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Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

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Imagine this scenario...
You are a great Krishna
devotee... on a flight..



Your plane is cruising at its top speed... It is a very nice day...



You wanted to finish your chanting rounds for the day..



In the middle of your chanting, something happens..



Roof of your plane starts breaking and you see the sky above!

In seconds you see you are not in the plane anymore....






What will you do?

- a) Continue your chanting?
- b) Call Krishna to help?
- c) Panic, scared & collapse?



Accidents happen.. Like roller coaster flying away..!

A public execution scene in an open field. A man in a light-colored uniform is kneeling on a blue cloth on the ground, his head covered with a black cloth. Another man in a light-colored uniform and a black balaclava stands next to him, pointing towards the crowd. A large crowd of people is gathered in the background, some sitting on the ground and others standing. The scene is set in a dry, open area under a clear sky.

Accused are being killed every
Friday in Arabian countries..
They are so scared when killed..



News: People killed themselves OR died of heart attack when they heard that



Malaysia: A volunteer acting in the act of crucifixion



Filipinos: Another volunteer acting in a real crucifixion

But Lord Jesus Christ
– Son of God –
‘actually’ took the
punishment of
crucifixion!



Why? Lord's associates in pastimes go thru the pains and sufferings to bring jivas back



Bhakta Prahlad was thrown
from the top of the
mountain!

Was he scared?

No.. He did not have the
slightest fear!

Why?

Important: Associates of Krishna in His pastimes are not afraid of death or sufferings..

Devaki & Vasudeva were imprisoned by Kamsa for 12+ Years! They went thru the tortures of imprisonment..



Have you seen inside any real prison cells?







Dark and fully closed cells for severe punishments..



Even more agonising
for severe
punishments..



But note that there are victims who had been wrongly accused!

Sometimes killed for no real crime!



But, if I am scared of death or feel pain in the service of Lord,

- I am not liberated
- I have not received the mercy of Krishna
- I am still attached to my body
- I am not even fit to be a demigod!



- I am body conscious
- I may be health conscious
- I may be money conscious

Qn: What is going to happen to YOU in next birth?



And what are you going to do for that?

And how many births you are forced to take?



Jaya Rādha Mādhava
Jaya Kunja Vihārī

Jaya Gopī Jana Vallabha
Jaya Giri Vara Dhārī ... (Jaya)

Yaśodā Nandana Vraja Jana Ranjana
Yamunā tīra Vana Cārī ... (Jaya)

[Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma
Rāma Rāma Hare Hare]



Even in this filthy world of misery, we think we are happy!

This is our illusion – the Maya!!!

We do things spiritually unnecessary and non-sense that has no value!

And many believe that they will even go to Vaikuntha!
“Lord Shiva can’t go? So what? I can go very easily!”



For baddha jivas who from Maha Vishnu, Vaikuntha is ultimate..
All the 4 kinds of liberations are met there!

1. Salokya
2. Sarsti
3. Samipyaa
4. Sarupya
5. Ekatvam



Once one goes there, no one can fall down! Because they had crossed the Vraja River..

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Prelude: [Yad gatvaa na nivartante
Tad dhaama paramam mama..] (2)

No one falls from Vaikuntha
No one falls from Goloka
Krishna taught us the Vedanta
Gita and Guru's Siddhanta ... (No one)

Born from the belly of Maha Vishnu
Baddha Jivas come to Tatastha
We haven't seen our Pita Krishna
As we looked at the Maha Maya ... (No one)

Krishna sends from Goloka
His own dears to Brahmanda
They don't fall from their Dhama
They come to take us to Goloka ... (No one)



Quick Insights from Last Episode

Qualities of Demi-Gods...

- *Takes 'POSITION' in running the brahmanda*
- *Passes on all worships to Supreme Lord*
- *No envy on progress of own bhakta*
- *No envy when bhakta also worships other gods*
- *No punishing when insulted*
- *Can 'adjust' karmic results temporarily*
- *Satisfied when Bhagavan is satisfied*
- Always works under the will of Supreme Lord
- Volunteer to participate in the pastimes of Lord

Also from the Last Episode...

- Krishna is the script writer
- Yoga Maya is the Director
- Krishna is the Hero

But they also have other characters like:

**** The Joker ****

**** Pastime Enforcer ****





Haridas
Thakur was
beaten in 22
market
places !
Tortured!

Mahaprabhu
did not show
up until very
late..

Why?

Khanda Khanda Deha Mora
Jaaya Yadi Praana
Tathaapiha Vadane Naa
Chaari Harinaama ... (C.B. 1.14.135)



[Though my body may be torn to bits and
my life may leave it, even then I will never
give up chanting the Holy Names of Lord
Hari]



When Lord Narayana appeared in Mathura in the cell of Kamsa, it was the Vaikuntha .. But here are some genuine questions: ..



1) Why did they have to undergo the suffering?

2) Why were they imprisoned to miss the most precious childhood pastimes of Krishna?



Shackles of Vaikuntha

Question:

Suppose a devotee is so advanced and wants to be like Yashoda or Nandababa (or Devaki or Vasudeva), is it possible to become like?

How does Krishna arrange it?



Even Putana (as Bali maharaja's sister) had the desire of getting Vamana as her son..

And eventually Putana was given a place in Goloka as a nursing mother to Krishna..

But, if some one wants to be like mother Yashoda, what does Krishna do?





