**Predictions about Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s appearance:**

Predictions of the appearance of Lord Caitanya can be found in many Vedic texts. One of the oldest prophecies concerning Sri Caitanya’s appearance in this world is found in the ***Atharva-veda*** verse, starting with: *ito ‘ham krita-sannyaso ‘vatarisyami*. In this verse the Supreme states: “I will descend as a *sannyasi*, a tall, fair, and saintly *brahmana* devotee, after four to five thousand years of Kali-yuga have passed. I will appear on earth near the Ganges shore and with all the signs of an exalted person, free from material desires. I will always chant the holy names of the Lord, and, thus, taste the sweetness of My own devotional service. Only other advanced devotees will understand Me.”

Also, in a verse from the ***Sama-veda*,** starting with: *tathaham krita-sannyaso bhu-girbanah avatarisye*, the Supreme Being says that He will descend to earth as a *brahmana-sannyasi* at a place on the shore of the Ganges. Again and again He will chant the names of the Lord in the company of His associates to rescue the people who are devoured by sins in the age of Kali.

The ***Mundaka Upanishad* (3.3)** also relates the prophecy of Sri Caitanya in a different way. It states, “When one realizes the golden form of Lord Gauranga, who is the ultimate actor and the source of the Supreme Brahman, he attains the highest knowledge. He transcends both pious and impious activities, becomes free from worldly bondage, and enters the divine abode of the Lord.”

Another prophecy of the appearance of Sri Caitanya is found in two verses in the ***Bhavishya Purana****.* It states:

*ajayadhvamaja yadhvam na sansayah*

*kalau sankirtana rambhe bhavisyami saci sutah*

    “The Supreme Lord said: ‘In Kali-yuga, I will appear as the son of Saci, and inaugurate the *sankirtana* movement. There is no doubt about this.’”

*anandasru-kala-roma-harsa-purnam tapo-dhana*

*sarve mam eva draksyanti kalau sannyasa-rupinam*

      “O sage whose wealth is austerity, in **the Kali-yuga everyone will see My form as a sannyasi**, a form filled with tears of bliss and bodily hairs standing erect in ecstasy.”

Another is from the ***Svetasvatara Upanishad*** (3.12): “Mahaprabhu [the great master], the Supreme Being, is brilliantly effulgent and imperishable like molten gold, and [through *sankirtana*] bestows spiritual intelligence on the living beings. In the guise of a *sannyasi,* He is the source of spiritual purity and liberation.” Another is from the ***Vayu Purana***: “In the age of Kali I shall descend as the son of Sachidevi to inaugurate the *sankirtana* movement.” This is also confirmed in the ***Srimad-Bhagavatam*** (11.5.32) where it states: “In the age of Kali, intelligent persons perform congregational chanting to worship the incarnation of Godhead who constantly sings the names of Krishna. Although His complexion is not blackish [like that of Lord Krishna], He is Krishna Himself. He is accompanied by His associates, servants, weapons and confidential companions.”

      The great classic ***Mahabharata* (*Vishnu-sahasra-nama-stotra*,** 127.92.75) confirms that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is not different from Lord Sri Krishna: “The Supreme Lord has a golden complexion [when He appears as Lord Caitanya]. Indeed, His entire body, which is very nicely constituted, is like molten gold. Sandalwood pulp is smeared all over His body. He will take the fourth order of life [*sannyasa*] and will be very self-controlled. He will be distinguished from Mayavadi *sannyasis* in that He will be fixed in devotional service and will propagate the *sankirtana* movement.”

      The ***Caitanya-caritamrita*** (Adi-lila, 3.19-20) also explains how the Supreme Lord Himself describes how He will appear as His own devotee to perform and teach devotional service by inaugurating the *sankirtana* movement, which is the religion for this age.

How He is the “great master” or will “bestow spiritual intelligence” is described in another *Upanishad*. This is one of the lesser *Upanishads* known as the ***Chaitanyopanishad*, or *Sri Caitanya Upanishad*. This comes from the ancient *Atharva Veda***. In this description there is not only the prediction of His appearance but a description of His life and purpose, and the reasons why His process of spiritual enlightenment is so powerful and effective in this age of Kali. The *Chaitanyopanishad* is a short text with only nineteen verses. All of them are very significant.

