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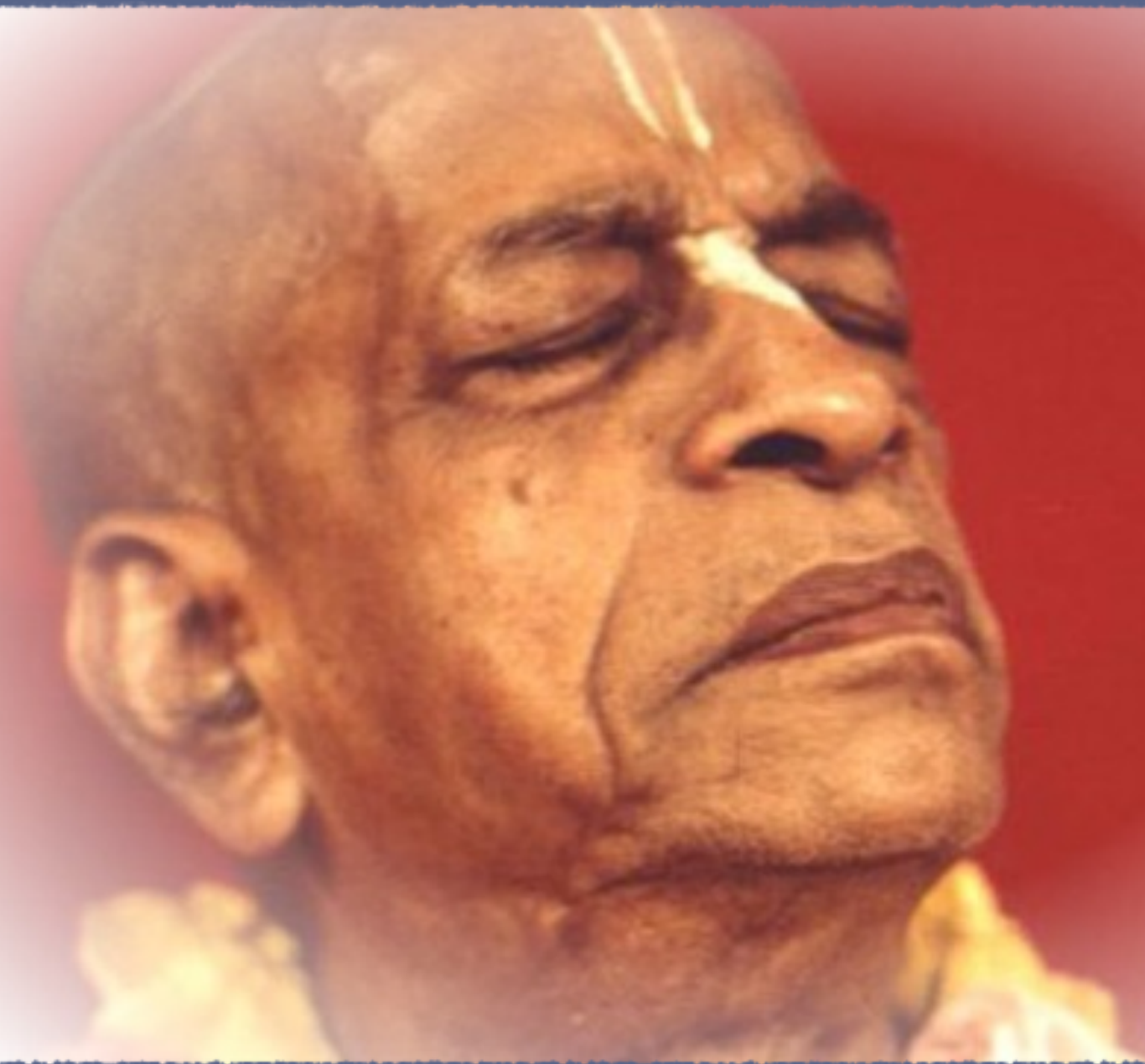
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