

古鲁爹瓦接见记者 Interview by a reporter

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尊敬的读者：

请接受我们的谦卑敬礼。我们祈祷无论你们是奎师那知觉的新学者或者已经有经验的灵修者都能够从下面斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳与记者的对话中得到灵感。(你们也可以按下讲课中的连接，看这次接见的录像。)

你们的仆人：哈利-卡塔队]

[记者:]您有多少门徒?

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]在全世界吗?

[记者:]是的。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 大约几十万。

[记者:] 我从信息中认识您，那里写着您出身于一个僧侣似的家庭。您是通过出身得到您的位置，还是您选学了这科？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 在印度，婆罗门常常出身贵族家庭，他们有学问，也有财富。我来自那种家庭。

[记者:] 您什么时候开始研究奉爱瑜伽？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我从出生就念诵和记忆奎师那。我的父亲是一位奉献者，我的母亲也是一位奉献者。出生在一个奉献者的家庭，我从一开始就是一位奉献者。

[记者:] 您能否说下在您年轻的时候做了什么事情，怎样经过各种阶段达到您现在的位置？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我经常很早起床，大约是早晨四点钟，我会念诵和记忆：“哈利-奎师那 哈利-奎师那 奎师那-奎师那 哈利-哈利 哈利-拉玛 哈利-拉玛 拉玛-拉玛 哈利-哈利（Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare）。”我总是崇拜主奎师那和主拉玛。我总是善待所有动物，树木，爬行物和小草。我从童年开始就很喜欢读和学习伟陀经，奥义书，罗摩传和玛哈巴拉达（Vedas, Upanisads, Ramayana 和 Mahabharata）。我总是一位很虔诚的人，带着很深的体验学习经书。

我也是一位英式足球队员。我参加田径的跳高，跳远，和 440 码，880 码，1 英里，两英里至 5 英里赛跑。[1760 码是 1 英里，440 码=四分之一英里赛跑，880 码=半英里赛跑]。在印度，在我居住的区域里，在这方面没有人能够等于我。我也常常航船，骑车和做其它的有关运动。

在我的运动比赛时，几千个观众常常会大声鼓掌，因此，我被选为警察机关的高级官员。

[记者:] 那么，您以前是一位警察？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]是的。警察机关的所有高级官员都很喜欢我，因为我有良好的品质。我从来不受任何人贿赂-一分也没有。你们都知道，印度的贿赂和其它各种腐败是有名的，但是，我总是很诚实，所以，人们都很喜欢我。当警官要提升我的时候，我认识了我的古鲁-玛哈拉佳，我的灵性导师，我完全地断绝一切关系。

这是我怎么认识我古鲁-玛哈拉佳的历史：我看到，在这个世界里没有超然的生活没有人会快乐。我看到在这个世界上，尽管也有美丽，但它只维持片刻的时间。这里也有爱和关心，但是充满自我利益。在这里没有人能够爱得纯洁，因为每人都想实现他们自己的自我利益。

我明白财富和荣耀都无法给予快乐，每人都会变老和死去。我认为我不是这个身体。实际上，我在身体的里面，被捕获在那里。

我是谁？是谁控制着这个世界？这个世界从哪里来？谁是神（G O D-

创造者，操纵者和毁灭者），这个世界的毁灭者？我开始想这些东西，并开始脱离这个世界。我想去找有觉悟的灵性导师，他可以教导我。

[记者:]您去找了谁？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我去了喜马拉雅山和其它的地方。我寻遍了整个印度，但没有找到我想要的古鲁。当时我还在执行警官任务时，我古鲁爹瓦的一位门徒来到我的城里。他和我谈话，并说服我去圣地拿瓦德维帕，我在那里见到了古鲁爹瓦，听他讲了巴伽瓦特-沙帕塔(Bhagavat-sapta –七日谈论全部圣典-博伽瓦谭)。他的话令我完全满足，我发誓要服务他和向他学习所有的超然主题。尽管警察机关和我的家人都不想我走，但我很快地离开了我在警察机关的服务。

[记者:] 和离开了您的家庭？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我是已婚者，也有孩子，但我离开了。我忘记了这个世界的一切，只想着：“奎师那在哪里？奎师那在哪里？我能够怎么服务祂？我想服务祂，我想看到祂。”我很快地离开了一切，加入了我们古鲁爹瓦的使命，渐渐地，我开始学习所有的超然真理。

谁是神？祂是爱和关心的化身。祂是奎师那，至尊人格首神。祂有很多爱，祂有很美丽的身体。所有的美丽身体都来自祂，所有纯洁的爱也来自祂。当我听到这些话时，我完全地皈依了，古鲁爹瓦给了我启迪。我也全力全面地服务他。我常常为他做饭。

[记者:] 当您在做这些服务的时候，您有多大啦？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我，24 或者 25 岁。

[记者:] 对不起，请您继续说。我会常常地打断您的话。

[巴佳那-达沙:]您为他做饭....

