment which hampers her breathing daily. She does a lot of lying down these days, and walks very slowly. Sometimes it takes 10 minutes to coax her out of the barn to the green pastures uphill. Just this week she stumbled walking into the barn and hurt her left front leg. She has stayed in the barn all week since and is doing better. We can surely take advantage of the example of Mother Kaliya, as it may remind us of so many great devotees, who in any bodily condition realized that they must always be serving Krishna to the best of their capacity and we must always do likewise.

Manjari is the new name for #1147 (a heifer calf purchased last year). She received this name during her visit to Bahulaban this week. She was here receiving medication for a slight cold. She is now back at Mandagram and doing well.

Mother Rocana, one of our newly acquired L-J cows, was bred this week to "Topper", a first class bull. It's too early to tell now but we're hoping she is on her way to her next calf.

Two more cows were dried off this week in preparation for their next calves. Mother Rati and Mother Sukla are now fattening up and resting a bit in hopes of coming fresh within two months. Mother Satyabhama is getting closer every day to calving. She is our highest rated cow being a "2 E" (E = Excellent). Hari bol!



## LORD JAGANNATH SNAN YATRA

This auspicious day began with the Vrindaban Lord Jagannath Deities traveling in procession to Bahulaban. Transcendentally situated in a beautiful palequin, the Deities enjoyed a blissful kirtan while making their way down the winding and very pleasant Vrindaban road. A little later that morning the original Lord Jagannath Deities at Bahulaban led a magnificent procession up to Madaban.

Madaban temple was filled with the sounds of ecstatic kirtan. At 8:30 Paramhansa Maharaj arrived. He was most wonderfully greeted by Madaban temple commander Deivata das, who offered him arotika, bathed his feet and offered him prasadam. Afterwards the sanctified bathing water was scattered on the devotees. There followed another ecstatic kirtan in the temple room until the Lord Jagannath Deities made Their appearance. Everyone packed into the intimate confines of the Madaban temple room. There were the Lord Jagannath Deities and a huge pot of yogurt sitting in the middle of the temple room. Taking a huge ladle in hand, Paramhansa Swami bathed each of the Deities in hefty, rich quantities of creamy white yogurt—rivulets running down Their faces and caressing Their bodies. Then all the devotees one by one bathed the Deities while others circumsambulated around the temple room with Paramhansa Swami leading a blazing kirtan. Kirtanananda Maharaj came a little later to bathe the Deities and the devotees became overwhelmed with transcendental bliss. However, someone had left a window open on this drafty day and report has been received that the Deities have taken ill and are recuperating at Yamkisthira das's residence. Let us all write them a got well card and pray that they regain Their transcendental health soon.

After the bathing of the Deities both the Swamis came out and found themselves caught up in another bathing—that of the devotees throwing the yogurt all over each other. The Swamis each tried to get the other the most and both came out

of this blissful frolicking, along with the other devotees, pretty white and wet.

After the Snan Yatra the devotees made another pilgrimage up the road to Gurukula for the Gour Nitai Deity installation. Kirtanananda Maharaj performed the installation—bathing and dressing the brilliant yellow forms of Gour Nitai. Afterwards Paramhansa Maharaj performed the purifying fire sacrifice and then Kirtanananda Swami offered the Deities arotika.

After all the wonderful activities there was a most opulent devotee feast. The preparations had been made at Bahulaban and hauled to Gurukula in a large truck. There were 11 preparations altogether which included sweet rice, halavah, malpur in rich condensed milk, gulabjamins, ladus, banana chutney, 2 different vegetable preps, barates, fruit filled curd balls, and puris. By Lord Caitanya's mercy all the devotees were more than satisfied.

The Snan Yatra festival day was an intimate New Vrindaban affair and was termed a grand success.

## COWS (Continued)

A wave of great enthusiasm has arisen in the Bahulaban Goshala this week with the introduction of Krishna Bol. Krishna Katha in the barn is at new heights and it knows no bounds. With each day the milkers of the four-legged Brijbasi Mothers are becoming more serious about Krishna Katha and devotional service in general. The milkers are finishing barn duties in record times since welcoming in the new Surabhis from L-J. As a whole the barn players of the Krishna Bol call themselves "Udderly Unbeatable". We do hereby challenge any and all other teams on all farms to try their luck against any of our teams. And as an impetus to yours and our devotional service we hereby state that the weekly Krishna Bol winner will always be from the barn.