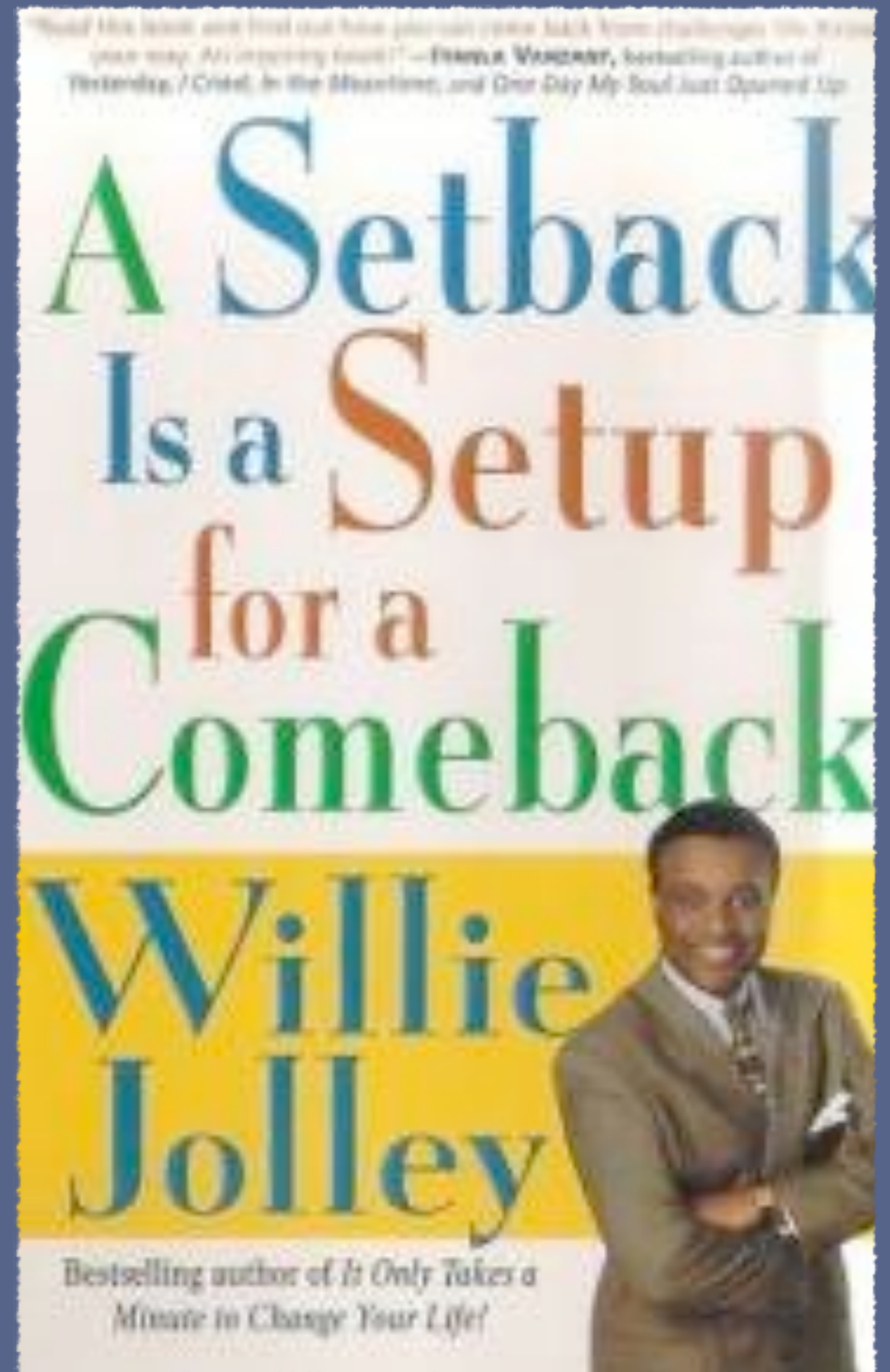
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GOD'S PLANS ARE FOR GOOD, NOT EVIL