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]我也常常洗他的衣服，常常为他的杂志论文听写。当他说任何主题的时候，我会很认真地听，在心里记住他的话。我用心里照相机照下它们-不是磁带录音机。我从不使用磁带录音机。

[记者:] 那是欺骗的，对不？我也用电脑。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我从不相信电脑和磁带录音机，它们会欺骗我们。我永远用心去记。

我对奉爱服务有品味是从念诵和记忆开始，渐渐地增加再增加。我慢慢地开始研究韦陀经，奥义书，圣典-博伽瓦谭和它的书籍，我开始觉悟所有的超然真理。

古鲁爹瓦安排我写一些书和把孟加拉语的书翻译成北印度语。他安排我负责传教中心，做斯利-博伽瓦塔-帕垂卡（Sri Bhagavata Patrika）杂志的编辑。我也开始把很多孟加拉语的书翻译成北印度语。我的古鲁-玛哈拉佳对我的服务很满意，他派我到处去传教。他建立了高迪亚-韦丹

塔协会，向全世界传教。他也给一位来自印度的世界闻名传教士弃绝的启迪（sannyasa）。那位著名的传教士名叫斯利-斯利玛-巴克提韦丹塔-思瓦密-玛哈拉佳，他的门徒也叫他帕布帕德。他建立了 ISKCON (国际奎师那意识协会) 全世界都有传教中心，包括在澳洲这里，在美国，在英国。他在玛图拉接受我古鲁爹瓦给予的弃绝启迪，当时，我在那里帮助他。他在全世界接受了门徒，并告诉我要来帮助他们。

我以一位古印度文化和韦陀文化的传教士身份来这里传播圣名哈利那玛（harinama-纯粹地念诵主奎师那的圣名）和巴克提-瑜伽。现在，我向全世界传播，这是我的第六次全世界游教。

[记者:] 第六次全世界游教？我好羡慕啊！

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我去的地方都有很多人发展对我的深爱。他们也崇拜我，但我认为他们是我的朋友，我想：“我必须帮助他们。”我关心他们的快乐，我也想帮助他们，这样，他们永远不会变老。

你也知道，美国的总统有了那么高级的职位，但他无法控制他的感官。他爱上了他的办公室女职员。这表示他没有快乐。

在这个世界上的人们无法控制他们的感官。他们无法控制他们的未来，令他们永远不会变老的状态。同样地，他们也无法控制他们的苦楚，悲哀，和其它的很多问题。你现在可以很漂亮，但总有一天，你的牙齿会脱落的。

[记者:] 谢谢您提醒我。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 你的头发会变成白色的，你的视力也可能变得很差。

[记者:] 我已经是要戴眼镜的人了

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 有一天你会有不借助藤条不能走路的时候。 也有一天，就算你不想也好，你必须得放弃这个身体。

灵魂没有生死，那么，我们为什么要来这里受苦？因为我们忘记了我们最亲爱的父亲，母亲，朋友和最爱的爱人，爱的化身-主奎师那。我们是祂的部份和微小部份，但现在，我们已经把祂忘了，因此，我们经历生，老，死和它们的苦楚。一天我们是小孩，尽管我们不想那个阶段的到来，但有一天，我们都要放弃这个身体。

借助念诵和记忆主奎师那，我们能够轻易地停止这一切。任何人-年老的，年轻的，印度人或者穆斯林-任何人都可以念诵神的圣名。这没有时间限制，你们可以在晚上或者白天念诵。这根本不需要什么代价。不需要金钱或者任何特殊条件，我们都可以念诵：“哈利-奎师那 哈利-奎师那 奎师那-奎师那 哈利-哈利 哈利-拉玛 哈利-拉玛 拉玛-拉玛 哈利-哈利（Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare。”）通过这种念诵，你们会发展热爱万物。你们不会再杀害任何动物，甚至一棵树。你们甚至不想伤

害小草。你们会看到到处都是灵魂和神。神是非常仁慈的。

这是我们的使命。

[记者:] 这可能是一个愚蠢的问题，但您是素食的吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 是的。如果任何人是素食者，他一定会对万物仁慈。你知道肉（meat）的含义吗？

[记者:] 是不是，人们自己要吃肉而杀害一只动物？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 肉: M-E-A-T 分成两个部份——ME-EAT（吃我）。我吃的动物过了一些时候之后将会吃我。被我们吃掉的动物以后会得到人的身体再吃我们(那时候我们有了动物的身体)。因此，我们不应该吃肉。

[记者:] 我们不应该吃它？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 是的。

这叫做奉爱瑜伽。瑜伽是什么意思？如果有两件或者两件以上的东西，我们想把它们绑在一起，这叫做瑜伽。1+1=2，这是瑜伽。当一个灵魂与神连接了，这是纯粹的瑜伽-奉爱瑜伽。如果我们想把两个砖头连接在一起，我们必须用一些泥土或者水泥把它们连接在一起，那时候它们会连接在一起。如果人想使灵魂与神连接，那必须加入些东西使祂们联结在一起。那是什么？那是爱和关心。如果我们爱你们和关心你们，你