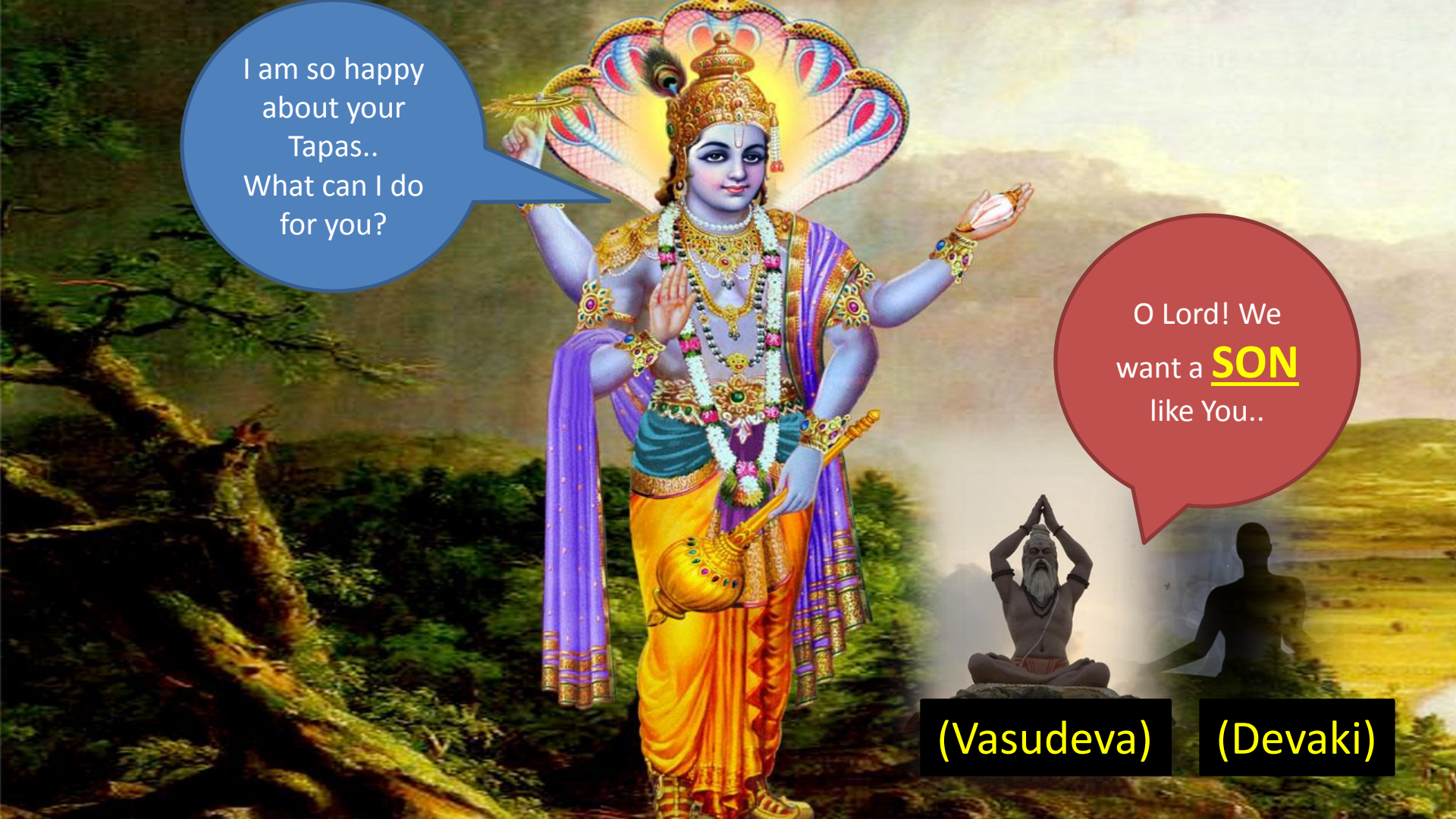
Haridas Thakur's body had 3 souls...



Sutapa & Prsni meditated for thousands of celestial years..



Drona & Dhara also meditated for thousands of celestial years..

