

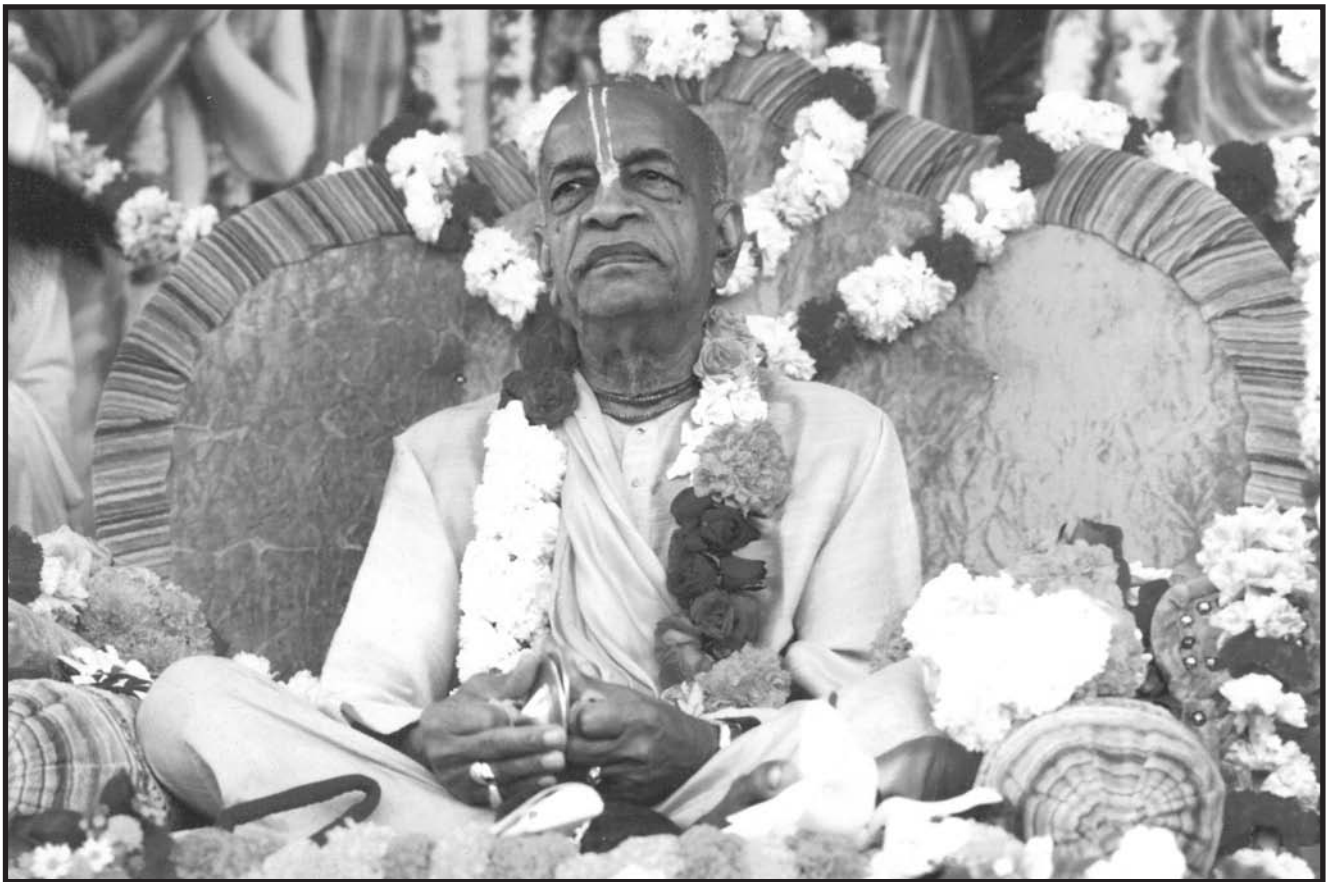
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His Holiness  
Bhakti Caitanya Swami

