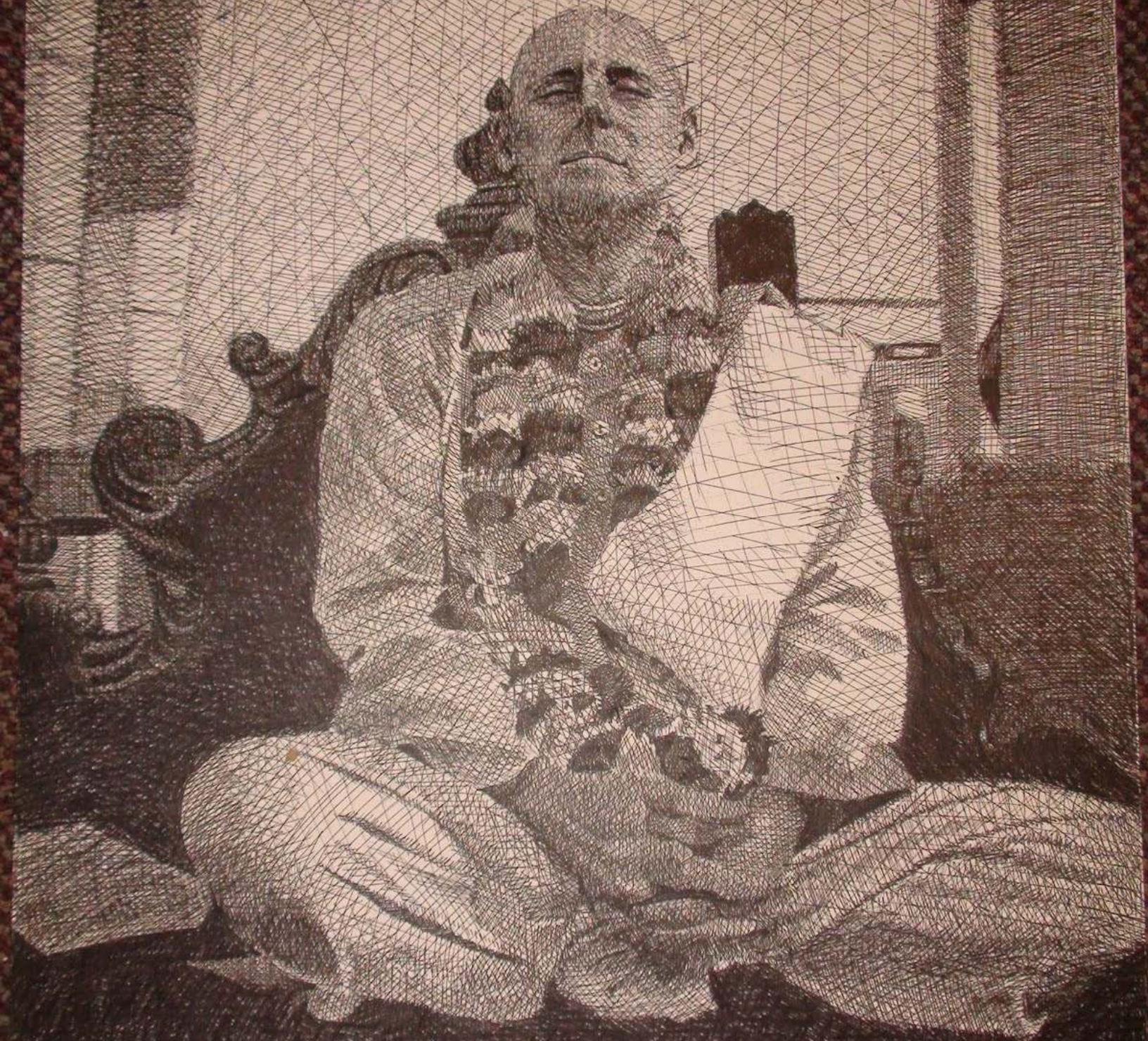


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*His Divine Grace Om Visnupāda Paramahansa Parivrājakācārya Astottara-śata Śrī Śrīmad*

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**The Appearance Day Of  
Our Beloved Spiritual Master**

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## ***Introduction***

*Vyasa Puja or the appearance day of the Spiritual Master is the most auspicious day for his disciples and students.*

*I offer my Shastang Dandavats (prostrated obeisances) at the Lotus feet of my beloved Spiritual Master His Divine Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari who is engaging all of us in the service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna. It is by the mercy of the spiritual master that one can cross over this material ocean of suffering.*

*Homages are a reflection of our Krishna consciousness. Each year as I read the homages of all those who have been writing from the previous years, I have found a remarkable positive change. There is display of mature Krishna Consciousness and genuine longing to make more progress in Krishna Conscious. This is the mercy of a bonafide Spiritual Master.*

*It is amazing that people from over 100 different countries, whether Latvia, India, USA, Pakistan, Bahrain, UK, Russia, Germany, China, Dubai, Australia, Lithuania, etc, etc. People from all walks of life, different faiths everyone has remarkably observed the numerous qualities and have said, Srila Gurdeva*

- \* Every day I look forward for your email*
- \* My life has changed reading your emails*
- \* I feel very very happy in life now*
- \* I start my day with reading your email*
- \* Your are mercy personified*
- \* Just meeting you once has transformed my life*
- \* You are true **Prabhupadanuga**, Perfect follower of Srila Prabhupada*

*the list goes on...*

*Of course none other than a Maha Bhagavat (Pure Devotee) can display these symptoms.*

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*It is a privilege for me to get the opportunity to compile this book for such a Maha Bhagavat. Every offering is a Cintamani (Touchstone) and which is strung together on the string of love and offered at the lotus feet Srila Gurudeva.*

*I wish to offer my humble obeisances to all those who have so wonderfully contributed for the Glorification of Srila Gurudeva, who is “Kripatmane” “personification of mercy”.*

*Just reading this book we can make immense progress in our Krishna Consciousness so I kindly request you all to read the book with great attention.*

*Let us pray to the Lotus feet of our Guru Maharaj, **“His Divine Grace Om Visnu Pada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Astottara-Sata Sri Srimad Sankarshan Das Adhikari”** to bless that we remain servant at his Lotus feet.*

*Srila Gurudev ki Jay*

*Your Servant*

*Abhay Charan das*

## ***The Meaning Of Vyasa Puja***

*tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya  
upadeksyanti te jnanam jnaninas tattva-darsinah*  
[BG. 4.34]

Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport: The path of spiritual realization is undoubtedly difficult. The Lord therefore advises us to approach a bona fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself. Such a spiritual master should be accepted in full surrender, because he is the direct representative of Srila Vyasadeva.

Vyasadeva is a literary incarnation of the Lord who appeared 5000 years ago and compiled the Vedic scriptures, including the eighteen Puranas, Vedanta-sutra, the Mahabharata, and the Upanisads.

Vyasa Puja literally means “worship of Vyasa” and the person who can perfectly represent Vyasadeva is called “Guru or Bonafide Spiritual Master”.

According to Srila Prabhupada Spiritual Master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura says, all writers after Vrindavana dasa Thakura who are pure devotees of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and who have tried to describe the Lord’s activities are to be considered like Vyasa. Srila Vrindavana dasa Thakura is the original Vyasadeva in describing chaitanya-lila and any one who follow in his footsteps by describing Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s pastimes are also to be called Vyasadeva. The bonafide spiritual master is called Vyasa

because he is a representative of Vyasa. Worshiping the birthday of such a spiritual master is called Vyasa-Puja.”

The most important principle in Spiritual Life is the relationship between Spiritual Master and the Disciple. The celebration of the Spiritual Master’s Appearance (Birthday), is a Transcendental activity, which helps the disciple understand the Glories of his Spiritual Master. We must observe the Vyasa Puja ceremony to always remember that we’re his menial servants. Our prayers and obeisances to our Spiritual Master are for our own purification, and today is a very special day on which to make these offerings. Throughout the year Spiritual Master is serving in the form of his instructions and guidance, travelling throughout the world, enduring all the austerities for the sake of his Disciples and Students.

Today is a day to reaffirm our commitment to our spiritual master, and it is a day to remember all that we may have forgotten about our spiritual master throughout the year. We should remember all that he has done and is still doing to revive our lost Krishna Consciousness.

I pray on this most Auspicious day of Vyasa Puja to be accepted as the dust at the lotus feet of my eternal Spiritual Master, ***His Divine Grace Om Visnu Pada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Astottara-Sata Sri Srimad Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj.***

Abhay Charan das



# *Initiated Disciples*



## ***Abhay Charan das (LOK)***

*Jaya om visnu-pada paramahansa parivrajakacarya astottara-sata sri srimad Sankarshan das  
Adbikari*

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adbikari iti namine*

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, all glories to your most merciful Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada – who you are serving so nicely cent per cent of your life.

Every day I look forward to receiving your daily emails redolent with transcendental nectar and compassionate advice for all the suffering souls of this world. Regardless of your circumstances or where your temporary quarters might be on the planet (often you are in transit on the road or airport); you always take time to minister to the spiritual needs of your supporters and followers. With deep realization you patiently and intelligently answer the myriad of questions presented to you. For those who try to argue the superiority of impersonalism you can be lion-like in your smashing of their misconceptions. For those who humbly seek your guidance to understand the process of bhakti you are as soft as a flower in your words of clarification and encouragement. Like a loving father you know when to be harsh or gentle; and in all circumstances you accurately quote from Srila Prabhupada's books, lectures and conversations.

To surrender one's whole life to preaching as a soldier in Lord Chaitanya's sankirtan army is a rare and wonderful service. I wish you every advantage in body, mind and words in your service as a first-class maha-bhagavata devotee to Srila Prabhupada, so that your mission to make this world Krishna conscious can be realized.

Your servant,

Abhay Charan dasa (LOK)  
Radha Krishna Temple  
(Hamilton, New Zealand)

***Abhay Charan das***

*Your Emails, the Supreme Sun of my Spiritual Life*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bbutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasatha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Srila Gurudeva just as it is certain that the sun rises every morning, your email "Thought For The Day" rises in my Inbox every morning to give me your message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu

*"Jiva jago jiva jago gauracanda bole  
kota nidra jao maya-pisacira kole"*

How long you'll sleep? Here is the opportunity. Try to understand yourself. That is self-realization. And go back to home, back to Godhead.

Though the Sun in this material universe is considered as the most powerful source of light which wakes everyone up from our one night sleep, I find that your email is even more powerful than the Sun, as your email wakes me up from my slumber of countless lifetimes which I have been sleeping.



A Uttama Adhikari's (devotee of the highest degree) thoughts come directly from the spiritual world. So it is no wonder that in front of your emails even the bright sunshine is pale.

The sun is described in SB 2.3.17

*ayur harati vai pumsam udyann astam ca yann asau  
tasyarte yat-ksano nita uttama-sloka-vartaya*

Both by rising and by setting, the sun decreases the duration of life of everyone, except one who utilizes the time by discussing topics of the all-good Personality of Godhead.

This same sun cannot take away the time I spend reading your email because your emails are nothing but the topics of the all-good Personality of Godhead. On the contrary the time spent reading your emails is my eternal asset.

Srila Gurudeva please bless me that I will wake up from the lap of maya into the timeless teachings of Lord Krishna that you are so kindly distributing. Bless me that I can make my life perfect by following in your footsteps.

Your Servant

Abhay Charan das  
(Texas, USA)

***Acharya Das***

*Thank you for taking me into your boat*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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The Vyasa Puja is a wonderful time for the disciples to share their heart with their Dear most friend & well wisher.

On this special date, I would like to thank you for taking me into your boat and giving me initiation and making me feel closer to Srila Prabhupada and stronger to carry out devotional service.

Thank you for being a living example of service to Krishna and following Srila Prabhupada's footsteps by going everywhere to chant the names of Krishna and distribute His love.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to you!

Yours Eternal Servant,

Acharya Das



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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

## ***Adi Purusha das***

*I realize the importance of the word “Prabhupadanuga” in Your pranama mantra*

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your Lotus Feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to You and Guru Mata.

On this auspicious day of Your appearance, I am making an attempt you write an offering for You.

*sakshad-daritvena samasta shastrair  
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbbih  
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

“In the revealed scriptures it is declared that the Spiritual Master should be worshipped like the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and this injunction is obeyed by pure devotees of the Lord. The Spiritual Master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Thus let us offer our respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of our Spiritual Master.”

Your very first instruction was to recite the Guru Ashtakam prayers loudly before the sunrise. From mechanically reading the prayers, by Your mercy, I am gradually coming to the stage of understanding Guru’s position and His importance.

I was listening to Your 2007 series of lectures. I noticed a few things. While reading the purport of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, You go to the extent of reading open quote, close quote, open parenthesis, close parenthesis. In one instance You read the word “supreme” which

in that context was referring to Lord Brahma and you mentioned that the small letter 's' was used as Brahma is relatively supreme and not Absolutely Supreme, only Krishna is Absolutely Supreme.

While answering questions You always quote Prabhupada answered it this way, Prabhupada has mentioned in His lecture or purport, how Prabhupada dealt with a similar situation and how we can apply that in the current situation. All these indicate how devoted You are to Srila Prabhupada and His mission. I realize the importance of the word "Prabhupadanuga" in Your pranama mantra.

Srila Gurudev, You have always stressed the importance of hearing. I am making attempts to regularly hear Your lectures. While doing so, I was listening to a series of Srimad Bhagavatam slokas in a sequence. I repeatedly kept listening to those sequence of slokas. At that point, I didn't know the importance of those slokas. Later during the Vedic Leadership seminar of His Holiness Bhakti-Vidya Purna Swami, I found out that those slokas were the Chatur slokas and their importance. This incident increased my faith in Your instructions. I also realized how Guru always repeats the Shastra, Sadhu repeats the Shastra and Shastras always glorify Krishna.

I dedicate whatever progress I am making to Your lotus feet.

Your insignificant servant

Adi Purusha Das

## ***Archana Siddhi devi dasi***

***I most appreciate your determination to follow the instructions of your beloved Spiritual Master***

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*



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*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to you and your wonderful service

On this very auspicious day of your appearance, please accept this most insignificant offering of mine unto the dust of your lotus feet.

Gurudev, I feel so fortunate, Sri Sri Radha Golokananda are so kind to me for sending you as my spiritual master. I was also very fortunate that you and Gurumata have accepted to stay at my place during your last visit to Mauritius. I have received the rarest opportunity to personally serve not only you and Gurumata, but also your most wonderful deities of Sri Sri Radha Damodara. I could feel how my house was being transformed into a holy place only by your presence. It's all happen only by your blessings and mercy. I have no words to thank you for all you have done to me.

Although you have countless good qualities, I most appreciate the way you are determined to follow the instructions of your beloved Spiritual Master, Srila Prabhupada, by travelling and spreading Krishna Consciousness all around the world.

Being under the shelter of your lotus feet, I only pray to you to please give me

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strength and ability to serve you always. I also beg you to please forgive me for all offences which I consciously or not made in worshipping you.

Always your lowly servant and disciple,

Archana Siddhi devi dasi  
(Delhi, India)

## ***Bhavani devi dasi***

*Where would I be...*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to You

*Where would I be without your words to guide me on my way,  
Where would I be without your hand to hold me when I stray.  
Where would I be without your patience, waiting as I sway,  
Where would I be without your love surrounding me each day.*

*Without your love dear Gurudeva, I would forever swim  
within the ocean of despair, the future would be grim  
Without the wisdom of your words, I would but follow Mind,  
wherever it would take me, intelligence left behind.*

*Without your patience, always there, where e'er my roads deceive,  
I would be lost forever and too confused to grieve.  
Without your hand stretched out to lead, to soothe and show you care,  
I would but tumble into voids; ne'er find the answer there.*

*Dear Gurudeva,*

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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*I know for sure, your coming ended strife.  
You showed me who I really am and my true goal in life.*

*I am forever in your debt, there are no ways to pay,  
though I will try my very best to serve you more each day*

*Your humble servant and devoted disciple,*

Bhavani devi dasi  
(Vancouver, Canada)



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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

# ***Bhaktarupa das***

***Fortunate***

*Namah om vishupadaya krishna-prestaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari itinamine*

*Namo Prabhupadanuga prema-murti kripatmane  
Gauradesa vikasarta uttama-bhakti varsine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.  
All glories unto you and Guru Mataji.

It is said that the spiritual master is the revealer of the holy dham. By the grace of Krishna and you, during fall of this year, I had the first opportunity to be in the most sacred place of the entire universe - Sri Vrindavan Dham. It was my most fortunate occasion of my entire life because I had the opportunity to do some service for you at the most holiest dham; I had the opportunity to attend with you four days in a row the most important process of devotional service - mangala arati; I had the opportunity to honor the prasadam personally offered by you at Bhojan stali; I had the opportunity to hear your lecture at Kamyavana; I had the opportunity to be with you in vyomasura cave. Just as Lord Sri Krishna rescued his cowherd boy friends who were kept captivated in the cave by Vyomasura, please rescue the poor souls like me who have been kept captivated in the cave of material world by mayadevi. I had the wonderful opportunity of being with you to the most auspicious river Yamuna. I had the wonderful opportunity to serve under the directions of Guru Mataji.

I cannot imagine how fortunate all of us who had the same opportunity to serve you and Guru Mataji at the holy dham. Let my mind always recollect the wonderful moments of Sri Vrindavan dham and pray for more such fortunate occasions.

I would like to recollect the important message given by you at Kamyavan. Because this sacred vana is capable of fulfilling our desires, we need to be very careful in what we wish for. Anything other than Pure Devotional service is not worth wishing for in the sacred vana of Kamyavan.

All glories unto Sri Vrindavan dham. All glories unto Srila Gurudeva. All glories unto Guru Mataji.

Your menial servant,

Bhaktarupa das  
(Chennai, India)

## ***Dasaratha das & Mandakini devi dasi***

***We are eternally indebted to You.***

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presbthaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine  
Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Dear Gurudeva,

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,  
All Glories to Your Lotus feet,  
Please accept our humble obeisances,

Dear Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, we want to thank You for everything You did for us.

Without You and Your blessings that You bestow on us our life would be a complete disaster.

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You always give us the perfect instructions so we can go further, step by step.

We only can hope that You, such a great devotee of the Lord, still can stay for a long time amongst us.

We were so fortunate to meet such a great representative of Lord Krishna. You even accepted us to become Your disciples although we are not worth to be it.

We are eternally indebted to You.

By following Your instructions, we are living now in that spiritual and wonderful place called Radhadesh. In spite of the fact that the health of mandakini has become more worse, we are so lucky that we are allowed to live here by Your mercy and the mercy of Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternal servants,

Dasaratha dasa & Mandakini devi dasi  
(Belgium)

## ***Draupadi devi dasi***

***Your Mercy Keeps me in Krishna Consciousness***

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presbhaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine  
Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!



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Thank you very much for all your patience, your instructions and all the efforts that you make in order to me to understand everything that you are teaching me.

I know that you are very busy and you kindly answer all my emails. Thank you very much.

Everyday I think of you, day and night and even in my dreams. It is because of your mercy that I still continue with this process of Krishna Consciousness. You give me a lot of strength to continue even when problems appear, I try to meditate on your words.

I hope you may receive all the things that are necessary for you to continue preaching.

And the most important, Lord Krishna's blessings and may he always protect you.

Happy Vyasa Puja!

Your eternal servant.

