

**Shree Chaitanya
Mahaprabhu**

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Scriptural evidence as to His identity

- ❁ Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu appeared in Mayapur, West Bengal over 500 years ago, as the son of Sachidevi. He is Krishna Himself, who appeared to inaugurate the yuga-dharma - the Harinama Sankirtana (congregational chanting of the holy names of the Lord). He never disclosed Himself as the incarnation of the Lord and exemplified the life of a perfect devotee, so that others can follow in His footsteps. Below are certain important verses from some of the well-known Vedic literatures to substantiate the identity of Lord Chaitanya as the Supreme Lord Krishna.

1. **Srimad-Bhagavatam (1 1.5.32)**

- ❁ krishna-varnam tvishakrishnam
- ❁ sangopangastra-parshadam
- ❁ yajnaih sankirtana-prayair
- ❁ yajanti hi sumedhasah

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- ❁ “In the age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregational chanting to worship the incarnation of Godhead who constantly sings the holy name of Krishna. Although His complexion is not blackish, He is Krishna Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons and confidential companions.”
- ❁ **krsna-varnam:** This word denotes that Lord Chaitanya belongs to the category of Krishna or in other words He is Krishna Himself. krsna-varnam also means one who constantly chants the name of Lord Krishna.
- ❁ **tvisa akrsnam:** His bodily complexion is not black. He appeared in golden-like yellow complexion.
- ❁ **sangopangastra-parsadam:** Lord Chaitanya is always accompanied by His confidential associates like Lord Nityananda, Advaita Acharya, Sri Gadadhara Pandita, Srivasa Acharya, Haridasa Thakura, etc. In other incarnations, the Lord sometimes made use of His weapons to defeat or kill the demons, but in this age the Lord subdues the demonic mentality with His all-attractive figure of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who freely distributes Krishna-prema, pure love of Krishna. That is His weapon.

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2. Vishnu-sahasra-nama stotra from Mahabharata

Each of the 1000 names contained therein, glorifies one or more aspects of the Supreme Lord's transcendental forms, qualities, pastimes, etc.

The following names indicate the bodily features of Lord Chaitanya.

suvarna-varno hemango varangas candanangadi

- suvarna-varna:** He has a golden complexion.
- hemanga:** He has the appearance of molten gold.
- varanga:** He is exquisitely beautiful.
- candanangadi:** The Lord's body is smeared with sandalwood pulp.

Caitanya's qualities and activities are described in the following names.

sannyasa-krc chamah santo nistha-santi-parayanah

- sannyasa-krt:** He accepts the renounced order of life (which He did at age 24)
- sama:** He is fully sense-controlled or equipoised.
- santa:** He is completely peaceful.
- nistha:** He is rigidly fixed in the chanting of the holy name of Lord Krishna.
- santi-parayana:** He is the highest abode of devotion and peace.

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3. Garuda Purana

❁ The Supreme Lord says:

❁ aham purno bhavisyami yuga-sandhyau visesatah
❁ mayapure navadvipe bhavisyami saci-sutah

❁ In the first part of Kali-yuga, I will appear in my complete spiritual form in Mayapura, Navadvipa and become the son of Sachi.

❁ Sri Chaitanya was born in Mayapura (a subsection of the holy town of Navadvipa, West Bengal) as the son of Srimati Sachi devi in the year 1486, about 4,500 years after the beginning of the Kali-yuga.

❁ Chaitanya Mahaprabhu at Lord Jagannatha

❁ It is also stated in this Garuda Purana:

❁ kaleh prathama-sandhyayam laksmi-kanto bhavisyati
❁ daru-brahma-samipa-sthah sannyasi gaura-vigraha

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- ❁ In the first part of Kali-yuga, the Supreme Lord in the golden complexion will become the husband of Lakshmi. Then He will become a sannyasi and reside near Lord Jagannatha.
- ❁ Sri Chaitanya married His eternal consort Srimati Lakshmipriya and later took sannyasa at the age of 24. After the acceptance of sannyasa, He left Navadvipa and resided in Puri, the holy city of Lord Jagannatha in Orissa. Lord Jagannatha in Puri is also referred to as daru-brahma in the Puranas as the Deities here are made from Neem wood. The word daru means wood in Sanskrit.
- ❁ **Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Arm Decorated with a Bamboo Stick**
 - ❁ yo reme saha-ballavi ramayate vrndavane 'har-nisam
 - ❁ yah kamsam ni jaghana kaurava-rane yah pandavanam sakha
 - ❁ so 'yam vainava-danda-mandita-bhujah sannyasa-vesah svayam
 - ❁ nihsandeham upagatah ksiti-tale caitanya-rupah prabhuh
- ❁ The Supreme Lord who took delight in His pastimes with the gopis, who filled the residents of Vrindavana with joy day and night, who slew Kamsa, and who made friends with the Pandavas in the battle between the Kauravas, will without any doubt, come again to the earth. He will be a sannyasi with the name Chaitanya whose arm will be decorated with a bamboo stick.

