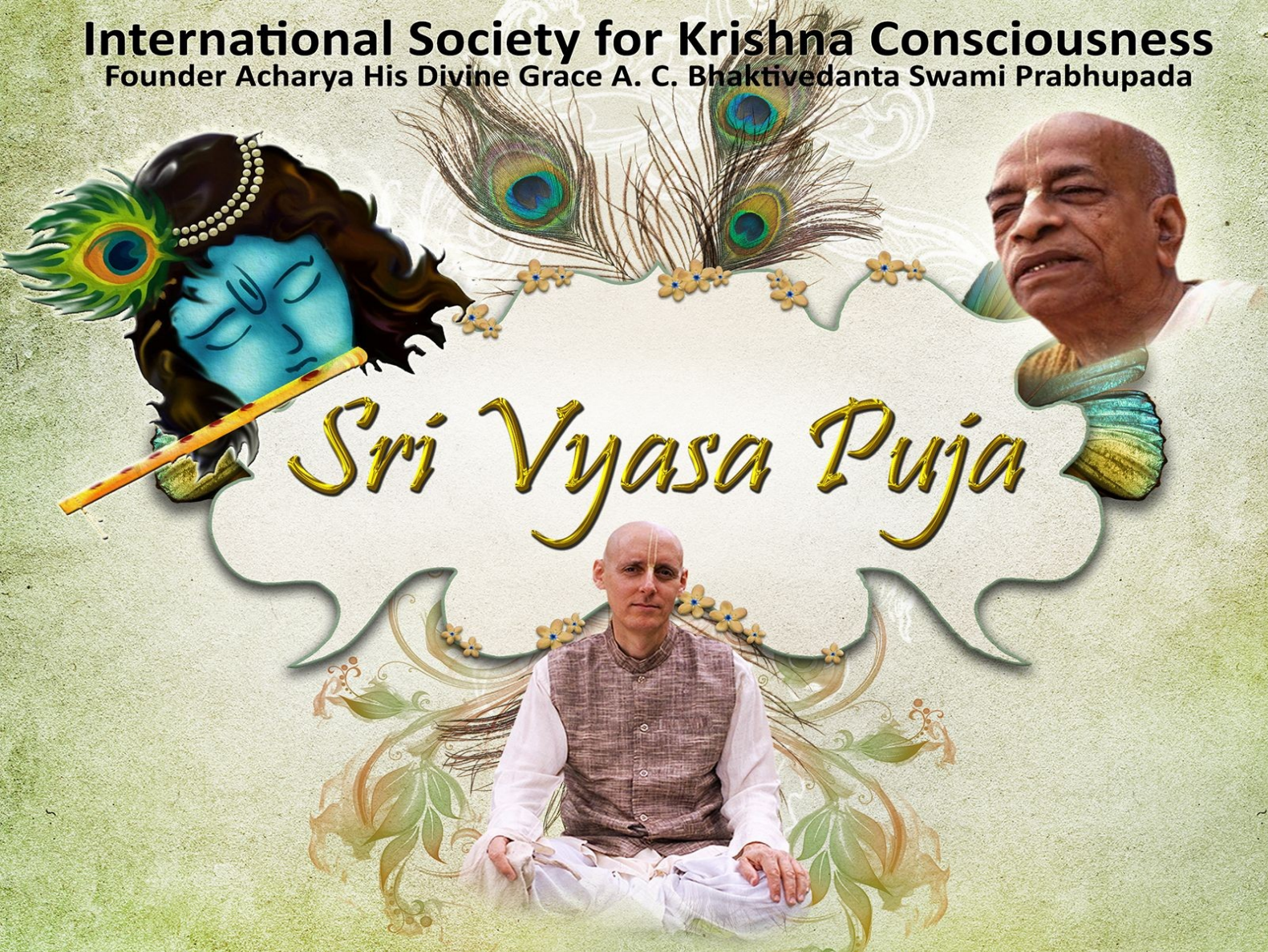


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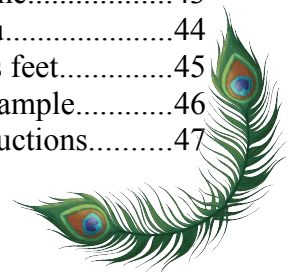
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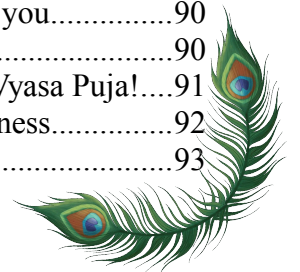
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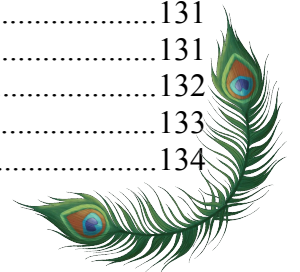


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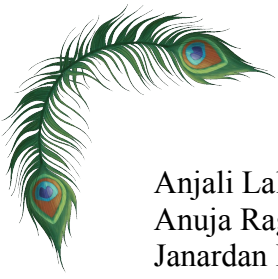
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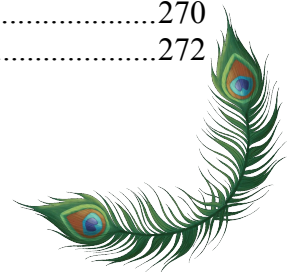


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Introduction

Hare Krishna! Every year, the students and disciples of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari (referred to as "Srila Gurudeva" by his disciples) celebrate the appearance day of their spiritual master. The Vyasa Puja eBook is produced as a part of those annual worldwide celebrations.

Please refer to the "Meaning of Vyasa Puja" article for more information on the importance of this celebration.

This year, the written offerings are grouped by language, geography (where required) and alphabetically to make them easier to locate.

This year, Vyasa Puja celebrations are being held on 18th October 2014, in:

Kaunas, Lithuania (His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari will grace this celebration in person)

Austin, Texas ; New Delhi, India ; Toronto, Canada ; Melbourne, Australia ; Pune, India

Sohar, Oman ; Rosario, Argentina ; Mendoza, Argentina

We are grateful to all those kind-hearted souls who have contributed in any way to the 2014 Vyasa Puja celebrations, we cannot express our gratitude in words alone, and we hope that we can serve you as sincerely as you are serving His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

While we have made every effort to ensure accuracy in this eBook, there may still be errors or omissions. If you find something that needs to be corrected, please bring it to our attention at sda.vyasapuja.offerings@gmail.com.

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Meaning of Vyasa Puja – Krishna Chaitanya Das, Kaunas, Lithuania

At every step of life, everyone needs knowledge. A person rests his leg on the ground because he knows it will be strong enough to support him, a person eats a particular foodstuff because he knows it is not poisonous, and so on. This knowledge can be gained in two ways: by personal experience or by authority. By putting one's hand in a fire one gets personal experience about its burning quality. The same knowledge can be attained by hearing from authority, for example, a loving and caring parent. Then such an experiment is no longer required and one is saved a lot of trouble.

One may ask that if it is so easy to get knowledge, then why are people experimenting to gain knowledge, why not look for an authority who can provide all information that one may need. Some persons have a nature or liking to discover things by themselves, which, as with everything, has its positive and negative sides. The positive side of such a nature is that one will likely not be cheated by a false authority who actually does not know the truth, but the negative side is that he will have to undergo troublesome experiments which may not even lead him to success due to imperfect instruments he is using.

To make things easier for us, our Lord Krishna decided to gather all possible knowledge of all sorts and write it down so that the persons in Kali yuga (our current age of quarrel, hypocrisy, falsehood, short lifetimes, shorter attention spans) people would have an easier time assimilating it. He did it through the medium of Srila Vyasadeva - the literary incarnation of God. This incarnation wrote what we know as Vedas - compilation of all possible knowledge of all fields of life. Not all of that knowledge remains available up to this day, but the main ideas and spiritual subject matter somehow or other was passed safely through the Parampara (disciplic succession - where one living spiritual master instructs disciples without addition or subtraction, who later instruct others in an unbroken chain). In this way, those who have a nature to get knowledge from authority, have an opportunity to hear from Srila Vyasadeva, apply that knowledge to one's own life, and see if it helps one or not.

Our spiritual master Om Vishnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya Ashtottara Shata His Divine Grace Sri Srimad Sankarshan Das Adhikari who is a disciple of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, is in a line of disciplic succession originating from Lord Krishna and going through Srila Vyasadeva. According to Vedic knowledge and common sense, the wisdom that is given to us by the spiritual master and Srila Vyasadeva is their expression of pure love to us. Naturally, if one receives pure love and has at least some level of sane character, he is eager to reciprocate and give something back in a way of pure love. The way to express that love to spiritual master, according to Lord Krishna, is to render service unto him and submissively inquire (BG 4.34). This service is an expression of gratitude and love, and is completely natural. Submissive inquiry is also very natural since a student wants to know the truth and has a nature to accept authority. This does not mean he is like an unintelligent child who will accept anything and everything that spiritual master says. There has to be intelligent consideration and reflection as is exemplified by Arjuna in Bhagavad-Gita.

The appearance day of spiritual master is called Vyasa Puja. That means that we express our love,





respect, gratitude and everything else positive that we have, not only to our spiritual master but also to Srila Prabhupada, going up to Srila Vyasadeva, and all other members of our Parampara, even Lord Krishna Himself. One of the qualities of the spiritual master is that he never accepts anything offered by his disciples for his personal sense gratification because he is experiencing deep spiritual pleasures within, and has no interest in shallow material pleasures.

All the service he gets, is sent to Krishna through the Parampara. That is why there is spiritual effect by serving spiritual master. Therefore, everything we offer during Vyasa Puja of our spiritual master, goes all the way to Krishna for His pleasure, which is then distributed to everyone, in the same way as food given to the stomach is distributed to all parts of the body.

Sincerely,

Krishna Chaitanya Das





Selected Offerings to Srila Prabhupada by his dedicated disciple Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari

The following texts have been selected from his numerous writings in 2013-2014.

Sri Vyasa Puja

Today is Vyasa Puja, the most auspicious appearance day of my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in this world. He appeared on this day following Janmastami in 1896 in Calcutta, India, an act of unfathomable mercy upon the fallen, conditioned souls of this world. By the divine potency of his appearance in this world all of the fallen, conditioned souls here will be delivered from the endless cycle of birth, death, old age, and disease. It is my greatest good fortune that he accepted me as his disciple on 12 August 1971 via a letter that he mailed to me and two other boys from London to our ISKCON center in Austin, Texas. By fully taking shelter of him as my eternal spiritual master I have become liberated from this hellish material existence. Now I have no other duty than to faithfully serve him and push forward his mission for all of eternity.



Pleasing Srila Prabhupada

One of the most powerful spiritual masters in the history of the universe, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, established in the matter of eleven years from 1966 through 1977 an amazing movement that will go down in history for having brought about the greatest paradigm shift in the present age known as the Kali Yuga. This movement, known as the Krishna Consciousness Movement, was formally incorporated in New York in 1966 as the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. It rapidly grew from one tiny storefront at 26 2nd Avenue in New York City, to a global spiritual juggernaut with more than 550 centers, including 60 farm communities, 50 schools and 90 restaurants. This entire movement is based on the simple principle of pleasing Srila Prabhupada. Just as when we water the root of a tree all the leaves and branches are nourished, in a similar way when we give our loving service to Krishna we give our love to all living beings. The channel through which we give our love to Krishna is through the transparent via medium of the spiritual master. Therefore pleasing Srila Prabhupada is the perfection of our existence.





The Pure Devotee Conquers the World

The pure devotee conquers the world within by fully engaging all of his senses including the mind in the service of Krishna. And he conquers the world without through his perfect example and his powerful words by attracting the entire world to take the process of Krishna consciousness. Therefore he is called a goswami, one who has fully conquered his senses, and jagad-guru, one who can deliver the entire universe.



The spiritual master is as good as God

Back in 1971 when I was a youngster on the path of self-realization His Holiness Vishnujana Swami told me that I have to accept the spiritual master to be as good as God. My first reaction upon hearing this was one of complete shock and utter disbelief. How could a human being possibly be as good as God? But then when I thoughtfully considered the spiritual master in question, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, how he purely follows and repeats the teachings of Krishna without any deviation 24 hours a day, I could understand that because Srila Prabhupada purely represents God he is indeed as good as God.

This same principle holds true for any bona fide spiritual master. But this does not mean that the spiritual master is God. He is merely God's representative. If the spiritual master thinks himself to be God or allows his disciples to advertise that he is God, he is nothing but a dog. And there is nothing much more to be said in this connection.



Remembering Srila Prabhupada

Even more nectarean than remembering Krishna is remembering Srila Prabhupada, the topmost pure devotee of Lord Krishna. It is my unlimited good fortune that I had the opportunity to accept Srila Prabhupada as my spiritual master and to associate and communicate with him on numerous occasions. And now even in the pain of his separation since his departure from this planet in 1977 it is the greatest benediction of Lord Krishna that simply by remembering Srila Prabhupada I can still directly experience his divine presence which purifies my heart, uplifts my consciousness, and helps me to understanding how I can properly serve him and Lord Sri Krishna in all circumstances.





Who is the World's Greatest Teacher

Our world society is hopelessly drowning in an ocean of selfishness and greed caused by its disconnection from that person who is the source of all that exists. Therefore the world's greatest welfare activity is to reconnect everyone with that most astoundingly amazing person. We say "reconnect" because originally everyone was connected with that Supreme Person. Thus real education teaches one how to reconnect with Krishna or God, and anyone who teaches this topmost science is the greatest teacher in the world.



ISKCON: Spiritual Juggernaut that will save the world

In New York City at 26 2nd Avenue in July of 1966 His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada launched ISKCON, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, with a small handful of disciples. Over the past five decades his society has now mushroomed into a huge global spiritual juggernaut which is giving to all who are willing to hear, the perfect formula for individual and global peace and happiness and which will eventually go down in history for having saved the global society from its darkest hour of despair. Let everyone who is now serious about bringing genuine happiness to the people of this planet now join with ISKCON to assist Srila Prabhupada in this ultimate divine mission.



Srila Prabhupada Disappearance Day

Today here in Riga we are celebrating the disappearance day of our beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder-Acharya of ISKCON, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. This day commemorates that most painful but yet most glorious day, 14 November 1977, when Srila Prabhupada re-entered the transcendental pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna, which are going on eternally in the most wondrous spiritual sky. He was in his quarters at the Krishna Balarama Mandir in Sri Vrindavan Dhama, India surrounded by a room full of his loving disciples who were intensely chanting the Hare Krishna mahamantra. Srila Prabhupada departed for Lord's abode while uttering the name "Krishna." For his disciples it was the most painful and devastating blow to no longer have our beloved Srila Prabhupada here with us to personally bless, guide, and inspire us. Things in ISKCON are just not the same now as they were when he was here. Now our only shelter is the wonderful wealth of his divine instructions contained in his books, letters, recorded lectures and conversations, and in his divine disciples that he has left behind to guide us and the entire world out of our miserable entanglement in the cycle of birth and death. By holding tightly to his divine instructions without deviation our feelings





of separation are relieved, because in his divine instructions we feel how we are being blessed unlimitedly with his divine association.



The Universal Revolution in Consciousness

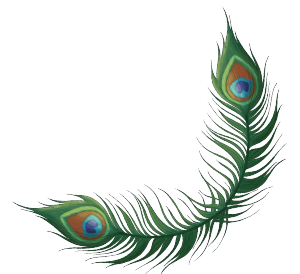
The Krishna consciousness movement is a revolution in consciousness which begins in the heart of the pure devotee and then expands outward to engulf the entire universe in a tidal wave of love of God. It's understanding is encapsulated in these four words which emanated from the mouth of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu when He took darshan of the deity of Lord Nrsimhadeva:

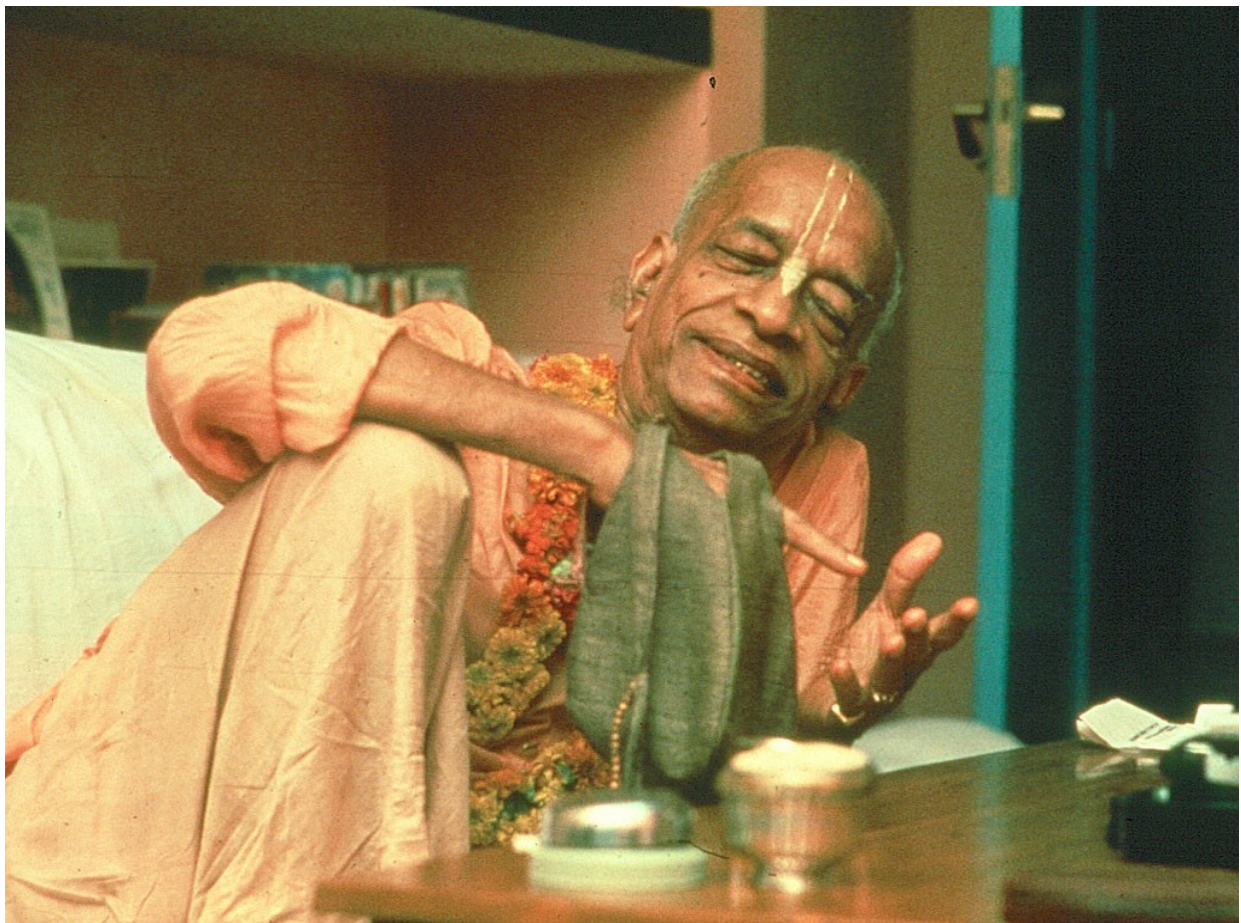
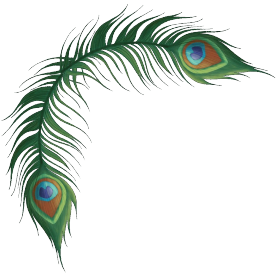
bahir nṛsimho hṛdaye nṛsimhaḥ

Srila Prabhupada has wonderfully translated these four words in the following way in his Srimad Bhagavatam purport:

"Let Lord Nrsimhadeva sit in the core of my heart, killing all my bad propensities. Let my mind become clean so that I may peacefully worship the Lord and bring peace to the entire world."

Srila Prabhupada is the perfect example of this principle. Because he has fully taken shelter of the Lord, his heart is 100% clean, and now by his pure and most powerful influence the Krishna consciousness movement will gradually inundate the entire universe drowning everyone in an ocean of love of God.





His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness
Direct Spiritual Master of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari





His Divine Grace Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari, giving class, in ISKCON Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir, Vrindavan, India





Offerings in English (organized geographically)

North America

Abhay Charan das, Austin, TX, USA - The greatest resource is shelter of your lotus feet

*om ajnana timirandhasya 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."

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*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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya."

Srila Gurudeva, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for you have taken this most difficult task of delivering me, from the clutches of Maya. It is Krishna's Mercy and my immense fortune to be your disciple. As Lord Krishna says "*mama maya duratyaya*" Krishna's material energy is very difficult to overcome. Srila Gurudev by your mercy anything is possible, even a fallen soul like me can hope to be Krishna Conscious.

*mukam karoti vacalam pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande Sri-gurum dina-taranam*

"By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains."

A disciple can never do enough to repay the mercy of the spiritual master. Even though I am totally in your debt, however, my desire is there to do something to begin to please you and to start the process of beginning to pay back something of the debt I owe to your Divine Grace. I do desire to improve, I do desire to serve and please you.

Srila Gurudev I pray to you to please continue bestowing your mercy on this fallen soul to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in my path of my devotional service.

Being still a struggling neophyte in Krishna conscious, I am still not as a disciple as your Divine Grace would want a Disciple to be. Srila Gurudeva, your inconceivable mercy and immense tolerance towards me, helps me in my struggle in overcoming my Anarthas (unwanted things). I





pray that at least sometime in this life I will be able to act in a way that is completely pleasing to you.

The greatest resource of a disciple is the shelter of the lotus feet of his Spiritual master and I beg to remain at your lotus feet.

Aspiring to be your Servant.

Abhay Charan das, Austin, TX, USA



Transcendental Bliss in Downtown Austin, Texas--30 November 2013 Ecstatic Hare Krishna Kirtan and Prabhupada's Books





Ajanta Rao, Austin, TX, USA – your shelter is clearing me up

My Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances!
All glories to Gurudeva!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
Samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-Tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvamPraptasya kalyana-
gunarnarnavasyaVande guroh sri-caranaravindam
"Sir, you have brought mercy from the Supreme Lord; therefore we are much obliged to you. You have come to deliver us, so we offer our respectful obeisances."

Gurudeva, you helped me immensely by awakening the dormant Krishna consciousness in my heart. Your lectures, daily newsletters and e-course were truly enlightening and inspiring. They gave me a better understanding of the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-bhagavatam and swiftly reinforced my faith in Lord Krishna. I also got a good insight into the science of Bhakti-yoga and realized that it was the ultimate way to be happy.

My consciousness was previously clouded by illusion/maya as a result of which I was confused. However after taking shelter at your lotus feet and obeying your orders of doing 16 rounds of japa daily and following the regulative principles, the cloud was lifted and my consciousness became clear. I realized the futility of pursuing material pleasures and gradually became purified. Gurudeva, you have dedicated your life to the task of preaching Krishna consciousness and you travel all around the world to help the fallen souls.

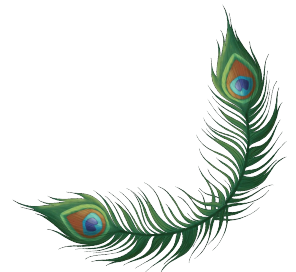
You lead by example and enable me to face the daily challenges of the material world with strength, courage, patience, love, and compassion. I am highly grateful to you for your pearls of wisdom, kindness, grace, and mercy. Your eternal servant,

Ajanta Rao, Austin, Texas, USA



Aloke Arora, Brampton, ON, Canada – Blessed to have your inconceivable mercy

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you and Guru Mata.





As I write to you on the auspicious occasion of your Vyas puja, I can't help but remember these verses from Sri-Guru Vandana.

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

"The lotus feet of the spiritual master are the abode of pure devotional service. I bow down to those lotus feet with great care and attention. It is through the grace of the spiritual master that we cross over this material existence and obtain Krsna."

*sri-guru karuna-sindhu, adhama janara bandhu
lokanath lokera jivana
ha ha prabhu kora doya, deho more pada chaya
ebe jasa ghusuk tribhuvana*

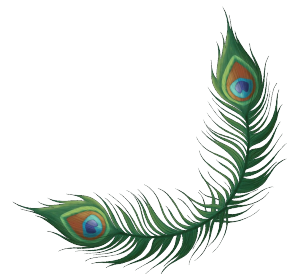
"O spiritual master, ocean of mercy, and friend of the fallen souls, you are the teacher of everyone and the life of all people. O master! Be merciful unto me, and give me the shade of your lotus feet. May your glories now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds."

Gurudeva, I feel so blessed to have received shelter at your lotus feet - it was your inconceivable mercy upon this fallen soul. I beg you to always instruct me so that I can develop some bhakti towards Guru and Krishna. It is by your blessings only that I can attain this - Gurudeva please bless me!

Happy Appearance Day Gurudeva!

Your insignificant servant,

Aloke Arora, Brampton, ON, Canada





Distributing Krishna Prasada in Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Anil Damodaran, Austin, TX, USA – Thank you for your guidance

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada
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Every day, I'm eagerly waiting to read the Thought For The Day from you. They are helping me to be on Krishna conscious every day. You are the true follower of Srila Prabhupada. Associating with such a pure devotee always helps everyone on their Krishna Consciousness.





Thank You Gurudev for guiding me and family to be Krishna Conscious, which is the highest perfection of life.

Your Servant
Anil Damodaran, Austin, TX, USA



Bhakta Anil Shows the Bhagavad-gita





Bhavani-Devi dasi, Vancouver, Canada – So fortunate to receive your shelter

Hare Krsna, Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Once again, as the date of your Vyas Puja draws near, I find myself meditating on the good fortune that brought you into my life, dear Srila Gurudeva. I am still wondering how an undeserving soul like me could be considered worthy of being accepted as your disciple. I give grateful thanks for everything you have done for me; for the instruction that guides me, the love and concern that nurtures and supports me and the patience you have when I make my many mistakes. Thank you dear Srila Gurudeva for giving me the strength I so much need when striving to do my very best to please you as I advance little by little on the road back home, Back Home to Godhead.

On this your Vyas Puja day, I pray that you will always receive whatever you need in order to continue your wonderful work of taking the Holy Names to all suffering souls in every town and village, around the globe. Thank you, dear Srila Gurudeva. Hare Krsna.

Your humble servant and devoted disciple,

Bhavani-devi dasi, New Gokula Dham, Vancouver, Canada



Christopher Williams, USA – Lord Krishna blessed me with your association

Hare Krishna

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Guru,

Please accept my humble obeisance I am grateful for your mercy in accepting me as a student and your patience even with my many slips and weaknesses. Thank you for connecting me to the disciplic succession, to Srila Prabhupada and ultimately to Lord Krishna. Your directions have brought me closer to God and are developing in me a stronger mood of devotional service. I





desire to serve you and have suggested your online course to others and will continue to do so. I hope to one day visit you in Austin for initiation if you will have me. Your daily emails are a constant source of nectar for me during my walk with God. I want to continue to develop this connection with you and will continue my course questions and Bhagavad Gita study. I continue to struggle with material nature of course but will continue to pursue the practice of the regulative principles with the help of your encouragement and direction. Lord Krishna has blessed me with you association and I am very appreciative.

Thank you for your guidance

Humbly yours,

Christopher Williams, USA



Dwijamani Gaura Dasa, Kansas City, MO, USA – grip of the father's hand

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan das Adhikary iti namine*

*Namo Prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
Gaura-desa vikasārtha uttama bhakti varsine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at Your lotus feet. All glories to You, to Srimati Gurumata, and to Srila Prabhupada.

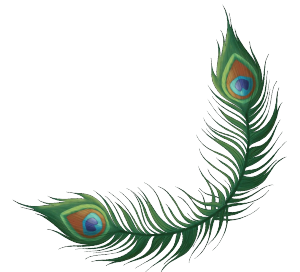
Although I am unable to understand the depth of your love for Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna, it is apparent to me that you are beyond the stage of liberation from the material world. You guilelessly and joyfully take full shelter of the Lord and His pure devotees through prayer and glorification at every step. As such, You are not an ordinary man, and to obtain a drop of Your mercy will bring a soul beyond the reach of the material energy forevermore.

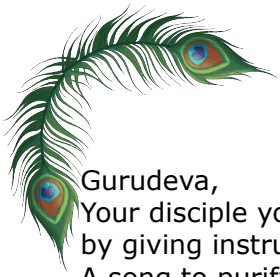
Seeing myself full of illusions and bad habits, I am simply praying for the persistence in my heart to endlessly, relentlessly pursue your causeless mercy. What else can I do? I thank you again and again Srila Gurudeva for speaking the message of Krishna and Lord Caitanya to relieve my heart from the raging fire of material life. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Please teach me how to repay You.

Your worthless servant,
Dvijamani Gaura das Brahmachari

P.S. I tried to make a poem for you. Here it is:

The Grip of the Father's Hand





Gurudeva,
Your disciple you protect
by giving instruction direct,
A song to purify the intelligence,
From You who savours
Soul-borne sentiments.

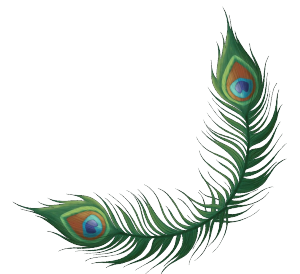
The culture of nescience
concentrated in the West
Has received the seed
sown by Srila Prabhupada
and You preach on his behest.

You guide us in the quest;
A return to the roots,
But distracting branches abound.
Through mystical sound
Reflective thoughts arise.
Your commitment to your students
Is spotless like the skies.

Even from afar
Your heart shines
Yet sometimes
My inner resolve is weak,
Easily deterred,
disturbed, dismantled,
and kicked to the curb.

You kindly give me shelter,
like the grip of the Father's hand,
the embrace and swift swoop
that teaches me how to stand,
and take steps.
The journey has commenced.
1,000 miles ahead of me.
I know You've made the trek
Still my mind plays the enemy.
It tells me, "Don't you understand,
you could never move so steadily."
But I can see your success,
a soul surrendered to the Lord,
acting always in accord
with the transmission of His words.

You've taken the path earnestly
and mercifully stayed back
in the world of heavy burdening
Simply to get us on track
and to dissuade us from dreamlike
distractions that make us fluctuate





as if caught in an earthquake.

To inspire faith in the divine
The Vaishnava guru
Shows steady mind,
No matter the changing states of matter -
Fearlessness,
The feature of one who
Protects from disaster
The bhakti-lata of a disciple
Residing at the feet of the master.

The spiritual master's vision
Is given definition
By the words of Bhagavan;
Knowledge not without shape
Embodying the science of Atmavan.
Every sound from his lotus mouth
Equates to spirit-filled mantras
That eternally resound.

A cause to celebrate
As the amrita inundates
my conscious state
And finally penetrates
The stone walls and iron gates
That kept me apart
From the originally pure lake
That rests pacific in the heart
Where the great yogis focus
Upon the form of Paramatma
Standing on the lotus,
May my gratitude forever flow to You,
Who reveals my life's worth,
And my undying purpose.

Your servant,
Dwijamani Gaura Dasa, Rupanuga Vedic College, Kansas City, MO, USA



Guruvani Devi Dasi, Austin, TX, USA - Thank you very much

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Thank you very much Srila Gurudev for your immense patience and loving care with neophyte and unworthy disciple like me, please bless this unfortunate soul with your unconditional mercy. I am very fortunate to have such special loving care from you.

Your Servant
Guruvani Devi Dasi, Austin, TX, USA



Teaching Perfect Spirituality in Austin, Texas--26 January 2014





Hemanga Das, Toronto, ON, Canada – your emails protect me every day

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your feet
All glories to your world wide preaching
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Nama om vishnu padaya krishna pastaya bhutaley
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti Naaminey
Namo Prabhupada Nuga Prema Murthi Kripatmaney
Guara Desa Vikas artha Uttama Bhakti Varshiney

Many incidents happened this year both good and bad. The year started with loss of my God brother Mayapur Chandra Das. It was a tough phase to go through. We daily hear and read from Srila Prabhupada books that this material world is temporary, anything can happen at any moment. It was heart breaking news to hear about Mayapur Chandra leaving his body. It was hard to accept this truth not only for me but for the entire Toronto ISKCON community, as he was dear to every devotee here in Toronto. Never did I meet a personality like Mayapur Chandra whose heart is filled with so much love. But at the end, by the divine arrangement of Krishna his last days of departure were filled with full devotional service. You have given me a good brother who showed by example how to be compassionate towards other living beings and specially with devotees of Krishna.

You are addressed as Prabhupada Nuga - follower of Prabhupada. With your mercy, I could see how you have dedicated your entire life to follow Srila Prabhupada's instructions. To have a full fledged preaching center at Austin. In the mid year, when you were short of laxmi to buy a building, you raised the required donations from your daily email subscribers. Because of this incident, I could see how Krishna provides everything when needed and fulfills all the desires of his dear devotees material or spiritual.

When Ásvatthāmā had thrown the brahmāstra to kill the son of Uttara, Krishna who is residing as paramatma in Uttara's womb protected the womb. On daily basis, I come across so many situations where I'm constantly been attacked by Maya, Your daily Thought for the day emails protect me from the arrows of maya and help me to be Krishna consciousness.

I sometimes wonder how on earth I came in contact with devotees? It's my great fortune to be among so many wonderful Vaishnavas. You are kindly accepting what ever insignificant service I'm





trying to do with flickering faith and determination. I don't know when I will give up the idea of fulfilling material desires and engage fully in taking up this process of Krishna bhakti. On this auspicious day, please bless me that I fully engage in devotional service. With your blessings, I will be going to Grihasta ashram next year. Please bless me that I continue whatever service I'm doing without any interruption

your insignificant servant,
Hemanga Das, Toronto, ON, Canada



IsvarPuri Dasa, Laguna Beach, California, USA – Your daily nectar inspires me

Dear Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Siksha Guru,

Please accept my heartfelt obeisances.

All glories to your Divine Grace.

On this occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to express my gratitude for your daily thought, nectar that inspires me and over 17,000 other followers. I also thank you for taking the time to answer all the questions I and others send. Your responses are enlightening; they help us all to advance in Krishna Consciousness.

I am praying that the new temple will be installed in Austin, Texas very soon. I am planning to visit it even though I live in California.

When you are passing through Los Angeles during your world travels, please accept this invitation to bless us with your association in front of the Pancha Tattva in ISKCON Laguna Beach.

Your humble servant,

IsvarPuri Dasa, California, USA (Disciple of His Holiness Bhakti Caru Swami)



Jagannatha Dasa, Austin, TX, USA – remembering all that is connected with you

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srimate sankarsana-dasadhikariti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti-kripatmane
gaura-desa-vikasartha-uttama-bhakti-varsine





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

Oh follower of Srila Prabhupada! Oh personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who spreads the domain of Lord Caitanya, with showers of pure devotional service."

All Vedic literature agrees that the spiritual master should be respected on an equal level with the Lord Himself. This is because the spiritual master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Therefore we are most fortunate to have this blessed opportunity to offer our humble obeisances to His Divine Grace.

On behalf of ISKCON Austin, I am grateful to share a space in the pages of this vyasa puja book, which is full of nectar offerings to the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master, Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya, Astottara-sata Sri Srimad Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Sixty-seven years ago, on this most auspicious day, our Srila Gurudeva appeared in this world in St. Louis Missouri, on the tenth day of Kartik. Reflecting on the name of that city, the question arose, "How saintly was Saint Louis, the namesake for that city?"

Certainly, from the Vedic standard there are always going to be discrepancies when considering spiritual advancement for people from such distant cultures as France in the 13th century, but nonetheless, there are a few features of his life which remind us of our spiritual master's divine qualities:

"Saint Louis" was also known as Louis the 9th, King of France. Srila Gurudeva is our Guru Maharaja, or the great king of his disciples.

Louis outlawed intoxication, illicit sex and blasphemy of God in his kingdom.

He introduced the jurisprudential principle of "presumption of innocence". Here Srila Gurudeva has time and again shown how to look for the good in everyone and try to connect them to Krishna. It is very easy to find fault, but a great devotee is described as one who sees good qualities even where objectively speaking, there are none.

While this is not an offering to Saint Louis, and rather it is to Srila Gurudeva, still a devotee prays to see Krishna's presence at all times places and circumstances, as such the place in which our Srila Gurudeva appeared is most certainly a sainted seat, or holy tirtha, and if by remembering a city in Missouri we are delivered from misery, and encouraged to surrender to his instructions, that is certainly the perfection of our capacity for memory. Let us also remember that the original spiritual master is Lord Sri Krishna Himself, who is present everywhere and in our hearts as the Paramatma, and who manifests externally as the the spiritual master.

In this spirit of understanding that "Guru is One" let us acknowledge that we have disciples of several spiritual masters kindly contributing their words of appreciation in this volume. Theirs is a very special gesture of loving devotional service.

We are all hopelessly ignorant without the instructions of the spiritual master.





Every living entity is searching for Krishna. There is no other goal besides His devotional service to satisfy the soul. Just as this goal is one, so also is the heart of every spiritual master who teaches us how to reach this goal. In ISKCON we are all guided by Srila Prabhupada, and his sincere follower spiritual masters continue his work of guiding us to Krishna.

That is the spiritual master's only business. He is not concerned with exploiting or destroying anyone or anything, rather he engages everyone and everything in his sphere of influence in the service of the Lord, in full consciousness of his eternal identity as the servant of the servant of Krishna. By faithfully observing and obeying the spiritual master, the knowledge of the Vedas is revealed within our hearts, and the confusion, illusion and needless pain vanish.

This science of God has been handed down from guru to disciple from time immemorial starting with Lord Brahma, to Narada to Vyasa and in the modern day through the lineage of Lord Caitanya to the present day followers of this Krishna consciousness movement. Although we can not see such personalities with our blunt material senses, we can hear from them and follow their guidance. That collyrium of hearing from the spiritual masters in disciplic succession is known in the Sanskrit language as premanjana. It is an ointment for the eyes, that is applied through the ears and by which we can see Krishna in the heart, always.

This miracle starts from submissive inquiry and voluntary service.

tad viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah

"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."

It's very popular in some circles to aggressively scrutinize spiritual masters, and evaluate whether they are bona fide or not. This is good, if one knows the qualification from sastra. But for one to accept the standard of who is or is not a bona fide spiritual master, one should also see what sastra says about becoming a bona fide disciple. Ultimately the qualifications are the same, but it's a difference of experience separating the beginning practitioner from the expert devotee:

The appeal of the spiritual master is unlike anything else. His pure love of Krishna is the only force heavier than Krishna's maya-sakti. If we will hear from him attentively and with an open heart, we will be transformed, shaped by his hands, wielded as instruments of His Divine Grace.

The present world situation is chaotic, full of violence, exploitation and hypocrites cheating themselves and others in the name of love. Even words like bhakti and kirtan are becoming banners under which embarrassing misconducts are perpetrated. Our Srila Gurudeva stands strongly in the face of such foolishness and clarifies the reality of what Krishna consciousness is, following Srila Prabhupada. Let us offer our obeisances to his lotus feet with grateful heart and not be lost by pretenders to the throne of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtana movement.

Surely, I am personally not a perfect follower of Srila Gurudeva, but by his grace, I can see my condition for what it is, and the way out of this mire of darkness. We have been enlightened by Srila Gurudeva's arguments which establish the validity of the Krishna science. Who, after





hearing Srila Gurudeva's vani can raise questions like "Why do bad things happen if there is a good God?" or "How can I be Krishna conscious and work a job?", or other common questions? These are long dispensed with by His Divine Grace, as is evident in the exemplary lives of his strict followers.

In a Vyasa Puja offering to Srila Prabhupada, Srila Gurudeva reflected on the question, Where would we be without you? This is a question we can all consider as we attempt to glorify him this most auspicious occasion, and always. This glorification is our eternal life.

Srila Gurudeva gave me my spiritual compass, in the form of an order: "Always think of how to please your spiritual master." I offer my most humble obeisances to His Divine Grace and pray for his blessing to follow this essential instruction.

Thank you, Srila Gurudeva, for giving me shelter at your lotus feet.

Your servant,
-Jagannatha dasa



Janamastami Dasa, Laramie, Wyoming, USA – Deeply Grateful to you

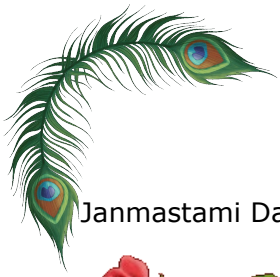
Dear Sankarshana Prabhu,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisance at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga!
Hare Krishna.

I remember that day in 1983 when I walked into the chapel at FCI El Reno, Oklahoma, I saw you and H.H. Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaja in the room with a lot of inmates and I said to myself, this looks real, this is spiritual, and this must be from God. Though I was a deeply troubled and misguided 19 year old. I started attending the twice weekly Hare Krishna services, and took guidance from you and Maharaja. Though through the years I was a rascal and a fool. You were never condemning. You just continued to give me guidance and Srila Prabhupada's love. You even came all the way to FCI Memphis, Tennessee to see us there. Though, for many years, we lost contact. You planted the seeds of Krishna Consciousness, which eventually led to me taking initiation from H.H. Bir Krishna dasa Goswami Maharaja. Because of your determination to spread Krishna Consciousness and your strict obedience to Srila Prabhupada, countless of souls, like mine, are saved.

I am deeply grateful to you for your determination to spread Srila Prabhupada's movement all over the world, even to such lowly rascals in prison. You are truly my first Siksa Guru and my ever well-wisher. As such, I enthusiastically join in with your beloved disciples and devotees world-wide to thank you for your association and a happy celebration of this year's vyasa puja.

Your eternal servant,





Janmastami Dasa, Laramie, Wyoming (disciple of His Holiness Bir Krishna Goswami Maharaja)



Karthik & Sanchayeni, Cincinnati, OH, USA– Thank you being an inspiration and guidance

Hare Krishna Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Dandavat Pranams,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Guru Maharaj,

We both start our day with your Thought for the day as the first task. We always feel that it sets the mood for the day and if there were any disturbances during the day, we feel that your realizations offer perfect solutions. Many times your answers to our questions really helped us grow in Krishna Consciousness. We can only express our sincere gratitude to your service by writing this offering to you on your Vyasa puja day. Thank you being an inspiration and guidance.

A big Haribol to your relentless service to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world abiding the orders of Srila Prabhupada. Please bless us so we can take shelter of a guru who can guide us in attaining the supreme perfection of life.

Karthik & Sanchayeni
Cincinnati, OH, USA



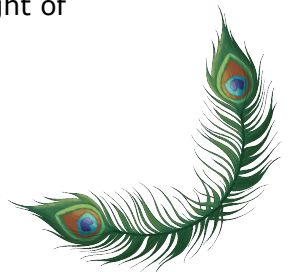
Kirtan, Austin, TX, USA – you put in so much hard work just for me

My Dear Srila Gurudeva

*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 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.

The times I think about you I realize how much work you go through just so I can come to Bhagavatam class in the morning, after your class it is so easy to go to school and understand all the things they teach.

Dear Srila gurudev please accept this humble offering

From your humble servant

Kirtan, Austin, TX, USA (11 years of age)





Hare Krishna Kirtan at George Harrison Tribute Concert, Austin, Texas



Mahabhagavat Das, Toronto, ON, Canada - I beg that your mercy be my constant companion

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Hare Krishna!

*nama om vishnupadaya krishna preshtyaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema murti krpātmane
gauradesha vikashartha uttama bhakti varshine
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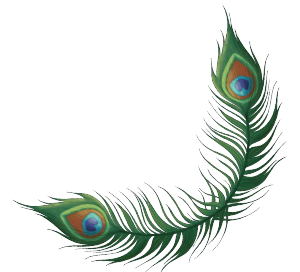
On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I fall down in the dust of your Lotus Feet and beg you for your continued mercy upon this useless worthless insignificant fool. I also beg Krishna that He may grant you a long and healthy life so that you may see the day when the entire planet is fully Krishna conscious, and so that I may continue to be purified by your daily association.

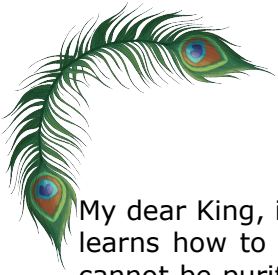
Srila Gurudeva, as I look back to all those years ago, in 2004, when I came across your divine grace, and now, I am very certain that even though you have showered millions of gallons of mercy nectar upon me, due to my hard heart, I have hardly even tasted a drop of your real mercy upon me. Still, by the potency of your causeless mercy, I have certainly received much service, and so many undeserved ecstatic experiences, whether alone, in your direct association, or in the attempt to follow your instructions. How can I even begin to express my gratitude for all this?

You have given me a lot of services, directly in your mission to serve Srila Prabhupada, at ISKCON Toronto, and with my family. I am very certain that I am fully and thoroughly incompetent to perform any of these services with any degree of expertise. However, I do see that so many things are getting done nicely regardless of and in spite of, my personal limitations. Knowing my own incompetence, I can ascertain that it is only by your mercy that anything of value is getting done.

Srila Gurudeva, as I carefully study Srila Prabhupada's books, instruction after instruction on surrender to the spiritual master jumps out at me, and I marvel that if someone as unsundered as me can receive so much mercy, then what is to be said of those who are actually surrendered to the spiritual master within the core of their hearts! Specifically, for your pleasure, I present this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam and parts of the purport:

*na tathā hy aghavān rājan
pūyeta tapa-ādibhiḥ
yathā kṛṣṇārpita-prāṇas
tat-puruṣa-niṣevayā*





My dear King, if a sinful person engages in the service of a bona fide devotee of the Lord and thus learns how to dedicate his life unto the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, he can be completely purified. One cannot be purified merely by undergoing austerity, penance, brahmacarya and the other methods of atonement I have previously described. SB 6.1.16

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada writes, and I excerpt:

"*Tat-purusa* refers to a preacher of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, such as the spiritual master. Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura has said, *chadiya vaisnava-seva nistara payeche keba*: "Without serving a bona fide spiritual master, an ideal Vaiṣṇava, who can be delivered from the clutches of maya?" This idea is also expressed in many other places. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* (5.5.2) says, *mahat-sevam dvaram ahur vimukteh*: if one desires liberation from the clutches of *māyā*, one must associate with a pure devotee *mahātmā*. A *mahatma* is one who engages twenty-four hours daily in the loving service of the Lord."

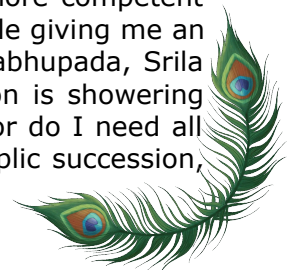
"One must render service to a Vaiṣṇava in order to get freed from sinful reactions, revive one's original Kṛṣṇa consciousness and be trained in how to love Kṛṣṇa. This is the result of *mahatma-seva*. Of course, if one engages in the service of a pure devotee, the reactions of one's sinful life are vanquished automatically. Devotional service is necessary not to drive away an insignificant stock of sins, but to awaken our dormant love for Kṛṣṇa. As fog is vanquished at the first glimpse of sunlight, one's sinful reactions are automatically vanquished as soon as one begins serving a pure devotee; no separate endeavor is required."

"Such a devotee is unconcerned with hell and heaven; he is simply attached to rendering service to Kṛṣṇa. When a devotee is put into hellish conditions, he accepts them as Kṛṣṇa's mercy: *tat te 'nukampam susamiksamanah* (*Bhāg.* 10.14.8). He does not protest, "Oh, I am such a great devotee of Kṛṣṇa. Why have I been put into this misery?" Instead he thinks, "This is Kṛṣṇa's mercy." Such an attitude is possible for a devotee who engages in the service of Kṛṣṇa's representative. This is the secret of success."

To call me "sinful" is an understatement. To call you a "Mahatma", "pure devotee", etc., is stating the fact. Simply within my own recollection on a day-to-day basis, quite simply I am a walking-talking offense machine. There is no person I have come across who hasn't been hurt by my insensitive nature. In fact, I can safely say that in the association of devotees, I am more of a irritant, a disturbance more than anything else. Still they keep me around, no doubt in deference to your service to Srila Prabhupada, and because you happen to have initiated me.

As nothing is hidden from you, you know very well that in the last 2 years or so, I have been thoroughly tested in my determination to remain in Krishna Consciousness. Even though I was personally incapable of staying Krishna conscious through these tests, I have managed to cling on. I often reflect that it is your mercy that carried me so far. If I was on my own, I would have long ago fallen by the wayside suffering the dangerous allures and kicks of Maya. But by your mercy I am still here, striving enthusiastically to be Krishna conscious.

Srila Gurudeva, I am praying that I be at least a little pure-hearted, definitely more competent and efficient so I can render some actual service unto your divine grace. Once, while giving me an apparently difficult service, you had remarked "you have the blessings of Srila Prabhupada, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta, Srila Bhaktivinode, Rupa Goswami, the whole disciplic succession is showering their blessings on you, that you may do this service". But Srila Gurudeva, what for do I need all this when I have your mercy? You are the combined sum total of the entire disciplic succession,





the direct fruit of Srila Prabhupada's purity, the manifestation of the mercy of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Himself, writing to me, standing before me, correcting me, guiding me, being my personal mentor. I don't have to go any further than the shelter of your lotus feet. If I can simply somehow remain here, even though I deserve to be driven out and kicked out, then my life is successful.

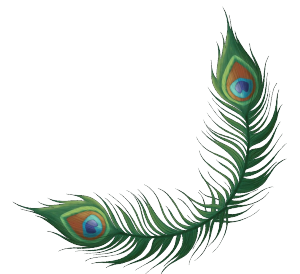
In other words, devoid of your mercy, I have no Krishna consciousness, this Krishna consciousness is your gift to me, you are my best friend constantly reminding me of my home, my occupation, my eternal master, my eternal friends and family, my own nature.

