

Lord Shiva

Brahma Samhita 5.45

kṣīram yathā dadhi vikāra-viśeṣa-yogāt
sañjāyate na hi tataḥ pṛthag asti hetoḥ
yaḥ śambhutām api tathā samupaiti kāryād
govindam ādi-puruṣam tam aham bhajāmi

Just as milk is transformed into curd by the action of acids, but yet the effect curd is neither same as, nor different from, its cause, viz., milk, so I adore the primeval Lord Govinda of whom the state of **Śambhu** is a transformation for the performance of the work of destruction.

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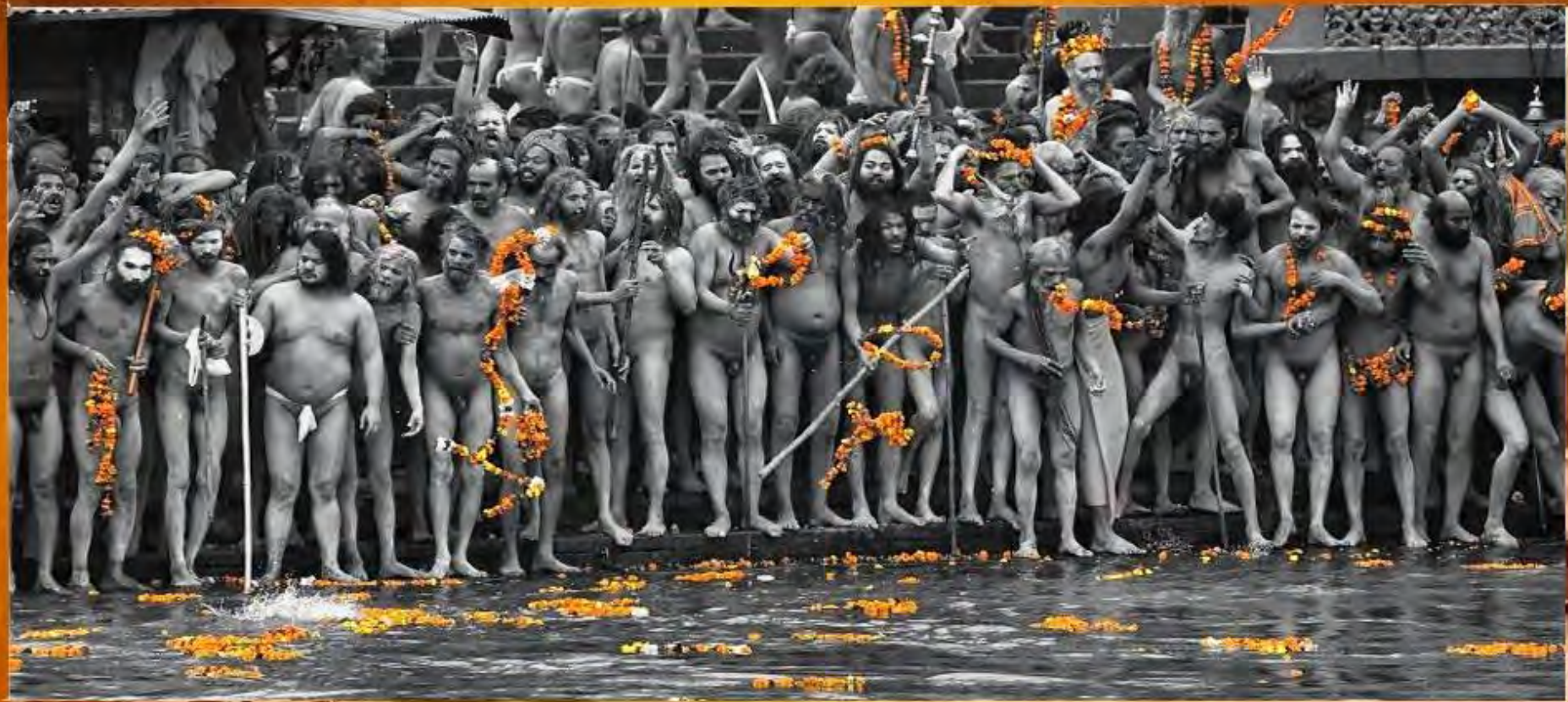
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 - Those who want material possessions