## Success of Human Birth

by His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami

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Dear devotees,

Please accept my best wishes. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed in our educational programmes, and more of you have made progress in understanding the teachings of Srila Prabhupada, and their application. Srila Prabhupada said once:

“Anyone who is not in Krsna consciousness is spoiling his time, wasting his life and subjecting himself to so many laws of nature. These matters are very clearly explained in this Bhagavad-gita As It Is. This is the preliminary study of Krsna consciousness, and if one studies this book seriously, he goes on to other books. I have the Srimad-Bhagavatam, which is also Krsna conscious philosophy. But the Srimad-Bhagavatam project is very great. It will have to be finished in sixty volumes. About ten to twelve volumes are already finished, and I am working on this. It is a great subject matter for study. People should take interest in it, it is not anything trifling. People should come to us to understand. We have literature, we have philosophy-everything. This Krsna consciousness movement is not a blind, imposing dogma. Everyone who actually wants to give some service to society, to humanity, must study this philosophy. And we are prepared to meet anyone-scientists, philosophers, poets, thoughtful men-and give the answers to all their questions.”

So please continue taking Krishna consciousness seriously, and applying it in your lives. Then your human birth will be successful.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your servant,  
Bhakti Caitanya Swami ❀

## Excerpts from His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupadas' Letters and Conversations

### Artificial Life...

“Prabhupada: Yes. That is preaching. Therefore we are writing so many books. Unless we take care of the books and preach and read ourself, understand the philosophy, this Hare Krishna will be finished within few years. Because there will be no life. How long one can artificially go on, “Hare Krishna! Haribol!” That will be artificial, no life.

Yasomatinandana: That's right Prabhupada. We are so foolish, we never realize anything unless you tell us like that. Without preaching...

Prabhupada: Without preaching, without understanding philosophy, you cannot keep your strength. Everyone should be thoroughly well-versed with the philosophy which we are putting... That means you must read thoroughly every day. So many books we have got. And Bhagavata is so perfect that any verse you read, you get a new enlightenment. It is so nice. Either Bhagavad-gita or Bhagavata. But it is not ordinary writing.” (Conversations and Morning Walks 1973) ❀