As I give you regular reports of my personal situation, services and projects, I will not include those details here.

Simply, I beg that your mercy be my constant companion, otherwise I am hopelessly lost in the dangerous ocean of material consciousness.

Striving to remain the sincere humble servant of your servants,

Your insignificant disciple,
Mahabhagavat Das, Toronto, ON, Canada





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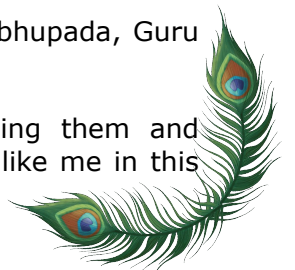


Manu Das, Vancouver, BC, Canada – You are a constant source of inspiration

Hari Bol Gurudeva.

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

I always enjoy not only to receive your enlightenment emails but also reading them and understanding the message you are trying to give to the fallen conditioned souls like me in this





miserable material world. You always inspire us through your messages that come from different corners of this earth which shows your dedication to our grandpa's mission. You love to travel around the world with your Gurudeva's message. Rain or shine the daily messages are up on the net everyday that too on time. Hope I will be able to get a fraction of your dedication to distribute KRISHNA PREMA through KRISHNA PRASADAM to more and more people through "Gaura Hari Karma-Free Meals Society (GHKFM.ORG)", Vancouver.

The latest donation drive for the new home for Their Lordships has made all of us around the world come together and contribute for such a noble seva. As I hear these are the "Once in one's lifetime opportunities". Thanks a lot Gurudeva for engaging all of us in such great seva. Hope your dream comes true to fulfill Srila Prabhupada's wish.

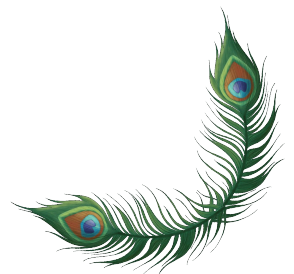
In spite of lot of turmoil's materially and spiritually, by receiving your daily preventive/vaccine doses we are able to fight the very strong material infection in this world and march forward carrying Lord Sri Krishna's message given through Bhagavad-Gita.

Hope to meet you and mataji soon.

May Sri Sri Radha Madana Mohana bless you with happiness, peace and good health to uplift fallen conditioned souls.

Hare Krishna.
Yours ever humble servant,

Manu Das, President, ISKCON Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Disciple of His Holiness Nava Yogendra Swami Maharaja





Matthew Finn, Lakewood, Colorado, USA – I will surely come back home

Dear Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to your Divine Grace
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to your ever going preaching

I want to thank you for all the work you do. It is a wonderful and needed message for this world to hear. It is great that you travel all the world, meet people and get the message out.

I look forward your timely emails and words of wisdom you impart in them. I look forward to the Self-realization lesson I get and the Book club I am a member of. They are my life line.

You are the Light that burns so brightly, that burns through the murkiness, illumination that swirls around us to get us the message of salvation, love, the truth and a way back home.

Slowly but surely I will break the bonds that hold me prisoner to this world of illusion.

With your help and guidance of your devotees, I will come back home....
Thank you so very much...

Your unworthy devotee
Matthew Finn, Lakewood , Colorado , USA



Melanie Boodoo, Toronto, Canada - Your presence in my daily life keeps me going

Hare Krishna
Please accept my very humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to His Grace Sriman Das Adhikari on this the celebration of Vyasa Puja 2014.

I am truly honoured and deeply humbled to be able to write a few words, from my insignificant self, to you, a pure and true devotee of our Lord and Master Sri Krishna. Your presence in my daily life is what keeps me going. I wish Krishna's merciful blessings on you for all of eternity. May He shower His Divine blessings on you every moment of every day to enable you to think of Him at all times, to enable you to chant His glories daily and to remember His pastimes and activities at all times so that you may attain the final goal of life, going back home, back to Godhead, back to Krishna. Hare Krishna!

Even though I am not one of your initiated disciples yet, I consider you as my guru because I feel a huge connection to you. There are many days where I've had questions, or needed comfort,





and without fail the answer, or the comforting words I needed would be there in your "Thought for the Day", either the same day or the next. It's almost as if I had asked you the question personally or spoken to you of my troubled situation. One of your advanced disciples Mahabhagavat Prabhu indicated that this is Krishna speaking to me through Guru. That brought tears to my eyes knowing that you are my connection to Krishna. Even seeing you in person as I have in Toronto before, brings me to tears because you are the all merciful devotee of Krishna. I feel the most joy in my heart knowing that you are there to guide me to Krishna. I am slowly making myself eligible for initiation by following the four regulative principles and aspiring to chant 16 rounds and more of Maha Mantra daily. Due to my sinful nature and my past karmas I am hoping that by Krishna's mercy I will somehow be able to surrender to guru and Krishna in this lifetime, if not I will keep trying lifetime after lifetime.

I thank you for the time you have invested in Krishna consciousness and for strictly following the instructions of your spiritual master, the most beloved, His Holiness Srila Prabhupada. You are spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world and initiating disciples of your own, and preaching the unadulterated teaching of Krishna as is given in the Vedas for the benefit of mankind in the hope of helping them go back home, back to Godhead, Krishna. For where would this poor, fallen soul be if you had not done so.

I greatly thank you for your kindness and your honesty in delivering the teaching of the Lord. On this your most auspicious Vyasa Puja day, I say Hare Krishna and I offer my humblest obeisances to you.

Hare Krishna!
Melanie Boodoo, Toronto, Ontario, Canada



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Milan Raval, London, ON, Canada – Thank you for sharing boundless knowledge

Humble Obeisances to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Your teachings on the Gita and the message of Srila Prabhupada, lift our souls from the trenches of material existence each day. As we read and hear your message of Krishna consciousness regularly, we become enchanted with the possibilities of enlightenment and complete elation in serving Lord Krishna. Your commitment to delivering as many souls as possible through the 'Ultimate Self-Realization Course' and the heartfelt responses you provide to all the devotees' questions shows us that unconditional and devout love exists in this world and the path of Krishna is the best way to find it.

We thank you for your blessings and your resolve for sharing your most boundless knowledge with us and we hope to remain in your caring and instructive light for years to come.

Hare Krishna!

Milan Raval & Family, London, ON, Canada



Nikha Khanna, Michigan, USA – Thank you for being our inspiration

Dear Gurudeva,

Kind regards,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble regards on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja. I have learned so much from your inspiring thoughts and messages on the Ultimate Self Realization Course. You shower your kind mercy on us fallen souls by bringing us closer to Lord Krishna. Every day you find time to write these messages knowing that there are souls like us who are waiting to hear from you.

I humbly thank you from the bottom of my heart for this kind service that you are doing for us. I pray to Lord Krishna for your health and prosperity.





Your humble servant

Nikha Khanna, Michigan, USA



Nitya Kishori Dasi, Columbus, OH, USA – you possess tremendous humility!

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On this most auspicious occasion of your grace's Vyasa puja, I would like to thank you for all the blessings, support and guidance you have shown towards us. Thank you for clearing the many doubts and questions we have during our philosophical and spiritual quest. Every time we have ups and downs, we remember your glorious lectures about how we can simply be happy by chanting and doing devotional service. Even at this uttama adhikari stage you show so much humility and stand as great example for all your followers spread in different parts of the world. Your kirtans are so mesmerizing that whichever city we go, devotees praise and glorify your kirtans and lectures.

Krishna and Srila Prabhupada always shower extra mercy on you!

We hope that we get the opportunity to serve you personally soon. Please continue to bless us, dear Srila Gurudeva!

Your servants,

Nitya Kishori Dasi, Sundara Mukunda Das and Murari
Columbus OH



Pankaj Vithlani, Markham, ON, Canada – Your eCourse has positively impacted me

Respected Prabhuji,

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





I read "Thought For The Day" everyday and it has become my daily routine.

It is so interesting to read the daily messages that it encourages me to dive deeper and deeper into the nectar of Krishna Consciousness.

It has made a beginning to change my thoughts, my actions and my life over a period of time very positively.

Now I have started chanting 16 rounds of Hare Krishna Maha Mantra on the Japa Mala everyday while observing the four regulative principles. I have started to relish the sweetness of Krishna Consciousness that you always so wonderfully talk about.

I'm indeed grateful to you Prabhuji for all the efforts you're putting in to elevate most fallen souls like me.

Words cannot do enough justice and therefore, I would end my writing here.

Hare Krishna!

Your Humble Servant,
Pankaj Vithlani, Markham, Canada



Prachi Arora, Brampton, ON, Canada – Heartfelt sincere offering's of love for you

My dearest Gurudeva,

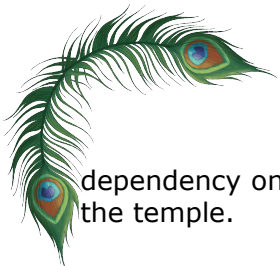
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you and Guru Mata.

Happy Appearance Day to you!

This is my first offering to you but my hearts sincere offering's of love are always there for you. Thank you for giving me shelter of your lotus feet. I feel so blessed. There are lots of imperfections in my life but hearing your Divine discourses and Kirtans give me a way out of my day to day life and help me concentrate more and more on chanting. I feel I'm still not there yet but getting your association through internet and pictures makes me feel focused on the path of bhakti.

I always prayed to Srila Prabhupada to have mercy on me and help me in taking shelter of a Bonafide Spiritual master. My prayers were answered. Whenever I got a chance to get that little association with you on your visits, I found myself surrendering more and more to Krishna.... my





dependency on chanting my rounds always increased, and I felt more love for my little services at the temple.

Gurudeva thank you so much. I plead for your mercy to serve your lotus feet always.

Your aspiring disciple,

Prachi Arora, Brampton, ON, Canada



Priya Harinath, New Jersey, USA – Bless me with steadfast devotion to your lotus feet

Dear Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna

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

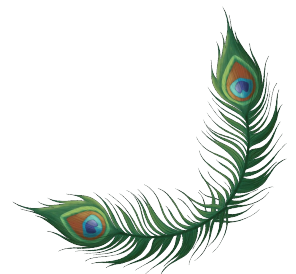
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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

It is a wonderful blessing one more time to have the opportunity to be able to glorify you yet in my own inadequate way on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja. Because there is no limit to the mercy you have shown me and are still showing me by giving me your association, spiritual guidance and introducing me to the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra. There is no greater fortune than getting the shelter of the bonafide spiritual master as pointed out by Krishna Himself in the Gita and Srila Rupa Goswami in his Bhakti Rasamrta Sindhu "adau guruvashrayam". There is surely no other way to attain pure love of Krishna which is the ultimate goal. You so kindly shower your mercy and love on so many fortunate souls all over the world despite so many personal difficulties, by spreading the teachings of Srila Prabhupada and all the other great acharyas.

I will always only beg your mercy to shower me with steadfast devotion and service to your lotus feet in every way I can for all of eternity.

Your humble servant

Priya Harinath
New Jersey, USA





Radhapriya devi dasi, New Vrindaban, WV, USA - Thank you for setting us an example

My dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Your Grace.

This auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja provides an opportunity to reflect upon our relationship, what it means in my life & how meeting you have impacted me. I am grateful for this opportunity to deeply meditate upon this.

Not so long ago I was in Gita Nagari with one of your inspiring God Sisters, Mother Krsnanandini. She was similarly reflecting upon her relationship with Srila Prabhupada & how that has impacted her life. At one point she broke down as she said something to the effect that: without Srila Prabhupada, we wouldn't have the opportunity to gather together, chant Hare Krishna & help one another along on our journey. This point impacted me deeply as I often take for granted just what a boon this is.

I feel the same way about Your Grace. Without you picking up the phone & figuratively dragging me out of the laundry mat with my dog, I would most likely still be drifting from one place to the next, uncertain of what the goal may be. I'm indescribably grateful that you have taken as much time & energy as you have to guide me on the path to Krishna consciousness. I can't say I'm there yet, quite far from it actually, but the fact that I am now connected with the Holy Name, this divine path of Bhakti, this wonderful society known as ISKCON & the instruction manuals for human life: Srila Prabhupada's books, gives me great relief & hope that one day I may get there sooner than later. None of this would've been possible without Your Grace.

Last night I was talking to another devotee who is not so well situated materially, which is rather common around New Vrindaban due to the remote location/ lack of nearby jobs. She had never really put much energy into figuring out a way to earn a livelihood which has put her in somewhat of a precarious position over the years. At any rate, this made me appreciate the guidance your Grace has given me. If it wasn't for your balanced, practical instructions, I would've dropped out of school & been in a similar situation. Thanks to your expert guidance, you not only instructed me in spiritual matters but, also how to be nicely situated materially, so that I can focus the balance of my energy on reawakening my Krishna consciousness. Thank you very much for that.

Thanks to Your Grace, I'm overall really happy with my life at present. I've got nice service taking care of cows & growing things for the temple. I'm part of a wonderful community of diverse devotees that comprise New Vrindavan & provide unlimited opportunities for service & association. I've also got all facility for regular daily sadhana with a flexible work schedule that enables me to peacefully maintain myself & allows me to participate in most community events. I truly feel blessed by the best with this lifestyle & none of it would be possible without Your Grace.

Thank you very much for all this which is only a small drop in the bucket of the impact you've had on my life, what to speak of the lives of so many individuals around the world. Thank you for setting an example for us all as to what it means to follow the straight & narrow path no matter what tests the material energy administers. I really appreciate all the precious gifts that you've given me throughout the years & beg your blessings that I may be able to properly utilize them in serving Krishna & the devotees & in awakening my dormant love for Krishna. I apologize for my many shortcomings as a disciple & beg for your blessings that I will be able to follow in your





footsteps of becoming a proper disciple/devotee.

Your worthless servant,

Radhapriya devi dasi
New Vrindavan, WV USA



Rakesh Rana, Brampton, ON, Canada - Please bless me so I can follow your instructions.

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudev,

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

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of our spiritual master. You are the dearest servant of Krishna in the world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet. I cannot beg to be even your servant as due to my dull intelligence. I don't know how to serve you, so please bless me so I can at least follow your instructions.

I came to know about you from your disciple in Toronto. I don't have words to express your glory due to my ignorance. We pray to you to clean all the nonsense lusty, angry, greedy thoughts from our mind, so I can become more Krishna conscious and try to help more souls to become Krishna conscious due to your blessing.

Happy Vyasa puja 2014 to you Srila Gurudeva.

Your servant

Rakesh Rana, Brampton, Canada

Rajendra Tiwari, Brampton, ON, Canada – praying for your lengthy and healthy life

Respected Gurudev

Sat Sat Pranam, please accept my hundreds and hundreds of true obeisances.

I pay my obeisance's on the occasion of Vyasa Puja October 18, 2014. I shall pray to Param Pita Paramatma Lord Krishna to give you lengthy and healthy life so that we fallen souls of world be lifted and get liberated from the cycle of life and death.





I am very eagerly looking to have your Darshan In the Month of January 2015 at ISKCON Temple Brampton, ON Canada.

Hare Krishna

Thank You

Sincerely

Rajendra Kumar Tiwari, Brampton, ON, Canada



Rantideva das, Southaven, MS, USA – Praying for your mercy

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

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*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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya."

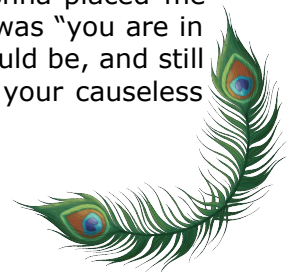
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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

"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!

I trust that you are well. Please accept this humble offering on this most auspicious day of your Vaysa Puja;

After Srila Prabhupada's Vaysa Puja this year I inquired from you "why has Krishna placed me where there is no temple and no devotee association?" Your reply to my question was "you are in the perfect place for your Krishna Consciousness". I did not understand how this could be, and still don't understand, but I have full faith that some day, when the time is right, by your causeless mercy this will be revealed to me.





Some may ask "how can one have such faith in guru?" For me the answer is simple; having spent the past ten years reading Your Thought for the Days, listening to your lectures, and observing your actions, I have never seen one single instance when you deviated in the slightest from Srila Prabhupada's teachings. Since you have such complete faith in your spiritual master it is very easy for your disciples, even a lowest one like myself, to have firm faith in you.

yadyapi amara guru - caitanyera dasa
tathapi janiya ami tanhara prakasa
guru krsna-rupa hana sastrera pramane
guru-rupe krsna krpa karena bhakta-gane

Although I know that my spiritual master is a servitor of Sri Chaitanya, I know him also as a plenary manifestation of the Lord. According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is non-different from Krishna. Lord Krishna in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees. CC. Adi 1.44-45

I pray for your mercy that somehow or other I may qualify myself to make this my last birth in this material world.

I remain your worthless servant,

Rantideva das, Southaven, MS, USA



Rekha Mathkar, New York, USA - I am grateful to you

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

I am indeed privileged to be a part of Your Humanity Enlightenment Movement of Krishna consciousness.

I pray that this offering which is an expression of my love and gratitude shall be in accord with your Will and that the Truth of Self realization and Krishna consciousness shall be spread far and wide. I am grateful.

Your servant,

Rekha Mathkar, New York, USA





Shirley Joseph, Toronto, ON Canada - Thank you for being a spiritual father to this lost soul

My most respected and dearest Guru Maharaj,

My most humble obeisances to you at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I consider this as the foremost privilege and blessing to be writing this offering to you in union with all beloved souls who have taken shelter at your lotus feet as I am the least of your servant who has totally surrendered at your lotus feet with total faith in you. Surrendering to you is the same as surrendering to Lord Krishna because you are a representative of Krishna for all of us. I will not be wrong if I can say that you are a personification and revelation of Krishna prema to all conditioned and fallen souls in this planet, especially for this most miserable soul.

Father of my soul I prostrate at your lotus feet and wish only to stay there for all eternity in total surrender. I pray that the Lord showers His infinite blessings on you and make all your holy visions come true for the salvation and liberation of all souls. Thank you from my heart and soul for giving this most miserable soul also a true shelter and refuge under your lotus feet.

Your tiny insignificant servant,
Shirley, Toronto, ON, Canada



Sri Gaura Hari das, Detroit, MI, USA - A Mahabhagavata teaches by example.

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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."

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

*nama om vishnupadaya krishna preshtaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gauravani pracharine
nirvisesha sunyavadi paschatya desa tarine
jaya sri krishna chaitanya prabhu nityananda
sri advaita gadhadhara srivasadi gaura bhakta vrinda*

During August of this year I had the opportunity to visit Austin, Texas to attend the Janmastami festivities. My flight landed and I eagerly called the ashram number to let know of my flights arrival, Srila Gurudev answered the phone and he uttered these words “Welcome Home!”. It was then that I realized that Srila Gurudev was not just welcoming us to the ashram but he was welcoming us into his dham and giving us the opportunity to participate in his eternal lila of serving their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodar.

Before coming under Srila Gurudev’s shelter I was so impersonalistic that I had no value even for materialistic relationships and not any remote knowledge of spiritual loving exchanges, however every time we visit Austin Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji’s shower us with an unlimited amount of love and affection which I have never experienced before, not even from our birth giving parents. Srila Gurudev we are so indebted to you for your unlimited causeless mercy without which I have no other shelter and no hope of shedding my impersonalism and making any spiritual progress.

In the Nectar of Instruction Srila Rupa Goswami instructs

*dadati pratigrhnati
guhyam akhyati prcchati
bhunkte bhojayate caiva
sad-vidham priti-laksanam*

“Offering gifts in charity, accepting charitable gifts, revealing one’s mind in confidence, inquiring confidentially, accepting prasada and offering prasada are the six symptoms of love shared by one devotee and another.”

Srila Gurudev, when we are in Austin You and Srimati Gurumataji accept whatever service we are able to render no matter how many offenses we commit, you give us an opportunity to ask questions and patiently provide answers, provide us sumptuous prasadam, you accept whatever donation we are able to give just to purify our Grihasta activities and provide us with a present before we return home. You set a practical example of how a pure devotee engages a neophyte devotee in these kinds of loving exchanges in spite of us being so fallen just so we can make progress on this path.

Srila Gurudev on this auspicious day of your appearance I would like to thank you for showing us the right path to spiritual progress in practice out of your causeless mercy towards a fallen conditioned soul like myself and seek your blessings that I am able to follow in your footsteps for dedicating this life in the service of Guru and Krishna.





Your servant,
Sri Gaura Hari das



Ecstatic Hare Krishna Kirtan on Congress Avenue in Austin



Sulakshana Devi Dasi, Billings, MT, USA - I am nowhere without your mercy

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Dear Gurudeva,





I am making my humble attempt to write this offering to you for your upcoming Vyasa puja celebration on October 18th 2014 in Kaunas, Lithuania. I have realized that I am nowhere without your mercy. I do not know how I became qualified to receive your causeless mercy. I have yet to understand the full ramification of your mercy and my good fortune to have come in contact with a Mahabhagavat like yourself. Gurudeva please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Gurudeva you have often said that vani is more important than vapu in your lectures. But for a neophyte devotee like myself it is very difficult to remain always focused in Krishna consciousness 24 hours in the material world. This year by the grace of Krishna I got your darshan along with Gurumataji at the Bhakti yoga retreat in Vail, Colorado. At this yoga retreat by the mercy of Gurumataji I was able to render some services and I actually got a little taste of that selfless devotional service. I was so pleased that I got that opportunity to serve you and Gurumataji at the Bhakti yoga retreat in Vail, Colorado. I also realized at that time how much I am missing out for not able to have vapu or physical association with you and other devotees and render some services to them.

Gurudeva I want to thank you for bestowing your causeless mercy on this undeserving wretched soul. You have given me the meaning to live in this rare human life and a ticket to go to Golok Vrindavan a highest benediction. Now, I am begging you, to please give me the shade of your lotus feet, so that I am eternally engaged in the services of you and Krishna.

Your unworthy servant,
Sulakshana devi dasi, Billings, MT, USA



Vasudevan Kunchithapatham, Charlotte, NC, USA – Thank you very much

Respected sir

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

Thanks a lot for your encouragement and providing the daily thought of the day for enlightening the society. Always at your feet.
Thanks and Regards,

Vasudevan Kunchithapatham, Charlotte, North Carolina





Vrindavanesvari Devi dasi, Detroit, MI, USA – Praying to serve your lotus feet

Dear Srila Gurudev,

My greatest thanks to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna for giving me the wonderful opportunity to serve the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev.

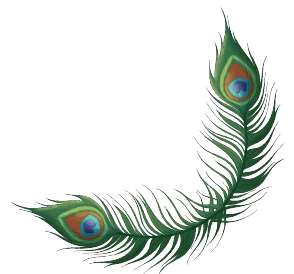
This year is very special to me for having been granted shelter at your lotus feet. My life has completely changed since moment of receiving initiation from you.

I have no qualifications to deserve this, but your causeless mercy brought me to this platform of devotional service and gave me the golden opportunity to go back to home, back to Godhead.

I can't express in words how much love and affection I received from you and Gurumataji. I am praying for your blessings that I am sincerely able to follow your instructions and begging to give me even more opportunities to serve your lotus feet.

Your servant

Vrindavanesvari Devi dasi, Detroit, MI, USA





South America

Devadeva das SDA, Mendoza, Argentina - A small speck of Your infinite grace

Dear Srila Gurudeva patita pavana,
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Actually there are no words to express the great commitment that I have toward You.
The possibility does not even remotely exist that my present life will be enough to repay even the most minimal part of all the kindness You have shown to this very insignificant person.

I am always begging that You will grant me a small speck of Your infinite grace so that I may carry out at least a very small service that will be absolutely pleasing to You.

Due to my being so insignificant, I continue to beg You to allow me to taste the nectar of the devotional service rendered to You, the blessed person.

I pray once and a thousand times to Your sacred, divine and blessed lotus feet that I may become a speck of dust that they will touch and thus awaken my consciousness to try to serve You for millions of lifetimes, for all eternity.

I beg You over and over to forgive my offenses and those of all the souls that have lost their way. I humbly fall down before your divine lotus feet and I rededicate myself to your eternal service. Today is a very happy day.

On this day I can thank the Lord for having manifested Himself in the form of my beloved Srila Gurudeva.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, by Your mercy allow me to extend my wings of Bhakti, that the plumage of detachment may grow on me, that I become light in desires, that I preach from the heart, following Your example, spontaneous and most of all natural. May I never be a faker of holiness. May I never become comfortable in not performing austerities until my last breath. May my mind put all its bad thoughts in the incinerator of forgetfulness forever, and may my soul, without any trace of blind faith, free from the illusion of false ego, issue forth resplendent from this small world with a such a lucid consciousness as to be able to see the path that You are showing us, the path that You have opened in this jungle of Kali so that all of us who love the truth may follow Your footsteps with security until the final success, struggling all that is necessary and sufficient to gain the merit of being able to follow You not only in this life, but also beyond this world of illusion...

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya-aprasadan na gatih kuto'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

By the mercy of the 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 time a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

Devadeva das SDA, Mendoza, Argentina



Just Before Departing from Mendoza, Argentina--8 January 2014



Haribuddhi dasa, Peru, Peru, All glories to you!

My dear most Srila Gurudeva:

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet. All glories to You! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Today, is another chance to offer words and action to our saviour. The spiritual master is the bonafide representative of the Supreme Lord, and the most secure shelter in this world. By His words, we can understand how to serve, how to preach, how to live, and inspire with our lives to others.





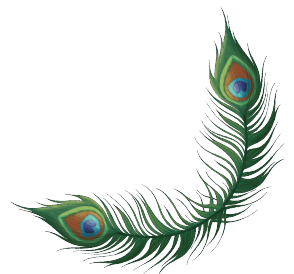
Serve, according to Srila Prabhupada, is always related with hear and understand the instructions of Gurudeva. This is a big challenge, avoid the speculation and surrender to the person who is so close to Sri Krishna that by His words your ears and eyes become pure and Sri Govinda will show Himself to You.

That is our duty: see, as Arjuna, the eternal truth. And because Sri Krishna really love us, He sent to us His Divine Grace Srila Sankarshana Maharaja to save the entire world, and His life and dreams is a homage to Srila Prabhupada, who fulfil the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Let's serve, and chant the glories of Sri Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva, and our lives will have meaning, glory, and satisfaction for ever.

Thanks Srila Gurudeva, all glories to You, all glories to You, all glories to You!

Your servant ever,
Haribuddhi dasa





Australia, New Zealand, & Asia Pacific

Abhay Charan Das, Hamilton, New Zealand - you have unflinching faith, we should simply support you

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine
nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, all glories to His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhu,

More and more our ISKCON society is depending on such stalwart campaigners of principle, character and determination to push on this mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You belong to this category of leader within our movement. As our ISKCON movement develops and matures, the need for intelligent and wise leadership becomes ever more critical. You have taken the instructions of Srila Prabhupada to heart and you are devoting your every breath to making this entire planet Krishna conscious. To those who lack faith – your task would appear impossible to achieve. But you have unflinching faith in the predictions of Lord Caitanya and our acaryas. Your example inspires devotees all over the world to try and follow in your footsteps – building confidence that our process is rock-solid and guaranteed to overcome all obstacles on the path towards attaining pure devotional service. If we simply support you and follow your example, Srila Prabhupada's desire to inundate this world from Lord Caitanya's storehouse of love of God will be fulfilled. I pray that Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda will continue to empower you as a General in Their army.

Your servant Abhay Charan dasa, ISKCON Hamilton, New Zealand (disciple of HH Lokanath Swami Maharaj)



Ajita Devi Dasi, Hong Kong – I am so lucky

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

Another Vyasa Puja of Yours is approaching. Time flies and this reminds me what You always





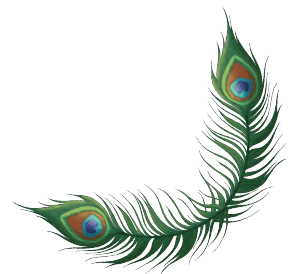
instruct us – we have to make use of human bodies and train ourselves to be Krishna conscious every moment. While the approaching Vyasa Puja is a wonderful occasion to glorify you, it is also a good opportunity for me to reflect on whether I have done anything to please you and to improve my spiritual practice in the last year.

Looking back, I am ashamed to say that I am still very rough, striving to move forward in baby steps. Indeed, my own effort is so weak and insignificant. How could I still continue my devotional service without Your mercy? It would definitely not have been possible without You. Your mercy, guidance and instructions are the driving force of my spiritual practice. I can also understand that only because of Your mercy, I was given opportunities to learn and explore different types of seva. I feel blessed to somehow learn and train myself to be a more worthwhile tool for Prabhupada's movement.

I also realized how lucky I was to have Your personal association for several times. There are many Godsiblings in different part of the world who are longing for Your personal association; I was so fortunate to be able to meet You; and even served You and Gurumata. You kindly accepted the service rendered, even they were not satisfactory. You kindly train me through your guidance and support ; while at the same time, as a loving father You patiently tolerate and bestow Your mercy to this worthless daughter.

On this auspicious day, I can only pray that I would always be able to remain in Your mercy and service. Please allow me to serve You life after life. I hope that one day I would be able to please You and assist You in Prabhupada's mission.

Your eternal servant,
Ajita devi dasi





Amala Bhakta Das, Malaysia - May all people be inspired to follow you

To My Beloved Srila Gurudev,

Hare Krsna, Its an opulent day, for we celebrate a great man. I pay my respectful obeisances to you Srila Gurudev. I am grateful to the Lord for giving me this chance to glorify and thank of such a great spiritual master are.

I am such a sinful person who has committed so many sins, but Srila Gurudev still have bestowed mercy and taken me into your shelter. By your ocean of kindness, I am able to read your Daily Thoughts which immensely help me to strengthen my faith. I grateful to Bhagavan Sri Krsna for directing and showing me to such a wonderful spiritual master. I gain so much of knowledge through the association of yours Srila Gurudev, and you helped me realize that Knowledge of spiritual life is of utmost importance.

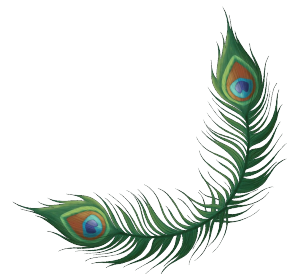
The amazing journey around the world Srila Gurudev is venturing on have really been an inspiration to me, giving the inspiration to preach Krsna Consciousness to others more and more. As the quote says " Whatever Action is performed by a great man, common men follow". Srila Gurudeva you are a Great Man and I am Proud to follow your foot steps.

I sincerely pray to the one and only Bhagavan Sri Vasudev that He would shower unlimited strength and power to Srila Gurudev and Gurumata both physically and mentally to preach and inspire to all people around the the world to practice Krsna Consciousnesses seriously as you did to me.

In the end I wish you all prosperity and happiness with a note of Happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev. Love you very much Gurudev.

Your Humble Servant ,

Amala Bhakta Das, Malaysia





Lecturing in Hong Kong

Anand Vardhan Das, Bhakti Priya Devi Dasi, Melbourne - Closer to Krishna

Our Dear Srila Guru Maharaja and Guru Mata,
Offering our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you and your beloved Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Srila Guru Maharaja, your glories are unlimited and effects of your wonderful divine association on our consciousness are also unlimited and glorious. Kindly please accept this humble attempt to share some of your wonderful glories on this most auspicious day.

Being a monkey by nature in this human form of life, I was wandering here and there looking for cheap so called happiness. But by your divine association, Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna's divine arrangements, now I have a proper aim for my eternal existence. Thank you very much for kindly initiating us formally with this great divine Guru Parampara. We beg at your lotus feet that we serve you with great determination and sincerity.

Events like repairing of Austin ISKCON temple after lightening and fund raising for the temple land exemplified your excellence in executing the devotional services with complete surrender to Lord



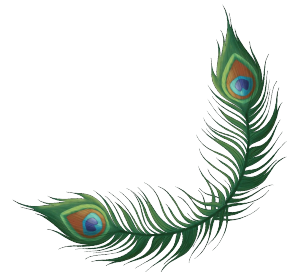


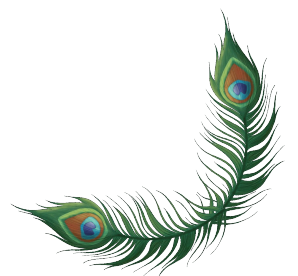
Sri Krishna, His divine arrangements and the most important of all - the full dedication to carry out your Guru's instructions. Srila Guru Maharaja, kindly please continue to chastise and encourage me in developing such complete surrender and perfect execution of your instructions.

Looking at three years of our associations with you and Gurumata, we can see that with every association, you have brought us closer to Krishna. Especially your personal association and services have drastically brought us into proper mood and dedication for devotional services. We are also grateful to you and Gurumata for your kind association to our relatives in Canada and India. Just by touch of your lotus feet, they have become little soft for Krishna Consciousness and some of them are now desiring to get initiated one day. We beg at your lotus feet that kindly please continue keeping us in your personal services even after this life so that we always remain Krishna Conscious serving your lotus feet.

Dear Srila Guru Maharaja, we are very much indebted to you and Gurumata for bringing us to Sri Vrindavan Dham straight after our recent initiation at Delhi. Receiving your personal association and services in Sri Vrindavan Dham is one of the greatest mercy you have showered upon us. Daily offering Guru-ashtakam prayers to you and seeing you offering them to Srila Prabhupada is an awakening experience. As Guru-ashtakam prayer describes various qualities and activities of a bonafide spiritual master, we observed that the blazing fire of our material existence is extinguished by your association and lectures. (*samsara-davanala-liḍha-loka tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam*) You chant in ecstasy , play various musical instruments and are gladdened by the Sankirtan movement of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. (*mahaprabhou kirtana-nṛtya-gita- vaditra-madyan-manaso*) You are engaged in the worship of Sri Sri Radha Damodar and also engage us in Their worship. (*sri-vigraharadhana-nitya-nana- srngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau yuktasya bhaktams ca niyunjato 'pi*). Gurumata prepares and offers with love four kinds of foodstuffs to Sri Sri Radha Damodar and then we also get this wonderful Maha Prasadam. (*catur-vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada-svadv-anna-trptan hari-bhakta-sanghan krtvaiva trptim bhajatah sadaiva*) During Sri Vrindavan Dham parikrama, you have narrated us the amazing past-times of the divine couple Sri Radhika and Madhava. (*Sri-radhika-madhavayor apara- madhurya-lila guna-rupa-namnam prati-kshanasvadana-lolupasya*). Thus every word of this prayer hold true for you Gurudev. We offer our humble obeisances again and again and yet again at your lotus feet as you are indeed a bonafide representative of Lord Sri Hari. As our Vrindavan stay is coming to an end, we feel very sad but there is a joy of having served you both for so many days and having learned a lot. we will miss having your daily darshan and the Vapu association. We beg at your lotus feet that please continue engaging us in your service so that one day we shall be able to carry Sri Vrindavan Dham in our hearts.

Today on this most auspicious day, we also heartily thank Gurumata for her wonderful association, corrections and most importantly encouragements to do our services perfectly. Without her constant support, we would not have received such wonderful blessings and services. We kindly beg for forgiveness for all our offences and inability to serve both of you due to our lack of Krishna Consciousness.









Hare Krishna,

Your servants,

Anand Vardhan Das, Bhakti Priya Devi Dasi, Melbourne, Australia



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Balarama Das, Melbourne – My only desire is to please you

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

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

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan dasadhikarin 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 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I am making an attempt to write an offering to you. I pray at your lotus feet that I may be able glorify you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

If it were not for your teachings, I would have no knowledge of Maya's existence and would have never learnt that I was caught up in her. You continue to show and instruct me on how to live so as to escape her clutches and develop transcendental love for Krishna.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva for showing me the Truth, for giving me instructions of who I am and what is my relationship with the Supreme Lord. Thank you for caring for me.

I pray at your lotus feet that I may remain under your shelter and however fallen and unqualified I am. I pray that every day I can live in a way that pleases you, dear Srila Gurudeva.

My only desire is to please you, like a child who likes to please his parents. Please bless me so I can at least be a puppet and follow your instructions.

Your servant,
Balarama Das, Adam Davic, Melbourne, Australia



Dinavatsala Das, Melbourne – You are perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.
*nama om vishnu padaya krishna prestaya bhutale
srimati sankarshan dasadhikarin iti namine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Kindly accept my offering on this auspicious day of your appearance. Your continuous guidance has been invaluable to our spiritual progress. As I look back to the day of first meeting your grace in 2005, after regularly reading your thought for the day, when you came to bhaktha bhavan for one of the Saturday evening lecture, at that time I came to know of the Ultimate Self Realization course through internet and I immediately registered for it, from then onwards I have not even missed reading even for one day.





Srila 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 to achieve the same result. You are perfect representative of Srila Prabhupada and Supreme Lord Sri Krishna! Through listening to your instructions, your kirtan and by serving you we are pleasing Krishna directly. Thank you very much for accepting this neophyte as your disciple and formally initiating myself and my wife during Dec 2011.

Your tireless efforts brings a revolution in the hearts of neophytes like me. By your blessing, we have progressed from hearing one lecture a month to once lecture a week to one lecture a day to regularly listening to at least 2 lectures a day. There are so much nectar and lots of instructions you are providing on each of the lectures. On this day, I sincerely pray that I should really progress well in Krishna Consciousness as well as help others to provide some basic understanding of your teachings.

Your Humble Servant

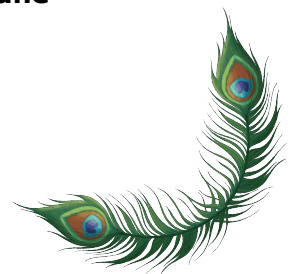
Dinavatsala Das, Melbourne, Australia



Presenting Perfectly Positive Solution at Govinda Valley Retreat

Gusti & Istiqomawatiningsih, South Kalimantan, Indonesia – our good fortune

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabupadha.
All glories to you.





*om ajnana-timirandhasya, jnananjana-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 with the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

*nama om vishnu padaya, krishna preshtaya bhutale,
srimate sankarshan das adikarin iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the 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, in this auspicious event of your appearance in this world, my wife and I would like to humbly take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you. Thank you very much for your never ending teaching, thank you very much for your never ending guidance and thank you very much for your never ending example to be always Krishna-conscious. Srila Gurudeva, how can we serve you?

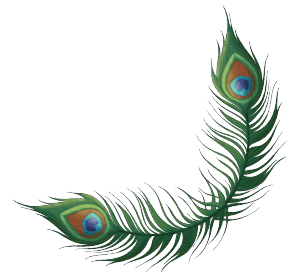
We still keep that emails you sent to us personally and by reading them repeatedly we always feel the love and mercy which flows from your words to us. You always connect us to Lord Krishna, no matter how low we are. We remember how you compassionately strengthened and guided us to Him when we were bewildered by our son's death. We remember how you sincerely taught us how to arrange our altar. You are our father who patiently and gladly answer even small and silly questions from us personally. Srila Gurudeva, how can we serve you?

The most thing we always remember from you is when you asked us in your email not to install your picture in our altar. Yes, we understand very well that we are not eligible to do so, but we also see how humble you are. Srila Gurudeva, you have made our small and insignificant house so fortunate by sending many devotees to stay there during Ratha Yatra and other festivals. And we were also blessed when the Lord Himself in the form of Radha Krishna deity would like to visit our home at Julana Yatra festival last month. Now we are eagerly waiting Him to come and visit us as Lord Damodara in this Kartik month. Srila Gurudeva, you are our fortune carrier, how can we serve you?

Our dear Srila Gurudeva, simply by looking at your picture make us remember Krishna, so kindly please allow us to always have you in our hearts. Allow us to always make your instructions as our life and soul and kindly give us your lotus feet as our shelter forever. Thank you.

Aspiring to always serve you at your lotus feet,
Your insignificant servants

Gusti Nyoman Ambara & Istiqomawatiningsih, South Kalimantan - Indonesia





Karuna Sindhu Das, Wellington, New Zealand – You do Srila Prabhupada proud

My Vyasa Puja Offering for Gurudeva

Hare Krishna Gurudeva.

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

As I struggle through my daily spiritual life trying to juggle numerous tasks, above all trying to maintain my basic sadhana (despite being single), I reflect how difficult it must be for Gurudeva to do so, only Srila Gurudeva is trying to be the 'Spiritual Father' of thousands of disciples and indeed well-wishes around the world. And this is while maintaining a disciplined schedule of constant traveling and preaching, this for me is the actual proof of Lord Krishna's Hand in a devotee willing and humble enough to be an instrument serving His will. With my limited intelligence, I may not understand the mind and intent of Srila Gurudeva, but I pray to RadhaKrishna to always protect your wife Guru Matajai's and your Health, may we be blessed with many more years of your association and teachings. And thank you so much Gurudeva and Guru Mataji for all that you two do!!!

Surely Srila Prabhupada's Heart must be proud of you and Guru Mataji.

Haribol!

Your Servant,

Karuna Sindhu das, Dunedin, New Zealand (disciple of His Holiness Janananda Goswami Maharaja)



Kirti Patel, Wellington, New Zealand – Your daily thought is my daily fix

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

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

Your daily thoughts are an inspiration to me and I take great learnings from it. It is my daily fix. May Krsna bless you and keep you in good health so that you may continue serving Srila Prabhupada and spreading the Krishna Conscious movement all over the world.

Hare Krsna
Kirti Patel, Wellington, New Zealand





Krishna Das, Melbourne – Without you I am lost

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

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

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan dasadhikarin 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 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dearest Gurudev, I feel so much that I struggle to find and express in words what you mean to me. I am extremely fortunate to be your disciple, under your guidance and the recipient of your eternal love. Your warmth and compassion melts my heart. I feel so unworthy of your attention. So unworthy of your love.

Each day I struggle with Maya but my connection to you keeps my head above water. Without you I am lost. I pray to never ever leave your lotus feet. Please help me overcome the obstacles that lay before me so that I can fulfil your desire and become a pure devotee.

Thank you for loving me and for teaching me who I am and what my purpose is. Thank you for shining the light on the pathway to Krishna.





Your servant,
Krishna Das, Melbourne, Australia



Krishnaprema Dasa, Melbourne – My spiritual asset is your divine mercy

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you and Srila Prabhupada and Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu.

Namo om visnu padaya Krishna prestaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarsan dasa adhikari iti namine
Namo prabhupadanuga premamurti kripatmane
Gaura desa vikasa artha uttama bhakti varsine

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I am again so enthused to write an offering for your Divine Grace. Indeed, the pleasure derived from this transcendental activity is so great that it cannot be surpass with





any volume of material activities in this world. If I think deeply within my mind, why you came to this material world? The answer that reflects through my heart is this, "just to bestow your causeless mercy upon the conditioned souls like me", who are simply servants of their senses and desires. Indeed this world now needs the message of Krishna Consciousness more than ever been before, because of degrading consciousness of people due to material hardships for struggle of existence, corruption of mind and influence of violence, lust, anger, greed etc. In fact world has gone through so much changes in past 100 years and they are happening so quickly that people are completely bewildered as to what is their future, but what surprises me is that despite of so many change of circumstances you stand bold to teach timeless message of Bhagavad-Gita, and It is indeed most difficult and challenging. All glories to you, because you are doing this thankless task on behalf of Krishna.

Whatever assets I am holding in spirituality as well as materially, is the mercy of your Divine Grace, and whatever I will be holding in future is also because of your kind shelter and protection and care. My problem is that I still sometimes get proud of my material knowledge and skills, forgetting the real pleasure of Krishna Consciousness. Even Lord Caitanya was told by his spiritual master that He is a great fool and should just chant Hare Krishna and perform Sankirtan instead of studying Vedas, but I am too puffed up and your Grace is very expertly crushing my false pride for which I am very obliged.

Last time when you came here you gave a very important instruction to H.G. Rupa Manjari Mataji from New Zealand, who was feeling pain of your separation at your departing moments from Melbourne, and fortunately I happen to be there. As a loving spiritual father you instructed her that if she can just chant Hare Krishna Maha Mantra always than we will be never separated. On the material plane there is so called separation but on the spiritual plane there is no separation as long as she continues to chant Hare Krishna and these words gave me bit relief of mind, as I often get upset and troubled due to material energy's raving influence. So in times like this I can also remain equipoise and do right things.

During your short visit in Melbourne, I feel that I am so much spiritually energised and when you leave that effect continues for weeks. Your vani association helps me overcoming any stressful situation as and when required, now whenever I am stressed or panic I just remember your instruction and immediately feel that you are personally present in front of me and helping me overcome that particular difficult situation. This is the power of your vapu and vani association. I am still a neophyte and struggling to keep my initiation vows, but you kindly overlook all my mistakes and gave me chance to still continue to practice Krishna Consciousness, as a loving father who overlooks child's mistakes. This shows your infinite kindness upon a poor soul. On this occasion I beg to receive your mercy, that I will improve my standards and come to real platform of unmotivated and uninterrupted devotional service.

Your insignificant servant,

Krishnaprema Dasa, Melbourne





Madhuri, Krishna and Harsha Jadhav, Melbourne – Your instructions touch our heart

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarsana-dasadhikarin iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga
prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasārtha-
uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Our dear Gurudeva
O enlightened one
O messenger of Prabhupada
Delivering each and every one

You are the acharya needing no preamble
You are an epitome of bhakti
Always teaching by example
Your teachings are a definite path to mukti

Your daily dose of Krishna Siksha
Is our saviour in this bhava-agni
Give us your compassion as a bhiksha
To incite us with eternal prema-agni

O! Master O! Merciful one
You even appear in our dreams
Like a father saving his lost son
Truly a benediction it seems

Your instructions touch our heart
Inspire us to get closer to Krishna
Realising eternity in this material mart
Dousing our unfavourable material trishna

An insignificant soul
Who meekly pray that your glance be upon us
Only by your grace can we reach the ultimate goal
The shadow of your feet is the only shelter for us

In this glorious month of damordara
You have appeared in this loka
To cut our knots from this samsara
And take us back to Goloka

Your humble servants
Madhuri, Krishna and Harsha Jadhav, Melbourne, Australia.





Madhvacharya Das, Sydney - Thanking Your Divine Grace from the bottom of my heart

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarsana-dasadhikarin iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha-uttama-bhakti-varsine

"I offer my humble obeisance at the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in the world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

Oh follower of Srila Prabhupada! Oh personification of prema! I offer my obeisance to you, the embodiment of mercy, who spreads the domain of Lord Caitanya, with showers of pure devotional service."

Please accept my humble obeisance.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace and Her Grace Gurumataji,
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupāda
All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Damodar,

On this most auspicious day of the Vyasa Puja of Your Divine Grace, I beg to bow down before Your Divine Grace and offer my most sincere heartfelt good wishes and thanks.
Your Divine Grace often quotes this verse from the Adi Purana:

ye me bhakta-janah partha
na me bhaktas ca te janah
mad-bhaktanam ca ye bhaktas
te me bhakta-tama matah

"Lord Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna, 'Those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees of My servant are factually My devotees.'

I am constantly reminded of this verse and I see Your Divine Grace as an *uttama* adhikari devotee who is very meticulously following the teachings and instructions of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. I am indeed very fortunate and grateful for the mercy of Your Divine Grace in accepting me as your disciple. If I have made any little advancement in spiritual life, it is certainly by Your Divine Grace only. This is because of the purity of the teachings and instructions of your Divine Grace.

Just before writing this offering, I was listening to the lecture Seminar of Your Divine Grace on Spiritual Purity delivered in New Vrindavana, West Virginia and the essence of the scriptures and bhajans were constantly flowing in the lecture and Your Divine Grace expertly answered so many questions posed by various persons. In a similar way, Your Divine Grace cleared so many of my





doubts and expertly engaged me in devotional service even though I am not a capable person. Your Divine Grace is now engaging many thousands of students all over the world in devotional service. Your Divine Grace is truly an empowered incarnation who has come to save the world as saving the world has been the motto that Your Divine Grace constantly stresses.

On this great occasion, I pray to Guru parampara and Lord Krishna that I may be attached to the service of Your Divine Grace and that Your Divine Grace is on this planet as long as possible with good health so that I can continue to take the association of Your Divine Grace in person and also be able to serve Your Divine Grace apart from serving the vani as well. I owe a lot of gratitude to Her Grace Gurumataji also for her guidance and instructions on various matters during visits to Australia.

Thanking Your Divine Grace from the bottom of my heart,

Your insignificant servant,

Madhvacharya Das, Sydney, Australia



Martin Bain, Australia – You are an oasis for the thirsty

You are an oasis for the thirsty. A place of refuge from the heat of the desert. Giving food and drink in a time of need. In this great storm, you have built a shelter for many to rest there weary feet. You are a beacon among shadows, shining Krishna's Glory throughout the world. You are a pervader of dreams, bringing comfort to the weak. Surely even the demi-gods would admire your courage and exemplary life! You are a mentor and inspiration, of which I am eternally thankful.

Humble respects, from, Martin, Alexander, Levi & Ned Bain.





Mukul Maheshwari, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - May your light fall on us always

Dear Gurudev,
Please Accept My Holy Obeisance!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I am a regular reader of your e-course "Ultimate realization" and finds it of great use during this age of kali and where maya has predominantly found its root in the society, in such an environment you are like a Gardener in my life where by removing the weeds (guiding us to save ourselves from all the misdeeds) and conditioning the soil with proper nutrient and water (guiding us towards good karma and reaching back to God home). Thanks a lot for your unconditional guidance and preaching for which I am indebted to you forever and ever. Thank you for your untiring efforts in steering the society towards Krishna Consciousness. I am also trying to coach my children, Anika and Aniket to immerse in nectar of Krishna Consciousness and they are delighted to dance on Hare Krishna Maha Mantra.
May your light of wisdom falls on us always! Hare Krishna!

