

# ISCOWP News



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vs  
Ahimsa Milk

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Dear ISCOWP Members,



*Due to your generosity, the geriatric barn roof is up! Now the old and infirm cows will have a dry and comfortable home during the winter. Thank you so much!*

*The ethics of milk consumption is the main theme of this issue. Topics like, "Is Your Milk Really Ahimsa Milk?" and "Blood Milk vs Ahimsa Milk," are discussed in this issue.*

*You can start sending mail to our new appropriate lane address: 885 Oxen Drive! The old address is valid for a year.*

*A cow must be bred to produce milk and the result is, fifty percent of the time, a bull calf. Read about how ISCOWP is again training oxen and ox teamsters to show the usefulness of the bull and therefore help stop their slaughter.*

*Maddy the cow, after years of milking, has been saved and will soon be arriving at the ISCOWP Farm thanks to the generosity of you, our ISCOWP members. Thank you again!*

*Yours, Chayadevi*

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### ISCOWP Profile

The official International Society for Cow Protection, Inc. (ISCOWP) was incorporated in the USA, March 1990, as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization. William and Irene Dove (Balabhadra das and Chayadevi dasi) are its managing directors. They are disciples of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). Through their spiritual master's teachings, they have imbibed the practices and benefits, both spiritual and material, of lifetime cow protection.

Cow protection means enabling cows to live out their natural lives with love and affection. The tenets of cow protection are universal and nonsectarian, available to all regardless of race, creed, or nationality.

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# Maddy the Cow is Saved!

Our recent e-newsletter told of Maddy's plight and you, our members, responded quickly providing the finances to save Maddy and bring her to the ISCOWP farm. She will soon arrive, and probably be here by the time you receive this newsletter. Through our e-newsletter we can report about her arrival as soon as it happens.

Now, is the challenge of taking care of her for her whole life. You can help with that by adopting her online at: [www.iscownp.org/how-to-adopt-a-cow.html](http://www.iscownp.org/how-to-adopt-a-cow.html). Or you can use the form enclosed and give whatever you can give. By the way, Shyama, a friendly, calm and peaceful cow is also not adopted. She can be found at: [www.iscownp.org/how-to-adopt-2.html](http://www.iscownp.org/how-to-adopt-2.html). Thanks for all your help!

The following is a letter about Maddy.

Hello folks, it's Judy from the Home for Wayward Holsteins up here in SW PA. I realize this is a lot to ask, but I don't know of anyone besides us that rescues cows, so here goes ... is there any possibility you might be able to rescue a cow?

My favorite cow on the herd that I milk is due to be culled, probably sometime this month. She didn't breed back, and the farmer has been "milking her down" until she reaches the point she's no longer profitable, then it's buh-bye! She has been milked for almost 2 years running now, so it's getting close.

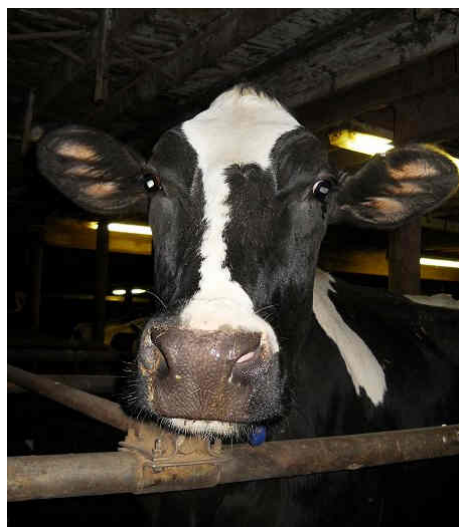
She is a nice cow. I call her Madeleine or Maddy and she knows her name, although obviously you could change it. She's a Holstein, average size, a white-on-black cow. Pretty face with a crooked blaze. In good health, she's a little on the fat side. She's had a couple of recent flare-ups of mastitis, very mild, we haven't had to use antibiotics

just Udder Comfort to clear it up. (I can dry cow treat her when she leaves the herd, that should take care of it for good.) Her feet aren't the greatest -- she isn't lame right now, and she'll

bully to the other cows. One of the old girls who stands in the back of the holding pen and patiently waits her turn. Just a nice cow.



Maddy needs a brake from standing on concrete 24/7.



Maddy is looking forward to pasturing.

probably be even better when she's not standing on concrete 24/7. I think she's just getting worn out from being milked for so long without a break! She has a nice personality, likes people, isn't flighty, holds her own in the herd but isn't dominant or pushy or a

She's in her 3rd lactation now, about 6 year old, and has given 95,000 pounds of milk, something like 11,000 gallons! Truly a mind-boggling amount when you think about it. I think she deserves a nice retirement. :) Of course, I would like to take her myself, but I already have my 4 girls and gosh, it's hard taking care of them as it is. I don't have any help or any equipment here, it's just me and my pitchfork and wheelbarrow. :)

Again I realize this is asking a lot, but as they say, desperate times call for desperate measures!!! I would love to see some publicity given to how retired dairy cows make great pets and can have long, happy, healthy lives (my Christine has been with me since 2004, she's 9 now, never any problems other than she eats like a fat pig, LOL.) Thanks, Judy



Amrita is a young heifer Brahman living in the ISCOWP herd.

