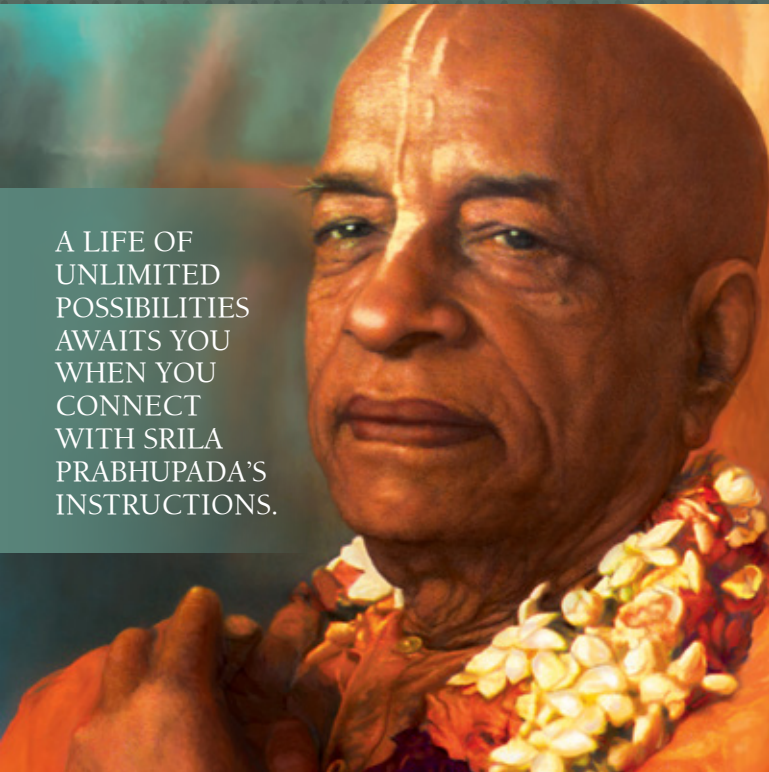


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There is a saying, “*You realize what you have, when you lose it.*” I was reminded of this on the disappearance day of my exalted spiritual master which we celebrated in a simultaneously sobering and inspiring ceremony at the Bhaktivedanta Ashram.

One devotee who had been very close to Srila Prabhupada as his assistant said, “*Now that Srila Prabhupada has left us, I can see the treasures he gave us much better.*” With a hopeful mood, he continued, “*Now is the time to go through all the gifts, instructions, hints, projects and deep insights that Srila Prabhupada has given and discover the vastness of his teachings.*”

Another devotee recounted an experience he had with Srila Prabhupada in Melbourne. Prabhupada had just woken up from his noon nap and came into the room where the devotees were gathered. He said, “*I’m thinking about a letter I received today. The person wrote, ‘I’m the most fallen, very insignificant and low, but I have a great problem.’*”

Then Prabhupada paused, looked at the devotees and said, “*Just see.*”

Srila Prabhupada had noticed an inconsistency in thinking and neophyte spirituality. How could an insignificant person have anything more than insignificant problems? Then Prabhupada became grave and said, “*I wish I could train each one of my disciples personally.*”

For me this is the ongoing greatness of Srila Prabhupada. In my encounters with him I experienced that he was indeed very personal, he was interested in my welfare. He was interested for my understanding to be correct and wanted the best for me. And it is out of this motivation that Srila Prabhupada has left us many instructions, much wisdom, wonderful projects and opportunities. When we explore them and go for them, even a little bit, we will discover a whole life unfolding in front of us - a life previously unlived, a life of unlimited possibilities.

Unlimited possibilities because, believe it or not, whenever you connect with the instructions of Srila Prabhupada, even just one, you will be given the strength and empowerment to follow it. This is what I learned on Srila Prabhupada’s disappearance day.