们也会爱我们和关心我们。在这个世界上，爱和关心绷紧着一切东西，但是，这里的爱是不纯洁的。例如，一起生活的丈夫和妻子过些时候也会闹离婚。

然而，在灵性世界里的爱和关心是非常纯洁的，灵魂可以永远，永恒和超然地与神连接，这叫做奉爱瑜伽。我的心里有爱和关心，你也有。所有灵魂都有爱和关心，甚至树木都有。如果树没有相互接触的话，它也不会长出水果。（树有雄性和雌性。雄性树使雌性树受精。通过清风，它们相互接触。这叫做授粉。就此而论，小鸟和蜜蜂也可能有关。）如果一个妻子和一个丈夫没有接触的话，他们不会有小孩，如果两条藤蔓没有接触的话是不会开花或者结果的。如果人们不与他们心爱的和关心的人见面的话，他们不会快乐的。

同样地，我们也可以通过爱和关心与至尊人格首神连接。我们现在都有爱和关心，但是，这不是超然的。现在我们的快乐是吃肉，吸毒，喝酒等等。

[记者:] 您不喝酒吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]不喝，从来不喝。因此，我们现在非常快乐，我们会永远地快乐。

[记者:]不象我们的那些人会得肝脏硬化症。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]喝酒和吃肉者非常残酷。尽管他

会笑和愉快，他可以与妻子离婚，离开他的孩子。然而，那些心里有真爱的人们，他们念诵和记忆主奎师那-他们能够征服整个世界。拿破仑波拿巴无法做到，希特勒无法做到。然而，人通过爱和关心能够征服世界-好象我们这样。我去到的地方都有很多人好象小孩那样地走近我，他们跟随我的话-因为我爱和关心一切。这叫做奉爱瑜伽。我们来这里传播这种奉爱瑜伽的使命。

你还有没有其它的问题？你看到爱了吗？

[记者:] 我看到爱了吗？我从来没有爱过。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 什么是爱？

[记者:] 不要问我。爱还没有出现在我的身上。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我想让你品味爱，那样，你会永远地快乐。

[记者:] 我爱我的狗。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 可是，当那些狗会死的时候，那...？

[记者:] 那我会烦乱很长时间，之后再去买一些其它的小狗。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 当那些狗死去的时候，你也死去了，那怎么办？

[记者:] 我不知道，我等待着您告诉我。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我来告诉你，你来自那个永恒的领域，那是我们的居所，我们的永恒居所。“回归神首，回到灵性的家园”是我们的方针。

[记者:] 那就是您祈求的愿望？

[奉献者:] 我们邀请每个人回到灵性的家园，回归神首，永远地快乐。

[记者:] 现在，为了达到那种愿望，这就是静思吗？我读过，自二十六岁以来您会每天念诵十万次？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 当我是一个学生的时候，我没有念诵很多。我常常是在晚上和早上念诵。但是，当我爱上奎师那的时候，每天我会念诵十万次。

[记者:] 您会念诵十万次是什么意思？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 哈利-奎师那 哈利-奎师那  
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哈利 (Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare  
Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare。)

[记者:] 十万次？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 有时候是两倍的。

[记者:] 那要花多长时间？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 需要连续十二个小时。我们的古鲁爹瓦和斯利拉-哈利达沙-塔库拉常常每天念诵三十万个圣名。

[记者:] 他们做些什么-睡觉，起床，开始念诵...？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 不，整天整夜他们只睡二十四分钟。

[记者:] 才睡二十四分钟？那是奉爱，是吗？我需要睡眠。

这样，您每天念诵十万次？一些是早上念的，一些是晚上念的？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 早晨三点我起床念诵。然后，阅读和写书，到处讲课，讲道到晚上的九点钟。我在晚上九点钟荣耀一些已经供奉给主奎师那的食物，然后，我去休息。

[记者:] 一整天都不吃不喝吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 有一些。

[记者:] 只有一些吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 很少。

[记者:]这与我的生活风格完全不同。您令我我觉得有罪。您已经写了三十本书，对不？它们是原作还是翻译？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 多数是原作，有些是翻译。

[记者:] 您卖出了多少书？

[巴佳那-达沙:] 我们分派了大约有十万本书，很多奉献者和斯利拉-古鲁爹瓦一起分派了我们的指导导师斯利拉-巴克提伟丹塔-思瓦密-玛哈拉佳出版的几百万本书。现在，他出版更多的书，在我们的世界游教中分派出去。

[记者:] 现在，您写着一本特殊的书吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 两本。一本是印度的最好书籍，叫做 *Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu*，意为‘爱和关心之洋’，另一本叫做 *Ujjvala-nilamani*（Ujjvala-nilamani）。