## Is Your Milk Ahimsa Milk?

To be truly called cruelty-free milk or ahimsa milk, all the cows, calves, and bulls who are involved in producing the milk must be protected their entire lives. A cow must be bred to produce milk. A calf will be born. Fifty percent of the time it is a bull calf. There will be bull calves, and non-productive and old cows, who will not produce milk. In commercial milk production, these unproductive cows are killed. This killing allows the commercial milk producers to make a profit.

Here are some questions to ask if you want to know if your milk is truly cruelty-free/ahimsa milk

- 1) Do all the calves of the bred cows receive lifetime protection?
- 2) Do the calves receive the colostrum milk from their mothers for the first three days or so after calving? If so, after the three days are the calves given cows milk for their diet or are they given a milk replacer?

3) What is the protocol at milking time. How long is the calf and cow allowed to associate, if at all, after birth? Are they allowed to suckle from their mothers? If so, how many teats (quarters) of the cow is the calf allowed to drink for their own growth and sustenance?

3) Are milking machines being used? Milking machines are artificial. Hand milking is personal and more comfortable for the cow.

4) Is there a hospice set up for the medical care and final passing away of the cows?

5) Is rBGH used? Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone is a genetically engineered copy of a naturally occurring hormone produced by cows. Injected into dairy cows, milk production increases by as much as 10-15%. Both the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) and the Consumer's Union, publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, have warned of the potential hazards to human health caused by consuming

products derived from rBGH-treated cows. And what about the cows? rBGH "revs" the cows' systems and forces them to produce a lot more milk - but it also makes them sick. Even the FDA (who approved this drug in 1993) admits that the use of rBGH could increase udder infections (mastitis), severe reproductive problems, digestive disorders, foot and leg ailments, and persistent sores and lacerations. It is not required by USA law to list rBGH as an ingredient.

6) How extensive is the use of antibiotics? To combat mastitis and other diseases, cows are given regular doses of antibiotics as a preventive measure. If a single cow in a herd is diagnosed with an illness, the entire herd receives the medication, usually mixed in with the cows' feed or water, because it would be too expensive to diagnose and treat only certain individuals.

Excessive antibiotics are a concern because they cause the spread of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria. Because antibiotics will kill off most of the bacteria, the drugs leave behind resistant individuals, which then reproduce more rapidly without competition from other bacteria. These bacteria then spread throughout the farm and/or spread to people who come into contact with the cows or the cows' products. This is not an idle fear. Antibiotic-resistant strains of salmonella have already been found in animal products in the human food supply.

6) What arrangements have been made for the bull calves who are born? Are they cared for and trained to work and engage in productive service so the example of ox power will be shown as one of the most important aspects of cow protection?

7) Is sexed semen being used? Sexed semen is genetically modified semen without the male reproductive gene. It is only efficient on first and second heifers, not older cows. In our opinion, this semen is not part of ahimsa milk.



# Blood Milk vs Ahimsa Milk

For many years (about 46) it has been the undisputed position that devotees can take milk from unprotected cows as long as they offer the milk to Lord Krsna. The offering purifies the milk and gives the cow spiritual benefits. In recent years this position has been questioned. In recent years there has been a growing number of vegans, people who are sacrificing their taste for milk and milk products to abstain from milk products because of the milk industry's cruelty to the bovine species. They do not want to support this industry's practices.

In light of this growing consciousness, there has been ongoing debate about the practice of ISKCON (International Society for Krsna Consciousness) temples using commercial milk. Although ISKCON's founder acharya (His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada) allowed commercial milk to be used after offering in the beginning of ISKCON's development; at the same time he also repeatedly said and wrote how important it was to produce our own milk, develop our own farms and develop restaurants acquiring their milk products from our protected cows. Now 46 years later, ISKCON's farms and cows have diminished in numbers and productivity. At the same time the position is prevalent that it is okay to buy commercial milk as long as it is offered to Lord Krsna. This position feeds lethargy to the concept that we need to put money, time, and energy into the development of protected cows who produce protected milk.

Milk from protected cows has been referred to as ahimsa milk or milk acquired according to dharmic principles, those principles following righteousness as described in the Vedic scripture. While commercial milk is referred to as blood milk

because of the cows' blood spilled in the dairy industry to produce a profit. Commercial milk has also been referred to as adharmic, or milk acquired without dharmic principle.

It is so easy to continue to buy commercial milk and more difficult to build, maintain and energize a cow protection farm producing protected milk products, grains, vegetables and fruits. But in the long run, the more difficult way offers a spiritually potent, viable alternative for all conscious mankind.

Following is a portion of the debate.

Srimad Bhagavatam 5.6.16: Srila Prabhupada,



Jimmy Devine feeding Sri a treat as Balaram awaits his turn.

"Lord Rsabhadeva is the master of all Vedic knowledge, human beings, demigods, cows and brahmanas. The quality of a cow is a birth right unlike a brahmana who has to act according to certain qualities. A cow is born a cow. You can say a brahmana is not a brahmana if his actions are not brahminical. You cannot say a cow is not a cow, in any circumstance. You can say first class second, class third class cow but you cannot say not a cow."