LORD KRISHNA, the cause of all causes



BALARAM



VASUDEVA

SANKARSHANA

PRADYUMNA

ANIRUDDHA



NARAYANA



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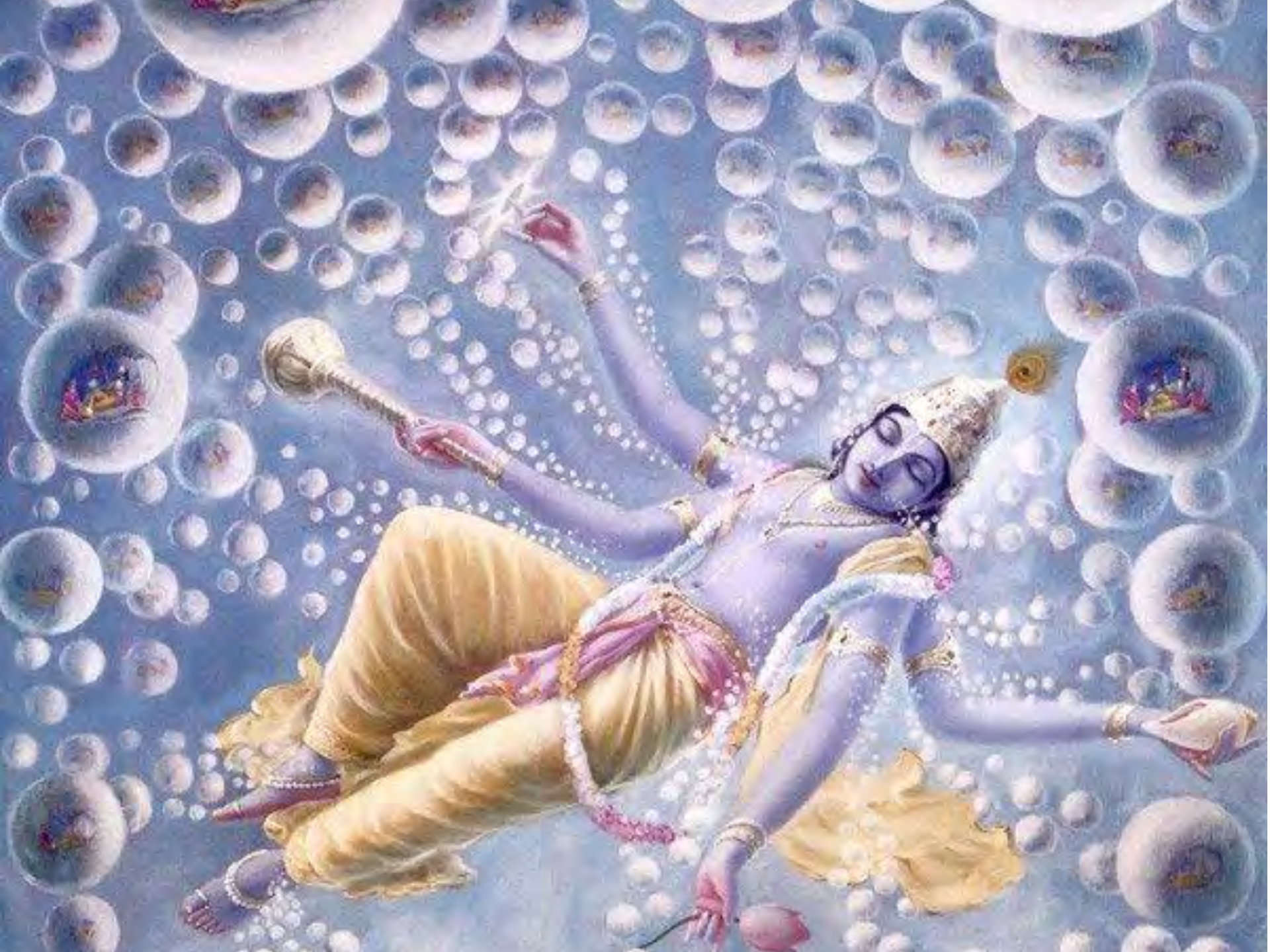
MAHA- VISHNU (KARANODAKASHAYI)