All glories to the Butterfat Swami, His Holiness Kirtanananda Maharaj!



# TALES FROM THE GARDEN

In case anyone has too idealistic an idea of what's happening in the temple gardens, we'll have to admit here to a few failures. The eggplants from Georgia have mostly all died away, due to a combination of a weakened condition at the time of arrival and merciless attack by flea beetles. The early beets have about a 10% stand; by pre-soaking the seeds and refilling the drills with compost instead of dirt, this could have been much more successful. The kohlrabi germinated and got up about an inch. After that we didn't go look at it for a while and when we stopped to check it later, they had pretty much disappeared, probably from loneliness.

Most of the strawberries in the garden by the householder house never grew at all, but those that did make it got some company this week from another 150 strawberries that were donated.

Most everything else is growing nicely, though the Vrindaban gardens are losing ground to the weeds and already are suffering from them. Weed control is definitely a full time job. Bahulaben is being kept fairly clean, with progress made on mulching. Planting continued this week, with seeds for cantalope, wax beans, two varieties of peas (Blue Goose and Black-eyed) and, much later than they should have been, marigolds. The rest of the sweet corn got planted. Pole beans were put into the same drill with the corn seed, and pumpkins were planted in hills throughout the patch. This is a method used by native Americans in their gardens quite successfully for hundreds of years. The beans used the corn for support and the pumpkins make a living mulch.

Legends vary from nation to nation, but all agree that corn was a gift from the demigods. Material scientists, who are quite adept at conceiving theories of how plants and animals evolved, admit to being hard pressed in explaining the case of corn. Corn has certainly proven its value at New Vrindaban as a cow feed, but so far the raccoons have thwarted attempts to grow a corn offerable to Srila Prabhupada. About 2 days before it is ripe for humans, it seems to have reached its peak of relishability for the coons,

whose method of harvest is to knock over the whole plant. By planting close to Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra (right behind the parking lot), it is hoped that the presence of the ksatriya night watch (and the various volunteer dogs) will discourage foraging attempts by the voracious coons.

It seems some unusual behavior is being exhibited by the broccoli from Georgia. Normally, broccoli will first grow a stout stalk and foliage, then a good-sized head will form. After cutting this one, numerous smaller heads will continue to form. What's happening, however, is that very small heads are forming prematurely. Once the cluster of buds start to open a little bit and a little yellow can be seen, the broccoli is just past prime. It won't get any bigger and should be cut. We are unable to explain why this is happening, but after cutting the small first head, the broccoli is are setting more bunches, which are proportionately even smaller than the first. Does anybody besides Krishna know why this is happening? We would be interested to hear. HARE KRISHNA.

—Bhakta Mark

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## JEWELRY DEPT.

This week let us look into a fine service our Gedsisters are performing for Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra and the building of New Vrindaban.

Our jewelry program is expanding. Mother Isani has made jewelry for Radha Damodara and New York and orders for complete sets of crowns, braids and earrings are in from Los Angeles. San Francisco also requested jewelry for Gour Nitai, Radha Gokulananda and Lord Jagannath Deities.

The next set of jewelry for Radha Vrindavana Candra consists of moon white stones and fiery blue opals. Matching crown emphasizes the moon like qualities of our Lordships. Other jewels adorning Radha Krishna are black and white pearls, topaz, amethysts, garnets, white and blue fiery opals, star sapphires and emeralds. These jewels will defeat the brilliance of the sun, but cannot compare with the gleam in Krishna's lotus eyes.



# PERSPECTIVE

## Basic Causes of the Present Technological Malady

99.9% of the world's population is working for the fruits of their labours and as long as the leaders of any community, country, etc. are thinking and supporting like this, human civilization will become more and more degraded. There will always be those who are trying to overlord for their own sense gratification. Even if it is possible to organize a few communities where everyone is working on the ideal level of cooperation between themselves and with the laws of nature, what is this going to do for the world where most people only have the mentality of "looking out for themselves"? This is why proper philosophical instruction is needed and a society developed that facilitates this. The center of any living situation, either individually or collectively, must be God, the Absolute Truth.

