

Initiations and Wedding
[parital recording]

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Those initiated were Jayādvaita [Jay Israel], Jayānarayana [Jay Mayo], Vāmanadeva [Bob Pekala] and Mādhavendra [Michael O'Leary]. Those married were Advaita and Balai, Hamsadūta and Himāvati.

Audio

[Prayer to Lord Govinda, *kīrtana*]

*govinda jaya jaya, goṇāla jaya jaya
rādhā-ramaṇa hari, govinda jaya jaya*

[Prayer to Lord Govinda]

Prabhupāda: [Devotees repeat responsively with *Jaya* after each verse]

*jaya om viṣṇu-ṇāda ṇaramahaṁsa ṇarivrājakācārya aṣṭottara-ṣata śrī śrīmad
bhaktisiddhānta sarasvatī gosvāmī prabhupāda ki jaya.*

*ananta-koṭi vaiṣṇava-vṇnda ki jaya.
nāmācārya śrīla haridāsa ṭhākura kī jaya.
premse kaho śrī-krṣṇa-caitanya-ṇrabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara*

śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda kī jaya.
śrī śrī rādhā-kṛṣṇa gopa-gopīnātha śyāma-kuṇḍa rādhā-kuṇḍa giri-govardhana kī
jaya.
vṛndāvana-dhāma kī jaya.
navadvīpa-dhāma kī jaya.
yamunāmayī ki jaya.
gaṅgāmayī ki jaya.
bhaktidevī ki jaya.
tulasīdevī ki jaya.
samavetā-bhakta-vṛndā kī jaya
[prema-dhvani]

[Devotees repeat responsively with Hare Kṛṣṇa after each chant]

All glories to the assembled devotees. All glories to the assembled devotees. All glories to the assembled devotees.

Thank you very much.

Devotees: All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
[Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇati]

Hare Kṛṣṇa!

[Devotee chants *mahā-mantra*]

Prabhupāda: Now we give Sītā..

Mātājī: Yes.

Prabhupāda: Yes.

[Devotee chants *mahā-mantra*]

Prabhupāda: To everyone and distribute *prasādam*. That is wanted...
Somebody? Yes.

Mātājī: Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa.

Devotee: Are you making *tilaka*?

Mātājī: [indistinct]

Mātājī (2): Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Devotee: Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa..

Prabhupāda: Hm..

[Noise of traffic in the background and devotee chanting]

That's all right distribute... [Laughs]... Balāi dāsī is looking like Goddess of Fortune.

Devotees: [Laughter] Haribol!

Prabhupāda: [Sounds of Prabhupāda eating] You're fortunate, you have got such nice wife. You must treat very well. Yes. Your girl is very lucky. Because she is *kṛṣṇānaṅga* [?] and how nice she looks. Just see your daughter. Yes...

Devotee: Swamiji would you like some water?

Prabhupāda: No. There is... Distribute *prasādam* there? Nicely. They can take more. Take *prasādam* as much as you like.

Devotee: [indistinct]

Prabhupāda: Yes. It should be taken nicely. So that we shall forget eating all

nonsense.

Devotees: [Laughter]

Yamunā: Hare Kṛṣṇa!

Prabhupāda: Yes.

*kṛṣṇa baṛo doyāmoy kori bāre jihvā joy,
sva-prasād-anna dilo bhāi
[Gītāvalī, Prasāda-sevāya 1]*

He has sent *prasādam*, to conquer our, this tongue. Demands of the tongue...

[Devotee chanting *mahā-mantra* in background, while feast is being respected].

Devotees: [Sound of object moving] Haribol. [Laughter] Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Prabhupāda: *Bhagavad-gītā* says that if you want to find out fault. Even in the fire there is fault. There is smoke. But that does not mean that we shall give up fire. In this material world we find fault in everything. But we have to make progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Yes. Because we are in a dangerous position of material existence. So there may be so many discrepancies but if you make progress, steady. Everything will go all right.

Devotee: Swamiji?