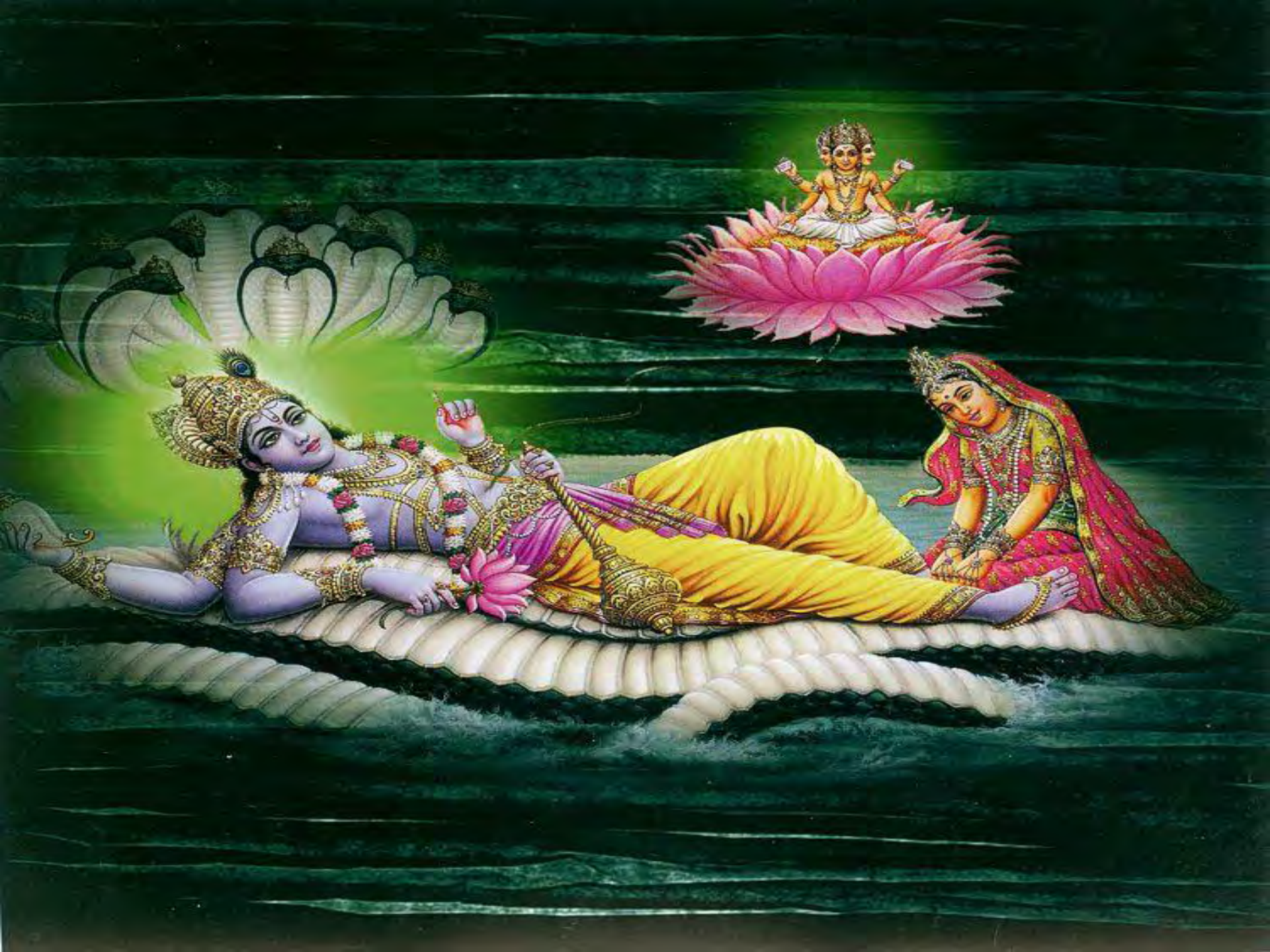


GARBHODAKASHAYI VISHNU



KSHIRODAKASHAYI VISHNU (PARAMATMA)





Puṇḍarīka

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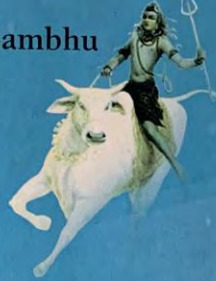


