

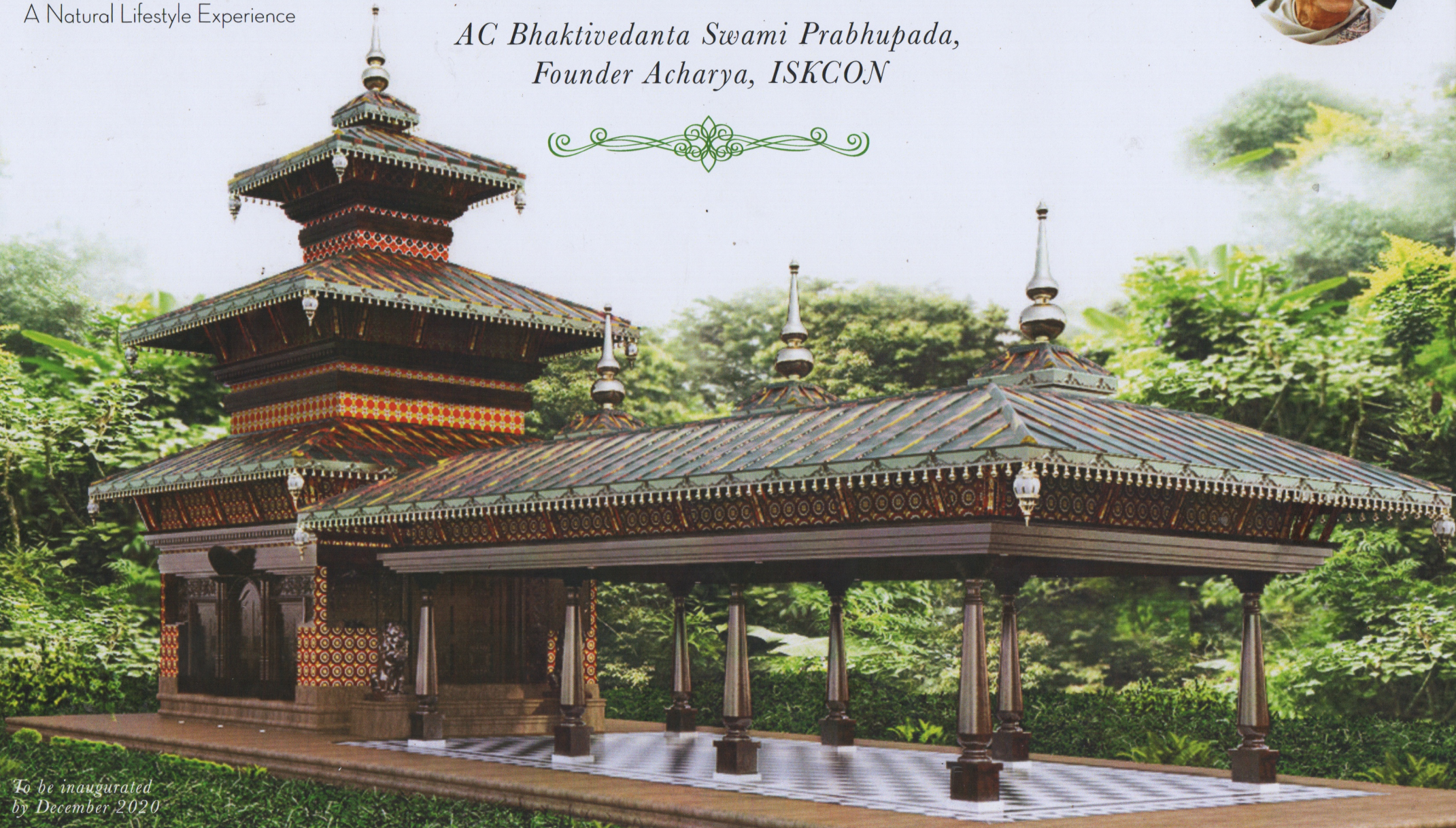
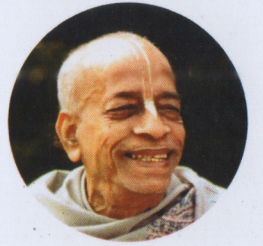


A Natural Lifestyle Experience



Inspired by His Divine Grace

*AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
Founder Acharya, ISKCON*



*To be inaugurated
by December 2020*

Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan Mandir, Kodaikanal

His Divine Grace

AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Shrila Prabhupada

was a simple monk living on madhukari (taking alms) in Vrindavan. Due to strong impulses coming from his spiritual master, Shrila Bhaktisidhanta Saraswati Maharaj, at the age of 70, he went to New York, USA, to spread love of God, Krishna, to the western world. Here he amassed a large following, which turned into the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. His last message before he took samadhi was:

"Don't waste time on bodily comforts. You have to eat something. You have to cover yourself. So produce your own food and cloth. Don't be allured by the machine civilization. Don't waste time on luxury, and chant Hare Krishna. About money, spend for Krishna, for Krishna's palace, for Krishna's temple, for Krishna's worship. I wanted to introduce this. Now I have given you ideas. You can do it. You are all intelligent. For Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's para-upkar... so you do good to others. Not exploit others. Any human being who has been bestowed by this body has the capacity to chant Hare Krishna. Give them a chance and make the situation favourable. Is that clear?"