Draupadi devi dasi  
(Monterrey N.L. Mexico)



## ***Dwijamani Gaura das***

*Where is such mercy to be found in the entire world?*

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you, and all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

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*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Sri Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita that "For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to me. There is no servant in the world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear." (18.68-69) When I first heard you speak I could hardly believe my own good fortune. Just like a child who has wandered off from his parents in a big Wal-Mart Supercenter, I was attracted by the glittering facade of the packaged playthings of the world and became helplessly lost. And now you, my spiritual father, have swiftly come to reclaim me. Where is such mercy to be found in the entire world?

Please grant me remembrance of your words, your mood and your very presence at every moment. Thank you for teaching me the importance of hearing. Thank you for allowing me to take shelter of serving you in Vrindavana. I seek your blessings that I may receive the intelligence to entirely dedicate this life to serving you and the mission of your guru maharaja.

Thank you for accepting me as your fledgling disciple.

Your insignificant servant,

Dwijamani Gaura das  
(USA)

***Indupati das***

*You are able to Chant Maha Mantra Purely*

Dear Gurudeva Sankarshan  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Lord Nityananda and Gauranga  
All glories to Sri-Guru Parampara  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

It has been my pleasure to get to know you, you are a very developed soul who is able to chant the maha-mantra purely.

Your knowledge about God, and your presentation of the knowledge about God is so very sweet for me to hear from you. I thank you for all your time given to help me out in the journey to self realization, and hope you will keep on guiding me until you return back to Godhead.

Your humble servant in the mission of sri Gauranga,

Indupati das

## ***Goloka Dasa***

*wonderful online course for the systematic study of the Bhagavad Gita*

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances Maharaja!

All Glories to his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

I wish to thank you so much Sankarshan Das Maharaja for putting together this wonderful online course for the systematic study of the Bhagavad Gita. This course has been such a blessing for me allowing me to analyze what Prabhupada was saying in the purports and give it some real life application. I have also enjoyed the daily inspiration and questions that you selflessly put out for our benefit everyday. Things have changed dramatically for me in my devotional life in this past year that I have been taking this course. I went from Bhakta Daniel to now Goloka Dasa and I am now serving full time in a monastery as a brahmacharya.

In so many ways you have been like a Shiksha Guru towards me giving me instruction and inspiration. I hope that you will give me your blessings that I will

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become a pure devotee that is pleasing to you, Srila Prabhupada, and my Gurudeva. I pray that I may always swim in the love of Sri Radha and Krishna.

Your servant,

Goloka Dasa

## ***Guru Vandana devi dasi***

***The Ultimate Shelter***

Hare Krishna

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

My Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

O Beloved Saviour,

On your Vyas Puja day I am trying to offer prayers unto You but still I am not able to find proper words to adore You.

I just thank Lord Krishna for being so merciful to me, an unqualified, low, unworthy person, by revealing me You as my spiritual master.

Since I am not able to coin a prayer for You I submit the prayers given by our Sri Guru Parampara since they are the purest

*om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

*sri-guru karuna-sindhu, ahama janara bandhu lokanath lokera jivana  
ha ha prabhu koro daya, debo more pada chaya ebe jasa ghusuk tribhuvana*

O spiritual master, ocean of mercy, and friend of the fallen souls, you are teacher of everyone and the life of all people. O master! Be merciful unto me, and give me the shade of your lotus feet. May your glories now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds.

Gurudeva!

*krpa-bindu diya, koro ei dase  
trnapeka ati hina  
sakala sabane bala diya koro  
nija-mane sprba-hina*

Gurudeva!

By a drop of your mercy make this servant of yours more humble than a blade of grass. Give me the strength to bear all trials and troubles and free me from all desires for personal honor.

*Krishna se tomara, Krishna dite paro  
tomara sakati ache  
ami to kangala Krishna Krishna boli  
dhai tava pache pache*

Krishna is yours. You are able to give Him to me, for such is your power. I am indeed wretched and simply run after you, crying, "Krishna! Krishna!".

*yasya prasada bhagavat prasado  
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto pi*

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*dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri sandhyam  
vande guroh sri caranaravindam*

By mercy of spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master one cannot make any advancement. Therefore I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

Your insignificant servant

Guru Vandana devi dasi  
(Delhi, India)



***Guruvani devi dasi***



***The Perfect Vaishnava***

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

I want to use this occasion of the holy day of Vyasa Puja to express how fortunate I feel to get such close association with your Divine Grace. Your example is so inspiring. You are the perfect example of Person Bhagavatam. As Srimad Bhagavatam says a true Vaishnava is verified by Guru, Shastra and Sadhu.

Guru

It amazes me everyday the conviction with which you follow the instructions of your Guru Maharaj Srila Prabhupada to preach, in spite of your ageing bodily miseries and severely trying preaching Schedule. How closely you take to heart the instructions of Srila Prabhupada to have a preaching center in Austin.

Shastra

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*vaco vegam manasah krodha-vegam jihva-vegam udaropastha-vegam  
etan vegan yo visabeta dhirah sarvam apimam prthivim sa sisyat*  
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“A sober person who can tolerate the urge to speak, the mind’s demands, the actions of anger and the urges of the tongue, belly and genitals is qualified to make disciples all over the world”

You are the perfect example for controlling the urges as mentioned in the above verse. I remember once when some devotee asked “how you can enjoy fasting”, you ecstatically explained the unique taste you get from fasting for Lord Krishna. This shows your perfect control on your senses.

The patience with which you answer the questions of even blasphemous people without losing your temper is a perfect example of your equanimity and shows the control you have over your mind and anger.

### Sadhu

The compassion with which you treat even a neophyte devotee and the way you make every moment of your life a preaching opportunity and the zeal you have to help all the fallen condition souls makes you a true Sadhu.

Praying to Lord Krishna to keep me in your service eternally.

Your Servant

Guruvani devi dasi

***Hare Krishna das***

*I was most Fortunate to Sign up in Ultimate self realization course, 5 years back*

Saviour of the fallen soul ki jai, Jaya

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Om Visnu-Pada Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya Astottara-Sata Sri Srimad  
Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

My Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Gurumaharaj and Srila Gurumataji!  
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurumaharaj, I am an insignificant soul, how can I express gratitude for Your unlimited kindness upon me. I am eternally indebted to Your mercy.

By Your grace, while searching for pictures and literature about Krishna in Google, I am most fortunate to sign up in Ultimate self realization course, 5 years back. That time I have no information regarding Krishna consciousness and ISKCON. Your Mercy carefully and mercifully instructed and guided me to chant Hare Krishna mahamantra, to find nearest ISKCON temple, associate with devotees, personally meet You and place me as a dust at Your Lotus Feet as an eternal disciple.

Srila Gurumaharaj and Srila Gurumataji mercifully overlooked all my disqualifications. All I have to do is to beg Krishna so I can be eternal menial servant unto Lotus Feet of Srila Gurumaharaj and Srila Gurumataji.

On this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, I fervently pray to Lord Krishna, to have Srila Gurumaharaj's best health and long life so He can spread the rays of Lord Chaitanya's benediction moon all over the universe and deliver whole universe.

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Always trying to hold onto Your Lotus Feet,

Yours Lovingly,

Your eternal insignificant servant,

Hare Krishna das  
(Kerala, India)



***Haribuddhi das***

*You are the Best Commander, Preacher and Sadhu*

Dear Srila Gurudeva:

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.

All glories to You

All glories to Your Vyasa Puja day

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

After Your visit in Peru, I realized more and more how important is the Kripa (Mercy) of a Bonafide Sadhu Guru.

Considering the great task of ISKCON, only a commander can improve the preaching, use all the possible tools in Sri Krishna's service, and engage all the devotees in seva. ***You are that Commander.***

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

As all our past acharyas, you are showing the perfect path for a world who not only need preachers (because probably any devotee can preach)... but the world needs perfect preachers, with perfect knowledge, and perfect life. ***You are that Preacher.***

Then, we need to surrender ourselves to that kind of preachers. Because only a perfect preacher can train someone as a perfect preacher. Only a sadhu can show the knowledge, as Sri Krishna says in the Gita. ***You are that Sadhu.***

Because the world can advance only from ISKCON's effort, the only hope is Your contribution of preaching, the purity and the integrity of Srila Prabhupada's legacy.

Going down again and again at Your lotus feet,

I remain as Your servant

Haribuddhi dasa  
(South America, Peru)

## ***Hayagriva das***

***Will never be able to compensate you for your unconditional mercy***

Dear Srila Gurudeva,  
Please accept my humble obeisances!  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

It is said in the Shastras that one who thinks that one can repay his spiritual master is a fool. One can never pay back to his spiritual master for the transcendental knowledge that had saved him from the ignorance. As it is said in Sri Guru Pranama:

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
chakshur umlitam jena tasmai sri gurave namaha*

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I was born in the deepest ignorance but my spiritual master has opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer to him my humble obeisances.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, I will never be able to compensate you for your unconditional mercy. All I can do is to offer my sincere gratitude and my imperfect efforts to serve you and your mission for spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world.

Gurudev ki jay! Prabhupad ki jay!

Your humble servant,

Hayagriva das

## ***Jagannatha dasa***

*It is the rarest privilege to be the servant of your servants*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

It is the rarest privilege to be the servant of your servants. As the bona fide spiritual master, you live every day in the light of pure devotional service. And those who come into your shelter also feel that light spilling over them. It is a feeling of heartfelt satisfaction coupled with the weight of your compassion.

Every day the conditioned soul worries after varieties of material concerns according to our karma. Some struggle to avoid starving, others chase after fickle fantasies. Your love is shown by connecting us to the process of Krishna consciousness in a way tailor suited to our time, place and situation. It is up to us to accept that love and offer whatever we can in a mood of gratitude. We can never repay this debt, therefore, our debt is eternal.

This eternal debt is not a burden. The burden is us. We are the burden. Srila Gurudeva, you are taking us, lifting us up on your shoulders and dragging us, unwillingly back to the spiritual world. No one else is to blame if we choose not to surrender. Holding grudges leaves smudges. The problem is that, if we do not fear maya sufficiently, we will think, I'll just relax and take birth a few hundred more times. Born again Hare Krishna. Born again, and again and again.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for coming and staying here to enlighten our fallen lot. Krishna is yours, and yet you never abandon us fools and rascals in this material world. The darkness which shrouds our hearts, families, communities and world is flooded by the effulgence of your divine grace. May we always accept your blessings, and strive to carry that light to others.

A servant of your servants,

Jagannatha dasa  
(Ohio, USA)

***Jagdisananda das (GRS)***

***You are performing an extra ordinary service to our beloved Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada***

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale*



*Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale  
srimate Giriraj Svamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale  
srimate Bhaktivedanta-Svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani- pracarine  
nirviesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-dese-tarine*

Dearest and most reverend Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet  
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyas Puja  
All glories to Your Divine Grace  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

First of all, I am very grateful to you on your daily *Thought For The Day* that I receive on my email. The day starts by reading your divine message. They are very inspiring, very clear, well thought, deep in your devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna and with great gratitude to Srila Prabhupada. You are performing an extra ordinary service to our beloved Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada and serving his orders to your best capacity ignoring any comfort in life and accepting all kinds of inconveniences and distributing your unlimited mercy to the unfortunate persons to make their life sublime. Your vision to see the whole world changed to Krishna Consciousness in your life time is so much wonderful. I wish and pray that this will come true. You are truly a wonderful spiritual master travelling all around the globe and spreading the lost Vedic culture for the benefit of entire humanity on this planet. I pay my deepest respect and gratitude unto your lotus feet. May Lord Krishna keep you in good health at all the times!

The Vedic scriptures are full of great wisdom. The knowledge from these scriptures can only be understood by a true representative of the Lord such as your divine grace. I see the pictures that you send in all your daily messages, and get

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very much impressed of your service and get encouraged more and more how people in different countries are coming so much closer to you and accepting you as their spiritual master. All of such souls are really very fortunate. Thank you.

Today we take pride in glorifying you on your Happy Sri Vyasa-Puja Day being celebrated at Kaunas, Lithuania. Sri Vyas-Puja ki jaya! Hare Krishna!

Your humble servant

Jagdisananda das (GRS),  
(Gaborone, Botswana)  
(Professor J. Prakash, Department of Mathematics, University of Botswana)

## ***Jambavati Dasi***

*Your faultless guidance through the years...*

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

My Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most respectful and humble obeisances to your lotus feet. My Dear Spiritual Master, I realize more and more every day just how much you have

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given me by rescuing me from the Mayavadis and teaching me that only Lord Krishna is the Absolute Truth. This material world is so frightening and filled with false gods and con artists posing as preachers, but by your faultless guidance through the years, you have helped me to stay steadily on the path to perfect Truth. I thank you millions and millions of times and pray to be your eternal servitor.

Your Servant and Disciple,

Jambavati dasi  
(Texas, USA)

***Janeshvar das***

*Perfect example of Yukta Vairagya*

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj,

Please Accept my most Humble Obeisances onto your Lotus Feet on the holy occasion of your Appearance Day. It is indeed very auspicious as you are following the order of your Spiritual Master by spreading the message of Lord Chaitanya for all the fallen souls of this day and age. Your thought for the day are very much encouraging and your answers fill most of the spiritually hungry souls.

You are showing perfect example of yukta vairagya by utilising the latest technology of internet in the service of Lord Krishna. Please bless us by giving us strength and intelligence to serve Srila Prabhupada to spread the Krishna Consciousness movement through out the world.

Your Humble Servant,

Janeshvar das  
(Melbourne, Australia)

## ***Kalindi devi dasi***

*delivering the people who are drowning into the ocean of the sorrow*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to your unconditional preaching service.

Your lotus feet are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. By your grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna.

You opened my darkened eyes and filled my heart with transcendental knowledge, and my ignorance is destroyed. Vedic scriptures sing of your glory.

You are the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor and helpless. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the people who are drowning into the ocean of the sorrow. You are my Lord birth after birth. Please give me the shelter at your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.

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Kalindi devi dasi  
(Texas, USA)

## ***Karuna Sindhu das***

*I feel protected by and blessed by your mercy*

All glories to Srila Gurudeva

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious day of your divine appearance.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,  
All Glories to your Lotus feet,

*nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya bhu-tale  
srimate Bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day, I want to thank you for all your blessings and your mercy.

I feel very protected and blessed by your mercy.

Thank You for all your love and knowledge you give to us.

I am very grateful that Krishna and Srila Prabhupada send me your guidance. I bow forever at your lotus feet in humble gratitude,

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Your insignificant servant,

Karuna Sindhu dasa  
(Antwerp, Belgium)

## ***Karuna Sindhu das***

*Your soothing words are like a sweet drink of lassi in a dessert*

I thank you for your mercy. Your advice daily in the form of your transcendental newsletter I await eagerly daily, whether the day brings sorrow or joy and has become a part of my life. In a world full of passion and ignorance, your soothing words are like a sweet drink of lassi in a dessert. Words cannot express my appreciation or gratitude of your service to suffering humanity and for holding out a beacon of light and hope to suffering souls like my self.

Haribol and may RadhaKrishna grant you long life on this material world to continue your wonderful service.

Your Servant,

Karuna Sindhu das  
(Otago, New Zealand)

## ***Krishna Caitanya das***

*You Preach Pure Love for the Lord*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Thank You very much for everything You give. Even though I am unable to take everything, like the dry ground can not grow a plant.

The most important thing You taught me, as far as I understand, is that only pure love for the Lord and naturally for all His parts, is ultimate and greatest virtue. Other things has no value if this essence is lost.

And You Yourself are showing by Your example how to live according to this real virtue, many times undergoing severe physical and psychological discomforts for the sake of that highest truth. Of course, by the mercy of the Lord, these difficulties only improves Your devotion, as it is disclosed in the prayers of Queen Kunti.

I am also very eager to develop at least a little bit of that real and sweet love that You are carrying within Your heart, because other things, no matter how great they would look externally, will give pleasure neither to the person himself nor others, and ultimately one will understand that his time and energy was simply wasted for a bad deal.

Your eternal son and servant,

Krishna Caitanya das  
(Vilniaus Apskritis, Lithuania)

## ***Krishnaprema das***

*Miraculous effect of your short pure association...*

My Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet and my lots of love and regards on your appearance day.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*



*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

*Jay Shree Krishna Caitanya prabhu Nityananda  
Sri Advaita Gadadhar Srivasadi gaur bhakta vrnda*

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

A spiritual master is considered as a representative of Krishna and he should be given all the respect and reverence and equal worship as one gives to Supreme personality of Godhead. A spiritual master is always a true well wisher of his disciple in their present material life and life after this eternally.

As mentioned by Srila Vishwanath Cakravarti Thakur in the morning Mangala Arati prayer that by the mercy of the spiritual master one gets mercy of Krishna without his mercy one cannot make any advancement in spiritual life and cannot establish connection with Krishna. It is not possible to understand transcendental name, form, quality and pastimes by material senses. The senses should be purified by engagement in devotional service under proper guidance of the spiritual master than one can understand Supreme Absolute Truth. Spiritual master engages disciple in the service of Sri Krishna by giving him suitable instruction according to one's taste and nature. A disciple's advancement in spiritual life is depending on how much one has become perfected in following this instruction. A spiritual master's instructions are not ordinary even though it looks ordinary but they are completely capable to deliver a disciple from the cycle of birth and death. So today at this most auspicious day of your appearance in this world let me offer my obeisances to your lotus feet and beg for your mercy and pray that I can continue to follow your instructions.

This year was one of the most auspicious years for me as for the very first time in my life I found an opportunity to visit the most holy dhama Vrindavana and to have your association there. I can still remember that day when I came to see you with my parents and how you blessed us all. Due to the effect of your short pure association Soon after this visit of Vrindavana my parents consciousness became changed and they stopped criticizing me anymore for following Krishna

Consciousness process and astonishingly my father started chanting 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Maha Mantra regularly on japa beads and developed strong faith in Krishna and chanting and my mother gave up eating onion and garlic and also started chanting 2 rounds whenever she gets time.

Apart from this I became a citizen of Australia this year and coincidentally it so happened that on the day of your arrival in Melbourne 19th June 2010 my citizenship was approved and this happened on exactly the same day you initiated me one year ago on 19th June 2009 and this is because of your blessings which I can now use as an opportunity to continue to serve you and Krishna better.

As you always say that spiritual master is more present in his Vani form instead of Vapu (physical form) and this reminds me of my personal experience few months ago when I had a hard time controlling my senses and mind. At one night when I was listening to your lectures during questions and answers part I found very appropriate answer for my problem. In that lecture I have heard from you that this is what most of the neophyte devotees do during a night time before going to sleep they imagine some form of opposite sex that they like and engage in sense gratification in mind. You further explained that at that point of time if you say no to your mind and try to drive it away from that thought by praying like this, “no maya no, you cannot drive my mind away from Krishna not even for a moment and think of some pastimes or form of Krishna as Madan Mohana” that can help one's mind from refraining from sense gratificatory objects. By carefully following this simple instruction you have given has greatly helped me overcoming my problem and controlling my senses.

And this is just one example but by your internet preaching program thousands of people all over the world gets benefited like me by reading thought for the day and question and answer part. In your answers you always give references from Bhagavad Gita As It Is and other Vedic literatures to back up what you say. Finally I would like to say that I personally never saw Srila Prabhupada but for me you are living Prabhupada in ISKCON.

Thanking you for connecting me with Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's disciplic succession Gurudeva. Always endeavouring to obey your instructions and following initiation vows carefully.