Now here is a point.

If a brahmana is to be killed would that make his offerings adharmic. If a brahmana is mistreated by others would that make his offerings adharmic. I would say no to both of these. A brahmana's offerings are accepted even though others may abuse him or even kill him later.

Here is the real point I would like us to consider. If a cow is to be killed would that make its milk adharmic? If a cow is mistreated by others would that make its milk adharmic?

I would say no to both of these. A cow's milk is dharma. "gam ca dharma-dugham" The cow yields

dharma/milk SB 1.17.3 A cow is yielding dharma, even if others are treating her poorly "dinam."

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Answer follows by Balabhadra das  
ISKCON Minister of Cow Protection and Agriculture  
President of ISCOWP, The International Society for Cow Protection

## TRANSLATION

"Although the cow is beneficial because one can draw religious principles from her, she was now rendered poor and calfless. Her legs were being beaten by a sudra (lower class person). There were tears in her eyes, and she was distressed and weak. She was hankering after some grass in the field."

## PURPORT

"The next symptom of the age of Kali is the distressed condition of the cow. Milking the cow means drawing the principles of religion in a liquid form. The great rsis and munis would live only on milk. Srila Sukadeva Gosvāmi would go to a householder while he was milking a cow, and he would simply take a little quantity of it for subsistence. Even fifty years ago, no one would deprive a sadhu (saintly person) of a quart or two of milk, and every householder would give milk like water. For a Sanatanist (a follower of Vedic principles) it is the duty of every householder to have cows and bulls as household paraphernalia, not only for drinking milk, but also for deriving religious principles. The Sanatanist worships cows on religious principles and respects brahmanas. The cow's milk is required for the sacrificial fire, and by performing sacrifices the householder can be happy. The cow's calf not only is beautiful to look at, but also gives satisfaction to the cow, and so she delivers as much milk as possible. But in the Kali-yuga, the calves are separated from the cows as early as possible for purposes which may not be mentioned in these pages of Srimad-Bhagavatam. The cow stands with tears in her eyes, the Sudra milkman draws milk from the cow artificially, and when there is no milk the cow is sent to be slaughtered. These greatly sinful acts are

responsible for all the troubles in present society. People do not know what they are doing in the name of economic development. The influence of Kali will keep them in the darkness of ignorance. Despite all endeavors for peace and prosperity, they must try to see the cows and the bulls happy in all respects. Foolish people do not know how one earns happiness by making the cows and bulls happy, but it is a fact by the law of nature. Let us take it from the authority of Srimad-Bhagavatam and adopt the principles for the total happiness of humanity."

It is a fact that a cow will give milk even if she is being mistreated. But this sinful act of mistreating the cows while they are being exploited to give milk and their calves being stolen from them and sent to the slaughterhouse, causing them to be very unhappy, are all symptoms of Kali-yuga. These symptoms and activities of Kali-yuga are being explained to us

***The cow stands with tears in her eyes, the sudra milkman draws milk from the cow artificially, and when there is no milk the cow is sent to be slaughtered.***

***These greatly sinful acts are responsible for all the troubles in present society. Canto 1 chapter 17, text 3***

by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, so we are aware of them and avoid supporting these activities.

In Bhagavad Gita we understand that there are two natures. Divine Nature and Demonic Nature. As living entities we have free will and by having free will we can support either Divine Nature or Demonic Nature.

In my humble opinion, the real point is, should ISKCON as a society, continue to support Demonic Nature by buying milk from the commercial dairies whose sole purpose is to mistreat the cows/bulls from birth till their untimely death simply to gain economic development? Lord Kṛṣṇa

is a cowherd boy and it is part of our offerings to Him to offer Him milk and other milk products. My answer is No, we should not continue to support these demonic activities. We should make all endeavor to supply the Deities (forms of God) and devotees milk from protected cows.

In this Purport of Srimad Bhagavatam 1:17:3 Srila Prabhupada clearly lays out the activities which we must not support.

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These are the activities we are being asked to avoid. By supporting these demonic activities we also become implicated in them. And then Srila Prabhupada explains the results of these activities:

" These greatly sinful acts are responsible for all the troubles in present society."

And then Srila Prabhupada states:

" People do not know what they are doing in the name of economic development. The influence of Kali will keep them in the darkness of ignorance."

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# Global Warming and Geoengineering

Written by Chand Prasad, Ph.D.

**G**lobal warming poses a number of grave threats to agriculture, including the loss of pollen viability for some crop species at higher temperatures, more extreme unpredictable weather, and coastal flooding. Any serious efforts to address climate change will necessitate the adoption of organic farming and the rejection of commercial agricultural systems that foster and serve the global meat culture. However, rather than undertaking constructive and fundamental changes aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions, many in the scientific community have counseled an approach known as geoengineering, which is often described as technological interventions in the earth's climate systems to manipulate our weather and our oceans. Unfortunately, this depiction of geoengineering is misleading, or at best incomplete. Although global warming has been utilized as an argument for increased support and funding for environmental modification technologies, geoengineering is rooted to a large extent in its potential for military applications, which include creating weather disturbances that are destructive to enemy combatant nations.