[记者:] 翻译？

[佩玛-帕优将-达沙:] ‘灿烂的蓝宝石’，尼拉玛尼意为‘蓝宝石，’它表示主奎师那。

[记者:] 我以前没有听说过‘灿烂’这个词。我要检查一下词典。这些书什么时候会完成？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]我想是六个月以后。它们都是很

厚的书。我也用北印度语翻译和解释了博伽-梵歌，现在正处在被翻译为英文的过程中。如果以后你会来的话，我会给你一个副本。

[记者:]现在谈到发型。我认为我的头发剪得很短，我的朋友都笑我的短头发。为什么男性都有很短的头发，又为什么留一簇长的头发？

[巴佳那-达沙:] 为什么削发和留诗卡(sikha-表示落发，但在光头的后面留下一小簇头发不剪)?

[那维那-奎师那-达沙 (现在思里帕-玛达瓦-玛哈拉佳):] 超然的天线。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 这象是超然的天线，通过它我们能够听到超然世界的超然话，就象一条能够收到话的天线。

[记者笑着对那维那-奎师那-达沙说:]噢，你说的是真的。起初我还以为你是在与我说笑。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 不是说笑。我们说的都是真的。它收到声音。好象天线收到声音那样，这诗卡（sikha）收到超然的话。这是绝对真实的。

你知道我们的掌线显示着意思。

[记者:] 是的，我写过手相术的论文，也被人看过我的手相。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 这些掌线都是真的，我们现在

所介绍的比那更加真实。

[记者:]按照个人在他生活中所做的事情，他的掌线也会改变

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 在印度，曾有一位女士，她的儿子要去英国。当她的儿子来到法国和英国的海峡时，天空下起了强大的暴风雨，他的船倾覆了，船底进水，船上的每个人都快被淹死了。

那个儿子叫喊着：“噢母亲，噢母亲。”当时，他的母亲在印度加尔各答想着：“我觉得有灾难降临在我儿子身上。”她开始马上祈祷：“神啊，上帝啊，奎师那，奎师那！”过了一些时候，在神的庇护下，她的儿子得救了。后来，他告诉他的母亲：“当时，我在叫喊着‘母亲，母亲！’”他的母亲说：“那时候，我想到你有危险。”

因此，有些东西在心里。你的心里有些东西。如果你从心里向奎师那祈祷，奎师那会听，神会听。祂会给你一些超然的信息和启示你。

我们能够用你的所有感官做我们与奎师那，与神的连接。我们的所有行为都是按照伟陀文化的指令，所有这些行为对我们的静思都有很大的益处。我们可以用这些奉爱瑜伽的行为改变我们的掌线，我们也能够改变我们的死亡日子。

[记者:] 能够活得更长间？那是怎么回事？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 是的。经文里是这样写的。那里面有证据。某人在死亡时叫喊着：“拿拉亚那！拿拉亚那！拿拉亚那！”

这是神的一个圣名。他的死期很快地被推迟了。后来，十至十五年的时间，他念诵了主奎师那的圣名，然后消除了他的死亡。

[记者:] 您的意思是，他还在这里吗？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 他离开了世界，他的灵魂得到了解脱。

[记者:] 从今天起您会在这里，公开地给大家讲课？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 是的，我们念诵和记忆奎师那，讲述奉爱瑜伽的课程。我们这样做使每个人都能够免除色欲和愤怒。我们能够很轻易地征服色欲，愤怒和其它的身体冲动，我们能够觉悟自己的灵魂和这个世界的控制者。

你知道神控制着海浪吗？祂控制着太阳，使它在固定的时间上升，经过每分钟，慢慢地结束一天，然后新的一天又到来。祂控制着每一天。祂很仁慈，如果你叫喊祂的话，祂会听到你的声音，祂会滋养你，祂会给你智慧知道怎么见到祂。

[记者:] 有关宗教和神的常见问题-例如：战争和饥荒等问题？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 噢，以我们的见解，战争是毫无意义的。

[记者:] 那为什么会发生？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:]不能控制他们感官的坏人认为：“我是万物的君主。”他们喜欢与他人争吵，夺取他人的财富和荣耀等东西。他们想快乐，但这样做他们不会快乐的。相反地，奎师那安排他们的战争毁灭他们。另一方面，我们知道没有人在战争中真正地死去，因为灵魂是不朽的。这个身体是易死的，但灵魂是不朽的。

[记者:] 噢，我明白了。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 我们不担忧这些东西。战争从创造的开始就继续地在进行，万物也旅行在无尽头的生死中。那些不记得主奎师那的人们必须再来和再出生，他们会受苦。然而，那些念诵，记忆和做灵性虔诚行为的人们知道，在这个世界里的万物都是孤儿，都是神的儿子，全部都是兄弟姐妹，他们不会受苦。那些对万物都有爱和关心的人们会很快地得到解脱。他们会去奎师那那里，永远不再回来这个世界。可是，其他人都必定回来和相互斗争，死了又再出生。可能再出生时他们会变成野猪和猪等动物。

