

॥ श्री कृष्णाष्टकं ॥
॥ Śrī Kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥

*Eight Verses in glorification of
Sri Sri Radha-Krishna*

श्रीमद् वल्लभाचार्य
(Śrīpad Vallabhācārya)

Text 1

कृष्ण प्रेममयी राधा
राधा प्रेममयो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥

*kṛṣṇa premamayī rādhā
rādhā premamayo hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 1 ॥*

Krishna is filled with Radha's love,
Radha is filled with Krishna's love;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

॥ kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥

Text 2

कृष्णस्य द्रविणं राधा
राधायाः द्रविणं हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*kṛṣṇasya draviṇam rādhā
rādhāyāḥ draviṇam hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 2 ॥*

Krishna is the wealth of Radha,
Radha is the wealth of Krishna;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

Text 3

कृष्ण प्राणमयी राधा
राधा प्राणमयो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*kṛṣṇa prāṇamayī rādhā
rādhā prāṇamayo hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 3 ॥*

Krishna is filled with Radha's life,
Radha is filled with Krishna's life;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

॥ kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥

Text 4

कृष्ण द्रवामयी राधा
राधा द्रवामयो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*kṛṣṇa dravāmayī rādhā
rādhā dravāmayo hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 4 ॥*

Krishna is filled with Radha's essence,
Radha is filled with Krishna's essence;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

Text 5

कृष्ण गेहे स्थितां राधा
राधा गेहे स्थितो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*kṛṣṇa gehe sthitām rādhā
rādhā gehe sthito hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 4 ॥*

Krishna's abode is Radha's home,
Radha's abode is Krishna's home;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

॥ kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥

Text 6

कृष्णचित्ता स्थितां राधा
राधाचित्त स्थितो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*kṛṣṇacittā sthitām rādhā
rādhācitta sthito hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 6 ॥*

Krishna resides in the heart (mind) of Radha,
Radha resides in the heart (mind) of Krishna;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

Text 7

नीलाम्बरा धरा राधा
पीताम्बरा धरो हरिः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



*nīlāambarā dharā rādhā
pītāambarā dharo hariḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 7 ॥*

Krishna is clad in (silk) garments of yellow,
Radha is clad in (silk) garments of blue;
In life it is the only wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my refuge.

॥ kṛṣṇāṣṭakam ॥

Text 8

वृन्दावनेश्वरी राधौ
कृष्णो वृन्दावनेश्वरः ।
जीवनेन धने नित्यं
राधाकृष्ण गतिर्मम ॥



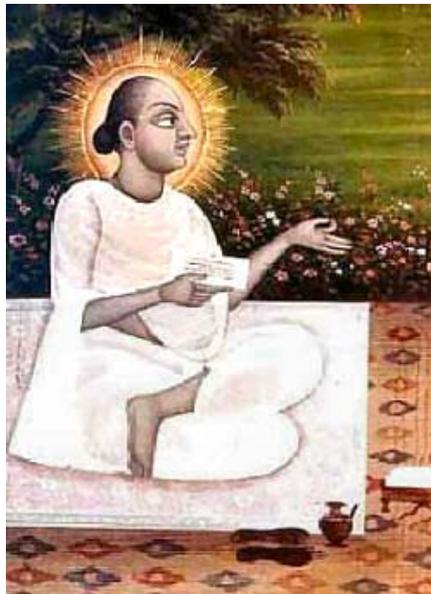
*vṛndāvaneśvarī rādhau
kṛṣṇo vṛndāvaneśvaraḥ ।
jīvanena dhane nityam
rādhākṛṣṇa gatirmama ॥ 8 ॥*

Krishna is the King of Vrindavana,
Radha is the Queen of Vrindavana;
In (all) life It is the only (eternal) wealth,
Radha and Krishna - They are my (sole) refuge.

॥ इति श्री वल्लभाचार्यकृतं कृष्णाष्टकं संपूर्णम् ॥

॥ iti śrī vallabhācāryakṛtaṁ kṛṣṇāṣṭakam sampūrṇam ॥

Thus ends the eight stanza hymn kṛṣṇāṣṭakam
composed by Śrīpad Vallabha-ācārya



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By Vallabha-Acharya

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Vallabha-acharya (1479-1531) A famous 16th century sage-philosopher of India and great devotee of Lord Krishna. He was born in Champaran near Raipur in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh.

Vallabha is regarded as an acharya and guru within the Vaishnava traditions of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Within Indian Philosophy he is known as the writer of sixteen 'stotras' (tracts) and produced several commentaries on the Bhagavata Purana, which describes the many lilas (pastimes) of the avatar, Krishna.

Many of his pieces involve praise of Lord Krishna, especially in the form of a boy. Some works include

Vyasa Sutra Bhashya, Jaimini Sutra Bhasya, Bhagavata Tika Subodhini, Pushti Pravala Maryada and Siddhanta Rahasya, all in Sanskrit. He has written many books in Brij Bhasha as well.



Vallabha Acharya



Sri Nathji - Krishna

Vallabha Acharya occupies a unique place in Indian culture as a scholar, a philosopher and devotional (bhakti) preacher. He is especially known as a lover and a propagator of Bhagavata Dharma, teaching the path of Pushti-Marga, or the "path of grace", establishing the worship of Sri Nathji.

Shri Nathji is the form of Lord Krishna when he lifted the Govardhana Hill. He is shown with his left hand raised and the right hand closed in a fist and resting on his hip. His followers worship him both as Shri Radhanath or the Lord of Radha and as the mischievous child Bala-Krishna.

Vallabha emphasized, that Shree Krishna is the personification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who prevails everywhere and who resides in everyone's heart as the Supersoul as well.