It is a fact that any social structure must accomplish two goals for the inhabitants to be truly happy--healthy physical maintenance and spiritual well being. Spiritual well being is seen as many different things such as love, belonging, and meaningfulness to life. It all boils down to the fact that a human being must be working towards an attainable ultimate goal to be truly happy. One has to know what that goal is and be striving towards it--he must have a spiritual master and know that the Supreme Absolute Truth is Krishna.

It is a fallacy to think that even more technology in the form of more energy and equipment will get us out of our dilemma--it is what has got us in. We must change our consciousness--our conditioning and our values. This fact is being appreciated and increasingly realized by the less materialistic section of the outside world. A recent issue of an "alternative living" magazine stated: "The tendency recently, to which we are daily being encouraged, is to grow by the accumulation of things and thus by extending the self." This is the consciousness that has evolved our present culture to the horrid state it is now in.

The fact is, we must do the opposite for true physical well-being and for that inner peace and happiness for which we should be striving. One must look into himself and minimize his physical needs. One must try to develop spiritual knowledge.

We at New Vrindaban are developing such a model society and are involved in trying to present it to the people. We are confident that, as outside cultural and technological situations worsen, people will turn to our example of "simple living and high thinking." All glories to Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan movement which will alleviate the material distress of mankind and Mother Earth.

--Bhakti dennis

## JEWELRY DEPARTMENT (Continued)--

Lord Jagannath, Belaramaji, and Lady Subhadra haven't been feeling too well lately so Mother Bhaktinidhi decided to cheer them up with crowns of crystal blue and pink set in an ancient Vedic style; also turban pins, matching earrings and nose ring. These will be ready by Rathayatra.

Upcoming projects include silver plated brass domes, Bhakti Mai Bai and Bhakti Lisa will be working on jeweled base covers. Mother Isani has three tentative trainees to assist with jewelry. They are Mother Vidya, Bhaktinidhi and Bhakti Mai Bai.

A completely jeweled Vyasa-sana is coming! Mother Vajrasana is working on this project to Kirtanananda's instructions and she said it should be unveiled for Rathayatra. There will be a rainbow aura all around the back covered in Prussian blue silk with light blue paisley and saffron, jeweled with hyacinth (orange brilliance), aquamarines, capri blue, topaz and aurora borealis (iridescent crystal).

The jewelry department is getting an electroplating process that will allow them to electro-clean and silver plate the Deity paraphernalia. Silver and gold will be electroplated on brass.

In the jewelry making process, sheets of brass are cut into small strips. The stones



Camps: New Vrindaban Date: June 9, 1974  
 Att.: All temple presidents

We here at New Vrindaban wish we had millions of tongues so that we could just begin to glorify the unfathomable depth of transcendental qualities our Spiritual Master possesses, and we wish we had millions of heads to put under the feet of those who are so wholeheartedly fulfilling the desires of our beloved Guru Maharaj such as your good selves. Please accept our humble obeisances at your feet.

In our meagre attempt to satisfy the desires of Srila Prabhupada in His wish of creating the place of Krishna's pastimes in the western world, we are beginning preparations for the advent festival of our Lord, Bhagavan Sri Krishna-Janmastami. Krishna appears in this world so the devotee can worship and directly serve Him in order to reach perfection and so the nondevotee can get the chance of becoming acquainted with Sri Krishna's wonderful pastimes and reach the same perfection. All devotees will get this opportunity to worship Krishna in His original feature of Radha Vrindavana Chandra as Krishna has kindly manifested Himself here and nondevotees will become acquainted with Krishna's pastimes due to the presence of the Deity and the Krishna Katha which we are insuring will constantly fill the ether.

