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Gadadhara Pandit

Sri Gaurahari had so much affection for Sri Gadadhara Pandit that He couldn't be without him for a moment. He appeared a year after Lord Chaitanya. Gadai and Nimai were inseparable as childhood playmates. In Ganga Dasa Pandit's tol (school) Nimai Pandit regularly teased Gadadhara by challenging him with illogical questions? Kavi Karnapura states that in Vraja lila Gadadhara Pandit is the daughter of King Vrsabhanu—Srimati Radharani. Gadadhara Pandit served as Lord Gaura's chief assistant during His Navadvipa-lila. Sri-Sri Radha Krishna in Vrindavana appeared as Gaura-Gadadhara to perform pastimes in Navadvipa in the forest groves beside the Ganges.

No one can describe the characteristics and ecstatic love of Gadadhara Pandit. Therefore another name for Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is Gadadhara Pranathanatha, "the life and soul of Gadadhara Pandit."

Gadadhara Pandit also took the renounced order of life and went to Jagannatha Puri to be with Lord Chaitanya. Accepting ksetra sannyasa (a renunciate who never leaves the dharma), he served the Deity of Tota-Gopinatha with full love and devotion. Regularly, Sri Krishna Chaitanya came to relish Sri Gadadhara's rasika reading of Srimad Bhagavatam. Lord Chaitanya concluded His manifest pastimes by entering the Deity of Tota-Gopinatha.

Although Gadadhara Pandit was barely forty-eight when the Lord departed, he quickly became old because of the intense anguish he felt in separation from his beloved Lord Gaurasundara. He couldn't stretch his arms to offer a garland to his Deity. Understanding His servant's difficulty, Sri Tota-Gopinatha sat down to facilitate Gadadhara's loving service. To this day, Sri Tota-Gopinatha is the only sitting Deity of Krishna.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

According to some authorities, a short time after Lord Chaitanya's disappearance Sri Gadadhara Pandit joined His eternal pastimes by entering his beloved Deity of Tota-Gopinatha.

Tota Gopinatha



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