[记者:] 噢，好象如果人做了很坏的事会变成一条小虫子那样，是吗？您讲得很简单又清楚。

佩思之后，您会到哪里去？

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 从这里我们会去布里斯邦（澳大利亚东部一城市），新加坡，再到墨尔本和悉尼，从那里再去菲律宾，

最后去印度。

[记者:] 非常好。

[斯利拉-拿拉亚那-高思瓦密-玛哈拉佳:] 下一次的世界游教，我们会去夏威夷，加拿大，法国，德国，意大利和很多的其它地方。你可以和我们一起四处游教。

我很高兴认识你。这是一段非常愉快的谈话。

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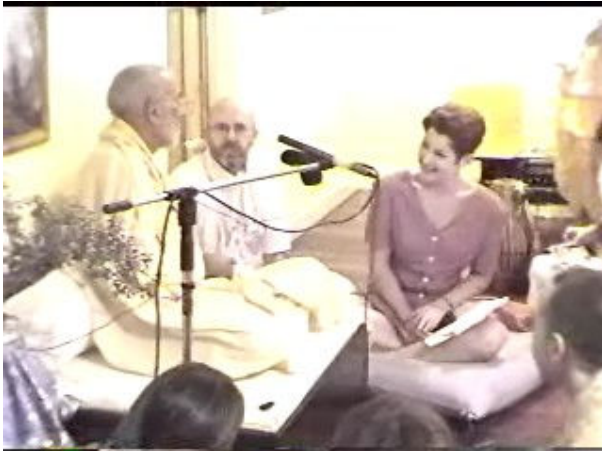
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Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja

# Interview by a Reporter

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[Respected Readers,  
Please accept our humble obeisances. We pray that those of you who are new to Krsna consciousness, and also those of you who are already experienced practitioners, will find inspiration from the following interview with Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja. (You can also see the video of this interview by clicking on the link at the bottom of the lecture).

Your servants, the Harikatha team]

[Reporter: ] How many followers do you have?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] In the entire world?

[Reporter:] Well, yes.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] It may be hundreds of thousands.

[Reporter:] In the information I received about you, it said that you were born in a priestly family. Have you inherited your position by birth, or did you choose to study this?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] In India, brahmanas are often seen in very aristocratic families. They are learned and also wealthy. I was in that type of family.

[Reporter:] When did you start studying bhakti-yoga?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I have been chanting and remembering Krsna since my birth. My father was a devotee and my mother was also a devotee. Born in a devotee family, I was a devotee from the beginning.

[Reporter:] Can you describe what you have gone through since you were young – what you had to do and the various stages you had to go through – to get to where you are now?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I used to rise early in the morning, at about 4am, and I would chant and remember: “Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.” I was always worshipping Lord Krsna and Lord Rama. I was always very kind to all animals, trees, creepers, and grasses. From the beginning of my childhood, I was very fond of reading and studying the Vedas, Upanisads, Ramayana, and Mahabharata. I was always a very religious person, with a great taste for studying.

I was also a good soccer player. In track and field I participated in the high jump, long jump, and the 440 yd, 880 yd, 1 mile, 2 miles, and up to 5 mile race. [There are 1760 yards in one mile, so 440 yards = quarter mile race, and 880 yards = half mile race.] In the entire district of India where I lived, no one was equal to me in this. I also used to sail boats, cycle, and play other sports also.

When I used to compete in athletics, thousands of people in the audience would clap, and for that reason I was selected for a high-ranking position in the police force.

[Reporter:] So you were a policeman before?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes. All high-rank police officers were pleased with me because of my good character. I never took a bribe from anyone – not a single penny. As you may know, India is very famous for bribing and other types of corruption, but I was always so honest that everyone loved me. I was chosen for a promotion by the police officers, but at that time I met my Guru Maharaja, my spiritual master, and I became totally renounced.

Here is the history of how I met my Guru Maharaja: I was seeing that no one can be happy in this world without transcendental life. I saw that although there is beauty in this world, it lasts only for a moment. There is love and affection, but with self-interest. No one here can love purely

because everyone wants their own self-interests fulfilled.

I understood that neither wealth nor praise can give happiness, and that everyone is bound to become old and die. I considered that I am not this body. I am actually inside the body, captured there.

Who am I, and who is controlling this world? Where did this world come from? Who is God – G-O-D – the Generator, Operator, and Destroyer of this world? I began to think about all this, and I became detached from this world. I began thinking that I must go to a realized holy master who can teach me.

