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Raghunatha Dasa Goswami



He was the first of the six Goswamis to meet Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Born in a dynasty of Vaishnavas, Raghunatha Dasa Goswami was the only son of a wealthy land owner Govardhana Majumdar . As a boy, he received Haridasa Thakura's association and blessings. At fifteen he met Lord Chaitanya.

By the mercy of Lord Nityananda he renounced a beautiful wife and an opulent family. He ran to Jagannatha Puri to intimately serve Sri Gaura Raya and his siksha guru Svarupa Damodara Goswami for sixteen years. Lord Gauranga gave His personal Govardhana Shila and gunja mala to Raghunatha Dasa Goswami.

Kavi Karnapura has written in Gaura ganoddesha-dipika that Sri Raghunatha was Rasamanjari in Krishna lila.

Raghunatha Dasa couldn't live after Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu left this world. So, he came to Vrindavana to end his life by jumping off Govardhana Hill. Sri Rupa Goswami and Sanatana Goswami received him at Vrindavan and convinced him to live on and enlighten all the Vrajavasi Vaishnavas with Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Puri pastimes. For three hours a day on the banks of Radha-kunda he spoke about Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Raghunatha Dasa Goswami did Radha Krishna bhajana at Radha-kunda for forty years. He lived an austere life of pure devotion. His daily schedule included: chanting 64 rounds japa, doing manasi-seva in his spiritual body, worshiping Govardhana Shila, bathing thrice in Radha-kunda, offering one-thousand obeisances to Krishna, offering two-thousand to Vaishnavas and embracing them, resting ninety minutes, and some days not at all. He ate only one leaf cup (100 grams) of buttermilk daily. His perfect example enthuses all Gaudiya Vaishnavas to develop unalloyed pure love for Radha Krishna.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

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