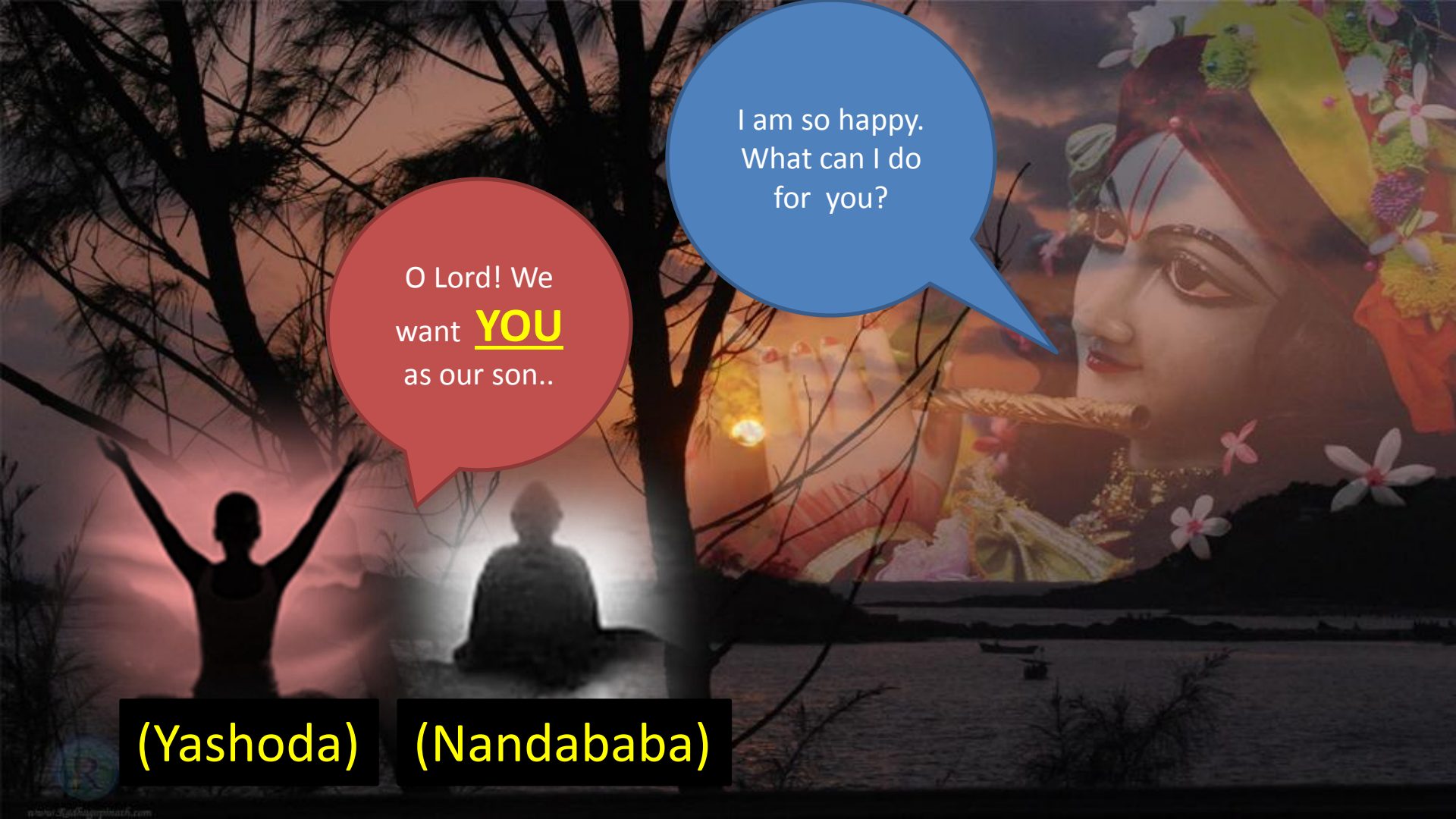


I am so happy
about your
Tapas..
What can I do
for you?

O Lord! We
want a **SON**
like You..

(Vasudeva)

(Devaki)

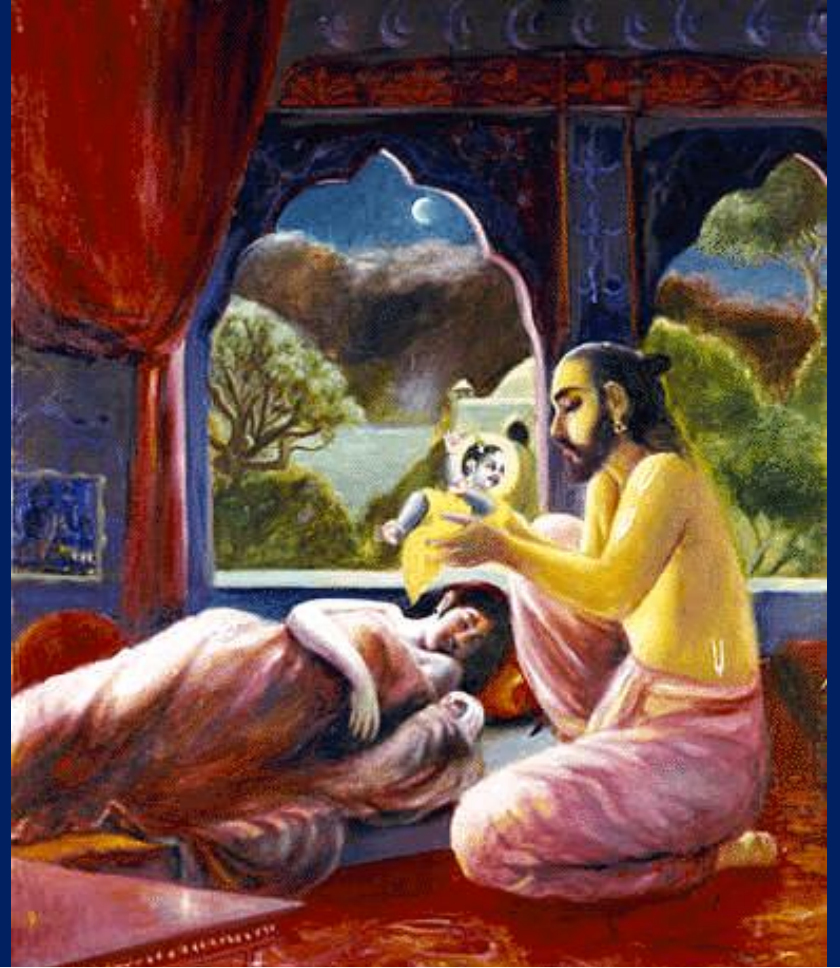


O Lord! We
want **YOU**
as our son..

I am so happy.
What can I do
for you?

(Yashoda)

(Nandababa)