Krishnaprema das  
(Melbourne, Australia)

## ***Krsnangi devi dasi***

*You are a light shining bright on the dark*

Hare Krishna,  
His Grace Sankarshan Prabhu

Please accept my humble obeisances on this Most Auspicious day of your Appearance!

All Glories unto your determined service at the feet of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

*You are a light shining bright on the dark  
Many may bark yet your love touches the heart!*

*Enlightening the willing  
Planting seeds in the rest!*

*You endeavor to always do your very best  
Creating a dynamic spiritual nest...  
Sheltering us from our karmic mess!*

*Chanting the Merciful Holy Name from the very core of your heart  
It never ever misses it's mark!  
Awakening us from our slumber  
Our illusions come asunder!*

*So All Glories, All Glories to you on this Day!  
With gratitude I fall at your feet and pray.....*

*May I become a fit instrument of Sri Krsna's Divine will*

*Just as you are with such compassion, precision and skill!*

Your grateful servant

Krsnangi devi dasi  
(Sydney Australia)

## ***Labangalatika devi dasi***

*Unique even among other Devotees*

“Even though the human population is unqualified to receive him, the bona fide spiritual master causelessly appears in their midst to bless them with Krishna consciousness. This is how we are to understand that the spiritual master's mercy is causeless. Nobody deserves it, but he dispenses mercy freely without regard for someone's being qualified or unqualified to receive it.” (His Grace Sankarshan das Adhikari, “Answers According to the Vedic Version”—October 22, 2010)

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru and Gauranga. All glories to you, my spiritual master, and your mission to spread the saving grace of Sri Krishna Caitanya across this fallen planet.

I am one of those unqualified recipients of your causeless mercy, and this occasion of your Vyasa-Puja is one time among many when I can remember and reaffirm what your appearance in my life has meant. In an attempt to curb my tendency to launch into some long-winded exposition, I would like to mention one thing in particular that you, unique even among other devotees, granted me in your mercy. That is the fact that, from the very beginning, you took me seriously. Despite every factor that I had going against me in anyone's esteem – age, ethnicity, gender, wealth, manners or any other subset within the ambit of the six opulences – you extended to me your time, care and personal regard as if I were a real and viable candidate for taking up a real and viable spiritual practice.

Of course, I've expressed this type of sentiment time and time again. But it goes further than that. You have stuck with me through everything. In spite of my phantom comings and goings, my insecurity, my shakiness and silliness...you took me for what I was and didn't dismiss me as hopeless or not worth the effort. Over time, I have begun to actually realize, to some minute degree, how the spiritual master's mercy is indeed the only way by which we can advance in spiritual life. Over time, I am coming to see just how much you have been willing to work with my case, as it were – with all those hidden characters, including Independent Mentality and High-Blown Ideals, coupled with their incompatible cohorts Reclusive Behaviour, Social Non-Conformity, and Hypersensitivity.

What merits the spiritual master's mercy? It's causeless. Certainly no one can tabulate a list of "things to do to get the mercy of Guru" – what a material-minded farce that would be. The only reasonable conclusion is that Guru is the direct channel through which the eternal love of God Himself manifests in the lives of the conditioned souls. This is what I can understand from your example.

I will be present in person for your Vyasa-Puja celebration this year. It will be the first time in three and a half years that I will see you in person. I would have hoped to be in better shape the next time I met with you. But the fact is that despite all the failings I am seeing, I actually am in better shape than I was last time I saw you, three and a half years ago. I know that you must be petitioning Krishna fervently for my purification. Through the grace of Guru and Gauranga, I am, among other things, now able to see myself for the "big ego" that I am without trashing myself in entirety - even in the wake of so many attempts by others to corral me into false, worldly humiliation in place of real, spiritually informed humility.

In addition to attending your Vyasa-Puja ceremony, this year the plan is that I will take second initiation. I was hedging on my initial intent to take this next step in my spiritual life; but as you confirmed to me that it is your desire that I take second initiation, I agree to take it also as my desire.

Second initiation, to become a brahmana, upanayana...Srila Prabhupada said of this samskara:

Upanayana. Upanayana, means coming nearer to the understanding of Vedic knowledge, upanayana, or coming nearer to the spiritual master.  
(Lecture on BG 7.11-13--Bombay, April 5, 1971)

Upanayana. Upa means near, and nayana means bringing. When the spiritual master brings nearer to spiritual consciousness, a person is given the upanayana, or the sacred thread. The sacred thread is the indication that "This man is now under the control of the spiritual master for advancing in Krishna consciousness."  
(Lecture on BG 1.32-35--London, July 25, 1973)

So my offering to you this year is my feeble prayer for the courage to fully surrender, to come nearer to my spiritual master and spiritual consciousness, and to become a bona fide brahmana. It's more than just a little wish or big ambition. It is my duty as a serious disciple. And I must never forget how I started in Krishna consciousness: as one lost but nonetheless serious soul who was somehow blessed by the Lord with a bona fide spiritual master who took me seriously.

Whatever little potential might have accompanied me into this life, it is clear to me that my own lack of God consciousness has spoiled the manifestation of even the meager potential which was granted to me by Material Nature. And yasyaprasadana gatih kuto pi – without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any spiritual advancement. The obvious and, one might say, "logical" thing for me to do on this occasion would be to beg for your continued mercy.

But I have no mind to do that. I beg instead for the strength and steadfastness to surrender fully to Krishna and follow your order. This is my real focus, my true intention. Whatever I might want to have (happiness) or want to be (purified), it all rests on serving the instructions of my spiritual master. This truth lies at the core of what Srila Prabhupada teaches by his words and example. The only way to advancement is through the mercy of Guru, and the mercy of Guru naturally follows adherence to his instruction.

So to end, I beg your forgiveness of the fact that I did end up writing a long-winded exposition. But as my spiritual father, you know that I wouldn't do it if I weren't truly inspired.

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Your servant,

Labangalatika devi dasi  
(Petite Somme, Belgium)

## ***Madhvacharya das***

*By your blessings, many of my unwanted habits or anarthas have vanished*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble Dandavat pranams at your lotus feet,

I thank you very much for manifesting your mercy and appearing before this fallen soul in the year 2005. It is said:

By the mercy of Sri Guru, even a dumb can speak eloquently, a lame can cross mountains. All the scriptures advocate the absolute necessity of a living Sadguru for crossing the ocean of samsara:

*tasmad gurum prapadyeta  
jijnasuh sreya uttamam  
sabde pare ca nisnatam  
brahmany upasamasrayam*  
[SB 11.3.21]

*tad-vijnanartham sa gurum evabhigacchet  
samit-panih srotriyam brahma-nistham*  
[MU 1.2.12]

*tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya  
upadeksyanti te jnanam jnaninas tattva-darsinah*  
[BG. 4.34]

Qualities:

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*krpa-sindhuh su-sampurnah sarva-sattvopakarakah  
nisprhab sarvatah siddhab sarva-vidya-visaradah  
sarva-samsaya-samchetta 'nalaso gurur abrtah*  
[Hari-bhakti-vilasa 1.45.46]

One who is an ocean of mercy, who is qualified in all respects, who has all good qualities, who works for the benefit of all souls, who is free from lust, who is perfect in all respects, who is well-versed in the scriptures, who knows the science of Krishna, who can remove all the doubts of his disciples, and who is always alert in the service of Krishna is known as a genuine guru.

Srila Gurudeva, you have all the above qualities to guide me in my spiritual life.

I first met you in the year 2005. In the very first meeting, you were very merciful and cleared all my doubts. Ever since then, you have been guiding me in all important circumstances in my life and guiding me as to how to make further spiritual progress. Your thought for the day is guiding me every day in having renewed enthusiasm and many a times I felt as though it is personally addressed to me as it clears all my doubts. By your blessings, many of my unwanted habits or anarthas have vanished. I have heaps of further progress to make, but, Srila Gurudeva, you are first of all instrumental in taking me out of the deep well of material existence. Your divine touch has changed my life remarkably. It is said that the word 'Diksha' has two parts - Di- Divya Jnanam or transcendental knowledge and Ksha - Destroys sinful desires for sense gratification. I fully realise the effect of Diksha that you have lovingly and mercifully bestowed on me despite all my disqualifications.

Srila Gurudeva, you have dispelled fear and ignorance in me. Earlier, when I was confronted with any problem, I was always looking to solving the same with my ability and by all materially available means. Now I am confident and I don't worry about the same. This change in outlook is certainly due to your blessings. This gives me more confidence to engage in devotional service.



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Kindly bless me to fully engage in your service in fulfilling the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Madhvacharya Das  
(Sydney, Australia)

## ***Madhavananda das & Bhubanesvari devi dasi***

*All that we are is only because of Your mercy*

Dear Gurudeva,

Thank You for everything Hare Krishna Dear Gurudeva  
Please accept our humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to Gurudeva

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

We were born in the darkest ignorance, and our spiritual master opened our eyes with the torch of knowledge. We offer our respectful obeisances unto You.

Dear Gurudeva we want to take this opportunity to thank You on this most auspicious day, Your Vyasa Puja day. All that we are is only because of Your

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mercy. Just now when You were in Copenhagen We really felt that You are spreading mercy all over the world By you constant travelling and preaching pure love of Krishna. We are so happy that You take time in Your busy schedule to come to Denmark and we are so happy that we were allowed serve You and Gurumata. We pray that we will be allowed to always take shelter at Your lotus feet and always serve You in all eternity, because only at your lotus feet and in Your service are we safe. We pray that You will be allowed to keep travelling and preaching for many years still.

In this way You will save the whole world. Gurudeva Thank You for everything!

You Loving Servants,

Madhavananda das & Bhubanesvari devi dasi  
(Syddanmark, Denmark)

## ***Madhusudhana das***

*Thank You very very very much for Your patience with me*

Dear Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances, All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, All Glories to You!

Gurudeva I wish you health, strength and purity in preaching. I wish that all Your desires come true.

Thank You very very very much for Your patience with me, and all Your mercy. I'm so happy that I could follow You a bit in Vrindavan and Uttar Pradesh.

Madhusudhana das  
(Australian Capital Territory, Australia)

## ***Madireksana devi dasi***

### ***A New Life***

*Om Ajnana –timirandasya Jnananjana – salakaya  
Caksur Unmilitan yena Tasmai Sri Gurave Namah*

*Nama om visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu –tale  
Srimate Sankarsana dasa adbhikarite namine  
Namo prabhupadanuga prema – murti kṛpatmane  
Gauradesa –vikasārtha –uttama –bhakti –varsine*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet on your Vyasa Puja celebrations and I wish you strong health and many happy returns of the day.

Thank you Gurudev for accepting me as your disciple. I am so insignificant and with no qualification but in spite of that you accepted me as your disciple. You are so merciful Gurudev I have been given the chance to serve your divine lotus feet. It has really made me so happy.

It is really a struggle to live in this material world but by your encouragement, guidance and support you have shown us the path of bhakti. I pray to be always at your service .After the death of my father in June I have encountered many difficulties but by your kind and caring words I have managed to come out of my sadness.

I pray to be always situated at your lotus feet. I am so grateful you gave me a new life. Out of so many births I have had the good fortune to associate with a bona fide spiritual master and receive your blessings. I try my best to serve the devotees to the best of my abilities Gurudev. I beg for your mercy and shelter on this auspicious day.

I promise to always serve you Gurudev in your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness I pray that your mercy always lightens us everywhere and everytime.

With full respect and affection

Your humble servant,

Madireksana devi dasi  
(Moka, Mauritius)

## ***Manu Das (NYS)***

*Your daily emails keep me enthusiastic to do sevas in our Prabhupada's mission*

Hari Bol Guru Deva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet and all glories to Srila Prabhupada, Guru and Gauranga.

Receiving your emails daily does keep me enthusiastic to do sevas in our Prabhupada's mission. The way you are serving him, night and day, by taking care of us and clearing/answering all our doubts/questions and giving shelter at your lotus feet to many fallen conditioned souls like me and guiding them on to the right path, looks impossible for many of us even to serve a fraction of that. The amount of love you shower on us as caring father is really great. Whenever you come to us in Vancouver with Mataji, I feel so happy that my spiritual parents are here with me. I want to spend as much time as I can to serve you both to gain your love and blessings. I feel so comfortable to serve you both as everything we do, you accept with love. I am looking forward for your next trip to Vancouver. I love to be your chauffer taking you wherever you want to go, especially to your favourite spot - Mt. Seymour, to write your daily "Thought for the day" and enjoy seeing you taking pictures under the direction of Mataji.

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I still remember and cherish the way you have blessed me at the Vancouver airport by keeping your hand on my bowing head paying you my obeisances and seeking your blessings to serve Prabhupada's mission more and more as HKFFL - President and Food for Life Global country coordinator Canada and India. Thanks a lot for your encouragement and inspiring me to follow in your footsteps, going around distributing "Krishna Prema through Krishna Prasadam" in Vancouver and India.

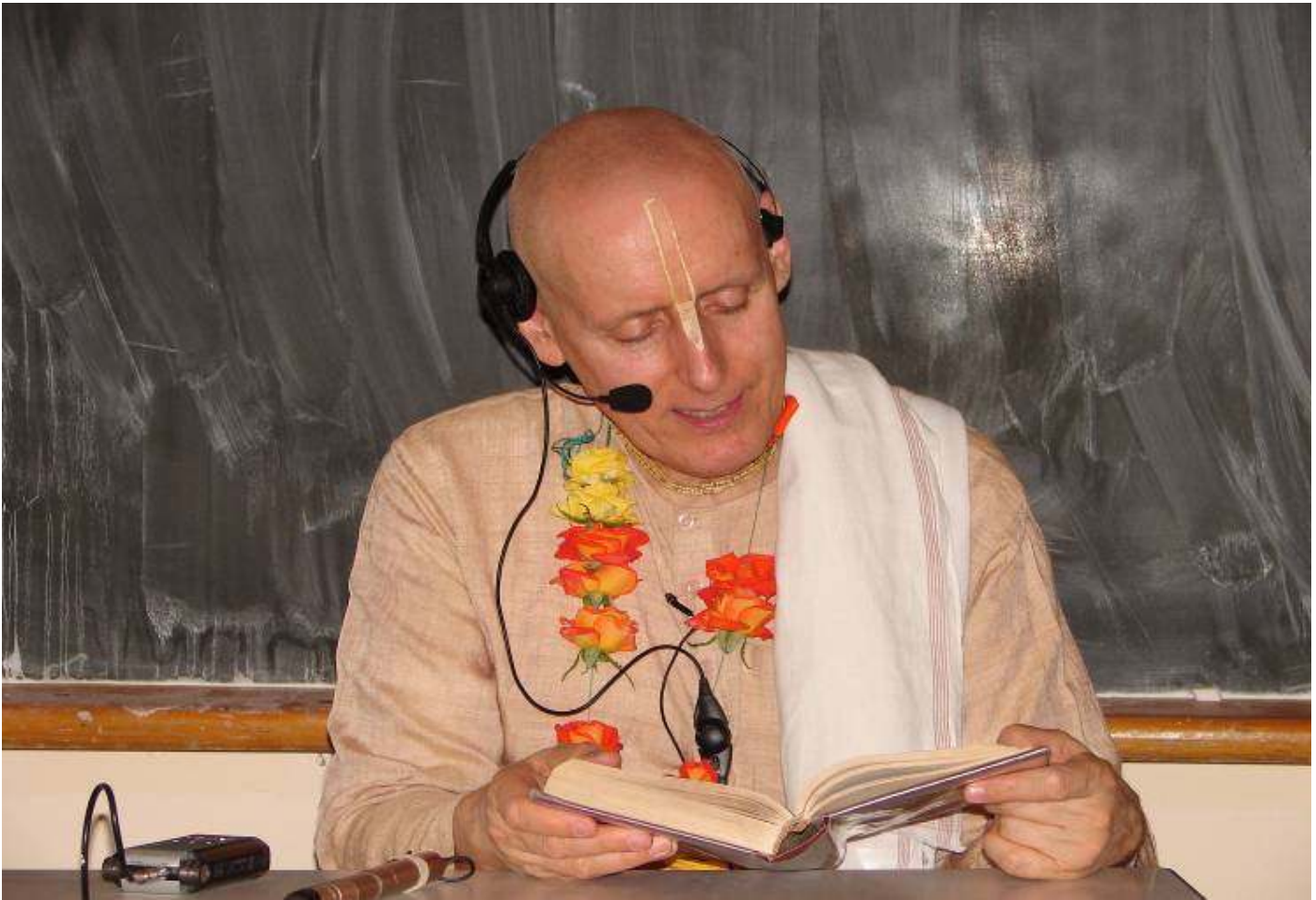
Last time you liked the pizzas I made, even though they were not thin, so as my personal offering to you I am making them on your appearance day and celebrating along with the devotees over here in Vancouver temple on Nov 1, 2010. HG Raghunath Das is arranging the program. The lunch is being sponsored by HKFFL.

With my dandavat pranams at the lotus feet of you both, I will end this offering so that it will meet its deadline.

May Sri Sri Radha Madhana Mohana bless you both with good health, happiness and peace to take care of us and shower your love on us for a very long time.

Yours ever humble servant,

Manu Das (NYS)  
(Vancouver BC Canada)



## ***Minaketana Ramadasa das & Anasini devi dasi***

*Your Master wish: distribute Krishna Consciousness all over the world*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances,  
All Glories to Your Divine Grace,  
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

In Sri Guru-vandana Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura says -

*sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,  
bando mui savadhana mate  
jahara prasade bhai, e bhava toriya jai,  
Krishna-prapti hoy jaha ha'to*

“The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna.”

The tiny spiritual souls have a nice propensity: to render service. We bow down on Your lotus feet to help us directing this propensity in service of You and Vaishnavas. This is our only chance to utilize with dignity our human form and not spend this live like animals. Sometimes we may believe that we are fallen, but do we rely know how fallen we are? Sleeping in Maya illusion we imitate big personalities, Mahajanas with our gesture and wording. But do we rely know what mean humility?

Again and again I’m praying in this auspicious day. Vyasa Puja, for Your mercy to utilize our willingness for service to help You fulfill Your Master wish: distribute Krishna Consciousness all over the world.

In Guruvastakam Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura says –

*saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair  
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbbih  
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

“The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful

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obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bonafide representative of Sri Hari [Krishna].”

We can't serve Krishna directly, but we can serve You. Veda is saying that service for Krishna devotee is much more valuable than the service to Krishna directly. Considering this we put our lives in Your hands and we try to stick to Your instructions. Please be so kind and help us to follow You.

Your most fallen servants,

Minaketana Ramadasa das and Anasini devi dasi  
(Arad, Romania)

## ***Nandarani devi dasi***

*You Give Good Fortune*

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances to Your Lotus Feet. I am very grateful to Lord Krishna that He has sent You to this world. Due to Your Mercy many souls were gifted with the hope of returning to the spiritual sky.

It is considered as good fortune then a man is understood by others. You give this good fortune. Let me pray to the Lord that I also would be able to reciprocate with that fortune You give - that I could understand Your mission even a little and serve it.

I bow down at Your Merciful Feet.

All Glories to You!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!



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Yours,

Nandarani devi dasi  
(Vilniaus Apskritis, Lithuania)



## ***Narada Muni das***

***Bulgaria will celebrate the day of your Vyasa Puja as a national holiday!!***

Dear Gurudev, Hare Krishna!

