



Class-7

Chapter-7 (Some Ideal Biographies)

Notes

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Lesson-4, 5 and 6 (Shree Chaitanya):

Identity of Shree Chaitanya or Nimai:

- i) He was born at Nabadwip under the West Bengal province in India on 18 February, 1486.
- ii) His father was Jagannath Misra and mother was Shachi Devi.

Childhood of Shree Chaitanya or Nimai:

- i) When Nimai was ten years old his father died.
- ii) Nimai was very naughty and restless during his childhood. But he was very meritorious.
- iii) Nimai was very adorable to his guru Gangadas Pundit for his merit and look.
- iv) Nimai was very sincere to his studies. This is why, within a very short time he gained mastery over grammar, figurative language, law and ethics.

Marriages of Shree Chaitanya:

- i) Nimai's first wife was Laxmi Devi, who was the daughter of Pundit Ballavachariya. Nimai's mother arranged his son's marriage without taking any dowry at that time. But, Laxmi Devi died by snake bite when Nimai went to eastern part of Bengal.
- ii) Secondly, Nimai married Bishnupriya who was the daughter of Sanatan Pundit.

His influence on social life:

At the time of Shree Chaitanya, Hindu society was highly affected by the custom of untouchability and caste prejudice. Everybody hated the sudra and chandal. But Shree Chaitanya did not abide by those prejudices. The religion he practiced was of love. That religion did not have any room for the distinction between the upper or lower class, caste system or untouchability. He had affection for everyone and gave shelter to everyone. Though he came from a Brahmin family, he did not hesitate to eat with the Chandal in the same sitting. It helped minimize the distinction and conflict among different castes in the Hindu community to a large extent. Thus, Shree Chaitanya could save the Hindu community from different sorts of degeneration.

What can we learn from the life of Shree Chaitanya:

- i) We should not boast of our intellectual ability.
- ii) We should be modest always.
- iii) If anybody misbehaves with us, we should win the person with our good behaviour.
- iv) We should not do any distinction among the human beings. Everybody should be equally honoured like Krishna.
- v) Nobody should be hated in a society.
- vi) All human beings are equal. We should pay equal attitudes to everyone.

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Class-8

Chapter-7 (Ideal Biographies)

Worksheet

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Short Questions from Lesson-4, 5 and 6:

- 1) When and where was Shree Chaitanya born?
- 2) Who were the parents of Shree Chaitanya?
- 3) Where was Jagannath Misra's parental home?
- 4) Why did Jagannath Misra go to Nabadwip?
- 5) Who was the wife of Jagannath Misra?
- 6) Who was the father of Shachi Devi?
- 7) How many sons did Jagannath Misra have? Write their name.
- 8) When and why did Nimai's elder brother leave home?
- 9) When did Nimai's father die?
- 10) How was Nimai in his childhood?
- 11) Why was Nimai adored by all?
- 12) Who was the guru or teacher of Nimai?
- 13) On which subjects did Nimai gain mastery within a very short time?
- 14) By which age did Nimai become famous as Nimai Pundit?
- 15) Who was the first wife of Nimai? Who was the father of his first wife?
- 16) Who were defeated by Keshaba Misra?
- 17) Who was Keshaba Misra?
- 18) How did Nimai's wife Laxmi Devi die?
- 19) Who was the second wife of Nimai? Who was the father of his second wife?
- 20) Why did Nimai go to Kanshidham?
- 21) Who was the initiator of Nimai? Where was Nimai initiated?
- 22) Which vaishnabas were joined with Nimai in Nabadwip?
- 23) Which vaishnabas was the closest of Nimai?
- 24) Who were Jagaya and Madhya?
- 25) Why did Jagaya and Madhya attack Nimai and Nityananda?
- 26) How did Nimai change Jagaya and Madhya?
- 27) In which month did Nimai leave home keeping his mom, wife and followers?
- 28) When was Nimai named as Shree Krishnachaitanya?
- 29) Where did Nimai travel?
- 30) Where did Nimai spend his last eighteen years of his life?
- 31) Who were accompanied with Nimai in his last eighteen years of his life?
- 32) What was a big achievement of Shree Chaitanya?

Broad Questions from Lesson-4, 5 and 6:

- 1) Write on the childhood of Shree Chaitanya.
- 2) Explain the influence of Shree Chaitanya Dev on social life.
- 3) How will you apply the lessons that you learn from Shree Chaitanya Dev?
- 4) What can we learn from the life of Shree Chaitanya Dev? Explain.
- 5) How did the pride of Keshaba Misra go to a fall?
- 6) How was Nimai lost in the image of Jagannath Dev?
- 7) How could Shree Chaitanya save the Hindu community from different sorts of degeneration?
- 8) What did Shree Chaitanya say about his love for all religious practitioners?

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