*Doesn't mean we won't have
negative situations, but means..*

*Everything we endure will move
us toward that good plan*

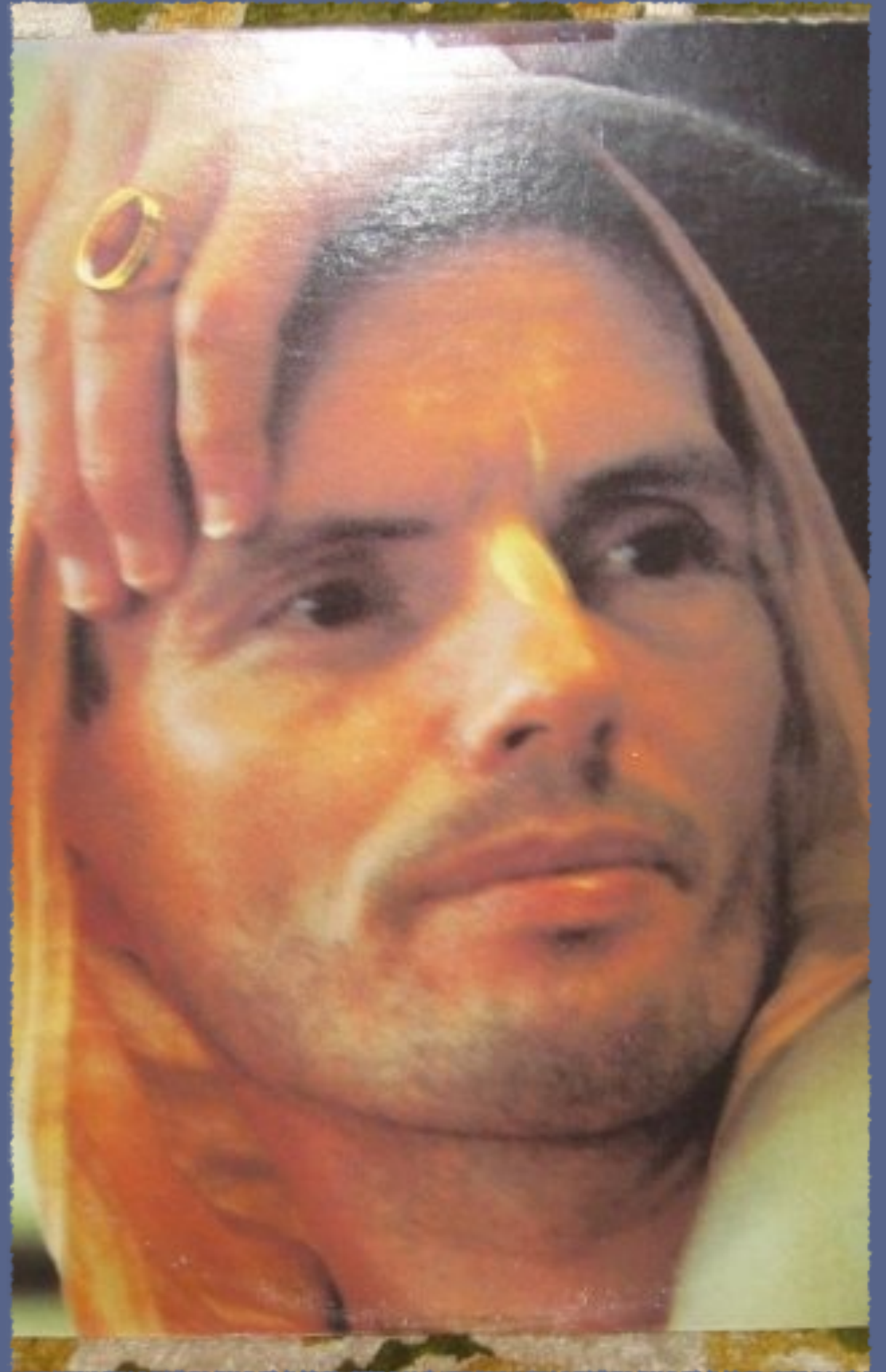


We all have things happen we don't understand, why did this friend betray me, this company lay me off? why didn't I get that promotion, why weren't my prayers answered?

SEEMS UNFAIR, BAD BREAK

*still doesn't mean it's not a part
of Krishna's plan*

*just as Krishna uses promotion,
break throughs,
encouragement, loyal friends,
He also uses disappointments,
closed doors, betrayals,
persecution ..*



A Good Ending...