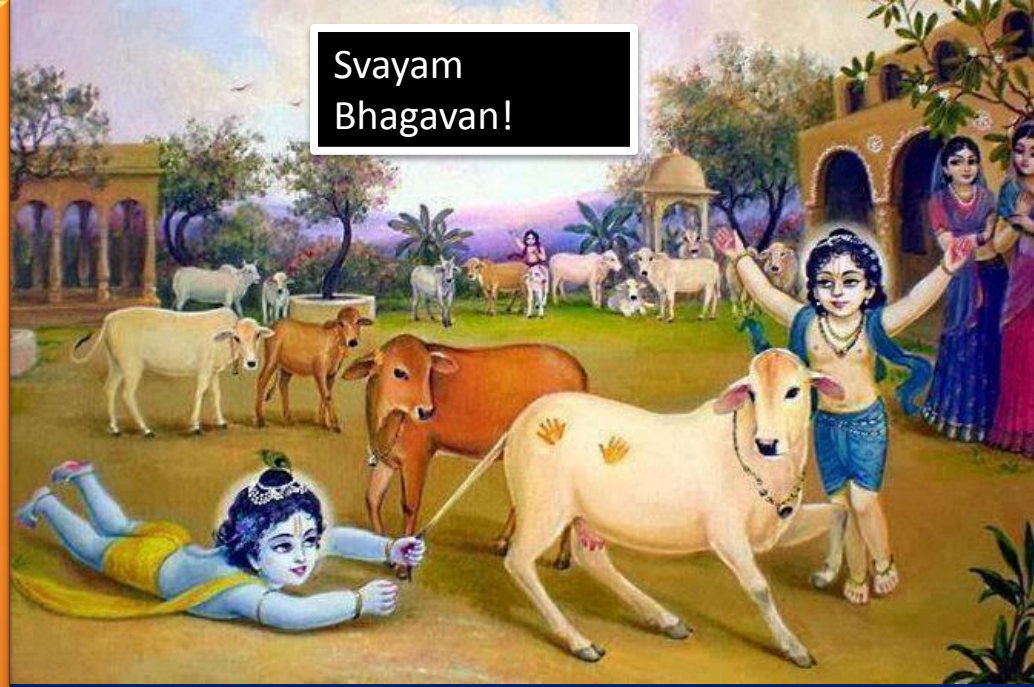
Vasudeva form and Svayam Bhagavan appeared at the same time..

Avatar via Lord
Vishnu!



Avatar!

Svayam
Bhagavan!



Not Avatar!

vrindavanam parityajya
padam ekam na gacchati

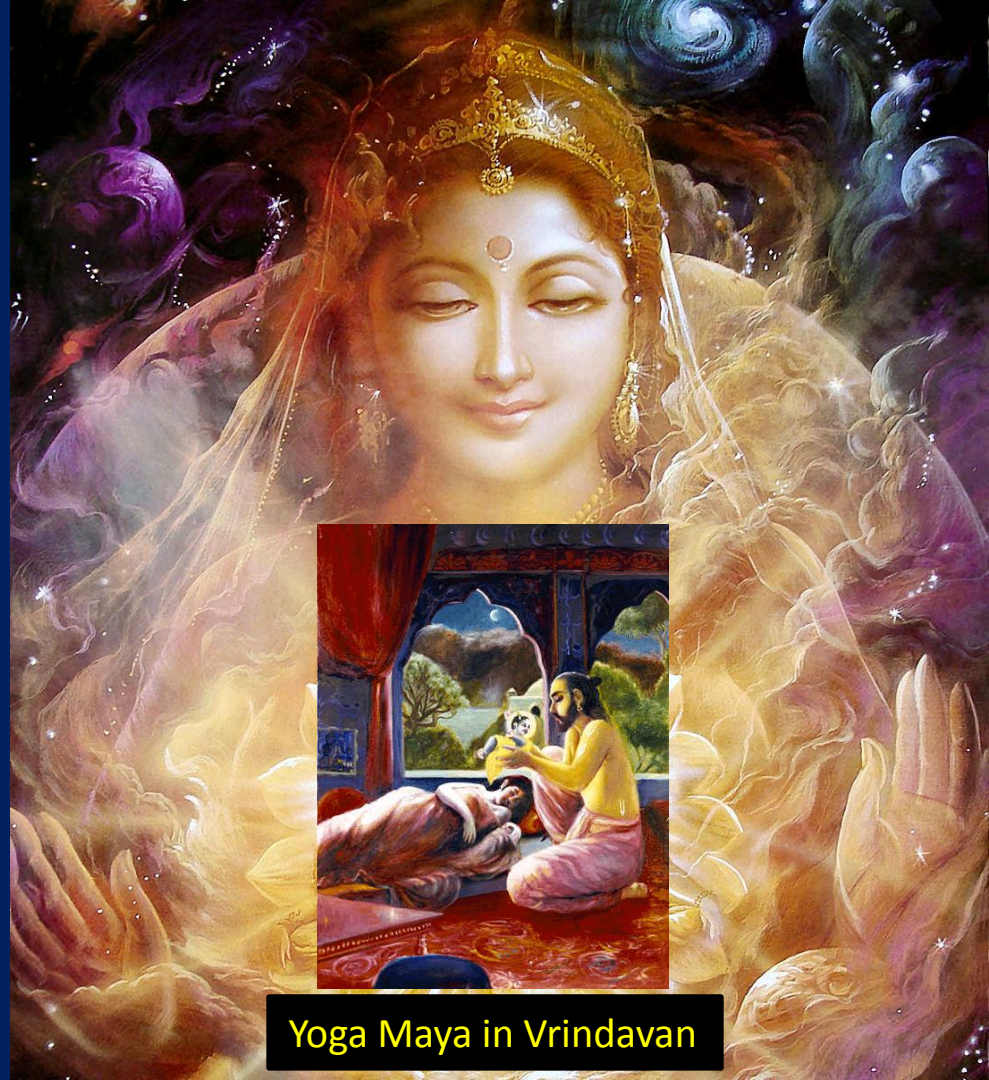
Lord Krishna does not step out of Goloka Vrindavan even a single step!



If someone refuses to come out of cradle, what do you do to take them to a different place?