If a person wants to develop the humbleness, to realize their intellectual weakness, should read remarkable statement of Srila Prabhupada in 1936, Bombay in the

celebration of HR Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. Is entitled "The absolute necessity of a spiritual master".

This year the day of your appearance coincides with the national holiday of Bulgaria, 1 November - The Day of People's Leaders (in the meaning of "who awake others"). This holiday is unique and celebrated only in our country. On this day people give respect to those persons who teach them to spirituality and tried to rouse the nation from the lethargic sleep of selfish material existence (teachers, monks...)

Dear Gurudev, I am happy and in a hurry to tell you this joyful news that Bulgaria will celebrate the day of your Vyasa Puja as a national holiday. It is not a coincidence. Are no accident and your visits to Bulgaria - twice of year. It is no accident that the preaching here increases. ISKCON-Sofia is in the second place in the world's book-distribution (among small temples) – it's no accident. For the first time this year we have (not incidentally) four Ratha-yatra festivals!

Srila Prabhupada said in his statement:

"Gentlemen, the offering of such an homage as has been arranged this evening to the Acharyadeva is not a sectarian concern, for when we speak of the fundamental principle of Gurudeva, or Acharyadeva, we speak of something that is of universal application. There does not arise any question of discriminating my guru from yours or anyone else's. There is only one guru, who appears in infinity of forms to teach you, me, and all others. The guru, or Acharyadeva, as we learn from the bona fide scriptures, delivers the message of the absolute world, the transcendental abode of the Absolute Personality, where everything non differentially serves the Absolute Truth..."

"...one who has received the transcendental knowledge by aural reception from the bona fide preceptor in the disciplic chain, and who has sincere regard for the real Acharya, must be enlightened with the revealed knowledge of the Vedas. But this knowledge is permanently sealed to the cognitive approach of the empiricists. As it is said in the Svetasvatara Upanisad (6.23):

*yasya deve para bhaktir  
yatha deve tatha gurau  
tasyaite kathita hy arthau  
prakasante mahatmanau  
[SU 6.23]*

"Only unto those great souls who simultaneously have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed."

For this November 1, The Day of Spiritual Awakeners, I beg only one thing: Give me strength to keep forever this faith I feel when communicating with you, and I try to accomplish in my interactions with others.

Your eternal servant,

Narada Muni das

## ***Naradi devi dasi***

***You follow so strictly Srila Prabhupada! It's the best quality of ISKCON-guru***

My Dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my most humble obeisances into your lotus feet!

All glories to Sri-Sri Radha-Damodara!

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Again it's midnight. I sit at the computer. My head is covered with a cloth maha Prasadam of your lotus feet. In this way I hope to get more intelligence in the mind for writing nice Vyasa Puja-homage. But again many files were "deleted" and sent to the "Recycle bin" ... I am not sending months ago letters to you because of the reason: they are too stupid and showed only my selfishness. But the day of your appearance is near and I MUST write a letter and send it to you via Web, not only

in Paramatma-Internet... Besides, I want to write the best letter for the most wonderful person I know! Vyasa Puja homage... Trying to find inspiration in Shastras, I find a statement of Srila Prabhupada. He says:"...if the Absolute Truth is one, the guru also is one. He cannot be two... " Guru is one, therefore he is the best always. Therefore he deserves to be glorified with the best words. He saves us from material existence. He is the best because saves everyone who turned to him, he is the best because it saves me personally. He is the best because Krishna is THE BEST!

In the Srimad-Bhagavatam (11.17.27) it is said:

*acarya ma vijaniyan  
navamanyeta karhicit  
na martya-buddhyasuyeta  
sarva-devamayo guru*

"One should understand the spiritual master to be as good as I am..." said the Supreme Lord. Yes, everything I can to say for you is so simple, YOU ARE THE BEST!

And because the foundation of our philosophy is personalism, I will continue: I remember: many years ago I and others students in university were doing literary research. For a long times we stood in the library and counted words! How many words of one type – (for example: love; light; happiness; flowers; warm, etc.) or another type - (death; fear; darkness ...) are in the work of some author. By the percentage of the prevailing words we made psychological analysis of the author – who is more materialistic, who is more spiritual. Now, when I read the "Thought for the day", I think - if someone made such a scientific analysis of you as the author, will be amazed by the many in number words such: bliss; ecstatic; transcendental; supreme; happiness; unlimitedly sweet; merciful; beautiful... This explorer would understand scientifically where real spirituality is!

I want to emphasize one more amazing thing in your character. Can anybody stay calm reading this publication?...

“Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Praying the Impossible Prayer uploaded from ISKCON Center--Sofia, Bulgaria  
Although I am 60 years old, there is an unstoppable spirit within me that I have had ever since I was a youth. Even though it could be said that my mood is completely foolish and utopian, still nevertheless it still remains as an irremovable deeply ingrained part of my psyche. I want to be a part of bringing about a spiritual revolution that will completely save the suffering humanity from its innumerable woes. I want to see that the entire world is transformed into a paradise where everyone lives together in perfect peace and harmony by always keeping God in the centre of their consciousness and as the basis of all their relationships. In this mood my constant prayer to the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Sri Krishna is that if He so desires He may bless me that I will not die until the entire world become completely transformed by a spiritual renaissance which unites all peoples into one peaceful, loving spiritual family. Whether Krishna answers my impossible prayer or not is up to Him. But my prayer remains constant.  
Sankarshan Das Adhikari”

or another post from a week ago:

“Tuesday, October 19, 2010

My Life's Goal from Pune, India

My life's goal is to see that the entire world becomes Krishna conscious. Critics may label this as foolish naivete, that I should not waste my time dreaming about realizing such an impossible goal. But what can I do? The order has been given to us by our spiritual master, "Become guru and make the entire world Krishna conscious." My duty as a disciple is to always meditate upon, worship, and try to successfully execute the orders given by my spiritual master. So possible or impossible is not an issue for me. Even if it were impossible, my prayer to Lord Krishna would be, "My dear Lord, kindly make the impossible possible so that we can successfully carry out the order that Srila Prabhupada has given us." Success or failure is not in our hands. That is up to Krishna. But whether or not we absorb ourselves fully in trying to carry out the order of our spiritual master, that is up to

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us. And if we can absorb ourselves fully in this way, our lives are already a grand success whether or not the world takes to Krishna consciousness.

Sankarshan Das Adhikari”

I can't! This mood is exactly the same which Srila Prabhupada has begun when he goes to preach in the West - 1965. And his goal surely seemed unattainable in this time. But his mission is successful; he followed his spiritual master... One devotee who is not your diksa-disciple said me: “I like Sankarshan Prabhu very much because he follows so strictly Srila Prabhupada! It's the best quality of ISKCON-guru!”

So ... Maybe I not send this file to the recycle bin. Tomorrow begins Kartika - the most beautiful month - the month of your Vyasa Puja. I'll wake up early in the morning, will chant my rounds, and will sing for you the most beautiful songs glorifying the spiritual master... as usual...

But in this month I must do something special for you, to develop better qualities and in this way to become more worthy disciple to you!

Your eternal servant,

Naradi devi dasi

***Prahlad das***

*Helping fallen souls like me*

At your lotus feet.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to your lotus feet!

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthapitam yena bhu-tale  
svayam rupah kada mahyam dadati sva-padantikam*

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,  
bando mui savadhana mate  
jahara prasade bhair, e bhava toriya jai,  
Krishna-prapti hoy jaha hate*

It's true that I am in ignorance and in such darkness that I am not able to see myself. I am taking shelter of your lotus feet. Everyday I read your daily "Thought of the day", which like "light" is enlightening me and dissipating the darkness progressively, enabling me to find the purpose of life. You are so kind that you have brought the "light" in my life Gurudev.

Although I am unqualified to be your servant, still you took me under your shelter, bestowing your causeless mercy upon me. Without your mercy I will be lost in the ocean of miseries.

May Lord Krishna bestow His mercy upon you to be able to continue this mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

You are taking up so many austerities for the sake of fallen conditioned souls like me and travelling to preach the whole world at the cost of your own health.

Your determination to help the fallen souls like me and to inundate the whole world with the nectar of Krishna consciousness will help thousands of people to be freed from the clutches of "MAYA" by chanting the maha mantra:

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Hare Hare*

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*Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

On this auspicious occasion, let me bow down again again and touch the dust from your lotus feet and pray to Lord Krishna to give you courage, good health and time to be able to show the path of liberation to millions of conditioned souls like me.

Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Prahlad das

## ***Prema Sakti devi dasi***

*Your answers give me an impetus to charge forward in my devotional service*

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your daily nectar. I look forward to receiving the un-interrupted inspiration. Many times, the answers to the questions have made me view things through a whole new perspective and have given me an impetus to charge forward in my devotional service.

Your firm conviction in Srila Prabhupada's instructions to you is amazing. This has made me strengthen my commitment to my Guru Maharaja.

We are also deeply grateful for your preaching efforts over the world. It is due to this that we were so fortunate to get Maharaja's wonderful association for the first time in South Africa this year. We hope to relish some more nectar some time soon.

Thank you once again.



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Your servant,

Prema Sakti devi dasi  
(South Africa)

## ***Radha Raman das***

*I can never forget Your divine edification*

My Dear Srila Gurudev,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I always keep in my mind Your teachings because it radically helps me at Sankirtan mission. When people have lots of question and ask me I always can answer them by appealing to Bhagavad Gita. And this does never let me to forget Your divine edification: "When you have questions search in Bhagavad Gita, it has all answers.". My Dear Srila Gurudev, I can't forget Your humble glance and smile. I thank You for Your sincerity and compassion to all fallen souls. I wish You have all mightiness in Your not easy mission.

Once again I pay my humble obeisances to Your Feet.

With all reverence and humbleness, Your disciple and servant,

Radharaman das  
(Vilniaus Apskritis, Lithuania)

## ***Radhapriya devi dasi***

*Your utter dedication to Your students*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Once again the auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja has arrived. Each year I find it more difficult to write a homage that is suitable to offer to Your Divine Grace as every year it becomes a bit clearer as to what my factual position is in relation to the exalted position of Your Divine Grace. When I first attempted to start practicing Krishna consciousness I had the inclination to feel that I was pretty fixed up, yet as the years pass I can understand that this is hardly the case. In actuality I'm nothing more than a mercy case, completely reliant on Your Divine Grace & Mataji to regularly pull me out of maya and into Krishna consciousness.

One thing that never ceases to amaze me is Your utter dedication to Your students & spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission despite an increasing number of students, a more rigorous travel schedule and all the material difficulties that come along with a life on the road & an aging material body. By analysing the service that both You & Mataji perform in addition to Your impeccable & unwavering sadhana I can understand that You both are deriving energy from an entirely different plane than the one I'm on. Not only are You performing Herculean tasks by Your service but, You are also executing that service with great love & joy. Herein, I can only beg You to bless me that I may someday be able to carry out my service in a similar manner & capacity as Your Divine Grace does.

When searching myself for something worthwhile to offer Your Divine Grace, I come up empty-ended as everything worthwhile is that which You have given me. Yet therein, I don't even fully understand or realize that as I often have the tendency to think that I know better or that I am the doer. All I can do is humbly beg, that You bless me with the clarity of shastric vision so that I can understand things as they actually are and only choose to do those things which are beneficial for my Krishna consciousness and reject everything else. On this auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja I would like to offer my life to You once again.

I remain eternally grateful to You for all the kindness & wisdom You have shared with me, as well as, patiently tolerating all the nonsense I'm constantly finding to get into. More than anything, thank You for never giving up on me and blessing me with the Holy Name which has been an anchor through all the turbulence I have encountered on my journey. Please help me develop the patience, enthusiasm

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& determination necessary to make this lifetime my last and bless me that I may be successful in this endeavour.

Your worthless servant,

Radhapriya devi dasi  
(Texas, USA)

## ***Raganuga Bhaktiman Dasa***

*I wonder how a person without a tinge of selfishness like you can exist*

Dear Sriman H.G. Sankarshana Dasa Prabhuji,

Hare Krishna!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your feet.

I feel privileged to be given an opportunity to write my Vyasa Puja offering to you.

I feel indebted to you for all the wonderful service you are doing to humanity by distributing the message of Srila Prabhupada. I read your "Thought for the day" everyday morning and feel inspired to carry on with my Krishna Consciousness. Whenever I ask you some questions, you send a reply almost immediately with all the love and affection of a Father. In today's fiercely competitive world, sometimes I wonder how a person without a tinge of selfishness like you can exist. But this proves clearly that even in this Iron Age and times, there are people who are practicing spirituality and have achieved perfection and we can give it as a reference to skeptics.

Dear Prabhuji, when are you coming to Bahrain? I eagerly look forward to having your association once again. It has been very long time since you came here and request you to please include us in your itinerary.

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Dear Prabhuji, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I pray to Sri Sri Narasimha Deva Bhagavan to bestow you good health so that you can continue inspiring many people to take up Krishna Consciousness.

In concluding, I request you for your love, affection and blessings and offer my humble and respectful Dandavat pranams to your feet, which is a cool soothing place where conditioned souls like us can take shelter and become completely relieved of all the suffering and rest happily for eternity. Kindly bless me.

Your humble servant

Raganuga Bhaktiman Dasa

## ***Raghunatha das Brahmachari***

*You say “Preach”*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.

All glories to You. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Today as I write this I am on my way to a local university with the desire to distribute Srila Prabhupada’s books. This morning I offered prayers to You and asked how I should organize my time for the day. With many temple services pending sometimes it’s difficult to know what to handle first. In my mind I heard You say “preach”. In Vrindavana You also gave me the same instruction. Preaching is the essence of our practice. Srila Gurudeva, You set this example. On this particular day one of the temple devotees will be serving prasadam lunches at the university, much like the program You were involved with starting in Gainesville, Florida. On this bus there are almost a hundred students on their way to be “educated”, and every 10 minutes another bus takes another hundred. But educated in what? They are like lambs to the slaughter, being taught a bunch of theories. They seriously, desperately need substantial knowledge.

Srila Gurudeva, You are constantly absorbed in preaching Krishna consciousness. By Your mercy, I know that this is the best position for a devotee to be in. Please continue to give me Your blessings so that my desire to preach becomes stronger and stronger. You are helping to expand Lord Chaitanya's sankirtana movement. Please help me to also become an instrument that I can also participate. Every day I pray to You that I may be able to continue to follow Your instructions. You are a perfect example, an embodiment of Gauranga's mercy. I simply have to keep praying to You that I can follow your example. Without this example, actually I have no ability to continue.

In person you are kind, merciful and humble. You are thoughtful and intelligent, with a wonderful sense of humour. You and Mataji both have such an visible taste for Krishna consciousness, one cannot help but feel inspired in Your presence. I humbly bow down to You, knowing that You are able to give me the mercy that I truly wish to be able to beg for. You are Adhikari, a qualified master. It is my unimaginable good fortune that Krishna and Srila Prabhupada guided me to You and allowed me to recognize You as the great and rare soul that You are. Surely I am not deserving of this. Thank You Srila Gurudeva for taking me under Your wing. For you patience and excellent instructions. It is a great honour, and pure nectar, to follow in Your footsteps.

Aspiring to be Your humble servant,

Raghunatha das Brahmachari  
(British Columbia, Canada)

***Ramatirthadas Adhikari***

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories to Sankarshan Das Adhikari

Its my great privilege to do Vyasa Puja offering who is very Dear to Srila Prabhupada and his worldwide Sankirtana Mission for this Gourabda Era!!

He is well organised as well as well realised in the science of Krishna Consciousness. So may we all get blessed by his Appearance time with Peace, Love and Harmony in all species of life higher and lower going.

*harer nama harer nama harer namaiva kevalam  
kalanu nasty eva nasty eva nasty eva gati anyatha*

I am truly devoted to his perfect updates of his tour around the Town and Cities of the world which is very enlivening as well as purifying the souls. There aren't really any words in this mortal world to glorify Sankarshan Das. But still hopefully be satisfied in our temptations.

Thank you for keeping us near his Divine feet and be with Shree Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and His Sankiratana Mission in this Kali yuga.

Ramatirthadas Adhikari  
(London, UK)

## ***Rantideva das***

***My constant guide and well wisher***

*nama om visnu-padaya Krishna-prestaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very Dear to Lord Sri Krishna, having taken shelter of His lotus feet!

*namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances unto you, the embodiment of mercy, who expands the order of Lord Gauranga, who showers us with pure bhakti!

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

“But you should always remember that the spiritual master constantly dwells in the heart of the disciple who always meditates on the orders received from his spiritual master and tries his best to execute them.” This is what you told me when I asked the question “How can I get the association of Guru and the devotees when I'm so isolated from them here?” When ever I start to feel alone in this ugly material world, I just remember that you are, in fact, dwelling within my heart at every moment. How could I possibly be alone when you are constantly there to guide me. Even though you may physically be half a world away spreading Lord Chaitanya's mercy to the fallen conditioned souls of this planet, still you remain very near as my constant guide and well wisher.

On this most auspicious day I am reminded that I am completely dependent on your mercy. In fact, nothing is possible without the mercy and blessings of Guru. So I pray for your mercy, Srila Gurudeva, to kill my anarthas (bad qualities) and give me bhakti (devotion to Lord Sri Krishna).

JAYA SRILA GURUDEVA!

I look forward to the day when I can once again sit at your lotus feet.

I remain your worthless servant,

Rantideva das  
(Mississippi, USA)

## ***Rupa Manjari devi dasi***

***One who follows your guidance is surely following Srila Prabhupada***

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

"I was born in the darkness of ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectable obeisances unto him."

*Nama Om Visnu-padaya Krishna-Prestahya bule tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I know I could never do you justice in my attempt to glorify your qualities or the transcendental devotional service you engage in for 24 hours a day for your beloved Spiritual Master, for I know I am not even aware of the full extent of your devotion to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna, nor am I aware of the extent you are constantly extending your mercy to all the living entities encaged in this material existence. Every year I hope your glories will become more and more revealed to me as I become more realized of how you are saving me from the darkest regions of hell. Hence forth is my pitiful attempt to glorify you.

You Strictly follow Srila Prabhupada instructions and make them your life and soul. You have mentioned many times after commenting on your enthusiasm to



spread Krishna consciousness Srila Prabhupada instructed you to remain enthusiastic and surely Krishna would bless you. Who could be more enthusiastic - constantly travelling all over the world preaching, any one you come across you want to make them Krishna conscious whether you are preaching to the flight attendant on the plane or a wide audience on national television. You are always ready to extend your mercy by what ever means possible, answering personal email, initiating disciples, giving Maha Prasadam, engaging us in chanting the Lord name, giving us service. Guiding us through Bhagavad-Gita through your ecourse. You are so chaste to Srila Prabhupada you never add or subtract Srila Prabhupada's teachings but repeat only what he has said in a way we can understand. One who follows your guidance is surely following Srila Prabhupada.

Lord Krishna has surely blessed you but in blessing you, he has blessed the whole world. anyone who has received your mercy in whatever way is most fortunate!

Your eternal servant,

Rupa Manjari devi dasi  
(Canterbury, New Zealand)

## ***Rupanaga das***

*Praying for your Mercy*

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

A Spiritual Master is the One who extricates us from Samsara - an endless swirl of desires and dislikes.