Prabhupāda: Yes. That's all.... *jagannātha-svāmī nayana-ṭha-gāmī bhavatu me.*

Devotees: *Jagannātha-svāmī nayana-ṭha-gāmī bhavatu me.*

Prabhupāda:

*he kṛṣṇa karuṇā-sindho dīna-bandho jagat-ṭha
gopeśa gopikā-kānta rādhā- kānta namo 'stu te*

[Śrī Kṛṣṇa Praṇāma]

Devotees:

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
[Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇati]*

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale..

Prabhupāda: Now one parting is required here. It should be closed. After morning prayer it should be closed, after evening prayers it should be closed. That's all right we will all [laughs] sanctify. There is no need of [indistinct].

Mātāji: *Nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale, śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine..*

Devotees: Hare Kṛṣṇa.. Haribol! Haribol! All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga. Hare Kṛṣṇa!.. Clear a way.. *Jaya Kṛṣṇa.*

[Various simultaneous, excited, background conversations. Sampling as follows:]

Devotee (1): Hare Kṛṣṇa!

Devotee (2): I don't care for [indistinct]....Jayadvaita and Vamanadeva.

[Scraping of pots]

Devotee: Would anyone like to close the pictures? [indistinct].

Devotee: [indistinct]... steps. Yes you can if...

Devotee: Jayānarayana.

Devotee (2): Yeah, Jayānarayana. [Some continue talking about Jayānarayana]

Rayarama: M-A-D-H-A-V-E-N-D-R-A.

Devotee (1): Yeah we should bring this out.

Devotee (2): Hm? I think you can put that out now.

Devotee (1): Maybe we should bring it out in the courtyard.

Haṁsadūta: Yeah it's okay take it out but I think the neighbours will call the police.

Devotee (3): It's quiet out now so...

[Various simultaneous, excited, background conversations]

Haṁsadūta: Excuse me...

Mātājī: Oh, Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Devotee: Hare Kṛṣṇa, [indistinct] sari..

Mātājī: [Laughs]

Devotee: Hare Kṛṣṇa..

Devotee: Adhikārī. Advaita Dāsa Adhikārī.

Mātājī (2): What's that?

[Sizzling Sound of water pouring on fire]

Mātājī (3): Why don't you just pick up the bowl?

Devotee: He likes to do it like Svāmī, eh? [Laughter]

Devotee (3): You should take this whole thing out in the courtyard...

Devotee (2): Put in some warm water.

Haṁsadūta: All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga.

Devotee: Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Haṁsadūta: Take it out... Brahmānanda! Brahmānanda! Open the door. Take this out.

Mātājīs: [Chattering] ..

Devotee: Maybe we should.. Rinse.. Why don't you take, pick up this one someone? Four of us get each corner. You take that.. Harināma? Four people get this. And bring it up in the courtyard.

Devotee (3): Six people.

Devotee: Yeah we need six. It is very heavy.

[Various sounds of preparation]..

Devotee: If we of three people at end..

Devotee (2): In the courtyard...

Devotee: Would you take an end of this?

Devotee (2): Lift it very slowly.. Yeah, that's right..

Devotee (3): Okay.

Devotee: Someone open up the door.

Devotee (3): Watch this.. There's some *prasādam* all over the floor....

Devotee (2): Okay go ahead..

Devotee: Okay let's go. [Drama as they proceed]

Devotee (2): Watch the *prasāda*.

Devotee: Put it down, put it down!

Devotee (2): The ply. [?]

Devotee: Take the ply. [?]

Devotee (3): Get a shovel for [indistinct].

Devotee (2): Everything has to be.. Everything has to be [indistinct].

Devotee: Everything has to be safe.

Haṁsadūta: Safe?

Devotee: Everything has to be safe. Yeah.

Haṁsadūta: Where shall we put it? Where will we put this, ah?

Devotee: It must be safe.

[Various simultaneous, background conversations]

Devotee (2): [indistinct] remembered and let me know before they disappear.

Devotee (3): The Svāmī's presence.

Devotee: Yes.

Devotees: [The devotees begin singing and clapping the *mahā-mantra*]

[17:41]

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

[*Mṛdaṅga* and other instruments gradually join the *kīrtana*.. conch blows...
then conch blows to end *kīrtana*]

Devotees: Haribol!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
[Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇati]*

Brahmānanda: All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga!

Devotees: Haribol! Hare Kṛṣṇa! Hare Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa...
[End]