The United States and the Soviet Union conducted some of the earliest geo-scale experiments and engineering efforts between 1958 and 1962. These 2 Cold War combatants were attempting to modify the global environment for military purposes by detonating nuclear bombs in space – the goal of combating global warming played absolutely no role. The 1958 U.S. Argus project, for instance, involved the use of A-bomb explosions in the Van Allen Belt (magnetic belts protecting the earth from the destructive solar wind's charged particles) to create an artificial radiation belt, dis-



Jahnava with her boyfriend Balaram.

rupt the near-space environment, and possibly intercept enemy missiles. Project Argus, and later high altitude nuclear tests by the U.S. and the Soviet Union that followed, culminated in the 1962 Starfish Prime H-bomb space detonations that created an artificial electromagnetic radiation belt that remained for 10 years. Project Starfish had a substantially disruptive impact on the Van Allen belt, altering its shape and intensity for approximately 100 years to come. Geo-weaponry projects also included the 1962 U.S. military use of electronic beams to ionize and de-ionize areas of the atmosphere to generate artificial lightening, as well as a Canadian project that entailed launching satellites into the earth's ionosphere to chemically simulate plasma (an example of which is lightening).

In response to the destructive impacts of these activities, the United Nations General Assembly approved the 1976 Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Envi-

ronmental Modification Techniques. However, the United Nations left a debilitating loophole – the Convention did not prohibit peaceful projects such as pure research, solar energy projects, or industrial resource development. This omission allowed countries to simply re-label or restate the objectives of their geo-warfare projects as, for instance, weather research aimed at increasing food production in the North American plains or in Russia.

Governments have been conducting atmospheric modification experiments for decades by adding chemicals to the earth's atmosphere such as barium azide, barium chlorate, barium nitrate, barium perchlorate and barium peroxide. These combustible substances are harmful to the ozone layer, as is the atmospheric nuclear bomb testing by the U.S., U.K. and the Soviet Union between 1945 and 1963. There are no enforcement mechanisms for requiring the dissemination

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The new roof going up! At the printing of this newsletter, the roof is completed.

# *ISCOWP Farm Update*

## **Geriatric Barn Roof is Up!**

Good News. We found a contractor at a reasonable price and you, our members, sent enough donations to cover the cost. The roof is now up! The job went quickly and efficiently.

This last weekend there was a lot of rain. We went into the geriatric barn and there was not a single leak that we could see. It felt cozy and we happily reflected about a dry barn for the old and infirm cows this winter. Thank you so much for your donations that made this possible!

## **Garden**

The garden was very productive this year. All summer, we prepared meals from beans, chard, eggplant, carrots, zucchini, lettuce, cucumbers, spinach, bitter melon, tomatoes and peppers. After shopping at the supermarket we did not have many bags to carry! Now that fall is ending and winter is beginning, we now prepare meals with Brussels sprouts, the remaining chard, lettuce and spinach in the

Bottom photo:

In this small circle garden, so much food and flowers for the Deities were grown. Lettuce, spinach, sweet potatoes, dill, carrots, chard, mums, marigolds, zinnias, carnations, okra, berries, Brussels sprouts, zucchini, cilantro, sage, basil and rosemary.



garden and harvested butternut squash and sweet potatoes. Soon the weather will be too cold to be preparing meals directly from the garden and we will rely on dried, frozen and canned produce from the garden along with the numerous harvested butternut squash and sweet potatoes stored in our root cellar.

## **Cows**

The pastures stayed very healthy throughout the year which gave the cows plenty of green grass to eat. Even now they are still pasturing and coming into the barn to eat hay part of the day. We were able to get part of the farm mowed in early fall which allowed fresh green grass to grow. Since cows are primarily pasturing animals, they have been very happy.

Take a look at the Adopt A Cow program online as we could use help caring for the cows. A cow adoption is a great gift for any cow lover during this upcoming holiday season. Read all the details about your adoption benefits at: [www.iscowp.org/adopt-a-cow.html](http://www.iscowp.org/adopt-a-cow.html).



## ISCOWP Training Oxen Again!

Balabhadra is once again training oxen and teamsters. ISCOWP is partnering with ECOV, a New Vrindaban corporation dedicated to cow protection and agriculture. The joint goal is have a minimum of 10 ox teams and 10 teamsters in 10 years.

Presently Balabhadra is training Dhananjaya who has committed to one year of training starting in April.

Here is the ECOV advertisement.

Wanted: Ox Teamster - New Vrindaban USA

- Experience with cows preferred but not necessary (training provided by International Society for Cow Protection ISCOWP)

- Familiar with and practicing Vaisnava behavior and principles.
- Motivated, Competent, Mature, Balanced, Self-Starter

Duties Include:

- Working with Oxen
- Transporting milk from barn to temple kitchen (serve as substitute milker)
- Hauling
- Forestry (logging, firewood, fence posts — working with chainsaw)
- Field Work (hauling, plowing, harvesting, etc.)
- Interacting with pilgrims and interns
- Teaching about Oxen
- Basic animal husbandry

References required.