I must acknowledge that my conditioned soul is entangled in this swirl of Samsara very deeply and understanding it I can see no other way but to try to pray for Krishna's Mercy. Only it is hard luck I often fall short of humbleness for such a prayer. I believe that humbleness I need can be bestowed on me by Your Goodness

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because You already have found the shelter at Lord's Lotus Feet; and this is proved by Your explicit bliss. I believe You can enhance me in the attitude of showing proper respect to everybody.

A Spiritual Master glorifies the Lord with an ecstasy and so He shares the Mercy with everybody eager for it.

Dear Master, I can not help my self in my pitiful situation therefore I am asking for Your Mercy. Otherwise day after day I would suffer in this world.

Your servant,

Rupanuga das  
(Vilniaus Apskritis, Lithuania)

## ***Sacisuta das***

*If I can ever repay a little, I'll give my life to do*

Dear Gurudeva,

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adbhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada  
All glories unto your Divine Grace

Please accept my Humble Obeisances again again at your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja so that I can develop the service attitude towards your divine grace.

I have no qualification to glorify your divine grace but Srila Gurudeva, I am very happy that by your causeless mercy, an unworthy person like me become your disciple.

Please forgive me for my offenses because due to my impurity, I cannot even realize a small spark of your Divine Grace mercy.

Therefore, Dear Srila Gurudev, on this auspicious day I pray once again that please continue to bless me and whole family so that I may purify my existence in this very life time and try my level best to serve your divine grace life after life. Let this be my only desire.

*Dear Srila Gurudev, this is the golden year,  
when your mercy totally will destroy all our grisly fear,*

*You are the prefect deity of sacrifice and dedication,  
just by your presence you give us new inspiration,*

*By your love and mercy you make us alert,  
That harinam is the only protection in our heart,*

*Your face is so immaculate like a freshly bloomed flower,  
Your heart is an ocean of mercy that you always shower,*

*You bring joy and peace with your charming smile,  
A beautiful scene to forget the world, in just a while!*

*I have no idea of true happiness, as I never had a clue,  
I did not know what is actual need of soul, till I found you,*

*You are a blessing of God to us, the only place to depend,  
Just by following your instruction, we can be successful at the end,*

*If I can ever repay a little, I'll give my life to do,  
Whatever you say, all my love and life belong to you,*

*Please forgive all my offences and bless me to be wise and,*

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*keep me in your shelter and please hear my cries!*

Thank You,

Your most insignificant spiritual son hankering for your mercy,  
Sacisuta Das  
(Malaysia)

***Sanat Kumar das***

*Please give us the knowledge and strength to serve you properly*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*Nama om visnu padaya Krishna prestaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadanuga Prem murti kṛpatmane  
Gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine*

Please accept my prostrate obeisances again and again at your divine lotus feet. All Glories to Your Divine Grace on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-Puja celebration. I am most unqualified to honor your Divine Grace, yet I am trying to do so by begging for your mercy and blessings.

By your blessings and mercy I am gradually advancing in Krishna Consciousness. My humble prayers to Lord Sree Krishna on this auspicious day is I beg Lord Sree Krishna to give you more strength and power and long life for spreading the Holy Name and to carry out Srila Prabhupada's mission.

My humble prayers on this glories day is that you please give us the knowledge and strength to serve you properly, to understand you well enough so that we could carry out all your instruction in spreading Lord Chaitanya's movements and Srila Prabhupada's mission.

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On this auspicious day of your divine appearance in this material world, I would like to express my gratitude for all that you have done for me, for all that your doing for me, for all that you will continue to do for me. (I sincerely have no doubt on this matter) With divine intervene in my life and with your divine association and with your divine shelter beside the dust at your lotus feet my life had become very meaningful and useful.

Your Divine Grace is the ocean of Mercy.

Dear Srila Gurudev, please please forgive me, for all the mistakes I have done.

Please make me an eternal servant, as a dust at your divine lotus feet and please please I beg you, please do not kick me away.

Hare Krishna haribol

Thank you

Your humble servant,

Sanat kumar das  
(Iskcon Klang, Malaysia)

## ***Sankirtan das***

***You are one of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's fruits distributor. This fruit is Krishna Prema***

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is giving inconceivable gift for all living beings. This gift is very carefully transferred by greatest sages. Dear Srila Gurudev, You

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are one of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's fruits distributor. This fruit is Krishna Prema, pure love of God – most expensive fruit of all fruits. Living entity's is dying in great agony by this material fever and only this fruit can cure them.

Please let me to assist in Your mission – distribution of this sweetest fruits. I am Your spiritual child . But I am very little child. Little child is helpless. So today I can offer only my scream. I am screaming for Your mercy. I am so shame that I can offer only this. But please accept it. Please teach me to walk, to dance. To dance for Your pleasure.

Your eternal servant,

Sankirtan das  
(Vilniaus Apskritis, Lithuania)

## ***Sevananda das***

*you are the touchstone who transformed a materialistic hardliner like me*

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I offer millions and millions of obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious festival of your appearance. Srila Gurudeva, you are the touchstone who transformed a materialistic hardliner, always busy in chewing the chewed, like me, into a spiritual aspirant now seeking to taste a drop of that nectar known as Krishna-prema, which is ever fresh, and which is treasured by the greatest transcendentalists, like Sri Rupa. Srila Gurudeva, you are also my guiding star as resplendent as the midday sun saving me from all the pitfalls of life and inspiring me to move from strength to strength on the path back home, back to Godhead, by your own example. My words betray my heart when I try to quantify your glories in them. Therefore, knowing nothing to be more fruitful than taking shelter of Srimad Bhagavatam, I hereby offer a Bhagavatam verse in your praise, so that all may bask in the sun of Bhagavatam and duly meditate on your lotus feet. S.B. 10.2.31:

*svayam' samuttīrya sudustaram' dyuman  
bhavārṇavam' bhīmam adabhra-sauhṛdāḥ  
bhavat-padāmbhoruḥa-nāvam atra te  
nidhāya yātāḥ sad-anugraho bhavān*

#### TRANSLATION

O Lord, who resemble the shining sun, You are always ready to fulfill the desire of Your devotee, and therefore You are known as a desire tree [vāñchā-kalpataru]. When Acharyas completely take shelter under Your lotus feet in order to cross the fierce ocean of nescience, they leave behind on earth the method by which they cross, and because You are very merciful to Your other devotees, You accept this method to help them.

#### PURPORT

This statement reveals how the merciful Acharyas and the merciful Supreme Personality of Godhead together help the serious devotee who wants to return

home, back to Godhead. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, in His teachings to Rūpa Gosvāmī, said:

*brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva  
guru-kr̥ṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja  
(Cc. Madhya 19.151)*

One can achieve the seed of bhakti-latā, devotional service, by the mercy of guru and Kṛṣṇa.

The duty of the guru is to find the means, according to the time, the circumstances and the candidate, by which one can be induced to render devotional service, which Kṛṣṇa accepts from a candidate who wants to be successful in going back home, back to Godhead. After wandering throughout the universe, a fortunate person within this material world seeks shelter of such a guru, or ācārya, who trains the devotee in the suitable ways to render service according to the circumstances so that the Supreme Personality of Godhead will accept the service. This makes it easier for the candidate to reach the ultimate destination. The Acharya's duty, therefore, is to find the means by which devotees may render service according to references from Shastra. Rūpa Gosvāmī, for example, in order to help subsequent devotees, published such devotional books as Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu. Thus it is the duty of the ācārya to publish books that will help future candidates take up the method of service and become eligible to return home, back to Godhead, by the mercy of the Lord. In our Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, this same path is being prescribed and followed. Thus the devotees have been advised to refrain from four sinful activities — illicit sex, intoxication, meat-eating and gambling — and to chant sixteen rounds a day. These are bona fide instructions. Because in the Western countries constant chanting is not possible, one should not artificially imitate Haridāsa Ṭhākura, but should follow this method. Kṛṣṇa will accept a devotee who strictly follows the regulative principles and the method prescribed in the various books and literatures published by the authorities. The ācārya gives the suitable method for crossing the ocean of nescience by accepting the boat of the Lord's lotus feet, and if this method is strictly followed, the followers will ultimately reach the destination, by the grace of the Lord. This method is called ācārya-sampradāya. It is therefore said, sampradāya-vihīnā ye mantrās te niṣphalā matāḥ (Padma Purāṇa). The ācārya-sampradāya is strictly bona



fide. Therefore one must accept the ācārya-sampradāya; otherwise one's endeavor will be futile. Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura therefore sings:

*tāñdera caraṇa sevi bhakta sane vāsa  
janame janame haya, ei abhilāsa*

One must worship the lotus feet of the ācārya and live within the society of devotees. Then one's endeavor to cross over nescience will surely be successful.

(End of Purport)

Srila Gurudeva, just as the above verse and purport reveal to us the perfect path for going back home, back to Godhead, I find you as the very embodiment of that transcendental secret, who has so mercifully appeared in the lives of so many wretched souls as their touchstone and their guiding star. Thank you, Srila Gurudeva, and, please, forgive my offenses.

A servant of your servants,

Sevananda das  
(Nepal)

## ***Venudhari Krishna das***

***You're The Right Spiritual Master For This Age***

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,  
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga,

Hare Krishna Sankarshan Prabhu,

You have all good qualities of dedication, enthusiasm, companion towards all fallen souls. Your dream towards make this entire world to be Krishna conscious. Tireless preaching to entire world You're the Srila Prabhupada's dedicated

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disciple, in every thought for the day I am seeing your dedication towards your spiritual master and full filling His divine grace orders. In front of you I am a beggar, I am humbly requesting you shower your mercy on me so that I can serve all the Vaishnavas, all acharyas and Lord Krishna.

Your eternal servant

Venudhari Krishna das  
(Maharashtra, India)

## ***Venu-Dhvani devi dasi***

*Thank you Maharaja for your inspiration*

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to the glorious appearance of yourself.

Maharaja, I am an unfortunate soul who has taken shelter of your online Bhagavad Gita classes. It is because of you that I am able to study Bhagavad Gita in a new way. Thank you Maharaja for your inspiration. Your thought for the day always brighten up my day when I read it every morning.

Maharaja, you are the beloved godbrother of my spiritual master so that makes you my spiritual master as well.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I want to thank you for all of your inspiration and for all the services that you are doing to keep Srila Prabhupada's movement alive.

Thank you maharaja

Begging to Remain your humble servant,

Venu-Dhvani devi dasi  
(Georgetown, Guyana)

## ***Vraja Kisore das***

*I am stunned again and again...*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva.  
Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and You, Srila Gurudeva!

You are my only hope for improving my Krishna consciousness. Only you are keeping me up if not You I can only imagine what I would be doing.

Every day I am reading thought of the day and every time I feel inspired of your words. And when I get replay to my letter it is something amazing... immediately I feel how I am getting purified just by reading that letter. I can only imagine how many hundreds and thousands of people are getting spiritual benefit from your spiritual project.

And that is not all thereto all this person can easily download hundreds of lectures and dive deeply in Krishna Consciousness by hearing your enlivening lectures from all over the world. When I am remembering all your activities your sadhana... preaching... mercy... I am stunned again and again.

Your eternal servant,

Vraja Kisore das  
(Siauliai , Lithuania)

## ***Vrindavan das, Pournamasi devi dasi & Lalitha devi dasi***

***Misery in life disappears the moment we meet the you our Spiritual Master***

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

"on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, we offer our obeisances.

We all felt immensely happy of your Darshan at Juhu ISKCON temple last week. Even though we had a few moments we spent, after a very long time, we felt as if we had your Darshan yesterday. Misery in life disappears the moment we meet the you our Spiritual Master. The Guru principle is vital in life. The wisdom has to be invoked. On Vyasa Puja the disciple wakes up in gratitude. The Vyasa Puja is a time to celebrate and rise in devotion.

We pray for your blessings.

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Your sincere disciples,

Vrindavan das, Pournamasi devi dasi & Lalitha devi dasi  
(Navi Mumbai, India)

## ***Yadunath das***

*My day remains incomplete, if I do not read Maharaj's thought for the day*

Hare Krishna

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances  
All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

I came to know about His Divine Grace Sankarshan Prabhu Maharaj from the internet. My day remains incomplete, if I do not read Maharaj's thought for the day. I thank you Maharaj for sharing your thought with thousands of people all over the world.

Your servant,

Yadunath das  
(Mumbai, INDIA)

# *Others*

## **Aaranya**

*I am grateful*

For my studies, brilliance, remembering capacity and good fortune. For my father's good health, peace of mind and happiness. Also for my mother's good health, peace of mind and for my brother's studies.

Aaranya

## **Abhay Kulkarni**

*Divine Breeze*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

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Please accept my most humble obeisances at dust of your lotus feet

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to your auspicious Vyasa-Puja celebration

First of all I express my gratitude for your presence in my life. I feel really fortunate to get your immense mercy despite of all my non-qualifications. With





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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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you as guiding light I am sure, I will never get lost in this Bhavsagara (material Ocean).

Gurudev, you are just like a fresh, cool, gentle breeze which caresses everyone with same love and makes no reservations about whom it touches. As this breeze goes on, it gently sways us away from all our worries and mind turns into another direction. Its loving grace makes our heart feel content and joy to serve the eternal master, Krishna.

Kindly bless us to be able to be in your service so that we will never be deprived of your association and be able to free us from all bondages.

I wish that Lord Krishna blesses you with unlimited strength so that you can complete objective your life to make this whole world a Krishna Conscious place.

Hare Krishna,

Your unqualified servant,

Abhay Kulkarni  
(Texas, USA)

***Abhay Naik***

*Carry on the Light of Knowledge*

My loving obeisances to Gurudev Shri Sankarshan Dasji Maharaja on Vyasa Puja day. May HIS blessings guide me to improve upon my own weaknesses and make me courageous enough to see through the futility of attachment to temporary identity of body and mind and lead me and the world at large to realize the true self and supreme personality of God Sri Krishna as the root of the tree of creation.

My wife Milinda joins me in sending a loving pranam.

Humble servant,

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Abhay Naik  
(Ohio, USA)



## ***Anjali Roy***

*Hey Gurudev in your Vani we have found Vrindavan*

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*Fools we are, insignificant, sinners we are even though  
Hey Gurudev, you have accepted us*

*Spiritual Path you have shown us, right wrong you have shown us  
Hey Gurudev, you have taught us everything*

*Inspiration you have given us, what is truth you have taught us  
Hey Gurudev, you have saved us*

*Krishna is everything, Radharani is our mother  
Hey Gurudev, you have taught us the pastimes of the Lord*

*We prostrate before you, we reverently bow our heads before you  
Hey Gurudev in your Vani we have found Vrindavan*

*Fortunate and wealthy we are now  
Hey Gurudev you have given us Bhakti dhan*

*We prostrate before you, we reverently bow our heads before you  
Hey Gurudev in your activities we have found Vrindavan*

*With water with milk, we wash your Lotus feet  
Hey Gurudev we thank you for Your Divine mercy.*

*We thank you we thank you we thank you.*

**(Hindi version)**

***Hey Gurudev aap ke Vani me Vrindavan paya hai***

*Hum Murak hai  
Doshi tuchche hai Phir bhi  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ne hum ko apnaya hai  
Bhakti ka marg dikhaya hai*

*Galat sabi kya hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ne hum ko bataya hai*

*Prerna di hai Satya kya hai  
Hume samjaya hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ne hum ko bachaya hai*

*Natmastak hai  
Sar jhukhaey hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ke vani me Vrindavan paya hai*

*Krishna sab kuck hai  
Radharani mata hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ne Prabhu ki leela humko samjayi hai*

*Ab hum Bhagya shali hai  
Hum maha dhanvaan hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap se Bhaktidhan paya hai*

*Dhut se pani se  
charan kamal dhote hai  
Hey Gurudev  
Aap ke vani se Vrindavan paya hai*

*Hey Gurudev Aapko hamara dhanyavaad dhanyavaad dhanyavaad*

(The above was first coined in Hindi and later translated into English)

Your insignificant servant

Anjali Roy  
( Noida, India)

## ***Anthony Scaglione***

*You have Changed my Life...*

My Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

Please accept my humble obeisances!

All glories To Srila Prabhupada!

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health on this wonderful day of your appearance. Even though we have not met in person as of yet, I feel a very strong connection to you and I want you to know how much I truly appreciate the nectar you share with us all. I subscribed to backtohome.com over one year ago and I eagerly await your enlightening daily e-mails. Your insightful words of instruction are such a great inspiration to me! Being able to follow you in your travels around the world preaching the holy name of Lord Krishna and viewing the beautiful photographs is incredible. You are carrying on the mission of Srila Prabhupada in such a great manner! I also cannot thank you enough for posting your audio lectures online for all of us to hear. I e-mailed you personally a few months ago seeking your guidance and was so humbled and appreciative that you took the time out of your busy schedule to write me back. As a result, I am now truly in a state of enlightened bliss! I wanted to write you on this very special day and thank you so, so much. I am forever grateful to you for your merciful guidance. You have changed my life.

Sincerely,

Your humble servant,

Anthony Scaglione  
(Atlanta, USA)





## ***Anupam Saxena***

*Daya avatar*

What can a sinful soul like me who are not even fit to be servant of the servant; say for Srila Pujaya paada Gurudev, Words Fall short Just a single sentence "the lotus feet of Gurudev more than anybody including Lord Krishna are like a Whiff Of Life and ecstasy in an otherwise burning hell of this Kaliyug.

We should be thankful to the Lotus Feet of these realised souls who just because of causeless mercy have taken the human form and descended from Goloka Dham to

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help sinful souls like us burning in Kali's hell, god punishes for our sins but saints like pujoyapaada Gurudev out of causeless mercy try to help the sinful souls like us escape the punishment. Not Father, Not Mother, Neither even Lord Krishna has such causeless mercy.

I Prefer to be the servant of Srila Gurudev Lotus Feet a million times more than Lord Krishna as they are the "daya avtaar's" of Lord Krishna.

All Glories to His "Divine Grace" Srila Prabhupada.  
All Glories to his "Divine Grace" Srila Gurudeva.

