



## The Merciful Golden Incarnation

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Srimad Bhagabatam is the highest of all scriptures. It is declared in Srimad Bhagabatam (1-3/28) that "Krishnastu Bhagaban Swayam" the meaning of which is Shree Krishna is the supreme personality of Godhead. As per Sri Brahma Samhita and Sri Garga Samhita all incarnations (Avataras) come from Shree Krishna.

Sri Jayadev Goswami of our Odisha also arrived at the same conclusion in his Dasavatar Stotra that Kesaba (Shree Krishna) takes incarnation as Shree Ram, Shree Nrushingha, Shree Barah and Baman and He is the Lord of this Universe Shree Hari.

The Supreme Lord Shree Krishna to measure the love of Shree Radha descended on this holy land in the form of Shree Gauranga. For constant thinking about Gaurangi Sri Radha (Golden Complexion) and to realise Her love towards Him the body of Shree Krishna

turned white i.e. Gauranga. Also to distribute His own devotion, along with Yuga Dharma Shree Namasankirtan Shree Krishna Himself descended as Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in disguised form of Shree Gauranga. (Chharna Kalau-Bhagabatam 7.9.38). This is the inner (Antaranga) and Principal

cause of the advent of Shree Gaurasundar. Therefore it is no doubt that Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is Shree Krishna Himself.

In different scriptures it is clearly described that Shree Krishna is the Lord of Universe (Jagannath). Therefore Sri Achyutananda Mahapurusa of our Odisha Panchasakha and Sri Basudev Ghose, a famous Vaishnav devotee of



Bengal Vishnav School have opined in their Bhajan's respectively that Sri Gaur, Shree Krishna and Shree Jagannath, three forms are same 'Jei Gaura Sei Krishna Sei Jagannath'.



The Secondary cause of Shree Chaitanya's advent at Sri Mayapur (Navadwipa) on 4th February 1486 on lunar eclipse Shree Radha Krishna's Dolapurnima (Full moon) day on the eve of Pathan rule in India (i.e. for Jada Jadahi Dharmasya - Geeta-iv-7). During the reign of Hussin Shah in Bengal, whole India except Odisha was not in a state of peace. There was struggle and disturbance everywhere in India. Hindu religion and temples were smashed, Hindus were forcibly converted. Sanatan Dharma was going to meet its end from the soil of India. In such a very crucial period the supreme Lord Shree Krishna Jagannath to make it true of His word in Srimad Bhagabat Geeta (iv-8) appeared as Sri Gauranga Dev.

God is Sat, Chit and Ananda. So this time the Supreme Lord descended on the earth in most beautiful lovely human form not to kill the demons, but to purify or enlighten them by love for which He is called as the best Avatar (Incarnation). He came down to the world with full compassion by the adoration of Sri Adveita Charya Prabhu.

His look, His speech, chanting of Harinam, His grace, His tall and handsome figure, His arms, His voice, commanding, smartness, Lotus like eyes, beautiful spotless moon like face, hands as long as touching His knees, complexion like molten gold all these things were captivating the heart of all.

There are two types of recognitions, viz exoteric and esoteric. An example may be given here. Just like four blind men visited an elephant. One felt the leg, one passed the hand over the body, one touched the ears and the other one held the tail of the elephant and declared that the elephant is like a pillar, wall, fan and a snake respectively. But the man having eyes saw the elephant completely or as it was which is wholly

correct and the experience of the blind men were wrong or partially right. Similarly the exoteric recognition of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is that He is a great devotee or a religious reformer. But from the esoteric point of view He is Shree Krishna Himself with the feelings and emotions of Sri Radha Rani, testing Radha's love for Shree Krishna.

In Odisha and outside the state we are recognised with the names of two Mahaprabhus viz. one Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannath and the other is Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Both are one. Where is the proof ? First of all we shall look towards Srimad Bhagabatam the highest scripture (Sl.xi-Ch-5 Sl.32). Shree Krishna's Saktyaves Avatar, Sri Vyasa Dev predicted that in Kaliyuga a very fair complexioned personage would appear with the name of "Shree Krishna" on his lips and with his retinues attendants and followers. He would be worshipped by means of Sankirtan by people of great intellect. So who is He ? He was no other than Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. When Shree Krishna is full of love and mercy (Audarya) He is then Sri Gauranga and when Sri Gauranga is full of grandeur and Majesty (Aisurya), beauty and love (Madhurya), then He is Shree Krishna.

In Chhandogya, Swetaswetar, Mundak Upanisads, Vayupuran, Garudapuran, Bhavisyapuran, Ananta Samhita, Isan Samhita, Krishna Yamala Tantra and many other scriptures there were predictions / proofs regarding the advent of Sriman Mahaprabhu. Also in many cases Sriman Mahaprabhu could not be able to hide his own identity near his close devotees. He shows his different God forms i.e. Vishwarupa, Astabhuj, Sada Bhuj, Shree Balgopal, Shree Ram, Shree Baraha, Shree Rasa Raj Mahabhav Radha Krishna forms to his mother Sachimata, Sri Adveita Charya Prabhu, Sri Sridhar Pandit,



Sri Nityananda Prabhu, Sri Srivas Pandit, Sri Murari Gupta, Digvijayee Pandit Keshav Kashmir, Sri Sarbabhauma Bhattacharya, Sri Ray Ramananda and Gajapati Pratap Rudradev respectively and to many others from which it clearly reveals that He is God himself.

Also Srila Kaviraj Goswami, the author of Shree Chaitanya Charitamrita and Sri Vrindaban Das thakur author of Sri Chaitanya Bhagavat both have repeatedly and emphatically established that Sriman Mahaprabhu is no other than Shree Krishna. During the car festival at Puri among seven Kirtan groups, He appeared himself in seven forms (manifestations) separately in seven groups and started Mahasankirtan Rasa.

Srila Kaviraj Goswami in Shree Chaitanya Charitamrita - 1-1-3 said that what the Upanishads describe as the impersonal (Adweita) Brahman that is the effulgence of the body of Sri Gaura Krishna and the Lord known as the super

soul. Paramatma is but His localized plenary portion. Shree Chaitanya is the supreme personality of Godhead, Shree Krishna Himself, full with six opulences. He is the absolute truth no other truth is greater than or equal to Shree Krishna Chaitanya.

It is noted in Sri Bhavisyapurna and Shree Chaitanya Charitamrita in both of the scriptures that "May that Lord who is known as the son of Sri Sachidevi be transcendently situated in the inner most chambers of your heart, resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, he has appeared in the age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before, the most sublime and radiant spiritual knowledge of the mellow taste of His service.

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## The Divine Game

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How helpless I am, having a limited frame  
to comprehend the Almighty, I cannot claim  
All pervasive O Lord ! you are  
Unseen, unknowable the Upanishads declare.

Oh ! the awe inspiring Lord !  
Without legs you move  
Fulfiller - the great ! all wants you remove  
Oh my colossus ! without hands you receive.

To surrendered souls, you never deceive  
No ears alas ! You hear;  
Devotees feel they are near  
Oh my love Lord dear ! you remove their fear.



Supreme Seer and Knower !  
Through your unusual eyes what are not clear ?  
Say the wise to close my eyes  
To see you within and then realize  
Failing that your present from I worship.

Truth the ultimate through it peeps  
Unlimited is contained in the limited frame  
Oh ! I witness the divine game.

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