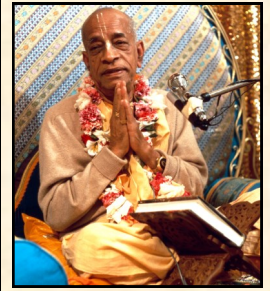


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Krishna Janmashthami (appearance of Lord Krishna) @ Sukumwit 19, Bkk.



We have been celebrating Sri Krishna Janmashthami (the appearance day of Lord Krishna) in Sukumwit 19, Grandville apartment hall for last 6 years. It was organized by Sukumwit devotees and Iskcon Center at Ramkhamheng 24. Many of the participating devotees and well-wishers often join the house programs we conduct in the region.

The spiritual event started with kirtana by the ex/current student devotees from the center. Then we chanted Brahma Samhita prayers and concurrently the deity of Lord Krishna was bathed with fruit juices, ghee, milk, honey and water. The culture of bathing the Lord is prevalent in Thai culture as well. So, people from all background stood in lines waiting anxiously for their turn to bathe Lord Krishna on His appearance day.

H.H Vedavyasa Priya Swami gave class on the significance of the appearance of Lord Krishna and His transcendental pastimes quoting Bhagavad Gita 4.9 wherein the Lord declares that upon assimilating His spiritual activities we get purified and can enter into His spiritual abode.

Then verses from scriptures were chanted (by Rohani) and Vedic dances were performed by the children. We had a wonderful drama directed by Sitalatma Prb and it ended with Arati + Kirtana and delicious prasada.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada Vyaspuja glorification

H.G Ram Laxman Prb (Th BBT): Srila Prabhupada left the spiritual city of Vrindaban to go and preach Krishna Consciousness in the Western world; he voluntarily accepted difficulties.

Antaranga Gopal Prb + Sumadhuri Lila Mtg: Srila Prabhupada's personal examples of hardship has inspired us to be more tolerant while practicing + preaching Krishna Consciousness.

Bhakta YogaRama: I would like to thank Srila Prabhupada for kindly allowing me to serve Krishna. I would like to serve by regularly doing Harinam Sankirtan in different parts of TH.

Isani Laxmi Priya Mtg: I am grateful to Srila Prabhupada for many things, especially for training many qualified disciples; so, I could meet my spiritual master and be linked to the parampara.

Nrpati Rama Prb + Madhavi Pavani Mtg: Srila Prabhupada made a huge family and he is the father of our international family. We are deeply touched by his compassion and mercy to all.

Bhakta Tiger: You answered many of my questions/doubts since my childhood, "Who am I?", "Who is God?", "What is the purpose of life" via your books. Although you are not physically present you are in my heart and books.

Bhaktin Napaporn: Thank you Srila Prabhupada for the holy names of Krishna; it makes me peaceful and happy.

Bhaktin Niharika: Without you we would not have temples, farm communities, varnashrama, gurukulas, loving devotees and most of us would be rotting in this material world in the cycle of birth - death - old age - disease.



Saturday Program Review @ Center by devotees.

Aug. 3rd: Class was given by H.G Antaranga Gopal Prabhu on Sri Isopanisad Invocation verse, "om pūrṇam adaḥ pūrṇam idaṁ, pūrṇāt pūrṇam udacyate, ..." which explains how the Lord and His different manifestations are complete (just as when we add or subtract some number from infinity it still remains infinite). Srila Prabhupada in the purport explains the three features of the Absolute Truth, Brahman (impersonal), Paramatma (localized supersoul) and Bhagavan (Personal/Form aspect of the Lord) along with its respective attributes. คลาสวันนี้นับร่ายจากหนังสือ ศรี อุปนิษัต คำอธิบายฐาน โสลก “โอม พุระณัม อคชส พุระณัม อิตัม พุระณา พุระณัม อุตชชเต ...” ซึ่งอธิบายถึง องค์ก่ความ และ การปรากฏที่แตกต่างกันของพระองค์นั้นสมบูรณ์ (เช่นเดียวกันกับ เมื่อเราเพิ่มหรือลบจำนวนบางส่วนจาก อินฟินิตี้ (ความไม่มีที่สิ้นสุด) มันยังคงไม่มีที่สิ้นสุด) ใน คำอธิบาย ชริละ พระนุพาคะ อธิบายคุณลักษณะสามประการ ของสังขรรณอันสมบูรณ์ บระสมัน (ไร้รูปลักษณ์), พระระมาทมา (องค์อภิวินญาณ) และ บะกะวาน (ปัจเจกบุคคล/รูปลักษณ์ขององค์ก่ความ) พร้อมกับคุณสมบัติที่เกี่ยวข้อง

Aug.10th: Class was given by H.G Krsna Vahana Prabhu (senior brahmachari from Iskcon Mayapur Congregation Development Ministry- CDM office) on Sri Isopanisad Mantra 1, which states that everything animate and inanimate in the universe is owned/controlled by the Lord. Thus, one should accept only those things that are of basic necessity to himself- assigned quota. Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport the main problem of the modern day capitalist, laborers, communist and greed maddened people is they try to impose proprietorship over things that actually belongs to the Lord.

