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KRISHNA

Tues 2-3 periods, 10.20-1.20 PM

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Course Description and Objectives:

An encounter with of *yoga* path of *bhakti* associated with the Krishna tradition as expressed in the classical Sanskrit text, the Bhagavata Purana. The course will primarily consist of an in depth reading of Book 10 of this Purana. Students will then undertake a complete reading of the Caitanya Caritamrita, the hagiography of the 16th century ecstatic Krishna mystic Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, to consider how the Krishna narratives of Book X translate into real life devotion and praxis.

Course Prerequisites: None.

Course Requirement: Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade – 5 or more absences constitutes a Fail grade); a mid-term (20% of the final grade each); a final cumulative exam (30% of the final grade); and a final paper (40% of the final grade). **Please note: there are no make-ups for missed exams except in the case of an absence caused by an unexpected emergency and evidenced by a doctor's or dean's note. In the event of such a documented emergency, the instructor must be informed of the impending absence immediately (i.e. on the day of the quiz), and the make-up must be taken on the day after the quiz. There are no exceptions to these conditions.**

Required Reading:

(available at the Book Store):

Bryant, Edwin *Krishna: The Beautiful Legend of God* London: Penguin Classics, 2003

(available through Sakai)

Dimock, Edward *Caitanya Caritamrta of Krsnadasa Kaviraja* Harvard University:

Dep't of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, 1999.

Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada *Sri Caitanya Caritamrita* Los Angeles,

Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.

Tue Sept 6
Introduction to the course.

Tue Sept 13
Bryant introduction xix-xxxix, Bhagavata, Xth book, chapters 1-20

Tue Sept 20
Bhagavata, X, chapters 20-49

Tue Sept 27
Bhagavata, X, chapters 50-72

Tue Oct 4
Bhagavata, X, chapters 73-90; XI book, I, 6, 29-31

Tue Oct 11
Dimock, Introduction sections I, II, VI & VII

Tue Oct 18
Adi Lila Chapters 1-9

Tue Oct 25
Adi Lila, Chapters 10-17

Tue Nov 1
Madhya Lila, Chapters 1-7

Tue Nov 8
Madhya Lila, Chapters 8-13

Tue Nov 15
Madhya Lila, Chapters 14-19

Tue Nov 22 Thurs classes

Thur Nov 24 Thanksgiving.

Tue Nov 29 Madhya Lila, Chapters 20-25

Tue Dec 6 Antya Lila, Chapters 1-11

Tue Nov 13 Antya Lila, Chapters 12-20

Final exam Fri, Dec 23rd, 8-11.00 AM, Beck 011