Your servant,
Mukul Maheshwari, Ho Chi Minh City-Vietnam



Nanda Dulal Dasa/Jodie/Mannix/Chaya, Melbourne – Make us your instruments

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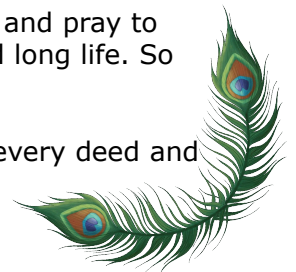
My Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Jagad-Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Recently I read somewhere that writing for the pleasure of Sri Guru and Sri Krishna is purifying. So I thank you Srila Gurudev for giving me this wonderful opportunity to write an offering to you on your vyasa puja.

Like every year in my offering I will start by ...

On this auspicious occasion of your transcendental appearance day I sincerely wish and pray to Lord Nrsimha Dev for your and Guru Mataji's continuous good health, wellbeing and long life. So that you can continue your pastimes in this world to deliver the conditioned souls.

Srila Gurudev, You are a true Prabhupadanuga to your every thought, every word, every deed and





every action at all places, time and circumstances. You're truly devoted to Srila Prabhupada and his mission to fulfil Lord Caitanya's prediction that the holy name would be chanted in every town and village of this world. This is the reason you are travelling so vigorously twice a year across the globe to teach and spread the sublime method of getting connected to Sri Krishna to make the entire world Krishna Consciousness as soon as possible.

The real goal of Krishna Consciousness movement is to change the hearts of people, by making them soft and pure by awakening the dormant love of Krishna. Srila Gurudev, wherever you go your presence purifies the environment and cleanses the atmosphere. Your purity uplifts everyone who gets your divine association. Your kirtans are refreshing and enlivening and your lectures are always enlightening. You have over 16000 students enrolled in over 100 countries for your E-Course (Ultimate Self Realization Course) which is absolutely free to join. Every day you are inspiring and motivating thousands of sincere soul through your daily Thought for the Day to live a Krishna Conscious life. Especially for those individual who cannot go to the temple or those who cannot get any devotee association close by. Srila Gurudev you are connecting these sincere soul to Krishna.

Last month my family and I were extremely fortunate to have your divine darshan and your association in the holy land of Sri Vrindavan Dham. Though it was a very short visit but you made it very fulfilling by giving us your most valuable time. The whole experience was very purifying for all my family members specially my wife. Earlier it used to be me anxiously waiting for your visit to Melbourne but now my wife Jodie is more eager to serve you and Guru Mataji on your next trip to Melbourne which is in 2 months. It's all your causeless mercy Srila Gurudev.

Srila Prabhupada stated that the practice of Krishna consciousness is "Simple for the Simple, but it is very hard for the crooked". & what is difficult for me Srila Gurudev is that all your mercy and the mercy of all the previous acharaya is readily available to anyone but due to my anarthas and impurities I do not know how to receive this mercy.

So I beg you Srila Gurudev please save me and help me to get rid of all these anarthas, all the impurities and all the unwanted thoughts and desires which are there in my heart and mind. Begging for your causeless mercy so that I can become qualified to get the mercy of all the previous Acharya and through them I can get Mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and by getting his Mercy and blessing we can get love of Sri Sri Radha Krishna which is the ultimate goal of our life. Srila Gurudev, please help me not only to understand but also realize and then live by the fact that I am not this body but spirit soul. My duty is to serve you and please you and to follow your orders and instructions as life and soul. I pray that I can meditate on your orders and instructions worship them and execute them with love, devotion, dedication and faith. Please give me your Mercy and Blessing Srila Gurudev so I don not do any aparadh, any nam aparadh any vaishnava aparadh knowingly or unknowingly. Begging to be an instrument of love and compassion in your hands to be Krishna Consciousness and make others Krishna consciousness.

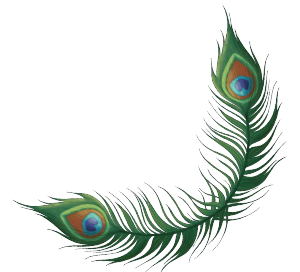
Please Srila Gurudev give me the intelligence, knowledge and guidance to do my devotional service selflessly with no ulterior motive and grow into a mature devotee with time.

Srila Gurudev Vyasa Puja ki jai.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Your insignificant and fallen children,

Nanda Dulal Dasa/Jodie/Mannix/Chaya, Melbourne, Australia





Narottama das, Perth – Amazing Daily Thoughts

Hare Krishna dear Sankarshan Prabhuji,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at Your lotus feet
All Glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to Your Grace

On this most auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja celebration, I humbly pray to Their Lordships Sri Sri Gaura Nitai to bless You with good health as well as spiritual strength in Your preaching mission.

The only time I was able to physically associate with Your Grace was via a couple of house programmes and a seminar on Chanting held in Auckland, New Zealand. Since I have moved to Perth three years ago, I heavily rely on Your daily 'Thought For The Day' for Your association and very often, I find solutions to my own questions in the 'Answers by Citing the Vedic Version' section. All Your subscribers should feel really grateful to the amount of time You spend in putting up those daily thoughts.

If You are not based in Your centre in Austin, You are extensively travelling to give love of Godhead to one and all. The intensity of Your preaching clearly demonstrates how dedicated You are in following the instructions of Your spiritual master, HDG Srila Prabhupada, in spreading the Holy Name as much as You can.

Thank You very much in guiding us all in our endeavour to go Back to Home, Back to Godhead.
Hari Bol

Your well-wisher

Narottama das, Perth, Australia, (an insignificant disciple of HH Janananda Goswami)

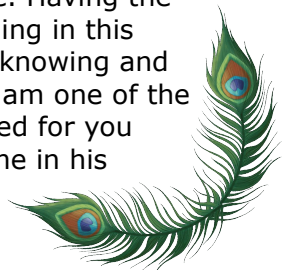


Parvati Devi Dasi, Klang, Malaysia – Please keep me in your service

To my dearest Srila Gurudev,

All glories to Your Divine Grace on your appearance day! You are more glorified than the glory itself, and I cannot understand enough to put into words even an infinitesimal drop of your infinite glory. Therefore by your causeless mercy please accept my very feeble attempt to glorify you and celebrate this holiest of holy days, your Vyasa Puja day.

Dear most Srila Gurudev, having your association has tremendously changed my life. Having the opportunity to serve you and Gurumata has made my life worthwhile living. Everything in this world has been a failure of attempt to reach for happiness, Srila Gurudev, but after knowing and taking the shelter of your Lotus Feet, you have helped me to live life for a reason. I am one of the rare souls out of million in this world to have gotten the tiniest service to have cooked for you some food made by my unworthy self. All I pray is that, Srila Gurudev would keep me in his





service and I promise to uphold my vows and chanting of the Holy Name.

I sincerely hope to be ever blissful and protected by your divine mercy and also to have a constant remembrance of Your Divine Grace tough in distress and happiness in my life. Lastly, Srila Gurudev, I wish you a grant and blissful Happy Vyasa Puja. Thank you very much for everything.

Your Servant,

Parvati Devi Dasi, Klang, Malaysia



Prashant, Rakhi & Little Arya Agrawal – You are a Krishna Conscious Sadhu

Dearest Srila Gurudev,
Please accept our humble obeisance
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,

On your appearance day, we would like to thank Krishna and Srila Prabhupada for blessing me your divine association.

There are many souls who can claim, including ourselves that we are among the fortunate souls who have received your association and now obtaining this priceless opportunity to revive our Krishna Consciousness, only by your mercy.

You set the example for us in despite of your health and discomfort of travelling you have followed your Guru's instruction as your life and soul.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for tirelessly running the internet based e-course for fallen soul like us. I had subscribed your e-course five years ago and I have never come across even a day when you have failed to send the thoughts of the day. It's extraordinary. However, I am not able to keep up to reading sometimes.

Your make sure that e-course is obvious and easily accessible. More so FREE of cost.

You are always available at other end to expertly guide through any & every queries and issues related to all spheres of life.

I get amazed & sometimes bewildered the horizon of knowledge you display as people like me do not expect from a Sadhu that also from an American Sadhu :) (When I talk to folk around me about you, they fire back question - does any such sadhu exist in today's world more so in America? If at all, it could only be Indian commodity :)

When I forwarded your e-link course, they practically bite their finger with disbelief as I did originally. You have defined the paradigm.





It makes us realise that you are a real Sadhu, a Krishna Conscious Sadhu and muni as well. Also giving us ability to distinguish between true Sadhu and pseudo one.

You just not only teach us by word that we should be always be Krishna Conscious and be equipoised in face of all the difficulties & calamities but also show us by your example as well.

Most recent one, comes to my mind - last year horrific incident of lightning strike in which Austin Ashram, Texas got damaged.

In face of all adversities, you remain Krishna Conscious, very motivating.

Your commitment to Prabhupada is astounding. As even after Prabhupada apparently left the world so long ago (around 30 years) you are following his orders diligently specially the one Prabhupada gave you personally to make Grand Austin Iskcon Centre even at your advanced age Just 67 years young.

Now there is no doubt in the mind of person like me that you have qualified for Srila Prabhupada's strength and power by dint of your tireless spiritual practice thereby you are truly getting the abilities to represent the Super soul and connect the Soul to the Super Soul.

Even though we are one of the fortunate soul who came in contact with you, but we still consider myself as one of the most unfortunate souls who have not taken complete shelter of your lotus feet.

You have given this very rare gift of your association to one with no qualification. How can we ever repay you, or offer appropriate glorification?

Thank you for your time, your care and attention;

I sincerely pray to Sri Gaura -Nitai and to the merciful Vaishnavas and Vaishnavies to kindly bless us to gain complete shelter at your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna

Trying to be aspiring servants of yours,

Prashant, Rakhi & Little Arya Agrawal, Melbourne, Australia

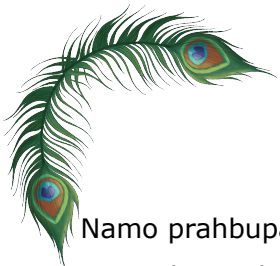


Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi, New Zealand - if it was not for you, I would be in material life

Namo Om Visnu-padaya Krsna-presthaya bhule tale

Srimate Sankarshan das Adhikari iti namine





Namo prahbupadadunga prema-murti krpatmane
Gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti varsine

Dear beloved Srila Gurudeva,

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

I was reflecting the other day where I would be now, if I did not have your association so early on in my Krsna consciousness. Through the mercy of your e-course I had your guidance and association so early on in my Krsna consciousness life. The instructions you gave me and others were and are still no different from Srila Prahbupada. The more I read Srila Prahbupada's books the more I see this.

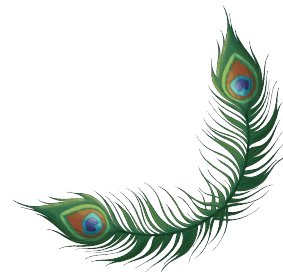
When I first came to Krsna consciousness I was trying to understand the philosophy in Spanish, a language foreign to me. Because I took up Krsna consciousness in Peru, I was reading and hearing in Spanish. I could understand the essence and not the details, so I was making a few mistakes in my practice, so I decided to go on the line to read and get guidance in English. By Krsna's grace I immediately stumbled on to your course, I don't think I even read anything else. I was naive about the internet at the time, as I hardly used it. I now shudder to think what association I could have ended up in., Ritvik, Sahajiya, following a philosophy and association that makes mixed devotional service the goal to name a few. Even during my Krsna consciousness years I have come across some strange interpretations on Srila Prahbupada's instructions but because of your guidance and association I can clearly understand things as Prahbupada instructed them.

Or perhaps due to not strong association and guidance I would have slipped back into the dark well of material life if it was not for you, where the only goal is a little bit of sense pleasure here and there. Where my life would be nothing again but the breathing of the black smith bellows, and I would kill time filling it up with useless activities waiting for the dreadful call of death to take me out of this pitiful life into another pitiful meaningless life.

So I would especially in this Vyasa puja like to express my gratitude for being such a staunch following of Srila Prahbupada, a soul completely sold out to Guru and Krishna, for showing me the goal of life and engaging me in devotional service to attain that goal, your enthusiasm for spreading the Krsna consciousness movement, and your intelligence in starting this e-course which saved me and many others. Because of your merciful guidance and instructions I feel I am securely on Srila Prahbupada's boat. I am convinced as long as I remain at the shelter of your lotus feet I will always remain under the shelter of Srila Prahbupada and Krsna.

Your unworthy servant

Rupa Manjari devi dasi, New Zealand





Sanat Kumar das, Malaysia – May your preaching preaching flourish 10,000 years

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Hare Krishna

*namah om vishnu padaya krishna prestaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan dasadhikarin iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga premamurthi kripatmane
gauradesa vikasarta utama bhakti varsine*

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

I humbly and with your divine grace permission would like to wish your divine grace
a Happy Vyasa Puja.

It is by your divine grace mercy and guidance I am able to perform a little devotional service in
this Great Lord Chaitanya's movement. Being alone I have no strength and no power to serve
RadhaKrishna.

I beg your divine grace, please be merciful on this fallen soul and forgive me for all the wrong
doings in performing Krishna Consciousness practice.

I pray and thank to your divine grace lotus feet for giving me the shade so that my existence can
be purified. It is all by the mercy of Srila Gurudev I am still living in this world and some or other
trying to become worthy to Sri Guru And Gauranga,

My prayers to Lord Gauranga to prolong Srila Gurudev's preaching mission for another 10,000
years and guide all the fallen souls to path of perfection.





Thank you so much.
I Love Your Divine Grace.
Hare Krishna

your servant,
Sanat Kumar das



Sireesha Comply, Canberra - I am so humbled, blessed and magically influenced

Hare Krishna!
All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

All glories to Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Guru Maharaj.

All glories to the Vaishnava Devotees of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and the devotees of Srila Gurudeva who are living for his mission every minute of their life.

Respected Guru Maharaj ji,
On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I beg you to accept my first offering to you which I present with heartfelt gratitude to you for giving me an opportunity to offer my deeply felt





obeisances and respects to you.

I am new to Krishna Consciousness. Since I have joined the movement, I have experienced miracles everyday including meeting great vaishnava devotees who made me wonder if they were sent to me for a divine purpose.

I heard your name from one of your disciples and a great devotee Subhadra Devi Dasi from Canberra only five days ago. Her husband Chandan Yatra Das Prabhu ji and she, had been guiding me on my journey towards being Krishna Conscious by providing me with the much needed divine support and resources.

In addition to all the divine support coming my way, when Subhadra Devi Dasi mentioned your name as her Guru Maharaj, it struck me like a magic spell. I thought to myself that the Guru Maharaj of such a wonderful devotee is surely the messenger of Lord Krishna and a blessing to disciples and fallen souls like me on this earth.

By merely thinking about you, I was automatically directed by the grace of Lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada Swami to find you and to find the resources you have put together in the form of your daily inspirational thoughts and recorded lectures to help many like me advance their journey into Krishna Consciousness. I subscribed to your e-course and daily thoughts which although I have only just started receiving, have brought in a remarkable change in my attitude in dealing with the hindrances in the path of my spiritual advancement. It is miraculous how every word you write becomes a gospel to me and answers the questions that I have not even thought of or asked. It is foolish of me to have initially thought that I found your divine guidance on the internet. In fact, it was you who reached out to me and made me come to you. Mysterious are the ways of the divine. Prior to reaching out to me, you sent your disciple Subhadra Devi Dasi to lead my way so I may not wander alone or in darkness anymore. Or else, if my internet search skills were to lead me to you, why did I not on my own, ever come across your holy name and divine existence? I am so unfortunate that I did not qualify to know about you any earlier.

Further to your divine inspirational messages, lectures and thoughts that I get to read and hear, you also personally wrote to me via email patiently answering my insignificant childish question and complaint about non-devotees around me. You took the time to respond to me and showed me the right path to keep progressing and also to influence non-devotees and to lead by example. The way you wrote the email response to me makes me feel as if I have known you for millions of years and although too late in this birth, am privileged to have found your lotus feet to serve so that may service and devotion may reach Krishna and he may kindly recognise me as his insignificant servant.

I am so humbled, blessed and magically influenced by your contact with me and every word of your email is a guiding light that will protect me from the pangs of material desires and I am assured that I can confide in you and ask questions to learn and work for Srila Prabhupada's mission of Krishna Conscious world.

You are truly a great Mahatma touring round the globe to spread the message of Krishna's love and fulfilling the purpose your life and that of your Gurudeva who is our spiritual father Srila Prabhupada.

I pray for the success of our mission to make the whole humankind Krishna Conscious and beg you with my head at your feet to please continue to guide me with your wonderful words and mystical and transcendental presence. Jai Srila Gurudeva Maharaj ki





Sireesha Comply, Canberra, Australia



Teaching in Canberra Australia

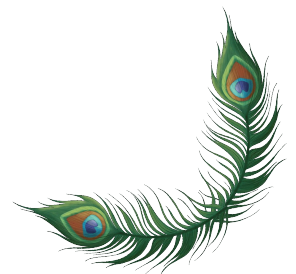


Sivarajah M, Malaysia – An ISKCON Life Member begs your blessings

Pranams to the Master His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. I'm an initiated disciple of Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha of Kerala. But I also follow the advice and teachings of Sankarshan Prabhu and I really appreciate his effort in bringing the spiritual message to all corners of the world. My only wish is that though I'm not an ISKCON follower, before I was initiated in 1984, I was a life member of ISKCON, Malaysia and as such I hope to receive Sankarshan Prabhu's blessings as per my spiritual upliftment.

Pranams,

M.Sivarajah, Malaysia





Subal Das, Klang Malaysia – Your guidance cannot be repaid

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances beneath the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your ever present mercy, Srila Gurudev.

Another year passes, more and more blessings of service fall upon us, and that is all evident by your mercy Srila Gurudev. It is by your divine mercy that we are able to remain in devotional service and we pray that you will continuously bless us with the inspiration to serve you. The material energy is constantly trying to get us to deviate from the joyous path that you so masterfully laid out for us, but by remembering you we are able to fight back. When we think of your incredible journey to establish and preach Krishna Consciousness around the globe, we are immediately moved to take seriously our respective services. What you have done for us can never be repaid, not in million lifetimes or even a billion lifetimes. We can only hope that our intelligence will always guide us to surrender to your will.

I sincerely thank you very much Srila Gurudev for all the mercy that you have showed on us all devotees, I pray that we can have the intelligence to take full advantage of your divine mercy. I wish you a wonderful Happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev.

Your servant,
Subal Das, Klang, Malaysia





Subhadra Devi Dasi, Canberra – praying for steadiness

Hare Krishna Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva.

Vyasapuja is an auspicious day and let me take this opportunity to glorify my Gurudev and Gurumata. Gurudeva, whenever I sing Guruvastakam prayers I get connected to you instantly and this tells me that I am eternally connected to my spiritual master. Last year, you blessed me and my family by coming to Canberra and I was feeling the bliss by serving you and Gurumata. I know I have made few mistakes in not executing the service properly, but I promise you that I will never commit such mistakes in the future. I beg at your lotus feet to forgive this fallen conditioned soul. In spite of our mistakes, you and Gurumata reciprocate with love and compassion towards us. The Ultimate Self-realization course is like a medicine for me, rejuvenating the mind and body and I thank you for your selfless service to many conditioned souls in the World.

I pray at your lotus feet that I remain steady in Krishna Consciousness. With your mercy and guidance, I pray that I shall get over my material desires and remain focused at the Lotus feet of Lord Sri Krishna. Gurudeva, you are doing the most excellent service for Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna. I pray for your good health so that you can continue to deliver the conditioned souls from the cycle of birth and death and awaken the pure love of God. Gurudev, I end this offering with my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

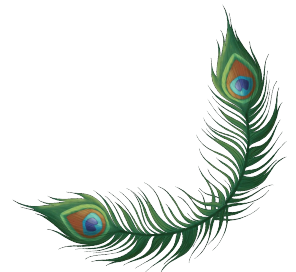
Hare Krishna,
Your humble servant,
Subhadra Devi Dasi, Canberra, Australia



Tungavidya Devi Dasi, Melbourne – Admires the clarity of Srila Gurudeva's teaching

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om vishu padaya krishna prestaya bhutale
srimati sankarshan das adhikarin iti namine*





I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Kindly accept my offering on this auspicious day of your appearance. Only by the mercy of spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of spiritual master one cannot make any advancement. Without the mercy of spiritual master there is no hope of any advancement in spiritual life. I really beg at his lotus feet, so that I can understand and serve my spiritual master, so that Krishna will be pleased.

I always remember Srila Gurudev's instructions as follows

*ye me bhakta-janah partha na me bhaktas ca te janah
mad-bhaktanam ca ye bhaktas te me bhaktanam matah*

Lord Krishna Himself says that those who consider themselves My devotee, I do not consider them as such but the devotee of My devotee is the top-level devotee of Mine (reference Adi-Purana). This is crystal clear for me how important it is to have a spiritual master. I always admire the clarity of Srila Gurudev's preaching and his examples which clears the foggy doubts that arise in my mind. May Krishna help Gurudev in this auspicious day to preach more and more as well as keep good health. So that he can deliver as many fallen souls like me.

Your Humble Servant
Tungavidya Devi Dasi, Melbourne, Australia





Srimad Bhagavatam Class in Melbourne Australia





Middle East

Bhuvana Pujita Radhika devi dasi, Nandasuta Govinda das, Bahrain - Indebted to you

Dear Siksha Guruji,
All Glories to Guru and Gauranga !!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupad!!
All Glories to you and mataji
Please accept our humble obeisances

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, we would like to express our sincere thanks for revealing us the essence of Srila Prabhupad's teachings through your Ultimate Self Realization emails daily.

We are indebted to you for your incessant efforts for guiding us in Krishna Consciousness.

Your Servants

Bhuvana Pujita Radhika devi dasi, Nandasuta Govinda das, Bahrain (Disciples of H.H.Jayapataka Maharaj)



Jaya Sree, Oman – Guru saving us from perils of life

Jay Shri Krishna,

Blessed are souls who have the thirst to read, speak and sing the Divine Songs of Shri Krishna and more Blessed are the disciples who have the patience and perseverance to abide by the teachings of their Guru.

A true disciple sees his Guru in all. The real meaning of a Guru is one who assists the disciple in expelling darkness. A Guru is the inner ruler without whom even a leaf will not move. A Guru is the guide in our life who saves us from the mundane existence and helps us in growing spiritually. Chanting of Hare Krishna Maha Mantra is the nector which will give everyone the ultimate Bliss and remove one from all the sins of thoughts and speech. A Guru is the one who will always protect all living beings from several perils of life.

When we have a guru like Swami Prabhupadha who has delivered so many fallen souls, who else do we require for the uplift of the mankind but those who are genuinely following Srila Prabhupada. May all the glories go to the lotus feet of our Guru Sri Sankarshan Das Adhikari who is Shri Krishna incarnate. May our Guru bless us with the right kind of attitude, spiritual blessing





and imbibe in us a sense of 'Universal Love'.

Let all the forms of animate and inanimate beings bask in the Universal Love and everlasting peace and happiness.

Jai Shri Krishna,
Jaya Sree, Oman



Mahavadanyaya Chaitanya Das & Satyavati Yashoda Devi Dasi, Oman – Happy Vyasa Puja!

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
All Glories to Gauranga Maha Prabhu,
All Glories to Nityananda Prabhu,
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to Our spiritual Master Srila Jaya Pataka Swamy Guru Maharaj
All Glories to Srila Sankarshana Das Adhikari Guru Maharaj and Guru Mata,

On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, the appearance day of Srila Gurudev, these fallen souls dared to make an attempt to give our offerings to your lotus feet in a humble way.

I had been introduced to "The Ultimate Self Realization" by one of our senior devotees few months back. Since then I am regularly going through your lectures and Question- Answers. I am making efforts to enrich my insignificant knowledge on Bhagavadgita and Srimad Bhagavatam. We are really indebted to you.

You reiterated in one of your messages in The Ultimate self-realization that one has to find out a guru who is in the disciple succession or Guru Parampara. Where do we find unbroken Guru parampara except in ISKCON?

I and my wife took 1st initiation from HH Srila Jaya Pataka Swamy on 31st January 2014 in Muscat. Our initiated names are Mahavadanyaya Chaitanya Das and Satyavathi Yashoda Devi Dasi. We are Indian nationals and presently staying in Oman.

We are daily getting your mails and become aware of the activities you are taking to spread Krishna consciousness throughout the world. As a disciple of HDG Srila AC Bhakti Vedanta Swami, you are putting your Heart & Soul in preaching and distribution of Books. We feel proud to be associated with you, even remotely through electronic media.

With all our heart, we pray to "The Supreme Personality of God Head Lord Sri Krishna" to give Gurudev long and healthy life to continue the task entrusted to him by Srila Prabhupada.

Once again we wish you a very Happy Vyasa Puja.





Please bless us to be in Krishna Bhakti always and under all circumstances.

Hare Krishna,
Conditioned and Fallen Souls,
Your Servants of Servants of.....servants,
Mahavadnyaya Chaitanya Das and Satyvathi Yashoda Devi Dasi, Oman (disciples of His Holiness
Jayapataka Swami Maharaja)



Muralinatha Krishna Dasa - Immensely grateful for the gift of Krishna Consciousness

Hare Krishna Prabhu ji,
Hare Krishna
Please Accept My Humble Obeisances

I am immensely grateful to you for giving me the gift of Krishna consciousness, your daily thoughts are an inspiration.

It is so helpful and motivate in material as well as spiritual life ...

I am always dedicated to your grace.

Humbly,
Your Servant,
Muralinatha Krishna Dasa (Disciple of His Holiness Jayapataka Swami Maharaja)





Para Bhakti Devi Dasi, Rasika Krishna Das, Oman - Thank you for shelter

Dear Gurudev,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumata!
All glories to Srila Prabhupad!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarsana-dasadhikarin iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha-uttama-bhakti-varsine*

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

Oh follower of Srila Prabhupada! Oh personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who spreads the domain of Lord Caitanya, with showers of pure devotional service."

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-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."

Srila Gurudev, on this most auspicious occasion of your 2014 Vyasa Puja, please accept our deepest gratitude for accepting us as your initiated disciples. Thank you for connecting us in this way to the disciplic succession to which you belong to and revealing our eternal relationship to your divine grace. Thank you for being so compassionate on us and re-joining us to our lost divine family.

We want nothing but to serve you well, in a way that pleases you, and Lord Krishna.
Thank you for allowing us the honor of serving you and Gurumataji.

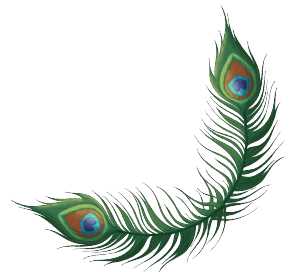
All glories to you! All glories to you! All glories to you! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Your mercy is our only hope.

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

Your insignificant servants,

Para Bhakti Devi Dasi, Rasika Krishna Das, Oman





Prashant Joshi, UAE - I have no one other than you as my saviour

My dear Gurudev,

Dandvat Pranaam
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Although I am still not initiated, I am surviving just because you are providing your shield and unlimited blessings on me. O dear master, please provide me the strength and capacity to get initiated and the favourable circumstances to be your servant and in Krishna bhakti eternally. I bow to you and without your mercy, I cannot even think of progressing further. Please shower your blessings on me to serve you and Lord Krishna in better way. My next goal is to get initiated but I know that I am still not to that level where I need to chant 16 rounds and follow all the rules. I am stuck at this level for a very long time and need a much required impetus and thrust from you to sail ahead.

Kindly bless me with the strength and will power to overcome this defect of laziness and tardiness. Please help me O dear Gurudev. I have no one other than you as my saviour.

Your servant.
Prashant, UAE

Sabu P Krishnan, Doha, Qatar – Your good health and more Krishna’s mercy

Hare Krishna guruji,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

It feels me very much fortunate that by the mercy of Lord Sri Krishna, the God provided me an opportunity to write few words on this auspicious occasion.

Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikariji is such a soul that there is no words to explain because you are indeed very much blessed by the Lord. Your devotional service is incomparable. By the mercy of Lord Krishna & Srila Prabhupada you are providing light and truth to many fallen souls like me. Your teachings and answers for the questions are very much logic and awakening.

I pray to Lord Krishna for your good health and may Krishna pour more mercy on you for spreading Krishna Consciousness to the entire world should become to be awakened in Krishna Prema.

With love and pranam,
A fallen soul,
Sabu P Krishna, Doha, Qatar





Shine Sudersanan, Oman, Muscat – Please bless us

Hare Krishna

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Jai Gurudev, all blessings, also requested to bless all of us in the name of KRISHNA to surrender completely with the feet of Krishna.

Thanks and regards,
Shine Sudersanan

Siva Shankar Mani, Kuwait - We are very very fortunate to have your association

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj
Dandvat Pranams at your lotus feet.
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to Guru and Gauranga.

On this glorious day of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to pray to the lotus feet of their lordship to Sree Sree Radha Krishna for your long life, as we can see you are fully dedicated in their service and to spread Srila Prabhupada message around the globe.
Everytime I read your daily thoughts and Q&A, I feel so inspired because your answers are with very high clarity and right to the point.
We are very very fortunate to have your association through daily mails.
Please bless this world more and more with Krishna Bhakti.
All Glories to your sincere service in the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your insignificant servant

Siva Shankar Mani, Kuwait

Sunil Kataria, Dubai, UAE - You are truly the "Internet Guru"

Hare Krishna dear Gurudeva,

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

I believe I have subscribed to your e-course for over 3 years now, and I have started following Krishna Consciousness from almost the same time. Every morning, I look forward to reading your





email containing an amazing Thought of the day and a Vedic wise & intellectual answer to an interesting question. .

Though I have not had the good fortune to have your darshans in person, I must say that by reading your emails through Ultimate Self-Realization on a regular basis, it has given me a lot of impetus to advance in Krishna Consciousness (whatever little I have) over this period.

For me, you are truly the "Internet Guru" as HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj once referred you when he invited you for Lunch in Mayapur.

Thank you for all the mercy that you have been showering on me over the medium of internet.

Your servant,
Sunil Kataria, Dubai, UAE



Srivatsa Das SDA, Doha, Qatar – Kindly accept me at your lotus feet

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarsana-dasadhikarin iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha- uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Kindly accept, at your lotus feet, my humble greetings for the 2014 Vyasa Puja.
You are one of the perfect disciple of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your highly inspirational, selfless and consistent service to Srila Prabhupada.
You are a perfect spiritual master to whose lotus feet anybody would like to take shelter on.
After you gave me initiation, everything is started falling in place. My life is now well placed to lead a Krishna Conscious life. Your mercy is unlimited. Now, I need a complete shelter and kindly accept me at your lotus feet.
With a budding desire to be fully immersed in your service 24x7,
A struggling soul,
Srivatsa Das, Doha, Qatar



Suganthi Lakshminarayanan – Humble and Sincere Pranams

HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE





HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE

Please accept my Infinite and Humble Pranams to Guru Maharaja

I am thanking Radharani and Krishna to making me associated with our most lovable, affectionate, caring, true devotee of Krishna, loving disciple of Srila Prabhupada, with the only aim to make Sri Krishna accessible to all in the world, as per instructions from Srila Prabhupada.

Thanks to my Bhaiya to join me in this class enabling to get the Blessings of Guru Maharaj, to Think of Krishna, Know about Krishna.

Blessed are those who are Disciples of our Guru Maharaj. I am also blessed because Guru Maharaja showers his affection on this lowly fallen soul.

Guru Maharaja'S deep love for Krishna and his compassion to all, in this Kali Yuga is really a blessing to all of us. With all the loving affection showered on us, we will certainly go to Krishna Loka, if we accept all the instructions.

Hare Krishna!

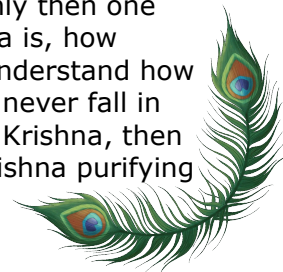
a lowly, fallen and undeserving soul
always your humble servant
Suganthi Lakshminarayanan

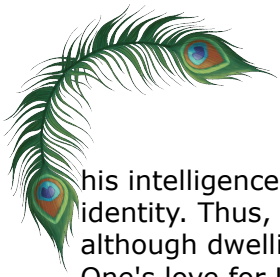
West Asia, Africa & Mauritius

Acyutananda Das, Mauritius – Look forward to better serving you

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga,
Dear Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances,

It is a great privilege to write a vyasa puja offering to you. On the most auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja I would like to share some of the many valuable teachings & instructions you have given during your last visit to Mauritius. This will help all to strengthen their Krsna consciousness and increase their faith in the holy name. First you have taught that Krsna Consciousness is never lost meaning that the spiritual advancement one makes in Krsna Consciousness is never lost. One must continuously keep faith in the process and serve the guru and vaisnavas to the best of his ability. One must be patient and serious in his sadhana bhakti, associate as much as possible with the devotees, taking care not to compromise with materialists engaged in sense gratification. You also explained how to fall in love with Krishna. Anyone who wants to be attracted to Krishna must hear about Krishna, read about Krishna, associate with Krishna's devotees, only then one will realize how beautiful Krishna is, how intelligent Krishna is, how powerful Krishna is, how generous Krishna is, how loving Krishna is. It is only by this process that one can understand how Krishna is present in his heart. And if one can develop this love for Krishna one will never fall in love with anybody else or develop lusty desires. When, with the mind one thinks of Krishna, then the mind is spiritualized, then one can use the intelligence to plan how to please Krishna purifying

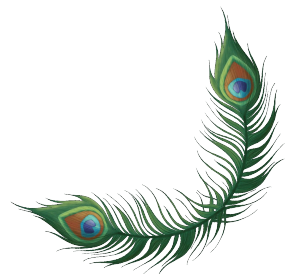




his intelligence. One then engages in serving Krishna, transforming the false ego into his real identity. Thus, the soul becomes free from the bondage of subtle body. At that time the soul, although dwelling in the gross body, becomes free from its bondage attaining the *jivan mukta* stage. One's love for Krsna must be selfless and unconditional. Expression of that love is 'whether you embrace me or whether you reject me, whether you kick me away, still you are my Lord. Besides you I don't know anybody!'

I look forward to better serving you during your forthcoming visits to Mauritius.

Your insignificant servant,
Acyutananda Das, Mauritius





Arcana Siddhi Devi Dasi, Mauritius - I relish all your mercy

My Dear Srila Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet
All glories to you
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan dasadhikarin 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Srila Gurudev, we wish you many many happy returns of the Vyasa Puja day. My life was aimless before I met you. Mercifully you have shown this fallen soul the highest goal of life and also the way to achieve the same as well. But this is surely my ignorance that I have put very little endeavor to head towards the goal. The way to Krishna appears easy but for impure souls like me





it's an uphill task. Gurudev you have been very kind by picking me up from the street of maya and place me in your personal care. I am eternally indebted to you for your daily instructions and training with fine details imparted so perfectly. I relish and also repeatedly glorify the fact that in spite of your super busy preaching schedule and intense travelling itinerary, you meticulously answer all our questions and clear our doubts. I pray at your lotus feet please bless us to become sincere servants and staunch followers of your instructions.

Gurudev, I still make many mistakes and commit offences whenever I serve you but you are so kind to this useless servant that you not only patiently tolerate me but also showering your unending mercy upon me by allowing me to serve you personally. Gurudev I relish all the chastising nectar I get as maha Prasad from you so please keep chastising me, correcting me and instructing me, you do whatever you like with this servant of yours but please do not move me away from the loving service of your lotus feet.

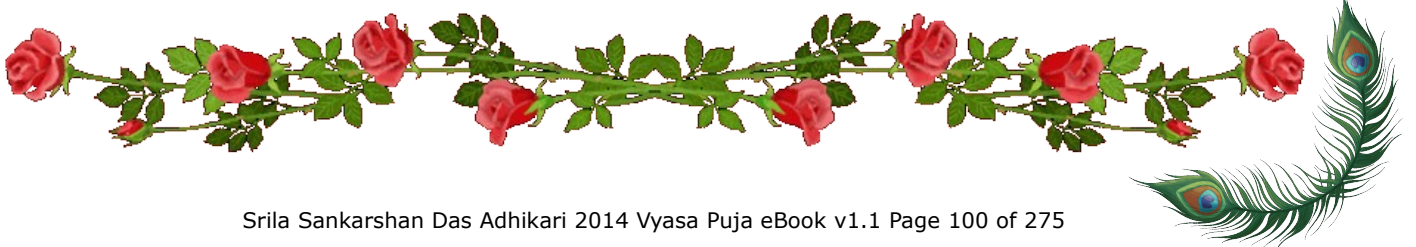
I pray to Sri Sri Radhagolokananda to always protect you, bless you with a long and healthy life so that for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada you can carry on expanding this movement all around the world

Your eternal servant and disciple

Arcana Siddhi Devi Dasi, Mauritius



Teaching the Path of Pure Krishna Bhakti, Quatres Bornes, Mauritius





Bhakta das, South Africa - A loving Father You Truly are

Dear Sankarshan Das Adikari Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus feet.

All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

All Glories to Iskcon Founder Acarya HDG Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa Puja Maharaj!

Maharaj, I read your emails daily and find the nectar contained therein absolutely inspirational. For many years now, your daily emails have become a guiding light to start off my day in a very enlivening way.

Your wonderful words of sublime wisdom is like the brilliant rays of the sun , relieving the earthly burdens of the general masses, allowing them to take shelter of HDG Srila Prabhupada & Iskcon and experience the blissful nature of spiritual life in direct association with Krishna !

A real expert father you are - always readily providing nectarian words of wisdom, support, encouragement to all.

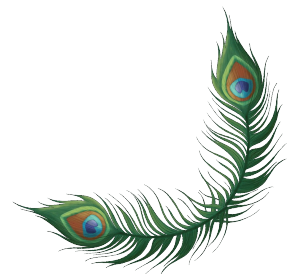
A loving Father You Truly are
An exemplary servant of your Glorious master
So caring and affectionate to us All
Filled with grandeur and bliss
Only wanting to share
The Love to one and All
Such a loving father you are
To us All

Thank you, Maharaj, for your inspiring daily meditations and guidance and we pray that we can always have your Divine association & instructions - at least in these wonderful ways !

Thank you

Your servant

Bhakta das, South Africa (initiated disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj)





Revealing the Root Cause of All the World's Problems, Pretoria, South Africa



Charlene Luthman, South Africa – quite life changing

Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet

A few years ago I came across your ultimate self realization emails, signed up for it, and began reading it daily.

This was quite life changing

Slowly I began to understand more about Krishna consciousness

A wonder did I have

About how this world was created and where we actually came from

This thought used to bug me since childhood





I sent my first email to you and asked you this question
Upon reading your reply, in an instant you smashed my ignorance and enlightened me
I have mailed you many times since
You dear kind soul have always helped clear my ignorance
Thank you so much
You are all inspiring and merciful
You selflessly surrendered to your Guru Maharaj, His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada
And you are serving nicely in His mission of spreading Krishna consciousness around the world
I am most fortunate to have had your association
Please accept my earnest expression of gratitude
I hope to be of some service to you one day
May you always remain blissful in Krishna consciousness
I pray to receive the blessings of the dust of your lotus feet.

your insignificant servant
Charlene, South Africa

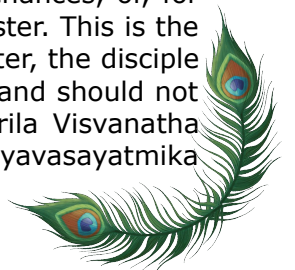


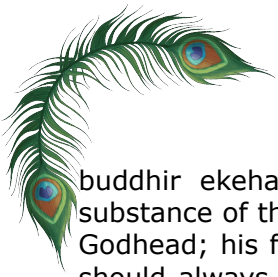
Chitralekha devi dasi, Durban, South Africa – You are inspirational

Dear Maharaja,
Hare Krishna
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you Maharaja on this blessed day of your Sri Vyasa Puja.

Your level of commitment, control and capacity to face challenges and overcome them is an inspirational incentive captured so unequivocally in your daily posting of Today's Thought and Answers by Citing the Vedic Version.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam: 4:24:15; it is stated that to perform austerities or penances, or, for that matter, any form of devotional service, one has to be guided by a spiritual master. This is the secret of success. After being initiated and receiving the orders of the spiritual master, the disciple should unhesitatingly think about the instructions or orders of the spiritual master and should not allow themselves to be disturbed by anything else. This is also the verdict of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura, who, while explaining a verse of Bhagavad Gita: 2:41; (vyavasayatmika





buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana), points out that the order of the spiritual master is the life substance of the disciple. The disciple should not consider whether he is going back home, back to Godhead; his first business should be to execute the order of his spiritual master. Thus a disciple should always meditate on the order of the spiritual master, and that is perfectional meditation. Not only should the disciple meditate upon that order, but he should find out the means by which he can perfectly worship and execute it. Indeed Maharaja; you advocate this principle of honourable seva to your spiritual master; His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada Founder Acharya of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). I pray for your continued ability to spread the teachings of Srila Prabhupada and the Holy Name to be persistently fruitful and rewarding.

Haribol!
Your servant,
Chitralkha devi dasi, Durban, South Africa



Kesaven Pandamanikum, Vacoas, Mauritius – You are a Srila Prabhupada man

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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srimate sankarsana-dasadhikarin iti namine
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gauradesa-vikasartha-uttama-bhakti-varsine*

First of all, let me wish you Srila Gurudeva a very Happy Vyasa Puja.

As my devotional life progresses, I realize that it is the spiritual master through his causeless mercy who is in fact helping me to move along the path of bhakti. Following your last visit in June 2013, I could feel that many of the things that clouded my mind or which kept me in a dilemma for long were actually gone. This is because you are Srila Prabhupada man. I say this because you don't deviate even an inch from what Srila Prabhupada says and that is helping me tremendously in my sadhana. On this auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja, I pray and pray that you always guide me so that I become fixed up in Krishna Consciousness.

Wishing you courage and success in serving the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant
Kesaven, Vacoas, Mauritius





Mani Manjari Devi Dasi, South Africa – You are true representative of Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krsna His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj,

All glories to Lord Jagannath / Baladev / Lady Subadhra

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath

All glories to Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious Vyasa Puja. Thank you for all your inspiring lectures. The one that amazed me most was how you carried out your Guru Maharaj's instruction and collected Lakshmi to Build the Temple. Maharaj please give me a little mercy from the Dust of your Lotus Feet so I will be able to follow my Guru's instruction and distribute Prabhupada's Books. Maharaj you are true Representative of Srila Prabhupada.

Your ever well wisher

Mani Manjari Devi Dasi, South Africa



Nashvin Gangaram, Durban, South Africa – You chisel away the ignorance

Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to You and Guru Mataji.

Thank you for your continued service of "Thought for the day". These daily e-mails continue to chisel away the ignorance in my stone-like heart, so I am grateful for them.

I am also grateful that during this year I had the good fortune of personally meeting one of your dearest, humble disciple. He is an exemplary personality, and I am sure that this is a reflection of your qualities. One can understand the nature of a tree by the fruit it bears.

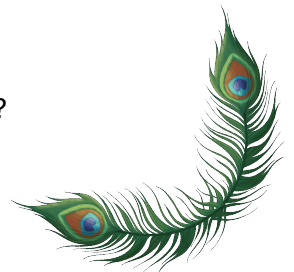
As usual, I would like to present some of my favourites of your communications from this year:

http://sda-archives.com/tftd/tftd/2014/sep/tftd_090714.html#W

Question: Spiritual Growth Depends on Piety?

Is a person's spiritual growth in any way dependent on pious and impious activities?

Answer: Eagerness for Krishna is More Important





Piety is helpful to make one open to Krishna consciousness. But a most sinful person can take to Krishna consciousness before a pious person if he is eager to become Krishna conscious. Remember the thief who went to Vrindavan to steal Krishna's jewels? He was so eager to see Krishna to steal His jewels. But when he finally saw Krishna he became a pure devotee.

The following verse makes this point very clear:

krsna-bhakti-rasa-bhavita matih

kriyatam yadi kuto 'pi labhyate

tatra laulyam api mulyam ekalam

janma-koti-sukrtair na labhyate

"Pure devotional service in Krishna consciousness cannot be had even by pious activity in hundreds and thousands of lives. It can be attained only by paying one price-that is, intense greed to obtain it. If it is available somewhere, one must purchase it without delay."

Once one accepts the path of bhakti he must be pious, following the regulative principles and not engaged in the impiety of breaking the regulative principles. But it is not that simply by piety one can awaken pure love of God within in the heart. It is by intensely calling out to the Lord with love that attracts His mercy for the awakening of prema bhakti within the heart. In short, piety is required, but one must go beyond piety. Piety will establish one in the mode of goodness. But the mode of goodness will not liberate one from the cycle of birth and death.

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Question: Difference Between Humility and Low Self-Esteem?

Is there any essential difference between humility and low self-esteem? It seems that the dividing line between the two is very thin. How do we understand both and apply in our practical life?

Answer: Truly Humble Have the Highest Self-Esteem

There is a gulf of difference between humility and low self-esteem. Those who possess the highest self-esteem are those truly humble persons who realize that they are not their bodies that they are instead the eternal spirit-soul servitors of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Those who possess the lowest self-esteem are those proud rascals who foolishly consider the self to be a rotting bag of blood, flesh, stool, urine, and vomit. Therefore if you want to enjoy the highest, more perfect self-esteem you should fully surrender yourself unto Lord Sri Krishna through the transparent via medium of the bona fide spiritual master.

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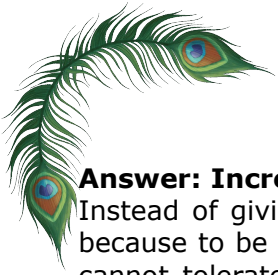
Question: How to Not Be Disturbed by Atrocities of Terrorists?

Some times when I read or hear about Islamist fanatics my mind gets disturbed. The way these guys are doing bloodshed in every part of the world and the way they are willing to kill every non-Muslim in the world really gives me lot of hard emotions. I fell like that I should join the war against them and protect our people.

I understand that this type of mentality is not good for a neophyte devotee like me. We need to think beyond this body as we are souls but somehow I am not able to get out of this. Every time I am dragged into this by reading news or watching videos on internet.

Please suggest me a way out of this. Please tell me what should be the mood of a devotee when there is a danger of physical attack based on faith.





Answer: Increase Your Feelings of Disturbance

Instead of giving up such disturbance, I encourage you to increase your feelings of disturbance because to be disturbed seeing the abuse of others is one the symptoms of a Vaisnava. Devotees cannot tolerate seeing the torture and exploitation of others. Therefore you should not give up your disturbed mentality. Keeping this mentality firmly within your heart you should dedicate yourself fully to Lord Caitanya's movement of delivering the poor suffering souls of this world from illusion by spreading the Krishna consciousness movement as much as you possibly can during your lifetime. In this way you will be instrumental in bringing out a respiritualization of the human society and the curbing down of the demoniac mentality, which is currently ever-increasingly polluting the human society.

If there is a physical attack of a devotee in your presence, you must do the needful to protect that devotee from harm even at the risk of your own life. On one occasion many years ago in Miami, USA our temple was besieged by armed bandits. They had a gun at the head of one of our women and demanded that the devotees get down on the floor. Instead of co-operating with these rascals I yelled loudly the name of Lord Nrsimhadeva. Momentarily the gun instead was pointed at me. But then soon by Lord Nrsimhadeva's grace the bandits were running like scared bunny rabbits back out into the dark night from where they had come, never to return again.

http://sda-archives.com/tftd/tftd/2014/aug/tftd_080414.html

What They Call Science is Actually Nescience

Much of what is nowadays being glorified in the world as science is not truly science. Why? Because it is not being conducted scientifically. It is not following the scientific method, which is based on systematic observation, measurement, and experiment. For example, a gentleman who is proclaimed as the world's leading scientist states as unequivocal truth that everything comes out of absolutely nothing. But where is the systematic observation, measurement, and experiment to confirm his concocted hypothesis? It simply does not exist. No one has ever observed something coming out of nothing, nor is there an experiment that one can conduct in a laboratory to derive something out of nothing. But yet, this foolish concoction is being propounded as the basic truth underlying our existence. This is why Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur says we are living a society of the cheaters and the cheated.

If you want to know things as they really are, you can easily do so without being misled by these rascal so-called scientists. All you have to do is purify your senses, and then you can personally experience which is the underlying truth supporting all of existence. This truth is described by the greatest scientist in the universe. Lord Brahma, in his Brahma-samhita, text 5.41 as follows:

*maya hi yasya jagad-anda-satani sute
traigunya-tad-visaya-veda-vitayamana
sattvavalambi-para-sattvam visuddha-sattvam
govindam adi-purusam tam aham bhajami*

"I worship Govinda, the primeval Lord, who is the absolute substantive principle being the ultimate entity in the form of the support of all existence whose external potency embodies the threefold mundane qualities, viz., sattva, rajas and tamas and diffuses the Vedic knowledge regarding the mundane world."

So do yourself a favor. Don't be a blind follower of the so-called scientists. Become a true scientist by following the tradition of those who know things as they actually are.





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Question: I Can't Follow Krishna. Please Help Me.

Please help. I am a total failure. Please forgive me, it is impossible for me to strictly follow the process of Krishna consciousness. It is too difficult. What to do now? You are my only hope.

Answer: Do Whatever You Can and You Will Advance

If you are still within the clutches of maya or illusion and thus cannot yet get free from slavery to your senses, simply follow whatever you can of this liberating process of Krishna consciousness and gradually you will get the strength to embrace all the regulative principles of freedom.

