**SRILA PRABUPADA, OUR FOUNDING FATHER**

**Foreword**

The chapters in this small book originally appeared as a ten-part series in *Back To Godhead*, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Srila Prabhupada’s coming to the West and founding The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). The series is based on my seminar series, “Srila Prabhupada, Our Founder-Acarya,” which I’ve been presenting around ISKCON since 2012.

In 2011, while teaching at the Mayapur Institute for Higher Education, I noticed how disconnected my students seemed to be from Srila Prabhupada, simply because they were too young or differently embodied to have seen or heard him when he walked among us. If this disconnection continues, I thought, the day will come when there will be no more Hare Krishna movement *as it is*, only a pale reflection of our founder-acarya’s life, teachings, mood, and mission.

With the encouragement of the Mayapur Institute and ISKCON’s Governing Body Commission, I continue to travel with the founder-acarya seminar series. The more all generations of devotees find their common, core identity with Srila Prabhupada, the more we’ll find the unity amid our ever-increasing diversity to deliver Krsna consciousness to every town and village.

I’m grateful to the hard-working Prabhupadanugas at the Bhaktivedanta Archives for including *Srila Prabhupada,* *Our Founding Father* in the Vedabase.

Hare Krsna!

Your servant, Suresvara dasa June 2019