      The *Sri Caitanya Upanishad* (texts 5-11) explains that one day when Pippalada asked his father, Lord Brahma, how the sinful living entities will be delivered in Kali-yuga and who should be the object of their worship and what mantra should they chant to be delivered, Brahma told him to listen carefully and he would describe what will take place in the age of Kali. Brahma said that the Supreme Lord Govinda, Krishna, will appear again in Kali-yuga as His own devotee in a two-armed form with a golden complexion in the area of Navadvipa along the Ganges. He will spread the system of devotional service and the chanting of the names of Krishna, especially in the form of the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra*; Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.

Another interesting story about the prediction of the appearance of Lord Caitanya in Kali-yuga is related in a lengthy conversation between Murari Gupta and Damodara Pandita, two contemporaries of Sri Caitanya. It is found in the ***Sri Caitanya Mangala***, a biography of Sri Caitanya by Srila Locana Dasa Thakura. Among the many things they discuss are the symptoms and difficulties found in the age of Kali, how Lord Krishna appears on earth in this age, His confidential reasons for doing so, and how He revealed to Narada Muni His form as Lord Gauranga that He would accept while appearing on earth in this age. In this form He would distribute love of God to everyone He met by chanting the holy names. This conversation is very enlightening.

Within this conversation they further relate an incident recorded as the ***Vishnu-Katyayani Samvada* of the *Padma Purana*.** This is a conversation between Lord Vishnu and Katyayani (Parvati), Lord Shiva=s wife. The story is that one time the great sage Narada Muni acquired the *maha-prasada*, personal food remnants, of Lord Narayana, Vishnu, and gave a morsel to his friend Lord Shiva. Shiva tasted it and he began to dance in ecstasy, to the point of disturbing the earth. When he was approached by Parvati about why he was dancing so, he explained what happened. However, she was unhappy and angry that he did not share any with her. Being devoted to Lord Vishnu and concerned for the spiritual well-being of all conditioned souls, she then vowed that if she should get the blessings of Lord Vishnu, she would see to it that the Lord’s *maha-prasada* was distributed to everyone. Just then Lord Vishnu Himself appeared and conversed with her. He assured her that He would appear in the world as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the age of Kali and would keep her promise and spread His mercy in the form of *maha-prasada*, food that has been offered to Him, and the chanting of His holy names to everyone, distributing His mercy everywhere.

Another book is the ***Sri Hari-bhakti-vilasa*** by Sanatana Gosvami. Sanatana lived about 500 years ago in Vrindavana, India and was a great scholar of the Vedic scripture. A portion of the book contains an anthology of an amazing assortment of verses from the Vedic texts which predict the appearance of Lord Caitanya. Besides some of the quotes we have already cited, he includes verses from such texts as the ***Chandogya Upanishad, Krishna Upanishad, Narada Purana, Kurma Purana, Garuda Purana, Devi Purana, Nrisimha Purana, Padma Purana, Brahma Purana, Agni Purana, Saura Purana, Matsya Purana, Vayu Purana, Markandeya Purana, Varaha Purana, Vamana Purana, Vishnu Purana, Skanda Purana, Upapuranas, Narayana-Samhita, Krishna-yamala, Brahma-yamala, Vishnu-yamala, Yoga-vasistha,* and the *Tantras,* such as *Urdhvamnaya-tantra, Kapila Tantra, Visvasara Tantra, Kularnava Tantra*, and others.**

**Specific predictions of Lord Caitanya being hidden:**

**In the Adi-Purana and in the Narada Purana, the Supreme Person says:**

*aham eva dvija-srestho  
nityam pracchanna-vigrahah  
bhagavad-bhakta-rupena  
lokam raksami sarvada*

I shall advent in the form of a Brahmana devotee [*aham eva dvija-srestho*] and **I shall hide my factual identity [*prachanna vigrahah***]. I shall deliver all the worlds [*lokam raksami sarvada*].   
  
  
**Prediction of His advent as a sannyasi:**  
  
**\*\* In the Upa-Puranas, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna speaks to Srila Vyasadeva:**

*aham eva kvacid brahman  
sannyasa asramam asritah  
hari bhaktim grahayami  
kalau papa-hatan naran*

O Brahmana, I occasionally take the Sannyas Asram [*sannyasa asrama asritah*] in an attempt to bring the fallen people of Kali Yuga to take up the path of Bhakti or devotional service to Lord Krishna [*hari bhaktim grahayami*].   
  