Compensation Package: Salary and Accommodations

Current US legal residents given preference

Will work with ECOV, a New Vrindaban corporation dedicated to cow protection and agriculture

Email Madhava Gosh at: [gourdmad@mountain.net](mailto:gourdmad@mountain.net)

After sending out the e-newsletter with the news of ox training again, we received the following reply that gives one of our reasons for this program.

Training the oxen may be the most important service for the future. Please research Peak Oil. The world has already passed peak oil several years ago, and in the very near future, (a couple of years) there will be no more oil. That means, tractors won't work. Only people who know how to use the oxen will be able to farm and to eat!

In grateful service, Vaiyasaki Das



Former pupil Chaitanya teaches Dhananjaya for his PHD degree (Post Hole Digging).



Balabhadra leading Madhava to the barn for training with future teamster Dhananjaya.





Madhava the ox relaxes in the evening.

## Q & A: Milk and Oxen?

**D**ear Sir and Madam, as a vegetarian I am wondering if we could have milk and eggs without slaughtering the animals. If the animals are not slaughtered, the problem emerges that care has to be taken not to have too much animals and the male ones need a useful function, too. You indeed provide a possible solution for farming with animals tolerable for Vegetarians. This would furthermore save energy and reduce pollution. I have this question: To what measure does using the oxen's power in farming stress them? Is castration not torture for the animals? Would preventing some cows from pregnancy be possible, too, in order not to have a too big flock? Thank you in advance for your reply. Yours faithfully, Alexander Dietz

Dear Alexander,  
Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2011. I'm glad to hear that you are vegetarian. In our understanding of a vegetarian diet there is no scope for the use of eggs. We do not subscribe

to the unethical treatment and exploitation of innocent living entities who are exploited for the fruits of their labor and then when they cannot produce enough are unceremoniously butchered, murdered, killed, slaughtered (you choose the word you prefer, it's all the same). This goes on in both the dairy and egg industries, amongst others. An unacceptable fact about the consumption of eggs is that if they are fertilized, then there is the beginning of a living entity that you are eating. If they are not fertilized, then you are eating the chicken's menstrual cycle which is unclean.

However being lacto-vegetarian we do take dairy products in our diets. We are very careful to not take any dairy products that come from cows who are in the modern dairy system which is also referred to as "factory farms." The "factory farm" mentality of modern day business models is based on exploitation and cruelty to innocent living entities.

If we can get dairy products from cows who are taken care of from birth till death with loving care until they leave their bodies according to the will of the Lord, then we will accept these products in our diet.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam, one of the Vedic scriptures that we base our lives on, it is written in the purport to Canto 1 chapter 17, text 3:

"The cow's calf is not only beautiful to look at, but also gives satisfaction to the cow, and so she delivers as much milk as possible. But in the Kali-yuga, the calves are separated from the cows as early as possible for purposes which can not be mentioned in these pages of Srimad Bhagavatam. The cow stands with tears in her eyes, the sudra milkman draws milk from the cow artificially, and when there is no milk the cow is sent to be slaughtered.

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Also in the Bible there are references to being vegetarian. For instance in the Book of Genesis it is stated:

"There are fruit bearing seeds and herbs bearing seeds, these shall be your meat."

In the Book of Isaiah it is stated:



"He who killeth an ox is if he hath killeth a man."

And of course in the 10 commandments there is the commandment which states:

"Thou shall not kill"

Which today has been taken to mean the killing of a human being only.

Regarding the working of oxen. The oxen must be treated with respect and dignity. There is no question of them being mistreated. We must consider them as the backbone of the family farm and not the soup bone. Just as the cow is considered to be one of the mothers, the bull or ox is considered to be one of the fathers. So, in essence we are two fathers working together, side by side, to provide for our families. They should not be stressed in any way.



Erin and peaceful, calm Shyama

Regarding castration. I wish it did not have to be done. But, a bull has a much different mentality than an ox. Most all bulls are aggressive, difficult to control and therefore can not be trusted. Whereas a trained ox is just the apposite.

The type of castration we use is called "bloodless castration". There is no cutting of the scrotum sacks or removal of the testicles. First we give some anesthesia and when the animal is in "la-la land" there is a tool called a Burdizzo which is a large clamp which is used. This method of castration was developed by a Italian doctor named Burdizzo, hence the name Burdizzo. In each "sack" is a tube called a spermatic cord which is clamped. After being clamped, the seamen is no longer able to flow. Each "sack" takes about 3 minutes to clamp. After the procedure is finished the animal sits down and when the anesthesia wears off he gets up and starts eating and drinking. He will walk a bit funny for a couple of days but we have found this procedure to be the best way to castrate the animals.

If one is keeping a bull for a herd sire, he should be kept separate or possibly with some oxen. By keeping him separate from the cows he does not have free access to the cows to impregnate innumerable cows.

In our case, because we do not cull (slaughter) any of our herd, it is important to maintain a defined number of cows in relationship to the "carrying capacity" of the land. If the land can only produce enough feed for 10 animals and the humans working and living on that land who are caring for them, then this is the population ceiling for that land...or "carrying capacity." Also, if milk is being produced, there needs to be a system so that there is a steady flow of milk as opposed to too much milk or too little milk.

According to your "carrying capacity" you can breed selectively by allowing the bull to access selected cows at certain times.

