

# Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Varanasi

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“jiv jago, jiv jago, gaurachanda ” who is calling ?? Who is gaurachanda? Caitanya Mahaprabhu ki ..jai.

jiva jago, body is already awaken in morning for food and other bodily needs, we should take advantage of human body and chant Lords holy name. “Wake up, sleeping souls! Wake up, sleeping souls! How long will you sleep in the lap of the witch called Maya? Living like animal is also sleeping without dharma.

bhajibo boliya ese samsara-bhitare  
bhuliya rohile tumi avidyara bhare

You have forgotten the way of devotional service and are lost in the world of birth and death.

You had prayed when you were in mother’s womb oh! Lord I will chant your name, please remove me from here. But as you took birth you forgot the Lord and you were filled with avidya ignorance. Mummy mummy Maya surrounded you. And in school and colleges also they teach avidhya not raja vidya raja guhyam. Physics and chemistry etc is avidya. And then overseas education loans and what not.

tomare loite ami hoinu avatara  
ami bina bandhu ara ke ache tomara

Caitanya Mahaprabhu says I have descended just to save you; other than Myself you have no friend in this world. I am your

bandhu, dinabandhu; I am your best friend. I have brought medicine for all your problems. Which is that medicine? Harinam.

enechi aushadhi maya nasibaro lagi'  
hari-nama maha-mantra lao tumi magi'

I have brought the medicine that will wipe out the disease of illusion from which you are suffering. Take this maha-mantra—Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/Hare Rama, Hare Rama Rama Rama, Hare Hare.”

Please ask for some medicine.

Bhakti Vinod Thakur says's oh! Lord please give me harinam. You should also ask for harinam. If you don't ask how will you get harinam.

(Gurudev singing jiva jago)

In Prayag after meeting Rupa Goswami and accepting his pray. Caitanya Mahaprabhu came to Varanasi also called as Kasi. Varna river is flowing here and its only here that Ganga flows in north direction.

Along its entire north-south course of 2,520 kilometers originating in the high glaciers of the Himalayas in North India and ending in the Bay of Bengal in the East, it is here in Varanasi that the Ganges takes a broad sweep, forming a dramatic crescent, flowing in the reverse northern direction for a short distance of about 7 kilometers.

Then she flows and meets Gangasagar. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu came to Kasi. Here also kirtan took place. Kasi is headquarter of mayavadis and also Haridwar these two place.

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has therefore strictly forbidden us to associate with Mayavadi philosophers.

“Mayavadi-bhasya sunile haya sarva-nasa”

If one associates with the Mayavadi a philosophy, his devotional life is doomed. So we should not hear them.

Mayavadis says, I am Lord I am Brahman, they are filled with false ego you can't find there *trnad api sunicena taror iva sahisnuna*.

Mayavadis used to say to Caitanya Mahaprabhu that he is sannyasi but he does not read *vedansutra* just keeps dancing and kirtan. He does not know his dharma. He keeps on dancing and moving around on streets of Varanasi.

Hearing this Caitanya Mahaprabhu smiled. First when he was going to vrndavan but that time he did not pay any attention to Mayavadis but this time while returning from vrndavan. He thought now I deal with these mayavadis. Tapan Mishra was first in Bengal and he had met Caitanya Mahaprabhu in bengal and he wanted association of Caitanya Mahaprabhu . Caitanya Mahaprabhu said to him you go to Varanasi. Now as Caitanya Mahaprabhu is in Varanasi Tapan Mishra met Caitanya Mahaprabhu and had prasada at his house. And his son later became Raghunath Bhat Goswami.

So Raghunath Bhat Goswami one of the sad goswami was born in Varanasi and was son of Tapan Mishra. After prasada this child Raghunath would massage the lotus feet of Caitanya Mahaprabhu . Hearing this a desire would arise in our heart, oh! when I will get such chance to serve the Lord personally.

Mayavadis don't desire such things because their god does not have body so forget of feet. This is destruction of bhakti. And this child would also get some mahaprasada of Caitanya Mahaprabhu .

Caitanya Mahaprabhu then went from Varanasi to Jagganath puri. Caitanya Mahaprabhu had instructed Raghunath Bhatta Goswami I am going you also come to Jagganath puri. So Raghunath Bhatta Goswami stayed for 8 months in Jagganath puri and then Caitanya Mahaprabhu sent him to vrndavan. He loved bhagvatam

and as Luv and Kush would sing Ramayana like that he would sing bhagvatam in three different melodies. And Caitanya Mahaprabhu liked his singing very much.