Brahmajyotir

Virajā River (Kāraṇa Ocean)

Sadāśivaloka
Mahākāla dhāma

Śambhu



Kāraṇodakaśāyī Viṣṇu



Māyā



Ramādevī



Mahat-tattva

Mahat-tattva personified worships Vāsudeva
else ego personified worships Saṅkarsaṇa
personified worships Aniruddha
personified worships Pradyumna
worships Lord Matsya
worships Lord Varāha



Lord Rāma



Shiva Brahma and Vishnu







aham evāsam evāgre

(Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.9.33)
I am, in Me, the Personality of Godhead, who was existing before the creation, when there was nothing but myself. This was there the material nature, the cause of this creation. That which you see now is also I, the Personality of Godhead, and after annihilation, what remains will also be I, the Personality of Godhead.

aham sarvasya prabhavo
(Bhāgavatam 10.10.1)
I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who perfectly know this engage in My devotional service and worship Me with all their hearts.



Baladeva Prabhu
Sandhīni (sat)

Nitya-siddha-parikaras
(eternally liberated associates
manifested by Baladeva)

Kṛṣṇa
Sārvit (cit)

Vāsudeva
first quadruple
expansion
Pradyumna Aniruddha
Sankarṣaṇa

Śrī Rādhā
Hlādinī (ānanda)

Kāya-vyūha-rūpa
(Śrī Rādhā's bodily expansions)

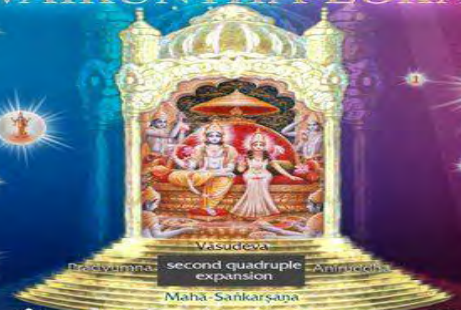
Premananda
(pure love of Kṛṣṇa)

CIT-JAGAT: SPIRITUAL WORLDS

Mādhurya
dhāma
(predominated by sweetness)

VAIKUNṬHA-LOKA

All Nārāyaṇa expansions
and eternal associates
Puruṣa-avatāras:
Karanodakaśāyī Viṣṇu
Garbhodakaśāyī Viṣṇu
Kṣīrodakaśāyī Viṣṇu



Aishvarya
dhāma
(predominated by opulence)

Mahā-Lakṣmī-devī
and billions of other Goddesses

Pārvatī

KAILĀSA
Sada Siva

BRAHMAJYOTI
Kṛṣṇa's effulgence

(gnāna-yogis attain this)

Brahmananda
(the all-pervading impersonal bliss)

KĀRANA OCEAN
VIRAJĀ RIVER
(Causal Ocean)

Karanodakaśāyī Mahā-Viṣṇu
(unlimited universe emanate from the pores of His skin)