**Prediction of His actual time of incarnation:**

**\*\*In the Kurma-Purana, it is stated:**

*kalina dahyamanam  
uddhararaya tanu-bhrtam  
janma prathama sandhyayam  
bhavisyati dvijalaye*

**The Supreme Person will appear in the first part of the age of Kali** [*janma prathama sandhyayam*]. He will appear in the home of a Brahmana [*bhavisyati dvijalaye*], to save the embodied conditioned souls [*uddharaya tanu-bhrtam*] burning in the troubles of Kali-Yuga.   
  
**Description of the purpose of Sri Chaitanya's incarnation:**  
  
**\*\* In the Garuda-Purana, the Supreme Person says:**

*kalina dakyamananam  
paritranaya tanu-bhrtam  
janma prathama sandhyayam  
karisyami dvijatisu*

In the first part [*prathama sandhya*] of the age of Kali, I will come among the brahmanas [*karisyami dvijatisu*] to save the fallen souls, [*paritranaya tanu-bhrtam*] who are being burned by the troubles of the age of Kali [*kalina dahyamananam*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the name of His mother and the actual name of His future birthplace:**  
  
**\*\* In the Garuda-Purana, the Supreme Lord says:**

*aham purno bhavisyami  
yuga-sandhyau visesatah  
mayapure navadvipe  
bhavisyami sachi sutah*

I will take birth as the son of Sachi [bhavisyami sachi sutah], in Navadvip-Mayapur [*mayapure navadvipe*]. I will come in my complete spiritual form in the first part of Kali-Yuga. 

**Prediction of the name of His future first wife and His future assumption of the sannyasa order:**   
  
**\*\* In the same Garuda-Purana, it is Also stated:**

*kaleh prathama sandhyayam  
lakshmi- kanto bhavisyati  
daru-brahma-samipa-sthah  
sannyasi gaura-vigrahah*

In the first part of Kali-Yuga, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will come in a gold-like form. First He will become the husband of Lakshmi [Srimati Lakshmi Devi, Lord Chaitanya's first wife]. Then He will become a sannyasi, near Lord Jagannatha who will appear in a divine wooden form.   
  
  
**Prediction of the bodily color of Sri Chaitanya and the nature of His future activities:**  
  
**\*\* In the Nrsimha-Purana, it is said:**

*satye daitya-kuladhi-nasa-samaye  
simhordhva-martyakrtis  
tretayam das-kandharam  
paribhavan rameti namakrtih  
  
gopalan paripalayan vraja-pure  
bharam haran dvapare  
gaurangah priya-kirtanah  
kali-yuge chaitanya-nama prabhuh*

"The Supreme Personality of Godhead who in the Satya-Yuga appeared as a half-man, half-lion to cure a terrible disease that had ravaged the daityas, and who in the Treta-Yuga appeared as a person named Rama [Lord Ramachandra], the person who defeated the ten-headed Demon Ravana, and who in the Dvapara-Yuga removed the earth's burden, and protected the Gopa [cowherd men] people of Vraja-pura, **will appear again in the Kali-Yuga. His form will be golden, He will delight in chanting the Lord's holy names, and His name will be Chaitanya.**"  
  
  
**Prediction of the future advent of Sri Chaitanya by His direct name:**  
  
**\*\* In the Padma-Purana, it is said:**

*yatrayogesvarah saksad  
yogi-cintyo janardanah  
chaitanya vapur aste vai  
sandranandatmakah*

The Supreme Personality, Janardana, who is the object of the yogis' meditation [*yogi-chintyo- janardanah*], who saves the devotees from various sufferings, and who is the master of all yogic practices [*yogesvarah*], who is always full of divine transcendental ecstasy and bliss [*sandra-ananda-atmakah*], will advent in His own divine form of Sri Chaitanya [*Chaitanya-vapah*].   
  
