

GALVA-108



**Gay & Lesbian
Vaishnava Association**

Information &
support for
LGBTI Vaishnavas &
Hindus

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Please Chant:
Hare Krishna
Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare
Rama
Rama Rama Hare
Hare

Your life will
become sublime!



**Tritiya Prakriti:
People of the Third Sex
by Amara Dasa Wilhelm**

**Understanding
Homosexuality,
Transgender Identity
and Intersex
Conditions through
Hinduism**

Our Services:

GALVA-108 provides free information about the Vedic third sex, which you can explore below on our website. Don't forget to join us on Facebook for further association and support!

Our Members & Allies:

GALVA-108 is a cyber-organization with few if any offices or centers. It is nonsectarian and encourages members to attend their local temples, devotional programs and gatherings for spiritual inspiration and service. Most of us are from ISKCON or other Gaudiya Vaishnava groups but all stripes of Vaishnavas and Hindus are welcome! We have been online since 2001, with participants from all over the world.

Contact us at:

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Frequently asked questions

What is Gaudiya Vaishnavism?

Gaudiya Vaishnavism is a branch of Vaishnava Hinduism originating from Gaudadesa (Bengal). Its members accept Lord Caitanya (1486-1534 A.D.) as the spiritual preceptor for this age—an incarnation of Radha and Krsna combined. Gaudiya Vaishnavas worship Radha-Krsna as the original and most intimate manifestation of Godhead. Lord Caitanya's mission was to spread love of God throughout the world and to all people, especially the fallen and downtrodden. His specific method was to engage everyone in chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra.

What is the third sex or gender?

The third sex or gender (tritiya-prakriti) refers to people we know today as sex or gender minorities--homosexuals, transgenders, the intersexed, LGBTQ+, etc.--people who do not fit neatly into society's "normal" male and female roles or expectations. In Vedic culture, such people did not typically engage in sexual reproduction and were thus awarded a special status in society. Their presence at festive occasions was considered auspicious and they were believed to possess supernatural powers to bless or curse others.



How can I join GALVA?



Our story

GALVA-108 is an international organization dedicated to the teachings of Lord Caitanya, the importance of all-inclusiveness within His mission and the Vedic concept of a natural third gender. Its purpose is to help educate Vaishnavas, Hindus and the public in general about the "third sex" (LGBTIQ+ persons) as described in Vedic literatures.