Balabhadra das

## Lakshmi's Kitchen

This soup is a cool to cold weather favorite as we can use the small quantities of vegetables that are left in the garden at this time of year. Also, it is a good way to utilize the store bought vegetable odds and ends in your refrigerator. Not only is the soup economical, it also heats the body and cures the oncoming cold. If you have a cold already, it helps to clean out your system of toxins. We have a pot of soup on hand almost all the time during the winter.

4 tablespoons ghee/olive oil/or butter  
1/2 tsp cumin seeds  
1/2 tsp tumeric  
1/4 tsp hing\*  
1/2 tsp gram masala \*  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp crushed chillies  
1 1/2 quart tomatoes  
1/2 quart tomatillos (or tomatoes)  
A handful of shredded ginger  
Water

Just about any assortment of vegetables, dried, fresh, or frozen.

Use a six quart pot. Heat the ghee, butter (from protected cows) or use olive oil. Add the cumin seeds. When they darken a few shades, add the ginger and crushed chillies. Wait about one minute before adding the rest of the spices except the salt. Stir momentarily. Add the tomatoes and tomatillos (optional) and put on the lid as fast as you can to keep the flavor of the spices in the soup. Add the vegetables and then the water to almost fill the pot and bring to a boil. We usually add chard leaves or similar greens just before the soup begins to boil. Then we turn off the stove and wait 10 minutes. Usually all the vegetables are cooked, but you can test them by poking them with a fork. The vegetable is cooked when the fork goes through easily. If not all the vegetables are cooked, simmer until they are. Add the salt in the end.

\* These spices can be found in an Indian grocery store.

# Blood Milk VS Ahimsa Milk

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Then Srila Prabhupada gives us instructions on how to become happy.

"Despite all endeavors for peace and prosperity, they must try to see the cows and the bulls happy in all respects. Foolish people do not know how one earns happiness by making the cows and bulls happy, but it is a fact by the law of nature. Let us take it from the authority of Srimad-Bhagavatam and adopt the principles for the total happiness of humanity."

Of course all of this is accompanied by the chanting and glorifying of the Holy Names of the Lord:

Hare Krsna Hare krsna  
Krsna krsna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama  
Rama Rama Hare Hare

My question is why are the brahmanas and kshatriyas not protecting the purity of the offerings in the temples? Milk production in factory farms is classified by Srila Prabhupada as "greatly sinful acts responsible for all the troubles in present society." Why are the brahmanas and kshatriyas allowing the devotees to support these activities?

Why are the brahmanas and kshatriyas not demanding the devotees organize the protection of the cows and show the example of real Krsna Conscious cow

protection as a lifestyle and not just a theoretical Bhagavatam or Bhagavad Gita class.

In regards to the quality of the brahmanas, here is another quote from Srimad Bhagavatam, stating the activities of the brahmanas.

face created you, the Brahmanas, who are full of austerity, knowledge and mystic power and are averse to sense gratification."

PURPORT

"The purpose of the Vedas is to propagate the transcendental knowledge

Lord Krsna says that all the Vedas are meant for understanding the Supreme Personality of Godhead. It is especially mentioned here (yoga-yuktan alampaoan) that brahmanas are full of mystic power and are completely averse to sense gratification....."

In regards to the qualities of the kshatriyas there is the following quote from the Srimad Bhagavatam.

Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 22 Text 3

TRANSLATION

"For the protection of the brahmanas, the thousand-legged Supreme Being created us, the kshatriyas, from His thousand arms. Hence the brahmanas are said to be His heart and the kshatriyas His arms."

PURPORT

"Kshatriyas are specifically meant to maintain the brahmanas because if the brahmanas are protected, then the head of civilization is protected. Brahmanas are supposed to be the head of the social body; if the head is clear and has not gone mad, then everything is in proper position. The Lord is described thus: namo brahmanya-devaya go-brahmana-hitaya ca. The purport of this prayer is that the Lord specifically protects the brahmanas and



Priya heading out for the fresh, lush, green grasses of spring.

Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 3 Chapter 22 Text 2

TRANSLATION

"Manu replied: To expand himself in Vedic knowledge, Lord Brahmā, the personified Veda, from his

of the Absolute Truth. The brahmanas were created from the mouth of the Supreme Person, and therefore they are meant to spread the knowledge of the Vedas in order to spread the glories of the Lord. In Bhagavad-gita also



the cows, and then He protects all other members of society (jagad-dhitaya). It is His will that universal welfare work depends on the protection of cows and brahmins; thus brahminical culture and cow protection are the basic principles for human civilization. Kshatriyas are especially meant to protect the brahmins, as is the supreme will of the Lord: go-brahmana-hitaya ca. As, within the body, the heart is a very important part, so the brahmanas are also the important element in human society. The kshatriyas are more like

***The real point is, should ISKCON as a society continue to support Demoniac Nature by buying milk from the commercial dairies whose sole purpose is to mistreat the cows/bulls from birth till their untimely death simply to gain economic development? My answer is No. We should make all endeavor to supply the temples and devotees milk from protected cows. Balabhadra das***

the whole body; even though the whole body is bigger than the heart, the heart is more important."