NOTHING HAPPENS **TO** ME,
EVERYTHING HAPPENS **FOR** ME

Krishna would not have allowed it unless

He had a purpose for it

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That person who hurt you, God could have stopped it, kept it from happening, but since he didn't, I have to accept that this disappointment, this betrayal, this bad break---I may not like it, it may be painful right now, but I know ultimately it's not going to work **against** me, it's going to work **for** me



ALREADY WRITTEN A GOOD PLAN
Stay in Faith - not happening TO me, FOR me

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What was meant for my harm Krishna will use to my advantage, when you know your life is divinely orchestrated, take all the pressure off..

Britta..3 years refused graduate school...6 phases of faith, difficulty phase, delay phase

STAY ON THE HIGH ROAD

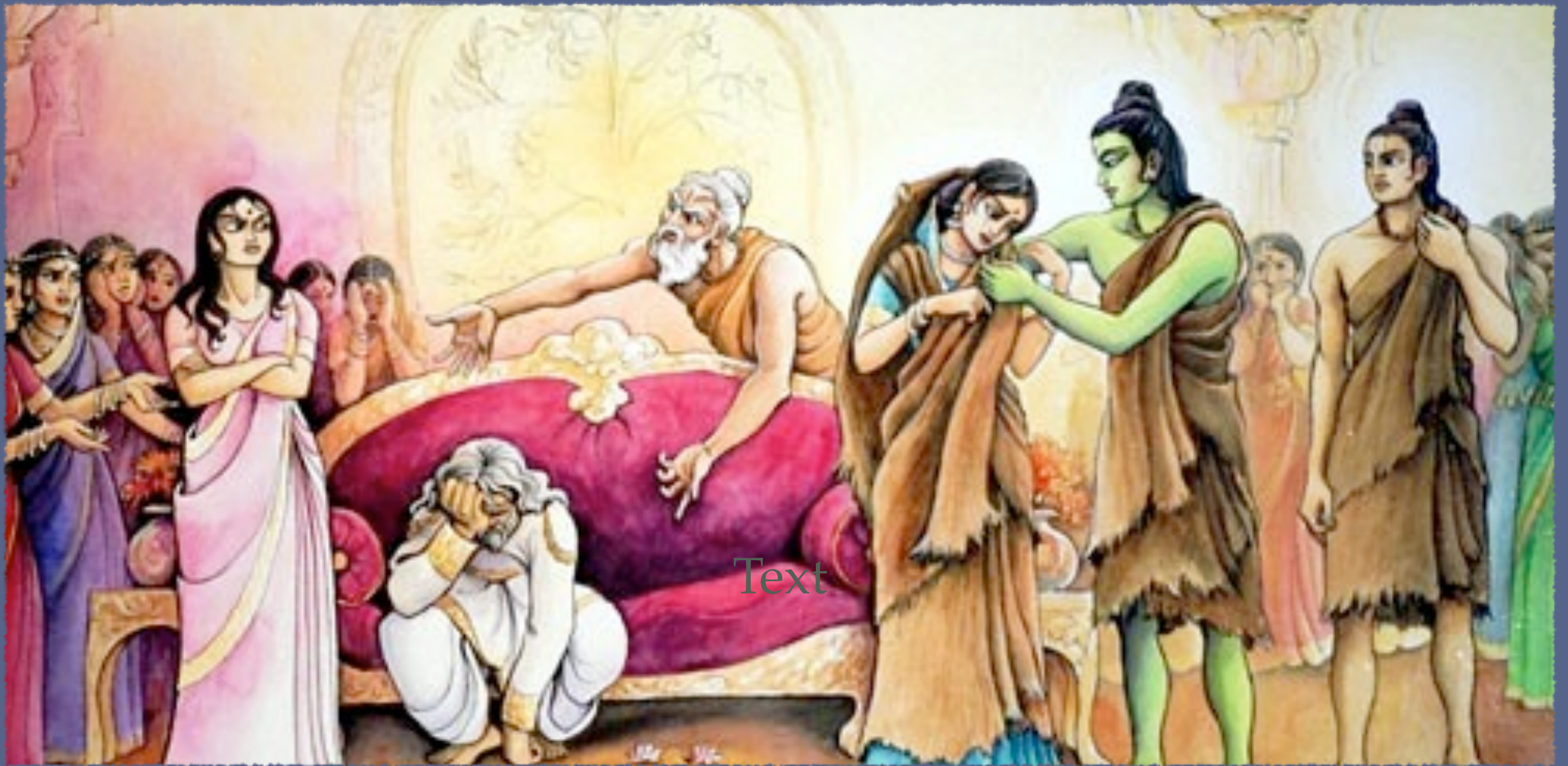
*When one door closes Krishna
will always open up a bigger &
better door, pass the test and
let God take me to a new level
of your destiny..*

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"AND NOW FOR THE LAST QUESTION .HOW DO YOU
GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE ?"