It is not Divine Grace but Divinity in "Purest" form.  
With millions of Shastang Pranam to the lotus feet of Param Pujaya Gurudev

Your not even fit to be servant

Anupam saxena

## ***Anurag Kulkarni***

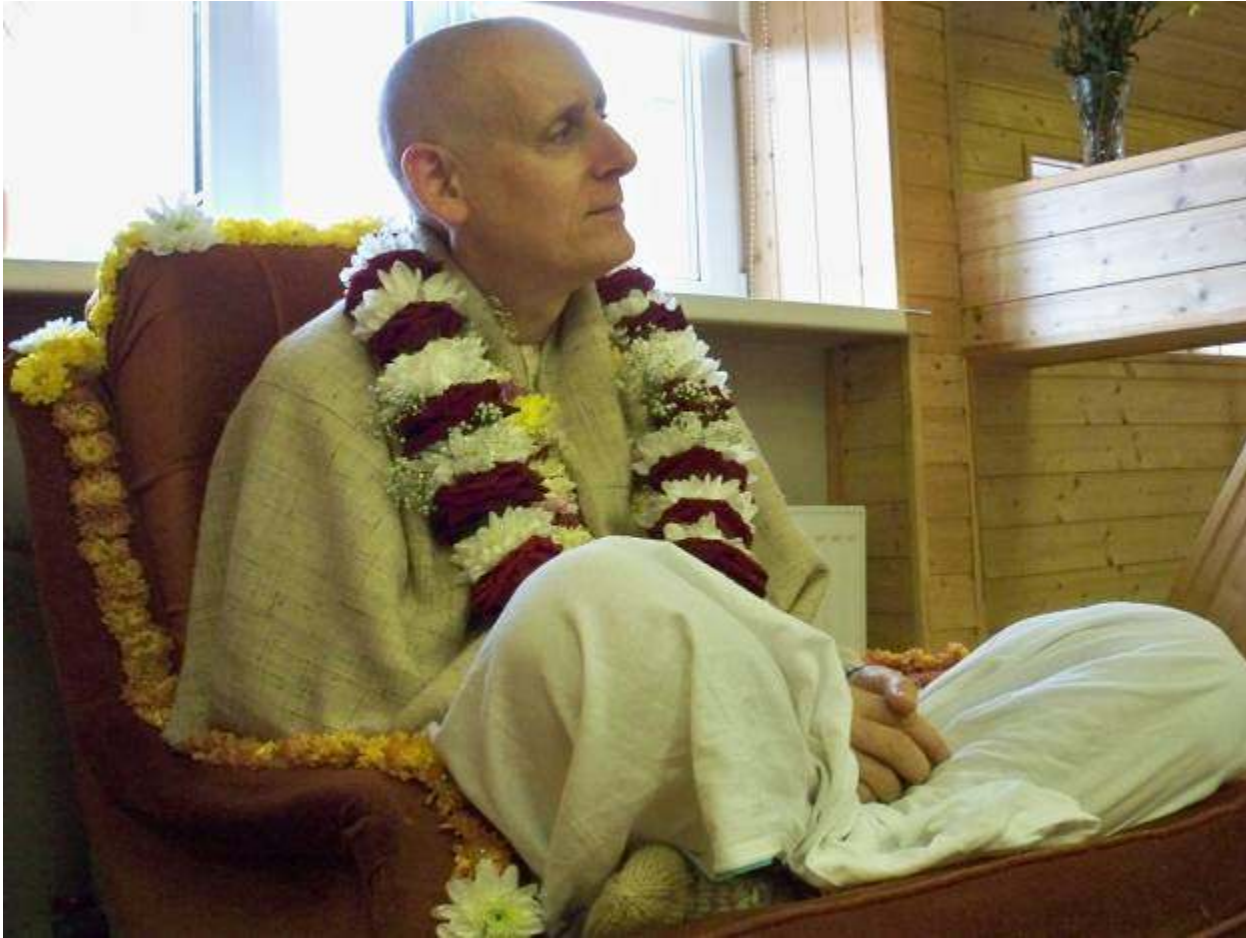
*Srila Gurudeva you teach us Krishna consciousness*

Your lectures are so wonderful. You brought the Prayer Hare Krishna to my life and changed my life. I aspire to become a devotee and preach like you.

Your Servant

Anurag Kulkarni  
(Age 9 Yrs)  
(Texas, USA)





## ***Archana Kapani***

*I am enlivened after coming to Krishna Consciousness by Your Grace*

Dear Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikariji,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. I am very much thankful to you for showering your causeless blessings on me through your emails. I want this to be continued forever on all of us. I committed many offenses out of my ignorance. Please forgive me and give the knowledge to me.

You have showed the meaning and purpose of human life. It means a lot to me.

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I am happier now; I am enlivened after coming to Krishna Consciousness.

Kindly help me to be your sincere & grateful follower.

Your servant,

Archana Kapani  
(India)

## ***Ashwin***

*The deliverer of all fallen souls*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikashartha, uttama-bhakti-varshine*

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories To Srila Prabhupada  
All Glories To Sri Guru and Gauranga

It is by your mercy and grace I am able to write this Vyasa Puja Offerings.

Happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev.

By your mercy I am able to become a servant at your lotus feet. I was so fallen and in deep ignorant in my life. You came and made me a dust at your lotus feet. Your lotus feet is the only shelter of my life. Please give me the strength to face all troubles , so that I could continue to remain a good soldier in Sri Krishna Chaitanya mission. Your mercy is very essential for me. I am not qualified to do

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any devotional service to Sree Krishna , unless by for mercy and protection. Please forgive me for all the mistakes I commit in my spiritual life and I beg your you to please maintain this fallen soul always at your lotus feet.

All Glories To Srila Gurudev. The deliverer of all fallen souls.

Srila Gurudev Vyasa Puja Ki .....Jai.

Thank you so much.

Hare Krishna

your humble servant

Ashwin

(Iskcon Klang, Malaysia)

## ***Bhakta Sreeram***

***Thank you for being my Spiritual Master***

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya  
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*Nama om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bbutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev, before I came in contact with you, I was under the illusion that one doesn't need a personal guru and that one can become Krishna Conscious just by

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doing sadhana and following the regulative principles. But in your very own words you taught us that one cannot become Krishna Conscious by one's own strength and that one needs a personal guru who is willing to accept one as his disciple.

Thank you for dissipating my illusions and taking up this task of uplifting the fallen souls to the path of reaching the ultimate goal of life and being a connecting link with the absolute truth.

Srila Gurudev, before I came in contact with you, I believed that taking up the path of self-realization to be highly impossible in this materialistic age of Kali, where an average person's only aim in life is un-restricted sense gratification. Where people have no faith in God and have put all their belief in the modern day demons in the form of those Scientists who do not accept God.

In such times, thank you for showing by the way of example of your very own life that even in a totally hedonistic society one can take up the path of Krishna Consciousness and dovetail all his material responsibilities, use all his material possessions in the service of Krishna.

Thank you for being a true leader and leading us fallen souls away from materialistic nescience. It is the mercy of Krishna to send a pure devotee like you amongst fallen souls like us. I beg Krishna to give me the strength to serve a rare soul like you, the strength to follow your instruction and the intelligence to take full advantage of your association.

At your service  
Bhakta Sreeram  
(Texas, USA)

***Bhaktin Debbie***

*You are very caring and understanding*

Dear Gurudeva,

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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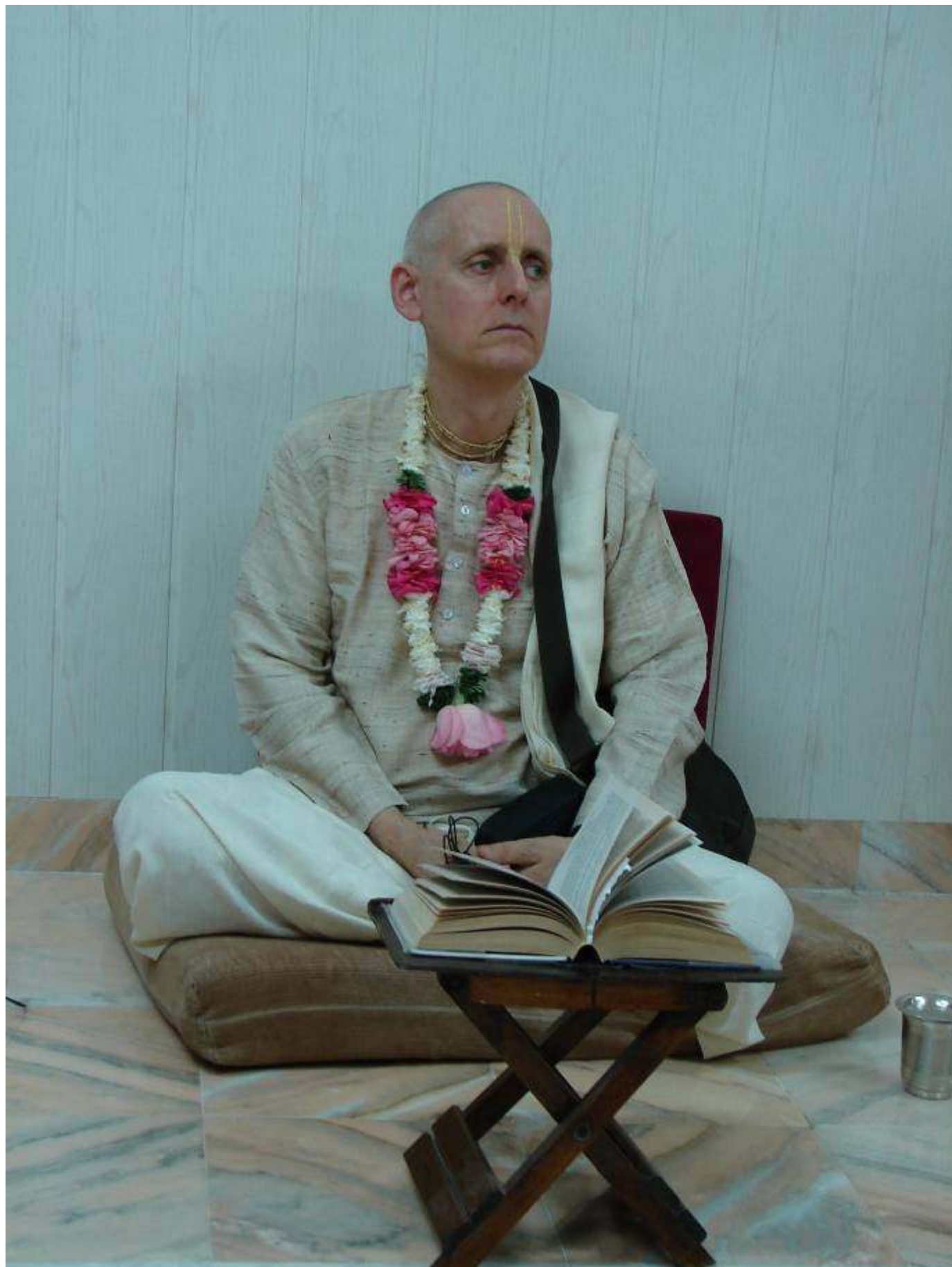
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I cannot thank you enough for your help in keeping me focused on the spiritual path back to Godhead. Earlier this year when you visited Vancouver, I was having difficulty chanting japa and you turned to me and told me to go and get my beads and start chanting. I went and got my beads and chanted as many rounds as I could until midnight. Thank you for your guidance and the care and understanding that you show each and every one of your disciples.

Your aspiring disciple,

Bhaktin Debbie  
(Vancouver Temple, Canada)

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## ***Bhaktin Katie Farnham***

*My heart is filled with an abundance of love each time I read your words*

My Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhu

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

My heart is filled with an abundance of love each time I read your words as they lift me from this material existence. As you preach and share your wisdom, I see how Krishna takes care of us all. All glories to you for showing us your mercy and helping us open our eyes. I pray to Sri Sri Radha Krishna that you are able to continue on your mission.

All my love to you

Your humble servant

Bhaktine Katie Farnham

## ***Bhuvana Subramoniam***

*You inspire and motivate to overcome all hurdles*

Harekrishna,

Thank you very much for your daily, inspiring realisation which keeps us motivated and helps us to deal with all sorts of problems.

Your humble servant of the servant

Bhuvana

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(Al Manamah, Bahrain)

## ***Chendekatt Sasikumar***

*Long live guru*

Humble Pranam to Guru on his auspicious day Humble pranam to Guru on his birthday, long live Guru and continue spread the message to the world

Chendekatt Sasikumar  
(India)

## ***Din Khairud***

*I like you*

Thank for invitation, I like you.

Din Khairud  
(Peshawar, Pakistan)

## ***Eklavya***

*Everything of mine is just your giving*

Param Guru Saashtaang Pranaam. You art Thou My Magnet? and I a tiny iron filing. For me you are sarvasva,sarvatra Through you alone,may my breath be.Your name is all one needs to exist. No other knowledge is necessary? Your divya presence is the entire Bhagawat for me. My silent humble head on your Lotus Feet be one of the countless greetings and blessings, that you may recieve, on your Apperance day (Birthday). Through You alone my next breath forever be? No words can cover an Iota of Your even one cell? How can then even my whole life can even think to attempt to do so? May your glories ring amar from eternity to



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eternity? Everything of mine is just your giving? Tera Tujh Ko Arpan, Kya Laagey mera?

Lowliest of lowly das of Srila Gurudev

Eklvya

***Hari Singh***

*Happy appearance day*

Hare Krishna and Happy Appearance day on 11/1.

Hari Singh  
(Texas,USA)

***Hina S***

*Truly, this IS the Ultimate Self Realisation course*

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabupada.

This is my first time paying homage to an exalted devotee like you so please forgive any offenses that I might have committed.

First of, Happy Appearance Day Maharaj!!

One of the prabhus I look up to at New Remuna Dham, Toronto suggested me to sign up for your USR course and truly, this IS the Ultimate Self Realisation course! I look forward to your mails everyday and totally admire the time and effort you

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put in for us fallen souls. Your experiences take me to another world and are so thought provoking! Your association- is Krsna's beautiful mercy, Maharaja!!

Your humility, your answers are to-the-point, the calmness and out-of-the-world feel in your messages- which at the same time are so practical because they are in relation to current happenings in this material world (the San Jose Mine, for eg.), they touch my heart. When that happens, I post your thoughts on my Facebook account so that your message reaches out to those who are not that fortunate.

I could go on Maharaja but I'll stop with one last thought. Your messages are like a comforter on a cold winter night that give solace to my heart.

Thank you so much for everything, Maharaja.

From a not so deserving soul,

Hina  
(Ontario, Canada)

P.S: I feel your blessed association in your mails everyday but it would be SO AMAZING to have you come down to Toronto and give an actual lecture (that lasts longer than 5min!) along with some ecstatic kirtan!



## *Ida Jusic*

*Thank you for being such a kind hearted soul*

Inspirational Dearest Sankarshan Maharaja,

It was so nice to meet you and your lovely wife Mataji.

You are a real inspiration to attain spiritual perfection in an otherwise mostly material worshipping world. I wish for you all that you mostly desire and also by that the whole world will also benefit greatly. I think and dwell on Krishna daily and I eagerly wait to read your "Thought Of The Day." Thank you for being such a

kind hearted soul who cares about everyone and to return them back home, back to God Head.

Ida Jusic  
(Sydney Australia)

## ***Ignacio Perez***

***Your association is inspiring***

*Nama Om Visnu-Padaya Krishna-Presthaya Bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikariti Namine*

*Namo Prabhupadanuga Prema-murti Kṛpatmane  
Gauradesa-vikasartha Uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Srila Gurudeva,

First of all I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet and to the feet of all my spiritual brothers. Because this day we honour the appearance day of Your Grace in this world, this is very auspicious day for all those who have taken shelter at your feet in order to cross the ocean of material existence. Probably I do not realize how important it is, I just can say that without you I would still be hopeless and lost in my life.

Whenever I have had the good fortune of having your association is constantly an inspiration and from your example I can learn more about devotional service and how to practice it.

Because I am most of the time covered by false ego it becomes difficult for me to make a good offering for you in glorification, as you deserve. But I really want to get rid of these coverings that are stumble blocks in order to manifest our real and blissful nature as servants of Krishna. The sad thing is that we are bewildered about our own real self-interest. We continue putting our faith in temporary things, which we think are going to make us happy. We continue putting ourselves first among everybody and always-expecting benedictions and help from others, instead

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of trying to give these things to others. These are the symptoms of our disease but we have come to you because we want to get cured.

I just pray for being able to render service to you and assist you in your mission of introducing the whole world into the principles of Krishna consciousness.

Your servant,

Bhakta Ignacio

***Jack***

*awaken all and bring us home*

Haribol,

Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

Wishing you a most beautiful day, hoping you may awaken all and bring us home.

Praying to RadhaKrishna, to bless you with all that's needed to help the Devotees.

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna

Jack

***Jesse Trew***

*Thank you for your incredibly wonderful transcendental service.*

My Dear Gurudeva,  
Happy Vyasa Puja Day  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Your Thought for the Day messages make my day every day. Here is my thought for the day: You are the coolest person in the universe. Thank you so very much for your incredibly wonderful transcendental service. Hare Krishna.

Your servant,  
Jesse

***K. Dinesh***

*You eliminate the illusion of the world*

Namaste Gurudeva,

You are a wonderful person, who is endowed with such a profound knowledge of Vedic literature that you are able to clear all the doubts of the aspirants in a very satisfying and legitimate manner. Wish you long life in this world to eliminate the illusions of the world. God bless us always!

Regards,  
Dinesh

***K. Venkata Ramana***

*Endeavouring to get fixed in the spiritual path by becoming your disciple.*

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna - Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama - Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Guru Maharaj I once again offer my respectful obeisance to Your Lotus Feet.  
Shrila Guru Devajee,

Krishna has blessed me that I came in contact with You in this lifetime. I am feeling safe now. I am so grateful to You and His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and his GREAT MISSION of ISKCON to know the real meaning of life.

When I was at Delhi I was away from my family members for the last three years now I have joined them and will also have the association of mission at Hyderabad with Your Grace and His Divine Srila Prabhupada of Lord Krishna, and have an opportunity to reach the ABODE OF GOD.

Guru Devajee I feel very happy and my mind fills with full of ecstatic mood and whenever I read Your Self Realisation material and also look at the eye feasting photographs sent by Guru Devajee. I feel more comfort and my mind & soul get purified immediately after reading the books of Srila Prabhupada. I am still afresh with the sweet impressions and memories that you have bestowed on us by giving us a chance to spend two auspicious days and participated in the nice extensive discourses lasted for three hours in the Temple Hall of ISKON at Noida, Delhi, which was so interesting. I really wondered that how HH Sri Guru Devajee without any strain has given again lecture immediately after giving 3 hour long lecture in the evening on that day. I personally felt it as a lifetime achievement and great opportunity to hear such a nice lecture in the Temple at Noida. But however I could not have Darshan of Guru Maharaja, next day while leaving for Pune. I am looking forward for serving You once again.

On Your Vyasa Puja day I am submitting my humble obeisance's and pray from the core of my heart that I become fixed in the spiritual path firmly and become qualified to become your disciple soon.

I once again offer my respectful obeisance to Your Lotus Feet for mailing me Self Realization material.

Thank You Once Again for the Blessings

Your Servant

K.Venkata Ramana  
(Andhra Pradesh, India)



## ***Ketan K Bhatt***

*You are a sage of causeless mercy*

Please accept my humble pranam.

It is your mercy on we fallen jivas that you are keeping our Krishna consciousness live and save from I touch of material energy surrounding us. When we are busy feeding our material body, you are taking care of food to our souls, real self in our body, without any expectations.

We are heartily grateful to you and wish that you serve to Lord Krishna & Srila Prabhupadji to the best of the ways & means available.



We are placed at Bharuch on the bank of reiver Narmada (Gujarat – India), the lilasthali of Lord Vamandev. We celebrated Vamandwadashi in association with around 2000 devotees.

I am also forwarding this messages to my other colleagues and friends and putting efforts to spread the Hare Krishna sankirtan message. Causeless mercy & blessings from sages like you are very much needed in progress. I beg your mercy for the same.

Hare Krishna!

With lots of love and regards

Ketan & family  
(Gujarat, India)

## ***Kirtan***

*Please Protect me*

Srila Gurudeva, without you I would have been thinking I am this body. Now I know I am the soul.

By your blessing I am trying to learn the correct way to do Japa.

Srila Gurudev you are very kind, you don't let anyone fall down. So I pray to you Srila Gurudev that I may not be under the material influences. Bless me to become a devotee.

Your Servant

Kirtan  
(Age: 7 Years)

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(Texas,  
USA)



## ***Kirti***

*Thank you for your tireless efforts in spreading Krishna Consciousness*

Hare Krsna Maharaj,  
Please accept my humbel obeisances,  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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Thank you very much for your tireless efforts in spreading Krishna Consciousness all over the world.