This year's Janmastami celebration certainly appears to be the best arranged and most spiritually potent Janmastami festival to date. The activities will start on the 10th and continue to the 11th (Janmastami) and 12th (Vyasa Puja). Mahatmas such as Kirtanananda Swami, Paramansa Swami, Tamal Krishna Maharaj and Visruchana Maharaj have agreed to sanctify the atmosphere by leading 24 hour a day kirtans and holding continuous lectures with question and answer periods on all aspects of Bhakti philosophy. We have been vigorously working and planning in order to make nicer facilities this year and have insured nice, safe, dry sleeping accommodations and plenty of water and bathing facilities. Prasadam will be bigger and better than ever. We are now getting three tons of milk a week from the Mothers here and we are now beginning to stash barrels of ghee for Janmastami feasts. We also have constructed a parking lot in back of the main temple to easily accommodate all the vehicles. We would like this year to build free of charge display booths for all the temples to represent their activities in order to enliven other devotees and guests. We would like you to let us know if you can provide outstanding photos of unique activities, rather than just kirtan or devotee shots, before we build you a booth. We will have a very nice booth here along with a store where we will have available for your Deities the most beautiful homemade (with Bhakti) deity paraphernalia to be found anywhere within the three worlds. We will have such items as jewelry, clothing, crowns, pictures, etc. We will also take orders and fill custom orders for the transcendental pleasure of your Deities. We will also take have a booth with every kind of imaginable delectable which is available from our Surabhi cows, including items such as banana ice-cream sodas, mango cream drink, pomegranate and blueberry cheese cake along with the standards such as sandesh, rasagulla, sweet rice, gulabjamins, burfi and surabhi (chaw).

The Vaikuntha players this year are expected to be performing throughout the day and night to provide constant transcendental entertainment. The Abhiseka bathing will take place this year under the auspicious direction of Panditji Pradyumna das. We will host a national Krishna Bol contest with all sections of the U.S. represented. We encourage you to field a team (it is very enlivening to constantly remember the Lord's pastimes) and request you to let us know if you are bold and fearless enough to try and challenge the unbeatable New Vrindaban lila sarnham experts. We especially direct this mild challenge to those boastful upstarts who have become somewhat puffed up being influenced by the majestic atmosphere of Dvarka, and to those little fellas and their leader out west who have become convinced they are expert in as much as Paundraka was convinced he was God by somewhat foolish friends. As for our dear Godbrothers and sisters down south we think you have



of late become somewhat influenced by the same spirit. Your recent audacious bragging does not fit your capacity of knowledge I'm afraid. We think your program of taking devotees off of all engagements so they can study Krishna Book will be like beating the empty husk of wheat or like the meditations of the impersonalists; the result is simply the terrible you take. One may go to the heavenly planets if he dies in battle but if one surrenders when he knows he will be defeated he gets a chance to continue his life thereby getting extra time for reaching the perfectional stage of life. So we give you a chance to act according to your intelligence instead of being led by the direction of your mind and senses. If you decide to come, all and well, what harm can a flower (which I.A. may wilt) do to an elephant in battle. As for us we are simple residents of the land of Brakhamari, in Vrindaban, which is always decorated with beautiful cows and the transcendental sound of the flute.

If you wish any more specific information we will gladly supply you. We are requesting each temple to donate at least \$100 to help pay the costs of the three day event. We also request that you send a man or two for a month, or as long as you can spare, in advance to help with the building, construction, and grounds projects. We also need help in cooking. Please advise us in these matters along with how many devotees (men & women) and how many guests (any V.I.P.'s?) are coming. Bring as many devotees and guests as you can to increase the bliss. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

In the service of Sri Sri Guru & Gouranga!

Your worthless servant,

*Narada Murali das*

Narada Murali das

P.S. We humbly request that Los Angeles and St. Louis and any other temple which has a pandal let us know if they can bring it. It would be a great help.

#### JEWELRY DEPARTMENT (Continued)--

are put into bezel settings. These settings are soldered onto a brass backing. After the soldering the brass is dirty, and the electro-cleaning will cause the brass to shine just like gold.

At Jannastand a jewelry booth will be set up. It will display 4 basic jewelry designs. One year's worth of orders will be taken and completed. The jewelry department definitely needs steady help. If you are serious, see Mother Isani.

#### BHAGAVATAN ESSAYS (Continued)--

awareness of our position of insignificant, dependant, eternal servants of that Supreme Being in a mood of awe and reverence. In the development of knowledge of the categories, the Srimad Bhagavatan gradually brings us to the point of the narrations of the 10th Canto. Krishna in His intimate relationship with His devotees as the wonderful, all-attractive cowherd boyfriend, son, and lover.