Maha Maya in Mathura



Yoga Maya in Vrindavan



Sorrow & Fear



Bliss



Mood in Mathura - Fearful



Mood in Gokul – Pure Love



Mood in Mathura



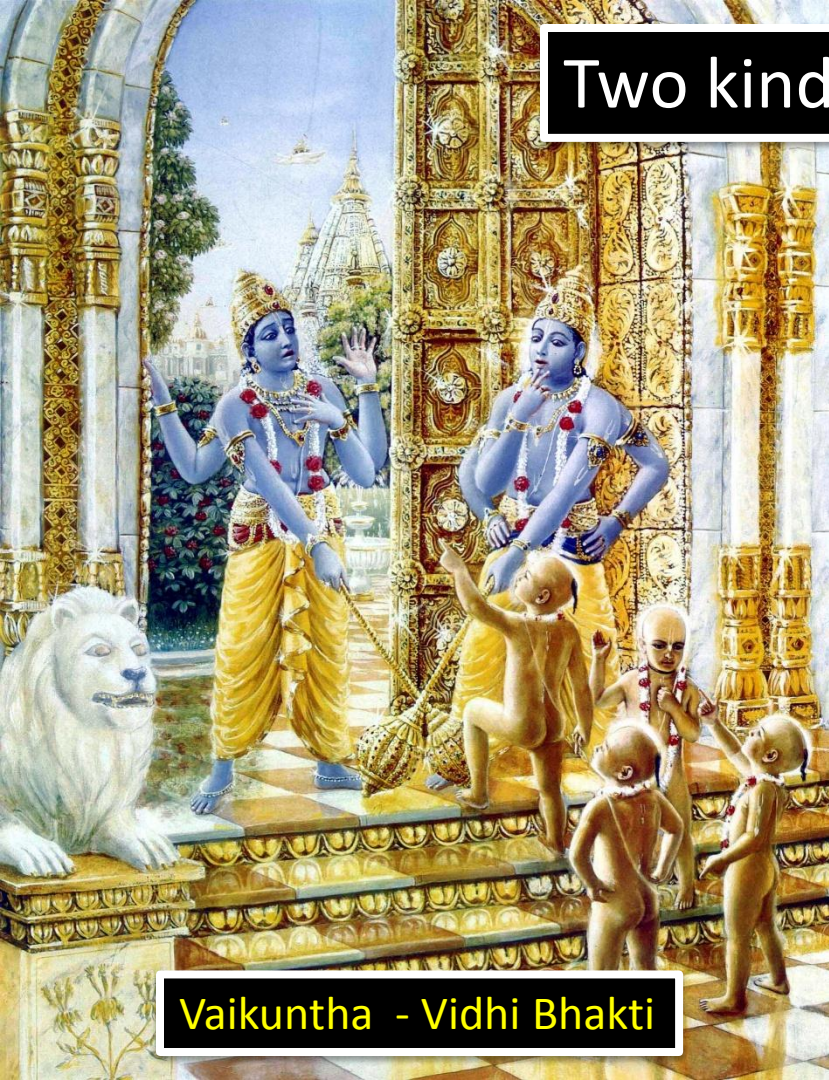
Mood in Gokul



Meera Bai was forced to drink poison by the priest of Kaali temple for not letting meat to be brought into her palace..

Associates of Krishna in His pastimes are not afraid of death or sufferings..

Two kinds of Bhakti...

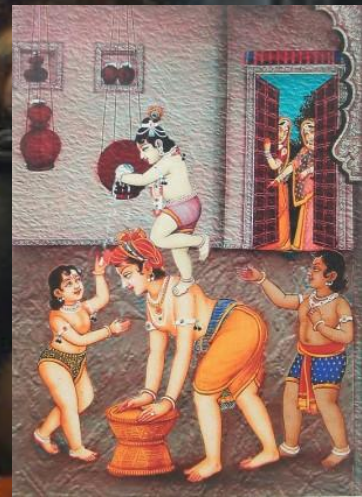
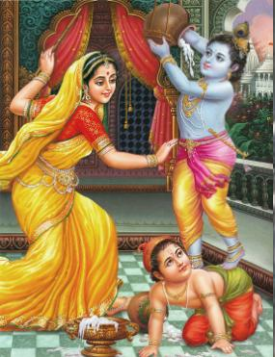