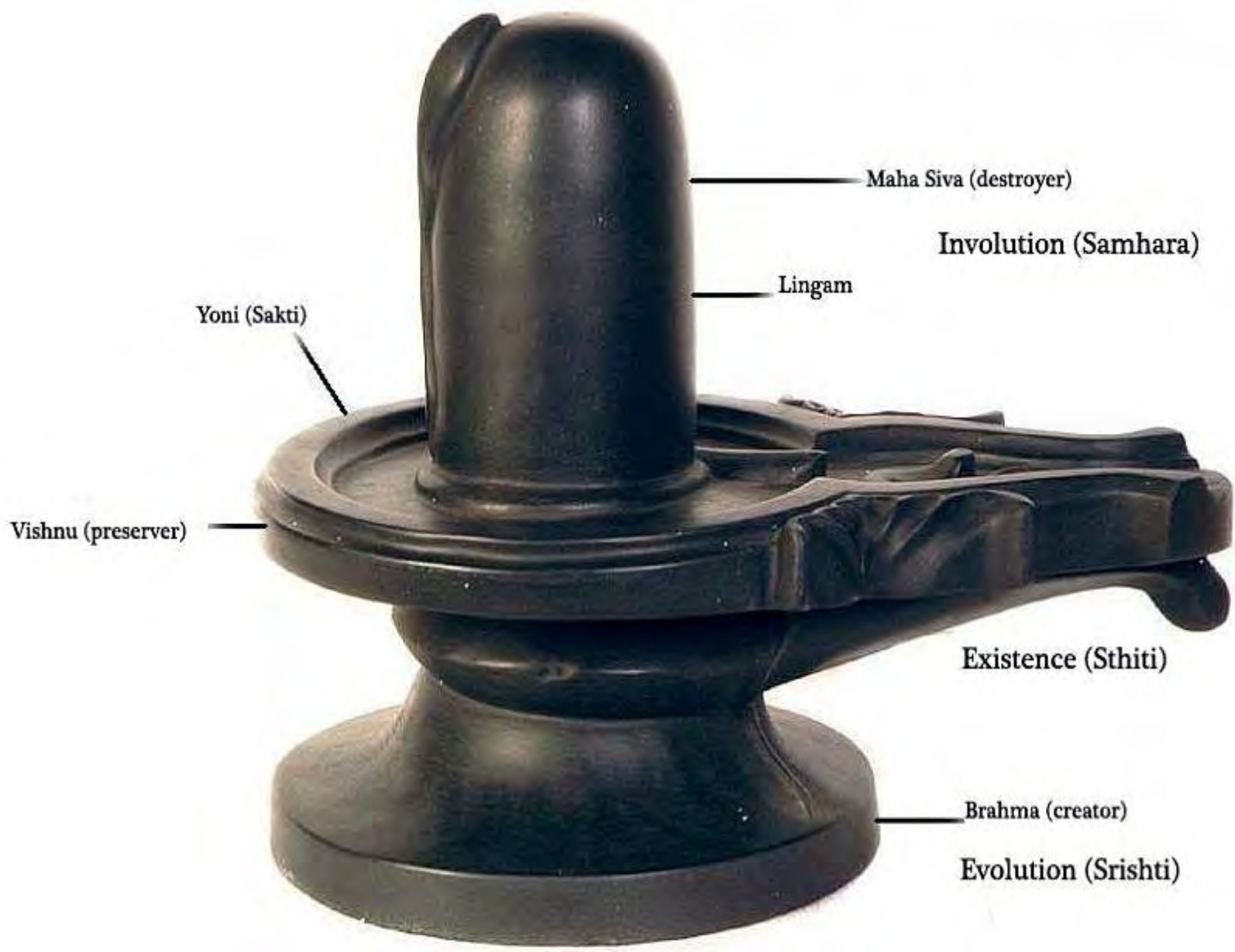
Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Position of Shiva in the Trinity

- Lord Shiva is superior to Lord Brahma, who is an empowered soul (ordinary jiva), but Shiva is not quite on the same level as Vishnu.
- Number of qualities possessed:
 - **50** - Brahma (jiva). If we develop these 50 qualities we can become Brahma
 - **55** - Shiva
 - **60** – Vishnu
 - **64** – Krishna
- It is therefore said that Lord Shiva is a unique living being who merits His own category, known as Shiva-tattva.
- Shiva has His abode in Mt Kailash and beyond this world his abode is known as Shivaloka (between the material world & Vaikuntha)
- Lord Shiva is one of the Guna Avatars in charge of the mode of ignorance and destroys the universe at the appropriate time
- Lord Sambhu [Shiva] is regarded as the greatest among devotees of Lord Vishnu [vaisnavanam yatha sambhu]." (Srimad-Bhagavatam 12.13.16)

Many names of Shiva

- Sadashiva (original form who resides between material and spiritual worlds)
- Sambhu (Auspicious)
- Shiva (means Auspicious)
- Nataraja (the king of dancers),
- Rudra (Enraged form of Shiva),
- Dhakshinamoorthy (Yoga form of Shiva)
- Viswanatha (lord of the universe)
- Mahadeva (Chief of the demigods)
- Shankara (giver of knowledge)
- Neelakanta (blue throat)
- Bholenath (simple)
- Ashutosh (easily pleased)