### Concentrate on Training...

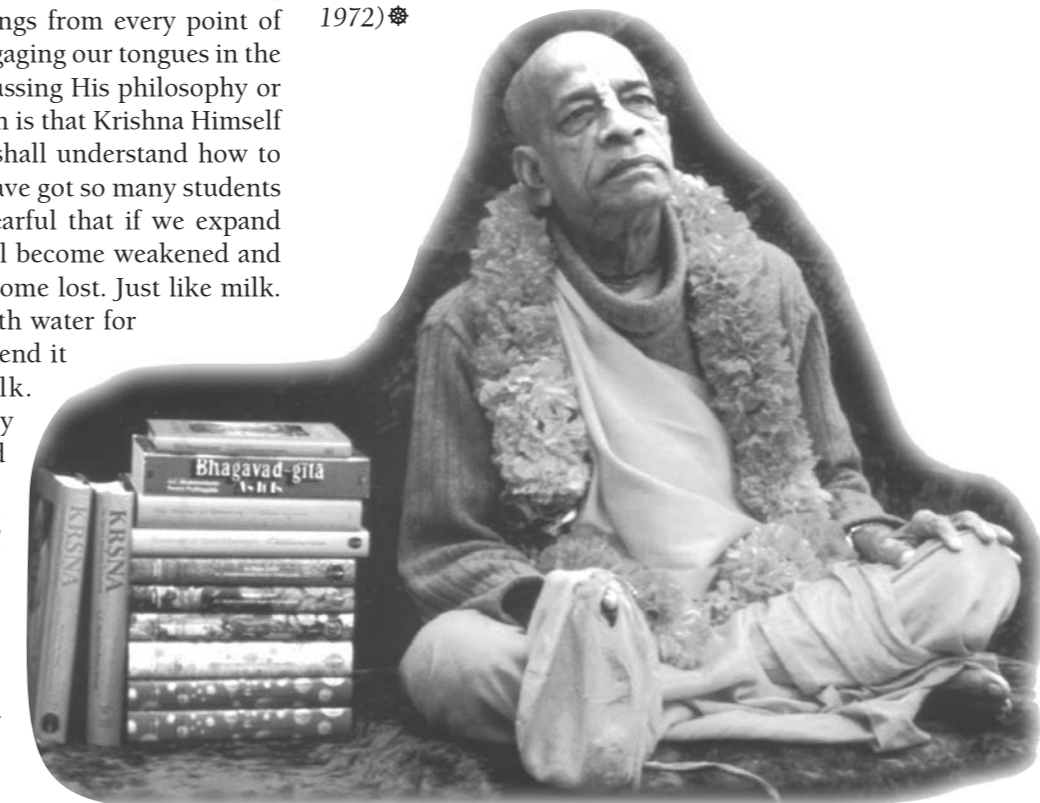
“So especially you must encourage the students to read your books throughout the day as much as possible, and give them all good advice how to understand the books, and inspire them to study the things from every point of view. In this way, by constantly engaging our tongues in the service of the Lord, either by discussing His philosophy or by chanting Hare Krishna, the truth is that Krishna Himself will reveal Himself to us and we shall understand how to do everything properly. Now we have got so many students and so many temples but I am fearful that if we expand too much in this way that we shall become weakened and gradually the whole thing will become lost. Just like milk. We may thin it more and more with water for cheating the customer, but in the end it will cease to be any longer milk. Better to boil the milk now very vigorously and make it thick and sweet, that is the best process. So let us concentrate on training our devotees very thoroughly in the knowledge of Krishna Consciousness from our books, from tapes, by discussing always, and in so many ways instruct them in the right propositions.” (Letter -Los Angeles 22 June, 1972) ❀

### Dont' Waste Time

“So try to become devotee of Krishna. Our Krishna consciousness movement is teaching this philosophy. We have got so many books. Whoever comes here must read the books, devotee, the inmates of the temple, outsider, then you will understand what is Krishna consciousness. Or you should chant Hare Krishna only. Don't talk rubbish things, waste time. That is not good. A single moment is so valuable that you cannot purchase it by millions of dollars. Now today is 25th May, four o'clock gone. You cannot bring it back. Four o'clock, 25th May, 1975, if you want to get it back again by paying millions of dollars, it will not be possible. Therefore we should be very careful of our time. Time once wasted, you cannot get it back return. Better utilize this time. The best utilization is to chant Hare Krishna or think of Krishna, worship Krishna. That is Krishna consciousness movement. (Lecture-Honolulu, May 25, 1975) ❀

