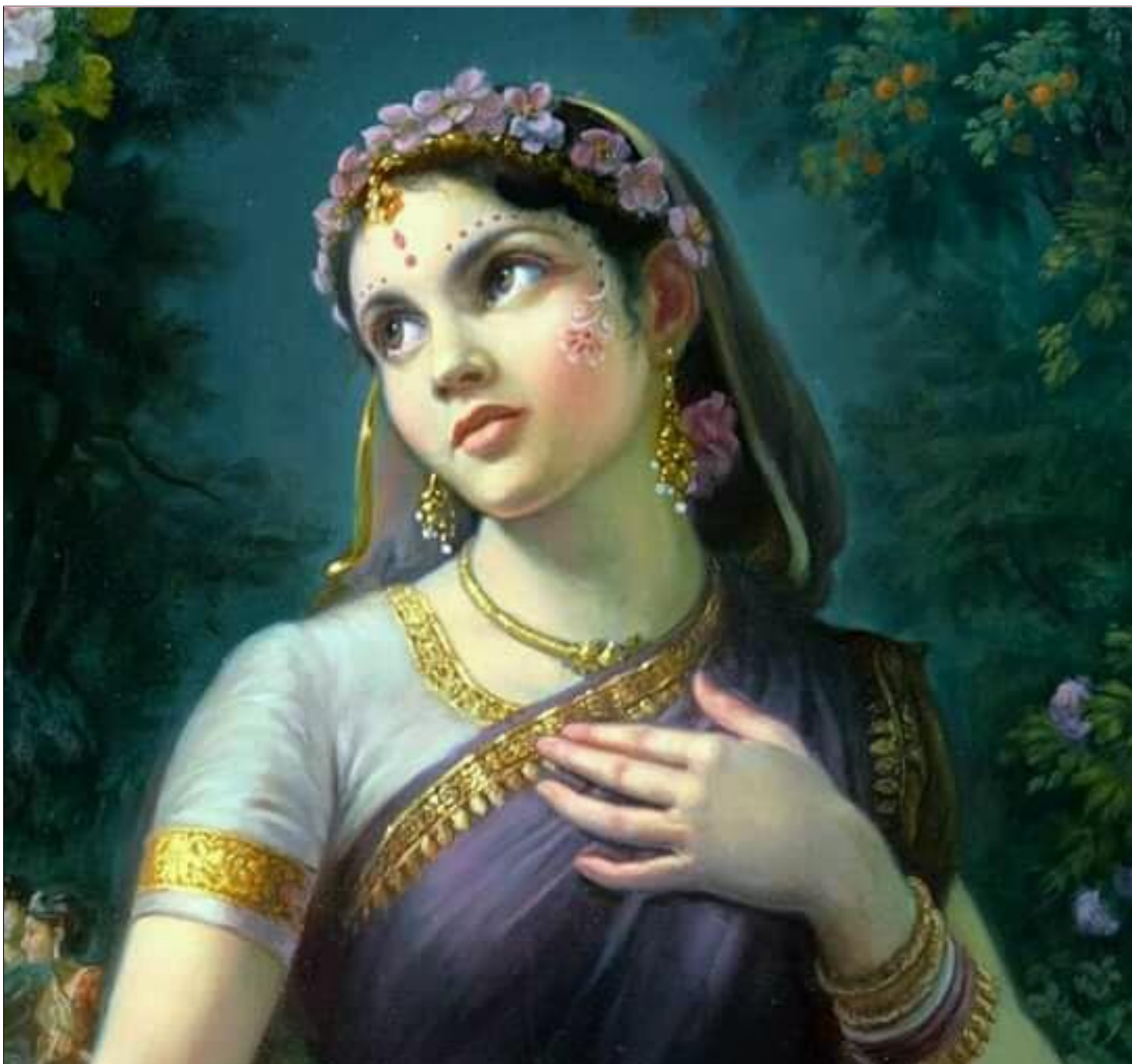




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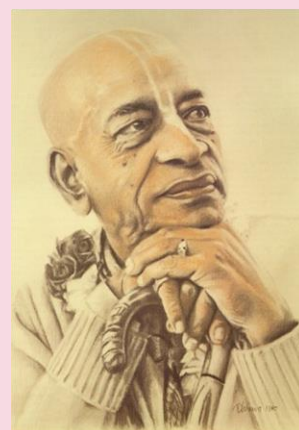
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1. SRIMATI RADHARANI

Srimati Radharani is the reservoir of Krishna's pleasure. Krishna is anandamaya and She is Krishna's pleasure potency. All Krishna's pleasure and all of Krishna's joy is simply based on Srimati Radharani. Therefore when you go to Vrindavan what is the principle consideration? The loving exchange between Radha and Krishna and everything else is around that relationship. Other Gopis are there supporting that loving exchange.