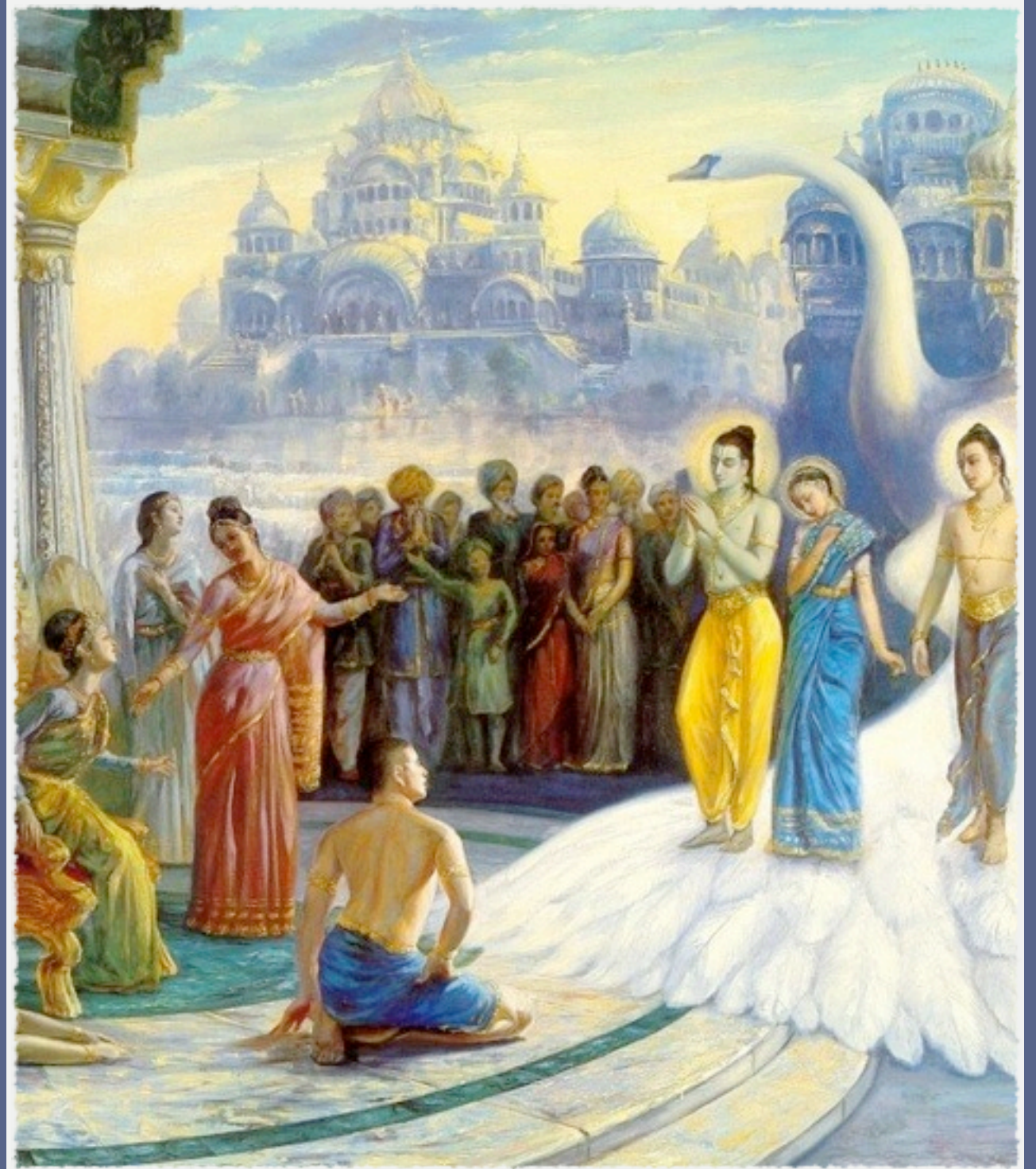


Text

Keikeyi

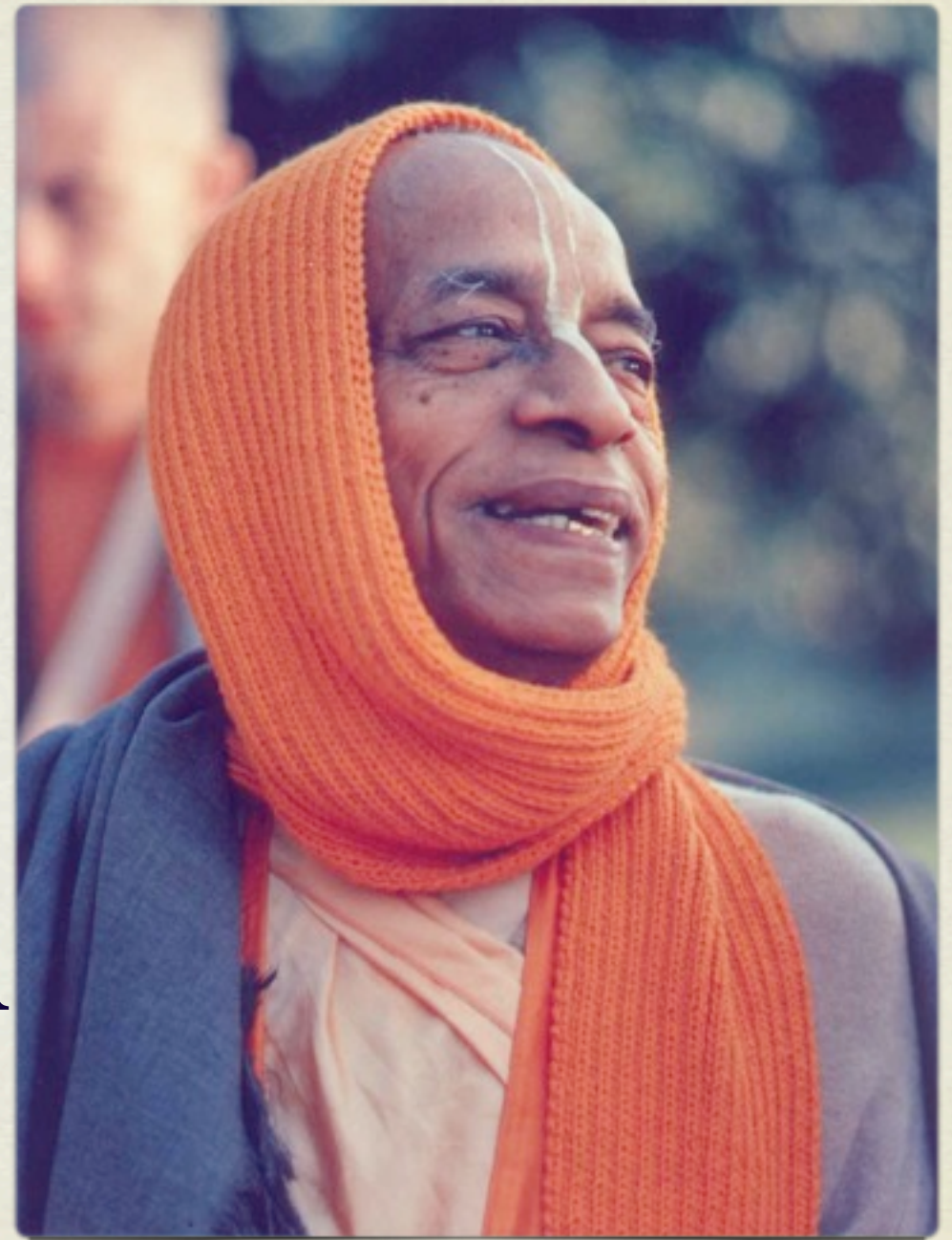
What if Rama said, How could this happen, I'm righteous, not fair, Knew before Keikeyi would betray him, but didn't try to stop her..used her more than others, the person who betrayed Ram played a critical role in his fulfilling divine destiny