### Enough For The Next 1000 Years

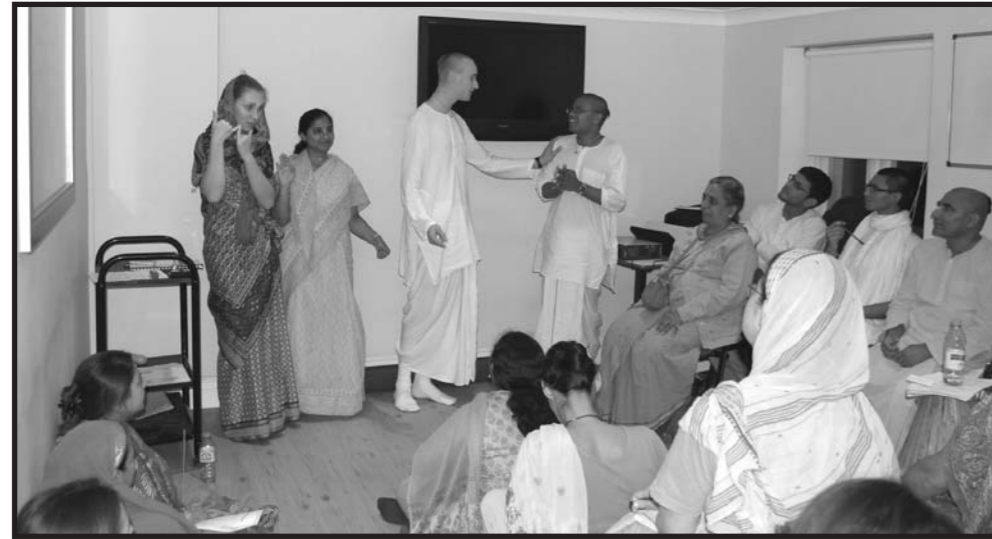
“My first business is to give the devotees the proper knowledge and engage them in devotional service, so that is not very difficult task for you, I have given you everything, so read and speak from the books and so many new lights will come out. We have got so many books, so if we go on preaching from them for the next 1,000 years, there is enough stock.” (Letter-Los Angeles 16 June, 1972) ❀