Srila Prabhupada has given us so many books with so much knowledge on how to live a Godly life. Srila Prabhupada has also told us that "Example is better than precept." When will that day come when we will follow another of His statements, "purity is the force."

Can ISKCON really preach cow protection if the great majority of the milk and milk products that are being offered to the Deities (forms of God in the temple) and devotees come from cows who are being raised in factory farms specifically to exploit them for their milk and to kill their babies and then to kill them when they are not economically viable? It is completely against what is being taught to us in the above mentioned verse in Srimad Bhagavatam 1:17:3

Srila Prabhupada Letter to:  
Rupanuga, December 18, 1974

"Our farm projects are an extremely important part of our movement. We must become self sufficient by growing our own grains and producing our own milk, then there will be no question of poverty. So develop these farm communities as far as possible. They should be developed as an ideal society depending on natural products not industry."

Srila Prabhupada's Letter to  
Devakinandana, April 8th, 1975,

"Please accept my blessings. I have heard that you are a very good man with cows. Your service would be very valuable here in India. I think that you could travel to the centers here where we keep cows and try to establish a very high cow protection standard. Our cow protection program in India should be the exemplary standard for the whole world. So, if you like, come to India as soon as possible. You may come directly to Calcutta and from there you can easily go to Sri Mayapur-candra-daya Mandira. I want to improve our Gosala here in Mayapur first."

Srila Prabhupada wanted ISKCON to show the example 36 years ago. Too many excuses have been made and continue to be made even in the present day. When will we take to heart these very important instructions so the whole world will see the devotees

setting the example of Krsna conscious cow care and not supporting the "greatly sinful acts" of the factory farms of Kali-yuga?

Comment by Lilasuka dasi

BRAVO!! Hare Krsna and a huge THANK YOU to Balabhadra prabhu for this very intelligent, thoughtful, forceful, scriptural essay on the real situation of Srila Prabhupada's stand on milk. It's wonderful to once again be reminded of those verses from Srila Prabhupada about the mistreatment of the cow: "and when there is no milk the cow is sent to be slaughtered. These greatly sinful acts are responsible for all the troubles in present society." I don't think it can be clearer or simpler than that. And I think this discussion is a healthy and a much-needed discussion, as long as it is done without name-calling.

Balabhadra prabhu is living these words, so he can say this all with great confidence and experience. At the risk of sounding like a hypocrite, it's one thing to stop, or at least cut down drastically buying dairy from the slaughterhouse-bound dairies, and that's a good start for some of us (like me) who are addicted to milk products, and who also recognize the amazing value of the "brain food" that is milk.

But to complete the circle, we somehow or other: "should not (only not) continue to support these demoniac activities. We should make all endeavor to supply the Deities and devotees milk from protected cows." And for those very determined souls on the first step who are making plans to arrange their lives in such a way as to then go the next step up, which is supplying the Deities and devotees milk from protected cows, then, Hallelujah, Hare Krsna....they've fulfilled Srila Prabhupada's desire in this regard. Thanks again, Balabhadra.

# Global Warming and Geoengineering

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of research / information on the environmental impacts of geo-weaponry experiments, and there is no legal framework for requiring the informed consent of the public. Given that the rule of law is reticent in this area, officials were free to blame ozone depletion on under arm deodorant and cologne, atomizers and asthma medicine dispensers. In this way, governments could sidestep issues associated with the military's goal of controlling the weather as a weapon and its harmful impact on the ozone layer.

Geoengineering methods that seek to prevent or restrain temperature increases often have harmful side effects or are counterproductive. For example, one method that has thus far not been effective in small trials is ocean fertilization, achieved by depositing large quantities of iron filings into the ocean to increase the growth of phytoplankton, which then absorb carbon from the air. Two particularly costly methods involve dimming the sunlight by using rockets to launch mirrors into space between the sun and the earth, and pumping sea salt into the sky to generate increased cloud cover. These techniques could substantially alter rain and snow patterns, thereby causing droughts in large parts of Africa and India. Ocean fertilization could kill fish and other sea life on a large scale, and lead to increased emissions of other greenhouse gases such as methane. Pumping sulfur aerosols into the stratosphere (in imitation of volcanoes) is yet another harmful geoengineering technique. In this case, the objective is to create a haze of sulfur particles that remain temporarily suspended in the stratosphere, where they reflect and scatter sunlight away from the earth. This technique could lead to enlarged ozone holes as well as recurring droughts affecting some of the world's

poorest in Africa and Asia. Moreover, the use of sky-borne sulfates is not a "one-time solution"—the sulfur haze would dissipate as the particles wash out, suggesting that humanity would be trapped in a cycle of repeatedly spraying aerosols into the stratosphere.

Environmental modification techniques have become increasingly sophisticated, possibly allowing the military to steer the jet stream, cause droughts or floods, and change the direction or alter the intensity of hur-



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ricanes, monsoons, and tornadoes. The U.S. Army and Navy deployed a massive array of transmitters known as the High Active Auroral Research Project (HAARP) in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, near Gacon, Alaska. This weapon of mass destruction, capable of selectively destabilizing agricultural and ecological systems of entire regions, is estimated to contain 180 transmission towers in grid formation, although it may be undergoing expansion.