PERSECUTION FOR A PURPOSE



Four Betrayals

- Wife - leave home
- Jhansi - leave India
- Godbrothers - Concentrate on western youth
- Roommate - First temple in USA



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Betrayals didn't set him **back**, they set him **up**,
Without betrayals we miss the amazing future God has in store, you may not have liked it, but God was using it to get you to where He wanted you to be..they weren't bad people, but they were closing doors according to God's plan, so bigger & better doors would open up

Orchestrated by God

- ◆ **Anytime we go to a new level, we have to go to a new level of obedience**
- ◆ **Shake off the wrongs, keep a good attitude, we believe it's going to get better, even though our mind is telling us it's never going to work out, deep down have to know "my life is divinely orchestrated, not happening TO me, happening FOR me**

Set Back or Set Up

- ◆ If Krishna wanted you to marry that person, have that promotion, have that job, you would have..quit sulking Krishna has something better in store
- ◆ Their rejection is going to lead to God's promotion
- ◆ Looked like a **set back**, but really was a **set up** for Krishna to do something amazing in your life.

**Tray Table?
side underneath window**

*Don't let life upset because a
friend betrayed you*

*Don't be bitter your prayers
didn't get answered the way
you wanted*

*Don't have chip on your
shoulder cause of a bad break*

*God would not have allowed
unless He was going to use it to
your advantage*



Smaller plane held 12 people, one seat on either side of the aisle, friend pulled his tray table out as easily as could be..jerked mine yanked finagled struggled..sign, not a try table, emergency exit..”Thank you Lord, for not answering that prayer”

Krishna has our best
interest at heart

How many times we're
frustrated cause it's not
happening our way, on our
timetable, and Krishna's up
there with a big smile on
his face, thinking, "If you
only knew what you are
asking for..."



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"I love you way too much to answer those prayers" When you know life divinely orchestrated you don't get frustrated & force things to happen, you trust god to do it his way, don't get upset when someone does you wrong, know God can use even your enemies to keep you moving forward

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

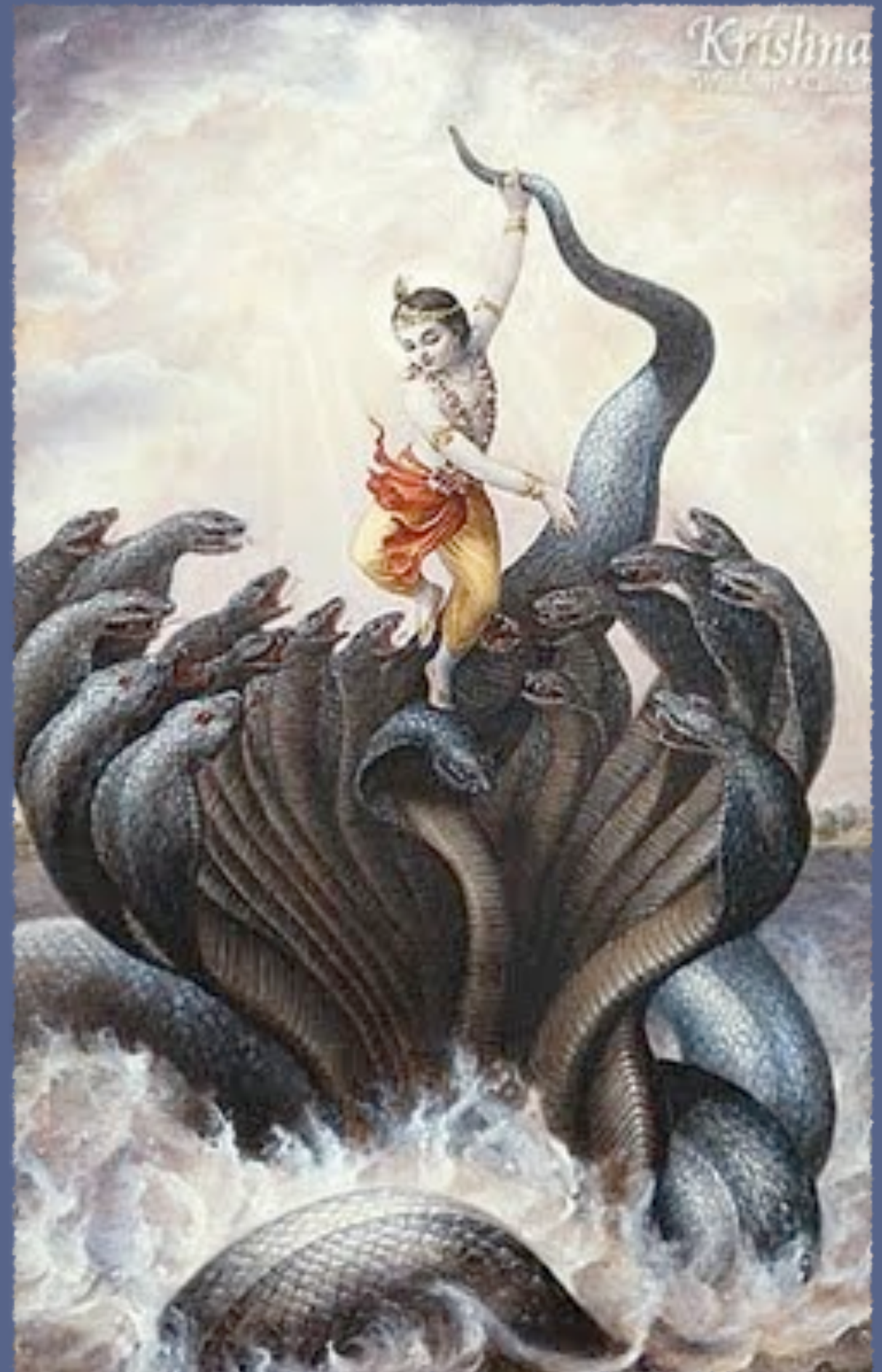
Unalloyed devotees, who have no desire other than to serve the Lord, worship Him in full surrender and always hear and chant about His activities, which are most wonderful and auspicious. Such devotees never ask the Lord for any benediction. I, however, am in danger. Thus I pray to the Supreme Personality of Godhead SB 8/3/20