In this connection Srila Prabhupada explains in his purport to Bhagavad-gita 3.31:

"In the beginning of Krishna consciousness, one may not fully discharge the injunctions of the Lord, but because one is not resentful of this principle and works sincerely without consideration of defeat and hopelessness, he will surely be promoted to the stage of pure Krishna consciousness."

So even if you cannot now strictly follow all the regulative principles of Krishna consciousness, if you will simply maintain your respect for them and enthusiastically practice whatever you are able to, that day will come when you will become a pure devotee and relish the sweetest happiness on unadulterated bhakti.

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Question: How to Maintain Enthusiasm?

I have a question for you. How do you personally maintain enthusiasm in your daily sadhana (devotional practices). What's your mantra? The feedback will be published in our monthly newsletter for July. This will help our readers in their devotional service.

Answer: Hold Tightly to Your Guru's Orders

When I was new devotee I received the following instruction from Srila Prabhupada in a letter dated 7 September 1971 just before he departed from London for Nairobi:

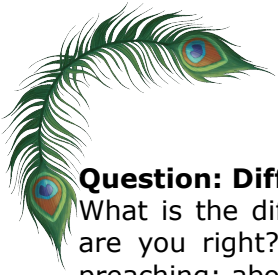
"I can see also that you are a very sincere and enthusiastic boy and are anxious for spreading this movement. Those are first class qualifications for making advancement in Krishna Consciousness. So continue enthusiastically as you are doing and Krishna will surely bless you."

This personal instruction from Srila Prabhupada has the basis of my unbroken enthusiasm for the last 43 years in spite of so many ups and downs that one naturally experiences in their daily devotional life. In other words, the key to unbroken enthusiasm is that you must always hold on tightly to the instructions you have received from your spiritual master and never let go. This is the secret.

Another thing that has given me a lifetime of enthusiasm in this letter was that after signing it with a pen, with the same pen Srila Prabhupada added a PS: "On Friday night we are going to Nairobi." This told me that along with his accepting me officially as his disciple he was also accepting me intimately as his son.

http://sda-archives.com/tftd/tftd/2014/jun/tftd_061014.html#W





Question: Difference Between Catholic and Vaisnava Philosophy

What is the difference between Vaishnava philosophy and Catholic philosophy? And why exactly are you right? If we live only one time, why should I do all what you do (or what you are preaching: about karma, life after death in God's kingdom, about eternal devotional service)?

Answer: Essentially the Same

Vaisnava philosophy and Catholic philosophy are essentially the same because Jesus is a Vaisnava, a devotee of the Supreme Lord. I am right because it is confirmed in the Bible.

We don't live only once. This is confirmed in the Bible which describes how John the Baptist is a reincarnation of the prophet Elijah. Reincarnation is also confirmed in John 9:1-2 as follows:

"As he went along he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

The disciples are asking Jesus if the man was born blind because he was sinful in his previous lifetime or because his parents were sinful. This proves that original Christians accepted the existence of reincarnation.

http://sda-archives.com/tftd/tftd/2014/may/tftd_050214.html#W

Complaint: You Should Not Have Used the Word "Rascal"

I am too small to suggest anything to you. And I not sure how you will receive it. In a recent question/answer on the Bhagavad-Gita you have used the word, "rascal", which should be avoided. Better words chosen will elevate wisdom and Krishna consciousness. Maybe you were angry and that caused you to use that strong word. If am wrong in my express, please forgive me.

Answer: Krishna Uses It. We Are Just His Messengers.

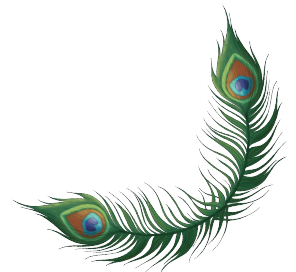
Since Krishna has labeled the non-devotees as rascals it is our duty is to carry the message of Krishna exactly how He spoke it. Thus it is our duty to speak the truth that the non-devotees are rascals. If we were to change the words of Krishna, this would be an act of irreligion. A messenger must always faithfully repeat the words of his master without addition or subtraction.

This has nothing to do with anger. It is a factual statement, just like the judge may factually rule that a man is guilty of being a criminal, and the reporter then broadcasts without anger the judge's verdict to the people in general.

If we don't like to hear these words of Krishna, it is because we are ourselves rascals and do not want to be exposed.

Rascal means one who does what should not be done. Therefore you are, in a roundabout way, calling me a rascal for using the word rascal.

A servant of your servants,
Nashvin, Durban, South Africa





Prahalada dasa, Mauritius - Devotees like your good self are holy pilgrimage sites

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your appearance in this world.
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-prestaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan dasadhikarin 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

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

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.

After meditating on the above verse, I can only think of prostrating at your lotus feet, for your lotus feet is the only way to attain pure devotional service and obtain the mercy of Krishna.

This is also confirmed by Krishna himself to Arjun in Adi Purana, which I constantly hear from your lectures:

*ye me bhakta-janah partha
na me bhaktas ca te janah
mad-bhaktanam ca ye bhaktas
te me bhakta-tama matah*

'Those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees





of My servant are factually My devotees.'

Even all the revealed scriptures recommends that the spiritual master be honoured as much as the Supreme Lord.

Although I am not qualified, I cannot, but repeatedly bow down to your lotus feet and beg for mercy.

More so, your determination to serve Srila Prabhupada's movement and help him in his mission of inundating the entire world with Krishna's Prema "sunami" Bhakti without diverting from Prabhupada's Vani inspires me a lot.

So when reading Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 chapter 13 Verse no. 10, I just have you in my mind:

*bhavad-vidha bhagavatas
tirtha-bhutah svayam vibho
tirthi-kurvanti tirthani
svantah-sthena gadabhrita*

"My Lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage."

Srila Gurudev, your good self is now able of reaching more than 100 countries and broadcasting your famous Thought of the Day to more than 16,000 fallen soul like me, every day without fail.

I, therefore, humbly pray at your lotus feet Srila Gurudev that you to give me more taste to offenselessly chant the holy name.

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa-Puja celebration
Your most fallen servant
Prahlada das, Mauritius



Prajan Maharaj, Durban, South Africa – Without you I would be lost

Hare Krishna

Your thought of the day messages is helping me every day to remain focussed on my spiritual life. All thanks goes to you. Without you I will still be lost, at least now I have some direction in my life.

All glories to you Maharaj.

Hare Krishna

Prajan Maharaj, Durban, South Africa





Sandeep Dosieah, Rose Hill, Mauritius – May I become a worthy aspiring disciple

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan das adhikarin 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila prabhupada.

All glories Sri Guru and Gauranga & all glories to you Sri Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

You always state we must hear from guru, the Holy Scriptures & the saintly teachers. Being a saintly teacher, also such a wonderful and loving spiritual master you repeatedly pointed from the *Sastra* that we must dovetail our every thoughts, words and deeds in all time, place and circumstances to Krishna consciousness. But I never imagined that the word cyclone or anti-cyclone could ever be dovetailed to Krishna consciousness.

Here in Mauritius we have mercy of having frequent scheduled visit of gurus on one hand and on the other we have totally unexpected visits of cyclones during summer time and anti-cyclones during winter. I can still remember one of your beautiful pastimes with us on one of your stay in Mauritius during winter time. Simultaneously an anti-cyclone was also present around the island which was bringing down the temperature a little more.

After offering your beautiful deities of Radha Damodar arti using perfumes incense you were putting their Lordship to rest and in the meanwhile Guru Mata was leading kirtan. Unfortunately the fumes emanating from the incense still circulating in the air choked Guru Mata and she started to cough heavily. Panic stricken and always driven by a loving mood of service Archana Siddhi, your first disciple in Mauritius, instructed her elder son to bring a glass of water. But in the turmoil of events she thought it right to continue leading the kirtan exactly where Guru Mata left it. It is the duty of advanced devotees to correct young ones when they are erroneous. Even in her difficulty to breath, she stuck to the duty of correcting Archana Siddhi through heavy chastisement. Alarmed by the situation, you came out rushing of the altar room inquiring what was going on. I can still remember that fierce look towards us specifically pointed to Archana Siddhi as you understood what happened. Then nodding your head with disappointment you went back to serve the lord again. There was a total shun of silence in the living room. After your service you lectured to us shortly how it was a great offence we have committed and told my god sister how she was saved from your chastisement as you were in the mood of putting the Radha Damodar to rest. At that very moment you dovetailed the prevailing cyclonic weather to the situation. You said:

"Like a cyclone apparently bringing devastation to agriculture but at the same time it fills all the reservoirs with fresh water. The gurus' chastisement may sometimes seem very heavy but it fills our reservoir with mercy and blessing. The cyclone drives away drought, the chastisement will fade away your ignorance filling the heart with transcendental knowledge"





Whenever we come to welcome you at the airport, we impatiently wait to get your first darshan. From a distance you always wave at us and I remember this particular pastime. I say to myself, here comes my expected cyclone and I pray may your chastisement bring permanent destruction to my ignorance and my stupid desire of enjoying this world. Your association has the full potency of driving away my lusty, greedy, angry, illusioned, crazy, lazy and envious thoughts. May I forever bid farewell to these anarthas in my heart and become the standard aspiring disciple that your grace deserves.

On these few insignificant words, I wish you many happy returns of the day dearest gurudev. Eagerly waiting for your next visit, December 2014, here to our little island which you lovingly address as "Delicious Mauritius".

Hare krsna

Your fallen servant
Sandeep Dosieah, Rose-Hill, Mauritius.



Sarisha Harrychund, Durban, South Africa – Your unfailing commitment is amazing

*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

Dearest Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja,
Hare Krsna!

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories to you on the most glorious day of your Vyasa-Puja!

Thank you, Maharaja, for your constant inspiration and spiritual motivation through your Ultimate Self-Realisation Course daily newsletters. Your simple, clear understanding of Krsna consciousness, your straightforward answers to questions, and your unfailing commitment to your daily online preaching newsletter never ceases to amaze me.

I pray that there may never be a limit to the number of individuals who come into contact with you online; so that countless persons, like me, may be blessed with the rare opportunity to have the sacred guidance of a spiritual master.

Haribol!

Your aspiring servant
Sarisha Harrychund, Durban, South Africa





Shaun Mangal, Durban, South Africa – you inspired me in time of need

Dear Maharaja,

You have given me so much knowledge and inspiration in my time of need via your "Thought for the Day" E-Mails. Please bless me so that I may always remain a servant of the Vaisnavas. I am writing this in heartfelt love and kindness toward you, all Glories to Yourself and Srila Prabhupada!

your servant,

Shaun Mangal, Durban, South Africa



Sridama Das, Vacoas, Mauritius – Your writing and speech are a treasure

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories unto you.

On the occasion of your Vyasa Puja, it is once again a great privilege for me to write this offering. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for all the inspirations and encouragements you have conveyed to fallen souls like me through your teachings. I now realise that Krishna consciousness is a very gradual process. But with your kind mercy quick advancement on this path is possible.

Every day I look forward to reading your 'Thought of the Day' to get new inspirations to carry on with my daily Krishna consciousness. Your recorded lectures are also a treasure waiting to be relished by one and all. Dear Gurudev you are tirelessly touring the globe on the order of Srila Prabhupada trying your best to deliver the whole world from this miserable material entanglement. I pray to Lord Krishna to bestow you with sound health so that that you succeed in your mission.

Dear Srila Gurudev once again please accept my humble obeisances. I beg for your blessings so that I can make some progress on the spiritual path and that I develop a taste for constantly chanting the holy names of Lord Krishna. Without your mercy and guidance this cannot be possible.

Thank you once again!
Your insignificant Servant





Sridama Das, Vacoas, Mauritius



Sunanda Das, Mauritius – Waiting for the opportunity to serve you

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswate deve gauravani pracarine
nivisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

All Glories to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj

All Glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. I seize this opportunity to purify myself in remembering, glorifying, and expressing my gratitude unto you.

I wish you a very happy vyasa puja Maharaj.

Maharaj, I have seen you in Mauritius twice. And that was very brief darshan I got. Though I have never talked to you I feel that a relationship exist. You are the son of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Prabhupada is my spiritual grandfather. So we are related.

You are no doubt a sincere follower of Srila Prabhupada and is serving his movement wholeheartedly, and whole soulfully. You are an ocean of mercy indeed that you are helping so





many conditioned souls on their way back home, back to godhead.

I hope that one day I may also get an opportunity to serve you and get your mercy. May you live a long long life.

Thank you Maharaj, you gave me an opportunity to purify myself.

Dasanudas,

Sunanda Das, Mauritius (An initiated disciple of His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaj)



Visakha Devi Dasi, Mauritius - May you be successful in your mission

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your appearance in this world.

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-prestaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikarin iti namine*

I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

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

On this auspicious celebration of your Vyas puja, once again I have the opportunity to express my immense dedication towards You, Srila Gurudev.

However, travelling around the world and distributing Bhagavad Parsad to the fallen soul is indeed a painstaking endeavour. Very few people would do it and you are very fortunate with the mercy of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada.

May you be successful in your mission to accomplish the instruction of your Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Your daily, inspiring, and enriching thought for the day really paved our way towards Krishna Consciousness.





Maya is so strong in this material world that only with your guidance through your Thought for the day, maya relieves me from the troubles of this mundane world. Hence its nectar eases most of my queries.

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa-Puja celebration
Your very fallen servant
Visakha Devi Dasi, Mauritius





Akrura Das, Sweden – You are the rescuer of so many souls

Dear Gurumaharaja,

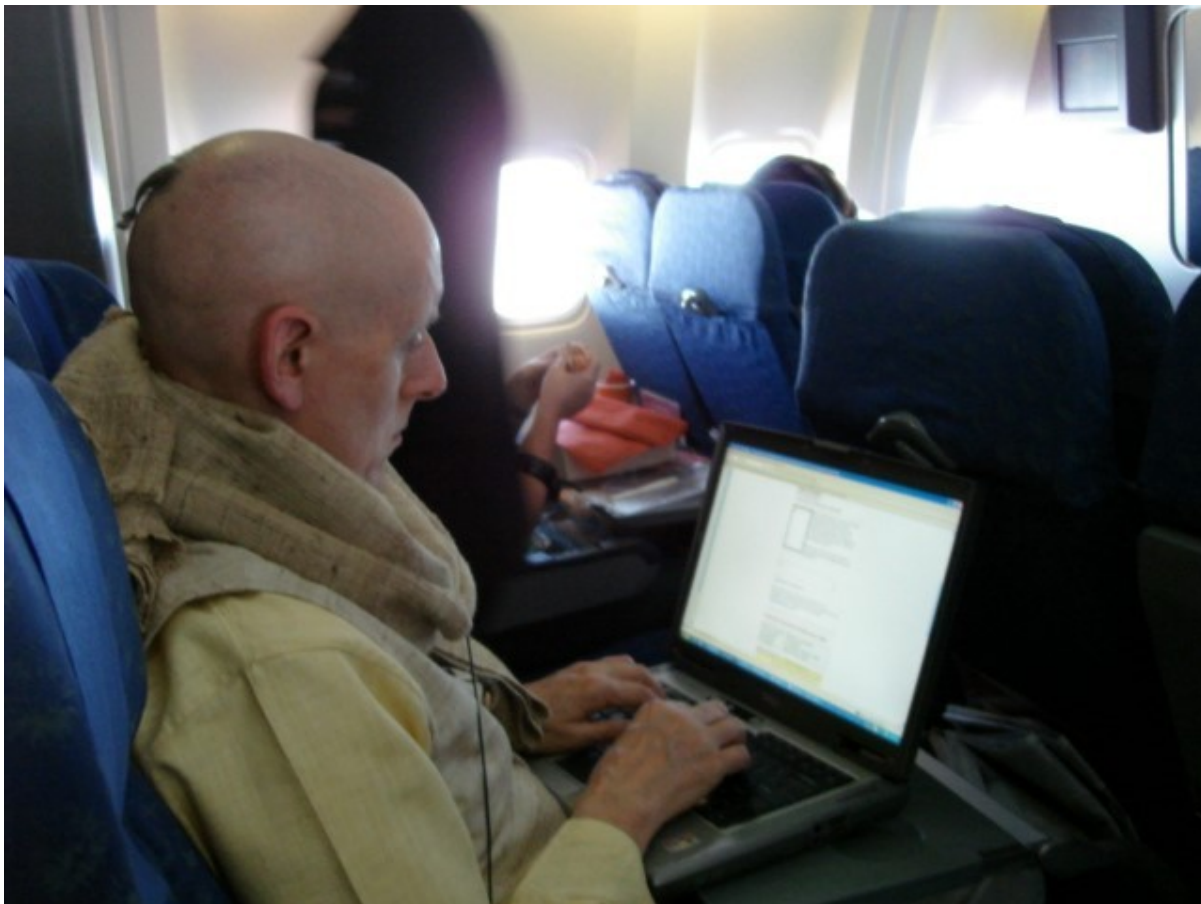
I offer my respectful obeisances to you!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Day by day you writing your daily message and nonstop travel around whole world for saving suffering souls. All glories to you!

There is no better services in this world! You are the savior of this world and you give shelter for many of people. Yours eyes shining with transcendental bliss and happiness.

May I always stay under your lotus feet.

Akrura das, Sweden



Writing while circling the globe





Aleksandra, Estonia – Please bless me with deeper understanding of your vision

Dear Master, on this auspicious day let me please bow down to your feet and get the dust from your lotus feet.

Please accept my humble respectful obeisances from your insignificant servant. Your feet is the concentration of all holy places of pilgrimage as well as my only shelter. Your feet is my home.

Please let me congratulate and glorify you on the day of your transcendental appearance. Thank you that you agreed to come to this material world in order to help Srila Prabhupada to spread Krishna Consciousness around the world and to deliver suffering conditioned souls. Your Holiest Master as well as Supreme Personality of Godhead undoubtedly are very very pleased with you. In the end of the final part of Sri Caitanya Caritamrita it is said that pastimes of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu are eternal just as the waves in the ocean. Just as it is impossible to count the waves in the ocean - some waves appear, other disappear, pastimes of Lord Caitanya cannot be counted nor by Lord Shiva nor by Lord Brahma nor even by Ananta-Sesa. It is said that they are numberless and that they will continue. And associates of Lord Caitanya will come after Him. In this way Srila Prabhupada came and continued Lord Caitanya lilas. And you also came in order to participate in these amazing pastimes. Please let me offer my nearest humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

I am very fortunate soul, because by causeless mercy of Krishna I met you, - Bona Fide Spiritual Master. More precisely you found me yourself, dedicating whole your life to the mission of Srila Prabhupada. Otherwise, how could I know you? Thank you very much, that you came to this world and took this responsibility - to live for the benefit of others and to save them. You decorate this world by your presence and transform it. You and Gurumata are as two Suns, illuminating all my life. I bow down to you in eternal obeisance. All material filth dissolves in the light of your divine existence.

Thank you for your instructions and blessings, thank you that you patiently teach me by your example, by your warmth and care. Thank you very much! In all three words there is no one more loving, compassionate, sincere, caring, patient, merciful than You, Dear Master. You will never leave us, your disciples, face to face with hardships of this material world and never turn away from us, even if we occasionally reveal some imperfections. We were born in the darkness of ignorance, but you return to us transcendental vision and lead us back on the pathway of devotional service. Thank you that you care for us just like for your children, mercifully teach, compassionately spend your valuable time on us. We love you very very much.

Dear Master, please accept my insignificant service, which I try to do for you and bless me for deeper understanding of your personality, mood and vision so that I could be really selfless and useful in your service in this and other lifetimes.

With sincere gratefulness and love,





Your insignificant eternal servant

Aleksandra, Estonia



Annapurna Devi dasi, Keila-Joa, Estonia - You are the pure devotee of Krsna's pure devotee

Your Divine Grace,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the divine dust of your Lotus Feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you and Gurumataji!

On this special occasion I want to offer you, my most dear and beloved Spiritual Master, my congratulations, my gratitude, and my heart...

As my dear Spiritual Father you are always with me, I am never alone. Your Grace once said: "By fully connecting with the order we have received from our spiritual master we will always feel his presence, his guidance, and his blessings. We will always feel how he is lovingly watching over us and protecting us at every minute just like a guardian angel." I pray to you and to Sri Krishna - please, oh please, let me be able to fully connect, fully absorb myself in the orders, that you gave me so mercifully, and which you will give me in the future by your causeless mercy. I want to become your true servant.

You are the pure devotee of All-Attractive Person, You are the pure devotee of His pure devotee, our most beloved His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. You are so clearly describing His teachings, teachings of Krishna.

Your Divine Grace, you are very, very kind. I know that you are so much busy preaching all over the world, helping everybody to become devotees of the Lord, to awaken from their senseless sleep, and despite all the difficulties you always find time to answer the mail of your disciples, students, and well-wishers. It is amazing!! And about your preaching service - it is just incredible! It takes so much energy, health, time to travel and preach as much as you do it with Her Divine Grace Srimati Gurumataji. I want to offer my most humble, respectful obeisances to her for being so strong, kind, caring and loving Mother for all of us, your disciples. We are eternally indebted to you both.

I want to wish you strong health, and that your disciples will always bring you only joy by engaging themselves very seriously in the loving service of your Lotus Feet, and Lotus Feet of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda.

Eternally your unworthy servant.

Annapurna Devi dasi, Keila-Joa, Estonia





Ashvin Gokool, Helsinki, Finland – Your service to Srila Prabhupada is wonderful

Hare Krishna GuruMaharaj,
*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*

Thank you very much for enlightening me for so many years. Without the transcendental knowledge and your support, maybe I would have wasted this life in material dealings. All glories to your lotus feet and your dedicated service to Srila Prabhupada is wonderful and we all pray that you continue serving your spiritual master eternally.

Hare Krishna to you on this very day of your appearance in this material world, wish you a blissful day.

Hare Krishna
Ashvin Gokool, Helsinki, Finland





How to be transcendental warrior Helsinki Finland



Baladeva das, Budapest, Hungary – Vyasa Puja offerings

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my blessings.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*om ajnana timirandhasya 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.”

*srī-caitanya-mano 'bhīstam sthāpitam yena bhu-tale
svayam rupah kadā mahyam dadāti sva-padāntikam*

“When will Srila Rupa Gosvami Prabhupada, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?”

*param brahma param dhāma pavitram paramam bhavan
purusam sasvatam divyam ādi-devam ajam vibhum
āhus tvām rsayah sarve devarsir nāradas tathā
asito devato vyāsah svayam caiva bravisi me*

“Arjuna said: You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the ultimate abode, the purest, the Absolute Truth. You are the eternal, transcendental, original person, the unborn, the greatest. All the great sages such as Nārada, Asita, Devala and Vyāsa confirm this truth about You, and now You Yourself are declaring it to me.” (BG 10.12-13)

*sarvam etad rtam manye yan mām vadasi kesava
na hi te bhagavan vyaktim vidur devā na dānavāh*

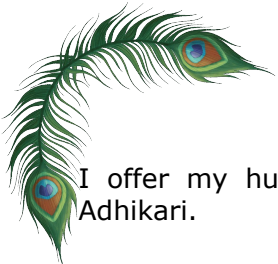
“O Kṛṣṇa, I totally accept as truth all that You have told me. Neither the demigods nor the demons, O Lord, can understand Your personality. (BG 10.14)”

Your servant,

Baladeva das, Budapest, Hungary

Cigdem Ongen, Turkey – You gave me light when I was lost in the dark material world





I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my Spiritual Master Srila Sankarsan Das Adhikari.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my greetings and best wishes on your happy Vyasa Puja day. Your merciful existence gives me the courage to leave a meaningful and happy life.

Thank you for your guidance and to accept me as student in your group. You gave me light when I was lost in the dark material world.

I pray to Lord Krishna to give me the opportunity to see you closer.

Your Servant
Cigdem, Turkey



Dasarath Dasa, Mandakini Devi Dasi, Radhadesh, Belgium - In great debt to you and Mataji

Dear Gurudeva,

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to you and Mataji,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

*nama 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."

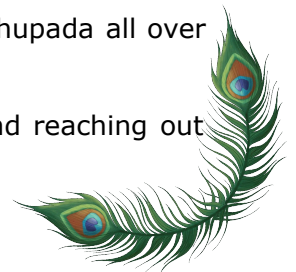
*namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,
gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine*

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

Dear Gurudeva,

It is so amazing how you are spreading the words of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada all over the world.

Without hesitation, constantly traveling to whatever place you are asked to go and reaching out your hand to everybody who needs help.





Showing compassion for every fallen soul and helping so many souls to make spiritual progress. You are really our greatest source of inspiration.

With Your help we can go on, on the path of self realization.

It is only by taking little steps we are making some progress but we know by only following in your footsteps and in the association of devotees we can reach the ultimate goal.

Sometimes we are discouraged because we think we are making no progress, but then just by remembering you and what you are doing for all the suffering humanity we have again courage to go further on.

Thank You from the core of our heart for saving us and opening our eyes so that we can see the real truth.

In great debt to you and Mataji

Your unworthy servants,

Dasarath Dasa & Mandakini Devi Dasi, Radhadesh, Belgium



Hemamukhi Devi dasi, Kaliningrad, Russia– You are the dearest to my heart

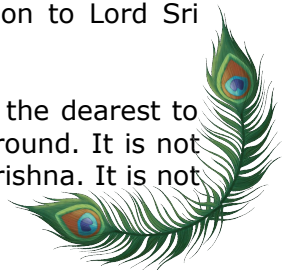
Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet.
All glories to you! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

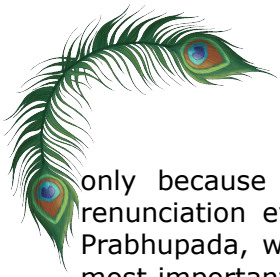
Some time ago a miracle happened. Beloved son of the Lord, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, spread transcendental knowledge about pure Krishna bhakti around the globe. By His Divine Grace thousands of people joined Sri Harinama Sankirtana Movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Many of them became disciples of Srila Prabhupada.

Since Srila Prabhupada departure from this planet there were different difficulties with which ISKCON have faced. But still the most sincere followers have stayed. They have stayed not only in ISKCON, but also they have stayed on this planet out of their compassion in order to give Krishna consciousness to other living beings.

I was very much blessed by Lord Krishna to have met some of Srila Prabhupada disciples, to hear from them and serve them. These persons give great inspiration by their devotion to Lord Sri Krishna.

But among all wonderful Srila Prabhupada disciples, you, dear Srila Gurudeva, are the dearest to my heart. It is not only because of the taste for the Holy Name that you spread around. It is not only because of your enlivening lectures, which reveal the secrets of surrender to Krishna. It is not





only because of your wonderful example of pure devotion to the Lord, example of total renunciation even in married life. And it is not only because of your strongest love for Srila Prabhupada, which can be seen in your full absorption in His instructions and His mission. The most important quality of your Divine Grace which makes you special for me is that you are very compassionate to every living being. Yours this compassion and love are very personal for everyone. You are always available if someone needs your help and this is your matchless gift.

Your love and care gave me the strength to follow the path of Krishna bhakti. Whenever I am engaged in devotional service, you are always with me and this makes me feel protected, like I'm in my real position, and inspires me to go deeper into the ocean of devotional service in order to please you.

Even though I've already got a lot of blessings from you for progressing on the pathway to spiritual perfection, on this very auspicious day of your Appearance I bow down to your feet and beg you to bless me to always remember my position of a surrendered servant of your Divine Grace and to stay your sincere follower.

All glories to you! All glories to Srimati Gurumata!

Your eternal servant,

Hemamukhi Devi Dasi, Kaliningrad, Russia



Indrek Eensooa, Tallinn, Estonia – You have made my life worth living

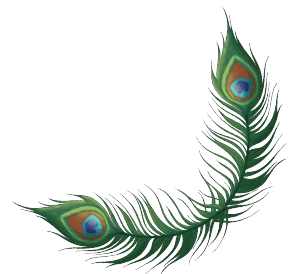
My dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Besides this wonderful day, when we celebrate your appearance to this world, by carrying a mission of parampara you have many many other births taking place in our hearts when we by Krishna's highly kind grace first meet and hear you. It is very brave of you to come and live so lovingly in a deserted place like my heart was. Your coming has made my life worth living, a reason to inquire about the needs of my core. Please feel yourself like at home, I beg for Krishna's mercy that I could somehow answer you.

Your servant

Indrek Eensooa, Tallinn, Estonia





Jacky, Oostende, Belgium – Thanks for your endless help

Jai Sri Hari!

It must be almost about 10 years now that I first begin to read your daily mails, Thought For The Day, I remember that I was so happy to have found your website and join your e-course.

Now I know that it was Krishna that brought me to your course, and I thank Krishna with my heart and soul for this.

You teach us so much by your daily actions, I thank A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada with my heart and soul for this.

You bring us Krishna and Bhakti in our daily life, I thank you so much Sankarshan das Adhikari with my heart and soul for this.

I thank you for your endless help and service.

Jai Radhe, Jai Krishna, Jai Vrindavan,
Hare Krishna,
Jack, Oostende, Belgium

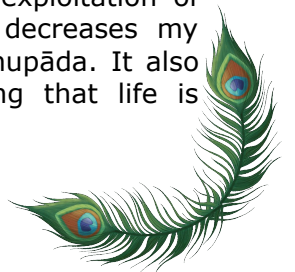


Janis Ducens, Riga, Latvia - Source of spiritual energy

Hare Krishna,

All glories to AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda!
All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu!

I'd like to share my experience as a result of reading Gurudeva's daily Thought for the Day. It gradually convinces me of the importance of following Srila Prabhupāda. Thus the source of energy for my daily activities is being gradually less the unstable schemes of exploitation of material energy, it is gradually more my spiritual duties. In other words, it decreases my dependency from material energy and increases my dependency from Srila Prabhupāda. It also decreases my worldview of material dualism. It further establishes the feeling that life is worthwhile living.





Sincerely,

Janis Ducens, Riga, Latvia



Happy Days in Riga, Latvia



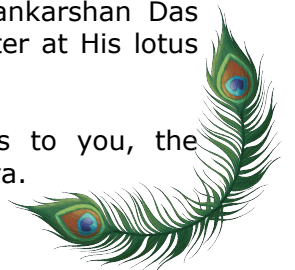
Karuna Sindhu Dasa, Antwerp, Belgium – Preaching by example

Hare Krishna,

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.

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.

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





Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to His Grace Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to You and Srimati Gurumata,

Srila Gurudeva,

You are a pure Devotee of Lord Krishna and the perfect spiritual master teaching us the mission of Srila Prabhupada wherever you are all over the world.

Thank You for blessing me with your mercy, and your guidance in form of the daily emails,

I pray to Lord Krishna to protect yours and Srimati Gurumata's divine mission.

I am always thinking on you and hope there will come a day that I can follow you as a worthy student.

Your eternal servant,

Karuna Sindhu dasa, Zwijndrecht, Antwerp, Belgium



Kishori Devi Dasi, Tartu, Estonia– Your instructions are my life's greatest treasure

Dear Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Grace.

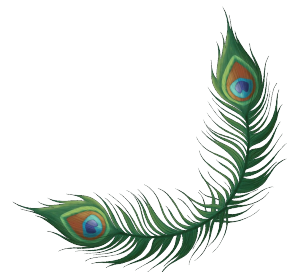
You have written so beautifully in your weekly lesson (C40):

"One simply has to embrace the order received from the spiritual master as one's very life and soul. In this way one will always feel his presence very strongly and will always feel enthusiasm whether he is physically present or not. One will always be with him. The spiritual master lives forever by his divine instructions, and the disciple lives with him."

Instructions from a spiritual master are truly the greatest treasure one can get in this life. I am so immensely thankful for all the instructions, knowledge and guidance you and Gurumata have given me over the years. In this world where many people are so lonely, you have given my life the essence and purpose. In all situations I have the opportunity to remind your words. And although I am not very successful in executing your orders, you are so mercifully participating in my life, day after day, year after year.

Your servant

Kishori devi dasi, Tartu, Estonia





Lila-Shuka Dasa, Tallinn, Estonia - Your disciples are your glory!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

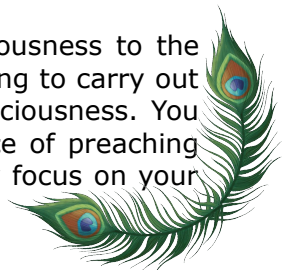
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

I am coming to understand more and more how our ISKCON Krishna temples are spiritual embassies. These temples are embassies in this foreign land (material world) and are giving opportunity for the souls to go back to the spiritual world. And as long as we are thinking of Krishna we are with Him and we are not living in the material world. These temples are also very important bases.

As Srila Prabhupada wrote in his letter "The temple is a place not for eating and sleeping, but as a base from which we send out our soldiers to fight with maya." Our ISKCON centers are training first class men, who are going out regularly and preaching Krishna consciousness to the people. This is Srila Prabhupada's desire. I understand that this is the practical manifestation of the perfect plan and desire of Lord Caitanya – to inundate the whole world in pure Krishna consciousness. And with our preaching mission we are living in Lord Caitanya's pastimes. The activities of ISKCON is Gaura lila. Lord Caitanya's pastime of saving the fallen souls from their miserable existence in this dark, material world and taking them back to the real home of the living being, back to Krishnaloka. With each passing day of Kali-yuga I see more and more that only Krishna consciousness can and will save the world from all the dangers and degradation of this age. There is no other shelter except the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda!

I am a living entity who was severely suffering the threefold miseries of this dark material existence. I got tired of suffering and started to ask "Why am I suffering?" Lord Caitanya and His devotees were very merciful to me – the fallen soul – and soon I found myself reading Srila Prabhupada's book and visiting our Tallinn ISKCON temple. Then I received even more unconditional mercy by meeting you in Tartu. After meeting you I finally understood that Krishna is the Supreme Lord and I am His eternal servant. So I enthusiastically started to practice Krishna consciousness. 9 human years have passed from the first time I met you in Tartu. 9 human years I have been consciously practicing Krishna consciousness. Now I am your servant and disciple. I feel very grateful for Lord Caitanya that He sent you to save me and to teach me how to love Krishna and how to serve Him. I feel very, very grateful to you that you are most expertly teaching, guiding and helping me in the progressive path of Krishna consciousness. It is most amazing that I have this rare chance of serving a true spiritual master like you. Please be merciful to me.

It was the desire of Lord Caitanya that Srila Prabhupada brought Krishna consciousness to the West and then all over the planet. Srila Prabhupada's faithful followers are continuing to carry out the order of Lord Caitanya and are therefore successfully preaching Krishna consciousness. You are one of these most faithful followers of His Divine Grace. Although your service of preaching pure Krishna bhakti all over the world is most glorious and amazing I would today focus on your





preaching in the Baltic countries. I feel great happiness when observing how you have touched the hearts of so many sincere souls in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania during the past 9 years. These persons have undergone a great change of heart and they have become such wonderful devotees of Lord Krishna. They are very great personalities and I offer my humble obeisances to all of them. Your disciples are your glory! Judge the tree by its fruit. I can see by your disciples strong dedication, by their devotional qualities, by their sincere service mood that they have genuine love and affection for you. I am always amazed to see how nicely they are serving you and how nicely they are serving Prabhupada's mission. Thank you so much for taking such good care of all these sincere souls.

By seeing your disciples, the glories of your personality and the glories of your service to Prabhupada are directly seen. I pray that I may follow the example of your amazing disciples in the Baltic's and all over the world in their sincere service to you and in being instruments in fulfilling the desire of Lord Caitanya. The future of your servants is very, very bright. Thank you for saving us. All glories to you dear Srila Gurudeva! I am anxiously waiting to see how your preaching will expand more and more in the Baltic's and all over the world. More sincere souls will wake up and will be saved. More and more the desire of Lord Caitanya will be fulfilled. All glories to you dear Srila Gurudeva!

Your eternal, insignificant servant
Lila-Shuka Dasa, ISKCON Sri Harinam Mandir, Tallinn, Estonia

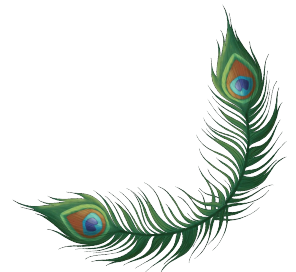


Lorraine Ann Groom, Malaga, Spain - Honoring Gurudev

Hare Krishna,
Dear Gurudev!
Please accept my humble reverence.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you so very much for your daily service with mind and heart and pen, as you guide us each day through this mire of ignorance and confusion, attempting to enrich our moments with the Truth beyond understanding.

Today, as I continue to accompany my dying mother,
I happened to gaze at the beautiful blue sky,
and, with your teachings in mind,
imagined our world within a pore
of the Transcendental Body of our Lord Sri Krishna...
how blue was the sky,
radiant,
filled with Prabhupada and your Love,
not only from within,
our Guide,
but surrounding us with His Beautiful Hue!





May the Lord hold you and your family in His tender embrace, Dear Sir!

Your servant forever,
Lorraine Ann Groom, Malaga, Spain



Madhusudhana Das, Warszawa, Poland – Thank you very much

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
All Glories to you, All Glories to Guru Mataji.

On this most auspicious day I wanted to thank you for your care, your patience and your instructions.

Your servant
Madhusudhana Das
Warszawa, Poland



Martina Broughton, Zagreb. Croatia – Heartfelt offerings for you

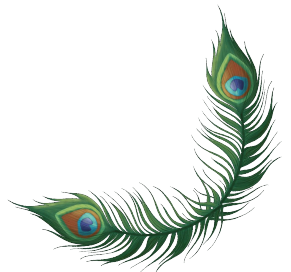
Hare Krishna!

I don't have a time to read the book with examples for offerings because I have a 16 months old child, so I will write honest letter by myself. This planet definitely needs human beings like you and I hope more humans every day will be awakened. That's why I am writing this letter to you. I don't know much about offerings for you but I just decided to say what's in my heart.

Will be happy to meet you one day.

With love from Mother Nature,

Martina Broughton, Zagreb, Croatia





Mitravinda Dasi, Kutina, Croatia - Heart fulfilled with love for spiritual master

Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Please accept my most humble obeisances!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

My name is Mitravinda, was initiated by the mercy of Krishna Ksetra Swami. H.H. Sacinandana Swami gave me all spiritual strength to serve Lord Krishna, somewhere I stumbled and fall, so get lost in material energy. He and Krishna are my true spiritual teachers.

As I'm going further in spiritual life because of the mercy of my spiritual master, I'm beginning to understand more about spiritual life. How the association of guru, bhaktas and Krishna is important on my stage of spiritual progress!

Please accept this letter as my offering of service to your grace. I'm feeling and experiencing great joy, happiness, fulfillment, spiritual progress so much so that I'm inspired to write you a letter as a kind of my duty towards my spiritual master.

I subscribed to the Ultimate self-realization course at 1.9.2014. From that day I'm experiencing that Lord Krishna fulfills:

1. My greatest desire for self-realization,
2. My need for fulfilled relationship between devotee and guru,
3. My hope that I can serve my diksha-guru in the way that Lord Krishna truly approves.

I'm not real devotee yet but Krishna is always present as my maintainer, controller and director of my life in the form of my spiritual master. Everything is coming according to His will. Also, to come in contact and get the mercy of His devotees. You are very important person in my life: gentle, kind, truthful, full of wisdom and knowledge about Krishna.

Krishna Consciousness becomes tangibly reality. As a devotee, I'm listening to every your word try to fulfill the desire for Krishna and Srila Prabhupada to distribute Krishna Consciousness in every village and every town all over the world. It cannot be by chance, it must be Krishna's Grace. I know that I'm just very insignificant servant of yours. My desire can be fulfilled only by Krishna's desire to meet great devotees together.

H.H. Sacinandana Swami has Govardhana and Holy Name Retreat in Vrindavana every year in Kartika, as you know. I'm thinking how He would really like to meet many such dear spiritual masters as you are, because of your strict serving of Srila Prabhupada with HEART FULLY FILLED WITH LOVE FOR SPIRITUAL MASTER.

As dear devotee of His, it is only my desire for achieving real peace and happiness in Krishna





Consciousness World, for all.

Your servant,

Mitravinda Dasi

Kutina, Croatia



Priya Chauhan, Loughborough, UK – Never met disciples like yours

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Srila Prabhupada said guru means following one's own spiritual master in parampara and repeating what Krishna has said. Whenever I read or listen to Srila Prabhupada I realise how deeply you are serving your spiritual master in all that you do. You personally answer numerous queries via email - just as Srila Prabhupada painstakingly answered his letters. You and Guru Mata have given your whole lives to Srila Prabhupada's mission, and I have seen how much compassion you both have for everybody.

You have given us such a bright future to look forward to, and I am so grateful to you for always inspiring us with your endless enthusiasm and simple instructions which I hold close to my heart. You refuse to water down any of the standards that Srila Prabhupada set down which I respect deeply. Your integrity draws so many people because it is obvious you have no motivation for personal gain, and that what you are giving is authentic. You have asked that I awaken the pure love of Krsna within my heart and this is no small feat. But it is the number one goal of my life now, and I know that this can only be achieved with your mercy and blessings.

I have heard that you judge a tree by it's fruit. I have never met disciples like yours - they have a rare mood of kindness, simplicity and selflessness that makes me want to be a better person.

Srila Gurudeva please have mercy on me. I am so fallen and unqualified. But I have faith in Srila Prabhupada's books, the Holy Name and your instructions. Please bless me that I can adequately receive your abundant mercy, and I beg for only one thing; that I can serve you and please you with my every thought, word and deed.

Your aspiring servant,

Priya, Loughborough, UK





Rabindra Das, London, UK - Blessed with an infectious enthusiasm

*om ajnana timirandhasya 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 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya."

Dearest Gurudeva,

Indeed, you are the embodiment of mercy who showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya as you travel the world and speak to so many souls who otherwise might never hear about the glories of the Supreme Lord.

In his purport to SB 4.29.51, Srila Prabhupada said, that, 'success in life means accepting a spiritual master who knows Kṛṣṇa as the only supreme beloved personality. One should worship such a confidential devotee of the Lord'. The verse states that, 'One who is engaged in devotional service has not the least fear in material existence. This is because the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the Supersoul and friend of everyone. One who knows this secret is actually educated (*iti veda*), and one thus educated can become the spiritual master of the world. Another Vaisnava Acarya has said that, 'He who is that learned person is your guru, someone to take shelter of.' I am aware every day about the import of such a statement and I am so happy that the Lord gave me the intelligence to approach you.

'*Gurur hariṇ*', 'One who is an actually bona fide spiritual master, representative of Kṛṣṇa, is not different from Kṛṣṇa.' '*Kintu prabhor yaṁ priya eva tasya*'. 'The spiritual master is to be honoured as much as the Supreme Lord because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord'. And so, we are all so very fortunate to be in your close association and to receive the nectar of instruction through hearing your expert discourses on Bhagavad Gita and other shastras. Those discourses deviate not one iota from those of the previous acaryas in our line and so the nectar of truth easily emerges through them. Your enthusiasm runs deep. By that I mean that it is there on many levels; your enthusiasm to pass on the teachings as given by HDG AC Bhaktivedanta Swami, your enthusiasm to present this message to everybody around the world, no matter where they are, or in what current position of life, your enthusiasm to help the suffering souls regain their dormant Krishna Consciousness, your enthusiasm to present the eternal message of the Lord in terms that anyone can relate with, your enthusiasm that manifests in three world tours each and every year and your enthusiasm that manifests as a divine commentary that is as fresh as the day when you were in the association of Srila Prabhupada.

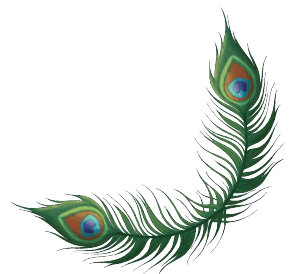




You are blessed with an infectious enthusiasm that has only one impact on often unenthusiastic souls like myself – it makes us enthusiastic! Enthusiastic to preach, to immerse into the Lord's teachings and pray deeply and honestly for the day when we can see the beautiful Lord right in front of us and take our positions rightly as eternal servants. You who are that learned person are my guru, someone to take shelter of. May you continue to be blessed with good health to continue your preaching mission and please bestow your mercy upon this lowly servant that I may one day follow in your footsteps and be a liberator of conditioned souls. His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhu Ki Jay!

All glories on your auspicious appearance day,

Your servant,
Rabindra Das, Bhaktivedanta Manor, London, UK





Tapasvini devi dasi, Helsinki, Finland - You are the captain of our happy journey

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

To have a spiritual father and mother is what gives the best security. Material world is so dangerous that it is lethal for everybody, but You have devoted Your life for helping people to reach beyond it. By Your lectures, letters and songs You help everyone to get an idea of what it would be like to become fully Krishna conscious.

The teachings of the scriptures are very difficult to understand just by reading. It sounds very theoretical for a conditioned mind to be more tolerant than a tree or more humble than a blade of grass. I have repeated that many times for myself, but remembering and applying it takes practice. Also surrendering for Krishna is difficult to understand. However, You have made these teachings alive and understandable by Your example. You have proven that it is possible and it is the only choice that actually makes sense. Everyone is trying to become happy, and anyone who is intelligent will end up following these teachings.

You are the captain of our happy journey back to Godhead. You are the person whom I can try to remember at the time when my body reaches the end of it's duration, when no one else than guru and Krishna can help. Thank You for giving this incomparable service for me.

Your servant,
Tapasvini devi dasi, Helsinki, Finland



Varady Gabor, Szabadhidveg, Hungary - Attachment to Your lotus feet is perfection

Dear Gurudeva!
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to You!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this special day of Your appearance, would like to thank You for showering Your blessings on us. Because of Your mercy, we are able to appreciate Srila Prabhupada's contribution to this world and take the nectar of chanting the Holy names of the Lord without having any qualification.

I do not know how to properly honour You and praise Your activities. Still as an etiquette I try to write few words hoping to please You and increase my attachment to You. Because attachment to Your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfils all desires.





By Your example, You are teaching us how to practice Krishna consciousness and how to execute it in our daily lives in an expert way. You have been a source of inspiration for me from the very first day I had met you.

I wish You strengths and very good health to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world and deliver the poor fallen souls like me.

Thank you Gurudeva for everything you have done for us. Your instructions are saving us from this material world.

Your humble servant and devoted aspiring disciple,

Varady Gabor, Szabadhidveg, Hungary

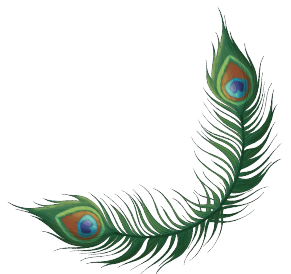


Vraja Kishor das, Kaunas, Lithuania - I am eternally indebted to You and Guru Mataji

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

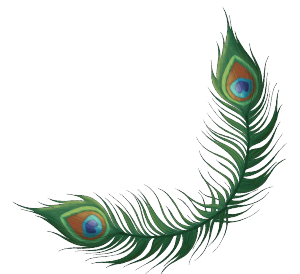
Thank you so much for all that inspiration which you are giving to all of us. Every time you come to preach I feel myself as a stone which is catapulted high to the transcendental sky. And by giving bhakti knowledge and leaving instructions to follow by following them it is for me like accepting wings by whose help I can try to fly little higher and not to fall down after you go to preach to another country. I pray You that I can as soon as possible completely submerge in assisting You spreading Srila Prabhupadas mission. I am eternally indebted to You and Guru Mataji for all that mercy which you gave to me.

Your eternal servant,
Vraja Kishor das, Kaunas, Lithuania





During Ecstatic Bhagavad Gita Class, Kaunas, Lithuania





Yash Karia, London, UK – Your teachings dispel my ignorance

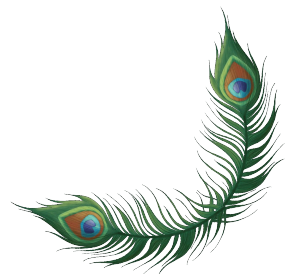
Dearest Maharaj,

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

Your daily thoughts of the day, received as an email early morning, have been like a stream of sunlight infiltrating the darkness of my illusion, madness and bewilderment. I am so grateful for the many questions answered and thus, many of my doubts cleared; as well as the daily encouragement received in reminding me that only Krishna Consciousness can bring lasting happiness. I desperately hope and pray I can somehow cling onto this belief and develop deeper experience and conviction of this fact.

Your unworthy servant,

Yash, London, UK





Northern India & Nepal

Abhishek Kalva, New Delhi – it is my good fortune to be a part of SDA Group

Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

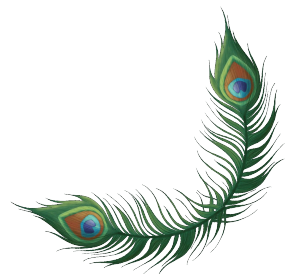
I consider it as my good fortune to be a part of Sankarshan Das Adhikari Group. I started reading Ultimate Self Realization course e-mails in 2006, but was never regular at reading all the daily messages. I used to read them once in a while. After some time due to certain consequences my appetite for knowing the truth of "Who am I?" started to increase and I was more regular at reading all the e-mails and also started reading Srila Prabhupada Books and regularly visiting ISKCON temples. At this point in my life I felt that here is the truth which I have been searching since a long time. I found solace in Srila Prabhupada Books.

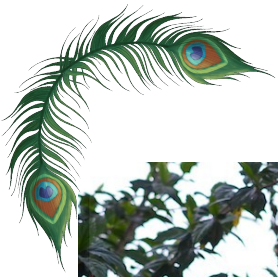
I slowly started to chant the Hare Krishna Mahamantra and now am able to complete 16 rounds of chanting daily without fail. During the course of time I got married and could inspire my spouse regarding Krishna Consciousness and she also chants 1 round of japa and regularly reads Ultimate Self Realization Course e-mails, reads Srila Prabhupada books.