Vaikuntha - Vidhi Bhakti

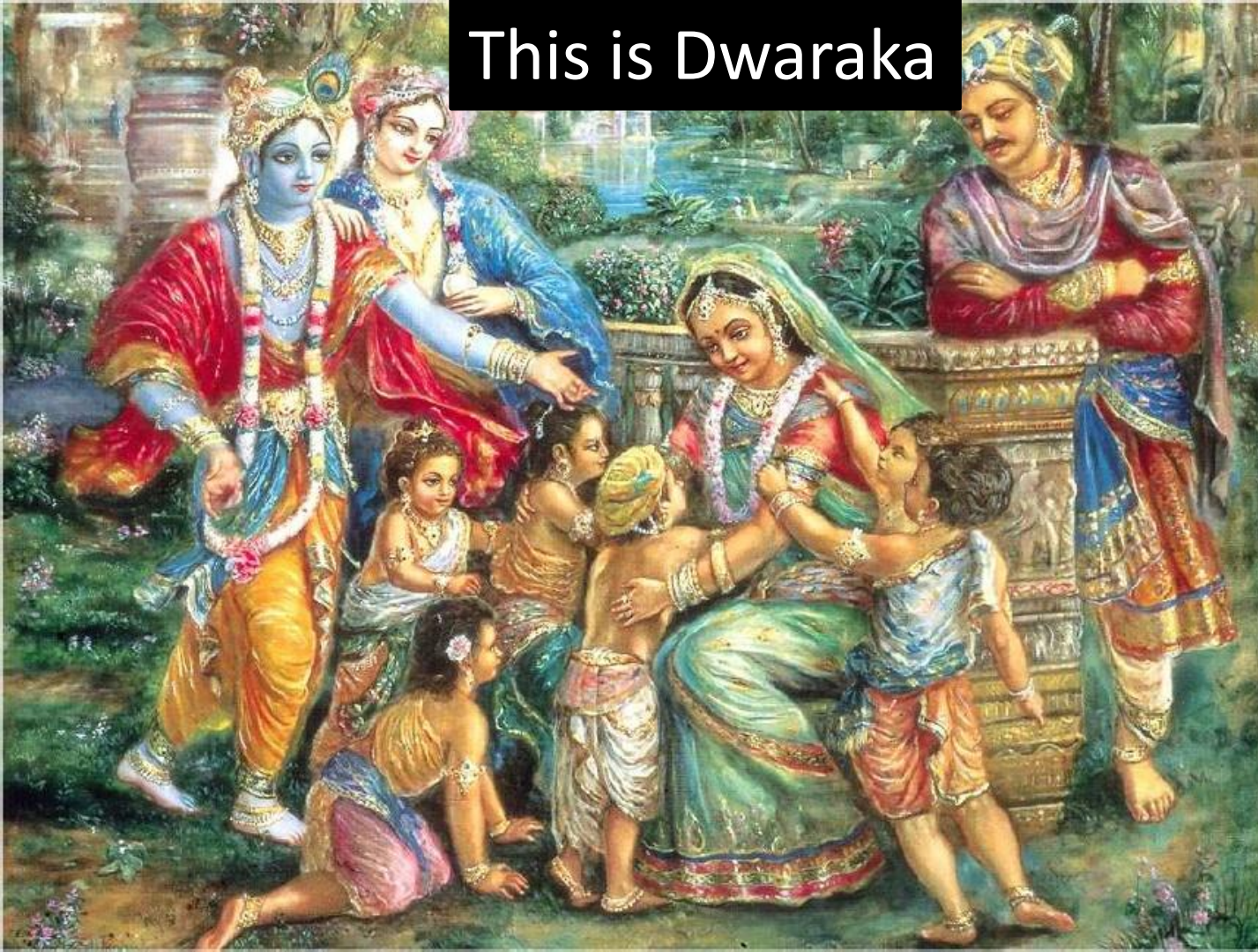


Vraja – Vraja Bhakti

This is Vraja



This is Dwaraka



Later relationship was different..

The relation as with a grown up child..

Devaki became under the protection of son.

*asad-vārtā-vesyā visrja mati-sarvasva-haraṇīh
kathā mukti-vyāghryā na srṇu kila sarvātma-gilanīh
api tyaktvā laksmi-pati-ratim ito vyoma-nayanīm
vraje rādhā-krsnau sva-rati-mani-dau tvam bhaja manah*



- Manah Siksha – Text 4

O mind, give up friendship with non-devotees, which is nothing but a prostitute who will steal the treasure of your heart— i.e your desire to serve Radha-Krsna. Don't listen to talks of liberation, which are a tigress who devours everyone. You should even **give up attraction for Lord Narayana**, which leads to the world of Vaikuntha. Instead, O mind, just worship Sri Sri Radha-Krsna in Vraja, for They bestow upon their worshipers the jewel of pure love for Themselves.

In Vaikuntha there are 4 kinds of liberation

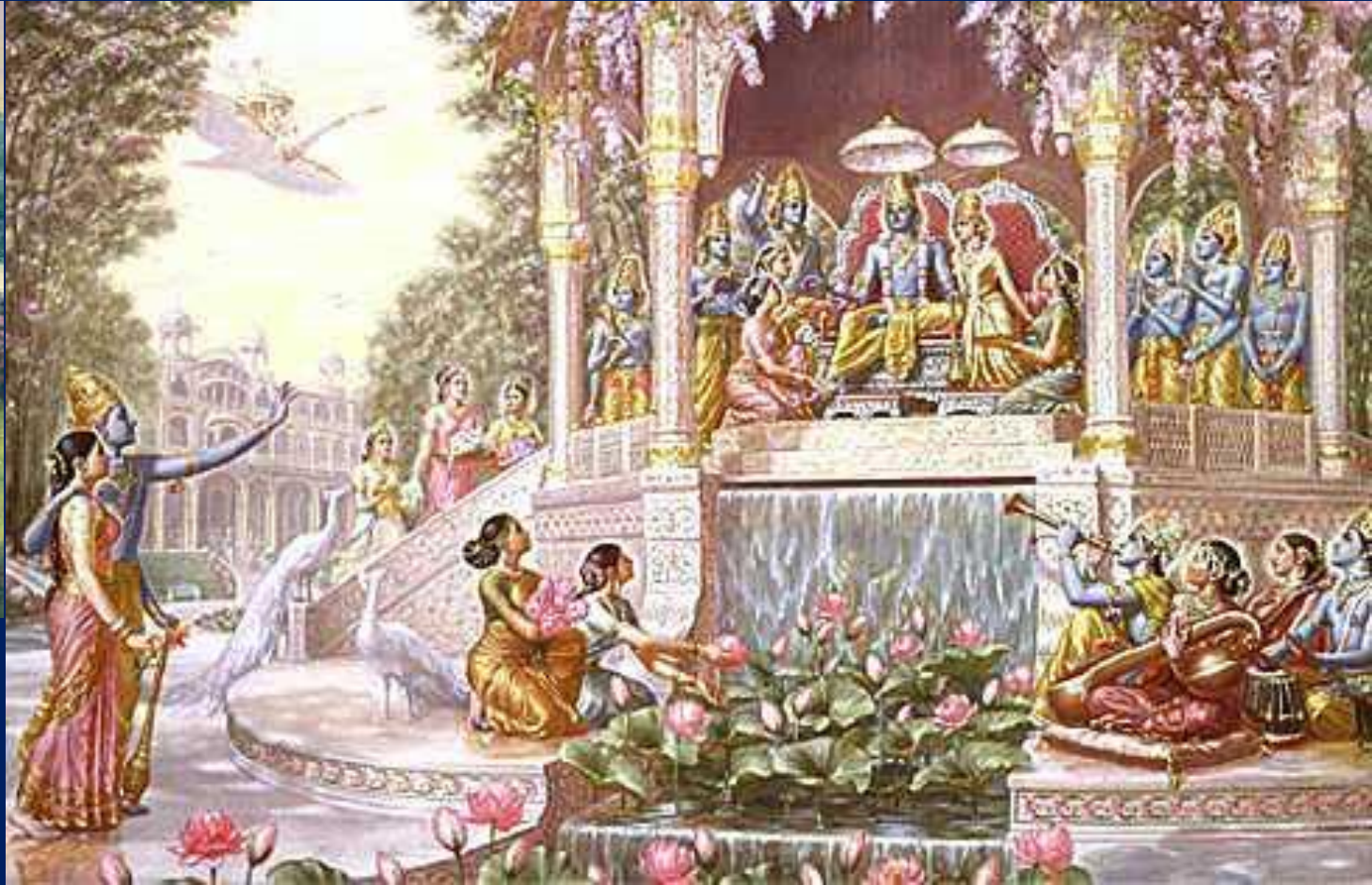
1. Salokya
2. Sarsti
3. Samipyaa
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3 Types of Vaikuntha Lokas...