 **Description of the time and place Sri Chaitanya's future advent:  
  
\*\* In the Padma-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself states:**

*kaleh prathama-sandhyayam  
gaurangotham mahi-tale  
bhagirathi-tate ramye  
bhavisyami sachi-sutah*

I shall appear on this earth [*mahi-tale*] in the first part of Kali-Yuga [*kaleh prathama sandhyayam*] in a beautiful place on the bank of the Bhagirathi [*bhagirathi-tate ramye*]. I shall have a golden form [*gaurangah*], and I shall take birth as the son of Sachi [*bhavisyami sachi-sutah*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the purpose of Sri Chaitanya's advents:**  
  
**\*\* In the Narada-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead says:**

*aham eva kalau vipra  
nityam prachanna-vigrahah  
bhavavad-bhakta-rupena  
lokan raksami sarvada*

O Vipra, in the age of Kali, I will come disguised [*nityam prachanna vigraha*] as a devotee [*bhagavad-bhakta-rupena*] and I will save all the worlds [*lokan raksami sarvada*].   
  
  
**Prediction of His mother's name and the nature of His specific preaching method [sankirtana]:**  
  
**\*\* The Supreme Personality of Godhead states in the Narada-Purana:**

*divija bhuvi jayadhvam  
jayadhvam bhakta rupinah  
kalau sankirtana arambhe  
bhavisyami sachi-sutah*

O Divija (demigods), please come and advent as devotees on this earth [*bhuvi jayadhvam jayadhvam*] in the age of Kali-Yuga. I will incarnate as the son of Sachi [*bhavisyami sachi-sutah*] to inaugurate the congregational chanting of the name of Krishna [*kalau sankirtana arambhe*]. 

**Prediction of the revelation of Sri Chaitanya's form**.   
  
**\*\* In the Brahma-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead says:**

*kaleh prathama sandhyayam  
gaurangotham mahi-tale  
bhagirathi-tate bhumni  
bhavisyami sachi-sutah*

**I will reveal my eternal golden form [*gaurangotham mahi-tale*] in the first part of Kali-** Yuga [*kaleh prathama sandhyayam*]. I will advent on the earth on the bank of the Bhagirathi [*bhagirathi-tate bhumni*] as son of Mother Sachi [*bhavisyami sachi-sutah*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the future sannyasi role and ecstasy of Sri Chaitanya**.   
  
**\*\* In the Bhavisya-Purana, the Supreme Lord says:**

*anandasru-kala-roma  
harsa-purnam tapo-dhana  
sarve mama eva draksyanti  
kalau sannyasa-rupinam*

O austere sage, you should know that in the age of Kali, everyone will see my transcendental form as a sannyasi [*kalau sannyasa rupinam*]. I will be exhibiting symptoms of ecstasy like shedding tears of bliss and hairs standing in ecstasy [*anandasru-kala-roma-harsa-purnam*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the color of Sri Chaitanya and the nature of His future associates.**   
  
**\*\* In the Agni-Purana, it is said:**

*prasantatma lamba-kanthas gaurangas ca suravrtah*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead will come in a golden form [*gaura-anga*], full of peace [*prasantatma*], and a beautiful long neck [*lamba-kanthah*]. He will be surrounded by many saintly devotees [*sura-avrtah*].   
Note: This is an indirect prediction of the future advent of the members of the *Pancha-Tattva*. 

**Prediction of the characteristics of Sri Chaitanya.**   
  
**\*\* In the Matsya-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead says:**

*mundo gaurah su-dirghangas  
tri-srotas-tira-sambhavah  
dayaluh kirtana-grahi  
bhavisyami kalau-yuge*

In the age of Kali, I shall advent [*bhavisyami kalau yuge*] where the three rivers meet [*tri-srotas-tira-sambhavah*]. I shall have a shaven head [*mundah*]. I shall have a golden complexion [*gaurah*]. I will be very kind and always chant the holy name of Krishna [*dayaloh kirtana-grahi*].   
**Prediction of the name of the river where Sri Chaitanya will take his birth and other characteristics.**   
 **\*\* In the Vayu-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead states:**

*suddho gaurah-su-dirghango  
ganga-tira-samudbhavah  
dayaluh-kirtana-grahi  
bhavisyami kalau yuge*

