

JAYAGURU

Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri America Saraswata Sangha 908th Weekly Puja Program

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4-14-24		First Session (7:15 AM - 8:45 AM)
07:15	Rasmi C. Maa, Brundaban Bhai	Prateekshya
07:30	Biju Bhai	Aarati
07:45	Suprit Bhai	Bandana (Bandaee Gurucharana), Stotra Bandana
08:10	Soumya Bhai	Shree Shree Guru Geeta - Verse 78
08:14	Brajendra Bhai	Parichaya Patra Patha, Sameelani & Bhakta Niwaas Nirmana Prarthana
08:20	Thakur Prasad Bhai	Sangha Sevaka 60th Year, 2nd Part (Bandana, Prarthana & Prarthanakarinka Prati)
08:42	Biswa Bhai	Invitation for Baalya Bhoga and Second Session Puja
08:43		Jayaguru Nama Keertana, Pranama and Closing of Asana
4-14-24		Second Session (09:45 AM - 11:55 AM)
09:45	Amrita Maa, Debashis Bhai	Aabaahana
10:00		PraNaama Gaana and Opening of the Curtain
10:02	Gyan Bhai	Bandanaa
10:07	Rama Bhai	Nigama Upadesha (Page 262, Year-end Blessings)
10:10	Anjali Maa	Minutes of the Last Session
10:14	Amitav Bhai, Prabhakar Bhai	Nilachale Thakur Nigamananda & Summary (Page 77-82)
10:30	Nihar Bhai	Praarthanaa Sangeeta
10:40	Kishor Bhai	SansaarPathe - Part 1 Chapter 40
10:50	Gyan Bhai	Q.A. Session
11:00	Shreyasee	Y. A. Praarthanaa Sangeeta
11:05	Bhakti Maa	Y. A. Session
11:35	Gyan, Biswa Bhai	Bhaaba Binimaya
		Invitation for Madhyaahna Bhoga and Evening Puja
11:41	Saanvi, Iswar Bhai, Sangita Maa	Invitation for Next Sangha Puja (4-21-24)
11:42	Biswa Bhai	Praying for forgiveness
11:43	Smita Bai Maa	Bidaaya Prarthana
11:45		Jayaguru Nama Keertana, Pranama and Closing of Asana
11:55	Biswajit Ray Bhai	Attendance

Sansara Pathe

The ultimate aim of Householders (Worshiping the Bharma)

The universe of divine emotion (*bhaba*) starts where knowledge ends. Likewise, *Bhagabata* starts where *Vedanta* ends. However, if the spiritual practitioner wishes, they can practice this divine emotional feeling in this mortal world and gradually progress upwards. But, nothing will be achieved if there is no knowledge. If you do not have awareness of someone; and know nothing about Him, who will you love? In general, most of the paths of spiritual practices are paths of devotion. All of these are intended for individuals with lower qualifications. These have no connection with the divine emotional feelings. The divine emotion is a product of complete knowledge. Harmonious combination of knowledge and divine love is full consecration of dharma. Hence, Hindu *dharma* becomes complete when knowledge and divine love are united.

The Epics also hint at this universe of divine emotional feeling. The scriptures describe many aspects of divine emotion (*bhaba*), much beyond the common emotions that come to our minds initially. For example, in *Bhagabata*; why is the topic of divine play(*lila*) stated at the end, after deliberating on knowledge first? It is inferred that the realm of divine play is extraordinary. It is established on a historical basis. *Bhagabata* does not mention Radha. All gopis are spiritual practitioners. One amongst them elevated herself to be known as the foremost Gopi, Radha. Then, the rest of them experienced the joy of eternal divine play by taking shelter at the foremost Gopi. To earn the right to serve Sri Bhagaban (God) in the universe of divine feeling is "*Premasevottara gati*" (progress associated with love and service). This is the sole aim of *Gopi Bhava* (the feelings of Gopis or milkmaids in Vrindavan). Radhabhaba (the feelings of Radha) is the pinnacle of this state. This can be achieved with the blessings of Sri Gurudev.

Pure divine love is acquired after attaining real knowledge. Hence, first came Shankar, followed by Gouranga. Real knowledge precedes pure divine love. Hence, I wish to steer everyone in Shankara's school of thought and Guranga's path, meaning I want to bestow everyone with Shakara's knowledge and Gouranga's pure divine love. The pure divine love that is acquired after true knowledge is exquisite and delightful. In reality, the knowledgeable ones are the best devotees. One can not obtain pure divine love unless they have attained true knowledge. Those who are unaware of their true self, cannot comprehend Bhagaban's (God's) true self, consequently, they are unable to genuinely love God. Divine feelings can not be shared if they don't belong to the same realm. If you can depend on Sri Guru, the divine essence of the eternal universe will flourish in you, without the need of any spiritual practices.

Shankar embodies knowledge, while Gourang embodies pure divine love. Whoever has fully mastered Shankar's knowledge becomes Shankar. Again, one who has mastered Gouranga's divine feelings, embodies Gouranga's pure divine love is Gouranga. Both are "Bhabaghanamurti" (condensed images of divine feeling). Divine feeling is eternal, as previously explained. Therefore, this divine feeling will undoubtedly manifest in a suitable medium. After assimilating the knowledge you all will establish the pure divine love of Gouranga in your life. Moreover, remember that Shankara and Gouranga were both humans. A human can help another human better than anyone else. Bhagaban(God) takes on human form to guide other humans along the best path possible. Hence, humans hold reverence for other humans. When the essence of humanity is nurtured within an individual, Bhagaban manifests within them. May you also become an ideal human being; may Bhagaban awaken within you - this is my blessing to you. Selflessly serving subtle Bhagaban within the body of "AntahChintitaBista" (engrossed in inner contemplation) and selflessly serving Sri Gurudev outwardly by the physical body, is the sole path for the householders. Consequently the gross and the subtle aspects are merged and become absorbed in the body of Sriradha. This state is called "Bhava Samadhi" (ecstatic state of consciousness arising out of divine feeling). This is the goal of the householders.