The worship of Lord Shiva

- Lord Shiva is among the most widely worshiped deities in India.
- The most popular form of worshipping Lord **Shiva** is in the **Lingam form**. It is known as Shivalinga or Jyotirlinga.
- The Shiva Purana describes the origin of the lingam as the beginning-less and endless cosmic pillar (Stambha) of fire, the cause of all causes.
- The major 12 [Jyotirlinga](#) Shiva temples of India, such as in Varanasi and Somanatha, are particularly frequented on Maha Shivaratri.
- Varanasi (Benares) is considered to be the city specially loved by Shiva, and is one of the holiest places of pilgrimage in India.
- Often His worshippers pray to Lord Shiva to gain material wealth – almost like a business transaction – not selfless devotion
- According to Vaisnava, the authorized method of worship of Shiva is described by the Rudra Sampradaya (also known as the Vishnusvami Sampradaya), an authorized Vaisnava lineage started by Shiva Himself, in which Shiva is worshiped as the greatest devotee of Vishnu.
- Shiva is bathed with milk and bel patra leaves















Qualities of Shiva

- Compassionate – gives shelter to those who everyone has rejected
- Very kind
- Humility – gatekeeper at many holy places
- Easily pleased (known as Ashutosh)
- Peaceful - constantly meditating on the Lord
- Impartial –seeing good in others, ignoring the bad qualities
- Even Lord Rama worshiped Lord Shiva because Shiva is His very dear devotee
- Greatest devotee of Lord Krishna [vaisnavanam yatha sambhu]
- Special relationship with Lord Krishna. Shiva holds the key to get us out of the material world and Krishna holds the key to get us into the spiritual world



Shiva Bhujanga Prayatha Stotram

* Lord Shiva as Sripada Shankaracarya

- * There are twelve great authorities in preaching God consciousness and Lord Shiva is one of them
- * His disciplic succession is also known as the Vishnu Svami-sampradaya, and is also known as the Vallabha-sampradaya.
- * The current Brahma-sampradaya is known as the Madhva-Gaudiya-sampradaya, which is what ISKCON belongs to.
- * Lord Shiva appeared as Shankaracarya in 686AD to preach Mayavada philosophy (in order to counteract Buddhism)
- * However, at the end of his pastime in the form of Shankaracarya, he preached the Vaishnava philosophy: *bhaja govindam bhaja govindam bhaja govindam mudha-mate.*