In the age of Kali-Yuga, I shall come [*bhavisyami kalau yuge*] in a place on the bank of the Ganges [*ganga-tira-samudbhavah*]. I will be very pure [*suddhah*], have a golden complexion [*gaurah*], and be very tall [*su-dirghangah*] and chant the holy names of Krishna. [[Vyau Puran next quote]](http://www.acbspn.com/godhead/gaura_1predictions.htm#Vayu2)  
  
  
**Prediction that the Supreme Lord will leave Goloka and corne in a golden form.**  
  
**\*\* In the Markandeya-Purana, the Supreme of Godhead declares:**

*golokam ca parityajya  
lokanam trana-karanat  
kalau gauranga-rupena  
lila-lavanya-vigrahah*

"In the Kali-Yuga, I will leave Goloka and, to save the people of the world, I will become the handsome and playful Lord Gauranga."  
  
  
**Prediction of one of the purpose of Sri Chaitanya's appearance.**   
  
**\*\* In the Varaha-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead declares:**

*aham eva dvija-srestho  
lila-pracurya-vigrahah  
bhagavad-bhakta-rupena  
lokan raksami sarvada*

I shall come as the best of the brahmanas [*aham eva dvija-srestha*]. I will exhibit many pastimes [*lila-pracurya-vigrahah*] in the form of a devotee [*bhagavad-bhakta-rupena*]. I shall deliver the people of the world [*lokan raksami sarvada*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the name of the mother of Sri Chaitanya and His future role as the deliverer of the darkness of Kali-Yuga.**   
  
**\*\* In the Vamana-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead declares:**

*kali-ghora-tamas-channat  
sarvan acara varjitan  
sachigarbhe ca sambhuya  
tarayisyami narada*

O Narada Muni, I will take birth in the womb of Sachi [*sachi-garbhe ca sambhuya*]. I shall save the people, who will give up all proper good conduct [*sarvan acara varyitan*], from the terrible darkness of the age of Kali-Yuga [*kali-ghora-tamas-channan*].   
  
  
**Prediction of the future advent of Sri Chaitanya, His birth time, His mother, His birth city, His name and His mission.**   
  
**\*\* In the Vayu-Purana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead says:**

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| *paurnamasyam phalgunasya phalguni-rksa-yogatah bhavisye gaura-rupena sachi-garbhe purandarat* | *->* | *svarnadi-tiram asthaya navadvipe janasraye tatra dvija-kulam prapto bhavisyami janalaye* |
| *bhakti-yoga-pradanaya lokasyanugrahaya ca sannyas-rupam asthaya krishna-chaitanya-nama-dhrk* | *->* | *tena lokasya nistaras tat kurudhvam mamajnaya dharitri bhavita cabhir mayaiva dvija-dehina* |

I shall advent in the month of Phalguna, when the star Phalguni is conjoined with the full moon. I shall incarnate in a golden complexion in the womb of Sachi and Purandara Misra. I will be born in the city of Navadvipa,on the Ganges's shore, in a Brahmana's family. I shall take the renounced order of life [sannyasa] and show kindness to the people in general and engage them in Bhakti. I will be known as Sri Krishna Chaitanya. All of you should follow My order and deliver the people of the world. I shall appear as a Brahmana. I shall make this earth fearless.    
  
  
**Prediction of Sri Chaitanya's birth city, the name of the river close to His birth site, the name of His mother, His close associates and their divine roles in His lila, His divine reason for incarnating as well as different names by which Sri Chaitanya will be known.**  
  
**\*\* In the Ananta-Samhita, it is said:**

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| *svarnadi-tiram asritya navadvipe dvijalaye sampradatum bhakti-yogam lokasyanugrahaya ca* | *->* | *sa eva bhagavan krmo radhika-prana-vallabhah srsty-adau sa jagannatho gaura asin mahesvari* |
| *avatirno bhavisyami kalau-nija-ganaih saha sachi-garbhe navadvipe svardhuni-parivarite* | *->* | *aprakasyam idam guhyam na prakasyam bahir mukhe bhaktavataram bhaktakhyam bhaktam bhakti-pradam svayam* |
| *man-maya-mohitah kecin na jnasyanto bahir-mokhah jnasyanti mad-bhakti-yuktah sadhavo-nyasinotmalah* | *->* | *krmavatara-kale-yah striyo ye purusah priyah kalau te'vatarisyanti sridama-subaladayah* |
| *catuh-sasti-mahantas te gopa dvadas balakah Caitanyera Simhera...* | *->* | *dharma-samsthapanarthay a viharisyami tair aham* |
| *kale nastam bhakti-patham sthapayisyamy aham punah gacchantu bhuvi te putrah jayantam bhakta-rupinah* | *->* | *dharma-samsthapanam kale kurvantu te mamajnaya* |
| *krishnas chaitanya-gaurango gaurachandrah sachi-sutah prabhur gauro gaura-harir namani-bhakti-dani me* | | |