My perspective towards life has changed and I offer this credit to my Siksha Guru "His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari".

On this Vyasa Puja Day, I have only one request: "May the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna empower you to increase the number of devotees and make their human form of life fruitful".

Thank you
Hare Krishna
Abhishek Kalva - New Delhi, India





Relishing the Serene atmosphere at Brahmanda Ghat on the bank of the river Yamuna, Sri Vrindavan Dham, India

Deepak, New Delhi - thank you for being my eternal spiritual guide

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Grace.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.

You are the eternal captain of the lotus ship of Lord Caitanya's mercy. We (me, my god brothers and god sisters) were so fortunate that you picked us up from the ocean of maya and gave us shelter aboard your ship. Those who continually associate with you, by hearing your lectures and reading your thoughts, throughout the day, are the most fortunate beings in the universe. The transcendental sound vibration from your lectures and Kirtan has the power to liberate even a casual bystander who hears only one word, knowingly or unknowingly.

Foolish people think that devotional service is flattering the Lord to get special mercy. Factually the pure devotees who are engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord are not a mercantile community. A mercantile house renders service to someone in exchange for values. The pure devotee does not render service unto the Lord for such exchange, and therefore the full mercy of the Lord is open for him. [SB 1.8.29P]





I am still at the very beginning of our relationship as your disciple, and am always moved at the way that you so expertly picked me up out of material life. In each darshan that we had you displayed your glory of being able to see exactly what was in my heart and how to guide me bit by bit into serving Krishna genuinely and choosing to take to this path of devotional service. Although outwardly I have surrendered, I can see that there is still so much more room for me to increase my dependence on Krishna. I can recognize that these are baby steps in my spiritual journey and I thank you so much for being my eternal spiritual guide. You can recognize the deficiencies in me and instruct me on this path of purification.

In a purport from the Srimad Bhagavatam 11.20.17 it is explained "one who cannot understand that the human body is a suitable boat for crossing the ocean of material existence will see no need to accept a captain in the form of the spiritual master and will not at all appreciate the favorable winds of The Lords mercy. He has no chance of achieving the goal of human life. Acting against his own self-interest, he gradually becomes the killer of his own soul." I pray to always remain free from drowning in the deep waters of ignorance and the relentless waves of happiness and distress brought on by the ocean of illusion that is maya, and always remain on this bhakti life boat guided into the 'favorable winds of The Lords mercy' by you, my eternal spiritual master. I hope to come to the standard outlined in your lectures and thoughts, to render service to you and Sri Krishna with a desire for service only and not some exchange, and then I may become eligible for your full mercy.

Aspiring to be the servant of your servants,
Bhakta Deepak – New Delhi, India



Guru Vandana devi dasi, New Delhi - please engage me in pure devotional service

Hare Krishna!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

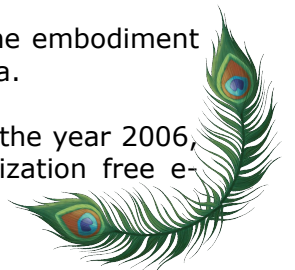
*nama om visnu padaya krsna prestaya bhutale
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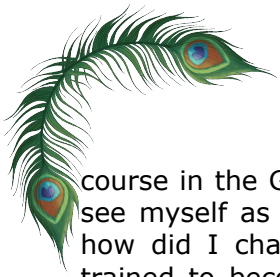
I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha-uttama bhakti varsine*

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

I was fortunate by the Grace of Krishna to get your association through internet in the year 2006, when my hand automatically clicked on the advertisement of Ultimate Self realization free e-





course in the Google site. When I reflect back what I was before 2006 and what I am now, I can see myself as a changed personality. I was a timid and docile person, submissive to Maya. But how did I change when you instructed me to go the nearest ISKCON temple/centre and get trained to become your disciple? How was I determined to search and find out where ISKCON Delhi is, when there was opposition around me to do so? I realize that it was your purity which was the driving force.

Before your divine association, I did not know that there is something called real goal to be achieved, something called as perfection of life because I was not at all on human platform. You imparted the Krishna Conscious philosophy in small doses on daily basis in the Thoughts for the day. Gradually I understood that I was in darkness and that I have to come to reality, I understood that I have to submissively inquire, be very keen to hear and apply what I learn in my activities. You introduced me to your spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and to the Brahma Madhva Gaudiya Parampara. Out of causeless mercy you dragged me also into the Parampara. I heard that the test of a maha-bhagavata is that he can turn a living entity from abominable material life to the Lord's service. I practically experienced it.

I am relishing every moment how you were merciful on this fallen degraded tiny soul saving me from this rotting material world. Now you show your kindness and compassion by giving both 'vapu' and 'vani' association by regularly visiting Delhi/ Vrindavan engaging us in pure devotional service.

When I am seeing you doing the service of guru very nicely, I am introspecting myself what I am doing as disciple. I can see myself fully covered with anarthas. I am helpless and not able to do anything of my own perfectly though I understand that my only concern should be how to execute the spiritual orders given by you. In every activity there are mistakes and every time I commit new mistakes. However you and Guru Mataji tolerate with it and accept whatever little thing I submit with imperfection.

I sincerely desire to desire to desire to... to cultivate pure devotional service. I pray to please engage in pure devotional service always. I desire to spread the glories of Srila Prabhupada by preaching and distributing his books. I also desire to share the nectar I received from you by connecting many souls to you. Somehow a small publishing team is forming in Delhi with members from all over the world where I too can perform a tiny role in it. I keep meditating your instruction "If you want longevity in Krishna Consciousness, you should always focus on saving yourself. You can save others only to the extent you save yourself".

On Vyasa puja day I pray for good health of yours and Guru Mataji. I fall unto your lotus feet and submit the prayers from Sarangati.

Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

I offer you all respects, for thus I may have the energy to know you correctly. Then, by chanting the holy name in great ecstasy, all my offenses will cease.

O Lord and Master! When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.

If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life.





Thanking you
your insignificant servant,
Guru Vandana devi dasi – New Delhi, India



Haladhar Das, Punjab – you are the epitome of compassion

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,

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

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

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

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

"I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master HG Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari ji. He is the dearest servant of Krsna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet."

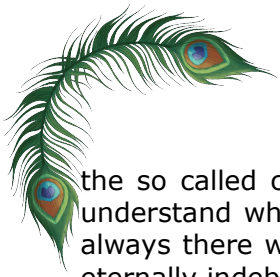
*namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane
gaurdesa vikasārtha uttam bhakti varsine*

"O follower of Srila 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."

As you say that a spiritual master feels himself undeserving for all the love, offerings, or glorifications but he accepts the same on behalf of his spiritual master, who in turn accepts the same on behalf of his spiritual master and so on, which eventually goes to the Adi Guru Sri Krsna. Kindly bless me so that I could utter something on your auspicious appearance day as glorifying a spiritual master is like worshiping the pure Ganges with its own water. Whatever worthwhile I could speak is nothing but a minute part of the unlimited knowledge I could somehow grasp from your teachings.

To glorify the spiritual master is like showing lamp to the sun. I don't have the capability nor any intelligence to put into words your magnanimity, your unlimited mercy, your unlimited blessings, I am receiving from you every day, every moment. You have pulled me out of the deep ignorance,





the so called comfort zone and the fallible soldiers I was banking upon. You gave the vision to understand who the real suhrd is, the real well wisher, the true support, the true friend which is always there with us through up and downs of life, our eternal real well wisher, to whom we are eternally indebted.

Dear Gurudeva, by following the instructions of Srila Prabhupada as your life and soul, you are guiding us by your own example. Even a small association of yourself is so divine, it's like basking in the company of Srila Prabhupada and all the Vaisnava acaryas as you are reflecting their blessings, their mercy, their teachings as it is to fallen souls like us. Hope I could shake myself from the comfort zone and following your footsteps, I could also support Lord Caitanya's movement by enrolling as many suffering souls as possible on way to Krsna.

On this most auspicious day of my life, I pray to Krsna to Bless you and Gurumata with good health so that you can pull more ignorant souls like me from the deep slumber of ignorance.

Thank you, thank you Gurudeva.

your insignificant servant,
Haladhar Das – Zirakpur, Punjab, India



Hema, Chandigarh – thank you for giving me this nectar of Krishna consciousness

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you and All glories to Guru Mata Ji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

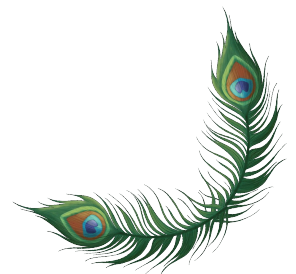
I am reading the daily thoughts received by online email to me.

Thanks very much for giving me this amrit of Krishna consciousness that bliss in my life. You are spreading the message of Lord so nicely.

Thank you very much
Hema – Chandigarh, India

Nadia Press, New Delhi – compiling your instructions into books

Hare Krishna!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!





All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata!

nama om visnu padaya krsna prestaya bhutale
srimate sankarsana dasa adhikariti namine

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha-uttama bhakti varsine

My Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Desiring to spread your teachings throughout the world to fulfill Srila Prabhupad's mission, we humbly submit that we have formed a small publication team called Nadia Press in Delhi. The members are Visvanath Das, Padma Malini devi dasi, Saci Priya devi dasi, Bhaktin Lipsa and Guru Vandana devi dasi. However the logo and other things have not been done.

Visvanath prabhu had compiled a book last year from the transcriptions of your lectures posted by HG Jagannath prabhu, HG Sulakshana mataji and team. Padma Malini and myself did the proof reading. But we were keeping it pending for such a long time without any reason. Somehow we all got the impetus once again at the same time now and we decided to print.

We printed a rough word document file and included Saci Priya mataji of Karnataka and Bhaktin Lipsa of Orissa in our team for proof reading. Finally we submitted to our temple President HG Mohan Rupa Prabhu on Oct 9 th for review and feedback. We desired that we would like him to release this book as an offering on Vyas Puja day on Oct 18. He has accepted it.

I was having one more copy of the book and wanted to show it to you and Guru Mataji in the airport on Oct.10, when you were to leave for Pune. After the disappearance of passport I thought it was not the right time to show in the airport. Anyway I had to go to Vrindavan with Delhi devotees for kartik yatra and would also meet seniors (for seeking help for designing and printing) on Oct 11 and as You were returning to Vrindavan, I thought I would show you there. But next day though I was having the book in hand , I saw Guru Mataji was not keeping good health , hence could not show it. However I was praying mentally that I was able to meet the seniors for help us to print so as to release on Vyas puja. Some devotee friends connected me to His Grace Sarva Sakshi prabhu in Vrindavan and immediately he agreed to help us. Visvanath prabhu had already showed this work to him long before.

HG Sarva Sakshi prabhu is a senior brahmachari in Faridabad temple and preaching extensively in Faridabad, Pune, many places in South India. He was in Vrindavan that day in the yatra. He is an expert in this field of designing and printing and had made many books for HH Gopala Krishna Goswami Maharaj.

Because of his mercy ,his team (H.G. Anuttam Hari prabhu designed the layout, HG Vrindavan Vinod Prabhu designed the cover and HG Nand Gopal Jivan prabhu coordinated printing activities) worked swiftly and today, just now I have received the pdf copy of the book and the cover which has been given for printing. Submitting unto you for your mercy and blessings.The book will be delivered to us on Oct 17. Krishna willing it will be released on Oct 18 by our temple President.

Gurudeva, please accept my prayers

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.





Your insignificant servant in the dust of your lotus feet
Guru Vandana devi dasi, Nadia Press, New Delhi, India



Nandapriya Devi Dasi, Jammu, India – you are my ideal

Hare Krishna!

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

nama om visnu padaya krsna prestaya bhutale
srimate sankarsana dasa adhikariti 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 shelter at His lotus feet."

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
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"O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances unto you, the embodiment of mercy who showers pure bhakti to spread the order of lord Chaitanya."

I am unable to express in words how much I am indebted to you my dear Srila Gurudeva. I realized my immense only when I saw your love and compassion towards everyone. This year only and only by your mercy I got a chance to serve you in Vrindavan dham. In one lecture in Vrindavan you said "By serving Guru and Krishna you become more and more purified and you get stronger intelligence".

This instruction of yours has helped me to realize the importance of serving Guru and Krishna, only by their mercy one can be purified and can get intelligence. As stated in BG 10.10 "To those who are constantly devoted to serving Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me."

"Devoted to serving Me with love" this love one can develop only by serving the pure devotee of Krishna and the understanding by which one can go back to Lord is given only by the spiritual master, the representative of Lord.

By serving spiritual master one increases his bhakti and as bhakti increases automatically intensity of once sincerity increases this is what I realized when this time I got an opportunity to serve you and Gurumataji in Vrindavan dham.

How much love you have for your spiritual master HDG A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. This I personally saw and realized when you and Gurumataji took us to Prabhupada's sitting place in Sri Sri Radha Madan Mohan temple where you fanned Prabhupada and lead the kirtan nama Om





visnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale Prabhupada! Srimate Bhaktivedanata Swamin iti namine... Prabhupada! ...

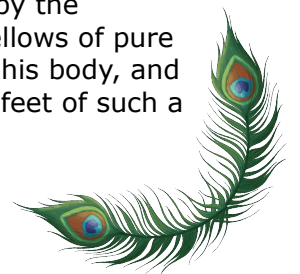


It was so ecstatic . The love and dedication in your and Gurumataji's eyes was overflowing. The whole atmosphere was transcendental and it seemed like Prabhupada physically was present there and the loving exchanges between Guru and disciple were going on, so amazing. Jaya!

Seeing this I realized how unfortunate I am, that I don't have that love for youthen at the same moment while you were fanning Prabhupada and leading the kirtan saying Prabhupada! Prabhupada! I prayed to Prabhupada in my heart to be merciful to this fallen soul and that one day I could also develop that love for you and that moment the feeling of giving my whole life in service of you and Gurumataji arose in my heart and I decided that I wanted to do this. The strong determination for this came only by seeing your and Gurumataji's determination for spreading the mission of your spiritual master Srila Prabhupada.

Please my dear Gurudeva kindly bestow your mercy upon this fallen soul so that she can also become dedicated and sincere like you.

The prayer that came from my heart at that moment is: "Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing instruments , the spiritual master is always gladdened by the sankirtan movement of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end , he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."





tvam nah sandarsito dhatra
dusttram nistitirsatam
kalim sattva harampumsam
karna dhara ivarnavam

"We think that we have met your goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being." SB 1.1.22

Jaya! Jaya! All glories to you My dear Srila Gurudeva!

You said in one lecture that without spiritual master one is like a street dog. This is what I realized practically. If there is no master one is like a street dog roaming around here and there and not knowing what to do and what not to do, what is the purpose of living....but one who has a master knows what is the purpose of living. He has full guidance of the master and he is under the supervision of authority.

How important the master is I realized that only after meeting you my dear Gurudeva.

Because of you I got a meaning to my life, the questions why am I here and for what am I meant for, I understood only by your sublime teachings.

Your compassion and dedication moved me. Despite of having health issues you never wasted your time in taking rest, you wanted to utilize each and every second in serving your Gurumaharaj's order. I don't know when will that day come when I will develop the same dedication as you have.

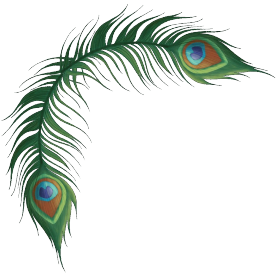
You are so merciful to the fallen souls that you are travelling all around the world without any break, having such a packed up schedule of preaching but still you are not tired instead I saw you in bliss every moment. You are on transcendental platform. May the Lord bestow unlimited mercy upon you like torrents of rain so that you keep going like this full of enthusiasm and determination.

As I heard from you in one of your lecture that Srila Prabhupada said "Your love is seen how you are cooperating" this is what I saw practically how you and Gurumataji cooperate with each other ...it shows how much love you both have for your beloved spiritual master.

Realized devotees don't have any desire other than serving Krishna. This is truly understood by your personal example. "The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Radhika and Madhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment." This I practically saw in you my dear Gurudeva, I offer my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet.

You are perfect example of a pure devotee, a dedicated disciple and a great spiritual master. Love and compassion that I saw in you I never saw before in anyone else. You have so much love for your disciples and for everyone, you never discriminate between anyone. You are equal to everyone.





So i prayed:

Yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
Yasyaprasadan na gati kuto'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. 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."

You are my ideal ,only after coming in contact with you I am able to understand the valuable knowledge , and the importance of this precious human birth..

So, kindly be merciful to this fallen soul that I can remain fixed in my Krishna consciousness and





remain dedicated to your orders.

Thank you for your kind mercy although I am unworthy but still out of your love and compassion you shower your unlimited mercy upon me.

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

O lord and master! Invest me with the power to properly honor all living beings. Only then I will sing the holy name in great ecstasy and all my offenses will cease.

O lord and master! When will this devotee be blessed by obtaining your mercy? I am low, fallen, and devoid of all strength and intelligence . Please make me your beloved servant . Please Srila Gurudeva please be merciful to me, otherwise there is no hope for my survival in this material world.

When I examine myself, I find nothing of value . Your mercy is therefore essential to me . If you are not merciful, I will constantly weep, and I will not maintain my life any longer.

May lord always remain merciful to you , and like you are serving the order of your spiritual master now ,in future also you go with same enthusiasm serving your spiritual master's order.

Jaya!Jaya!

All glories all glories to you my dear srila Gurudeva.

Thank you.

Your unworthy servant
Nandapriya Devi Dasi, Jammu, India



Nirmala Krishna Das, Vrindavan, India – You are a true soldier

Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhuji,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine





nirvishesha-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine

I have been receiving your transcendental instructions through your ultimate self realization course for more than a year. It has been always enlivening and lifts my spirit. You are a true soldier in the army of Srila Prabhupada. You have been just repeating his words to befit a true spiritual master. I have no qualification whatsoever to write or glorify you who have served Srila Prabhupada's mission for more than 40 years. But I felt like taking this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful service that you are rendering to the entire world on behalf of His Divine Grace.

I beg at your lotus feet that I may also one day get the taste of service and progress in Krishna consciousness steadily and swiftly. Vaishnavas are rare to be seen, and taking your vani or vapu is the same. I thank you very much for your kindness to extend yourself to many through your ultimate self realization course. Thank you very much prabhuji. Thank you.

Your servant,

Nirmala Krishna Das, Vrindavan, India (Disciple of HH Bhakti Vijnana Goswami Maharaj)



Nishikant Edkie, Jagdishpur, UP – your life and thought are “THE ULTIMATE”

HARE KRISHNA GURUDEV !!

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA!!!

Everyday, when I read your Transcendental Thoughts in “Ultimate Self Realisation Course”, I pray to Lord Krishna that may I get the opportunity to drink this nectar for all of eternity. May Lord Krishna fulfill my wish. Gurudev, your life & your thoughts are so exemplary that I would like call them as “THE ULTIMATE”. They are so pure, crystal clear & profound that it makes me to look at you with great reverence & love.

I pray Lord to give you & Rev Mataji, all the heaven's comfort, health, happiness & long life.

Your lowly Servant,

Nishikant, Jagdishpur, UP, India





Pankaj Mannan, MP – May you live thousands and thousands of years

Hare Krishna!

I was already initiated by another spiritual master outside of ISKCON when I joined this course. Still, I like ISKCON because it offers advanced study of spiritual matters.

His grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari is doing a great job of bringing souls suffering in this material world close to Shri Krishna to mitigate their suffering so they can come under the protection of umbrella of Shri Krishna's Grace. I eagerly wait every day's e-mail (e-course content) from spiritual master his grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is using the material energy such as laptop and internet in the service of Shri Krishna which encourages others to use material energy in the service of Krishna as he sets perfect example of harnessing the material energy in the service of Shri Krishna. He has in depth knowledge of spiritual subjects so it becomes easy for neophytes to get their doubts cleared without referring to various other sources. Pictures provided by him on this e-course are beautiful and bring us more close to Shri Krishna. I pray to God to give him thousands and thousands of years of life so that he can spread Krishna Consciousness as far as possible on this planet.

"Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Ram Hare Ram Ram Ram Hare Hare".

Regards,

Pankaj Mannan, MP, India



Para Shakti Devi Dasi, Chandigarh - you are so compassionate

Dear Gurudev
Please accept my humble obeisances
All Glories to you and Guru Mataji,
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
cakshur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-guruve namah*

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

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'I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master Sriman Sankarshan





Das Adhikari ji. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in the world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.'

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gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine*

'O follower of Srila 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.'

Dear Gurudev, in this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, I thank you very much for being a spiritual master of this fallen soul. I am very grateful that by your mercy I can serve and please Supreme Personality of Godhead. Please bless me to always stay under the shelter of your Lotus Feet!

You are so compassionate, that despite your health, you are travelling continuously to broadcast the message of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. To help the conditioned soul you reply to all their queries so nicely.

I don't feel qualified to be your disciple, but your mercy is endless and eternal. I am trying to do better, day by day.

Thank you for being compassionate and patient with me.

your insignificant soul,
Para Shakti Devi Dasi - Chandigarh, India



Padma malini devi dasi, New Delhi - Real Commander of Prabhupada's army

My Dear Srila Gurudev
Hare Krsna!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
All glories to you and Smt. GuruMata ji!
All glories to Srila Prabhupad!

On this most wonderful occasion of your blessed Vyas Puja, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your blessings and mercy upon all the unworthy souls like me. It's just because of your mercy that we are able to appreciate and participate in Lord Chaitanya's Sankirtan Movement without any qualifications.

Srila Guru Dev and Guru Mata ji by your example you are teaching all of us to be focused in Krsna consciousness and how to execute it in our daily lives in an expert way. You have been a source of





inspiration for me all the times. Your determination towards fulfilling Srila Prabhupad's mission is clearly visible in your daily actions. I have learnt a lot from my personal association with Srila Guru Dev and Smt. Guru Mata ji in Shree Dham Vrindavan. I salute your efforts in serving our Beloved Radha Damodar with a world class standard. You take so nice care of deities at the same time you are relishing so much nectar in Chanting and Preaching.

I always wonder how you manage to clear all the doubts of your students and disciples in just a few minutes. I wonder how you manage to judge what's going on in your listener's mind and your lecture answers all the doubts that we may have in our minds.

When you lead the kirtan or speak about Krsna, we can see through your expressions how much nectar you taste within your heart from chanting the holy names of Krsna.

Srila Guru Dev you are so kind and merciful that you give your association to all without any hesitation, be it a neophyte devotee or a disciple and you love to answer any silly or intelligent question from them. You give chance to your students and disciples to serve you directly even though we commit blunders in our services.

Srila Guru Dev you are constantly travelling all over the world to preach the message of Krsna Consciousness, you are the true messenger of Srila Prabhupad who is working towards accomplishment of Lord Chaitanya's mission. The entire humanity will always be indebted to such devoted souls like you.

I pray that Krsna continues to give you all the facilities to enable you to continue serving Srila Prabhupad and his mission in your exemplary manner.

your servant,
Padma malini devi dasi - New Delhi, India.



Radhakrishnan P, New Delhi – you are an infinite reservoir of transcendental qualities

*nama om vishnupadaya 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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Dear Gurudev,





Please accept my respectful obeisances ___/\o`_ unto your lotus feet.

O ocean of mercy, you are an infinite reservoir of transcendental qualities. But being nothing more than a bin of unwanted, undesirable qualities, how will I be able to fully describe your glories?

For the past one week or so, I have been attempting to recall and write down your glories, which I intended to use as my offering during your Vyas Puja celebrations, but it simply appeared to be an overwhelming task. In fact, it is a shame on me that I find it difficult to glorify an exalted soul such as yourself, who is full of transcendental qualities and completely devoid of faults. For some reason, I was not getting the flow of thoughts and ideas, but on bowing down and praying to you (before your picture on my altar) yester-night, it appeared that I was finally able to evoke your mercy and get my acts together in completing this sublime task. Gurudev, by the mystic power of your glance alone, I think it becomes possible for me to express my thoughts and feelings honestly and cohesively, and thus I pen down a limited edition of your infinite glories, below.

O destroyer of nescience, the day I joined your free online *Ultimate Self Realisation* Course, is also the day my ignorance began to disappear without the slightest endeavor on my part. It can be likened to the disappearance of dew drops on a bright sunny morning. Gurudev, I am grateful to you for conceiving and implementing such an intelligent master plan that could be followed by even the naivest of men, such as myself. Through your precise, power-packed thoughts, your choice of published questions and incredible answers based on Vedic wisdom, you have constantly evoked awe and interest among thousands of your global subscribers. Your method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say, and then to say it with the utmost levity and authority. In a nutshell, your e-course is not only a great innovation in the field of spirituality, but it is also a great boon for any sincere heart, who is aspiring to progress on the path of transcendence.

O redeemer of fallen souls, the boat of your lotus feet are my only hope for crossing the ocean of material existence. When I was still struggling for survival in this vast ocean of miserable material existence, you physically appeared on the scene, as my savior, as the transcendental boatman, and extended your wonderful long arms to this fallen conditioned soul. Since that winter day in 2009 at Vrindavan, all my fears and anxieties, small and large, have only steadily diminished.

O manifestation of the Supersoul, my intelligence is constantly stolen away by activities of sense gratification, and thus I repeatedly fall into the dark well of material existence. Who else but you - the external manifestation of the Supersoul in my heart - save a poor living entity like me from such a hopeless condition? Thus, every time I slip and fall down into the water of the material ocean, you kindly pick me up and placed me next to you, like a kind human being repeatedly saves a struggling ant from a small body of water the latter finds itself in. All glories to this saving grace of yours!

O personification of Truth, it is said that truth is the one unrivalled means of purification of the soul. Just like a doctor who has to honestly tell us the condition of our physical health, you sometimes reveal the truth about our spiritual health, even if it is unpalatable. Like a true well-wisher, you always advise us to be truthful and sincere, for it is the way by which one can come to the Supreme Absolute Truth, Lord Sri Krsna.

O pure in heart, you are so pristine pure that anyone who submissively hears from you even for a moment, becomes fully purged of all sins and becomes free from falsehood. I have personally experienced this many times in your company, especially whenever you narrated the pastime of





how Govardhan came into existence. Another incident that comes to my mind when I talk of your purity took place during your visit to Vrindavan, in April this year. We were about to take permission from you to depart for Delhi on one of the weekends, when a little discussion about your pre-Krsna Consciousness lifestyle, that is your hippy life, got triggered. Lost in nostalgia, you began narrating your experience for hours, on how you worked as a singer cum song writer and how you finally met your spiritual counselor, HH Vishnujana Swami. At one point during the beginning of that narration, Gurumata reminded you that we are getting late, but neither you nor we were bothered by the passage of time. We were all equally immersed in the experience, and your feeling of vulnerability and humility, that all of us had tears in our eyes and all of us had the same thought in our minds that we will never interrupt or leave you that day. We confirmed this thought with each other when we actually departed. Gurudev, that narration of what happened after you met with HH Vishnujana Swami is not complete, and we are eagerly looking for that day when you will tell us the remainder of that episode.

O expansion of Srila Prabhupada, as I already mentioned, it is not possible for me to expand all your glories in written form here. All that I have attempted to narrate is nothing but a spark of your splendor. Of course, what need is there for me, other than my own purification, to go on expanding your unlimited glories, which are already so much wide-spread in over 100 countries? So, with your permission, I stop my narration of your glories here, but I take the opportunity in wishing you a long life, unfailing health and ever increasing wealth and followers for the sake of expanding your missionary Krsna Conscious activities!

your unworthy servant,
Radhakrishnan – New Delhi, India



Ramesh P, Bhilai, India – your concern for us is unparalleled

Hare Krishna Respected Gurudev,

Please accept my respectful obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupad

All glories to Srila Gurudev

It is indeed our good fortune that we have you (bonafide spritual master) as our Shikshaguru. I am thankful to the Supreme Lord Krishna for this beautiful arrangement. Now a days coming in contact with a Bonafide spiritual master is very difficult and rare. Every day when I read your daily thoughts & B.G. lessons, I feel energized and spiritually advancing..

As per B.G.(4.34) - " tad viddhi pranipatena, pariprasnena sevaya, upadeksyanti te jnanam, jnaninas tattva-darsinah".





In your case, You are so merciful that you are imparting knowledge to us without expecting any service from us and We are also gaining knowledge from you without rendering service to you.

Guruji, You are a perfect example of a truly pure devotee of the supreme lord Shri Krishna and also a great disciple of HDG Srila Prabhupad. You are carrying out the mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness throughout the world. It is really peoples' good fortune that they are being guided by you to move in the right direction and avoid repeated birth and death. The kind of concern being shown by you for delivering people like us back to godhead is unparalleled.

Finally, I beg you for your blessings so that I advance in Krishna Consciousness and become a true Krishna conscious person by following all the regulative principles etc. which is the highest goal in my life and I thank you once again for teaching Krishna Consciousness to us. You are our only hope to guide us in proper direction.

with respectful regards,
your dasanu dasanu dasa,
P. Ramesh, Bhilai, India



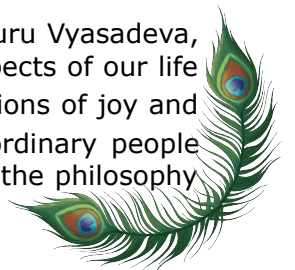
Ramudu Venkataraman, New Delhi – you enlighten and remove ignorance

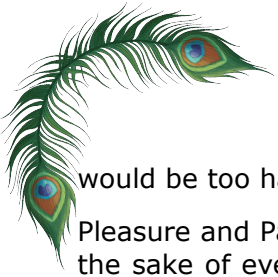
Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,
All Glory to His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Vyasa-puja is an annual offering of special honour to Guru, remembering always that Puja/Pooja, पूजा, is an expression of honour, homage, adoration, reverence, worship and devotional attention. Pooja cleanses mind and heart and enables the performer to follow righteousness path, dharma, and live the life with honesty, truthfulness, love and compassion towards all living beings. This understanding of basics is the need to develop the way that will enable to cross the Life Ocean and attain Moksha or liberation. The need is to live with peace. Peace refers to freedom from disturbance and living with quietness and tranquillity.

Real Vyasa-puja is to selflessly surrender oneself completely at the lotus feet of Guru Vyasadeva, do guru puja and living a life of service following his advice and guidance in all aspects of our life and activities. Veda Vyasa वेद व्यास in his message to his son Suka, said the conditions of joy and fear affect only the ignorant and never affect him who is wise. Vyasa felt that ordinary people would never be able to understand the Vedas and all that they meant. He thought the philosophy





would be too hard and wrote Mahabharata as an itihasa like Valmiki Ramayana.

Pleasure and Pain are not eternal. Jiva is eternal. Righteousness is eternal wealth of the wise. For the sake of even ordinary life one should not cast off righteousness. Sage Veda Vyasa wanted to interweave the events of life with all the knowledge of the Vedas including astronomy, politics, sociology, geography and spirituality to educate people to understand real nature of reality and become more intelligent than they are now by understanding principles through stories. Even after writing Mahabharata, including dealing with politics in a realistic manner as can be seen in Bhagavad Gita embedded in Mahabharata that deals with Krishna-Arjuna discussion of duties and responsibilities in the battle field, Vyasa did not feel peace of mind. He sought advice of Sage Narada and at his suggestion wrote Srimad Bhagavatam, the transcendental Science not only for knowing the ultimate source of everything (Divinity, God) but also for knowing our relation with Him and our duty to enlightenment of human society on the basis of spiritual knowledge and observing better practices and attained peace.

We bow to Sage Vyasadeva, who is an incarnation of Lord Narayana, who guided humanity to understand the common thread of humanity that can unite everyone in the diverse world and faiths. Goal of ancient Vedic culture is the spiritual perfection of man

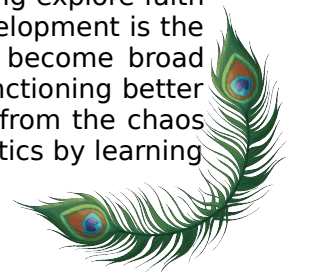
व्यसाय विष्णु रूपाय व्यास रूपाय विष्णवे
नमो वैर्ब्रह्मनिदये वासिष्ठातय नमोनमः
यस्य स्मरण मात्रेण जन्म सम्सार भन्दनात्
विमुच्यते नमस्तस्मै विष्णवेप्रभविष्णवे

vyasaaya viShNu roopaaya vyaasa roopaaya viShNave
namo vairbrahmanidaye vaasiShTaataaya namonamaH
yasya smaraNa maatreNa janma samsaara bhandanaat
vimuchyate namastasmai viShNaveprabhaviShNave

We worship Vyasa as he has shown us the way to understanding and dealing with vicissitudes of life and move on the path to lead a noble peaceful life.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, spent his life by passing on the teachings of the Vedas and Vedic scriptures, The mission of Iskcon founded by him is to 'acquaint all people world over with universal principles of self-realization and God consciousness so that they may derive the highest benefit of spiritual understanding, unity and peace'. The mission based on sincerely and systematically cultivating true spiritual science is aimed to free the learner and practitioner from anxiety and restore the original nature of the soul of pure unending blissful consciousness in this life time itself. Bhaktivedanta's book 'Bhagavad-Gita As It Is' with detailed explanation of various issues brings out the spiritual wisdom of Vedanta with an ideal blend of literal accuracy and insight of dharmic approach to life, duties and responsibilities and promoted the book distribution at nominal cost as the most effective means of spreading our movement.

His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari in pursuing the mission of Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, for propagating the ultimate science of Bhakti throughout the whole world for the benefit of all suffering humanity, by learning, thinking, concentrating, understanding explore faith and apply principles of life personal training to contribute to social community development is the message. The mission taken up is for soul searching by enlightening people to become broad minded by understanding and taking steps to remove our inbuilt ignorance and functioning better for the benefit of humanity. Krishna consciousness is essential to save the world from the chaos and misery created by passion and ignorance of human beings, economics and politics by learning





and developing wisdom, peacefulness, self-control, austerity, piety , tolerance and strong faith , the by understanding Krishna Consciousness, the *atma-tattva*, the science of the self, the enabling force within everyone.

Using modern Science and Technology Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari is trying to educate people over the world by his email weekly lessons on Bhagavad Gita. The mission is to make everyone to understand the basics about who we are and how to deal with flickering mind and providing assignments in the development and full absorption of Krishna Consciousness, i.e. our real nature as part of the Divine soul, enabling us to deal with all anxieties in the material world and to function providing service in practice with devotional attitude, *sadhana bhakti* to bringing about a peaceful and harmonious world society.

Understanding and putting nature in balance has to look beyond science, economics and politics to spirituality to change your experience of life with Seeds of Enlightenment. Spiritual enlightenment will make a shift from living as "a human being having a spiritual experience" to living as "a spiritual being having a human experience". The need is for every nation to learn spiritual aspects of life and rise above narrow domains of politics and power to create as world family, *vasudaiva kutumbakam*, to ensure global peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Ramudu Venkataraman, New Delhi, India (presently visiting the USA)



Radhika Sridhar, New Delhi - you render such wonderful selfless service

It is a wonderful selfless service you are rendering by which many devotees around the world are benefited and getting connected to the God. Thanks

Radhika Sridhar – New Delhi, India



Rathin Mandal, New Delhi – praying to Lord Krishna to keep me at your lotus feet

Hare Krishna,





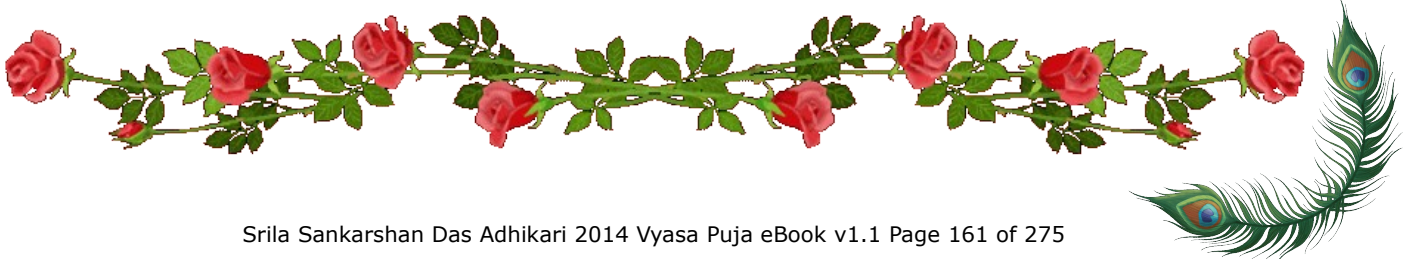
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to offer my most humble obeisances to Srila Gurudeva. By causeless mercy of Srila Gurudeva I have learned and experienced so much. By mercy of Srila Gurudeva I am able to engage in devotional service. And only by mercy of Srila Gurudeva I could receive association of so many wonderful devotees. Until and unless one receives the blessing from the most pure devotee of Lord, it is not possible for a materialistic person like me to receive a spiritual gift. By mercy of Srila Gurudeva, I was able to face the hard phases of life. And by mercy of Srila Gurudeva, I was able to get a glimpse as how maya and time can test us in this small duration of life. Reading daily quotes energizes my day and gives me strength to go forward in the day. The question and answers given by Gurudeva are with so much love and mercy. They present the most pure love for Krishna. And makes me realize how important it is to be Krishna Conscious in today's time.

By blessing of Srila Gurudeva, I had a very blissful year. I had a pleasant time in USA. I got opportunity to engage in some services with devotees in Philadelphia. I got to meet Godbrothers of Srila Gurudeva: His Grace Ravindra Swarup Prabhu, His Grace Vishnugada Prabhu and His Grace Sikhimahiti Prabhu and so many other wonderful devotees. I got my dream fulfilled, I got the mercy to go to Austin temple and celebrate Gaura Purnima under lotus feet of Gurudeva and Gurumataji. I also got to participate in play directed by Gurumataji herself. Spending those two days under lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva and Gurumataji was like living in Vaikuntha. In Austin, I got association from our godbrothers Rantideva Prabhu and Abhay Charan Prabhu. Both of them magnanimous devotees. Being in Austin was somewhat unbelievable and most exciting of all. During my last days in USA, I got to attend the famous Ratha Yatra of New York. After coming back from USA, by blessings of Gurumataji I got married. And it was possible only by blessings from Gurumataji. It is the year when I had bothered Srila Gurudeva most with my stupid enquiries but Gurudeva always kept His mercy following by answering my every query. I am trying my best to follow those instructions. I am so fallen that I cannot even realize what I am gaining in this life, but I pray to lotus feet of Sri Krishna to give me intelligence and strength that I can render some service at lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva, who is His most pure devotee.

Listening to the lectures of Gurudeva gives me so much knowledge. And I understand from that how much important it is to listen from a Self Realized Soul. The words spoken by Srila Gurudeva are not just words but realization of Sri Krishna. I am very thankful to Visvanath Prabhu and Shashank Prabhu for giving me the collection of lectures. Krishna Consciousness cannot be brought from a shop nor can one develop it from mental speculation. I pray to Sri Krishna to keep me at lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva and enable me to serve and follow him obediently. I pray to Sri Krishna that whatever state of life I am in, please keep me in touch with your devotees so that I can remember you all the time.

your servant,
Rathin – New Delhi, India





Rashi, Jammu - you showed us the proper way to access Krishna

Hare Krishna!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Gurudev, your sweet, inspiring messages through the ultimate self realization course enlightens me every time I open my email which reiterates the fact that Krishna's abode is our real home, His love the real love, His mercy the real mercy. I consider this as Krishna's unlimited love and mercy that He made me register into this course. I find myself incompetent in finding a proper simile to compare your invaluable guidance and your love for mankind which makes you patiently re-emphasize loving devotion to Krishna for ignorant fools like us and kindly yet firmly putting across every detail, every word expressing Krishna's greatness and the way to give our love to Godhead. With your grace I came to know about those real aspects of life, the road to ultimate reality of which I had no idea; which are so different from the usual accustomed way of living life. Most importantly you showed us the proper way to access Krishna i.e. chanting of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra:

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

Your instructions show a sharp difference between what we are doing and what we should be doing. Your messages jerk me from idling. When I sit idle it makes me realize that at this moment I am missing on something very important, i.e. chanting Krishna's name and how well I can make use of this time which would otherwise go wasted doing nothing or doing something which is worth nothing. There are innumerable other such things which have proved priceless and of immense help and potential in bringing us closer to Krishna Consciousness.

I offer obeisances to you for doing all that for us which I didn't know even existed. On this special day of Vyasa Puja I wish Krishna's more and more love to you so that the continuing mission of making humans on the Earth Krishna Conscious becomes a reality very soon.

I seek your forgiveness for all the wrongs, the negligence which I must not do to my fellow beings, to you and to Krishna Himself. Bless me that I may fulfill my responsibilities, my duties, and my promises whatsoever I made or make directly or indirectly in Krishna's service and always remain worthy to be able to love Krishna. Let my heart brim with love for the eternal universal power.

Please pardon me for any mistakes, if committed above.

Jai Shri Krishna
Rashi - Jammu, India





Rasraj Das, New Delhi, India – thank you a million times

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your divine Lotus fine. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to thank you million times for your spiritual guidance. I remember when I was new in Krsna Conscious and used to read your Daily quotes and Q/A. I used to feel as someone has asked my personal question. And, you in a best way used to answer those tricky questions.

Right from that day onwards my believe in Krsna conciousness got increased. Now I am staying in a Brahmachari ashram at New Delhi.and, I almost repeat your answers to my junior friends.

Thank so much for helping me to stay in this movement with great sense of pride and honour your servant,

Rasraj Das, Delhi, India



Sah J K, Chandigarh, India – By your mercy our lives are meaningful

Dear Srila Gurudeva ,

My humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you ever so much for introducing Krishna Consciousness in our lives and for giving us Krishna which keeps us really alive .

It is only by your causeless mercy that we are enjoying an ecstatic and meaningful life of Krishna Consciousness .

Thanks & Regards

J.K Sah, Chandigarh, India





Sevananda Das, Kathmandu, Nepal - Hundreds and hundreds of obeisances

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

My dear Srila Gurudeva, O proprietor of my heart, on this most auspicious of occasions, which is so kindly bestowed upon me by Krishna, as I am writing this ode of gratitude and submission unto your lotus feet, I am realizing how unworthy I am to have this opportunity and mercy to glorify you, to serve you, to connect with you and to beseech you for a drop of that ambrosial nectar which is known as Krishna-prema and which arises and flows from you continuously, like the waves of the ocean, to engulf us puny souls who are tottering and hovering in this valley of shadow of death burdened by the weight of material desires accumulated over millions of lifetimes.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, O proprietor of my heart, you are the worshipable deity of all the demigods, whereas I am offensive in my very nature and doubled over by ignorance. I don't know how many offenses I have committed, neither the amount of ignorance that covers me up. Some day the scientists may count the total number of atoms that make up this entire universe, but they will not be able to measure the length and breadth of my offenses and ignorance that cover me up. I am truly unworthy to stand before your sight and am unqualified to glorify you. I am suffering from a condition called trishna, which is explained by the great souls who are learned in the sastras as a condition where one's tongue is so parched due to great exhaustion that it does not matter how much they replenish themselves with water and liquids, the tongue remains parched and dry.

That is my condition, Srila Gurudeva, and there is no one who can save me from my predicament except you who holds the gift of Krishna-prema and are freely distributing it all over the world. In fact, your very being is sweet and mellifluous like the nectarian seedless mangoes that grew in the courtyard of Shrivasa Pandit due to the mercy of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Gurudeva, O proprietor of my heart, you are the wealth that is sought after by the Goddess of Fortune. You embody compassion, love, kindness and mercy, and your heart bleeds seeing the suffering of fools like me. Therefore, beckoning that unlimited oasis of compassion in you, I beseech you to accept this unworthy attempt from an unworthy soul to glorify you.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, O proprietor of my heart, O crown jewel of the entire universe, here at this juncture, I would like to share an incident from my so called personal life. In not so remote past, when my wife was 4-5 months pregnant, she started having excessive bleeding due to an accident, which threatened the life of the baby in her womb. The doctors warned that there was a very slim chance of the baby surviving, and in fact, when the miscarriage takes place, due to excessive loss of blood, the mother's life would also be at risk, they said. Consequently, Yashoda was bedridden for the entire period of her pregnancy after that. No medicine was prescribed, because the doctors said that there is really no medicine to prevent it from happening. Naturally, we were very worried at the time.

However, due to the benediction of being in your shelter, I remembered a sloka from the beautiful Bhagavatam, which was offered by Uttara to Krishna when the life of Maharaj Parikshit, the baby within her womb, was threatened by the brahmastra released by Asvatthama. SB 1.8.9:

uttarovaca

pahi pahi maha-yogin

deva-deva jagat-pate

nanyam tvad abhayam pasye





yatra mrtyuh parasparam

TRANSLATION:

Uttara said: O Lord of lords, Lord of the universe! You are the greatest of mystics. Please protect me, protect me, for there is no one else who can save me from the clutches of death in this world of duality.

I immediately asked Yashoda to memorize this sloka and offer it as a prayer to Krishna bowing down before Him. Yashoda followed suit. Being a mother, she was very worried for her baby's life. So, when she kneeled down before Krishna and started uttering the sloka, her eyes welled up with tears that flowed down her cheeks continuously. When I witnessed this, I remembered Ajamila, and I considered; even though, Ajamila was a wretched sinner and did not deserve to be favored by the Lord, the Lord protected him, because he called upon His Name with great feeling. Similarly, here was Yashoda, though undeserving, praying to Krishna, uttering a verse from the beautiful Bhagavatam, which is Krishna Himself, with so much feeling.

Right there and then, I was convinced without a trace of doubt that Krishna will protect her and the baby in her womb, just like He had protected Uttara and her baby. I conveyed the same message to Yashoda and assured her that there was no reason to fear anymore. Truly, notwithstanding all the warnings from the doctors, there was not a single disturbance in her pregnancy after that, and lo and behold, we have a healthy eleven months old boy in our arms.

The real purport behind this incident is the potency of Srimad Bhagavatam. That the beautiful Bhagavatam is Krishna Himself, and anyone who takes shelter of the beautiful Bhagavatam can have all his desires fulfilled. Hence, with a boosted faith, I offer the following prayer from the beautiful Bhagavatam daily after mangala aarati. SB 10.85.45:

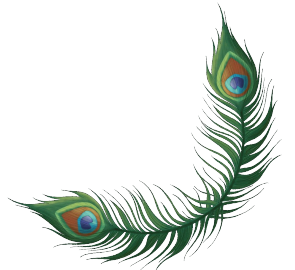
*tan nah prasida nirapeksa-vimrgya-yusmat
padaravinda-dhisananya-grhandha-kupat
niskramya visva-sarananghry-upalabdha-vrttih
santo yathaika uta sarva-sakhais carami*

TRANSLATION:

O my lord, please be merciful upon me, so that I may be able to get out of this dark well of material life called family life and take shelter of your two lotus feet, which are sought after by the great saintly persons who are completely free of all material desires. And then, as a peaceful surrendered soul, may all my bodily needs be fulfilled from the trees who give in charity to the whole world. Thus, may I roam freely, all over the world, either alone or with great souls who are the true friends of all living entities.

My dear Srila Gurudeva, O proprietor of my heart, O you who are endeared by Krishna, when I daily recite the above prayer, you enter into my mind, because you have actually fully realized the purport of the above verse and are actually living the dream, setting an perfect example for the world to follow. Therefore, on this most opportune moment, I humbly fall down at your lotus feet with a blade of grass between my teeth and offer you hundreds and hundreds of obeisances from the front and from the back and from all sides, again and again.

A servant of your servants,
Sevananda Das, Kathmandu, Nepal





Shalini, New Delhi - may I always be at your lotus feet

Dear Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja

The spiritual master's pleasure is in the advancement of the disciple. I have heard that real spiritual advancement is never accompanied with pride. One can only make spiritual advancement by Guru-krpa. Srila Prabhupada explains the causeless mercy of the Guru in a morning walk conversation: "Guru-krpa is like this. I give you mercy and you say 'I don't want', but I say 'no, you take'. Guru-krpa then Krsna-krpa, not that Krsna-krpa."

I pray that someday I may follow your instructions so that I may always be at your lotus feet, safe and secure. Please guide my family to be selfless and somehow or other serve in Lord Caitanya's sankirtan mission.

your aspiring servant,
Shalini – New Delhi, India

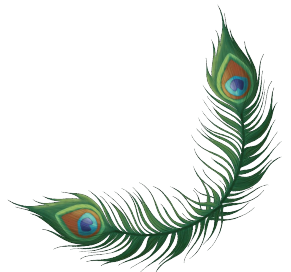


Sheela Uday, New Delhi – you help people to gain mastery over the mind

Ultimate self realization course is a tool that Guruji has provided to ensure that today's youth will grow into good citizens and positive contributors to society. Guruji helps world citizens to gain mastery over the mind as that is the real education by providing guidance on the application of Lord Sri Krishna's teachings as in the Srimad Bhagavad gita. Thank you guruji for guiding us and on this vyasa puja day of yours we seek your blessings.

With my humble pranams and respects to you.
Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya.