Your daily emails and answers have clarified alot of things and have also motivated me to further my devotional service.

Krishna willing we will meet when you are here in Wellington later this year.  
Hare Krsna

Kirti  
(Wellington, New Zealand)

## ***Kush***

*Your deep engagement in Krishna Consciousness is inspiring*

Hare Krishna!

Prabhuji please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet

I am not qualified neither I deserved to pay homage but by your causeless mercy you allowed me to offer homage to You thank you for that prabhuji.

From your busy schedule you are still taking out time for writing thought of the day and enlightening fallen souls like me thank you very much prabhuji, for that if I say 1000 times thank you still that is also less.

Prabhuji your deep engagement in Krishna Consciousness has inspired me a lot.

Your Servant

Kush  
(Mumbai, Maharastra)

## ***Leathur Rokk***

*You daily e-mails mean a lot*

Thank you for sharing Bhagavad-gita with people. I wish I could have been back in Los Angeles when you were at the ISKCON temple. I really like your way of explaining Krishna Consciousness.

It is amazing to me how you so tirelessly travel all over the world. You look so young! Devotional service agrees with you. It's awesome that you actually KNEW Srila Prabhupada. He would be so proud of you. Or maybe he IS because he can see you!!!

Happy Birthday. Know that your daily emails mean a lot to your admirers and students.

Leathur Rokk  
(New Jersey, USA)

***M.R.B. Manikandan***

*You are doing a great spiritual service to humanity*

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our beloved Guru and pray the Almighty to bless him with more healthy life in order to serve the suffering humanity through sublime Krishna consciousness. It is indeed a great spiritual service by our Guru to the humanity by way of daily thoughts, tours and lectures all over the world and answering the questions asked by one and all with great humility and patience and fatherly affection. It has become a daily routine for me to read the thought for the day and the question and answer and the Friday lecture of our great Guru, without which I feel like lost some thing in a day. All the above services by the Guru are really and greatly enlightening the minds and quite enlivening. My humble obeisances to the Guru Maharaja and I bow my head at the lotus feet of our Great Guru.

M.R.B. Manikandan  
(Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh, India)

## ***Michael Gemenig***

*You are a wonderful spiritual guide*

My Dear Spiritual Master,

Please forgive me, but this year it was not possible for me to come to Your Vyasa Puja. I thank You very much for Your patience with me. I know, that I have not deserved such a wonderful Spiritual Guide, like You are. I pray for, that SRI KRSNA will bless You with strength and health, so that You will be able to reach many, many people to bring light in their dark and hellish world. Thank You very much for Your guidance.

Your servant,

Michael  
(Germany)

## ***Michael Raj***

*You have brought about a revolution in spreading Krishna Consciousness*

Every single one of them! Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I have no qualification to describe your unlimited glories. If I can make an attempt to highlight one of them, you have dedicated your life for bringing about a Krishna Consciousness revolution to save this planet from total disaster. Hundreds and thousands of people are daily getting inspired by your profound “thought for the day” email. And with your causeless mercy, you give such elaborate answers to all

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the emails that you receive and thus clear doubts of so many people. You always show full respect to the question you receive and answer them very politely and poetically. You are very polite in answering questions that are even impolite in nature!

Just by looking at your travelling schedule, I get jet lag! Putting your personal health issues on the side, you travel all over the world with such a deep rooted pure desire to distribute Krishna Prema. I humbly pray to Lord Krishna that He continues to empower you in carrying out Srila Prabhupada's mission.

I had been reading Bhagavad Gita before, but it was in an ad hoc manner. On one recent occasion, I recall a student asking you which verses in the Bhagavad Gita are important. You replied "every single one of them". This statement made an immediate impact on me and since that day, I started reading the Bhagavad Gita very systematically, making thorough notes as I read. Thank you for inspiring me in the above and in so many other ways.

On the auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I express my sincere gratitude to you once again for providing the spiritual guidance to me, and encouraging me at every step, so that I can go back to Godhead, back to Krishna.

My humble obeisances to Vishnu Priya Mataji as well. She does not come across as treating me like a disciple, and that is because she treats me like her dear son! I eagerly look forward to seeing both of you in Melbourne in December.

Thank you for allowing me to do whatever service I can render. Please bless me so that I can receive shelter and initiation from you in the very near future.

Your servant

Michael Raj

***Milind Joshi***

***Begging for pure devotional service***

Dear Guru Maharaja,

*nama om vishnupadaya krishna presbhaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupaadanuga prema murti kripatmane  
gauradesha vikaashartha uttama bhakti varshine*

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories unto you. All glories unto your determination to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission despite all challenges.

On this auspicious day, commemoration of the day that Lord Sri Krishna sent us His trusted messenger (Krishna Presbhaya), please kindly accept this humble attempt at writing this message, knowing that I am completely unqualified to glorify you or even express gratitude, but also that knowing what to ask from you on this day is also your own mercy upon me.

I was thinking a lot on what to write. I was foolishly thinking that I should write a poem or song following in your footsteps as you wrote for Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja. But for you, a devotee, being poetic is natural, however I am still aspiring to be one. No songs came, no poems sprung in my mind, so please kindly accept this unmetered clumsy prose as my Vyasa Puja offering. If there is any qualification to this offering, it is that it is written sincerely, though it is surely imperfect.

Gurudeva, you have unreservedly showered your mercy fully upon me and those connected to me also. My only qualification is that you are somehow favorably disposed to teach me how to perform devotional service properly, even though I am not worthy of even a single moment of your attention. You could be doing a million things more desirable, more relishable, more effective to push forward Srila Prabhupada's preaching mission, but it is an indication of the depths of your compassion upon fallen conditioned souls such as myself, that you give us any attention and energy. The fact that you accepted me as a student proves the statement in the Guru Vandana "Sri Guru Karuna Sindhu, Adhama Janaara

Bandhu", as you are undoubtedly an ocean of mercy and I am undoubtedly dull, wicked and very fallen. Decent persons such as yourself normally would have nothing to do with someone like me, it is only your magnanimous kindness that you associate with those such as myself. Therefore, even though I am adhama, I am also most fortunate by your causeless mercy.

Most recently, you took us on Parikrama in Vrindavan, the holiest of holy lands. You showed by your personal example how a holy dham is to be approached. You led us by example in your enthusiasm to know ever more, feel ever more, and by your realization you helped us enter into the mysteries that are otherwise beyond us even in a million lifetimes. It is said that the spiritual master is the revealer of the holy dham. In many cases, this is figurative and also sometimes it is subtle. But in our case, quite literally it is true. Whatever we see or know about the dham, is realized only due to your kind association. You gave us a full 3 days of your valuable time, and I am even yet to fully comprehend the magnitude of this gift, maybe some day I may understand. For sure, I saw beyond what I would normally have seen with my materially contaminated eyes and mind.

Due to the knowledge that I have received from you, and acquired indirectly from books or other devotees, which is always only through the agency of your mercy, sometimes those I talk to think that I actually know something. They seek to give me credit and when I refuse, they, by the goodness of their hearts, think I am being humble. But the truth is that I know nothing. I am simply trying to repeat without addition or subtraction what you have said. Even so, undoubtedly I must be making mistakes due to my imperfections, for which I ask for forgiveness and even better intelligence that I can grasp and remember the right things at the right time and place.

Due to your kindness I am very much fired up to share your compassion with others, and also due to your kindness upon all the living entities, they are accepting this knowledge. Please kindly grant me the blessing that I will never think that this knowledge is coming from me, instead, that I clearly attribute the source of the knowledge to the spiritual master always. Please also kindly grant me the blessing that I never lose this enthusiasm for sharing the knowledge, and that increasingly with the passage of time, I make your mission to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission also my mission in life.



Together with Krishna Chaitanya Prabhu, Sankirtan Prabhu, and other devotees in Lithuania, we are making a humble attempt to take your English Thought for the day, translate it, and send it out as a thought for the week in the Lithuanian language. With your mercy, this has continued uninterruptedly for 71 weeks now, and we have over 130 subscribers. Personally I am unable to do much except to organize the email distribution. The translation is done by Krishna Chaitanya Prabhu, and subscriber signup work is done by your dear disciples in Lithuania. It is our humble desire to take this project of international co-operation and use it as a template to deliver your mercy in other languages also. We are currently having trouble finding reliable translators who will chant a minimum of 16 rounds daily, follow the regulative principles sincerely, and translate your words without addition or subtraction. But we are confident that this is only a test of our own determination. We hope to have at least 1 additional language covered off before the end of 2010.

In this way, gradually, please bless us to become united in assisting you in spreading Srila Prabhupada's Krishna Consciousness mission in every town and village across this planet and be agents of fulfilling Lord Chaitanya's prophecy and order.

Guru Maharaja, you taught me by personal example that at all the holy places, the samadhis of great Vaishnavas, at the temples of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna, to every single personality, place, and associate connected with Lord Sri Krishna, to fall in the dust, offer my obeisances, and beg for pure devotional service. As a dedicated disciple of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, and having dedicated your own life to spreading Krishna's message around the world, engaged continuously without a break in the service of your spiritual master and Krishna, you are a place of pilgrimage yourself, and all the places of pilgrimage are within your heart. So, I am now falling in the dust to beg for pure devotional service from you.

Aspiring to be your eternal servant,

Milind Joshi  
(Toronto, Canada)



## ***Miroslav Kolesaric***

*You are pure devotee*

Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glory to Srila Prabhupada!

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Finally I came in contact with you. You are pure devotee. Thank you very much for your love and care for us. It is your causeless mercy. I want to help you in spreading Krishna consciousness. I am humbly praying for your mercy.

Your humble servant,

Miroslav

***M N Jani***

*You are doing an excellent job*

"Srila Gurudeva is doing Top Universal Class and an excellent job for the souls on the mother earth". May God bless him in completing his / Srila Prabhupada's / Lord Caitanaya's mission.

M N Jani

***N C Goyal***

*Srila Gurudev is the torch bearer of Krishna Conciousness*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

"Dear Guru Maharaja is constantly showing torchlight of Krishna Consciousness to all the conditioned souls around the globe free of cost to bring an end to the sufferings and unrest prevailing in this material world. On the auspicious occasion of his birth day, I Whole heartedly Wish him more and more success and pray Lord Krishna to give him all the strength and vigour to achieve his goal!"

Yours servant,

N C Goyal

## ***N Shree Devi***

*You are delivering the fallen souls of the world by your preaching*

Beloved Father

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Guru Maharaja & Srila Gurumathaji

All glories to the most auspicious and blessed event of our Sri Gurudev's  
(appearance day) Vyasa Puja

Please accept my heart felt, sincere and humble obeisances to your Lotus feet.

I bow to your Lotus feet with great respect and my only shelter is to remain always  
at your lotus feet.

I like your spiritual smiles every time when I saw you (recently on 2nd & 3rd  
October in East of Kailash, Delhi, India) which resembles Sri Krishna's smiles and  
I saw exactly Sri Krishna in you as my beloved Father and I felt unlimited joy and  
happiness in my heart and I recollect every movement this sweet memory.

I am a fallen soul and I know that I don't deserve any good qualities and I confirm  
my inability to glorify you properly.

I pray with my folded hands to Sri Krishna & Sri Krishna Chaitanya to give you all  
health and support because you are (as our Spiritual Master) preaching Krishna  
Consciousness throughout the world and relieving all the fallen souls.

Yours insignificant servant,

Sree Devi

(New Delhi, India)

## ***Narayan and Sanika Pavgi***

***Your association is invaluable to our spiritual progress***

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presbthaya bhu-tale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadaanuga prema-murti, kripatmane,  
Gauradesa-vikasartha, uttama-bhakti-varsine*

We humbly offer our obeisances to you on this auspicious day.

Your association has been invaluable to our spiritual progress. As I look back to the day of first meeting Your Grace more than two years ago, the coincidences that led me to your association now seem surreal, and today we feel fortunate of personally knowing such a pure devotee of Lord Krishna as you. Gurudev, I always like to think that because of your purity, you seeded the spark of pure Bhakti in someone so conditioned as us. No other person or process would have been able achieve the same result.

You are the perfect representative of Prabhupada and Krishna! Through listening to your instructions, your kirtan and by serving you, Prabhupada's teachings read like the clarity of crystal and the brilliance pierces the heart. We are assured that by serving you, we are pleasing Krishna directly.

Your tireless efforts are bringing a revolution in the hearts of neophytes like myself!

We again humbly and respectfully bow down to you.

Narayan and Sanika  
(Texas, USA)

## ***Naresh***

*Your golden words inspire us*

Most respected Guruji,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the daily emails you write. They are golden words sure to inspire anyone. I also would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for correcting me when I strayed out of the path.

I pray that may Lord Sri Krishna help you in achieving your goal of turning this world Krishna conscious.

Your humble student,

Naresh

## ***Navin***

*I was deep in the throes of hell*

Please accept this humble offering in Vyas Puja book for Srila Gurdeva. It's only a small attempt at poetry by the kind grace of His Holiness.

*I was deep in the throes of hell  
Until your thought for the day came.  
Now I feel so very well  
Thanks for asking to chant the name.*

*Hare Krsna is the mantra you give  
Travelling the world around  
And guide us men and women to forgive  
To all who are materially bound*

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*Grateful we are O, Master  
For all you do  
Wish we are saved faster  
Because we are the people with no clue*

*It's a day to pay you respects  
And to fall at your lotus feet  
Please free us from Kali effects  
In order that all our illusions fleet*

Thank You

Navin

## ***Nirav Harin Parikh***

*You inspire to stay on the path of Krishna Consciousness*

Dear Prabhuji,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Many a times I become weak in my endeavours to become truly Krishna conscious but your mail gives me inspiration to resume the divine path. Thank you very much for this wonderful mail-letters that helped us a lot in many ways.

Your servant,

Nirav Harin Parikh  
(Maharashtra, India)

## ***Nishikant***

*I want to be always at Your service*

All Glories to Srila Gurudeva Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

May your blessings be always with me that I always be at your service and remain

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forever fully absorbed in chanting the holy names of Lord Shri Krishna.

With Dandavata,

Your lowly Servant,

Nishikant  
(India)

## ***Nitin, Jodie & Mannix***

*Your instructions are like the shining light*

For the pleasure of my Dear Guru Dev,  
Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances  
All glories to Jagad-Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Dev. I have no credit or qualification to write this offering to you but by your causeless mercy I thank you for giving me this opportunity to write on your Vyasa Puja. On this auspicious occasion and transcendental day we wish and pray to Lord Shri Nrsimha Dev for your good health and well-being. We beg and pray to Shri Shri Gaura Nitai for your presence and pastimes in this world to go on for a long long time. As this material world is in desperate need of more and more spiritual masters like you to deliver the fallen souls like me.

Guru Dev, with your mercy and blessing this past year has helped me in realising how helpless and useless I am without you. I was thinking being a devotee and doing some service every now and then that I was doing my duty as a devotee and in return was hoping for all comfort in this material world forgetting the real essence of devotional service to be a selfless instrument in your hands to serve you and to serve Krishna. Gurdev you showered your mercy and blessing on this insignificant soul and gave me the most wonderful opportunity earlier this year to serve you in the most holy place Shri Vrindavan Dhama. To get that association for those 2 days with you has been a new spiritual experience for me. It has purified me immensely and has helped in understanding the purpose of life in more detail as I can reflect where I am and where I want to be, it's a long way as lot of



austerity, sincerity, dedication and enthusiasm is required and the only refuge is to take shelter of your lotus feet. The ultimate goal is to connect with Krishna and to please him I don't know how to connect and please Krishna by myself but this is only achievable by serving your divine lotus feet life after life.

Guru Dev, your mercy comes in different ways and forms, your every instruction has been like a shining light, which is guiding me to live a more harmonious and balanced life. Your daily realisations through "The Thought for the day" motivates me, inspires me to live a Krishna consciousness life. It purifies me and makes me wise, honest, peaceful, tolerant self-controlled to all living beings. I am eternally gratefully to you MY GURU DEV. You also gave me one of your new silk kurtas, which has become one of my most important possessions.

Guru Dev, Your love & compassion to carry out the orders of your spiritual master is totally transcendental, I am unable to understand this in millions and millions of birth but I am begging for your mercy to taste a drop of this mood as that will be the perfection of my life.

Guru Dev, in your last visit to Melbourne at one of the house programme, one of the question asked to you was that why Maya is so strong and your divine reply was that our sadhana is not so strong that is the reason Maya overpower us.

Gurudev I beg you for your mercy and blessing so that I can try to be a pure devotee a pure Vaishnava and practice Krishna Consciousness sincerely, strictly with no ulterior motive so that I can serve you and Krishna eternally.

Guru Dev, I beg you to please instruct me; please chastise me for my many offences. Please give me the intelligence, the knowledge, the guidance so that I use all my energy and senses in your service and in the service of all Vaishnavas as that is my duty I beg you to please show me the direction to do my duty rightfully.

Guru Dev, I pray to Shrimati Radharani to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet and also hoping she may bless us one day so that we can celebrate this auspicious day in your personal association.

Your insignificant and fallen children,

Nitin, Jodie & Mannix  
(Melbourne, Australia)

## ***Nivedita***

***I am fortunate to have taken your shelter and I promise to always follow guru and Krishna's orders***

Srila Gurudev ki jaya!

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Srila Gurudev ki jaya!

Srila Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisances.

I am grateful to you for all the wonderful lectures, kirtans and chanting that brought me closer to Krishna Consciousness. I cannot imagine this life going waste which would have happened if I did not get the association of ISKCON Austin under your and gurumata's blessings. I am fortunate to have taken shelter and I promise to always follow guru and Krishna's orders.

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Hare Krishna

Nivedita  
(Texas, USA)

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## ***P Radhakrishnan***

*You are a true follower of Prabhupada*

Your Mercy Is Drowning Me! Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet!

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of Prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who showers pure bhakti in order to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya!

Ever since our last meeting on 13th October 2010, at Delhi, I feel a renewed sense of progress on the path of Krsna Bhakti. I am not in the habit of writing to you often but, you have been so merciful, always answering my questions with a sense of urgency - through your famous 'Question & Answers' Section on the 'Ultimate Self Realization Course'.

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance day, this fallen soul prays to Lord Sri Krsna to bless you with an excellent health and long life so that you could fulfill the mission of your spiritual master!

Your insignificant servant,

Radhakrishnan

## ***Pankaj Mannan***

*You are a true representative of God*

Dear Master,

You are my shiksha Guru. I have already been initiated by another spiritual master. Your teaching and my master's teaching are different but goal is same and that is return to home of God. Your e-course is excellent as it is powerful tool in this age of INTERNET and SMS. Please start sms service and start charging fee for that if

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it is not possible for sending free sms containing verses of Gita for deliverance of peoples from clutches of material energy. Brahmakumari's have also started sms services for its followers as now a days people spend more time with their mobile. May God give you more strength to deliver sinful souls like me. God is not visible through naked eyes but its representatives like you are visible and showing us how kind will be god if his representatives are so kind and good.

Regards

Pankaj Mannan

## ***Parag***

*You are a sincere and pure devotee in the Parampara*

Most enlivening real-life realizations presented by a sincere and pure devotee in guru parampara. The anecdotes and ideas itself are presenting a clear-cut road for going back to Godhead. The daily thoughts are like a live telecast of Goloka Vrindavana. The photos of yatras and preaching give a glimpse of blissful life in devotional service. No ass, camel, hog in this world can understand that there is no happiness without surrender to Krishna and you are presenting us that most beautiful and Supreme Personality, Krishna in this very lifetime. Please accept my humble obeisances and many heartfelt thanks on this auspicious occasion. May Srila Prabhupada and Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and His associates always shower His mercy upon you and distribute His mercy through you.