- Eternal Vaikuntha (of Lord Narayana) – ONE
 - Unlimited Chambers
- Vaikuntha in Each Brahmanda (Kshiradakasayi Vishnu)
 - Unlimited in numbers
 - Milk Ocean
- Bhuloka Vaikuntha - Several (Vishnu)
 - Several such as Sri Rangam, Guruvayur, Mathura...

Gopa Kumara's big grief in Vaikuntha – place of no anxiety!...



No to Vaikuntha, Never to Vaikuntha
Only Goloka - Krishna Only to Goloka! ... (No)

In Vaikuntha, I can't play with You
I can't laugh with You I can't eat with You!...(No)

In Vaikuntha I can't dance with You
I can't joke with You I can't run with You! ...(No)

In Goloka, I can play with You
I can laugh with You I can eat with You! ... (No)

In Goloka I can dance with You
I can joke with You I can run with You! ... (No)

--- Ending ---

No to Vaikuntha, Never to Vaikuntha!
Only Goloka, Krishna Only to Goloka!



Gopa Kumara (Sarupa) finally reaches Krishna! ..




So, what is the real nature of Vaikuntha?

It has many shackles.. What are they?

- Mainly only Dasya bhava
- Very little trace of Vatsalya bhava
- Very little trace of Sakhya Bhava
- Very little trace of Madhurya Bhava
(but only Svakiya, no Parakiya)



This is a type
of Vidhi Bhakti
—
With very strict
rules and
worshipping in
great
reverence
mixed with fear
and at
distance..



Vidhi Bhakti is a shackle
to get Vraja Bhakti!

But it is a step...

Krishna also says that He can't be attained by Vaidhi Bhakti!

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Sakala jagate more,
kare vidhi-bhakti

Vidhi-bhaktye Vraja-bhāva,
pāite nāhi sakti (C.C. Adi 3.15)



[Lord Krsna said, "Everywhere in the world people worship Me according to scriptural injunctions. But simply by following such regulative principles one cannot attain the loving sentiments of the devotees in Vrajabhumi.]

Even in Vaikuntha, Lord likes more of love only..

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Nāham vasāmi vaikunthe
Yoginām hrdayena ca
Mad-bhaktā yatra gāyanti
Tatra tisthāmi Nārada ... (Padma Purana)



[O Narada! I do not reside in Vaikuntha nor am I in the hearts of the yogis. I reside where My devotees glorify My name, form, qualities and My transcendental pastimes.]

Spiritual destinations are according to the desire of the Jivas..