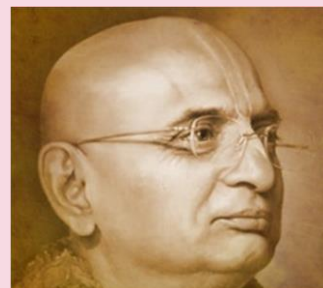


What is Radharani's mood? Mahabhava. Srimati Radharani is the embodiment of Mahabhava. Mahabhava is the highest form of devotion. Radharani is the personification of devotion to Krishna. She is the personified hladini-sakti and this hladini-sakti is the intense form of devotion for Krishna. Krishna came assuming the mood of Srimati Radharani that is Caitanya Mahaprabhu. In simple words Krishna is playing the role of Srimati Radharani. Caitanya Mahaprabhu is Krishna acting like Radharani. Krishna displaying the mood of Radharani.



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Krishna is displaying devotion to Krishna in the mood of Srimati Radharani. Okay now you consider when you are following Caitanya Mahaprabhu who are you following? Srimati Radharani. Who is the greatest Ragat-mika-bhakta of Vrindavan? Srimati Radharani.



When you are following Caitanya Mahaprabhu what kind of devotion are you executing? Raganuga-bhakti. The greatest Ragat-mika-bhakta is Srimati Radharani and following Srimati Radharani means Raganuga-bhakti. So now you see Vaidhi bhakti to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is automatically transformed into Raganuga-bhakti that is what Nityananda prabhu explained to Jiva Goswami. Same point being made by Prabodhananda Sarasvati Thakur, just one verse *yatha yatha gaura padaravinde vindeta bhaktim kṛta-punya-rasih tatha tathotsarpati hr̥dy akasmad radha-padambhoja-sudhambu-*

rasih. As one develops his attachment to the lotus feet of Gaura, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, he develops his bhakti, his devotion to the lotus feet of Caitanya Mahaprabhu due to heaps of pious activities accordingly springs forth the nectar that is flowing from the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani. And what is the nectar of the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani? Vraja bhakti. This is how we can see how perfectly Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu gave this process for all of us and how wonderfully Srila Prabhupada has presented it to us all over the world.

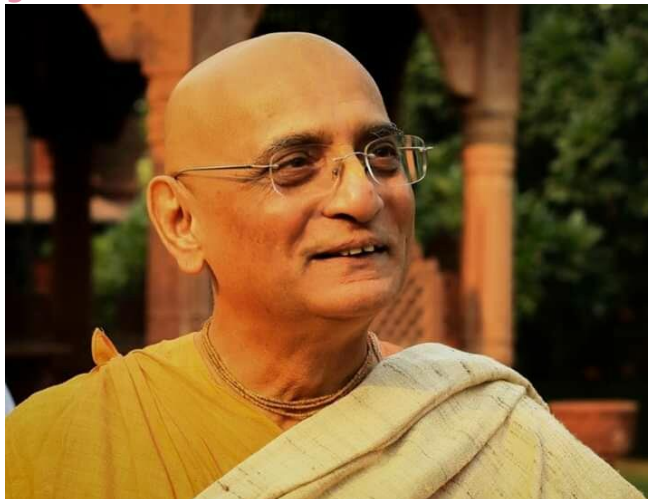


2. SRILA PRABHUPADA APPRECIATION



This is the manifestation of Srila Prabhupada's causeless mercy, it is simply due to his causeless mercy that today we can get together on an occasion like this and speak about Srimati Radharani and Sri Krishna. Had we not have come into contact with Srila Prabhupada or ISKCON, this good fortune would have not been there for us.

3. GURU MAHARAJA'S INSTRUCTIONS



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