Mrs. Sheela Uday – New Delhi, India





Shreyas, New Delhi - you openly distribute your divine mercy

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

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

*namo om visnu padaya krsna prestaya bhutale
srimate sankarsana dasa adhikariniti namine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, who is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

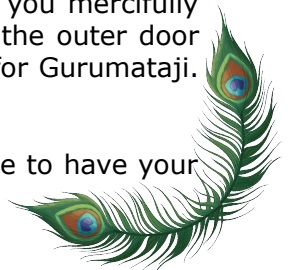
*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha-uttam bhakti varsine*

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

Before Lord Chaitanya revealed to Srila Rupa Goswami the esoteric knowledge of bhakti He mentioned that since it's not possible to reveal the infinite ocean He would just give a drop of this oceanic science sufficient to give the idea of the whole. Similarly, the glorification below, Srila Gurudeva, may be compared to the tiny most fraction of your unlimited glories. Since I find myself incapable for this service I wonder my capability of glorifying His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. It is only by serving your instructions, the essence of all teachings from His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, can I understand the glories of His Divine Grace.

Srila Gurudeva, in the month of February, Mayapur, when your glance would act as a balm to my anxieties, the first incident took place when I had entered the room and not shut the door behind completely. This attracted your attention and then came the words: He is also like the rest, 99% (closing the door 99%). I was immediately humiliated and at the same time embarrassed of my carelessness. Srila Gurudeva, you could have chastised heavily, but you corrected so lovingly although it was 0% work. Since then I try my best to check the doors as closed. Recently, in Vrindavan, while returning to the quarters from the lecture, one of the devotees asked me to keep the doors open in advance for your ease during entrance. With a stupid brain, I ran and got confused if he meant the outside door or the inside. Attempting for the inner, I stood embarrassed to find it was locked while you had already opened and entered the outside door and then you mercifully turned and guided like a father: It would had been better if you would have held the outer door for Gurumataji. By attempting the inner door you made me hold the outside door for Gurumataji. Again I was purchased by your inexpressible fatherly attitude and humiliated.

Days later, when the SDA family was going out for Loi Bazar, I had the good fortune to have your





personal association Srila Gurudeva. I was curious about the severe allergy in your eyes which had made everything so difficult for you and when you came, before I could ask, you mentioned about the applied ointment around your lotus eyes and how it was working successfully. Again by your fatherly approach my heart was more shrunken. Another personal incident was while distributing papers for the Question and Answer sessions to the devotees at the Balaram hall, for audience's convenience, you had informed that your disciples were giving papers out and then you personally mentioned my name. On hearing so, my heart was completely shattered by your causeless mercy. Srila Gurudeva, it is known to all the disciples that how during the tirthas you indiscriminately distribute your remnants to the devotees and sometimes personally to one of your beloved disciples. You openly distribute mercy. It is also known that after the morning lectures, after the morning and evening arati and other occasions you bless your disciples with garlands and other devotees as well. I remember ironing the clothes at the MVT quarters recently while you were serving Sri Sri Radha Damodara Srila Gurudeva. The next moment when I looked up your Divine Grace had walked to me and blessed with the garlands. Humiliated again, purchased again, with regret of selfishness and laziness, my heart grew stronger against the mind's revolt towards surrender unto your lotus feet. From all the following incidents I attempt to present your heart towards your disciples. I had heard from the other devotees that how for 'one disciple' you had traveled to a particular city in Australia. I had also witnessed how breaking through everything you personally greet the newly arrived disciples by pronouncing their names personally with so much of love. Therefore your love and care for disciples is clearly visible. Despite so many emails pending to be answered and other health issues you and Srimati Gurumataji take all the disciples to tirthas and arrange their stay as well.

Srila Gurudeva, this morning, while answering one of your disciples, you mentioned him the importance of sincerity and then you told him that "I hope that you are so sincere" then you declared with a laugh, "I was just humiliating you, you are actually sincere." In this way all were moved by your concern for each disciple. Having personally experienced, you chastise as well for the well being of the disciple to cut their false pride. I was eager to know my position and during the parikrama in Vrindavan (April), while walking in the narrow jammed streets with an existing cut/injury on your lotus feet, you were again hurt by a brijbasi's nail while he was strongly moving his hands in gesture to someone, resulting in minor bleeding on your forehead. When I was asked to pour some water and I had foolishly ignored hygiene despite repeated warning, you declared that I am crazy! And in this way I was fortunate to have witnessed a glimpse of your thunderbolt aspect and my position as well. The incident also displays your tolerance for you silently tolerated the injuries while later declaring it as a mercy in the next Thought for the day. Despite so many emails to reply, in absence of a qualified pujari, many times, you are engaged in worshiping and offering Sri Sri Radha Damodar (which usually is the duty of the disciple), without compromising on book reading, personal time to disciples and tirthas. When Sanjay, new to bhakti had approached you after Guruvastakam early morning, you personally gave him your 2 hours. While serving your orders to help him he had told me that when he had apologized you for taking so much time of yours, he was replied that he was blessing you. Again I felt very disgusted of my surrender unto you. These are few incidents, not mentioning your tolerance while travelling with a very sensitive and painful ear problem.

Srila Gurudeva, you are a Prabhupadanuga! You won't compromise on any, be it Srila Prabhupada's instructions as per Chaitanya Charitamrta of shaving the mustache and beard off the face, attacking the victims (among initiated disciples) seated in the lecture, or be it replacing Visnu by Krsna in the tulasi pranam mantra, explained by tattva, or be it cutting the covered materialistic vision of jivas who identify a sannyasi by his robes only or be it illicit sex among the initiated grhastas. Even if you are to preach to the unfavorable audience you use various preaching weapons such as poetic devices, funny incidents, authority from various scriptures along the Vedic





slokas and examples from the real world that convinces even the first timers, going in like a needle and coming out as a plough.

Srila Gurudeva, your attachment for Krsna is clearly visible when you surrender yourself during kirtans to the holy name, holding no considerations as to what an external materially covered vision filled with envy would interpret. Your attachment for Krsna is clearly visible when you personally take us to tirthas and to the pastime spots while reading out the pastimes to us, connecting us to the Lordships through the esoteric nectar of Krsna katha emanating from your lotus mouth, entering within our hearts smashing the darkness within. Sometimes you suddenly come out from the room and share blissfully with the disciples a sweet pastime that your Divine Grace would have come across while reading books from the acaryas.

*sri-radhika-madhavayor apara-
madhurya-lila-guna-rupa-namama
prati-ksanasvadana-lolupasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

"The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Radhika and Madhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."

Srila Gurudeva, your attachment for Krsna is clearly visible when you tirelessly and repeatedly preach around the whole world, importance of chanting the holy names *Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare* lecture after lecture, emphasizing on: "Why stop at 16? Chant 24 hours a day, read 24 hours a day, become the messenger of Krsna, give your everything to Krsna. Why separately imagine pastimes while chanting? Laser focus your consciousness on the sound vibration and name, form, quality, pastime and dhama will automatically be revealed within time" and so on...

I will never forget the moment when you were leaving the Delhi airport Srila Gurudeva and while spending moments with your disciples, you dived deeply in meditation and shared: "Everything is in the holy name: perfection, happiness, love, everything is present in it." Therefore I offer unto you the prayers:

*krsna se tomara krsna dite paro
tomara sakti ache*

"Krsna is yours, you are able to give Him to me, for such is your power."

*ekaki amara nahi paya bala
hari nama sankirtane
tumi krpa kori sradha bindu diya
deho krsna nama dhane*

"Alone I have no strength to chant the holy name of Lord Hari. I beg you therefore, please be merciful and with a particle of faith, give me the great treasure of the holy name of Krsna"

While following the path of Srila Prabhupada, your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji have given us everything through the guidance and instructions that Srila Prabhupada has given for one's achievement of pure devotional service. I feel ashamed of repeatedly asking for mercy although you have already distributed. Any shortcoming is due to my impurities within. Therefore as per





your teachings I constantly try to pray: *bahir nrsnga, hrdaye nrsnga*. "Lord Nrsnga! Please sit within the core of my heart and destroy all the bad propensities of my mind so that I may peacefully worship the Lord and spread His glories all over the world." and do not give up the battle against maya while consistently fighting it patiently.

I feel incomplete by not glorifying Srimati Gurumataji for her guidance, meant for our perfection in order to render pure devotional service unto your lotus feet is a super-catalyst for our advancement in bhakti. She is always acting for the welfare of everyone although invisible for the conditioned senses, guiding us all as per Srila Prabhupada's teachings, teaching the exact mood and attitude needed for executing various services. It is by her mercy that I realize my shortcomings, my bodily attachments and so-called good qualities. Since she had conveyed to me that I am a squeaky mouse I was blessed with an authority to glorify you after the lectures and since then after lectures end, I shout loudly from my heart and lungs, without any fear, having been empowered by Srimati Gurumataji. In this way Srimati Gurumataji empowers and qualifies us every now and then although I am yet to be trained a lot.

Srila Gurudeva, despite your infinite blessings my stone like heart doesn't absorb it due to my bodily identification. I pray that I may eternally be able to have mercy from your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji in the form of chastisements and love simultaneously through physical association. Only then, with illusion cut within, will my heart soften to absorb your mercy available around and chant incessantly the holy names purely. Therefore please smash my pride.

*sakalesammana korite sakati,
deho natha! jathajatha
tabe to gaibo hari-nama-sukhe,
aparadha ha'be hata*

"O Lord and master! Invest me with the power to properly honor all living beings. Only then will I sing the holy name in great ecstasy and will all my offenses cease."

Srila Gurudeva, someone may tell me that I may be good in such and such aspects but these all qualities lay useless and other's glorifications a mere flatter if they are not in connection to your glorification. In fact if there may be any good quality it is by your mercy:

*jogyata vicare kichu nahi pai
tomara karuna sara
karuna na hoile kandiya kandiya*

"When I examine myself, I find nothing of value. Your mercy is therefore essential to me. If you are not merciful I will constantly weep"

(Please forgive me Srila Gurudeva for I lack the surrender to include the fourth line.)

Therefore I finally pray at your lotus feet to qualify me and cleanse me such that I may be able to spread your teachings, the As It Is nectar of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's teachings, potent to connect one with Krsna by destroying any deviations. Please bless me so that I may develop attachment for hearing Krsna katha attentively in order to advance further towards my goal. Praying to get initiated soon, without which I cannot advance further.

Srila Gurudeva ki Jaya!
Srimati Gurumataji ki Jaya!
SDA family ki Jaya!





His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada ki Jaya!

your servant,
Bhakta Shreyas – New Delhi, India



Shyamapriya devi dasi, NOIDA – may I always be able to please your Divine Grace

*om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnanajana-shalakaya
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 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 vikasatha, uttama bhakti varsine*

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

My Dearmost Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your Divine Grace's lotus feet.
All glories unto your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories, all glories to your Divine Grace's Sri Vyasa puja!

I humbly fell at your Divine Grace's lotus feet and beg for permission and causeless mercy so that I may be able to write a few words of glorification on the most auspicious occasion of my life- Sri Vyasa puja of your Divine Grace.

The Power of your Divine Grace's one merciful glance:

Srila Gurudeva, I saw and learnt about your Divine Grace as a spiritual leader and master for the first time in my life in year 2009 when you came to ISKCON, NOIDA to deliver a lecture in your





autumn preaching tour in India. At that time, I was going through one of the toughest periods of my life materially and especially spiritually. The lecture hall was crowded, I noticed a brahmachari in saffron putting a glass of water near your vyas-asana and the lecture has started. And I remember, I was just sitting in the audience like a lifeless zombie- a result of the severe shocks Maya devi gave me. The mike system was not very effective as the surroundings were getting noisier and noisier. But the moment your Divine Grace said, "Srila Prabhupada said..." my ears became instantly alert and I became so eager to hear more from your lotus mouth. I was so angry at the audience because the kids and ladies from the surrounding areas who visited temple that day were making noise and not attentively listening to your Divine Grace and also not letting me listen properly.

That very moment your Divine Grace uttered those magical words, "Prabhupada said....", a voice in my heart said, "this is my Guru". But still at that point I was ignorant of your Divine Grace being an initiating spiritual master. However, not having any knowledge about your Divine Grace didn't stop the joy in my heart as I felt my prayers have been answered. All this time I was praying to Sri Krishna and Srila Prabhupada to send his true representative to rescue me from this hellish condition. It's been seven years in ISKCON, I got down from 16 rounds to sometimes 4 and sometimes 8.

I still remember, in year 2004, a senior mataji told me, "You have to search a guru by yourself". I was a college student then and I sat on the stairs of Sri Sri Radha Parthasarathi temple and with a very heavy and sad heart thought to myself, "how can I ever find a 'guru' all by myself?" (looking at my incapability to find one) But now I have personally experienced that if one sincerely desires and prays for spiritual guidance, Sri Krishna reciprocates and manifests externally as Sri Guru and Sri Guru finds you instead, to rescue you from the quagmire of this chaotic and hellish material life.

As I informed my brother, Rohininandana das and enquired about your grace, he informed me that your divine grace is an initiating spiritual master based in U.S.A. And as me and my brother were paying our obeisances to your Divine Grace from a distance, you had a merciful glance on us from the window of your car, as you were leaving for ISKCON, Delhi. I can never forget that moment. Little did I know then that very soon the power of your Divine Grace's one merciful glance on a fallen one like me will empower my heart to take up chanting minimum sixteen rounds a day and a year later when myself, my brother and mother got an opportunity to meet you personally, I already was chanting 16 rounds. Then two years later getting initiated by your Divine Grace became the most auspicious and empowering historical moments of my life.

And if I am still able to chant Hare Krishna mahamantra, it's only and only because of your Divine Grace's causeless mercy on me in the form of your Divine Grace's instructions given to me. There is no difference in the power of your Divine Grace's one merciful glance or your spoken word or written words. I am the living example of how your Divine Grace's one merciful glance on the most degraded and fallen of all like me has brought a 360 degree spiritual transformation in my life. My only prayer to Sri Krishna and at your Divine Grace's lotus feet is that may I always be able to please and serve your mission with my mind, words and deeds in all circumstances, times and places by overcoming all my faults and inefficiencies.

The effect of rendering service to a pure devotee:

I was facing a very serious problem in my spiritual life and I was very ashamed of addressing this to anyone. Though I made many attempts to write to your Divine Grace and seek mercy, the shame associated with it made me keep it to myself. The problem was- I was unable to listen to





Krishna conscious lectures with keenness and interest. It posed a grave threat to my spiritual life. Even after initiation I was still facing this unsurmountable obstacle. However, after initiation in year 2012, I had an opportunity to serve your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata in Vrindavan. Since then I noticed a sudden drastic change in me. I started to listen to lectures on topics of Sri Krishna with utmost keenness and interest. My ears never experienced and relished such nectarean taste before. As I kept listening, listening and listening to your Divine Grace's lectures I came across a lecture where your Grace mentioned how one develops love to listening to Krishna's messages by rendering service to pure devotees. I immediately related it to serving your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata in Sri Vrindavana dham. And when I came across the verse in Srimad Bhagavatam confirming the same, my joy knew no bounds.

*susrusoh sraddadhanasya
vasudeva-katha-rucih
syam mahat-sevaya viprah
punya-tirtha-nisevanat*

O twice-born sages, by serving those devotees who are completely freed from all vice, great service is done. By such service, one gains affinity for hearing the messages of Vasudeva. (SB 1.2.16) [Suta Gosvami instructs the sages of Naimisaranya]

Two mothers and two fathers apart from my biological parents:

In the initial days I was very happy to have found my spiritual parents in your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata. But only lately have I realized that I have not just found a set of spiritual parents but two. I have found a mother and father in your Divine Grace and a mother and father in Srimati Gurumata. I have personally experienced this from both your Grace's kind guidance, instructions and rectifications I received so far to improvise my life in accordance to Krishna conscious principles.

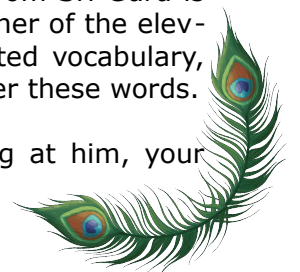
I remember one fine morning in Sri Vrindavan dham in September 2012 when I got an exclusive opportunity to serve your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata breakfast (fruit salad and poha). It is the one of most fortune moments of my life and as I am remembering it my eyes are brimmed with tears for how more fortunate one could be. Both your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata seemed very pleased with me and I got an opportunity to have a personal conversation with both your Graces regarding a problem I was facing that time. And during that conversation your Divine Grace gave me few personal instructions and also guided me how to deal with certain things in life. Also, during the same conversation your Divine Grace said Srimati Gurumata is the expansion of Sri Guru and it deeply struck my heart as I never realized it that way before.

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Srila Gurudeva, we rarely get an opportunity to offer any glorifications to Srimati Gurumata. So I humbly beg permission from both your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata to take this fortune and most auspicious occasion to speak a few words in glorification of Srimati Gurumata.

My dearest mother Srimati Gurumata, the inconceivable mercy I am receiving from Sri Guru is doubled by the presence of your Grace. Although it is not easy for me to glorify either of the elevated selves- Srila Gurudeva and your Grace with my simple words and poor/limited vocabulary, only by begging the alms of some mercy at your Grace's lotus feet am I able to utter these words.

Srimati Gurumata, just as a mother knows the pain of a child simply by looking at him, your





Grace were always able to make it out by my face, whether I am in trouble or in faulty consciousness and always saved me by giving me proper rectifications. I don't know how a mother should be until now and I am learning that from your Grace. Unfortunately, I never received proper training in Vaisnava etiquettes before and still I see myself a long way to go. Just as a mother trains her children how to put food in mouth, how to clean oneself, etc. your Grace is training me and raising me to have proper etiquettes in Krishna conscious life. Your Grace so mercifully and with lot of love always guided me more than a mother in dealing with various situations in compliance with Krishna conscious principles. My mother mentioned many times that Srimati Gurumata is my real mother for Her Grace is teaching me what she failed to teach me as her daughter.

This year when I met with an accident, both Srila Gurudeva and your Grace were more worried than my biological parents. My previous doctor made me to believe that I am healed when I was not and I was pushing my body in mode of ignorance and your Grace saved me by literally pulling me out of it. I have personally noticed that Srila Gurudeva and your Grace cares a lot about each single one of us in our Godfamily equally.

I get very sad at times for being incompetent and not being able to please both your grace and Srila Gurudeva with the quality of service I render but in my heart I deeply desire to improvise myself to be able to please both your Graces. I humbly fell at your Grace's lotus feet and beg for your Grace's causeless mercy that one day I become competent enough to serve both Srila Gurudeva and your Grace eternally with all my heart, love and perfection.

Srila Gurudeva, I will eternally remain indebted to both your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata for giving shelter to the most degraded and fallen of all at both your Grace's lotus feet and for providing kind guidance in all matters leading towards perfection of my spiritual life.

I humbly beg and pray to Sri Krishna from the core of my heart to bestow the best of health and facilities to my spiritual master and Srimati Gurumata to spread the glories and message of Sri Krishna around this world and beyond and simultaneously beg from Sri Krishna and your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata to have your causeless and inconceivable mercy on me to somehow eternally keep me engaged in the eternal and transcendental service of Sri Guru and may I always be able to please your Divine Grace with all my words, thoughts and deeds in all places, all circumstances and all times.

I humbly fell at the lotus feet of your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata and beg a million times to kindly forgive me for all the offenses I might have committed knowingly or unknowingly while writing/speaking the above words.

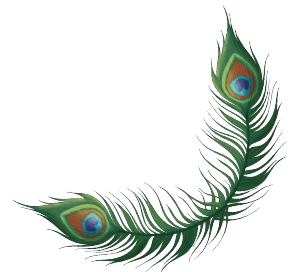
Praying for the best of health for your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata.

Your Divine Grace's Sri Vyasa puja ki jaya!

Begging for your one merciful glance. O! my spiritual master - a beggar's plea

from a distance I see a tall, grave stature,
reminds me of Srila Prabhupada walking in his pictures

bold and nothing to fear from, you fly in the skies
to spread Krishna's message and giving insights





you are on a mission to save the world
with a purpose to please your spiritual master

you and my gurumata endure all the austerities
only to deliver us all back to home, back to Godhead.

Your sword like instructions
Cut hard knots in our hearts

every single word you speak or write
cleanses the dust of ignorance from our hearts

have mercy on me o! munificent servant of the Lord.
Help me overcome my diseased condition (lust, envy, pride, greed, madness and illusion)

If one merciful glance of yours
can make a serpent like me chant Krishna's names.

Then your one eternal merciful glance can also
Transform me (a demon) into a devotee of Sri Krishna

I have lost my identity and way back to my home
running from here to there, I end up where I started this fair

rotting in the dirty quagmire of life, miserable and pathetic
I am tired in the absence of love for Sri Guru and Sri Krishna

Have mercy on me o! my spiritual master
Help me break away from this cycle of misery

Only the buoy named 'your lotus feet'
Will keep me afloat and not sink in this monstrous ocean.

for I greedily desire to dedicate my existence
in your service now and for eternity.

Serving the lotus feet of your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata
with love and dedication is the only reason I want to exist

let me have this only desire is what I desire and pray for
This fallen beggar is begging for alms of your causeless mercy.

O my spiritual master
Only one eternal merciful glance is what this beggar is begging for...

yours sincerely,
Insignificant servant,
Shyamapriya devi dasi - Govinda Dham & Bhaktivedanta Academy, ISKCON, Noida, India





Sowmya Dasi, Barreilly UP - we beseech your shelter

Dear spiritual teacher,

We the fallen souls are constantly being smitten by the vices of faint heartedness and are constantly puzzled with regards to our duties. You are the only source whose shelter we may beseech. You instruct us as what is good and worth doing for the enlightenment of the soul and attainment of our ultimate goal of going back to Godhead . Thousands of disciples take refuge in you so that their purpose in life is served and are engaged in the service of Sri Gurudeva and Gauranga. I take the opportunity to pay my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of Vyasapuja. We desperately need your blessings to sail across the ocean of material miseries and ultimately reach Goloka dham.

Your humble servant

Sowmya Dasi, Barreilly, UP - Disciple of Sri Sri Bhakti Sudheer Damodar Maharaj, Upacharya - Sri Chaitanya Math

Vipan Kumar, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh – Only because of your divine teachings

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I am in love with KRISHNA only because of divine teachings of Param pujya Maharaj ji even though I am highly unqualified.

हरे कृष्ण, हरे कृष्ण, कृष्ण कृष्ण, हरे हरे,

हरे राम, हरे राम, राम राम, हरे हरे ☺

Yours student,

Vipan Kumar, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, INDIA



Visvanatha Das, New Delhi - your desire gives me hope against hope

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.





All glories to you.

I was recently reading in Nectar of Devotion Srila Prabhupada describing how simply due to the desire of a pure devotee some person may advance in spiritual life and become elevated to the stage of ecstasy. In Chapter 17, Srila Prabhupada writes:

As for ecstatic love of Kṛṣṇa, there is a statement in the Seventh Canto, Fourth Chapter, verse 36, of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, in which Nārada addresses King Yudhiṣṭhira, "My dear King, it is very difficult to describe the character of Prahlāda. He developed a natural attraction for Kṛṣṇa, and whatever I can explain about his character will simply be an arrangement of words; his actual character is impossible to describe." This means that Nārada himself admitted that the natural development of Prahlāda's ecstatic love was by the grace of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

This natural attraction for Kṛṣṇa on the part of Prahlāda was developed simply by the mercy of Nārada. When Prahlāda Mahārāja was within the womb of his mother, she was being sympathetically instructed by Nārada about the science of devotional service, and at the same time Nārada was wishing that the child within the womb could also take advantage of the instructions. Because Nārada, an authorized devotee and great associate of the Personality of Godhead, was desiring auspiciousness for Prahlāda Mahārāja, he developed all the characteristics of a high-grade devotee. This is called natural attraction. It is caused by the special grace of the Personality of Godhead or by the special grace of a great devotee like Nārada.

Srila Gurudeva, this reminds me of one incident. About three years back I had once asked you - "what is the innermost desire of spiritual master (in context of his disciples)"? And you had very simply replied me in very few words - "that they will become pure devotees."

So Srila Gurudeva, today that reply of yours is giving me great hope. Since it is your wish, it cannot fail. You are a spotlessly pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa and your desire will definitely manifest. So although personally I am totally disqualified by all means I am sure I will also become a pure devotee definitely because you have accepted me as your disciple and you have that desire for me.

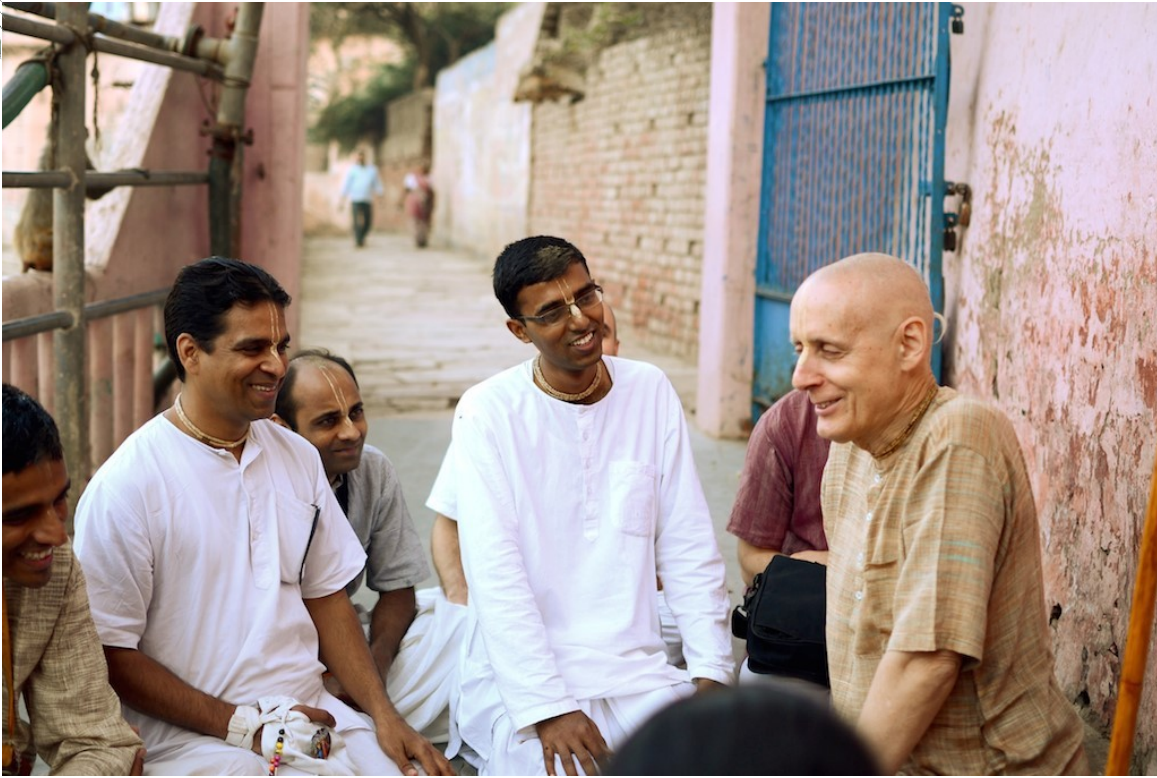
Thank you Srila Gurudeva for everything. Thank you for saving me and coming to save me again and again. Thank you for the wonderful magical beads which you gave me. Thank you also for the many never-before information you give me which I never got in infinite previous lifetimes. Thank you for continually pushing me to Kṛṣṇa.

Please now bless me with pure devotional service only and also with the capacity to spread it all across the material existence for all of eternity henceforth, in your service. Please bless me so that this life may be an offering unto your lotus feet.

Prostrating in the dust of your lotus feet and begging for your causeless mercy

your servant,
Visvanatha Das – New Delhi, India





Talking about Krishna at Manasi Ganga



Yudishthir Moza, Haryana - your words are my only life

I am not your initiated disciple but right now your words are my only life.

I composed a poem based on my learning from your teachings which I dedicate to you. Always seeking your benediction to make sense of this world of Maya, my being is at your feet.

In Service Of Almighty Lord

From oblivion your body took shape in your mother's womb.
You did not know being born was bliss or mere doom.
Slowly you realized existence of this world;
In due course you recognized your family and soon that realization got old.

As a grown up young person there was energy in your body;
You sought control though not everything was understood oddly.





Achievements and goals met, made you proud;
Things not understood were kept behind ego's cloud.

Slowly the young body slipped into old age;
All things done existed only in mind's cage.
What was once easy and easily sought,
Now another younger generation into existence brought.

Over the years doing all this, what did you gather;
In life's various stages and all sorts of weather?
Riches and name are only for this while;
With death, like with others, everything will last only for a while.

With all this in front of you now you hone,
You are not this changing body of flesh and bone.
But an eternal servant of Almighty God;
As a spirit-soul, consciousness plodding to attain service of Almighty Lord.

Yudishthir Moza – Panchkula, Haryana, India





Eastern India

Deepak Kumar, Kolkata - thank you for inspiring me in Krishna consciousness

Hare Krishna
Please accept my humble obeisances

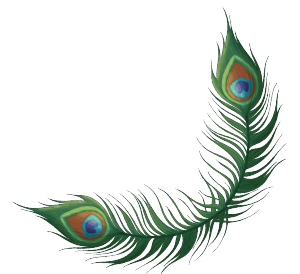
First of all I thank you very much for providing such a golden opportunity to allow me to writing an offering.

I first time and last time saw maharaja in Pune and he looked at Sri Sri Radha Kunjbihari Deities as if he was seeing Krishna Himself, that touched my heart.

Thank you for regularly sending Ultimate self realization articles daily. Question answer sessions are very interesting. When I read answers I think that Srila Prabhupada is giving answers to me. Regular photos related to different different preaching, Srila Prabhupada Darshan are very very nice.

Thank you for coming in my life and saving me and inspiring me in Krishna consciousness. Please pray for me that I can serve devotees lifelong sincerely, seriously without ulterior motive and without interruption and with love and affection. Please give me strength that I can chant attentively and without offenses.

your aspiring servant,
Deepak Kumar – ISKCON Kolkata, Kolkata, India





Glorifying Krishna in Sridham Mayapur



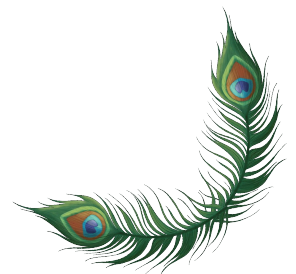
Lipsa Tripathy, Odisha – eternally indebted to you

Dear Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

I am eternally indebted to you for giving me shelter of your instructions. I am devoid of all good qualities. Only your divine grace can save me. Therefore, I humbly beg for your mercy that I can follow your instructions very very strictly.

Kindly accept this insignificant offering at your lotus feet:

O Gurudeva, you are always engaged in preaching,
as your life and soul, strictly following Srila Prabhupada's teachings.
Always enthusiastic and eager to deliver the fallen souls,
distributing the mercy of Krishna to all.
Taking everything that comes as the Supreme will of Krishna,
you teach us by example, the lifestyle of ideal Vaisnava.





You are an ocean of mercy, an ocean of compassion, possessing all Vaisnava qualities, flooding even rascals like me, who are nil in abilities.
May Lord Krishna always keep you in good health,
so that you continue to propagate His love, the greatest wealth.

Wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja.

An unworthy soul aspiring to be your faithful servant,
Lipsa – Berhampur, Odisha, India



Harihara Hota, Puri, Odisha, India – You preach the glories of Sri Krishna worldwide

My dear Srimad Gurudeva!

Tavacharane punah punah prnaamah.

I am offering my heart felt love and devotion to you on occasion of Vyasapuja with following newly composed Sanskrit sloka.

"Sankarshana !namstubhyam

krishnanaamaikcharine,

Viswasanchaarine tasmai

Pranamami muhuhrmuhuh."

Translation - Oh!Srigurudeva sankarshana!since you are engaged to preach the name of Bhagaban Srikrishna through out the world for the benefits of all ,so I always offering my obeisance to you with my heartfelt devotion.

Yours charanasevaka (servant of your lotus feet)

Harihara Hota, Puri,Odisha,India



Niranjan Kumar, Odisha – you are so merciful and compassionate

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swamin iti namine*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.





*namaste saraswate deve gaur vaani prachariney
nirvisesa sunyavaadi paschatya desa tarine*

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

*vancha kalpa taru vyascha, kripa sindhubhya eva ca
patitanaam pavanay bhyo, vaishnavebhyo namo namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees who can fulfill the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

*jai sri krsna chaitanya prabhu nityananda
sri advait gadadhar srivaasadi gaur bhakta vrinda*

**HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE**

Dear Guru Dev,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your Lotus feet.

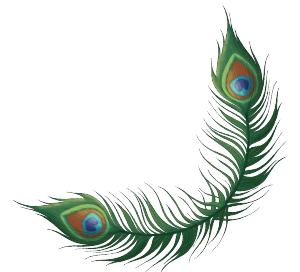
On this auspicious day of your appearance, I would like to thank you from the core of my Heart for the love and care you have given to the entire world.

It is very difficult for me to glorify your qualities and personality, as I am so much fallen & you are so elevated. Whenever I see you or hear your Divine voice, I can feel that I am standing in front of the vast ocean of qualities, like - Intelligence, Honesty, caring, compassionate, humble and many more qualities... But out of these the most wonderful quality is that you are ever most merciful and compassionate to all the fallen conditioned souls. I have now realized that ever since I heard about you when you came to BACE at KATWARIA SARAI NEW DELHI, you have fantastically analyzed the difficulties & situations of all the devotees writing or meeting to you. In each situation you have saved all of us from the greatest danger, although we have acted like a stubborn child who don't want to listen to his parents, do all sorts of nonsense activities, but still you have never given up on us. You have been always eagerly hearing our doubts & questions, always ready to listen to our nonsensical talks/matters and at the end you shower your wisdom and put off our burning anxiety.

Therefore on your appearance day I beg to LORD SHRI NARSIMHA DEV for your good health and wellbeing, I then beg to LORD SHRI NITYANANDA PRABHU and all the Vaishnavas and Vaishnavi, please allow us to serve you sincerely and help you to spread LORD SHRI-SHRI GAURANGA MAHAPRABHU mission for the pleasure of his Dear most devotee His Divine Grace A.C. Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila PRABHUPADA.

Thank you GuruDev for your Causeless mercy on the Conditioned souls.

your aspiring servant,
Niranjan Kumar – Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India





Shalini Gupta, Kolkata, India – all glories to your guidance

Respected Guruji,
Sadar Pranam.

It's a great honour to be offer Vyasa Puja.

It's a great privilege to read the daily thoughts of Guruji and be constantly reminded of our actual purpose in life.

The vicissitudes of nature has made a demon out of a human being and we don't know where we are heading.

There is nothing as pure and divine as our Atman , our Divine nature which is a witness to all our pious or impious activities, and through your guidance we are made aware of this DIVINE EXISTENCE daily.

Thank you so much.

Our goal in this birth is to be a good human being and try to transcend our meaningless and innumerable desires and try to be selfless in all our activities.

All Glories to Guruji and His guidance.

Sincerely yours,

Shalini Gupta, Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Shilpi Baruah, Assam - wish and pray for your well being and good health

Hare Krishna,

All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Madhava!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your Lotus feet.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyas Puja please bless all of us over here for a smooth and successful spiritual life. Thank you so much Dear Maharaj for always showing us the path of real happiness through your daily lessons. Your Daily spiritual thoughts have always enabled us to revive our forgotten contact with our Supreme Father, Lord Sri Krishna. All your writings inspire the ones who are away from temple and striving for good association of devotees around. Thus we all are happy to be a part of Ultimate self-Realization family.

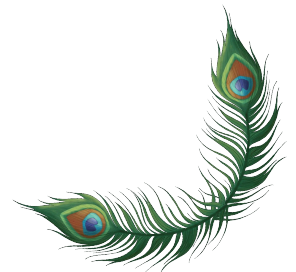
Wish and pray for your well being and good health. Kindly include all of us in your prayers. Looking forward to meeting you someday Dear Maharaj.

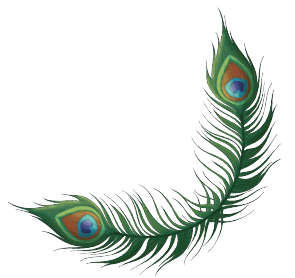
Hare Krishna,

Always aspiring to serve,

your daughter,

Shilpi Baruah – Golaghat, Assam, India







Western India

Abasaheb Salunke, Pune, India – You have descended from Krishna's planet

Dear Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

First of all I take full remorse for not writing this offering in time as I did not notice that specific reminder.

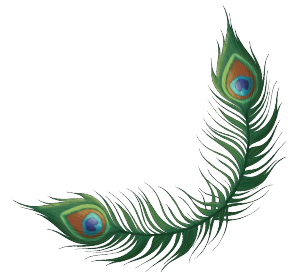
My dear Gurudev, you take so much trouble to write the spiritual course on the web. Your deep knowledge and lifetime experience in the Bhakti process is a source of great encouragement for all of us. Since last many many years not a single day has ever been passed without the soothing messages you routinely brought us for our spiritual advancement & to enable us claim the return to the godhead. My dear great Vaisnava I always feel that you though stay in this mortal world but actually have descended from Krsnaloka to end miseries of thousands of souls like me who are languishing since time immemorial . Otherwise how is it possible to travel relentlessly, writing hundreds of replies to the curious and the doubtful, deciphering the science of Bhakrti, though the age is advancing. Prabhupada created so many gems but you are the most sublime and outstanding one for your unparalleled globe-trotting furthering the teachings of Sri Chaitanya. Your thorough dedication to Srila Prabhupada is brightly reflected by your selfless, limitless endeavors in preaching the cult worldwide. I felt very sad when I heard about your eye sore. Your heart is the abode of Krsna, I pray that you may not suffer any such bodily sufferings.

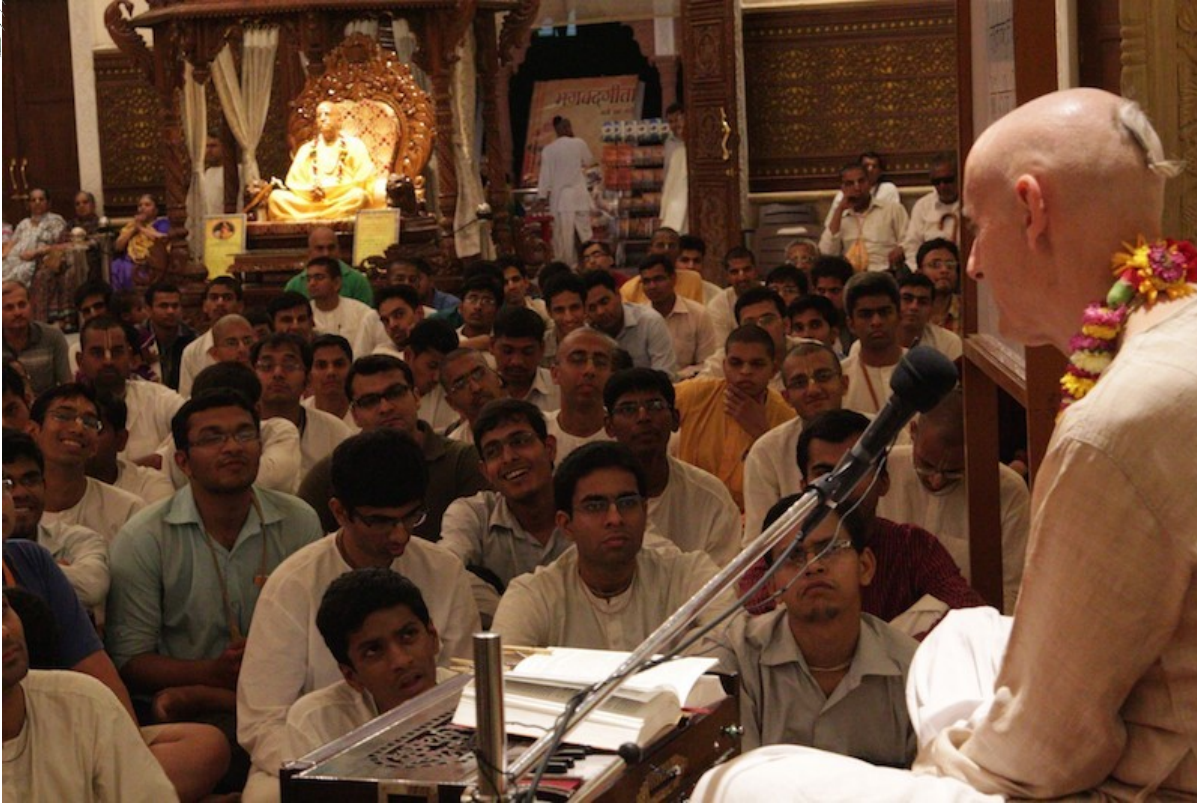
I don't know how to pay you back. But I promise you that I will make your instructions the only aim of my life. Generally in advancing age men keep in home, but you valiant knight having the sword of knowledge has set out to eradicate the sufferings of the souls. Once I heard that Gurumata had suffered a brain haemorrhage en route the preaching schedule in Denmark. She also does unprecedented service unto your lotus feet. She is the backbone of your preaching mission. Her glories also deserve to be sung, for her unflinching support and conviction in Krsna Consciousness. I feel very much privileged to have received your slanting glance upon me.

While concluding this sublime act, I wish you a very very happy & joyous appearance day. I sincerely pray to Srimati Radharani to grant you both whatever you desire in fulfilling the mission.

Hare Krishna !

Yours very very insignificant servant and aspiring disciple
Bhakta Abasaheb Salunke, Pune, India





Giving Bhagavad Gita Class in ISKCON Pune



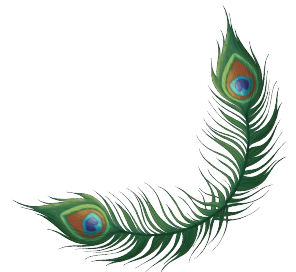
Acharya Das, Mumbai – I cling to your instructions

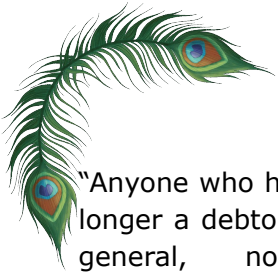
Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my Humble Obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srimad Bhagavatam states:

devarsi-bhutapta-nmam pitnam
na kinkaro nayam mi ca rajan
sarvatmana yah saranam saranyam
gato mukundam parihrtya kartam





"Anyone who has completely surrendered unto Krishna, Mukunda, giving up all other duties, is no longer a debtor, nor is he obliged to anyone—not the demigods, nor the sages, nor the people in general, nor kinsmen, nor humanity, nor forefathers." (Bhag. 11.5.41)

By serving to Krishna's lotus feet we can pay all debts, but how is it possible to pay debt to Guru, who shows us how to surrender to Krishna? Disciple is the eternal debtor of the Spiritual Master.

On this auspicious day of your Appearance, I beg you to allow me to cling to your lotus feet in the form of your instructions and empower me to assist you in the mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness in every town & Village.

Your lectures are a source of great inspiration for me. Even just by listening to you for few minutes every day on my way to office, helps me remember Krishna & futility of the material world. Gurudeva, you give us so much hope! So much aspiration! Just like the cataki bird, who only drinks water that falls directly from the raincloud, I want nothing else in my life than to drink through the ears this nectar which flows liberally from your lotus mouth. Therefore, I am begging you to please count me amongst the innumerable devotees who aspire for residence at your lotus feet.

I have seen you so enthusiastically eager to preach this message of Krishna Consciousness even it means for you to take pains to do the seva is a inspiration to everyone & also Steadfastness in the service.

I humbly beg you to empower me so that I can unlock the treasure of love of Godhead, within this Krsna consciousness as given by Srila Prabhupada & Parampara. Be able to fructify the instructions you have given me. Kindly forgive my offenses at your lotus feet.

You Eternal Debtor,
Acharya Das, Mumbai - India

Adipurusha Das, Mumbai – following your instructions meticulously means pure bhakti

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumata.

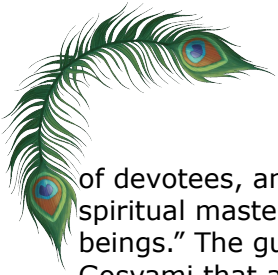
On the auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja, I am making an attempt to glorify You.

In the Padma Purana, the characteristics of the guru, the bona fide spiritual master, have been described:

maha-bhagavata-srestho brahmano vai gurur nmam
sarvesam eva lokanam asau pujyo yatha harih
maha-kula-prasuto 'pi sarva-yajnesu diksitah
sahasra-cakradhyaye ca na guruh syad avaisnavah

The guru must be situated on the topmost platform of devotional service. There are three classes





of devotees, and the guru must be accepted from the topmost class. The first-class devotee is the spiritual master for all kinds of people. It is said, gurur nmam. The word nmam means "of all human beings." The guru is not limited to a particular group. It is stated in the Upadesamrita of Rupa Gosvami that a guru is a gosvami, a controller of the senses and the mind. Such a guru can accept disciples from all over the world. Prthivim sa sisyat. This is the test of the guru.

In India there are many so-called gurus, and they are limited to a certain district or a province. They do not even travel about India, yet they declare themselves to be jagad-guru, the guru of the whole world. Such cheating gurus should not be accepted. Anyone can see how the bona fide spiritual master accepts disciples from all over the world. The guru is a qualified brahamana; therefore he knows Brahman and Parabrahman. He thus devotes his life for the service of Parabrahman. The bona fide spiritual master who accepts disciples from all over the world is also worshiped all over the world because of his qualities. Lokanam asau pujyo yatha harih the people of the world worship him just as they worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All these honors are offered to him because he strictly follows the brahminical principles and teaches these principles to his disciples. Such a person is called an acharya because he knows the principles of devotional service, he behaves in that way himself, and he teaches his disciples to follow in his footsteps. Thus he is an acharya or jagad-guru. (Purport to CC Madhya 24.330)

Srila Gurudeva, You are putting a lot of effort to travel around the world and preach Krsna consciousness as per the instructions of His Divine Grace A.C. BhaktiVedanta Swami Prabhupada. You plant the seed of Krsna Bhakti in the hearts of those who You come in contact with and out of Your extremely merciful nature accept disciples all over the world. You meticulously guide them in their spiritual life and lead by example. You preach expertly to all classes of men throughout the world and are received with honor and respect everywhere. Disciples all over the world worship You. This way by the order of Your spiritual master You are acting as an acharya or jagad-guru.

When I expressed my desire to read Srila Prabhupada's books deeply, You gave Your blessings and guidance. Its only because of that I am still able to continue my studies. During Your stay in Mayapur, You instructed me to come out of sickness by preaching. Although I couldn't fully understand the instruction at that time, later while I was in Mumbai, I applied that instruction and now I am progressing well in my recovery both physically and spiritually.

I am very confident that by following Your instructions meticulously and by Your mercy, I will be awarded the highest goal of bhakti – Prema, since You are 'PremaMurti'.

On this day, I beg You to bless me so that I can also develop intense Guru Bhakti which You have towards His Divine Grace A.C. BhaktiVedanta Swami Prabhupada. Because attachment to Your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires.

Your insignificant servant
Adi Purusha das, Mumbai – India





Anjali Lall Roy, Mumbai – a poem in gratitude

All around us was the darkness of material world,
We were spiraling uncontrolled in Maya's vortex!
We were crying out like lost children.... Oh Lord, oh Master, Oh Bhagavan,
Have mercy on us, undeserving and fallen ones.

The All Loving One, having mercy on us,
Sent us His mercy and love- embodied in our Gurudev,

Most respected Gurudev,
You are a shining light,
A luminous beacon that inspires us,
To move out of our ordinary existence,
To search for the Truth.

Oh Krishna, oh Madan Mohana, Oh Yashoda nandana,
Many thanks to you,
For this most beautiful gift- our Guru,
We did not even know the meaning of Bhakti,

But now,
we are blessed to have our Guru,
whose entire life and way of living, is a living example
of what and how we should be/try to be.
Oh Radhakanta, oh Hari, oh Jagannath,
Please accept our gratitude and thanks for your rarest and special Mercy.

Anjali Lall Roy, Mumbai, India



Anuja Raghuvanshi, Panaji, Goa - you supported me in my hour of need

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All Glories To Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Jee.

Dear Gurudev,

Thank you for your support that you gave me in my time of hardships .
Your persistent blessing has taught me how to connect and keep Krsna always in my mind and my heart.





This is the greatest gift of my life, its my second birth in this life,i am learning how to hold Krsna in every breath that i take.
Your mercy is causeless.

May Lord Sri Krsna bestow all his love and causeless mercy on you .

Hari Bol,
Anuja Raghuvanshi, Panaji, Goa



Janardan Mali, Mumbai – your mission is most divine

Jai Gurudev,
Namaste,

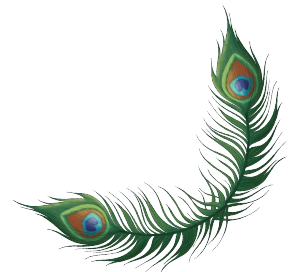
Though the lifestyle of Indians has completely changed during last 30 years, yet the reverence and respect we pay to our teachers is still as it was a hundred years back.
Your Mission to help everyone to awaken their original Krishna Consciousness, is most commendable. After realization and experiencing original Krishna consciousness, you try to convince devotees that every one's original Krishna Consciousness is eternal, full of knowledge and full of bliss. Your mission / Sankalpa is most divine in the present materialistic world. If a global awakening of Krishna consciousness occurs, world will get heaven on earth.It will bring in a new era of unprecedented peace and prosperity for all.