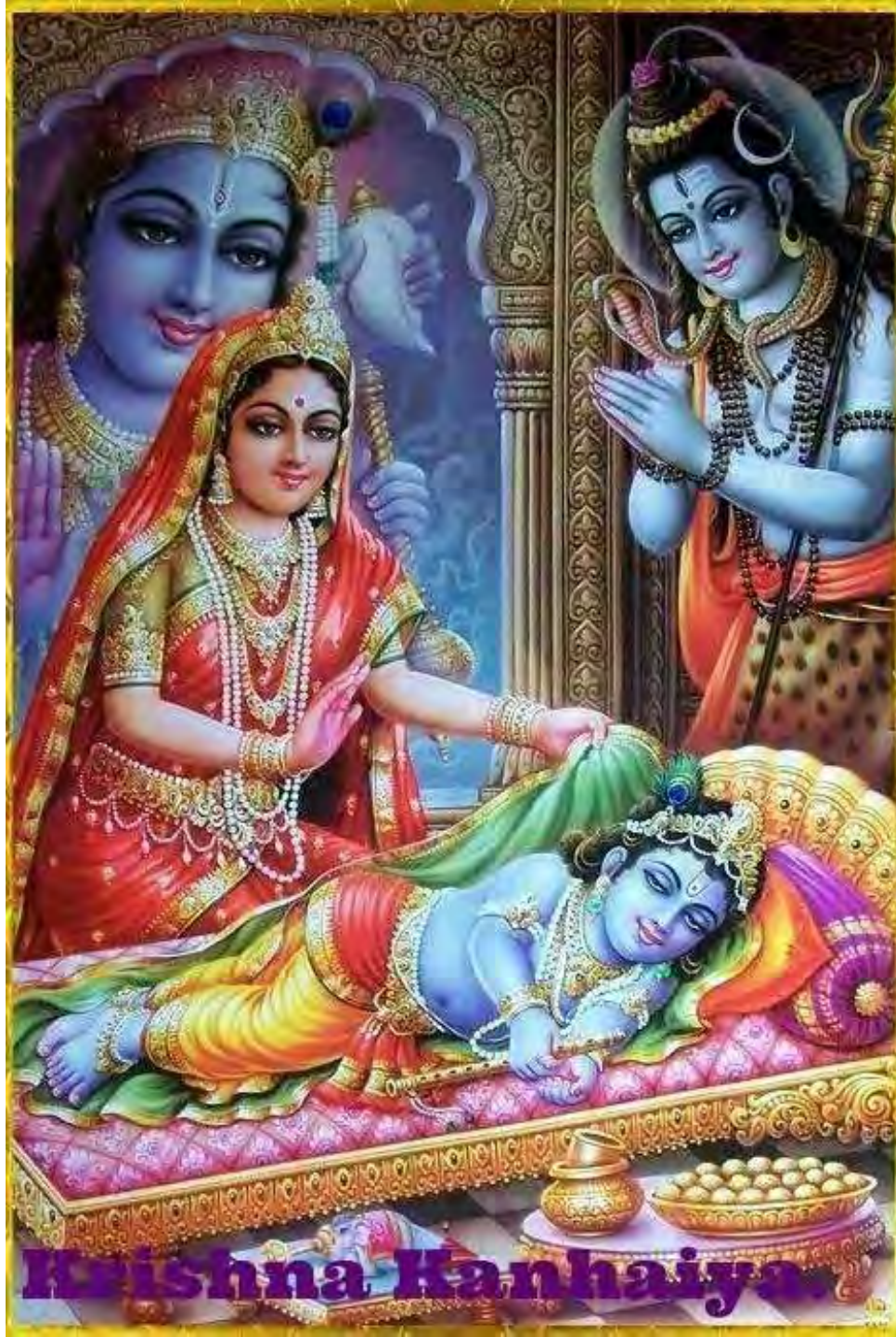


Lord Rama



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Gopiswara Mahadeva in
Vrindaban – dressed as a
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- Bhagavatam discusses the pastime with Daksha, Pracetas



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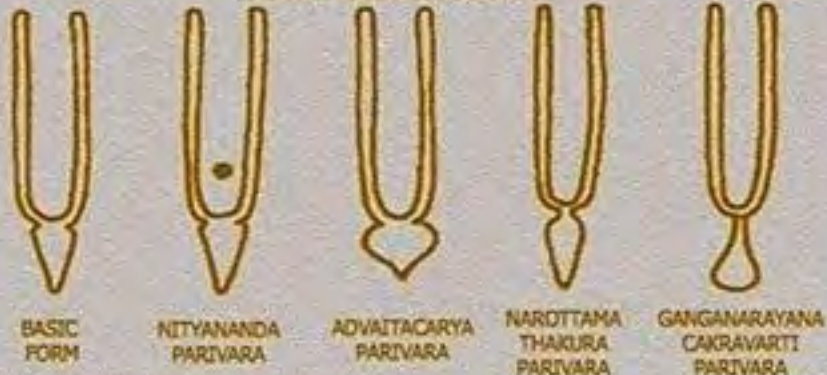
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GAUDIYA SAMPRADAYA