This is one of the best things in Krishna Consciousness and also one of Srila Prabhupada's favourite quotations... *Always remember Krishna, never forget Krishna.....Ayi nanda tanuja kinkaram...* I desire to be a servant of the son of NandaMaharaja...

Jai Nityananda! Jai Gauranga!

Parag

## ***Priya Harinath***

*You have causeless compassion for the fallen conditioned soul*

Hare Krishna

I deeply thank you for providing this opportunity again to pay homage to Sri Gurdeva. Though words or any offerings are never sufficient to repay the grace and mercy. Gurudeva offers so freely by his causeless compassion to a fallen soul like me. It gives me a valuable opportunity to pay my respectful worship and homage at his lotus feet and seek his blessings to obtain pure devotion and always stay dedicated in following his instructions. I seek his blessings and mercy to stay forever in the service of the Lord, of Gurudeva and devotees.

## ***Prajan Maharaj***

*You have made a huge difference in my life*

Hare Krishna

I have been receiving these thought of the days for the last two years; and believe me that it has made a huge difference to my spiritual life and my families life. I am currently chanting and stopped eating meat; and I visit the local ISKCON temple on a regular basis.

All thanks to Sankarshan Das Adhikari

Prajan Maharaja

## ***Prashant & Rakhi***

*Your mercy and kindness is a rare gift*

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Hare Krishna MaharajSri,

Would like to take this opportunity say heart felt thank & obeisance's to your lotus feet. It's because of your kindness & mercy that you gave us such a rare gift of Krishna Consciousness personally through your own example showed how to follow the path & achieve perfection in Life. We wait for your illuminating mail as its make our day.

Your Aspiring Servants

Prashant & Rakhi  
(Melbourne Australia)

## ***Puspalatha***

*Your blessing gives strength to make spiritual advancement*

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances  
All Glories To Srila Prabhupada  
All Glories To Sri Guru And Gauranga

Hare Krishna And All Glories to you Srila Gurudev.

Firstly, I would like to wish you a Happy Vyasa Puja Day. I pray to Lord Sree Krishna and Srila Prabhupada to give you and Gurumataji more good health and power for preaching Krishna consciousness all over the world. This year Vyasa puja day is very special for me because you had very mercifully accepted me for formal shelter.

Please give me all the blessings and guidance so that I could sustain and serve this ISKCON movement until end of my lifetime in this material world. I sincerely



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thank you so much and Gurumataji for the advice and support gave to me. Your blessings had given me so much of power to advance in my spiritual life.

Hare Krishna  
All Glories To Srila Gurudev.  
Your servant,

Puspalatha  
(ISKCON Klang, Malaysia)

## ***Rajkumar Mukherjee***

*I've been benefited by your guidance for long*

Dear Godmaster,

I've been benefited by your guidance for long. Last year when I had been to Mayapur and had the chance to chant HARE KRISHNA at the Temple alongside so many God brothers and God sisters, I felt something special, which I sent to you in two poems. I felt really honoured since you acknowledged it. Today, I'm sending you some flowers to offer as a prayer. If this finds a place in your E- book, I'll feel blessed.

Your disciple

Rajkumar Mukherjee

## ***Ramakrishnan Mohan***

*Your simplicity in conveying messages is very effective*

Dandavat Pranams to HDG Sankarshan Das Maharaj!

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Srila Prabupad is merciful in sending you as an Acharya for all of us. Most of us are comfortable to be lead and not in leading. When there are such prolific pseudo leaders, those who act as a beacon are the real saviours of mankind. We were looking for masters to guide us in Krishna Consciousness when it looks like we don't have much. Especially for those like me who are unable to go to temples and get connected with Gurus. The technology enabled darshan of Sankarshan Das Maharaja's lectures and answers to spiritual questions keep us intact in Krishna consciousness. His simplicity in conveying the messages and appropriate quotes from scriptures and Prabhupada's instructions are very effective. His unassuming and humble expressions of ecstasy, on his encounters with Krishna's mercy by way of darshan or parikrama in holy places attract devotees to him like Krishna attracts. Praying Sri Radha Govinda (at my residence) to give him unlimited health, bliss and opportunity to spread Krishna consciousness!!

Hare Krishna!

Ramakrishnan Mohan  
(Tamilnadu, India)

***Ravi***

*Please bless us...*

I Pray to Krishna that he continues to bless all of us through your wisdom and blessings.

Ravi

***Ravi Kolluru***

*You have helped me realize the purpose of my life*

Dear Gurudev,

Hare Krishna.

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

All glories to Srila Prabupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I have been regularly reading your thought for the day since 2005. I was hankering so much to know the purpose of my life then by Lord Krishna's grace I have found you. You mentioned sometime that when there is a strong desire to know God, then God will send you a Guru. This has exactly happened to me. Since then it has been like miracles happening in my life. To elicit couple of instances, your emails have been blocked by my company's spam policy and one of your websites were also blocked recently but I could miraculously found your other site (<http://www.aweber.com/>) which opens in my company's premises also so that I can read your daily thoughts first thing in the morning. Another instance is many times the questions in your daily thought is the question I also got about the same time and your prefect answers gives me lost of relief. This gives me amazing feeling that you and Krishna are trying to help me understand this science better.

Currently I am regularly reading your daily thoughts, Bagawad Gita, Srila Prabhupada's books, chanting Hare Krishna Mahamantra (I am doing 8 rounds early in the morning now), visiting ISKCON temple every week. I see a gradual spiritual progress in my life. With your blessing hope to progress further and become eligible to take your shelter. Hope to meet you on your next visit to India. May Lord Krishna give you everything you desire.

Yours aspiring student,

Sincerely,

Ravi Kolluru

***Roland Joseph Tetteh***

*May your work bring fruitful victory.*

Accept my offering all praises to the divine spiritual master for the great work be done. May this work bring fruitful victory.

Roland Joseph Tetteh

## ***Rohini Kulkarni***

### ***Selfless Guide***

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

*Om ajnana timirandasya jnanajana salakaya  
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*Namah om vishnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale  
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*Namo prabhupadanuga-prema-murti-kripatmane,  
Gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my humble obeisances

Your selfless service, compassion and sacrifice for mankind is the only hope to all fallen souls like me and many others to go back to home back to godhead. Only after attending your lectures and association, I realized how essential it is to be in Krishna Consciousness in order to fulfill the goal of this life.

Srila Gurudeva, thank you for guiding me towards spiritual journey. Please have mercy upon me and help me become pure devotee.

Always wishing to be in your service

Rohini Kulkarni  
(Texas, USA)

## ***S. Balaji***

*You guide fallen souls form darkness to light*

Dear Prabhu,

Please accept my humble respects.

All glories to Lord Krishna  
All glories to our Gurudeva

I have no words to explain how Srila Gurudeva guides this fallen soul from darkness to light. I am completely unfit to be his disciple. However with his great kindness Srila Gurudeva is teaching the spiritual science even though I am unqualified to receive it. A day will come when I will be able to follow his instructions completely and will get a chance to serve him.

Yours Sincerely,

S. Balaji

## ***Sabitha***

*Your mercy lifts up or spirits*

Dear Srila Gurudeva  
Please accept my humble obeisances  
All glories to HDG Srila Prabhupada

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All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji

Firstly, I am very happy that an insignificant soul like me is given this opportunity to present her offerings on the auspicious day of Vyasa Puja of our Guruji.

On this day I pray to Sri Krishna that he gives you my share of good health and years to rescue many more fallen souls like me on this planet and safely deliver them to Goloka under the protection of your lotus feet.

Though, I am not eligible enough to praise the qualities of Srila Gurudeva, but his one merciful look at you lifts your spirits up and makes you surrender unto his lotus feet instantly. And all this is not possible without the grace and mercy of Her Grace Gurumataji, who was very kind to me, my brother and mother and allowed us to meet Srila Gurudeva at two very significant instances. I see Sri Krishna (Father) and Srimati RadhaRani (mother) in His Grace Srila Gurudev and Her Grace Gurumataji respectively.

I am immensely thankful to Sri Krishna and Srila Prabhupada for directing me to take shelter unto your lotus feet. I pray to Srimati Radharani, Sri Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and beg for your grace and Gurumataji's blessings to follow your instructions by the heart of my soul and become eligible to be accepted as your grace's initiated disciple.

Yours 'aspiring' servant,

Sabitha

***Samuel Danso Darko***

***God created you for a great purpose. Happy Birthday!***

May God be with you today and always.

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Wishing you a blessed Birthday!

It is clear that God created you for a great purpose. Happy Birthday!

Wishing you a happy birthday. May God bless you all the days you live. Happy Birthday to you. I pray to God that He blesses you today and gives you strength to have positive thoughts and to give you success in your life.

Happy Birthday to you my friend. May you include God in all you do. Thank Him for giving again a new life. Today is the time to fulfil your dreams because God has given you a chance to change and to do better than before.

May God bless you on your birthday and everyday in every way.

A special prayer for you that the Lord will bless you on your special day.

May God continue to bless you and use you in all of His ways. Happy B'Day

Here's to another year of blessings!

## ***Sanju***

*You guide and inspire me to become a devotee of Lord Krishna*

Hare Krishna,

On this very auspicious day, I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, your daily "Thought of the Day" gives me constant guidance and inspiration to become a devotee of Lord Krishna.

I pray Sri Sri Radha Damodar to bless you and your all disciples all the way to Lord Krishna for making this world of miseries conscious of The Supreme Personality of Godhead and also engage in the service of the Lord.

Hare Krishna

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Sanju  
(Mauritius)

## ***Santhosh***

Humble Pranams

Santosh  
(Al Manamah, Bahrain)

## ***Saraswathy***

*I don't miss even a single day to read his message to mankind about Lord Krishna*

Dear Sir,

My humble obeisances to Pujya Sankarshan Das Maharaja for delivering such an excellent job in Krishna Conscious. My advance wishes for his birthday, which falls on 1st November 2010. I am too small a person to write about him. I don't miss even a single day to read his message to mankind about Lord Krishna. May he succeed more and more in his spreading Krishna Consciousness throughout this world.

By chance if he is coming to Bangalore Please do let me know so that I can meet him and seek his blessings personally.

With obeisances,  
Humble devotee of Lord Krishna,

Saraswathy  
(Bangalore, India)

***Satyaraj and Anisha***



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*Thanks for being an inspiration*

Hare Krishna maharaja

Please accept our most respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

Happy Vyasa Puja maharaja

Thanks for being an inspiration for us and we pray that you will always be in perfect health and will continue to preach and we hope that we can help you.

Thank you maharaja

Satyaraj and Anisha  
(Port Louis, Mauritius)

***Seema Gupta***

*Your teachings have made me a better person*

Jai Shri Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Shri Gurudev Charan Sparsh

I am so fortunate to be a tiny part of this priceless course. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your teachings have made me a better person. I learn a lot. But on the contrary I have nothing to offer because I am full of sins like lustre, pride, jealousy, ownership, ego and so on. Please bless my family and me with your calmness, and spirituality. Please bless us to always think of SHRI RADHA KRISHNA'S LOTUS FEET.

Always seeking for your blessings and good luck.

Seema Gupta

## ***Shakti Narsai***

*May Krishna Bhagawan shower all his blessings on You*

Dear Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

All Glories to his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada  
All Glories to his Divine Grace Srila Gurudeva

All Glories to his Divine Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. May Krishna Bhagawan shower all his blessings on You on Your appearance day on the 1st of November.

Shakti Narsai  
(Gauteng, South Africa)

## ***Shobha Parekh***

*You showed the process of engaging in devotional service*

Dear Gurudev:

Please accept my humble obeisances to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

About five yrs ago you planted Bhakti seed in my heart, which has brought me closer to Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. I am so grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and Lord Sri Krishna. Now I understand the purpose of human life and the process of how to engage my mind in devotional service of Krishna and His representative. It will be possible only by your grace and mercy of Krishna that I will be able to assist you in distributing this knowledge that you have kindly given to me to others in Billings MT. I have a desire that someday there will be a ISKCON center in Billings and someday I will be able to see you. I

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am eternally indebted to you. I hope you have a very long life and will be able to fulfil your mission. Thank you Gurudeva for letting me be part of your circle.

Hare Krishna

Shobha Parekh  
(Montana, USA)



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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

**Sjef**

*Aspiring for initiation from you*

Dear Guru,

I still follow your e-mail messages. Thank you very much.

Once I hope to get a initiation from you.

Wishing you all the best,

Sjef  
(Drenthe, Netherlands)

**Sridhar**

*Thank you for being there for all the genuine seekers of truth*

Respected Gurudeva,

Dandavat Pranam!!!

I bow at your feet for the amazing knowledge of Krishna Consciousness that you are disseminating to the world, free of cost. Undoubtedly this is God's work that you are doing. I consider myself very fortunate that I have had the good fortune of your association, through your magnificent and timely messages. I pray to Krishna and your divine Self to give me more strength, so that I practice this amazing science more intensely and come closer to the Ultimate Realization that is everyone's destiny. Thank you for being there for all the genuine seekers of the world.

Sridhar.  
(Karnataka, India)

## ***Sobha Gadiraju***

*Your blessings keep us going in our spiritual progress*

To Sri Guru Maharaja at his lotus feet,

With your blessings so far, lot of things you have suggested that I do such as keeping the meat out of the house, not just keeping myself away from it, came true in the past five years. Every word I read from your daily thoughts and communications make so much sense. The thought that you are out there and blessing us keeps me going in my spiritual progress. There are no words to express my gratitude.

Pranamams at your lotus feet,

Sobha Gadiraju  
(Texas, USA)

## ***Sundaram Ramachandran***

*Submitting myself at your feet*

Respected Guruji,

Please accept my Pranams. I am greatly enthused by your thoughts for the day and the lessons on self-realization. Please continue to mould me. I am submitting myself at your feet.

Yours sincerely,  
Ram

## ***Sunil Vaswani***

*You are doing fantastic work*

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Very very Happy Birthday! I cannot say in words what fantastic work you are doing.

Regards,  
Sunil Vaswani  
(Maharashtra, India)

## ***Swathi Krishnamurthy***

*All glories to you*

My Dear Gurudeva

You are always there to answer to my question, those answer always enlightens me.

All Glories to you.

You are always there to instruct me & guide me to the spiritual path.

All Glories to you.

Your instruction I read each day just inspires me to the spiritual path.

All glories to you.

All glories to you for spreading and preaching the Divine knowledge to the entire world.

Please bestow your mercy on me to follow your instruction and abide by it.

Your insignificant servant

Swathi Krishnamurthy



## ***Virve Paasovaara***

*Your aspiring eternal spiritual daughter*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your Lotus Flower Feet.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and His Pure Servant Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Dear Srila Gurudeva. Every year I have been given a causeless mercy to glorify You somehow on Your auspicious appearance day. And every year I try to tell You something about the past year, about my new realizations, and about my indebtedness towards You.

This year has been in many ways very educative for me, both in good and bad. By going through all those lessons that Lord Krishna wanted to teach me, I have made a great realization this year. I have started to feel that in addition to being Your aspiring eternal spiritual daughter, I have also become an aspiring spiritual daughter of Srila Prabhupada. You have showered his causeless mercy to me without limits.

Pure devotee is characterized by twenty-six qualities. Like Srila Prabhupada, You also manifest those qualities. You teach about those qualities by Your example, and by distributing the mercy of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. The qualities of the pure devotee are following: "Pure devotee is very kind to everyone. He does not make anyone his enemy. He is truthful. He is equal to everyone. No one can find any fault in him. He is magnanimous. He is mild. He is always clean. He is without possessions. He works for everyone's benefit. He is very peaceful. He is always surrendered to Krishna. He has no material desires. He is very meek. He is steady. He controls his senses. He does not eat more than required. He is not influenced by the Lord's illusory energy. He offers respect to everyone. He does not desire any respect for himself. He is very grave. He is merciful. He is friendly. He is poetic. He is expert. He is silent."

Dear Srila Gurudeva. I wish that I could also someday learn to manifest those qualities. It all depends on You, Srila Prabhupada, Lord Krishna, and His All Merciful Divine Companion Srimati Radharani.

Sincerely,

Your servant

Virve



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## ***Vishal Ramai***

*A true devotee of lord Krishna*

Hare Krisna,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Best wishes to His Divine Grace Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari, a true devotee of lord Krishna who risk all life has to offer for the transformation of global civilization in complete spiritualisation.

Hare Krisna.

Vishal Ramai  
(Director Acme)

## ***William Alberto***

*Happy spiritual birthday*

Hare Krishna!

I Love You

Happy spiritual birthday, beloved spiritual master, please accept my respectful obeisances to your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and the sankirtan movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu!

I am indebted to you for try to lead me to Krishna, and I will have you forever in my heart to eternity.

"When a love is big, there is no needs the words, because at the full silence, love say it all."

Sincerely yours

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### "A GOD'S DOGGY"

A humble aspirant to servant of servant, of servant, of Krishna.

Excuse me for my gramatical mistakes, there is no exist the material perfection.

All the world need is love (Krishna)

Wilmer alberto



***Yagya Prasad Ghimire***

*My best wishes*

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Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

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My best wishes on this happy day for long, prosperous and very happy life.

Yagya Prasad Ghimire  
(Nepal)

## ***Yash***

*Your sublime messages are like rays of morning light*

Dear Gurudeva,

As the first ray of the morning sun dissipates the darkness of a gloomy night, your sublime messages enable the reader to experience the day with transcendental sight.

Happy Appearance Day!

With love,

Yash  
(United Kingdom)

## ***Yechen Zhang***

*Gurudeva, you're the light of the world*

Dear teacher:

Please accept my humble obeisances.  
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

So it's another year of your vyasa-puja celebration. I'm sorry I write this homage so late, yet I have decided to write this before your vyasa-puja day. I won't forget it, and now I'm writing in front of the computer with all the sweet memories of living in your guidance in the form of enlivening words. You are so mercifully

bestowing the pure knowledge of Krishna consciousness to a world which is so desperately in need of it. You're purely guiding us to properly follow Srila Prabhupada so that we would be delivered from this miserable material world. This vyasa-puja day, for us, your students, is a very good opportunity to express our gratitude to you, to exchange with you our love and sincere appreciation. Yet, I know I'm not able to repay you for what you're giving me, and I'll never be able to. What I can do is to fully surrender unto your lotus feet, and keep the thanks and gratitudes in my heart forever.

Also, in this most auspicious moment of writing. I'm auditing in my mind what I have done in the past year. I'm thinking if I have pleased you in the way I should. I'm wondering if my every thought, word and deed in the past year are pleasing to you, and our beloved Lord Krishna. The answer is no. Due to the thick covering of heart I may not do things correctly. I'm fallen soul. I have to try my best to please you with my every thought, word, and actions, and maintain a mood of service always. May one day I can reach it. May my devotion to you and our beloved Lord Krishna gradually ripen in the heart.

How rare your association is! You're selflessly serving the suffering humanity by giving them Krishna consciousness, in sweet love. You're the light in the world. I'm looking forward to being blessed by the dust at your lotus feet someday, in your physical presence.

Your humble servant

Yechen Zhang  
(Chongqing, China)