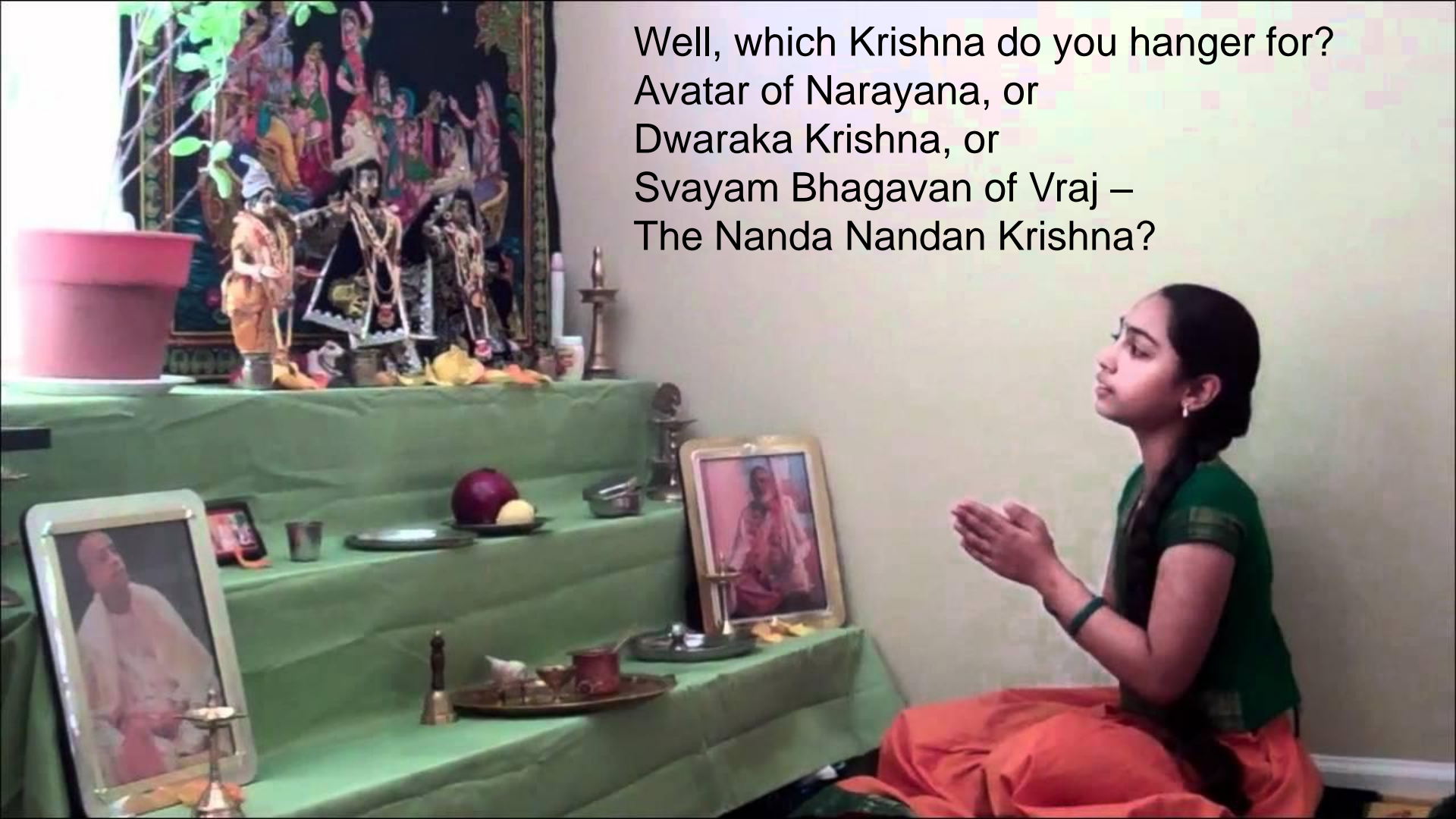


Goloka-nāmni nija-dhāmni tale ca tasya
 Devi mahesa-hari-dhāmasu teṣu teṣu
 Te te prabhava-nicayā vihitās ca yena
 Govindam ādi-puruṣam tam aham bhajāmi
 (Brahma Samhita 5.43)

[Devi-dhama, the material world, consists of 14 planetary systems. Above this lies Mahesa-dhama [abode of Sada Siva]; above that is Hari-dhama [Vaikuntha] and above them lies Goloka, the abode of Svayam Bhagavan, Sri Govinda. I worship that original Supreme Personality]



Well, which Krishna do you hanger for?
Avatar of Narayana, or
Dwaraka Krishna, or
Svayam Bhagavan of Vraj –
The Nanda Nandan Krishna?



But, beware: He will fool you to see if you 'really' want Him!



He hides behind every one.. Revealing only to His dear ones!



When Sadhu Bhṛigu kicked at the chest of Lord Vishnu, what did He do?

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Why do you do that, why do you do that,
 O' the god of the gods!
 Why do you do that, Why do you do that,
 O my dear Lord! ... (Why)

You became a chariot driver, for a war of a dear
 You washed the feet of guests, I don't want to hear
 You worshipped Lord Siva, as a great cheater
 You washed and massaged sri,Sudama's feet greater ...(Why)

You begged and danced for the, will of gopis treat
 You wore the holy dust of, vraja gopis' feet
 You cried when mother Yasoda, bound you on a stone
 You carried the sandal of, Nanda baba's own ... (Why)

You are controlled by the will of, your own very dear
 You hide your own glories , no one can be near
 Why do you do that, why do you do that, O the Supreme Lord
 Why do you do that, Why do you do that
 O my sweet Lord! ... (Why)



So, what are you going to ask from Krishna?



Oh, I want
the BEST
Deals &
Bargains in
the coming
Thanksgiving
& Christmas
Shopping?

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Wrong is wrong
even if everyone
is doing it.
Right is right
even if no one
is doing it!



Can each of you summarize what we covered?



Hare Krishna!



Question:

When Arjuna saw the Universal form, he was scared and fearful..

He wanted Krishna to show one particular form..
Which form is that?

And what did Krishna show?
How many handed form?

Who are Baddha Jivas?.. What happens to them?

Svarupārthair hinān nija sukha parān krsna vimukhān
Harer māyā dandyān guna nigadha jālah kalayati
Tathā sthulair lingai dvidha varanaih klesa nikarai
Rmmahā karmā ālanairnayati patitan svarga nirayau

Sri Dasamula Nirayas – Text 7

Why Devaki & Vasudeva were in shackles?

Their mood did not have real Vatsalya Bhava as Yashoda & Nanda Baba – Shackle

So, for higher bhavas, Vaikuntha is not the place to be.. There are so many shackles!

That was what Devaki & Vasudeva went thru. It is Bhagavan who is indirectly telling these.

Dwaraka Krishna was to leave to His abode...

- Dwaraka-vasis were attacked many times
- They became addicted to intoxication
- They killed each other at the end!
- All gopies were kidnapped by millions of decoits
- Who were those decoits?
- Arjuna could not shoot any arrow then! Why?
- What does it all tell?


So, why were Devaki & Vasudeva had to be in Jail missing the early pastimes of Lord Krishna?

They asked only for a 'son' like Krishna
No Vatsalya Bhava as Yashoda & Nandababa
Suffered due to be part of Krishna's pastime
Krishna's hint that Vaikuntha bhakti has SHACKLES

We hear daily all kinds of things going on this world ...



In Chandigarh, A boy born with 7" tail is being worshipped as God..!

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