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4. Narasimha Purana

- ❁ satye daitya-kuladhi-nasa-samaye
- ❁ simhordhva-martyakrtis
- ❁ tretayam dasa-kandharam
- ❁ paribhavan rameti namakrtih
- ❁ gopalan paripalayan vraja-pure
- ❁ bharam haran dvapare
- ❁ gaurangah priya-kirtanah
- ❁ kali-yuge caitanya-nama-prabhuh

❁ The Supreme Lord who assumed the form of a half-man, half-lion in the Satya-yuga to cure a dreadful disease that had devastated the Daityas, and who appearing as Rama conquered the ten-headed Ravana in the Treta-yuga, and who removed the burden of the earth in the Dvapara-yuga and protected the cowherd men of Vraja-pura, will be the Lord by name Chaitanya in the Kali-yuga. He will have a golden form and He will take pleasure in chanting the Lord's holy names.

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5. Padma Purana

❁ The Supreme Lord states:

❁ kaleh prathama-sandhyayam gaurangotham mahi-tale

❁ bhagirathi-tate ramie bhavisyami saci-sutah

❁ I shall take birth as the son of Sachi assuming a golden form in a beautiful place on the bank of the Bhagirathi (Ganga) on the earth in the first part of Kali-yuga.

❁ Mayapura, the birth place of Sri Chaitanya is on the banks of the Ganga. There is a similar verse in the Brahma Purana predicting the appearance of Lord Chaitanya.

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6. Narada Purana

❁ The Supreme Personality of Godhead says:

❁ aham eva kalau vipra nityam pracchanna-vigrahaḥ
❁ bhagavad-bhakta-rupena lokan raksami sarvada

❁ O brahmana, I will deliver all the worlds, concealing myself in the form of a devotee of the Lord in Kali-yuga.

❁ divija bhuvi jayadhvam jayadhvam bhakta-rupinaḥ
❁ kalau sankirtanarambhe bhavisyami saci-sutah

❁ O demigods, please advent on the earth as devotees in Kali-yuga. To inaugurate sankirtana, I will incarnate as the son of Sachi.

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7. Bhavishya Purana

❁ Chaitanya Mahaprabhu doing Sankirtana during Jagannatha Ratha Yatra

❁ The Supreme Lord states:

❁ anandasru-kala-roma-harsa-purnam tapo-dhana

❁ sarve mama eva draksyanti kalau sannyasa-rupinam

❁ O austere sage, everyone will see My transcendental form as a sannyasi in the age of Kali. I will be displaying symptoms like shedding tears of bliss and hairs standing on end out of ecstasy.

❁ Lord Chaitanya was always merged in the ocean of transcendental ecstasy while chanting the names of Krishna and dancing during sankirtana. He felt intense separation from the Lord and due to those devotional feelings displayed various ecstatic symptoms of pure love for Krishna, such as incessant tears, voice choking up, hairs on the body standing on end etc.

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8. Vayu Purana

❁ The Supreme Lord says:

❁ purnamasyam phalgunasya phalguni-rksa-yogatah
❁ bhavisye gaura-rupena saci-garbhe purandarat

❁ On the full moon day of the month of Phalguna, conjoined with the star Phalguni, I will appear in a golden form begotten by Purandara in the womb of Sachi.

❁ Lord Chaitanya was born on the full moon day in the month of Phalguna. His father was known by the names Jagannatha Mishra and Purandara Mishra.

❁ In the Vayu Purana it also states:

❁ svernadi-tiram asthaya navadvipe janasraye
❁ tatra dvija-kulam prapto bhavisyami janalaye

❁ I will appear in a brahmana family in Navadvipa, by the shore of the Ganga.

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✿ Appearing in a Golden Form

- ✿ bhakti-yoga-pradanaya lokasyanugrahaya ca
- ✿ sannyasa-rupam asthaya krsna-caitanya-nama-dhrk

✿ In order to engage the people in devotional service and bestow mercy upon them, I will take sannyasa, accepting the name Krishna Chaitanya.

9. Matsya Purana

✿ The following statement is made by the Lord:

- ✿ mundo gaurah su-dirghangas tri-srotas-tira-sambhavah
- ✿ dayaluh kirtana-grahi bhavisyami kalau yuge

✿ In the age of Kali, I will be golden colour. I will be tall and will have a shaven head. The place where I take birth will be a meeting point of three rivers. I will be very merciful and I will keenly engage in chanting the holy names.

- ✿ Lord Chaitanya, being an eka-danda sannyasi had a completely shaven head as was the custom for such sannyasis. Three rivers - the Ganga, the Yamuna and the Saraswati (which is currently in her hidden form) - flow at Navadvipa.

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10. Skanda Purana

❁ **The Supreme Lord states:**

❁ **antah krsnah bahir gaurah sangopangastra-parsadah**

❁ **saci-garbhe samapnuyam maya-manusa-karma-krt**

❁ **Inwardly Krishna but outwardly of golden form, I will be accompanied by My associates, servants, weapons, and confidential companions. Taking My birth in the womb of Sachi, I will accept the role of a human being.**