[Reporter:] So who did you go to?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I went to the Himalayas and other places. I searched all over India, but I did not find the type of Guru I was looking for. Then, one day while I was in my service as a police officer, a disciple of my Gurudeva came to my town. He spoke with me and convinced me to come to Navadvipa, where I met Gurudeva and heard him speak at a Bhagavat-sapta (Seven-day discourse on the entire Srimad-Bhagavatam). I was fully satisfied by his words, and I vowed that I would go to serve him and learn all transcendental topics from him. I quickly left my service at the police force, although the police and my family were not in a mood to let me go.

[Reporter:] And your family?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I was married and had children, but I was detached. I forgot everything of this world and was only thinking, “Where is Krsna, where is Krsna? How can I serve Him? I want to serve Him. I want to see Him.” I quickly left everything and came to join our Gurudeva’s mission, and gradually I began to learn all transcendental truths.

Who is God? He is the embodiment of love and affection. He is Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. He has so much love, and He has a very beautiful body. All other beautiful bodies have come from Him, and all pure love has come from Him. When I heard this, I fully surrendered and Gurudeva gave me initiation. I began to serve him in all ways, with all my energy. I used to cook for him.

[Reporter:] How old were you when you did this?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] My age was 24 or 25.

[Reporter:] Sorry, keep going. I will have to interrupt from time to time.

[Brajanatha dasa:] You were cooking for him....

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I used to wash his clothes, and I used to take dictations from him for his magazine articles. When he spoke on any subject, I would hear very attentively and note down his words in my heart. I used my “heart-camera” to note it all down – not a tape recorder. I never used tape recorders.

[Reporter:] It is cheating, isn't it? And I use the computer as well.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I never believed in computers and tape recorders; they can cheat us. I always used my heart.

My taste in all devotional services, beginning with chanting and remembering, gradually increased more and more. I gradually began to learn the Vedas, Upanisads, Srimad-Bhagavatam, and other books, and I began to realize all transcendental truths.

Gurudeva ordered me to write some books and to translate books from Bengali to Hindi. He put me in charge of a preaching center, and he made me editor of a magazine called Sri Bhagavata Patrika. I then began to translate many Bengali books to Hindi. My Guru Maharaja was so happy with me for this, and he sent me to preach in various places. He created the Gaudiya Vedanta Society to preach throughout the world. He also gave sannyasa (the renounced order) to a very famous preacher from India. That preacher's name is Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, and his disciples also call him Prabhupada. He established ISKCON (International Society for Krsna Consciousness) centers all over the world, including here in Australia as well as in America and England. He took sannyasa in Mathura from my Gurudeva, and I was present there and helped him. He made devotees all over the world, and he told me to come and help them.

I have come here as a preacher of ancient Indian culture and Vedic culture, to preach harinama (the pure chanting of the holy names of Sri Krsna) and bhakti-yoga. I am now preaching throughout the world, and this is my sixth world tour.

[Reporter:] Sixth world tour? I'm jealous.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Everywhere I go, so many persons develop love for me. They also worship me, but I see them as my friends,

and I think, “I must help them”. I am concerned about their happiness, and I want to help them so that they will not become old at any time.

As you know, the president of America had such a high position, but he could not control his senses. He was attached to his office girl. This shows that he was not happy.

In this world, people cannot control their senses. They cannot control their future situations so that they will never become old. Also, they cannot control their suffering and sorrows, and so many problems. You may be very beautiful at present, but one day your teeth will fall out.

[Reporter:] Thank you for reminding me.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Your hair will become white, and it may be that your eyes will become very weak.

[Reporter:] I wear glasses already.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] The day will come when you will not be able to walk without the help of a cane. And one day, although you will not want to do so, you will have to give up this body.

There is no birth or death for the soul, so why are we coming here and suffering? It is because we have forgotten our loving father, mother, friend, and most beloved – Krsna, the embodiment of love. We are His parts and parcels, but now we have forgotten Him, and that is why we experience birth, old age, death, and their concomitant sufferings. One day we were little babies, and one day, although we desire that this stage will not come, we will all have to give up these bodies.

We can stop all of these things very easily by chanting and remembering Sri Krsna. Anyone – old, young, Hindu, or Muslim – anyone can chant the name of God. There is no time limit; you can do this in the night or the day. And there is no expense at all. Without any money or any special conditions, we can chant, “Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.” By this chanting, you will develop love for all. You will not be able to kill any animal, or even a tree. You will not want to give pain even to grass. You will see God and souls everywhere. God is so merciful.

This is our mission.

[Reporter:] This may be a stupid question, but you are obviously vegetarian?

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes. If anyone is vegetarian, then he will surely be very kind to all. Do you know the meaning of meat?

[Reporter:] Well, it is an animal that you are killing to feed yourself, isn't it?

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Meat: M-E-A-T divides into two sections—ME-EAT. Whom I will eat will eat me after some days. The animals we eat will later get human bodies and eat us (at that time we will have animal bodies). So we should not eat meat.

[Reporter:] We should just leave it?