**"Excellent spir-  
itual guidance!!  
The classes  
deepened my spir-  
itual realisations  
and left me with a  
thirst for more."**  
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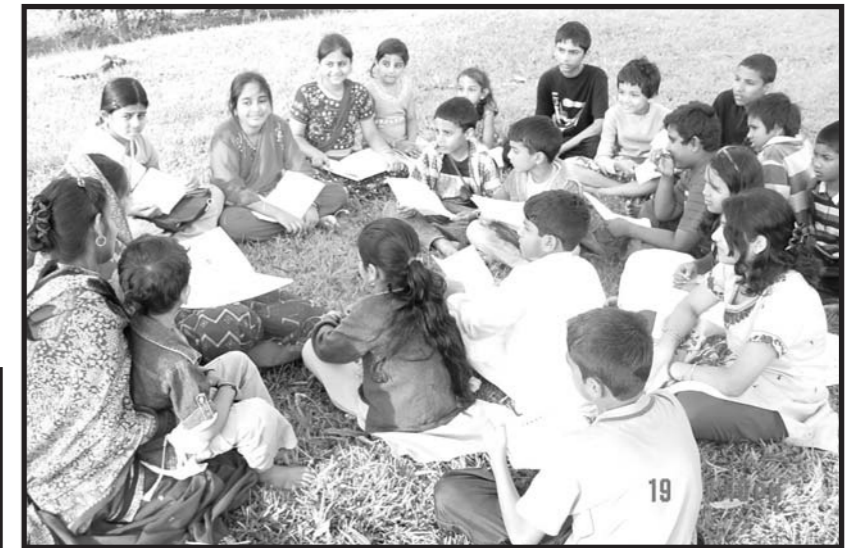
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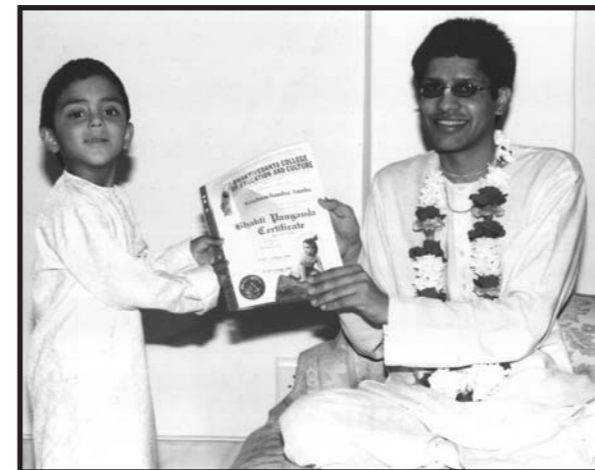
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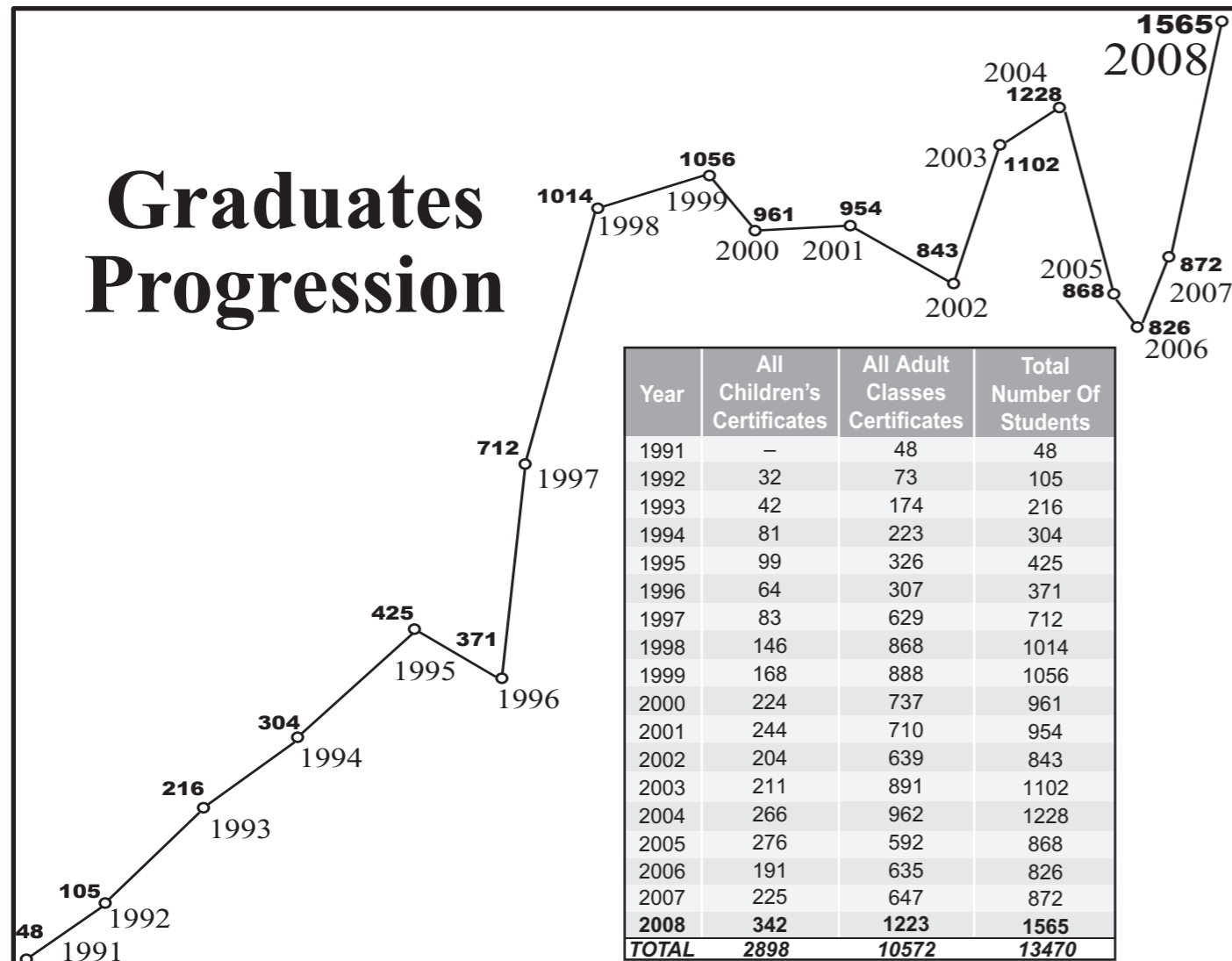
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— Srila Prabhupada, January 10, 1976



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