If the true objective is indeed to counteract global warming, then it is important to undertake a fundamental reordering of agricultural production systems, based on the correct under-

standing of cow protection. As long as the meat culture remains a driving force within human society, it will be exceedingly difficult to counter climate change, as expanding livestock production leads to higher emissions of greenhouse gases, as well as deforestation and hence a reduced ability to absorb greenhouse gases. Livestock is a key contributor to global environmental problems such as land and water degradation. Moreover, livestock generates more greenhouse gas emissions than even petroleum-based transportation systems. Livestock consumes approximately 30% of the planet's land surface, a figure that includes both permanent pastureland as well as the global arable land used to producing animal feed. The global livestock sector is expanding more rapidly than any other component of agriculture, and reliable projections indicate that substantial future growth in meat production lies ahead. Rising meat production is a major driver of deforestation, as forests are cleared in order to create new pastures for expanding cattle herds.

Forests perform a vital function by absorbing carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas), implying that the destruction of forests tends to accelerate global warming.

An important step towards reversing climate change is the principle of cow protection, which will automatically control the growth of the cattle population. The key to this principle is to engage and employ bulls to work the land, implying that cows are bred only to the point where the bovine population meets the demand for draft power, rather than the demand for the byproducts, e.g., milk. In sharp contrast, raising cows for the purpose of producing milk is an egregious error—the cow will not produce



milk unless it has calves, and since half will be male, the result is an excess bovine population that is costly to support. Farming practices that do not engage the bulls will essentially condemn them to the slaughterhouse, since they will have no economic value other than their meat. If cows are bred only to the point where the bovine population meets the demand for draft power rather than the demand for meat, the result will be a substantially smaller cattle population and net reductions in greenhouse gas.

Organically cultivated farmland functions as a carbon sink by removing the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, from the atmosphere and fixing it as beneficial organic matter in the soil. Organic farming relies on composting and cover crops, which have the advantage of increasing the quantity of

Intensive animal agriculture, a production model that is being steadily adopted throughout the world, is a vast user of fossil fuel, mainly for the production of feed. For example, in the U.S., one ton of oil (2000 pounds or 6.75 barrels) is required to produce one steer weighing 1250 pounds. One acre of corn production in the U.S. requires approximately 140 gallons of oil, and if the corn goes to livestock, only about one-fifth of the protein is returned as food, and four-fifths of it is lost. The adoption of new seed varieties has intensified the dependence on petroleum-based chemical inputs. Natural gas is an ingredient for manufacturing the chemical fertilizers that support high crop yields in modern agriculture, while oil is a raw material for producing pesticides. Heavy reliance on these inputs increases the carbon footprint of conventional agriculture.

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carbon-rich organic matter in the soil. And increases in organic matter are associated with increases in the sequestration of atmospheric carbon. The planet's soils hold more than twice as much carbon as its vegetation. The soil's carbon content can be further increased through reduced tillage, as well as greater use of cover crops and crop residues. Conventional agriculture depletes the soil's organic matter, tending to worsen climate change.

Compared to conventional agriculture, organic farming produces less greenhouse gas, in part because of its lower energy intensity. Industrialized agriculture, in which vast amounts of land are plowed, planted, and harvested using diesel or gasoline powered farm machinery in place of human and animal labor, is not a sustainable substitute for cow protection.

Geoengineering is attractive to individuals that have no understanding of spiritual science, and yet at the same time, they do not trust human institutions to cope with global warming. Edward Teller, the godfather of modern geoengineering and self-proclaimed father of the H-bomb, was pessimistic about human nature and optimistic about technology. In his view, geoengineering is a technological solution to global warming that does not necessitate reforms in human institutions or changes in human nature. However, advocates of technological 'solutions', such as Edward Teller, fail to consider that human nature and human institutions actually govern the development and application of technology. Spiritual science is not the governing factor. Despite his distrust of human nature, Teller contributed to the invention of the H-bomb, and he placed this

weapon of mass destruction in the hands of humans. These activities are contradictory and demoniac. The Supreme Lord Krishna stated that "...the demoniac engage in unbeneficial, horrible works meant to destroy the world...", thereby anticipating the development of nuclear weapons, according to Srila Prabhupada [Bhagavad-Gita: 16.9].

Global warming and geoengineering represent a convergence of demoniac characteristics —

(a) the tendency toward animal killing / meat eating, which is very prominent amongst demoniac people while also being an important contributor to climate change (b) the tendency toward unbeneficial, horrible works meant to destroy the world, e.g. geoengineering, which is a weapon of mass destruction that has been advertised as a solution to global warming / the meat culture.

The only way to reverse the downward spiral is to accept perfect knowledge that comes down from the supreme spiritual master, the Lord Himself. This spiritual science has been handed down through a succession of spiritual masters. The knowledge that originates from the Supreme Lord and is transmitted, by Srila Prabhupada, without interpretation, deletion, or adulteration, is different from the words spoken by a person of the mundane world. The conditioned soul is infected with four principal defects: imperfect senses, the propensity for cheating, certainty of committing mistakes, and certainty of being illusioned. It is a fact that human institutions cannot be trusted. Spiritual science is the only correct foundation for technological decisions and the only trustworthy basis for our economic and social systems.

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