Śrī Gadādharāṣṭaka
Eight Prayers Glorifying Gadādharā Prabhu

Text 1

sva-bhakti-yoga-lasinām sadā vraje vihārinam
hari-priyā-ganāḥragam śacisuta-priyeśvaram
sarādha-krṣṇa-sevana-prakāśakam mahāśayam
bhajāmy aham gadādharam supanditam gurum prabhum

sva—own; bhakti-yoga—devotional service; lasinam—splendid; sadā—constantly; vraje—in Vraja; vihārinam—performing pastimes; hari-priyā—of the gopis who are very dear to Lord Hari; gana—of the community; agra-gam—the most important; śacī-suta—Lord Caitanya, the Son of Śacī-devī; priya—dear; iśvaram—Lord; sa-rādhā—accompanied by ŚrimatiRādhārāṇī; krṣṇa—of Lord Kṛṣṇa; sevana—the devotional service; prakāśakam—manifesting; mahāśayam—exalted personality; bhajāmi—worship; aham—I; gadādharam—Gadādharā; su—very; pānditam—learned; gurum—spiritual master; prabhum—lord.

I worship the greatly learned and exalted spiritual master, Gadādharā Prabhu, who appears very splendid, engaged in the Lord’s devotional service. He always performs pastimes in Vraja, where he is very prominent among the gopis, who are very dear to Lord Hari. Lord Caitanya, the Son of Śacī is the dear Lord of Gadādharā Prabhu, who is preaching the service of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.

Text 2

navojjvalādi- bhāvanā-vidhāna-karma-pāragam
vicitra-gaura-bhakti-sindhu-ranga-bhanga-lāsinam
surāga-mārga-darsākam vrajādi-vāsa-dāyakam
bhajāmy aham gadādharam supanditam gurum prabhum

nava—nine; ujjvala—the rasa of conjugal love; ādi-etc; bhāvanā—of meditation; vidhāna—performance; karma—activities; pāragam—very expert; vicitra—amazing; gaura—of Lord Caitanya; bhakti—of devotional service; sindhu—ocean; ranga—in the arena; bhanga—in the waves; lāsinam—dancing; surāga—of spontaneous devotional service (rāgānuga-bhakti); mārga—of the path; darsākam—preaching; vraja—of Vraja; ādi—beginning; vāsa—residence; dāyakam—giving.
I worship the greatly learned spiritual master, Gadādharaprabhu. He is expertly absorbed in meditation on the nine rasas of devotional service, beginning with ujjvala-rasa (conjugal love), and he dances in the waves of the amazing ocean of devotional service to Lord Caitanya. He preaches the path of rāgānuga-bhakti (spontaneous devotional service), and He is a fit person to attain residence in the transcendental land of Vraja.

Text 3

sacisutānghri-sara-bhakta-vrndavandya-gauravam
gaura-bhāva-citta-padma-madhya-kṛṣṇa-vallabham
mukunda-gaura-rūpinam svabhāva-dharma-dāyakam
bhajāmy aham gadādharam suänditam gurum prabham

saci-suta—of Lord Caitanya, the son of Śacī-devī; sara—best; bhakta—of the devotees; vṛnda—of the community; vandya—worshippable; gauravam—importance; gaura—of Lord Caitanya; bhāva—nature; citta—of the mind; padma—on the lotus flower; madhya—in the middle; kṛṣṇa—to kṛṣṇa; vallabham—very dear; mukunda—Lord Mukunda; gaura—golden; rūpinam—possessing a form; svabhāva-dharma—own nature; dāyakam—giving.

I worship the greatly learned spiritual master, Gadādharaprabhu. The best of those who are devoted to the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya, the Son of Śacī-devī, offer respectful obeisances to him and treat him with great importance, and he is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, Who is seated in the middle of the lotus flower which is his heart, assuming His golden form of Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He preaches that Lord Mukunda has assumed the golden form of Lord Caitanya, and he returns the living entities to their constitutional position as servants of the Lord.

Text 4

nikunja-sevanādika-prakāsānika-kāraṇam
sāda sakhi-rati-pradām mahā-rasa-svarūpakam
sadarśitānghri-pankajam sārīri-sad-gurum varam
bhajāmy aham gadādharam suänditam gurum prabham

nikunja—in the groves of Vrndāvana; sevana—devotional service; adika—at the beginning; prakāsāna—manifestation; eka—only; kāraṇam—cause; sāda—always; sakhi—of the gopis; rati—ecstatic love; pradām—giving; mahā—great; rasa—of the nectarine mellow of devotional service; svarūpakam—the personification; sat—eternal; aśrita—sheltered; anghri—feet; pankajam—lotus flower; sārīri—of the
living entities; sat—transcendental; gurum—spiritual master; varam—elevated.