Mayavadis were reading vedantsutra and were offending Caitanya Mahaprabhu . A marathi Brahman heard it and he could not tolerate this. And he became very sad and he met Caitanya Mahaprabhu and said people are doing your offending you and this nama aparadha and vaishnava aparadha.

“mayavadi krsna aparadhi”

Prakasananda Saraswati a mayavadi sanyasi was in Varanasi and he had 60000 disciples. Caitanya Mahaprabhu was invited by him. Now in dharma sabha Prakasananda Saraswati was seating on vyasana and Caitanya Mahaprabhu came and sat at the door where people wash their feet before entering. So Caitanya Mahaprabhu was very humble. Prakasananda Saraswati was surprised and all of them got up. Oh! Why are you sitting here get up and sit on asan.

And half of them were defeated by Caitanya Mahaprabhu's humility.

They asked to Caitanya Mahaprabhu, why you keep dancing and doing kirtan. And discussion started and vada vivad started. You are sanyasi you should meditate. You don't sit; you just keep dancing.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu does kirtan and that's meditation only. Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Varanasi visit. And He stayed here for two months. And maybe He did kirtan on the streets nearby in the area where we are staying.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu's in Varanasi did kirtan. And defeated Mayavada. He was digvijay sanyasai where ever He went He established harinam. And Prakasananda Sarawati became follower of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and also his 60000 disciples. He filled Varanasi with kirtan.

“jahnavi tatvane jaga jana lobha”

Arti of Caitanya Mahaprabhu takes place at bank of ganga and Brahma Shiv ; Sukdev goswami ; Naradamuni; come for arti .

And a famous dialogue between Sanatan Goswami and Caitanya Mahaprabhu it went on for two months. So based on these instruction there is a book written named as teachings of Caitanya Mahaprabhu .

U all should read this book it's a advanced course. Sanatan Goswami is one of the associate of Caitanya Mahaprabhu . He came with Caitanya Mahaprabhu from Golok. So what is left for him to be known.

Mahaprabhu said, “Guru mora murkha dekhi – My Guru Maharaja told me that because I am foolish and unintelligent, I am not qualified to study Vedanta. He said that instead I should always chant Hare Krsna and I should remember this verse:

harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam

kalau nasty eva nasty eva nasty eva gatih anyatha

(Caitanya Caritamrta Adi-lila 17.21).

Nimai pandit and he defeated many with His panditva . And one of them is Keshva Kashmiri.

Krishna had said “vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyo vedanta-krd veda-vid eva caham”. You should read vedas to know the Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu . I know all about Vedas and to know me you should read Vedas.

My gurus told me just chant this mantra and its essence of all the mantras. That's why Brahma said,

hare krishna hare krishna, krishna krishna hare hare.

hare rama hare rama, rama rama hare hare

iti shodashakam namnam, kali-kalmasha-nashanam;

natah parataropayah, sarva-vedeshu drishyater

Lord Brahma said,

The sixteen words-Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare; Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare-are especially meant for completely destroying all the contamination of Kali. To save oneself from the contamination of Kali-yuga, there is no alternative in all the Vedas except the chanting of this sixteen-word mantra.

First acharya is Brahma then others acharyas in disciplic succession till Srila Prabhupada and this mantra is the only solution and there is no mantra above this mantra. Who said this? Brahma, authority in our parampara.

In Kali who can read sanskrit and even if one can read no one can understand. Now people read news paper that's their Veda. Common men can't read vedantsutra. So they should chant the holy name. And when 4,32000 years will finish then there will be satyuga that time you can sit and read vedantsutra.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, I got this mantra in Gaya. He had gone from Mayapur to Gaya. He met Isvarpuri in Gaya. And once He would chant Hare Krsna He would be filled with Krishna consciousness .

He said to his guru,

What kind of mantra you have given to me? "japite japite mantra karela pagal" I have become pagal, pagala baba, I have become pagal, madman chanting this holy names "kiba mantra dila gosai, kiba tara bala". And then guru ji said oh! that's great you have achieved perfection of mantra.

There are 7 moksha puris, people go and stay at these places at the end of life and wait there to die so that they can achieve moksha. But devotees don't expect moksha they want prem. Vaishnav wants pancham purushartha which is devotional services. And by chanting you all can achieve it.

Hearing to Caitanya Mahaprabhu all the mayavadis became bhakta and started dancing and chanting the holy name.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu ki... jai