"To show mercy to the people and give them devotional service, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will appear in a Brahmana's home in Navadvip by the Ganges' shore. The Supreme Person, Sri Krishna Himself, who is the life of Srimati Radharani, and is the Lord of the universe in creation, rnaintenance, and annihilation, appears as Gaura, O Mahesvari.   
  
In Kali-Yuga, I will descend to the earth with My associates. In Navadvip, which is surrounded by the Ganges, I will take birth in Sachi-devi's womb.   
  
They who are bewildered by My illusory potency will not understand the great secret of the appearance in this world of Me in My personal form,

1. in My form as the incarnation of devotion,
2. in My form as the incarnation of a devotee,
3. in My form bearing the name of a devotee,
4. in My form as a devotee, and
5. in My form as the giver of devotional service.

This secret is not to be revealed to them. Only the saintly, pure, renounced devotees, diligently engaged in My devotional service, will be able to understand Me in these five forms.   
  
My dear male and female associates, headed by Sridama and Subala, who came to this world at the time of My advent as Lord Krishna, will come again during the Kali-Yuga.   
  
The Gopas will become the sixtyfour *mahantas* and the twelve *gopalas*. To establish the truth of religion, I will enjoy many pastimes with them.   
  
In this way I will again reveal the path of devotional service, which has been destroyed in the course of time. My sons should also descend to the earth, assume the forms of devotees, and, by My order, also work to re-establish the principles of true religion.   
  
At this time My names will be: **Krishna Chaitanya**, **Gauranga**, **Gaurachandra**, **Sachisuta**, **Mahaprabhu**, **Gaura** and **Gaurahari**. Chanting these names will bring devotion to Me."  
  
  
**What other major Vedic literatures also describe characteristics of the advent of Sri Chaitanya?**  
  
**\*\* The Great Epic Mahabharata (Dana-Dharma, Visnu-Sahasra-Nama Stotra) points out the divine characteristics of Sriman Mahaprabhu's appearance.**

*suvarna varna hemango  
varangas candanangadi  
sannyasa krt-chamah santo  
nistha shanti parayanah*

In His early activities Lord Chaitanya comes as a householder. He has a golden complexion [*suvarna varnah*]. His limbs are very beautiful [*vara-anga*] and are smeared with sandalwood pulp [*candana-angadi*]. He has the appearance of molten gold [*hema-anga*].   
  
The Supreme Lord Chaitanya accepts the renounced order of life [*sannyasa-krt*]. He is fully sense-controlled or equipoised [*sama*], and is completely peaceful [*santa*]. He is completely fixed in the chanting of the holy name of Lord Krishna, [*nistha*]. He is the highest abode of devotion and transcendental peace. He silences the *mayavadi* impersonalists [*nistha santi parayanah*].   
  
**The sanskrit words *suvarna-varna* indicate one who has gold-like complexion. The Vedic text to support this point is:**

*yada pasya pasyate rukma-varnam  
kartaram isam purusam brahma-yonim*

The words *rukma-varnam kartaram isam* refer to the Supreme Person [Sri Chaitanya] who has a complexion like molten gold.   
  
**\*\* Quotations of Lord Chaitanya's bodily features according to some of the great devotees present at the time:**  
Srila Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya, one of the foremost disciples of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in Jagannath Puri, composed an entire series of prayers describing in detail the various features of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, called *Sri Gauranga-Prati-Anga-Varnanakhya-Stava-Rajah*, or the King of Prayers, proclaiming the glory of each limb of Sri Gauranga. Let us carefully present a few of these divine gems.   
  
  
**\*\* Lord Chaitanya's bodily luster.**  
Srila Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya has described the complexion of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's body.