Vamana Purana

"Whoever constructs, or helps to construct, a Vishnu temple will protect eight generations of fathers, grandfathers and forefathers from falling into hell."



Below: The sunrise view from Karuna



Goshala



According to the Vedic system, a cow is considered a mother of mankind. Our biological mothers give us milk for a year or two. Thereafter for all our life, cows give us milk. Moreover a cow's dung and urine are invaluable to make compost for growing our food. Most of all, the cow emanates peace and love. Being very dear to Lord Krishna, she is our object of worship and service.

At Karuna, presently we have a cob-shed to accommodate three cows. We aim to build a larger shed and expand the grazing space to be a comfortable home to 7 cows, 7 calves, and a bull.

It is scientifically proven that the Indian breeds provide the healthiest milk, with almost no cases of lactose intolerance. We intend to establish the "Gir" breed and spread awareness and propagate its importance in nearby villages.

Below: Karuna's cowshed as of November 2017



Annadana Seva

Shrila Prabhupada, the founder-acharya of Iskcon said, "Temple worship means to distribute prasadam." Prasadam is food that has been offered with love to the Lord and these sanctified remnants are free from all contamination.

The Vedas state that:

- By eating prasadam, one's very existence becomes purified
- By the purification of existence, finer tissues of the brain become sanctified
- When the brain is sanctified one can think of spiritual advancement

Our kitchen will feed residents, visitors, worshippers, workers; and will distribute prasadam as Mid-Day meals to nearby school children. Help us to build a state-of-the-art kitchen to serve this purpose.

Below: Local children enjoying mid-day meals



Below: Nutritious food of universal appeal



Below: Govinda's Kitchen



Srimad Bhagavatam

"One who offers the Deity gifts of land, markets, cities and villages so that the regular daily worship and special festivals of the Deity may go on continually, will achieve opulence equal to My own."



Our Yoga Hall



Yoga Classes for all levels



Forest Therapy for city dwellers



Early 90s and Now



The Forest



Jeep Shed



Saraswati





Buildings

At Karuna we are evolving various systems whereby a house can be much cheaper and aesthetically pleasing. We use natural local resources such as stone, mud, wood and grass. Blending with the forest, we build with an emphasis on functional design considering light, air and water movements.



The Earthship

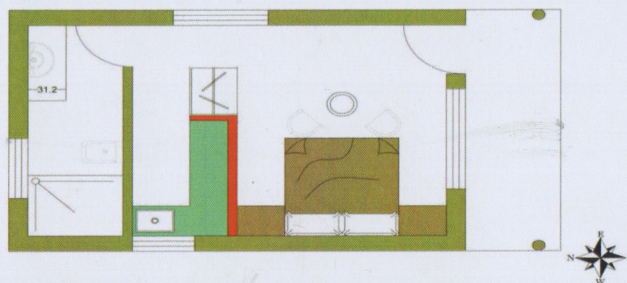
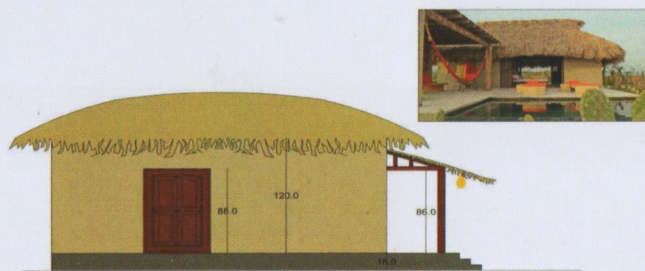


Saraswati



Made with stone, lime mortar and mud plaste

Future Guest House Plans



Photographic reference and schematics and of our future guesthouses

Srimad Bhagavatam

“By installing the Deity of the Lord one becomes king of the entire earth, by building a temple for Lord one becomes ruler of the three worlds, by worshipping and serving the Deity one goes to the planet of Lord Brahma, and by performing all three of these activities one achieves a transcendental form like My own. But one who simply engages in devotional service with no consideration of fruitive results attains Me. Thus whoever worships Me according to the process I have described will ultimately attain pure devotional service onto Me.”