คลาสนี้บรรยายโดย H.G Krsna Vahana Prabhu (บระสมะชารี ผู้อาวุโส จาก Iskcon Mayapur Congregation Development Ministry - สำนักงาน CDM) จากหนังสือ ศรี อุปนิษัต บทมนต์ที่หนึ่ง ซึ่งระบุว่าทุกสิ่งทุกอย่างที่เคลื่อนที่ และไม่เคลื่อนที่ในจักรวาลนั้น องค์ก่ความทรงเป็นเจ้าของ และเป็นผู้ควบคุม ดังนั้นเราควรรับเอาเฉพาะสิ่งที่จำเป็นพื้นฐาน ที่ได้จัดสรรไว้ไว้ เป็นส่วนสำหรับตนเองเท่านั้น ชริละ พระนุพาคะ อธิบายถึงปัญหาหลักในยุคปัจจุบัน นายทุน กรรมกร คอมมิวนิสต์ และความละโมภ ที่ทำให้ผู้คนบ้าคลั่ง พวกเขาพยายามที่จะอ้างความเป็นเจ้าของ ในสิ่งที่จำเป็นขององค์ก่ความ



Aug. 17th: Class was given by H.G Ram Laxman Prabhu (Th BBT) on Isopanisad Mantra 2 and pastimes of Lord Balaram which explains how we get entangled in this material world by our activities (karma bandhana). Vikarma (sinful activity), karma (pious activity) and akarma (activity with no material reaction) are explained. And acharays inspire us to perform devotional services (activities dovetailed in the service of the Supreme Lord) which can detach us from material plane and situate us at spiritual realm. Sweet and transcendental pastimes of Lord Balaram (elder brother of Lord Krishna) will be enunciated. If we can absorb ourselves in these spiritual activities of the Lord and His various incarnations... we can get rid of our material contaminations and enter spiritual world.

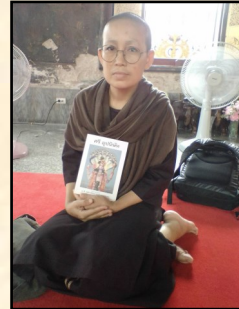
Aug. 24: Krishna Janmashthami @ Sukumwit (included in previous page)

Aug. 31: Class was given by H.G Ram Laxman Prabhu (Th BBT) on His Divine Grace A.C Bhakti Vedanata Swami Srila Prabhupada (Founder Acharya of ISKCON). Prabhu explained how Srila Prabhupada left Vrindaban (spiritual city) at an advanced age of around 70 years to go and preach Krishna Consciousness in the Western world as desired/ordered by his spiritual master, H.D.G. Bhakti Siddhantha Saraswati Thakura. In an endeavor to preach in the Western world and deliver the Americans/Europeans, he underwent much personal difficulty and discomfort. After much struggle he finally got participation mostly from the Hippie community whom he personally trained and dovetailed them in preaching Krishna Consciousness in different parts of the world. Glorification of Srila Prabhupada by different devotees (brief) included in previous page.

Public Kirtans, Harinam and Book Distribution, etc.



Harinam @ Lumpini Park: Some Sunday afternoons of the month (generally once or twice a month) devotees lead by Nrupati Rama Prabhu + Madhavi Pawani Mtg + family organize the Harinam and Book Distribution at Lumpini Park. Devotees from our center and at times from Radha Govinda temple and other parts of Bangkok often gather for the transcendental mission. Interested ones pick up few books along with a smile on their faces.



Harinam + Book Distribution @ China Town (Yaowarat) with devotees from Radha Govinda temple: At times when there aren't many volunteers at our center, we often join the sankirtana devotees from Radha Govinda temple. Devotees flooded the Yoawarat area with Srila Prabhupada books, name cards and Hare Krsna mantra. Since, we have been giving out these devotional paraphernalia for free... people are appreciating us more and can explicitly feel we have come to give them something and not the other way round.



Mantra meditation @ Divine Yoga, Thong Lor: Yogi's at Divine Yoga look forward towards the first Sunday of the month wherein the main instructor of Divine Yoga (Master Sanjiv) conducts the mantra meditation sessions. Various Vedic mantras are chanted which is then followed by the Hare Krishna chant along with traditional musical instruments. Members have expressed the mystical potency of the chanting and some have taken it up as an everyday activity as well.



Trip to Hanoi, Cambodai: Feeling immense pleasure to get 4 days loving association of His Grace Antaranga Gopal Prabhuji From Thailand. On behalf of Vietnam Bhakti Yoga team, we are grateful for your enlightened knowledge sharing and friendly guidance to improve our spiritual life. Thank you very much and hope to see you again. Hare Krishna. Also grateful to HH BVV Narasimha Maharaj for your blessings and sending Prabhuji for support us. Dandvat pranam Maharaj. (Panchajanya Mohan Prabhu + wife - Bhaktin Hoang Tho)