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes.

This is called bhakti-yoga. What is the meaning of yoga? If there are two or more things and we combine them or tighten them together, this is yoga. 1+1 equals 2 – this is yoga. When a soul is connected with God, this is pure yoga – bhakti-yoga. If we want to connect two bricks, we must bring some ingredient that will connect them, like mud or cement, and then they will be connected. If one wants to connect souls with God, there must be something added to bond them. What is that? It is love and affection. If we have love and affection for you, you will have love and affection for us. In this world everything is tightened by love and affection, but here it is not pure. For example, after some time, husbands and wives divorce each other.

In the spiritual world, however, love and affection is so pure that the soul can be connected with God forever, eternally and transcendently; this is called bhakti yoga. I have love and affection here in my heart, and you have it also. All souls have affection and love, and even trees have it. If trees do not meet together, they cannot give fruit. [Trees are male and female. The female trees are fertilized by the male trees. By the breeze of the wind they meet. This is called pollination. In this connection, the birds and the bees may also be involved.] If a wife and husband do not meet, there is no child, and if two creepers do not meet together, there are no flowers or fruits. No one can be happy if they do not meet with another in love and affection.

Similarly, we can be connected to the Supreme Personality of Godhead by love and affection. We have love and affection now, but it is not transcendental. Now we become 'happy' by meat-eating, by taking drugs, by drinking alcohol, and so on.

[Reporter:] So you don't drink alcohol? Nothing?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] No, never. That is why we are so happy now, and we will be happy forever.

[Reporter:] Unlike those of us who will get sclerosis of the liver.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] If one is drinking alcohol and eating meat, he will be very cruel. Although he may be laughing and making merry, he may divorce his wife and also leave his children. However, those who have true love and affection in their heart – those who are chanting and remembering Krsna – they can conquer the entire world. Napoleon Bonaparte could not do so, and Hitler could not do so. However, by love and affection, one can conquer the world – as we are doing. Everywhere I go, so many people come to me like little babies and children, and they follow my words – because I have love and affection for all. This is called bhakti-yoga. We have come here to preach this mission of bhakti-yoga.

Do you have any other questions? Have you seen love?

[Reporter:] Have I seen love? I've never been in love.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] What is love?

[Reporter:] Don't ask me. It hasn't happened to me yet.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I want to make you taste love; then you will be happy forever.

[Reporter:] I love my dogs.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] But when these dogs will die...then?

[Reporter:] Then I will be very upset for a long time, and then I will go and get some more.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] What will happen when those dogs are gone and you are also gone?

[Reporter:] I don't know. I am waiting for you to tell me that.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I have come to tell you that you are coming from that eternal realm, and that is our abode, our eternal abode. “Back to Godhead, back to home” is our policy.

[Reporter:] That is what you are praying for?

[Devotee:] We are inviting everyone to come back to home, back to Godhead, and be happy forever.

[Reporter:] Now in order to do that, this is the meditation? I read that from the age of 26 onwards, you vowed that you would chant a 100,000 times a day?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] When I was a student, I did not chant so much. I used to chant in the evening and morning. But when I became attached to Krsna, I would chant 100,000 names a day.

[Reporter:] What is it that you would chant 100,000 times?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.

[Reporter:] 100,000 times?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Sometimes double that.

[Reporter:] How long does it take?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] It may take more than 12 hours – continuous. Our Gurudeva and Srila Haridasa Thakura used to chant 300,000 names per day.

[Reporter:] What did they do – sleep, wake up, and then start chanting...?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] No. They slept only 24 minutes throughout the day and night.

[Reporter:] 24 minutes of sleep? That's devotion, isn't it?! I need my sleep.

So you do it 100,000 times each day? Some in the morning and some at night?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I wake up at about 3am in the morning and chant. Then I engage in reading and writing many books, giving classes here and there, and preaching up until 9pm at night. At 9pm I take some prasadam (foodstuffs offered to Sri Krsna) and then I go to bed.

[Reporter:] No food or drink at all during the day?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] A little bit.

[Reporter:] Only a little?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Very little.

[Reporter:] This is very different than my lifestyle. You make me feel guilty. You have written 30 books, haven't you? Are they all original books or are they translations?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Mostly they are original, and some are translations.

[Reporter:] How many books have you sold?

[Brajnath dasa:] We have distributed about 100,000 , and many of the devotees with Srila Gurudeva have distributed millions of books published by our siksa-guru, Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja. Now he is publishing more and more books, which are being distributed as he travels around the world on his preaching tour.

[Reporter:] Are you working on a particular book at the moment?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Two books. There is a very good book in India called Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu, meaning 'Ocean of Love and Affection,' and another is called Ujjvala-nilamani.

[Reporter:] Translation?

[Prema-prayojana dasa:] 'The Effulgent Sapphire.' Nilamani means 'sapphire,' and it refers to Krsna.