--Bhaktin Lillian

#### JUDICIAL BOARD MEETING for June 2, 1974

Case #1) Jayanta das. Charge: leaving New Vrindaban without permission, disorderly conduct. Plea: not guilty. Attainment: found guilty. Construction crew will finish building his house and he must work on construction for Bhagavatananda das. Attend noon purification program of bathing, brushing teeth with stick, circumambulating the temple 3 times, saying gayatri, doing 10 dunda butts, saying prayers to the Spiritual Master, reading Nectar of Devotion prayers before the Deity for relieving sinful activities, and reading Bhagavad-gita Sanskrit and English translation and purports.

Court adjourned.



## DROPS OF NECTAR

Hyadramanda Swami: Could you explain about the training of a brahmana?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, he must be truthful. He must have control of the senses and of the mind. He must be tolerant and not be agitated in trifling matters. He must be always clean. He must take bath at least 3 times a day. All the clotting, everything is clean. This is brahminical training. And then he must know what is what, what is knowledge and practical application. And he must have full faith in Krishna. This is brahmana.

Hyadramanda Swami: So what kind of practical work can we engage them in?

Srila Prabhupada: They will be all teachers. Just like Dronacarya, he was brahmana, but he was teaching military art to the Pandavas. The general teacher class will be the brahmanas. It does not matter what he is teaching, but that what he is teaching he is perfectly teaching. How to become a military man. Arjuna's fighting was due to Dronacarya, who was a brahmana. Because he took the position of a teacher, he taught very perfectly. So brahmana should be expert in every kind of knowledge. If he requires, he will become teacher. This is brahmana.

Hyadramanda Swami: So brahmana can teach how to fight?

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, brahmana means intelligent brain. Through an intelligent brain one can learn anything and teach anything.

Satsvarupa Maharaja: Srila Prabhupada, this is all very new. It seems that there will be many difficulties if we try to start this.

S. Prabhupada: What is difficulty? If I teach you how to cook is there any difficulty?

Satsvarupa Maharaja: No.

Prabhupada: And similarly like that. I am doing that. I am teaching how to mop the floor.

Satsvarupa Maharaja: It becomes easy.

Srila Prabhupada: I must know everything because I am a teacher.

Hyadramanda Swami: So for example if I become a teacher, a first teacher in various-rama dharma colleges, then I must become expert in how to fight and to--

Srila Prabhupada: Not all of you, but some of you must learn the art of fighting. Practically speaking, we are not going to fight. I said that we are above all this varnasrama dharma, but we must train others how to execute material activities under these divisions.

Vishnujana Swami: For example, in New Vandavana we have brahmanas who are very expert in tilling the soil and taking care of cows and they could travel around and teach others how to do the same thing just as well. He is brahmana but he is teaching others how to take care of the cow and till the ground.

Hyadramanda Swami: It is not that one teacher has to teach everything then.

Srila Prabhupada: No.

Hyadramanda Swami: Oh, I see. So a brahmana teacher should become expert in a particular subject and simply teach that.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes.

Hyadramanda Swami: It is very exciting, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada: The thing is there are sadhas and less than sadhas. They do not behave like human beings. That is the population of the world. It doesn't matter whether it is western or eastern. This is the position. So unless they are trained up the society is already in chaos and it will still go on. More and more chaos, it will be hell. Now will people live--these rascals are being elected as government men and they are making budget, how to tax? On one side there is no rain and on one side heavy tax and on one side there is no rice in India. So they will all become confused, they have already become confused. From this confused state it will be very difficult to make them Krishna conscious. Therefore, preliminary help should be given. That is, they should not be in chaos and confusion because how will the brain work?

Vishnujana Swami: No one can give rapt attention without peace of mind.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Our main thing is how to give them Krishna consciousness. But if they are already disturbed in every respect, how will they take it? Therefore, we are taking this method, varnasrama. This is the method, varnasrama, to help them come to Krishna consciousness.



## NEW VRINDAVAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for 6/9/74

Attendance: Kirtanananda Swami, Paramahansa Swami, Adi Pati das, Kuladri das, Devakinandana das, Parashananda das, Bhagavatananda das, Daivata das, Parambrahma das.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly budget cut by Spiritual Sky, Los Angeles by lowering our commission rates slightly. The need to become self-sufficient grows ever nearer. \$19,830.19 for May expenditures.