I worship the greatly learned and exalted spiritual master, Gadadhara Prabhu. It is only because of him that the truth of the exalted devotional service performed by the intimate associates of Krsna in the forests and groves of Vrndavana has been revealed. He is preaching the ecstatic love attained by the gopis, and he is indeed a personification of the mellows of devotional service. The saintly devotees take shelter of his lotus feet, and he teaches the truth of spiritual life to the living entities.

Text 5

mahāprabhor mahā-rasa-prakāsānāṅkuram priyam
sādā mahā-rasāṅkura-prakāsanādi-vāsanam
mahāprabhor vrajānganādi-bhāva-modā-kāram
bhajāmy aham gadādharam supanditam gurum prabhum

mahāprabhor—of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu; mahā—exalted; rasa—mells of devotional service; prakāsāna—of the manifestation; āṅkuram—a sprout; priyam—dear; sādā—continually; mahā—of exalted; rasa—mells of devotional service; āṅkuram—of the water; prakāsāna—manifestation; ādi—prominent; vāsanam—garments; mahāprabhoḥ—of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu; vraja—of Vraja; angana—of the gopis; ādi—original; bhāva—ecstatic love; moda—delight; kāram—causing.

I worship the greatly learned spiritual master, Gadadhara Prabhu. He is very dear to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and it is as if he had sprouted from the manifestation of the Lord’s ecstatic love. He is always adorned with the garments of ecstatic love of Godhead, and He delights Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu by arousing in the Lord the ecstatic emotional love experienced by the gopis of Vraja.

Text 6

dvijendra-vrnda-vandyapāda-yugma-bhakti-vardhakam
nijesu rādhikātmatā-vapuh-prakāsānāgraḥam
aśeṣa-bhakti-sāstra-sikṣayojvalāmṛta-prabāṁ
bhajāmy aham gadādharam supanditam gurum prabhum

dvija—of the brahmanas; indra—of the kings; vrnda—by the multitudes; vandyā—worshippable; pāda—feet; yugma—pair; bhakti—devotional service; vardhakam—increasing; n ijesu—among his own associates; rādhikā—of Śrīmati Rādhārāṇī; atma—of the self; vapuḥ—of the form; prakāsānan—manifestation;
I worship the greatly learned spiritual master, Gadadhara Prabhu, who expands the mellow of devotional service and whose lotus feet are worshipped by the kings of the brähmanas. Among his confidential associates, he reveals his actual form as Śrīmati Rādhārāṇī. He distributes the nectar of the ecstatic mellow of the gopis's conjugal love, strictly following the instructions of all the devotional scriptures.
I worship the greatly learned spiritual master, Gadadhara Prabhu. Even a conditioned soul, whose mind becomes anointed by the colorful waves of spontaneous devotional service as delineated by Gadadhara Prabhu, quickly attains the highest level of devotional service. He becomes like a maddened bumble-bee whose mind is anointed with the mellow of ujjvala-rasa (conjugal love).

**Text 9**

*mahā-rasāmṛta-pradām sadā gadādharāstakam*  
*pathet tu yah subhaktito vrajāngana-ganotsavam*  
*sācī-tanuja-pāda-padma-bhakti-ratna-yogyatām*  
*labheta rādhikā-gadādharānghri-padma-sevayā*

*mahā—*great; *rasa—*of the mellow of devotional service; *amṛta—*the nectar; *pradām—*giving; *sadā—*regularly; *gadādharā—*glorifying Gadadhara Prabhu; *aṣṭakam—*eight verses; *pathet—*may read; *tu—*indeed; *yah—*who; *subhaktitaḥ—*with great devotion; *vraja—*of Vraja; *anganā—*of the gopis; *gana—*of the multitude; *utsavam—*festival; *sācī-tanuja-of Lord Caitanya—the Son of Sācī-devī; *pada—*for the feet; *padma—*lotus; *bhakti—*of devotional service; *ratna—*jewels; *yogyatām—*appropriateness; *labeta—*may he attain; *rādhikā—*Śrīmati Rādhārāni; *gadādharā Prabhu; anghri—feet; *padma—*lotus; *sevayā—*by the service.

These eight verses glorifying Gadadhara Prabhu distribute the nectar of the most exalted mellow of devotional service, and they are like a festival for the gopis of Vraja. If one regularly reads these verses and serves the lotus feet of Gadadhara Prabhu, who is an incarnation of Śrīmati Rādhārāni, then he will become qualified to attain the jewel of pure devotional service for the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya, the son of Sācī-devī.