Eco-Friendly Practices



Solar power



Micro hydro electricity



Building from recycled materials





Activities



Bee keeping

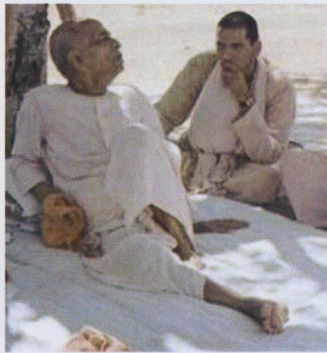
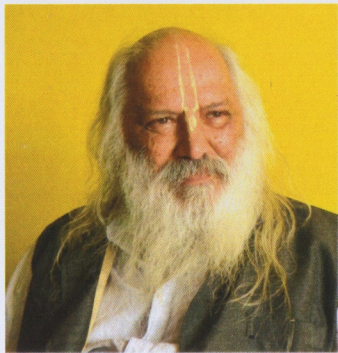
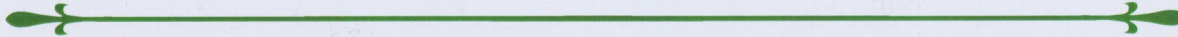


Guests and locals working together

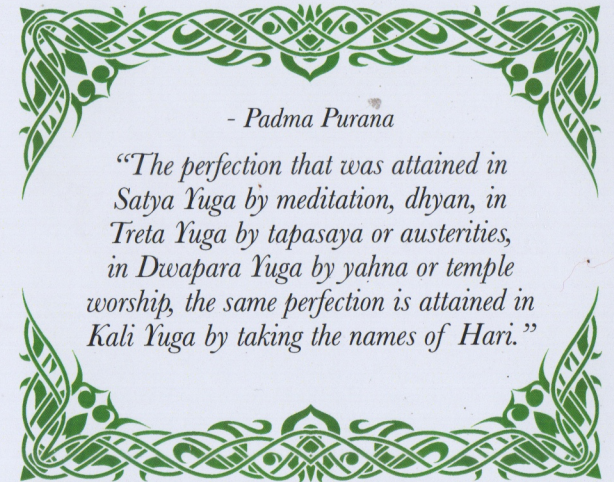


Organic Farming

We are humbled by Nature's greatness and want to live in harmony within our ecosystem. Our goal is to grow 75% of the food we consume. Presently we grow 20 varieties of fruits and have a solar-fenced area for growing vegetables. We research and practice various methods of farming, like organic manure, earthworms, companion planting, bio-dynamic practices. We also hold regular workshops and training programs to spread the knowledge that we have accumulated in our years off-the-grid.



The initiator of this devotional endeavour is Mahamsa Swami (Nevil Moncher). While in Toronto, Canada, at the age of 19, he became the first Indian disciple of His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. In 1983 he came to Kodaikanal to continue his sadhana in solitude. Here he regenerated the forest, fought many organisations to preserve nature and developed Karuna to what it is today.



- Padma Purana

“The perfection that was attained in Satya Yuga by meditation, dhyana, in Treta Yuga by tapasaya or austerities, in Dwapara Yuga by yahna or temple worship, the same perfection is attained in Kali Yuga by taking the names of Hari.”



Donations

The chance to build a temple for the Supreme Lord Shri Krishna *comes once in a million lifetimes*. Here is your chance to build this beautiful temple for Sri Sri Radha Madanmohan at Karuna, Kodaikanal.

For those fortunate souls who take up this rare opportunity, Karuna wishes to recognize your service as:

Shri Vighraha Sevak	5 slots	@	Rs 1,50,000 each
Vastrabarana Sevak	7 slots	@	Rs 50,000 each
Garbhagriha Sevak	10 slots	@	Rs 1,50,000 each
Parikrama Sevak	5 slots	@	Rs 50,000 each
Vimana Gopuram Sevak	10 slots	@	Rs 1,00,000 each
Vimana Kalash Sevak	5 slots	@	Rs 1,00,000 each
Dwara Sevak	2 slots	@	Rs 50,000 each
Dwara Palaka Sevak	2 slots	@	Rs 50,000 each
Mantapa Sevak	7 slots	@	Rs 2,00,000 each
Shrila Prabhupda Alter	4 slots	@	Rs 50,000 each
Mandir Nirmana Sevak	108 slots	@	Rs 5,000 each
Annadana Complex Sevak	20 slots	@	50,000 each

Your name will be inscribed on a marble slab in recognition of your devotional service, for generations to witness and draw inspiration.



The Sri Sri Radha Madhanmohan diety in Hyderabad

Krishna and the Fruit Vendor

Once, when Lord Krishna was engaged in His childhood pastimes in Vrndavan, a fruit vendor came selling fruits from house-to-house. In those days there was no currency and the barter system of exchanging commodities was the practice. Lord Krishna had seen His father and other elders bartering butter, curds and grains for other essential commodities.