The world very much appreciates the pure bhakti taught by ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, and is lucky that evotees/sadhaks got the chance to be liberated from this hellish material world by the opportunity to join his most glorious Hare Krishna movement. ISKCON Movement started about 40-50 years back and there must be hundreds of realized souls who could narrate their experiences and convince the new disciples that awakening original consciousness is a reality and not a imagination or speculation.
I humbly declare that I am sincerely participating in this mission and trying to revive my dormant Krishna consciousness. There are several methods explained to Arjuna by Shree Krishna in Bhagavad Gita for awakening consciousness depending on prakrati of devotee.

As in this world and all over the material creation there is nothing more purifying and sanctifying than the spiritual knowledge of atma tattva or soul realisation. It is the destructive of all sins. Perfecting oneself by following of prescribed Vedic activities in the manner instructed by the self-realized spiritual masters one will naturally attain atma tattva as well in due course of time.
O Divine Master, I bow to your Divine Lotus Feet for expounding awakening original Krishna Consciousness technique and the blessings showered on us.

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

Yours In Yoga
Janardan Mali, Mumbai – India





Kamal Caran Das, Gujarat, India – Thank you for your “All Time Teaching”

Hare Krsna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.
All glories to Sri Gaura Nitai.

The siksha we get from Srila Sankarsan Das Adhikari through 'on-line' media is one of the highest level of teachings. We feel very grateful to him for the 'ATT' (All Time Teaching) services rendered for the enlightenment of our fallen souls. The programs like on-line book reading as well as on-line preaching & discussions are the matchless efforts in the service of Sri Krsna. It is his causeless mercy on fallen souls like me. Many a times I seek advice from and received very very humble and kind guidance in specific spiritual decision making situations. I offer my obeisances from my heart & soul to Srila Sankarsan Das Adhikari - my siksa Guru for his causeless mercy upon me.

Hare Krsna.

Your servant.

Kamal Caran Das, Gujarat, India



Kanzya KP, Ahmedabad, India – Please bless me with purity and divinity

Oh Great Divine Soul !

Hare Krishna ,
What a great moment ! a poor like me is offering words of devotion to THOU..
May THE ALMIGHTY act through YOU !, nay ! is HE not acting now through YOU ?
Ah Glorious Supreme !
Ah merciful !
Kindly bless me with bliss-bliss-bliss, purity-purity-purity, divinity-divinity-divinity.....

please accept my PRANAAMA , my VANDANA.

KP Kanzya, Ahmedabad, India





Krishna Priya Devi Dasi, Mumbai – you have given me the greatest gift

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All Glories to you on this auspicious day of your appearance.

"When a mantra is chanted by a great devotee, the mantra becomes more powerful. Although the Hare Krsna maha-mantra is powerful in itself, a disciple upon initiation receives the mantra from his spiritual master, for when the mantra is chanted by the spiritual master, it becomes more powerful." - SB Purport 4.24.32.

You have given me the greatest gift, devotional service but I like a child who didn't understand the value of this Gem and didn't grasped the full importance of this acquisition until last year. In September 2014 I finally got the mercy of being formally initiated in the process of Krishna Conciousness in Delhi. By your mercy I was inspired to be able to chant 16 rounds and become fixed in the process of Krishna Conciousness. You have been travelling all over the world tirelessly to spread the message of Parampara in a true spirit of Srila Prabhupada by bestowing mercy on spiritually ignorant souls. If not for you I would never had been able to understand this process of Bhakti. Your unwavering dedication and causeless mercy you bestow on everybody who comes across to you.

With your blessings Guru Maharaja, I pray that I can always be in the association of devotees and develop the desire to remain focused on your instructions. Please excuse me for my short comings, this daughter will keep trying and trying to serve the devotees, You, Srila Prabhupada and Krishna to the best of my abilities.

Your Eternal Servant,
Krishna Priya Devi Dasi, Mumbai - India



Mukund Purohit, Baroda, Gujarat, India – I want to serve in person

Respected Sir,
My heartiest gratitude to our master/god for all that he preaches us.
Everybody is equal in the eyes of God.
I want to serve in person to hon. spiritual master for gratitude.
Please accept me for my humble services to him.





Have nice days ahead.
Mukund M Purohit, Baroda, India



Parag Rane – your daily thoughts kill the demons in our hearts

Pamho, Hare Krishna

Being a direct disciple of Srila Prabhupada is such a great honor. Being in touch with those generations of 70s where Prabhupada preached, awakened, lit the fire in the hearts of young boys and girls, motivating them to take up Krishna consciousness seriously, we are getting a direct chance to associate with a Prabhupada disciple. The daily thoughts kill the demons in our hearts and sound like a thunder or roar as mentioned in NOD sometimes Narada Muni used to chant like a roar for demoniac thoughts.

It is true kiba vipra kiba shoodra nyasi kene naya yei krishna tattvavetta sei guru hai. One can get all benedictions & benefits by serving a spiritual master who knows and trains disciples in the simple thought process of Krishna consciousness.

Regards,
Parag R. Rane



Premal G. Shah, Mumbai – please accept my garland of gratitude

My Dear Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Radha Damodar

Traditionally we Indians express our gratitude and admiration for persons by presenting them with a garland of flowers. I would like to present you my garland but one of gratitude.

You found me in the mode of ignorance and in the belief that life was full of enjoyment by being selfish and exploiting others. Winning was my only goal and inspiration in life.
I believed the more power a man had, the more successful he was.

Srila Gurudeva the day I received your first email from your course at www.backtohome.com it has changed my thoughts patterns of what success is.





You are living proof that you may light another's candle at your own without loss.

The transcendental knowledge which you have is unlimited .Throughout the world you are lighting the candle of Krishna consciousness to one and all by tirelessly travelling to different continents and cities.

Your presence itself can remove all contamination of a conditioned soul. When you are talking and explaining the science of self, a conditioned soul like me gets a chance to understand the deeper meaning of life.

Namo om vishnu padaya krishna presethaya bhutale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine
namo praphupadanuga prema murti
kripatmane gaura desa vikasirta.
uttama bhakti varsine

I will never fail to follow your pranam mantra. It will always give me shelter at your lotus feet.

My garland cannot compare in beauty and perfume to nature's garland, but please accept my humble tribute.

Your eternal servant always
Premal G. Shah, Mumbai – India



Radhika Mehta, Mumbai – reading your emails makes me Krishna conscious

To my spiritual Guru Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

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

Extremely grateful to receive teachings of Bhagavad-Gita and awaken our Krishna consciousness, which is full of knowledge and helps us to purify eternally. All thanks goes to you, for you being my spiritual guru and sending me non-stop mails of the course.

However busy I am, I make it a point to read all your mails. Over the years, I have gained inner strength if anxiety strikes me and bewildered by unfortunate circumstances in this material world, I take solace of Lord Krishna, because I know he is there to protect and take care of me. I have noticed on many occasions, our problems are at the peak, but next moment everything is resolved.





The Guiding Principles for Liberating the Householders from Material Entanglement

The wonderful regulative principles of freedom have been lovingly presented by the previous acharyas and so clearly explained in a manner just suitable for our understanding by our ISKCON Founder-Acharya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Your LOVE for your devotees are immense, you remove confusions from our mind by replying to all the queries, and make us understand in a very simple way, understood by all.

Your DEVOTION to spread Krishna consciousness is awesome to spread the science by travelling all over the world , really touches to the core of my heart. I bow down to you as my spiritual guru.

Your teachings and reading Bhagavad-Gita daily enlightens me stage by stage.

I ask your blessings and I pray for your perfect health, so your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness accomplishes successfully.

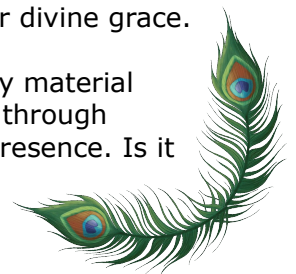
Dr. Radhika Mehta, Mumbai - India



Rajesh Kohli, Pune – I feel your presence

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my most respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace.

Gurudeva, your mercy upon me is inconceivable. Like a sleeping man is awakened by material sound, the sleeping souls of Kali are being awakened by Your transcendental sound through various sources like the ultimate self-realization course, emails, lectures and your presence. Is it





not wonderful that Lord Nityananda delivered one Jagai and Madhai and Your transcendental mercy is delivering thousands and thousands of Jagai Madhai by the same grace of Lord Nityananda, for You are endowed with the supreme divine will of Their Lordships.

As the time passes by, and the need to spread Krishna Consciousness around the world keeps increasing, I have started feeling your presence in my every action and thought. I understand that it may not be possible to have you with us, all the times physically, due to your most hectic and glorious preaching schedule year after year – I have begun to feel your presence in your instructions equally even when you are not with us here in Pune.

The disciple and spiritual master are never separated because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master. This is called the association of vani (words).

Srimad Bhagavatam 4.28.47

You have been an inspiration for every one of us to take up and maintain spiritual life. I just wonder how horrible world would have been for us if you had chosen not to appear and give us this opportunity.

The Lord and His pure devotee appear out of their own sweet will to deliver fallen souls of this world. Your unbound and unlimited compassion is evident in the very fact that You chose to appear in this world which according to liberated beings is most heinous and wicked place (Mritha loka).

Yasya Sakshad bhagavati Jnana-dipa prade gurau
Masrtyasad-dhih shrutam tasya sarvam kunjara-sauchavat
SB 7.15.26

The spiritual master should be considered to be directly the Supreme Lord because he gives transcendental knowledge for enlightenment. Consequently, for one who maintains the material conception that the spiritual master is an ordinary human being, everything is frustrated. His enlightenment and His Vedic studies and knowledge are like bathing of an elephant.

You are not an ordinary being Srila Gurudeva. Your divine appearance and lila to spread Krishna consciousness across the world is supreme divine will, humbly carried out by You.

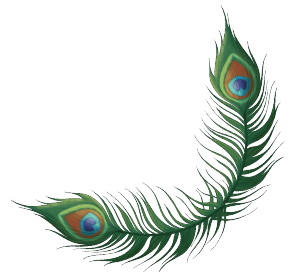
Please forgive my offenses and engage me in Your service by making me an instrument in Your divine mission. On this most auspicious day of Vyasa Puja, I fervently pray to Your Divine Grace to kindly give this lowly servant eternal shelter at Your lotus feet.

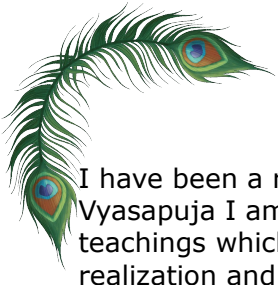
Aspiring to be a servant of your servants,
Rajesh Kohli, Pune - India

Sandip Koranne, Navsari – thank you for giving me Vedic knowledge for self realization

Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Hare Krishna!
All Glories to Shri Guru and Gauranga.
Please, accept my humble obeisances.





I have been a regular reader of your e-course Ultimate Self-Realization. On the occasion of Vyasapuja I am sending my humble obeisances. I am very much thankful to your everyday teachings which is keeping me abreast of Vedic knowledge and keeping me on the path of self realization and krishna bhakti.

Thanking you,
Yours servant,
Sandip Koranne, NAVSARI (Gujarat)



Ramashankar Vyas, Pune – Your efforts are wonderful and praiseworthy

Dear Esteemed Guru ji,

By Lord Shri Krishna's grace I avail this opportunity to send my humble offerings in the form of Sastanga Pranam and obeisance at your Lotus-feet. I pray Shri KRISHNA to bestow you long life for the deliverance of this material world. Your efforts towards awakening dormant Krishna Consciousness is wonderful and indeed praiseworthy.

May you live long and succeed in your pious mission. I always aspire for your blessings so that I may be able to connect myself with Shri Krishna all the time living physically in this material world.

With high esteems,

Dr. R.S.Vyas, Pune, India



Rohini Vyas, Pune – You have revived my lost loving eternal relationship with Krishna

My humble obeisances at the Lotus Feet of Shri Gurudev.

By dispelling the darkness of ignorance,
You have relieved us from the cycle of birth & death.
By reviving the pure love of Krishna in my heart,
You have revived my lost loving eternal relationship!

May Lord shower His choicest blessings upon you.





Always your humble servant,
Rohini Vyas, Pune, Maharashtra, India



Shadbhuja Gaura Das, Mumbai – you are an expert in reviving Krishna consciousness

Respected Maharaj
Please accept my humble obiesances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and his sincere disciples

Maharaj, today, being your appearance day, is a very auspicious day for all who has been connected to you either personally, or in your words through your internet preaching program.

Maharaj, you are carrying a missionary spirit in your heart which does not stop you from uplifting the fallen souls.

Even though your health takes a toll on you, you are tirelessly going on in your service to your spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

There is a mood of urgency in your daily messages to take up this divine process of Krishna Consciousness very seriously and you expect us to spread the same so that we could save as many souls as possible.

Maharaj, you are an expert in reviving the Krishna consciousness of others, by simply presenting the teachings of your Spiritual Master As It Is.

Your faith on your Spiritual Master, your faith on the Holy Name and your faith in this entire process of Krishna Consciousness is so deep that it has a very strong impact on any person who comes in contact with you.

On this auspicious day, kindly bless this me take up this mood and faith of yours.

your servant
Shadbhuj Gaura das, Mumbai – India (Initiated Disciple of His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami)





Sunil Vaswani, Mumbai – no words can do justice to your service



Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

No words , qualitatively and quantitatively , can give justice to the work you are doing

So , I would simply put the Offering in two words which are commonly used : "Happy Birthday"

Many things can be said about how nicely your emails help in self-realization , but I mention only a few points:

Once on reading your email , I chanted intensely

Your answers have dispelled many doubts

Your daily emails have helped to correct incorrect practices in practicing Krishna Consciousness

Your emails have been reaching regularly at about the same time , and it is easy to access the emails.

The language of your emails not only make it easy to understand the concepts , but also help how to correct others while preaching

At times , reading your emails automatically completes the reading of verse of Gita , which I would have planned to do for the morning.

The myth of sectarianism regarding Krishna Consciousness have been very nicely vanquished by your daily emails. Thus , many persons are inspired to take to this process irrespective of their nationality , culture practices.

Your emails help to dive deeply into the process and make it a lifestyle , and not only a "give the process respect".





You are very easy to approach and it is easy to send questions to you even if the questions are trivial.

The online direct broadcasts and audio meetings are ecstatic.

It is nice to know that the Transcendental Fund Drive succeeded.

Sincerely,
Sunil, Mumbai - India



Supriya Kolhe, Pune – you are specially empowered Commander of Srila Prabhupada's army

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja iti nāmine

namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

First of all Thank you very much for all the daily back-to-home newsletters.
On your vyasa puja, I pray to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar for your good health.

Maharaja I am far far to realize what it means to be on the platform of soul. But I can try to understand it by learning from your exemplary life.
Without actually caring about your body, the external circumstances, ignoring any impediments on the way –you are marching ahead to show us the torchlight of spiritual knowledge.

Your enthusiasm, your deep insights, your determination, your dedication, your love and compassion ...– makes me wonder who you really are?
A specially empowered Commander of Srila Prabhupad's transcendental army, with a mission of dissipating the darkness of illusion from our lives!
Maharaja your intriguing answers to all the questions in the daily mail give us so clear understanding of everything. Just as lord says in Bhagavad gita 4.42:

tasmad ajnana-sambhutam hrt-stham jnanasinatmanah

chittvainam samsayam yogam atisthottistha bharata

Therefore the doubts which have arisen in your heart out of ignorance should be slashed by the weapon of knowledge. Armed with yoga, O Bharata, stand and fight.
You are so mercifully cutting the hard knots of ignorance from our hearts through the sword of your transcendental answers.





You often quote that you see Krishna every minute in the form of instructions you received from your spiritual master. In your mails you have been teaching us through your own example - the Art of Surrender.

This is clearly evident from your incessant preaching mission where you are freely distributing Krishna consciousness to one and all. Also the new Austin temple would not be a building but a manifestation of your love for Srila Prabhupada.

We are not fortunate to see Srila Prabhupada in Vapu, but we are blessed to experience the presence of Srila Prabhupada in our lives by the grace of your eternal link with him. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us so many moons!!!

Gurudeva I am not qualified to write anything, but this is a humble attempt to express my gratitude for all that I have received as a causeless mercy. Maharaja I beg for your mercy to progress on this path of Krishna consciousness. And humbly pray at your lotus feet to bless me to get the taste for chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa maha mantra.

Your insignificant servant,
Supriya Kolhe, Pune - India



Sushant Kulkarni, Pune – without your emails, I would rot in the material quagmire

Dear Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Your Divine Self.

November 30, 2012 was the most auspicious day of my life. I received an e-mail from the ultimate self realization e-course. I don't know how I received the mail, maybe because of your outreach efforts. Without much thought I hit the "subscribe" button, and from that moment my life took a new turn. Till then, topics pertaining to God, religion, re-incarnation, karma were beyond my comprehension, or in a sense, absurd. I began to read your daily "Thought For the Day" and somehow I found your articles interesting, worth investing time to understand them. The bottom of your website read "Get a hard-copy of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is from your nearest Iskcon center." I contacted Iskcon Pune and fetched myself a copy.

Reading Bhagavad-gita As It Is changed my whole conception of human life and its ultimate purpose. I went to Iskcon Pune, inquired about what is "Krishna consciousness" and received a precise information about the movement. It was at that time when I got to know about the parampara of the movement and how the disciplic succession was being carried by prominent acaryas such as Your good self.

My life took a phenomenal turnover. I started practicing devotional life seriously. Daily chanting 16 rounds, reading Bhagavad-gita As It Is and reading your daily articles and question-answers formed a solid combination to catapult me into the realm Krishna consciousness. As days passed,





I started connecting more with the temple. Today, I am recognized, by Your mercy alone, as a sincere devotee in Iskcon Pune temple and have made many amazing devotee friends.

If I had not received the e-mail from You, I can't imagine where would I had been rotting in this material quagmire. I owe you my existence because You have presented me the ultimate life of Krishna consciousness. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be initiated by You, atleast indirectly, in the Krishna consciousness movement.

You stepped Your Lotus feet in Pune in the concluding days of April, 2014. I attended your Srimad Bhagavatam lecture at Iskcon NVCC. After the lecture I wanted to introduce myself to You, but seeing the crowd of devotees around You performing kirtan, I felt a bit shy and I stepped back. I was unable to introduce myself to You. After your departure from Pune I was feeling regretful and, ashamed of myself for not having shared atleast some kind words with You. I am extremely sorry for my act and I promise to introduce myself at Your next visit to Pune in coming October.

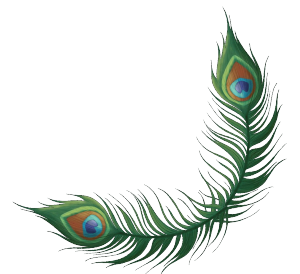
Thank you very much Maharaja for having compassion even for undeserving souls like me. I can't estimate the pain you undertake to travel across the world for preaching the sublime message of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. I am a selfish soul who just asks You questions through e-mail, and You have always replied me with sweet yet doubt-busting answers. There is not a single question of mine that You have left unanswered. Indeed, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is bestowing His causeless mercy upon ignorant souls like me via Your medium. I am not able to express my thankful gratitude in words, I doubt whether any language of this world would do justice in glorifying Your Divine Self.

Please accept my heart-felt gratitude. Thank you Maharaja for guiding and inspiring me through Your e-course.

All glories to You, Srila Gurudeva.

Your insignificant servant,

Sushant Kulkarni, Pune, India





Southern India

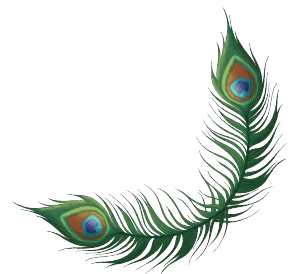
Ananthaswamy Rao, Bengaluru – Guru is...

Guru is Krishna to me as I have yet to see HIM.
Guru makes me responsible for my growth.
Guru takes away things I have and do not require.
Guru questions my answers.
Guru destroys the maze.
Guru requires my trust and humility.
Guru strips me naked and prepares for my inner journey.
Guru is a pointer to the way.
Guru takes me on the road to freedom.
Guru explains me and my nature to me.
Guru takes away my knowledge; punctures my ego.
Guru constructs me.
Guru opens my mind.
Guru shows me the way to posterity.
Guru touches my spirit.
Guru makes me wise.
Guru returns me innocence.
Guru shows me how to resolve issues.
Guru is a lateral thinker.
Guru punishes me with compassion.
Guru is like mother to me.
Guru has to find and accept me, of course.
Guru leads me by example.
Guru finishes with me, and my life celebrates.
I AM GRATEFUL TO GURU, MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES TO GURU.

HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE,
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE.

with kind regards,

S. Ananthaswamy Rao, Bengaluru, Karnataka, INDIA





Anuradha Devi Dasi, Chennai – you are mercy personified

My dearest Srila Gurudeva,

nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine
namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,
gauradesa vikasārtha, uttama bhakti varsine

I search my heart, search..... and still I will keep on searching but I could not find a trace of being your worthy disciple. Dear Srila Gurudev, just like how Lord Narasingha drills the heart of Hiranyakashipu to check for his devotion and bestow His mercy, though I am sensing myself more than Hiranyakashipu absolutely lacking in everything, yet your grace have surpassed the Lord in sheltering me at your lotus feet. As you would always give strong hope for all of us in your lectures, to endeavour inch by inch and encourage to move forward, in my years to come let me vow to inch with all my sincerity that I owe you and try hard to please you. Whatever I possess are subject to be temporary and but I can easily possess thy everlasting mercy on me. Dear Srila Gurudev, YOU ARE MERCY PERSONIFIED. When I was transcribing one of your lectures of 2004, Istanbul Turkey, I got astonished of transcribing the question and answer session because the whole session which crossed more than half an hour you have answered to one person and given yourself to save him from material clutches. It made me wonder if that soul can receive so much of your mercy I can always attach myself to your lotus feet. Dear Srila Gurudev, I am such an insignificant speck to speak your glories with my distorted language but please kindly accept this humble offering.

Always to please you Srila Gurudeva,

Your humble servant,
Anuradha Devi Dasi, Chennai - India





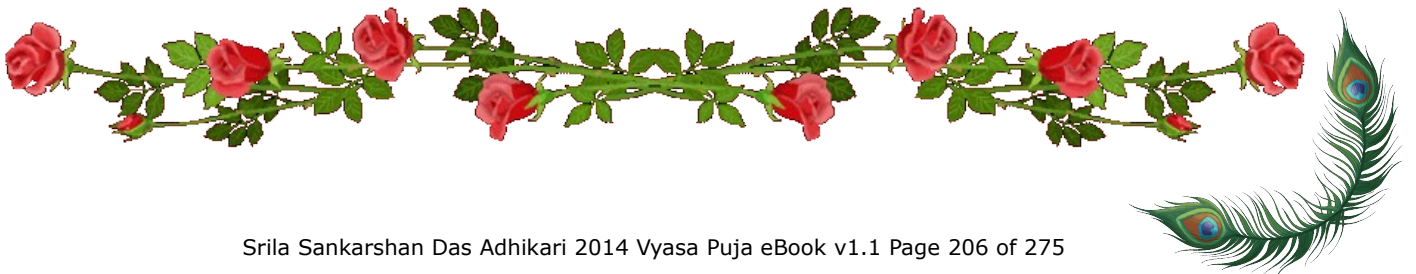
Ashok Sahu, Hyderabad – please bless me with some practical service



*Dhyana Moolam Guru Murti
Puja Moolam Gurur Padam,
Mantra Moolam Gurur Vakyam,
Moksha Moolam Guru Kripa*

The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
On this auspicious occasion of your appearance day,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.
All glories to you. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
I have been a subscriber of your fantastic e-course on self – realization since 7 yrs.
I truly admire for the effort you have put in to enlighten the people of this Dark Age named Kali yuga including me.
I have immensely benefited especially from your daily Thought for the day emails (Specially the Q&A section). You have the unique ability to pick up the right / most relevant question and answer them to the full satisfaction of the reader out of many questions that might have been asked to you by various readers each day.
Dear gurudeva, you have completely dedicated every bit of your energy in the service of Srila Prabhupada, Please bless me so that all obstacles that I face can be removed and I get the qualifications to provide some practical / tangible service in your mission to make the entire world Krishna Conscious.
Your humble Servant,
Ashok Sahu, Hyderabad - India





Balaji S, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu - You are the voice of the Supersoul

Hare Krishna Prabhu,

Please accept my humble respects.

All glories to Lord Krishna.

All glories to our Gurudeva.

I have no words to express the mercy shown by our gurudeva on this fallen soul. Deeply being an atheist and challenging my parents who are worshippers of demigods to prove the existence of god , once I got severely affected by black magic. I stated pondering what happened to me and realized atheism is wrong. Internet was my main source and when I started inquiring I was not able to find answers to number of questions. I started reading the spiritual columns in newspaper and in particular week it repeatedly started appearing you need a teacher to enrich yourself in spirituality. I simply enquired within, who is my teacher. Soon in a month I stumbled upon backtohome.com and somebody within me propelled to register. After years now I realize the supersoul , Lord Krishna accompanying me birth after birth made me register.

Initially I was reading the mails from out Gurudeva and slowly started communicating with him. First I challenged him by number of questions but he had lot of patience and answered my questions one by one. If I have not had his guidance surely I would have returned back to material mundane activities. Although I was challenging initially, by his mercy he corrected me and taught me everything. Now I learn from him and have slowly started chanting. Without his guidance I would be trying to serve my senses as much as possible. Today I am trying to serve Krishna instead of serving my senses as per the instructions given by our Gurudeva. And with his causeless compassion I am trying to become full fledged devotee.

Yours Sincerely,

Balaji S, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, India

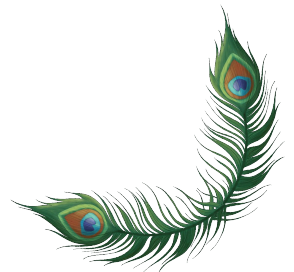


Bhaktarupa Das, Chennai – your mercy, your mercy, your mercy

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories unto your lotus feet and Srimati Guru mata.





All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

namah om vishnupadaya krishna prestaya bhutale
srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari itiname
namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane
gaura-desa vikasarta uttama bhakti varsine.

Your mercy is so unlimited that you carry the ocean of unlimited causeless mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You are so merciful to shower the mercy upon all of the conditioned souls who are burning in the fire of material existence. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so magnanimous like the torrents of rain showers equally on all types of land whether it is fertile soil or hard rock, you shower your mercy equally to everyone whether they are soft hearted or hard hearted. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so powerful that it drills and penetrates deep into even those who are hard hearted like a rock. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so sharp that it expertly cuts through the knot of material existence bound by lust, anger, envy, greed, madness and illusion. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so pure that it not only purifies the heart of those who have received your mercy, but it also makes the recipient to distribute that mercy further to all conditioned souls. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so wonderful that it had made even the dumb speak eloquently and even the lame perform marvelous feats in the service of the Supreme Lord. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Your mercy is so inconceivable that it can make even the most advanced and topmost philosophy of acintya bheda-abheda tattva, simple that even the most dull headed can understand it easily. Fortunate are those who receive a drop of that shower of mercy.

Begging at your lotus feet on this day, so that I may become fortunate to get drenched in the unlimited shower of your mercy. Let my senses become purified, let my mind become purified, let my intellect become purified, let my whole existence become purified so that let me offer myself in your service. Begging at your lotus feet to kindly accept this request of mine Srila Gurudeva.

your menial servant,
Bhaktarupa Das, Chennai – India





Brindavan Das & Pournamasi Devi Dasi, Vishakapatnam - you gave us immense spiritual courage

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 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 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.

On the auspicious occasion of vyasapuja, we offer our obeisances to you.

Your presence in the day of our grievous loss of our daughter's funeral gave us immense spiritual courage not to grieve which is a natural phenomena in the mrytu-loka (mortal world).

We pray for your blessings.

yours sincere disciples

Brindavan Das & Pournamasi Devi Dasi, Vishakapatnam, India



Deenanatha Chaitanya Dasa, Bangalore – cannot repay you for your mercy

Hare Krishna Dear Sankarshan Prabhu,

Please accept my humble dandavats at your lotus feet.

All Glories to your services that is helping many many around the globe. We are not so fortunate to have Srila Prabhupada's association but very fortunate to have all of your association who had Srila Prabhupada's association.

We are receiving Srila Prabhupada's mercy through your Grace and also receiving your mercy. This helps to know more and get nectar that will help to get CLEANSED and get taste RUCHI for





KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

Srila Prabhupada has blessed so much that we and many devotees around the globe are receiving Krishna's message

Thank you very much for sharing the nectar, guiding souls to be active in Krishna Consciousness.

We can write and speak but we can't assess the mercy and in turn repay for your mercy.

Begging to be humble servant of the servant of the servant of Srila Prabhupada and Vaishnavas.

Serve The Supreme Lord and His Devotees and be blessed

Dasanudasa

Deenanatha Chaithanya Dasa, Bangalore – India (Disciple of HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj)



Gaura Lila Devi Dasi, Kerala – your shelter is my only hope

My dear Srila Gurudev,

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Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!

All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srila Gurumataji!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudev is the dearest servant of Krishna and dedicated his life to his Spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada and faithfully follow his instructions, spreading Krishna Consciousness movement all over the world.

Having taking shelter at Your Lotus Feet, I shall utilize this lifetime to sincerely follow Your





instructions and with utmost care and devotion in my heart. Even though I am so fallen and insignificant in spiritual path, I pray at Your Lotus Feet for remaining in Your shelter. Your shelter is the only hope in my life.

Kindly forgive me , all the offenses that I have committed at Your Lotus Feet.

In this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, I pray to my Srila Gurudev to bless this fallen soul to always stay under Your Lotus Feet and to become a more sincere servant,

Yours Lovingly,

Your eternal servant,

Gaura Lila Devi Dasi Dasi, Kerala, India



Gomathi Sathyanarayanan, Chennai – you are the guiding force

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

You are the guiding force for all of us. Please bless us to always be in Krishna Consciousness.

Hare Krishna
Your humble servant,

Gomathi Sathyanarayanan, Chennai – India

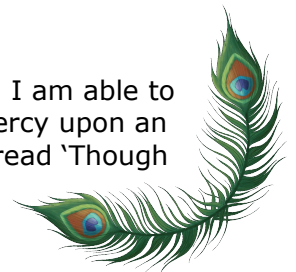
Govinda Mohini devi dasi, Chennai, India – your most merciful smile

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I sincerely would like to wish Happy Vyasa Puja to Srila Gurudeva.

Actually I am not qualified to make this offering but by the mercy of Srila Gurudeva I am able to glorify His Grace. There is nothing in this world that could match Srila Gurudev's mercy upon an unworthy disciple like me. Gurudeva, I cannot describe in words how I feel when I read 'Though





for the day' emails with the pictures which bring Your Grace's pastimes right before our eyes.

During my initiation in New Delhi Temple this year, Your Grace has given me the name Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi and instructed me to serve Radharani. I do not know how to express my gratitude to Your Grace for offering the shelter at your lotus feet. It is really my good fortune of having a bona fide spiritual master like Your Grace who is always fixed at the lotus feet of Sri Krishna. That day when I was leaving Vrindavan to my home town, I was waiting for your darshan and to take permission from Your Grace and Gurumataji. But I was little bit worried that I might be disturbing since Your Grace was taking rest. But when Gurumataji informed that I was waiting, you took mercy upon me and instructed me to increase my love and devotion to Sri Krishna. I can never forget your most merciful smile and I am very much grateful to you for showering your causeless mercy upon me.

Gurudeva, you have set a good example of how one can have unwavering faith in the words of one's spiritual master. Please bless me that I will always be able to have complete faith in your instructions because only by your mercy I will be able to cleanse all of my anarthas.

I pray at your lotus feet that I remain in Krishna Consciousness eternally. I am thankful to your beloved disciples for giving me the opportunity to write an offering to my Spiritual Master.

Hare Krishna!!!

Your insignificant servant,

Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi, Chennai, India



Hare Krishna Das, Kerala – always holding on to your lotus feet

My Dear Srila Gurudev,

nama 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 muti 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Gurudev and Srila Gurumataji!

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Gurudev,

May your divine teachings and merciful guidance show me right path.

May your compassionate mood towards all suffering living entities, inspire me birth after birth.

May I can be a small instrument in your divine mission to respiritualise the whole world.





May I worship Your teachings and always remain as your humble servant.

May I can serve you with a pure heart and get rid of my sense gratification life style

May I bring glories to you by becoming a pure devotee.

May I always remember to beg you for heavy chastisement to give up all my nonsense.

May my love and gratitude for you, be ever fresh and ever increasing.

May I always remember your instructions to save my-selves and save others; even if i am completely unqualified, the message is potent.

May I become an instrument in bringing more souls unto your Lotus Feet, My divine master, my eternal father, the real teacher.

Always begging mercy to save me, aspiring to serve Your's and Srila Gurumataji's Lotus Feet. All Glories unto You in this most auspicious of Sri Vyasa Puja. "Srila Gurudev is aging graciously , means Srila Gurudev is becoming younger every year, because of His purely engaging in devotional service unto ever youthful Sri Krishna."{quoted from Srila Gurudev's lecture on 2014.03.24_Prema.Bhakti.Seminar.Part1_Radhadesh_Belgium}.

Yours Lovingly,

Always holding unto Your Lotus Feet,

Your eternal servant,

Hare Krishna Das, Kerala - India



Hariharan J, Chennai, India – Thank you

Dear Sir,

Thank you for spreading krishna consciousness all over the world and for guiding me from the path of ignorance to the elevated spiritual world. Let Krishna bless people all over the world for peace,prosperity and to the mode of goodness.

Thanks and Regards,

J. Hariharan, Chennai, India



Harikatha Das, Dharwad, India – O my Swamy

Dear Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Humility and compassion, thou endowed with,
Mercy and fortune, thy disciples bestowed with,

Dedicated soldier of Prabhupada's army,





Keep guiding suffering souls,O my Swamy!

Your unqualified and trying to be humble servant,
Harikatha Das, Dharwad, Karnataka



(Srila Gurudeva's lotus feet)



Haripriya Devi Dasi, Kerala – you are always with me

Nama om vishnupadaya krishna prestaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan das Adhikari iti namine
Namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kkripatmane
Gauradesa vikasartha uthama bhakti varshine

My Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet
All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srila Gurumata
All Glories to Srila Prabhupad,

On this most auspicious occasion of Your appearance in this material world , for the purpose of spreading The Gift of Krishna Prema , as the dear most servant of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, for teaching us insignificant worms who were rotting in this ocean of misery , The path of Pure Devotional Service , I pray sincerely at the Lotus Feet of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai , that Their mercy , give You health , to spread the divine teachings of Sri Krishna to the heart of millions of souls . May Krishna shower His ahaituki mercy , on My dear Spiritual Father and Mother always and keep them safe everywhere . May the love and prayers of hundreds and thousands of sons and daughters be with You always...

I am so unqualified that I could not serve Your Lotus Feet , even though I got several opportunities .. But You always encouraged every single attempt of us, and tolerated all the





mistakes from our part. I am feeling that Merciful smile and gestures that says "My Dear daughter, I will be with you always to correct you".. My Dear Gurudev, please bless me that I can correct myself and serve You both, with all sincerity and love, eternally ...

Your most insignificant servant

Haripriya devi dasi, Kerala - India



Lalitha & Prabha Subramanian, Bangalore – Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful

Pranams and thank you so much for your sense of responsibility.

In the meanwhile I read some of other devotee's offerings yesterday and got surcharged with positive energy.

Wonderful Wonderful Wonderful.

To say the least about Guruji sankarshandas's contribution towards the ailing humanity.

Shambhu Mahadeva Narayana Narayana.

All obeisances to Guru parampara system.

I have read in the Bhagavatam that Lord Siva is the greatest vaishnavite of all. And since then I have accepted him as my GURU.

I am a staunch reader of the ultimate realization course & I WISH sriguruji sankarshan das all glories and offer my humble pranams at his lotus feet.

HARE KRISHNA

Lalitha & Prabha Subramanian, Bangalore - India



Manjula K, Bangalore – thank you for vanquishing our misunderstandings

My heart felt Pranams at the Lotus Feet of Sri Guruji.

Our Guruji has been giving us the priceless knowledge which has been inspirational to all the readers in turning towards Sri Krishna. I thank Guruji again and again for giving the true knowledge and guiding me through the darkness of Ajnana towards the "Sujnana". Many of my misunderstood and misinterpreted information have been vanquished by Sri Guruji's full knowledge. I Bow again and again to his lotus feet.

K.Manjula, Bangalore - India





Motwani A L, Bangalore – thank you for your work

Rev Divine

Please accept my compliments.

Humble Pranams at your Lotus feet.

Muslims, Christians, Jews and Hindus Perform Kirtan Together in Israel, America, and all over the world. Thank you for your work that spreads Harinam Sankirtan all over the world.

Regards,

A L Motwani, Bangalore - India



Murali Manohar Das, Kerala – Your dedication to Srila Prabhupada inspires me

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I got so much inspiration from Your dedication to Srila Prabhupada's mission, especially when I met Your Divine Grace at Delhi Iskcon and at Vrindavan Dham during this september 2014. All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumata.

I thank Gurumataji and Your disciples who helped me to meet You and get initiated from You.

I pray for Your good health in this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja.

Yours Lovingly,

Your eternal servant,

Murali Manohar Das, Kerala, India



Nandini Venugopal, Bangalore, India – Your grace is our solace

His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikariji is the most wonderful gift to us as he helps us to steer our life towards holiness and Krishna Consciousness. His grace is our solace in this dark material world. He helps us to make our lives better through his holy living, scriptural studies and then sharing it back with us without utmost sincerity and compassion. I am truly grateful to God for blessing us with his merciful association and spiritual guidance. May Sri Radha Krishna and Gaura Nitai Bless him with lots of health and vigor to continue to bless us with his teachings and spiritual guidance.

Hari Bol

Nandini Venugopal, Bangalore, India



Pallavi, Hyderabad - You save us from drowning in kali yuga

Hare Krishna!

All Glories to Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All Glories to Srila Gurudev.

I feel so blessed knowing that i am born in that era of kaliyug where we still have pure souls like you who are giving us a chance to liberate ourselves.





Without your love and blessings, we would have drowned completely without ever knowing the beauty of Lord Krishna.

A sinful soul like me prays that your mission reaches every corner of mother earth so that all receive the nectar of Lord Krishna.

Surrendering at your holy feet
Pallavi, Hyderabad – India



Poorna Nandini Madhavi devi dasi, Bangalore – Speechless with your wonderful service

Hare Krishna

All Glories to Guru & Gauranga
All Glories to Srila Prabhupad

Please accept my respectful obeisances

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyas Pooja, sincerely pray to Guru & Gauranga for a very long healthy life to serve your spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad

Speechless for the wonderful service rendered by Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Am happy to introduce myself as a disciple of His Holiness Jayapataka Maharaj and read the Ultimate Self Realization every day. Reside at Bangalore city in the state of Karnataka in the Holy India.

Really like the way questions are answered and my respect for Srila Prabhupad has increased immensely after seeing Srimans tireless journey to fulfill Srila Prabhupads mission.

We seek your blessing Sriman for us to always be in the service of our Guru, Gauranga and Vaishnavas

Always Chant
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare

your servant
Poorna nandhini madhavi devi dasi, Bangalore – India (Disciple of His Holiness Jayapataka Maharaj)





Priyadarshini Radha devi dasi, Chennai – you don't live in the material world

om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-guruave namah.

Dear Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada .

Your Holiness mercifully kindling the spiritual fire from the wood like jeevas all over the world by imparting proper spiritual messages daily. Thank you so much for your transcendental messages. Sri Krishna is so merciful sending many of His representatives like yourself to remind us that this material world is not the proper place for gentleman. But devotees like yourself are not living in this material world as you carry RadhaDamodara within your heart , by your presence you remind us the spiritual world.

All glories to Radha Damodara, the treasure of Sankarshan Prabhu's heart !

Thanking you.
your servant
Priyadarshini Radha devi dasi, Chennai – India.



Radhakanth das and Divyashakti devi dasi, Kerala – your mercy takes us past all difficulties

All glories to Srila Prabhupad
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Gurumata

Namo Prabhupadanuga premamurti kripatmane
Gouradesa vikasarta uttama bhaktavarshine.

Dear Gurudeva ,
Please accept our humble obeisances at Your Lotus feet .
It was indeed proud moment for us an year back when You initiated and accepted us as Your dis-





ciples. Your mercy always stood beside us, guiding and protecting us from the material harms. Being a sincere disciple of Srila Prabhupada , You travel around the world preaching the pastimes of Krishna and rescuing innocent souls from the hand of maya. Your merciful words of devotion, "thought for the day" refresh and encourage us. Your mercy and continuous blessings always helped us to go past all difficulties.

With all our heart we pray to Lord Krishna that both Your mercy and our gurumata maybe in good health to continue the preaching service of Lord Chaitanya and Srila Prabhupada

Bowing down at Your mercy's Lotus feet

eternally Your servants-
Radhakanth das and Divyashakti devi dasi, Trivandrum – India



Tharuvara Radhakrishnan, Thrissur, Kerala, India - Pranam

OM SREE GURUBHYO NAMAH

Pranam,

Radhakrishnan, Thrissur, Kerala, India



Raja Mohanan.M, Kerala – you always come with a ray of hope

Respected Gurudev,

I offer my humble obeisance to you. Your self-realization course and daily thoughts are like capsules full of spiritual energy. Your answers and thoughts reflects your undoubted belief in your Spiritual Master and in the Supreme Lord.

This world is surely uncertain and dangerous, but you are always with a ray of hope. Though you are far away, you are always present here through your daily discourses. We sincerely pray to Krishna for your long healthy life.





Raja Mohanan.M, Trivandrum - India

Ravi Gopalam, Bangalore - your thoughts are super excellent

Hare Krishna
Namaste

Gurudeva,

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

"Even if you search everywhere examining every single person in all of existence, you would never be able to find anyone who is more wonderful than Krishna or even equally wonderful with Krishna. There is no one who is even remotely close. Krishna surpasses all in excellence. Everything wonderful and sublime that you can find anywhere is simply a manifestation of Him. If you would like to relish His most marvelous association at every minute, all you have to do is become His devotee. He will then eternally bless you with His inconceivably glorious association in unlimited flavors or rasas." The above mentioned golden words of yours made me Sri Krishna Daasaanu Daasudu. Gurudev my limitless thanks for guiding all.

May my words reach you.

Jai Sri Radheshyam!
Jai Gurudev!

Your tiny student,
servant of Krishna's servant,

Ravi Gopalam, Bangalore, India



Ravi Kolluru, Hyderabad – All material things spiritual in Krishna's service

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

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

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.





I am very unqualified and fallen to write an offering for you. But as a self-purification process please accept this humble offering.

I don't know how fortunate I am to come in touch with you 9 years ago through your <http://www.ultimateselfrealization.com/> course and <http://daily-thought.com/> blog. Since then I have been reading your blog every day religiously without missing even a single day! I get very inspired by your realizations and dedication to serving your spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. By Lord Krishna's arrangement and your mercy I was able to meet you in person twice. Once in Hyderabad ISKCON temple (in Oct 2012) and at Vrindavan (in Oct 2013).

Gurudeva, you are a true embodiment of Srila Prabhupada. Your compassion, enthusiasm and tirelessness to spread Krishna Consciousness throughout the world within your lifetime by using all the means including internet is amazing!! As you say if we use everything for Krishna's service material things become spiritual. You prove this by example.

On your 2014 Vyasa Puja day I pray to Lord Krishna to give you and Guru Mataji a very long and healthy life so that you can be successful in inspiring many more souls to be Krishna Conscious and spread this wonderful movement to every corner of the world as desired by Lord Chaitanya.

Please have a drop of your mercy on this useless soul so that I get inspiration and strength to follow your instructions seriously and serve in your mission in whatever capacity I can.

your most insignificant student,
Ravi Kolluru, Hyderabad, India



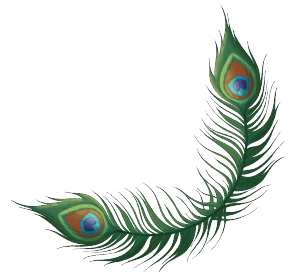
Saci Priya devi dasi, Dharwad, Karnataka – By your mercy I will find Krishna

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

Srila gurudeva, I am very lucky to be your disciple. I was thinking from whom I should take initiation? It was very complicated situation, but one day my husband came and told we will take initiation from HG Sriman Sankarshan das adhikari, I was little confused, so I started hearing your lectures on grihasta seminar, I got so much impressed. Then afterwards when I met you in Pune, I felt, "Oh they are my gurudeva and gurumata," from that day whatever the difficult situation I face you appear in front of me and I get released from problems.

"krishna kripate guru mile,
guru kripate krishna mile"

I am a fallen soul even though you poured your mercy upon me and made your disciple. Now only by your mercy I will find Krishna.





Your unworthy servant,
Saci priya devi dasi, Dharwad, Karnataka



Shailesh Mahendrakar, Belgaum – without your loving guidance, we are fallen

Hare Krsna, Srila Prabhupada ji ka Jaya

What are we the most fallen souls without the loving guidance from Your most wonderfully spoken vani through the daily thought for the day and the special messages that Your grace offer us.

Maharaj on this wonderful day of Your Vyasa puja, I, a most fallen soul fall onto Your Lotus feet and beg that Shri Shri Radha Madhav will give You all the strength and good health so that You will be able to uplift as many millions out of this Kaliyug and to guide us all until we all reach the sacred gates of Shri shri Vaikunta dham.

Hare Krsna

Always onto Your Lotus feet
a most fallen soul, Yours,

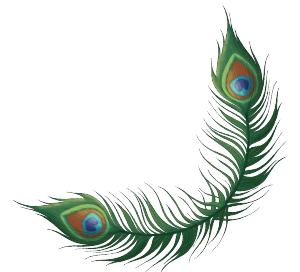
Shailesh Mahendrakar, India – Belgaum



Smita Krishna Das, Dharwad, Karnataka – Your presence is the spiritual world

Dear Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances!





All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Although I have no qualifications it is only by your causeless mercy, you appeared in my life, . I really don't know how to express my feelings about you. I was fully drowned in the mundane sense gratification, your appearance in my life is changing my life. I felt some amazing feeling in your presence which I am trying to express.

Your purity is like *Devastating forest fire*, which immediately burns material desires and sense gratification tendency.

Your mind is like a *Chakora bird, *which is always absorbed in krishna.

Your words are like indra's *Thunder bolt, * which immediately cuts material bondage.

Your teachings are like lord shivas *Pashupatastra*, which immediately burns the distress by clarifying all the doubts in the mind.

Your melodious kirtan is like Lord Narayana's Narayani asthra which immediately cools down the burning heat of material existences and enlightens everyone.

Your presence itself is a Vaikunta.

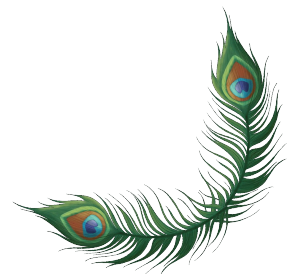
These are some feelings I felt in your presence, at New Delhi,Pune and Sri Vrindavan Dham.

Srila Gurudeva please forgive my mistakes and offenses.

Thanking you,

Your unworthy and rascal servant

Smita Krishna Das, Dharwad, Karnataka





Srikanth T G, Perambur, Chennai – your energetic mission is inspiring

Hare Krishna Prabhu,
Dandavat pranams. I feel really elated to send my Vyasa Puja offering to his grace, Sankarshan Das Adhikari's Vyasa Puja celebrations.

I have been following his lessons for over a year and got inspired very much by his sincere dedication to his spiritual master his divine grace A.C.Bakthivedanta Swami Prabhupad. He always inspires the readers to surrender more and more to Krishna and dive deep in to the divine nectar of Krishna Consciousness.

I wish all the best to his best efforts in the works of the new temple and pray to guru and gauranga that he may be blessed with fresh hope, energy and faith to render more and more fallen souls like us with his energetic preaching mission to satisfy his spiritual master.

Hari bol.

Srikanth T G, Perambur, Chennai, India



Sudha Jagannathan, Chennai – Your email sets the tone for my day

MAY LORD SRI KRISHNA BLESS OUR NOBLE TEACHER SRI SANKARSHAN DAS ADHIKARI WITH MANY MANY MORE YEARS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE OF LORD SRI KRISHNA TO SPREAD SRI KRISHNA BHAKTHI THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE.

Every day I open my mail box first with Thought for the day by Sri Sankarshan Prabhu

WITH IMMENSE PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES,
A student of ultimate self realization course since 2006
Smt. Sudha Jagannathan
Chennai - India





Sundaram Ramachandran (Ram), Chennai – you help me be a devotee of Krishna

Hare Krishna,

I am in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. I am 60 years.

I have the great privilege of receiving Thoughts for the Day from HH Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari since 2011.

His teachings have greatly influenced me to become a Krishna devotee. I have been visiting ISKCON Radha-Krishna Temple in Chennai.

Whenever I visit Bangalore, I go to ISKCON Krishna Temple everyday. I have been reading the writings of Srila Prabhupada everyday.

Srila Gurudeva, I am not sure how I can thank you for all that you have done to me personally. If I have turned from an agnostic into a Krishna bhakta now, it is all due to your kind benevolence through your Thought for the day everyday.

I would pray for your continued blessings on me so that I could turn out into a pure devotee of Krishna.

I am indeed thankful to Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari and ISKCON.