[Reporter:] I've never heard the word 'effulgent' before. I'll have to check it in my dictionary. When will these books be finished?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] I think in 6 months. They are very big books. I have also translated and explained Bhagavad-gita in Hindi, and it is in the process of being translated in English. If you will come later, I will give you a copy.

[Reporter:] Now, the haircuts. I thought my haircut was short; all of my friends make fun of my short hair. So why is the hair of the men so short and why the little ponytail?

[Brajnath dasa:] Why the shaven head and sikha (tuft of hair in the back of the shaven head, which remains uncut)?

[Navina Krsna dasa (now Sripad Madhava Maharaja):] A transcendental aerial.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] This is like a transcendental aerial. By this sikha we can hear the transcendental words from the transcendental world, just as an antenna has some power to catch words.

[Reporter (laughing, speaking to Navina Krsna dasa:)] Oh, so you were serious. At first I thought that you were making fun of me.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] No. What we are telling is true. It catches the sound. Just as an aerial catches sound, this sikha catches transcendental words. It is true to the highest extent.

You know that the lines on our hands indicate something.

[Reporter:] Yes, I wrote an article on palmistry and had my palms read.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] These lines are true, and this fact which we are presenting now is more true than that.

[Reporter:] A person's lines change according to what he does with his life.

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] There was a lady in India whose son was on his way to England. When her son was in the channel between France and England, a heavy storm came and his boat was capsized. Water entered that boat from the bottom, and everyone in the boat was about to die.

The son cried, "Oh mother, oh mother." At that time, in Calcutta, India, his mother was thinking, "I wonder if there is some calamity befalling my son." She quickly began to pray, "God, God, Krsna, Krsna!" After some time, by the grace of God, the son was saved. He later told his mother, "At that time I was calling, 'Mother, Mother!'" And his mother said, "At that same time I was thinking there was some danger."

So, there is something in the heart. You have something there. If you pray to Krsna from your heart, Krsna will hear; God will hear. He will give you some transcendental news and inspire you.

All your senses can be engaged by us in a way to connect us with Krsna, with God. All of our activities are in accordance with the injunctions of Vedic culture, and all these activities are very helpful for our meditation. We can change the lines on our palms by these bhakti-yoga activities, and we can also change our death-date.

[Reporter:] You will live longer? How is that?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes. It is written in scripture. There is proof. Someone was dying, and he called out, ‘Narayana! Narayana! Narayana!’ which is one of the names of God. The date of his death was quickly postponed. After that, he chanted Krsna's name for 10 or 15 years, and after that his death was canceled.

[Reporter:] You mean he is still here?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] He left the planet and his soul was liberated.

[Reporter:] So you're here from today, and you're giving speeches that are open to everybody?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Yes, we chant and remember Krsna, and give classes on bhakti-yoga. We do this to make everyone free from lust and anger. We can conquer lust, anger, and all other bodily urges very easily; and we can realize our soul and the controller of this world.

Do you know that God controls the waves of the sea? He controls the sun, so that it rises at a fixed time. Each minute passes, gradually reducing the duration of the day; and then a new, full day comes. All of the days are controlled by Him. He is so merciful that if you call Him, He will hear you, He will nourish you, and He will give you the intelligence to know how you can meet Him.

[Reporter:] What about the usual questions about religion and God – like war and famine and that sort of thing?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Oh, in our eyes, war has no value.

[Reporter:] So why is it happening?

[Srila Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] Wicked persons, who cannot control their senses, think, “I am the monarch of all.” They like to quarrel with others and to take others’ property, praise, etc. They want to be happy, but

they cannot be happy by this. Rather, Krsna arranges that they are destroyed by their wars. On the other hand, we know that no one has really died in war, because the soul is immortal. This body is mortal, but the soul is immortal.

[Reporter:] Oh, I see.

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] We are not so worried about these things. War has been going on from the beginning of this creation, and all beings are traveling in the endless cycle of birth and death. Those who do not remember Krsna, God, will have to come and take birth again, and they will suffer. However, those who are chanting, remembering, and performing spiritual pious activities, knowing that all beings in this world are like orphans and all are sons of God, all are like brothers and sisters, they will not suffer. Rather, those who have love and affection for all beings will quickly be liberated. They will go to Krsna and will never come back to this world. As for others, they are bound to come and fight with each other, and to die and again take birth. It may be that they will come in the species of animals such as hogs and pigs.

[Reporter:] Oh, that's like you become a worm if you did something terrible before, isn't it? You put it in very simple words.

Where will you go after Perth?

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] From here we will go to Brisbane, then to Fiji, Melbourne, Singapore, again Melbourne and Sydney, from there to the Philippines, and then India.

[Reporter:] Very nice.

[Srla Narayana Gosvami Maharaja:] On the next tour we will go to Hawaii, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and many other places. You can travel with us here and there.

I am happy to meet you. This was a very pleasant talk.

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