MADHVA SAMPRADAYA



NIMBARKA SAMPRADAYA



SRI SAMPRADAYA



YAKRESVARA PANDIT AND GOPAL GURU PARIVARAS



VARIATIONS OF RAMANANDI TILAKAS



VISNUSWAMI SAMPRADAYA



VALLABHA SAMPRADAYA



RADHA VALLABHA SAMPRADAYA



GOPAL BHATTA PARIVARA



RAMADASA SABA PARIVARA

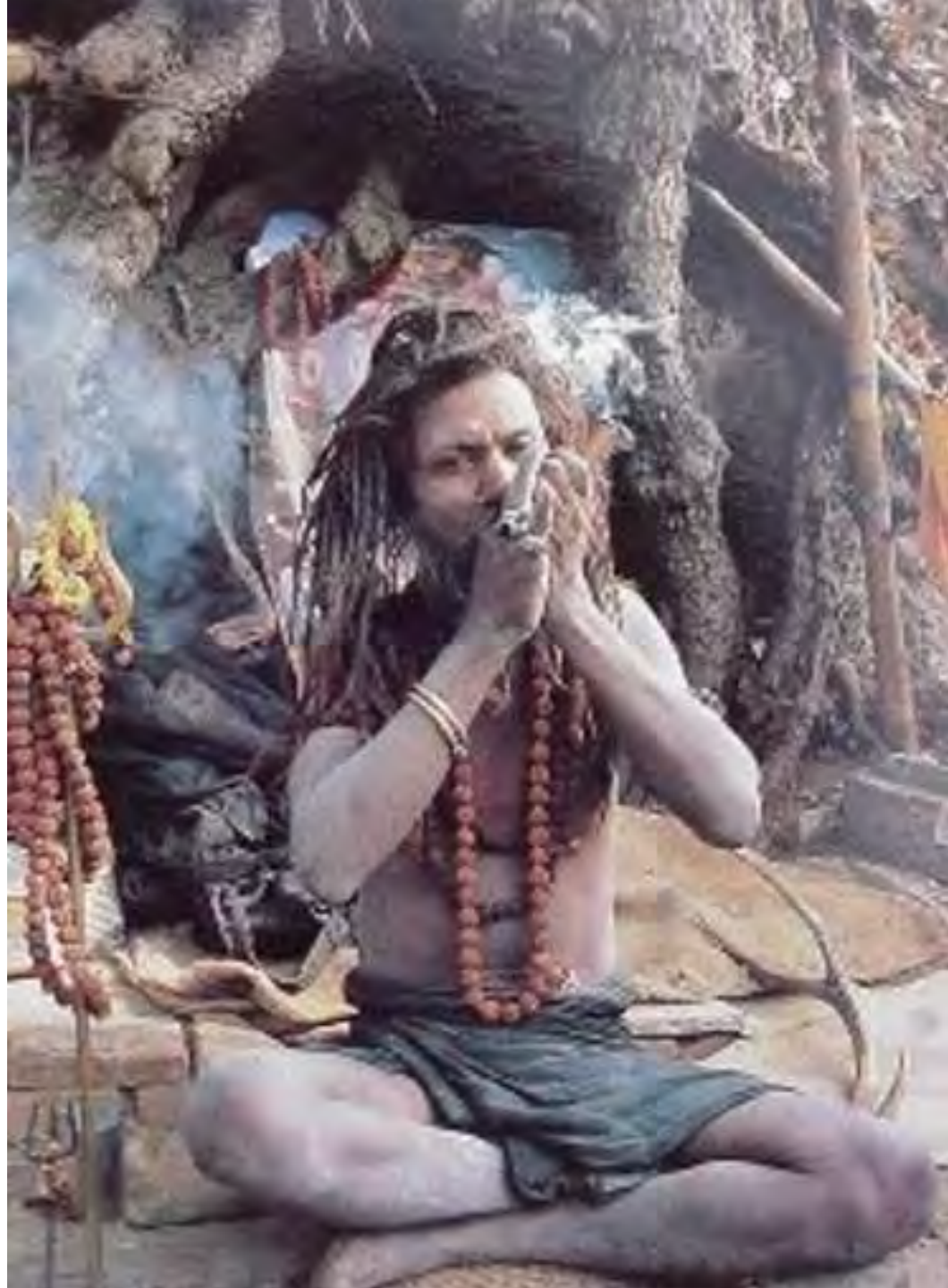
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- Some Shaivites smoke bhang & cover themselves in ashes
- Vaishnavs follow the 4 regulative principles



How do Vaisnavas observe Shivaratri

- Guru, Sadhu and sastra advises that we honour Lord Shiva as the greatest devotee
- Nanda Maharaja and Brijbasis would sometimes go to a temple in Gujarat to observe Maha Shivarati
- Their mood was to
 - pray for the welfare of Krishna
 - Pray to be more attached to Krishna
- Similarly Gopis would approach Katyani Devi and Lord Shiva to have Krishna as their husband
- Srila Prabhupada approved the worship of Shiva in the right mood (not as God, but His devotee) Advaita Acharya is incarnation of Shiva and as member of the Pancha-Tattva we worship daily.
- Fasting on Maha-Shivatri is optional – some do ekadasi fast