Don't complain about your enemies, God can use your enemies to keep you going further when you would have given up..Sometime your enemies would do more to catapult you to success than your friends,



Ram embraced Keikeyi, benedicted Kaliya



ASPHALT DRIVE WAY

***“Hoarding
money...”***



Didn't spend it then just to spite him, got it done for \$ 18,000.00, instead of \$ 60,000, that man doesn't know how much money he saved us..Bible God used a donkey to speak..I didn't call him a donkey..



Krishna's Promise

*ksipram bhavati dharmatma
sasvac-chantim nigacchati
kaunteya pratijanihi
na me bhaktah pranasyati*

**He quickly becomes righteous and attains
lasting peace. O son of Kunti, declare it
boldly that My devotee never perishes.
Gita 9/31**

Quit asking “Why”

- ◆ **Will never understand Krishna's infinite wisdom**
- ◆ **I can't explain every bad things that's happened, but I can tell you this, Krishna is still on the throne, He still has a great plan for your life, what was meant for your harm, He wants to use to your advantage**
- ◆ **Do your part & shake off the self pity, blame, discouragement, disappointment**
- ◆ **No enemy is powerful enough to keep you from your destiny**

WE USUALLY THANK GOD FOR OPEN DOORS

***Need to learn to thank for
closed doors as well***



THE KEY

**Stay in faith, don't get
bitter, stuck in past,
resentment**

**Krishna I trust You, I'm in
your hands, You know
what's best for me. I may
not understand this but I
believe You know what's
best for me, and it's a part
of Your plan.**



BOLL WEEVILS OF LIFE

*Sent to show us the
new things God
wants us to do*



You may be dealing with some boll weevils at the office, home, stay in faith, peanuts are headed your way, set back is really a set up, boll weevil looks like it's there to destroy you, when God **allowed** it so he could take you to a whole new level, **stumbling block becomes a stepping stone**

KRISHNA LINED UP THE RIGHT ENEMIES

One day you will look back & see what God was doing, but we're asking you today to trust Him to have your best interest at heart. If you will shrug off the negatives, you'll discover nothing in life happened TO you, it happened FOR you.





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