Imitating such activities of the elders, Lord Krishna brought a handful of rice grains and held it out to the fruit vendor. Baby Krishna could barely walk and his little lotus palms could hold only a few grains of rice. The fruit vendor, captivated by the beauty and innocent dealings of baby Krishna, took those few grains of rice and placed in His hand several fruit; even more than He could hold. When the fruit vendor turned around she found in her basket, rubies and diamonds in place of fruits.

So when we give something to Lord Krishna, we never lose. On the other hand, we gain a thousand more not only materially, but also spiritually.

- *Bhrad Naradiya Purana*

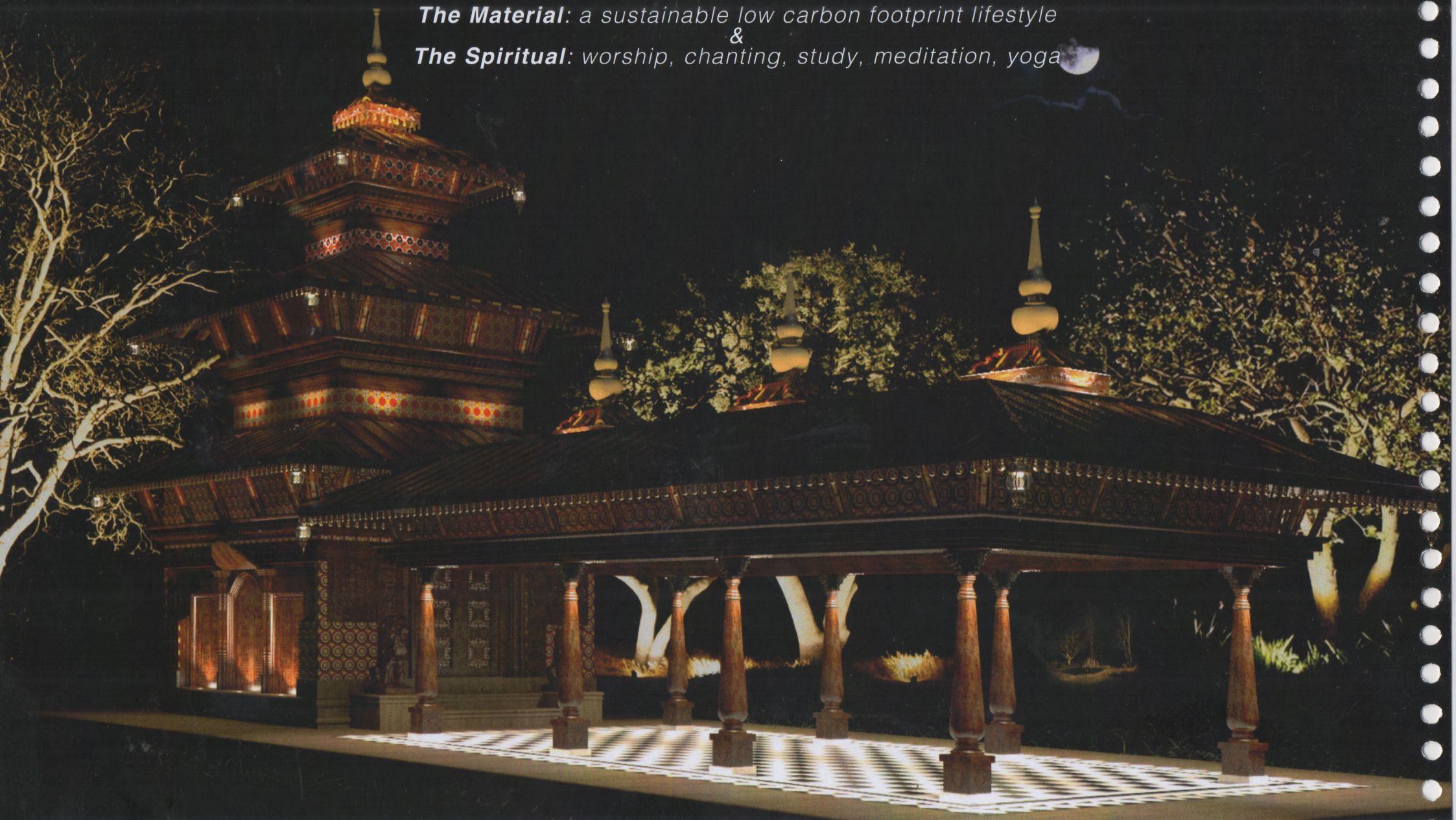
*"In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy,
the only means of deliverance is chanting
the holy names of the Lord Hari. There
is no other way. There is no other way.
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The Karuna project wishes to strike a healthy balance between:

The Material: a sustainable low carbon footprint lifestyle

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The Spiritual: worship, chanting, study, meditation, yoga



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