

Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam Ki Jai!!!

Dearest Prabhujis and Matajis,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

For those who don't know me, I am Kalacakra das from Minneapolis. I am originally from South India and i got the greatest fortune to be initiated by our Gurudev H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj in June, 2001. Maharaj has been showering his mercy all the time on me just like he is doing for every soul he meets. Last year end, i had the fortune of attending Maharaj's Vyasa puja arranged wonderfully by the Singapore devotees under the leadership of H G Devakinandan prabhu. Again, i had a greater fortune to meet Srila Gurudev in Dwaraka and did a little travel with his holiness and attend the Juhu Ratha-yatra.

Maharaj was very merciful to give me nice instructions to follow and one of the vital instructions was "To not waste even a second without scrutinizingly studying this great literature Srimad Bhagavatam and propagate the message to the public at large". Maharaj was also stressing on the point that all of us should make it a point to discuss Srimad Bhagavatam and meditate on the important points from the Purports of Srila Prabhupada as much as we can and said this will please Maharaj very much. I am sure i am not qualified in any form, but by the causeless mercy of our Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada it is possible.

I was expressing my idea to start a email group to discuss the interesting points from Srimad Bhagavatam, to Maharaj and his holiness appreciated it very much and urged me to do so as soon as i can. I emailed to a few devotees asking if they would be interested in joining the group and they said they would love to. Then I took all the devotee's id from H G Devakinandan prabhu's email list and added your names to the list. Please excuse me for the default assumption, but if you do not want to be part of the group, please feel free to unsubscribe yourself.

My intention in starting this group is to freely share our thoughts and interesting points from Srila Prabhupada's Bhagavatam and also nice revelations and realizations that we came across either by ourselves, through others or by our association with our dear Maharaj. Most of us are in different parts of the world and are not able to share this great jewel among literature with each other. I sincerely hope that this forum would bring us all together, putting Krsna and Srimad Bhagavatam in the center.

To start with, here is a very important verse spoken by Lord Kapila to Mother Devahuti (SB 3.25.25) about the importance of discussing Krsna-Katha in a group of devotees.

*satām prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ
taj-joṣaṇād āśv apavarga-vartmani
śraddhā ratir bhaktir anukramiṣyati*

"In the association of pure devotees, discussion of the pastimes and activities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is very pleasing and satisfying to the ear and the heart. By cultivating such knowledge one gradually becomes advanced on the path of liberation, and thereafter he is freed, and his attraction becomes fixed. Then real devotion and devotional service begin."

Please forgive any of my offenses and feel free to give me your feedback and suggestions on how to improve our discussions.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,
Kalacakra Krsna das

Re: Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam Ki Jai!!!

Dear Kalacakra das,

Please accept my obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to our loving Gurudeva.

Thank-you so very much for including me in your Email. I was born and raised in San Diego, and met Gurudeva there in 1994, which is when he gave me my name.

You are so fortunate to have so much association with Gurudeva. I feel a little bereft here way out in Southern California and not having been able to travel and participate in Gurudeva's ecstatic preaching events. I look forward to the discussion you have begun.

Sincerely, your servant,
Subhadra devi dasi

Re: Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam Ki Jai!!!

Dear Prabhuji,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva. Prabhuji, I think this is a wonderful idea that you have come up with and I support it wholeheartedly.

I know that during the last Vyasa Puja in Singapore we (including myself) all presented Maharaj with the synopsis of the chapters from Srimad Bhagavatam. This forum would be a good place for us all to exchange our writings. I know we all put in lot of effort, at the request of Maharaj, to write our bit and it would be good if we all share what each has written.

I attach my synopsis and my Vyasa Puja to get the ball rolling.

Your humble servant
Purna Chandra das

Ananta koti Vaishnava vrnda ki Jai!!

Dearest devotees,

Please accept my prostrated dandavats. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Thanks a million for such immediate response from so many devotees. It really shows how much love all my god-brothers and god-sisters have for our guru maharaj and attachment to Srimad Bhagavatam!!

Incidentally the first mail I got was from H G Subhadra mataji. Thanks a lot mataji for your immediate response. I was hearing a lot about your grace from our gurudev during my visit to Singapore. Maharaj was saying how you were driving all the way from San Diego to Alachua with your three kids facing so many difficulties. Maharaj was also saying how you were trying so hard to give some Lakshmi to him and it ended up in him giving some donation to you, which someone gave to maharaj just then. Maharaj was also saying one of the most interesting things that your grace was maharaj's first initiated disciple..!!!!

H G Subhadra mataji ki Jai!!! Patita pavana Srila Gurudev Ki Jai!!

H G Purnacandra prabhu, thank you so much for your enthusiastic response and the Vyasa puja offering, Summary of 5th chapter of 1st canto. That's really nice of you prabhu. I have the audio cassette where our dear god-brothers and god-sisters made their wonderful offerings to Maharaj on the Vyasa puja day and I am soon going to transcribe them to the group.

With all due respects, I request all my god-brothers and god-sisters to share their transcendental realizations in meeting with Srila Gurudev or hearing from other god-brothers and god-sisters or some wonderful points that Maharaj made in some lectures or some casual chats. This is the best medium to discuss the glories and important instructions of one of the purest devotees that we have come across in this lifetime and with whom we are still in touch with. This time in Dwaraka, Maharaj was telling me how nice it will be for all his disciples to work together as a unit in sharing their realizations and dig deep into Srimad Bhagavatam - this is the only thing that will please him. Why should we hesitate after hearing these words personally from our Gurudev's Lotus mouth?

Our Maharaj told us several times that Srila Prabhupada's purports are transcendental. There are some interesting one-liners that we often see in His Divine Grace's purports that are 'punching' in nature and are worth remembering. I found quite a few of them and am planning to send them 3-4 times a week in the name of 'Prabhupada Punch'. I had sent a few to H G Devakinandan prabhu before personally, but am planning to send more of them to the group. I would like you all Prabhujis and Matajis to share your punches and let's feel the transcendental punch of Srila Prabhupada and as Devaki prabhu was telling me once that these punches will wake us up from the lap of the witch maya!

I would like to start with one punch which our Gurudev likes the most...

"Devotional service, which is based on the foreground of full knowledge combined with detachment from material association and which is fixed by the aural reception of the Vedanta-sruti, is the only perfect method by which the seriously inquisitive student can realize the Absolute Truth." - SB 1.2.12 Purport

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada
Kalacakra Krsna das

ps : One kind request to all the sweet devotees...! When replying, if you are not replying to some specific point, please delete the message of the sender. It will prevent the other devotees' inbox from growing big unnecessarily with the same message. If you are replying to some specific point, you can quote that statement alone rather than the entire email. Thanks a lot in advance for your help.

Prabhupada Punch

Hare Krishna dear Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Here is a nice punch line from SB 3.29.45 Purport.

"A devotee desires only to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This servitude exists eternally; the Lord exists eternally, His servitor exists eternally, and the service exists eternally."

The special thing i liked in this is that Srila Prabhupada says even the 'servitude' and the 'service' exists eternally. This is something of a rare statement for me, because most of the time we tend to hear and repeat only that the Lord and the Living entities are eternal and not much about the service attitude aspect of it.

I liked one interesting point from our Gurudev's diary. Maharaj had written that this 29th chapter in 3rd canto entitled 'Explanation of devotional service' is very very important to study and meditate upon.

Thanks a lot
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Gurudev,
Kalacakra Krsna das