



About Vanipedia

VANIPEDIA is a dynamic, interactive online encyclopedia of books, letters, conversations and lectures of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. The mission of this project is to explore and comprehensively compile Srila Prabhupada's vani—his words—from all angles of vision and to present it in accessible and easily understandable ways. In this way, it aims to offer Srila Prabhupada a continual worldwide platform on which to preach and teach the science of Krishna consciousness.

Operating on the same software as Wikipedia, Vanipedia features the same user-friendly functionality of Wiki: easy navigation among pages, categories and site sections; cross-linking, referencing and statistical capabilities; tables of content and indexing; view-friendly layout. Vanipedia is free of charge or membership and open to everyone. And Vanipedia's collaborative model of participation and development further enhances its value by bringing together and actively engaging devotees in a collegial and rewarding service environment.

The Vanipedia project consists of seven components, or 'petals' (in reference to its logo, which depicts the project as a lotus, with Vanipedia at the center and six petals extending outward). The fundamental building blocks of the project are now in place: Vanisource and Vaniquotes. Vanisource, which replicates primary Prabhupada source texts found in Vedabase, is now complete and operating. Vaniquotes, which extracts and compiles quotes from those texts, is established, operating and growing as a work in progress. These two petals—Vanisource and Vaniquotes—will supply the resource for the remaining parts of the project.

Organization

Vanipedia was founded by HG Visnu Murti dasa as a project of Prabhupada Vani Research Academy, based near Radhadesh in Belgium. The project made its public debut on Gaura Purnima of 2008 and is continuing to progress steadily toward its ambitious goals. Executed via a collaborative model of participation, Vanipedia is building through the sincere endeavor of devotees from around the world under the facilitation of its present core team of seven. Anyone who is inspired to assist or contribute is encouraged to join in the Vanipedia mission to whatever degree or capacity they desire. (Inquiries may be directed to vaniseva@pamho.net.)

The Vanipedia Vision

Vanipedia's vision is to offer a comprehensive repository of Srila Prabhupada's teachings—a unique resource through which devotees can learn, associate and serve while advancing spiritually under the shelter of Lord Krishna and the saintly acaryas in disciplic succession. Vanipedia is free and open to the general public as well as to devotees, providing a powerful platform from which the sankirtan message can be broadcast worldwide through Srila Prabhupada's empowered words. And in the process, devotees can come together and engage in sadhana and service in a collegial atmosphere centered on His Divine Grace in his glorious vani form.

Vanipedia — the essence of Vedic knowledge
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The Petals of Vanipedia

Vanisource (now complete)

Collection of Srila Prabhupada's books, lectures, letters and conversations

- Replicates full text from source documents in Vedabase;
- Provides easy online access to Prabhupada's written and spoken works;
- Provides context and basis for other parts of the site.

Vaniquotes (work in progress)

Compilation of quotes from Prabhupada's books, lectures, letters and conversations

- Fully linked to source texts in Vanisource;
- Organized into searchable categories and pages by theme, terminology, reference to scripture and to scriptural personalities;
- Compiled from multiple angles of vision;
- Volume goal: 1-2 million quotes by 2015;
- Compiled by devotee contributors serving via Internet from around the world.

Vanimedia (in development)

Collection of photographic images and audio and video recordings of Srila Prabhupada

- Will be linked to Vanisource and Vaniquotes for a more fully contextual vani experience.

Vanictionary (upcoming)

Lexicon of Sanskrit and Bengali expressions used by Srila Prabhupada

- Based on Srila Prabhupada's definition and usage as per texts in Vaniquotes/Vanisource;
- Sanskrit-to-English and Bengali-to-English;
- Will include a brief description of each of the personalities found in Srila Prabhupada's works.

Vanipedia (upcoming)

The hub of the project

- Will contain articles introducing users to site content;
- Will act as a portal to link articles to the other petals of the project.

Vanibooks (upcoming)

Thematic compendiums of Srila Prabhupada's teachings

- Similar to *Preaching is the Essence*, *Sri Namamrta* and *Spiritual Master and Disciple*;
- To be created only after extensive research has been completed in Vaniquotes;
- Will link back to Vaniquotes/Vanisource;
- Will include the possibility for printing hard copies.

Vaniversity (upcoming)

Online education in the Vedic version

- Interactive learning ranging from children's activities to college-level courses;
- Curriculum to be developed from Vanisource, Vaniquotes and Vanibooks.

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