*tapta hema dyutim vande  
kali-krishnam jagad-gurum  
caru-dirgha-tanum srimac  
chaci-hrdaya-nandanam*

I worship Lord Krishna, the spiritual master of the universe, who appears in the age of Kali with a luster like molten gold. His body is beautiful and tall. He is like molten gold, and He is the delight and the son of Sachidevi.   
  
Srila Prabodhananda Sarasvati Thakura also describes Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's golden complexion.

*ananda lilamaya vigrahaya  
hemabha-divya-cchavi-sundaraya*

"O Lord Chaitanyachandra, O Lord whose form is full of blissful pastimes, O Lord whose complexion is as splendid as gold..."   
  
Srila Krishna das Kaviraj Goswami similarly describes Lord Chaitanya:

*tapta hema sama kanti prakanda sarira*

"...the luster of His expansive body resembles molten gold..."  
  
Prabodhananda Sarasvati also further describes Sri Chaitanya's golden complexion.

*svayam devo yatra-kanaka-gaurah karunaya*

"His complexion is as fair as molten gold."  
  
  
**\*\* Sri Chaitanya's beautiful hair.**

*lasan-mukha-lata-naddha  
charu-kuncita-kuntalam*

"His lovely curling locks are interwoven with creepers of glistening pearls..."   
  
  
**\*\* Sri Chaitanya's shoulders and chest.**  
Prabhodananda Sarasvati Thakura describes the shoulders of Mahaprabhu.

*simha skandham...*

"May Lord Chaitanya, whose shoulders are like a lion..."  
  
Srila Krishna das Kaviraj Goswami also points out the nature of Sri Chaitanya's shoulders and voice.

*simha griva simha-virya simhera hunkar*

"He has the shoulders of a lion, the powers of a lion, and the loud voice of a lion."  
  
  
**\*\* Sri Chaitanya's arms.**

*ajanulambita-bhuja*

His arms reach all the way to his knees.

*ajanulambita bhumau kanaka vadatau*

Their arms (of Lord Chaitanya and Lord Nityananda) reach all the way to their knees.

*kankanangada-vidyoti-janu-lambi-bhaja-dvayam*

"....His two arms, glittering with bracelets and bangles, extend down to His knees."  
  
  
**\*\* Sri Chaitanya's face**

*prema-pravaha-madhura  
raktotpala-vilocanam  
h la-prasuna-susnigdha  
nutanayata-nasikam*

His beautiful eyes are just like reddish lotus flowers. They are most beautiful, just like lakes of Krishna *Prema*. His nose is arched and is resplendent just like the sesame flower.

*sri-ganda-mandollasi  
ratna-kundala-manditam  
savya-karna-suvinyasta  
sphurac-caru-sikhandakam*

His cheeks are round and they shine brilliantly. He wears jeweled earrings. He has a peacock feather placed near His left ear.

*madhura-sneha-susnigdha  
praraktadhara-pallavam  
isad-danturita-snigdha  
sphuran-mukta-radoijvalam*

His lips are tender and very lustrous. They resemble reddish blossoming flowers. He reveals his pearl-like teeth out His kindness.   
  
  
**\*\* Chaitanya-charitamrita, Adi-Lila 3.77**

*sankirtana-pravartaka sri krma-chaitanya  
sankirtana-yajne tanre bhaje sei dhanya*

"Lord Sri Krishna Chaitanya is the initiator of *sankirtana* [congregational chanting of the holy name of Lord Krishna]. One who worships Him through *sankirtana* is fortunate indeed"  
  
  
**\*\* Susloka-Satakam -59- Sri Gauranga Mahima**

*vintala-kamala-vaktrah pakva-bi nbadharosthas  
tila-kusu na-su-nasah katnbu-kanthah su-dirghah  
suvaliuta-bhuja-dando nabhi-gambhira-rupah  
sphuratu hrdaya-madhye gaura-candro-natendrah*

"His face is flawless like a blooming lotus and His lips are red as ripe as *bimba* fruits. His nose is as beautiful as the sesame flower and his neck is like a three-ringed conch. He is very tall and His rod-like arms make artistic movements while He dances. His navel is very deep. May my Lord Gaura Chandra, the king of dancers, reveal Himself in the core of My heart."