DEPARTMENTS: Parashananda das

- the hayloader is now working and it was used to harvest clover at Madaban
- 3 fields of Trudan grass was planted at Bahulaban and 3 fields were disced at Bahulaban.
- the corn is all planted at Mandagram and it is being planted at Talaban
- a new haybailer was purchased that has a motor on it but it will be pulled by horses

Bhagavatananda das - no report submitted

- Guruban black laying has begun by Soma das and Gostavibari das
- the barn construction is on schedule
- there were no marble runs this week

Devakinandana das - no report submitted

Adi Pati das

- the strawberries donated by Mother Vidya's aunt have been planted
- the gardens are behind schedule as far as weeding and mulching go
- the ox team of Murlidara and Kali are to go to Gurukula

Daivata das

- New outfits are being sewn for Lord Jagannath, who incidentally are sick and have been moved to Yudhistira's for recovery
- ksatriya training program has begun at Madaban this week
- Dharma the ox is dead; the cause is unknown but an investigation is being conducted to ascertain what it might be
- the women's bath house is completed
- discing at Madaban and Gurukula is almost completed

Kuladri das

- strangely enough, Bahulaban's Lord Jagannath is sick too, just Vrindaban's Deities seem to be OK
- Gour Nitai Deities were installed at Gurukula
- Mother Shelavati is sewing a new outfit for Lord Jagannath
- the Rathayatra parade is scheduled to be held between Yudhistira's and Madaban
- the stool house is cleaned daily by the women
- the sink was removed from the prasadam room
- the brahmacharis started painting the front porch at Bahulaban
- the hemispheric steam cooker for milk sweets is ready to go
- we need to buy serving containers for the festival season



## BOARD MINUTES (Continued)--

## Paramhansa Swami

- Rohasana das and Radha Kanta das both missed 3 Mangala anetraka's
- the Jananastami newsletter is ready to go out to all temples
- Vahna das is filling and caring for all photographic negatives
- the ghat is now dug out but it has a slow leak
- Harada Muni das is the official guest receptionist--all devotees please refer all new arrivals to him
- all the film is to be developed in New York City; hopefully the quality will improve.

## Parambrahma das

- the first katriya meeting was held at Vrindaban Wednesday and was attended by about 20 brahmacharis
- in the kitchen, all the offerings at Vrindaban are now the same as at Bahglaben except for sangosa and malpura
- Jitavrata das began construction work on the new Daity room marble floor
- Fromrupa began building a larger front porch in his spare time
- Anadih das has made all new handkerchiefs for Radha Vrindavana Math
- Ramakrishna das has begun a new outfit for Lord Jagannath, who is also sick, contrary to previous speculation, and recovering at Yudhistira's

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kirtarananda Swami made a motion to sell Mr. Richkin a 100' x 150' parcel of land across from the Madaban temple for use in constructing Vahna das a new house. The board recommended stone or brick construction. It was tentatively approved.
- Paramedic Mr. Martin wants to continue service to the community
- devotees are encouraged to pay their own medical bills
- anyone needing medical attention and not paying cash at the time of treatment must have a signature on a permission form of Parambrahma das before charging it to his account
- no charges should be made at any place of business by devotees for any reason without permission from Parambrahma das
- A complete fruit orchard is to be planted on the bulldozed hill above the barn; Adi Pati is to submit a plan
- Water facilities are being planned for water storage on the pavillion hill in a water silo
- a Madaban guard system is needed--an electric alarm system is to be checked out for all time plus weekend guard system
- the radios are to be repaired by Gajendra das and a fourth radio is to be installed at Gurukula
- we need to contact authority Carl Haslett for learning how to train our oxen correctly

NEW BUSINESS:

- a weekly householder hints column for self sufficiency is to be included in the Brijbasi Spirit. Contributions are encouraged
- facilities for drying and canning vegetables and fruits are to be developed
- hay will be stored in the old barn; a hay crimper is to be purchased--Devakinandana will report
- the electricity is to be repaired at the water's asrama by Gajendra das

Meeting adjourned.