With humble pranams,
Sundaram Ramachandran (Ram), Chennai – India





Lietuva – Lithuanian Section

Vyasa Pudžos prasmė, Krišna Čaitanya Das, Kaunas, Lietuva

Kiekviename gyvenimo žingsnyje mums reikalingas žinojimas. Statome koją ant grindų žinodami, kad jos pakankamai tvirtos mus išlaikyti, valgome tam tikrą maistą suprasdami, kad jis nenuodingas ir t.t. Žinojimą galima įgyti dvejais būdais: savo patirtimi arba išgirdus iš autoriteto. Ranka paliesdamas ugnį žmogus sužino apie šio elemento deginantį poveikį. Tačiau tą patį galima išgirsti ir iš autoriteto, pavyzdžiui, mylinčios mamos ar tėčio. Tada, asmeniniai eksperimentai jau nėra būtini, ir apsisaugoma nuo daugelio problemų.

Gali kilti klausimas: jeigu taip lengva įgyti žinias iš autoriteto, tad kodėl nemažai jos ieškotojų renkasi

eksperimentų kelią? Kodėl geriau nepaieškoti autoriteto, kuris gebėtų atsakyti į rūpimus klausimus? Kai kurie žmonės turi prigimtinių poreikį arba pomėgį atrasti tiesą patys. Tai, kaip ir viskas visatoje, turi savo teigiamas ir neigiamas puses. Privalumas yra toks, kad nėra rizikos būti apgautam autoriteto, kuris tobulai nežino tiesos. Ir trūkumas, kad teks atlikti sunkius ekeperimentus, naudojantis netobulais instrumentais, kurie galbūt net neprives prie norimo rezultato.

Kad išspręstų šią dilemą, mūsų Viešpats Krišna nusprendė surinkti visas įmanomas žinias ir surašyti jas į knygas, kad Kali jugos (dabartinio ginčų, apgavystės, trumpo gyvenimo, nedėmesingumo amžiaus) gyventojai galėtų lengviau įsisąvinti informaciją. Tai buvo padaryta Šrilos Vyasadevos - literatūrinės Dievo inkarnacijos, dėka. Ši asmenybė užrašė Vedas - visų gyvenimo sričių žinyną. Ne visos jos išliko iki šių dienų, tačiau pagrindinės mintys ir dvasinė temos vis dar gyvos ir saugiai pasiekė šią dieną paramparos (mokytojų-mokinių sekos, kur gyvenantis dvasinis mokytojas neiškreipdamas žinių apmoko savo mokinius, kurie vėliau perduoda patirtį kitiems nesuyrančioje grandinėje) dėka. Tokiu būdu, turintys polinkį gauti žinias iš autoriteto, gali jas išgirsti iš Šrilos Vyasadevos, pritaikyti praktiniame gyvenime, ir stebėti rezultatus.

Mūsų dvasinis mokytojas Om Višņupada Paramahamsa Parivradžakačarja Aštotarą Šata Jo Dieviškoji Malonė Šri Šrimad Sankaršan Das Adhikari, Jo Dieviškosios Malonės A.Č. Bhaktivedanta Svami Prabhupados mokiny, yra gyvenantis mokytojų-mokinių sekos atstovas. Ši seka prasidėjo nuo Viesšpaties Krišnos ir ateina pas mus per Šrilą Vyasadevą. Remiantis Vedų išmintimi ir vadovaujantis sveika nuovoka, galima suprasti, jog žinios, kurias mums dovanoja dvasinis mokytojas ir Šrilas Vyasadevas, yra jų tyros meilės ir rūpesčio išraiška. Natūralu, kad už tai norisi kažkuo atsidėkoti ir išreikšti savo meilę. Viešpats Krišna pataria (B.G. 4.34), kad geriausia tai padaryti pagarbiai tarnaujant dvasiniam mokytojui ir nuolankiai jo klausinėjant apie norimą temą. Tokia tarnystė yra dėkingumo bei meilės išraiška, ir yra visiškai natūrali. Nuolankus klausinėjimas taip pat natūralus, nes mokiny nori sužinoti tiesą, ir turi polinkį priimti autoritetą. Tai nereiškia, kad mokiny, kaip naivus vaikas, iškart priims viską, ką dvasinis mokytojas jam pasakys. Turi visada išlikti intelektualūs apsvarstymai, kaip savo pavyzdžiu pademonstruoja Ardžuna Bhagavad-Gitoje.





Dvasinio mokytojo apsireiškimo diena vadinama Vyasa Pudža. Tai reiškia, kad jos metu savo meilę, pagarbą, dėkingumą ir viską, ką turime geriausio, išreiškiame ne tik savo dvasiniam mokytojui, bet taip pat ir Šrilai Prabhupadai, Šrilai Vyasadevai, ir visiems kitiems mokytojų-mokinių sekos atstovams iki pat Viešpaties Krišnos. Viena iš dvasinio mokytojo savybių yra ta, kad jis niekada nepriima nieko iš mokinių savo pasitenkinimui, nes patiria gilius vidinius dvasiniu malonumus, ir blankūs materialūs malonumai jo netraukia. Visą tarnystę, kuri jam atliekama, nusiunčiama Krišnai per paramparą. Dėl to ir gaunama dvasinė nauda tarnajant mokytojui. Tad viskas, ką pasiūlome per Vyasa Pudžą, nukeliauja Krišnos malonumui, kuris vėliau juo pasidalina su visais, panašiai kaip skrandis, kuris išplatina maistą visoms kitoms kūno dalims.

Nuoširdžiai,
Krišna Čaitanya Das





Offerings in Lithuanian from Initiated Devotees

Nandarani Devi Dasi, Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Gurudeva,

Allow me to bow down at Your Feet. All glories to the Feet of Srila Prabhupada and You. Thank you for giving me the shelter of Your Feet and giving me the opportunity to go from dark into light. May Krishna give you a lot of strength and health.

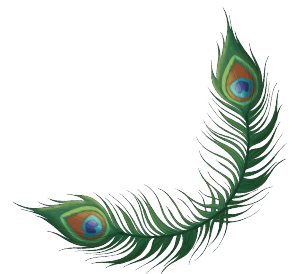
Your disciple,
Nandarani Devi Dasi



Brangus Gurudevai,

Leiskite nusilenkti Jūsų Pėdoms. Visa šlovė Šrilos Prabhupados ir Jūsų Pėdoms. Dėkoju, kad suteikėte Jūsų Pėdų prieglobstį ir duodate galimybę eiti iš tamsos į šviesą. Tegul Krišna jums duoda daug stiprybės ir sveikatos.

*Jūsų mokinė,
Nandarani Devi Dasi*





Ekayani Devi Dasi, Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I thank you from all of my heart for every Thought of the Day, for your teachings and blessings. Thank you for the love and mercy. By your grace my heart is being cleaned from the dirt of ignorance, by your grace I can serve the devotees, bow down and serve the Deities. Dear teacher, thank you not only for showing the way home for such a fallen soul, but also for helping me step by step, teaching to know who I am and be who I am. I bow down at your lotus feet and I ask for mercy and shelter, teach me humility, patience, devotion, so that life after life I could serve Lord Krishna and never forget Him, that Lord Krishna would always be satisfied.

My obeisances from the bottom of my heart,
Your servant,
Ekayani Devi Dasi

*Brangus Guru Maharadža,
Prašau priimti mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai.*

Iš visos širdies jums dėkoju už kiekvieną dienos mintį, už jūsų pamokymus bei palaiminimus. Ačiū jums už meilę ir gailestingumą. Jūsų malonės dėka širdis valosi nuo neišmanymo purvo, jūsų malonės dėka galiu pasitarnauti atsidavusiems, lenktis ir tarnauti Dievybėms. Brangus mokytojau, dėkoju, kad tokiai puolusiai sielai ne tik parodėte kelią namo, bet žingsnis po žingsnio padedate, mokote žinoti, kas esu, ir būti, kas esu. Lenkiuosi prie jūsų lotosinių pėdų ir prašau malonės ir prieglobsčio, mokykit mane nuolankumo, kantrybės, atsidavimo, kad gyvenimas po gyvenimo galėčiau tarnauti Viešpačiui Krišnui ir niekuomet Jo nepamiršti, kad Viešpatys Krišna visuomet liktų patenkintas.

*Nusilenkimai iš visos širdies,
Jūsų tarnaitė,
Ekayani Devi Dasi*





Acintyalila Devi Dasi, Klaipėda, Lithuania

Dear Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for the example of how to live in this world, for the Vedic knowledge, for the energy that you give your disciples and which is filled within your disciples by your grace, for the change of my taste and the change of the understanding of the world. I know that I am taking my first steps into self realization and I hope for your eternal guidance. I wish you Krishna's mercy, and through you this mercy will reach us, your disciples.

Your servant,
Acintyalila Devi Dasi



*Brangus Guru Maharadža,
Prašau priimti mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai.*

Dėkoju Jums už pavyzdį, kaip gyventi šiame pasaulyje, už Vėdų žinias, už jėgas, kurias Jūs atiduodate savo mokiniams ir kurių Jūsų dėka prisipildo Jūsų mokiniai, už pasikeitusį mano skonį ir pasikeitusį pasaulio supratimą. Žinau, kad žengiu tik pirmus žingsnius į savęs pažinimą ir tikiuosi Jūsų amžino vadovavimo. Linkiu Jums Krišnos malonės, o per Jus ši malonė pasieks ir mus, Jūsų mokinius.

Jūsų tarnaitė,





Acintyalila Devi Dasi



Amalatma Das, Klaipėda, Lithuania

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

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trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam

I am using this special occasion to express my respect and gratitude that the raindrops of your mercy fall into my heart quenching the fire of material desires. All of my doubts drown in the ocean of your wonderful qualities. Illuminated by the light of your faith and knowledge even my inclination to make mistakes and lie become my lessons, helping to accumulate spiritual experience. And with every cleansed fault I see more clearly, that it would be impossible to take even a single step on my own, so with ever increasing attachment to you and your directions, with increasing respect I bow down lower and lower at your lotus feet.

Your insignificant eternal servant,
Amalatma Das

*Brangus Gurudeva,
Prašau priimti mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Gurudevai.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai.*

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Naudujuosi šia ypatinga proga išreikšti jums pagarbą ir padėką už tai, kad jūsų malonės lietaus lašai krenta ir į manąją širdį, gesindami materialių troškimų gaisrą. Jūsų nuostabių savybių vandenyne nuskęsta visos mano abejonės. Net mano polinkis klysti ir meluoti, nuskaidrinti jūsų tikėjimo ir žinojimo šviesoje, virsta man pamokymais, padedančiais kaupti dvasinę patirtį. O su kiekviena išvalyta yda vis aiškiau regiu, kad pačiam tik savo pastangomis dvasiniame kelyje nepavyks žengti nė žingsnio, tad su nuolat stiprėjančiu prisirišimu prie jūsų, ir jūsų nurodymų, su augančia pagarba jums vis žemiau ir žemiau lenkiuosi prie jūsų lotoso pėdų.





*Jūsų nerekšmingas amžinas tarnas,
Amalatma Das*



Radharaman Das, Južintai, Rokiškis district, Lithuania

Dear Teacher, Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

I would like to greet you with the upcoming birthday and wish you God's grace, bliss in an uneasy spiritual path. You accepted me into your family and teach me by your example how to be humble while serving human good. It is gratifying that I can contribute to your mission by giving humanity the knowledge about the eternal spirit's duty to God. They have forgotten who they really are. Therefore I am happy to honor your instruction.

Dear Teacher, forgive me for my ignorance and mistakes.

Your eternal servant,
Radharaman Das

Brangus Mokytojai, Sankaršan Das Adhikari,

Noriu Jus pasveikinti su artėjančiu gimtadieniu ir palinkėti Dievo malonės, palaimos nelengvame dvasiniame kelyje. Jūs mane priėmėte į savo šeimą ir mokote mane savo pavyzdžiu, kaip būti nuolankiam tarnaujant žmonių labui. Labai malonu, kad galiu prisidėti prie jūsų misijos duodant žmonijai žinias apie amžiną sielos pareigą Dievui. Jie užmiršo, kas yra iš tikrųjų. Todėl aš laimingas, kad galiu vykdyti Jūsų nurodymą.

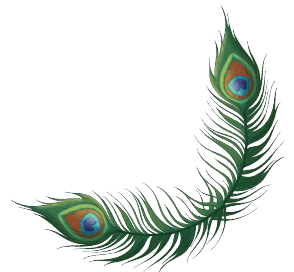
Brangus Mokytojai, atleiskite man už mano neišmanymą ir klaidas.

*Jūsų amžinas tarnas,
Radharaman Das*



Vyasadeva Das, Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Srila Gurudev and Guru Mataji,
Please accept my humble obeisances,





All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to You, Guru Mata and Your nonstop preaching around the world!!!

You are like a sun which dispels all darkness, to us You are loving Father and Spiritual Master who show us the ultimate Truth. All glories to You and Your unlimited devotion to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. Only by Your mercy we can feel true happiness and real Love, Sri Sri Radha-Krishna.

No matter how I try, I will never find the words to describe my feelings, my appreciation to You. I don't have any qualification, any knowledge to do it, but by Your unlimited mercy everything what looks impossible can become possible.

You and Guru Mataji are traveling from city to city, from country to country all around the world and spending Your invaluable time to give us Krishna consciousness. We can't find anything more valuable across all the universe and You are giving us that matchless gift for free, the only thing that we have to pay is at least a little faith and endeavor to try that.

So again and again I am asking You for Your unlimited mercy, to serve for Your Lotus Feet eternally, to be always engaged in devotional service and never forget Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

By Your mercy my life became meaningful and that gives me great happiness. I will never return You what You give me, I will be always indebted to You. So I want to be Your eternal servant and always serve to Your Lotus Feet.

Thank You for Your causeless mercy.

Your insignificant servant,
Vyasadeva Das

Brangūs Šrila Gurudeva ir Guru Mataji,

*Prašau, priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus,
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai,
Visa šlovė Jums, Guru Mataji, ir Jūsų nenutrūkstamam pamokslavimui aplink visą pasaulį.*

Jūs esate kaip saulė, kuri išsklaido tamsą, mums Jūs esate mylintis Tėvas, Dvasinis Mokytojas, kuris mums parodo Aukščiausiąją Tiesą. Visa šlovė Jums ir Jūsų neišmatuojamam atsidavimui Jo Dieviškajai Malonei A. Č. Bhaktivedanta Svamiui Šrilai Prabhupadai. Tik Jūsų malonės dėka mes galime patirti tikrą laimę bei meilę, Šri Šri Radhą Krišną.

Kad ir kaip bandyčiau, aš niekada nerasiu žodžių išreikšti savo jausmams ir dėkingumui Jums. Aš neturiu jokios kvalifikacijos bei žinojimo, tačiau Jūsų neišmatuojamos malonės dėka viskas, kas atrodo neįmanoma, gali tapti įmanoma.

Jūs su Guru Mataji keliaujate iš miesto į miestą, iš vienos šalies į kitą, taip aplink visą pasaulį, ir leidžiate savo neįkainojamą laiką tam, kad duotumėte mums Krišnos Sąmonę. Mes niekada nerasime nieko vertingesnio už tai visoje visatoje, o Jūs šią neįkainojamą dovaną duodate tiesiog už dyką, vienintelis dalykas, kurį mes turime padaryti - tai turėti bent truputį tikėjimo ir dėti pastangas tai pabandyti.





Todėl vėl ir vėl aš prašau Jūsų neišmatuojamos malonės, kad galėčiau amžinai tarnauti Jūsų Lotosinėms Pėdoms, būti visada užsiėmusiu atsidavimo tarnyste ir niekada nepamiršti Šri Šri Radha Krišnos.

Jūsų malonės dėka mano gyvenimas tapo prasmingas ir tai man atneša didelį džiaugsmą. Aš niekada neįstengsiu gražinti to, ką Jūs esate man davę, todėl aš amžinai liksiu Jums skolingas. Todėl aš noriu būti Jūsų amžinas tarnas ir visada tarnauti Jūsų Lotosinėms Pėdoms.

Ačiū už Jūsų nepriežastinę malonę

*Jūsų nereikšmingas tarnas,
Vyasadeva Das*



Sankirtan Das, Kaunas, Lithuania

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

It is a privilege of a disciple to open his heart to Gurudev on this auspicious Vyasa Puja day. Guru has unlimited glories because He is representative of Krishna. I want to glorify You unlimitedly, but my heart could not grasp all Your attributes. I have realized only few of it, but even this makes me the richest man.

Every day I could relish prasadam, hear Krishna's glories, serve Deities, and go closer and closer to my spiritual nature. But the dearest quality to me is Your personal example which always inspires in the times of difficulties.

So i feel fully protected in all times. Thank You.

Your eternal servant,
Sankirtan Das

*Brangus dvasios Tėve,
Prašau priimkite mano žemiausius nusilenkimus.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai.*

Šią palankią Vyasa Pujos dieną mokinys turi privilegijuotą pareigą atverti savo širdį ir pašlovinti mokytoją. Guru šlovė neribota, nes Jis yra Krišnos atstovas. Norėčiau Jus šlovinti neribotai, bet mano širdis negali suvokti visos Jūsų didybės. Aš suvokiau tik mažą jos dalį, bet net tai padaro mane turtingiausiu žmogumi.

Kasdien Jūsų dėka galiu gerbti prasadą, išgirsti apie nesibaigiančią Krišnos šlovę, tarnauti Dievybėms ir taip artėti prie savo dvasinės prigimties. Bet man brangiausia Jūsų savybė yra Jūsų asmeninis pavyzdys, kuris įkvepia net sunkiausiomis akimirkomis.





Jaučiuosi visada visiškai apsaugotas Jūsų. Ačiū už tai!

*Jūsų amžinas tarnas,
Sankirtan Das*





Gaurangi Devi Dasi and family, Šakiai, Lithuania

Dear Guru Maharaja,
Please accept our humble obeisances
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

On This special Day of your Vyasa Puja we want to thank you Guru Maharaja.
You gave us the most valuable gift in our life - Love for Krishna. Therefore, there is no such thing or words which would amount to your gift to us.

There were moments in my life when I just existed. I did not live. I did not know what it means to live. I had no goal of life.

And one day I got tired of this life. Then I went to church and for the first time in life I sincerely prayed. I asked for God's help to understand and experience happiness.

And after a short time, I have met you and your wife Gurumataji. But the most interesting thing is that I was not looking for Guru. Krishna has sent you to me. You and your wife came to our small village and saved me and my family from suffering. God heard my prayers.

You came and showed us what the meaning of life is. You gave us a clear understanding that we are not this body. And it was the first step to self-realization.

Our whole family is happy especially after we got your association and guidance.

So, on this special day of your Vyasa Puja in the face of all these devotees we want to thank you. You saved us from suffering, you gave us love. By your mercy we got the holy name.

We thank your Divine Grace again and again for the wonderful mercy showered on us. Thank you for inspiring us so much with your love for the holy name and service. We also wish to thank Her Grace Gurumataji in her guidance and blessings.

Your eternal servants,
Gaurangi Devi Dasi, Jagadananda Das and family

Šią ypatingą Jūsų Viasa Pūdžos dieną mes norime Jums padėkoti. Jūs davėte mums pačią vertingiausią dovaną - Meilę Krišnai. Todėl nėra tokios dovanos ar žodžių, kuriuos galėtumėme Jums padovanoti, kas prilygtų tam, ką Jūs mums davėte.

Gyvenime buvo tokių laikotarpių, kai aš tiesiog egzistavau. Aš nežinojau, koks mano gyvenimo tikslas, aš nesupratau, ką reiškia gyventi.

Tačiau atėjo diena, kai aš pavargau nuo tokio gyvenimo ir tada nuėjusi į Bažnyčią nuoširdžiai prašiau Dievo, kad parodytų kas yra tikroji laimė.

Ir labai greitai aš sutikau Jus ir Gurumata. Nuostabus dalykas buvo tai, kad aš neieškojau Guru. Tačiau Krišna pats atsiuntė Jus pas mane. Jūs pats su savo žmona atvykote į mūsų mažą miestelį ir išgelbėjote mane ir mano šeimą iš kančių. Dievas išgirdo mano maldas.

Jūs atėjote ir parodėte mums, kokia yra šio gyvenimo esmė. Jūs davėte mums aiškų suvokimą, kad mes nesame





šis kūnas. Ir tai buvo pirmas žingsnis kelyje į savirealizaciją.

Visa mūsų šeima yra laiminga galėdama gauti Jūsų bendravimą ir pamokymus.

Taigi, šią ypatingą Jūsų Viasa Pudžos dieną visų atsidavusiųjų akivaizdoje mes norime Jums nuoširdžiai padėkoti, kad išgelbėjote mus iš kančių, už Jūsų meilę, už tai, kad davėte mums Šventą Vardą. Mes vėl ir vėl dėkojame už suteiktas malones. Už įkvėpimą tarnystei ir šventų vardų kartojimui.

Taip pat norime padėkoti Gurumataji už jos pamokymus ir palaiminimus dvasinio tobulėjimo kelyje.

Jūsų amžini tarnai,

Gaurangi Devi Dasi, Jagadananda Das ir šeima



Offerings in Lithuanian from Devotees Aspiring for Initiation, Students, and Well - wishers

Arūnas Bartkevičius, Kaunas, Lithuania

I wish to greet you with your birthday and wish you strong health and strength spreading the Lord's Holy word on this earth.

Eternal servant of the Lord,
Arūnas Bartkevičius

Sveikinu Jus su gimimo diena ir linkiu Jums stiprios sveikatos bei stiprybės platinant Viešpaties šventą žodį šioje žemėje.

*Amžinas Viešpaties tarnas,
Arūnas Bartkevičius*



Arminas and Justina, Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Guru and Guru Mataji,
Please accept our humble obeisances,
All glories to You, all glories to Guru Mataji

nama 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

To express the feelings that we feel in words is incredibly difficult. The fact that we have met You was the greatest most amazing thing that could happen. Having the opportunity to serve You is the biggest gift a soul can get in his existence.

We have never been qualified to even be close to such personalities as You and Guru Mataji, but You haven't turned away from us. You are a Father for us, You gave us shelter and protection, You are so kindly raising us, by showing the perfect example, not a single discourse can happen in Your teachings. We can completely trust You. Only by Your mercy we can grow the plant of bhakti in our hearts.

There is no sweeter or safer place in whole universes, than Your lotus feet, and we beg that we could continue to serve You, and one day become worth to call our self's Your disciples.

Your humble servants bhakta Arminas and bhaktin Justina

*Brangus Guru ir Guru Matadži,
Prašau priimti mūsų nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Visa šlovė Jums, visa šlovė Guru Mataždei.*

nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine

Nuolankiai lenkiuosi prie savo dvasinio mokytojo, Šrilos Sankaršan Das Adhikari, lotoso pėdų. Jis yra brangiausias šiame pasaulyje Krišnos tarnas, priėmęs visišką Jo lotoso pėdų prieglobstį.

namo Prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane, gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine

O Prabhupados pasekėjau! O premos įsikūnijime! Aš lenkiuosi tau, malonės įsikūnijime, kuris lieja tyrą bhakti, kad skleistų Viešpaties Čaitanijos nurodymus.

Nepaprastai sunku išreikšti žodžiais jausmus, kuriuos jaučiame. Tai, kad mes Jus sutikome, buvo nuostabiausias nutikęs dalykas. Galimybė Jums tarnauti yra didžiausia dovana, kurią gali gauti siela savo egzistencijoje.

Mes niekuomet neturėjome kvalifikacijos būti šalia tokių asmenybių kaip Jūs ir Guru Mataždi, tačiau Jūs nuo mūsų nenusigręžėte. Jūs mums esate Tėvas, Jūs davėte mums prieglobstį ir apsaugą, Jūs taip maloningai mus auginate, rodydamas tobulą pavyzdį, Jūsų mokymuose negali įvykti nė menkiausias diskursas. Galime Jumis pilnai pasikliauti. Tik Jūsų malone galime auginti bhakti augalėlį savo širdyse.

Nėra saldesnės ar saugesnės vietos visoje visatoje, nei Jūsų lotoso pėdos, ir mes prašome leisti ir toliau Jums tarnauti ir vieną dieną būti vertais vadintis Jūsų mokiniams.

*Jūsų nuolankūs tarnai,
Bhakta Arminas ir bhaktin Justina*





Ieva, Kaunas, Lithuania

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, ISKCON and its heroes.

Here I am writing only second Vyasa Puja offering to You, our dear preacher.

First time I met You was so special for me... I stayed to wait prasadam You distributed to devotees after the last lecture in Kaunas Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Candra temple on Sunday, May 12 in 2013. I was the last in a row. You understood I was new there, gave me prasadam and if I am not mistaken said 'Bhakti'. It was so sad to go away... But I started to download your videos and hearing and seeing you as much as I could. You were most inspiring that I began chanting no less than sixteen rounds from that day whereas I was chanting several rounds per day before. So I had to pass an exam after three days from your depart and being very busy I still chanted sixteen rounds early in the morning and went to my exam. Professor was very surprised as I got the highest mark. I strongly believe that was because I met You and started to chant intensively! However, after a half of a year challenges made me powerless to continue because I was fanatic too much. I feel sinful and shameless and I do not deserve your kind attention but I pray I could have a possibility to serve your devotees. Still, when I hear joyful kirtan melody I feel how Lord Chaitanya's movement heals plain streets.

While meditating I remember your purity, kindness, calmness, humor and how sweet you talk about Krishna. The way you preach, socialize and laugh, daily messages You write and the mood You sing are so bright, admiring, respectful, artistic, vivid and saint... I want to be like You dedicating all life to make this insane world better. You are amazing, most charming ISKCON hero! Wish You brilliant health and that You fulfill everything You are planning. You still are the most beautiful soul I have ever met. Wish You ALL the best again. HARE KRISHNA

Your servant in my heart,
Ieva,

Prašau priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.

Visa šlovė JM Bhaktivedantai Svamiui, ISKCON ir jos herojams.

Štai rašau dar tik antrą Vyasa Pujos sveikinimą Jums, mūsų brangus Mokytojų.

Pirmas kartas, kai Jus sutikau, man buvo nepaprastas... Tada laukiau prasado, kurį dalinote atsidavusiesiems prieš išvykstant, po paskutinės savo paskaitos Šri Šri Gaura Čandra šventykloje Kaune 2013 metų gegužės dvyliktąją, sekmadienį. Stovėjau paskutinėje eilėje. Jūs supratote, kad aš nauja čia, davėte man trupinių ir, jei neklystu, pasakėte "Bhakti". Buvo taip negera išeiti... Tad pradėjau klausytis Jūsų video tiek, kiek pajėgiau. Jūs taip įkvėpėte, kad nuo to karto, kai Jus sutikau, pradėjau kartoti šešiolika ratų, nors anksčiau sukalbėdavau vos keletą per dieną.

Taigi po trijų dienų nuo Jūsų išskridimo turėjau laikyti egzaminą ir būdama labai užsiėmusi vis tiek anksti ryte





sukalbėjau džapą ir išėjau į atsiskaitymą. Profesorius buvo labai nustebęs, kad gavau aukščiausią įvertinimą. Tvirtai tikiu, kad taip atsitiko, nes sutikau Jus ir pradėjau intensyviai medituoti! Bet po pusmečio pasijutau bejėgė prieš išbandymus ir nebegalėjau tęsti dėl per didelio fanatizmo. Turiu nuodėmių ir man gėda, kad nenusipelniau Jūsų dėmesio, bet meldžiuosi, kad atrasčiau galimybių patarnauti Jūsų tyriems atsidavusiems.

Kai išgirstu džiaugsmingą kirtano melodiją, jaučiu, kaip Viešpaties Čaitanjos judėjimas gydo pilkas miesto gatves. Medituodama prisimenu Jūsų tyrumą, gerumą, ramumą, humorą ir kaip gražiai Jūs kalbate apie Krišną. Kaip Jūs pamokslaujate, bendraujate, juokiatės, kaip rašote dienos mintis ir nuotaika, kuria dainuojate, yra tokia šviesi, žavinti, pagarbi, meniška, gyvybinga ir šventa... Noriu būti tokia, koks esate Jūs – skiriantis visą gyvenimą padaryti šį išprotėjusį pasaulį geresnį. Jūs nuostabus, labiausiai kerintis ISCKON herojus! Linkiu Jums puikios sveikatos ir kad įgyvendintumėte viską, ką esate suplanavę. Jūs vis dar esate pati gražiausia siela, kokią tik kada buvau sutikusi. Linkiu VISKO, kas geriausia, dar kartą. HARE KRIŠNA

*Jūsų tarnas mano širdyje,
Ieva*



Kamilė Tamošiūnaitė, Prienai, Lithuania

Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari,
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I would like to thank You from all of my heart for Your disseminating mercy. I am very happy that I have an opportunity to listen, read, and feel You and Your spreading word of the God. It is the biggest gift for me. Hare Krsna!

Your servant,
Kamilė Tamošiūnaitė

*Brangus Sankarshan Das Adhikari,
Prašau, priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus prie Jūsų lotosinių pėdų.
Visa šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai !*

Aš iš visos širdies norėčiau padėkoti už Jūsų skleidžiamą malonę. Aš labai laiminga, kad turiu galimybę klausytis, skaityti ir jausti Jus ir Jūsų skleidžiamą Dievo žodį. Man tai pati didžiausia dovana. Hare Krisna!

*Jūsų tarnaitė,
Kamilė Tamošiūnaitė*





Gabriele, Lithuania

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

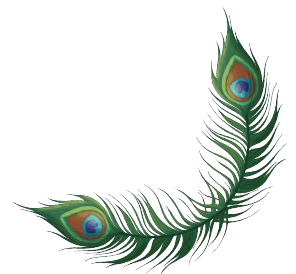
We should always ask ourselves - is there something better in this material existence than knowing about such a humble pure devotee of Krishna? I always feel gifted by receiving such enlightening help as You do. Your irreplaceable assistance leads many many souls to become better and better servants of Krishna!

Thank You so much for everything what You do for Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. Thank so much for every answer to my speculative letters. I am not worthy Your servant .
Dear Teacher, stay in ecstatic mood and live long long ecstatic life...

I bow down at Your Lotus feet and endlessly praying for Your causeless mercy...

Your insignificant servant,
Gabrielė

*Brangus Gurudeva,
Prašau, priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai !*





Šlovė brangiai Guru Mataji!

Mes visada turėtume klausti savęs – ar yra kas nors geresnio šioje materialioje egzistencijoje nei žinojimas apie tokių nuolankų tyrą Krišnos atsidavusįjį? Visuomet jaučiuosi apdovanota, gaudama tokią apšviečiančią pagalbą, kurią teikiate Jūs. Jūsų nepakeičiama pagalba padeda daugeliui sielų tapti vis geresnėmis Krišnos tarnaitėmis ! Dėkoju Jums labai už viską, ką darote dėl Krišnos ir Prabhupados. Dėkoju labai už kiekvieną atsakymą į mano spekuliatyvius laiškus. Aš nesu verta būti Jūsų tarnė. Brangus Mokytojai, likite ekstatinėje nuotaikoje ir gyvenkite ilgą ilgą ekstatišką gyvenimą... Lenkiuosi Jūsų lotosinėms pėdoms ir nesibaigiančiai prašau Jūsų malonės...

*Jūsų nereikšminga tarnaitė,
Gabrielė*



Goda, Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I am really glad that I had the opportunity to meet You because it has changed my life.

Before, I was hearing about spiritual masters and how wonderful it is when you meet him. I didn't understand that until I came to Your lecture for the first time. It was a new feeling. I realized that something good has happened because a lot of joy started flowing out from inside.

I want to thank You for giving Your shelter and guiding me to the path that leads to Krishna.

Your servant,
Goda,

*Brangus Gurudeva,
Priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Tikrai labai džiaugiuosi, kad gavau galimybę sutikti Jus, nes tai pakeitė mano gyvenimą.*

Anksčiau aš vis girdėdavau apie dvasinius mokytojus ir kaip nuostabu kai sutinki jį. Nesupratau to iki tos akimirkos kai pirmą kartą atėjau į Jūsų paskaitą. Užliejo naujas jausmas. Supratau, kad kažkas gero nutiko, nes iš vidaus pradėjo plūsti džiaugsmas.

Noriu padėkoti, kad davėte savo prieglobstį ir vedate keliu, kuris veda pas Krišną.

*Jūsų tarnaitė
Goda*





Reda Žičkuvienė, Klaipėda, Lithuania

Dear Gurudeva and Guru Mataji,

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

I do not know how to express myself sincerely enough. If I had at least a drop of decent sincerity, humbleness and devotion I would glorify you unlimitedly. I probably don't even realize properly yet how lucky I am and what significance you and Guru Mataji have on my life. All I can truly say is that you change my life. Only your transcendental words are capable of giving full peace of mind and soul, encouragement, enthusiasm, will, power, excitement and etc. to follow the path of Krishna consciousness. They protect me from my own ignorant self, from the effects of maya, and steer my mind towards my true nature, towards devotional service. The association of you and Guru Mataji, and the ability to serve you is the most precious gift and memory I keep in my heart.

Please allow me to be your servant and continue to guide me.

Your unworthy servant,
Reda

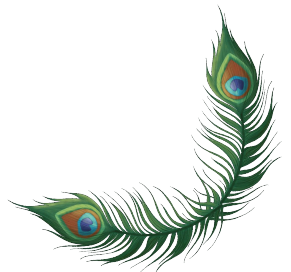
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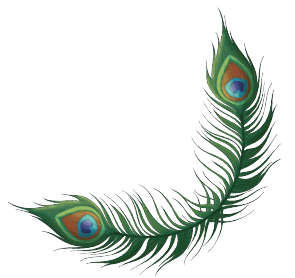
*Prašau priimkite mano nuolankius nusilenkimus.
Begalinė šlovė Šrilai Prabhupadai.*

Aš nežinau, kaip save išreikšti pakankamai nuoširdžiai. Jei turėčiau bent lašelį doro nuoširdumo, nuolankumo ir atsidavimo, šlovinčiau Jus neribotai. Aš turbūt kol kas net tinkamai nesuvokiu, kaip man pasisekė ir kokią reikšmę Jūs ir Guru Matadžai turite mano gyvenime. Galiu tik užtikrintai pasakyti, kad Jūs keičiate mano gyvenimą. Tik Jūsų transcendentiniai žodžiai pajėgūs suteikti pilną proto ir sielos ramybę, padrąsinimą, entuziazmą, valią, jėgą, jaudulį ir etc., kad eiti Krišnos sąmonės keliu. Jie saugo mane nuo mano pačios neišmanymo, nuo majos poveikio, ir kreipia mano protą link mano tikrosios prigimties, link atsidavimo tarnystės. Jūsų ir Guru Matadžės bendrija ir galimybė Jums tarnauti yra brangiausia dovana ir atsiminimas, kurį nešioju širdyje.

Prašau, leiskite būti Jūsų tarnu ir toliau mane veskite.

*Jūsų neverta tarnaitė,
Reda*







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El Significado del Vyasa Puja

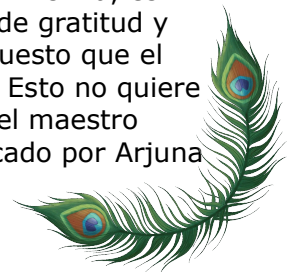
Por Krishna Caitanya Das, Kaunas, Lithuania

A cada paso en la vida, todos necesitan conocimiento. Una persona pone su pie en el suelo porque sabe que será suficientemente sólido para soportarlo, una persona come una comida en particular porque sabe que no está envenenada, etc. Este conocimiento puede ser obtenido de dos maneras: por experiencia personal o por una autoridad. Al poner la mano en el fuego, uno obtiene experiencia personal sobre su calidad quemador. El mismo conocimiento puede ser obtenido al escuchar de una autoridad, por ejemplo, un pariente cariñoso y amable. Entonces la experiencia ya no es requerida y uno se salva de tanta pena.

Uno puede inquirir, si es tan fácil obtener conocimiento, entonces ¿porqué las personas están experimentando para ganar conocimiento? ¿Porqué no buscar una autoridad que pueda proveer toda la información que uno necesite? Algunas personas tienen la naturaleza o inclinación de descubrir las cosas por si-mismas, lo que tiene su lado positivo y negativo, como todas las cosas. El lado positivo de tal naturaleza es que uno probablemente no será engañado por una falsa autoridad que realmente no conoce la verdad, pero el lado negativo es que uno deberá hacer experimentos problemáticos que posiblemente no darán ningún éxito debido a los instrumentos imperfectos utilizados.

Para facilitarnos las cosas, nuestro Señor Krishna decidió reunir toda la sabiduría posible de todos tipos y ponerla por escrita para que la gente de Kali yuga (la era actual de riña, hipocresía, falsedad, vida corta, y períodos de atención aun más cortos) pudiera tener más facilidad en asimilarla. Él lo hizo por el medio de Srila Vyasadeva - la encarnación literaria de Dios. Esta encarnación escribió lo que conocemos como los Vedas - la compilación de todo conocimiento posible en todas los ramos de la vida. No todo este conocimiento permanece disponible en esta era, pero las ideas centrales y el tema espiritual de una manera u otra fue transmitida de manera segura por el *parampará* (la sucesión discipular - donde un maestro espiritual instruye sus discípulos sin adición ni sustracción, quienes luego instruyen a otros a través de una cadena ininterrumpida). De esta manera, aquellos que tienen la naturaleza de obtener conocimiento de la autoridad, tienen la oportunidad de escuchar de Srila Vyasadeva, de poner en práctica ese conocimiento en su propias vidas, y de ver si les ayuda o no.

Nuestro maestro espiritual, Om Vishnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya Astottara Shata Su Divina Gracia Sri Srimad Sankarshan Das Adhikari, siendo un discípulo de Su Divina Gracia A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, está en la línea de sucesión discipular proviniendo del Señor Krishna y pasando por Srila Vyasadeva. Según el conocimiento Védico y el sentido común, la sabiduría que nos es dado por el maestro espiritual y por Srila Vyasadeva es la expresión de su amor puro hacia nosotros. Naturalmente, si uno recibe amor puro y tiene a lo menos algún nivel de cordura, uno estará ansioso de reciprocitar y dar en retorno alguna cosa en un humor de amor puro. La manera de reciprocitar ese amor hacia el maestro espiritual, según el Señor Krishna, es prestarle servicio e inquirir sumisamente (Bg 4.34). Este servicio es una expresión de gratitud y amor, y es completamente natural. La indagación sumisa también es muy natural puesto que el estudiante quiere conocer la verdad y tiene la naturaleza de aceptar una autoridad. Esto no quiere decir que él es como un niño sin inteligencia que acepta cualquier cosa que le diga el maestro espiritual. El estudio y la reflexión inteligente son necesarias tal como fue ejemplificado por Arjuna



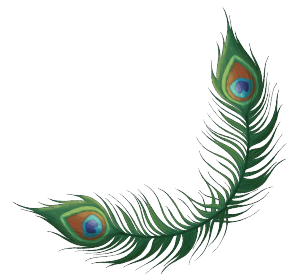


en el *Bhagavad-gita*.

El día de aparición del maestro espiritual es llamado Vyasa Puja. Esto quiere decir que damos expresión a nuestro amor, respeto, gratitud y todo lo demás positivo que tenemos, no tan solo a nuestro maestro espiritual sino que también a Srila Prabhupada, regresando hasta Srila Vyasadeva y todos los otros miembros de nuestro parampara, incluso al Señor Krishna Él-mismo. Una de las calidades del maestro espiritual es que él nunca acepta cualquier cosa ofrecida por sus discípulos para su propia gratificación de los sentidos, puesto que él está experimentando profundos placeres espirituales en su interior y no tiene ningún interés en los placeres materiales superficiales.

Todo el servicio que él recibe es mandado a Krishna a través del *parampara*. Es por eso que hay efectos espirituales por servir al maestro espiritual. Por ende, todo lo que ofrecemos durante el Vyasa Puja de nuestro maestro espiritual es pasado a través de toda la cadena hasta Krishna para Su placer, lo que es entonces distribuido a todos, al igual que la comida dada al estómago es distribuida a todas las partes del cuerpo.

Sinceramente,
Krishna Caitanya Das





Alejandro, Bariloche, Argentina - My most sincere congratulations, may God bless you

I send you my most sincere congratulations and may God bless you
My name is Alejandro Leon, from Bariloche, Argentina.

I am a follower of your teachings and I try to practice yoga.

Regards,
Alejandro



(Original Offering in Spanish)

Le mando mi más sincera felicitación y que Dios lo bendiga.

Mi nombre es Alejandro León, de Bariloche Argentina. Soy un seguidor de sus enseñanzas y trato de practicar yoga.

*Saludos
Alejandro*



Ana Carolina Givannoni, Buenos Aires, Argentina – Krishna revealed you as my Guru

nama 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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Today I find myself trying to glorify you. The sweetest nectar is glorifying Lord Krishna, but even sweeter is to glorify our beloved spiritual master.

Sankarshan Das Adhikari, ki jay!

My words are empty next to your immense mercy that I have experienced during these years, since the day you gave me shelter. Each time that I have fallen, you are there to continue guiding me in Krishna bhakti. If today I am each time more steady in Krishna consciousness, it is due to your immense mercy. You truly have Krishna in your heart, and you have been my complete inspiration. Your service to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, your complete surrender to him is what inspires me day by day and what maintains me by the hand of the devotees giving me the strength to let the process continue so that I may keep cleansing my heart and so that no dirt remains, only love.

While observing your service, I see and feel that you are completely impregnated with pure love for Krishna, that there isn't a single minute, or even a second in the day that you are not connected to Him. This is admirable. You have awakened in me the immense love and admiration that I feel for His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, your spiritual master. When I joined the movement, I was a yogi, and I still am, very ignorant and fallen, always in search of knowledge. In my beginning with yoga, for me bhakti was only for the enlightened ones, and I saw it so removed from my practice. I was thinking that I didn't have the karma because one had to be very pure to reach it, so I saw it as very distant. I became a hatha yogi and I had a lot of respect for Krishna. For me, He has always been God, since I was a little girl, but to surrender to Him I wanted to do it from the soul. I didn't want it to be a fake surrender. In my studies I understood perfectly what bhakti was and the Lord was always in my heart.





When I had to choose my guru, I was in anxiety and everyday I would pray to the Lord to give me a sign who he was. I knew that I had to feel it in my heart. I was listening to classes by gurus from ISKCON, I met gurus from ISKCON, but I kept praying for him to appear. What I couldn't see was that you were already my guru. For more than three years I was following you on the Internet, since before I become a devotee, and one day I was praying to the Lord, offering bhoga on the altar in my kitchen and praying that you appear. Waiting for the remnants, I sat down at my computer like I always did in order to listen to your classes and I had a revelation...

"Krishna, how blind I am!", I said. "For more than a year I have been searching for my guru to appear, and it is you!"

That is how I accepted you as my guru. You were there every day, planting the seed of Krishna bhakti in me and changing my heart completely so that it would fill with love.

Today my heart is greatly tormented to see the folly of this material world, to see how the system of the material world wants to absorb me, and I don't let it. I am in the fight of anartha nivritti, and it is due to your incredible mercy that I can remain in the movement. Therefore my offering is to always serve you, respecting your instruction but trying to be true. Today I feel that my heart is hard. So every day I go looking how my service can be more sattvic, even if I am in the association with karmis, giving them a superior taste so that they may see that my heart explodes with love for Krishna and that they may say, "I want that. How do you do it?" and this way they may approach the movement.

Today I feel that my offering to you is the change that I must do to always polish better my service in Krishna consciousness and this way you may have a disciple from the heart and not from the mind.

Respectfully, thanking and serving you eternally,

Mother Ana Carolina Givannoni, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(Original Offerig in Spanish)

nama om visnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale

srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine

"Ofrezco mis respetuosas reverencias a Su Gracia Sankarshan Das Adhikari, quien es muy querido por el Señor Sri Krishna, por haber tomado refugio a Sus pies de loto."

namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane

gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine





"¡O seguidor de Prabhupada! ¡O personificación de prema! Te ofrezco mis reverencias, tú quien eres encarnación de misericordia y quien llueve el bhakti puro para propagar la orden del Señor Caitanya.

Querido Gurudeva,

Acepte mis más humildes reverencias.

Todas las glorias para su Gracia Srila Prabhupada.

Hoy me encuentro tratando de glorificarlo. El néctar más dulce es glorificar al Señor Krishna, pero aun más dulce es glorificar a nuestro amado maestro espiritual.

Sankarshan Das Adhikari iki jay!

Mis palabras son vacías al lado de su inmensa misericordia, que he experimentado a lo largo de estos años desde el día que me dio refugio. Cada vez que me he caído está usted para seguir guiándome en Krishna Bhakti. Si hoy sigo cada vez más firme en conciencia de Krishna, es por su inmensa misericordia. Usted realmente tiene completamente a Krishna en el corazón y usted ha sido por completo mi inspiración. Su servicio a Su Divina Gracia Srila Prabhupada, su entrega completa a él es lo que me inspira día a día, y lo que me mantiene de la mano de los devotos lo que me da fuerza para dejar que el proceso continúe, para que pueda seguir limpiando mi corazón y no quede suciedad, solo amor.

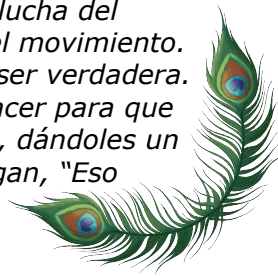
Al observar su servicio veo y siento que usted está completamente impregnado de amor puro por Krishna, que no hay un solo minuto, ni segundo del día que no esté conectado con Él. Esto es admirable. Usted ha despertado en mí el inmenso amor y admiración que siento por Su Divina Gracia Srila Prabhupada, su maestro espiritual. Cuando entré en el movimiento era una yogui, y lo sigo siendo, muy ignorante y muy caída, siempre en busca de conocimiento. En mis comienzos con el yoga, para mí el bhakti era solo para iluminados, y lo veía tan lejano en mi práctica. Pensaba que no me daba el karma por que había que estar muy puro para lograrlo, entonces lo veía lejano. Entonces me convertí en una hatha yogui y tenía mucho respeto por Krishna. Para mí siempre Él fue Dios desde chica, pero para poder entregarme a Él, quería hacerlo desde el alma, no quería que fuera una falsa entrega. En mis estudios entendía perfecto lo que era el bhakti y el Señor siempre estaba en mi corazón.

Cuando tuve que elegir a mi guru estaba en ansiedad y todos los días oraba al Señor para que me diera una señal de quien era. Sabía que tenía que sentirlo en el corazón. Escuchaba clases de gurus de ISKCON, conocí gurus de ISKCON pero seguía orando por que apareciera. Lo que no podía ver era que usted ya era mi guru. Desde más de tres años que lo seguía por el Internet, desde antes de ser devota, y un día estaba orándole al Señor ofreciendo el bhoga en el altar de mi cocina y orándole por que usted apareciera. Esperando los remanentes, me fui a sentar a la computadora como siempre hacía para escuchar sus clases y tuve una revelación...

"Pero, Krishna," dije, "¡Qué siega que estoy!... Hace más de un año que busco que aparezca mi guru y es usted".

Y así fue como lo tomé como mi guru. Usted estaba ahí todos los días, plantando en mí la semilla del Krishna bhakti y cambiando mi corazón por completo para que se llenara de amor.

Hoy mi corazón está inmensamente atormentado al ver la locura de este mundo material, al ver como el sistema del mundo material me quiere absorber y no lo dejo. Estoy en esa lucha del anartha nivritti, y es gracias a su increíble misericordia que me puedo sostener en el movimiento. Por eso mi ofrenda es siempre servirlo, respetando su instrucción pero tratando de ser verdadera. Hoy siento que mi corazón está duro. Entonces cada día voy viendo cómo puedo hacer para que mi servicio sea cada vez más sattvico, esté yo en asociación atrayendo a los karmis, dándoles un gusto superior para que vean que mi corazón explota de amor por Krishna y que digan, "Eso





quiero. ¿Cómo haces?” y así se acercuen al movimiento.

Hoy siento que mi ofrenda a usted es el cambio que debo hacer para pulir cada vez más mis servicios en consciencia de Krishna y para que usted tenga una discípula del corazón y no desde la mente. Así podré respetar su instrucción sin flaquear y estar cada vez más firme.

Me despido, agradeciendo y sirviéndolo eternamente.

Madre Ana Carolina Givannoni

Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Carolina Acosta Lucchesi – may I serve you with my actions

Dear Gurudev:

As a spiritual master, you, along with your Godbrothers, the pure devotees of Krishna, are the suitable persons to guide us to the true Kingdom of God, of Love and Justice for all living entities. I am very grateful to you for answering my questions, offering your blessing and giving direction to my life.

You are in my prayers so that Srimati Radharani may personally take care of you.

Happy day, Gurudev!

Your still immature aspirant...

Carolina Acosta Lucchesi

I hope that very soon I may be able to return your help with something more than words. You have seeded in so many people via the Internet love and sincere selfless advice.

Amen!

(Original Offering in Spanish)

En primer lugar quiero disculparme, por enviar a último momento mi saludo. Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada, Jesús y a UD.





Querido Gurudev:

Usted como maestro espiritual, juntamente con sus hermanos espirituales, los devotos puros de Krisna, son las personas idóneas para guiarnos hacia el verdadero Reino De Dios, de Amor y Justicia para todas las entidades vivientes, le estoy muy agradecida por haberme respondido a mis preguntas, brindado sus bendiciones y dado dirección en mi vida.

Está en mis oraciones para que Srimati Radharani lo cuide y no caiga de su posición.

Feliz día Gurudev!

Su aun inmadura aspirante...

Carolina Acosta Lucchesi.

Espero que muy pronto pueda retribuirle su ayuda con algo más que palabras. Ud. ha sembrado en tantas personas por Internet amor y consejo sincero y desinteresado que ahora le toca cosechar para Su Amado Krisna.

Amen!

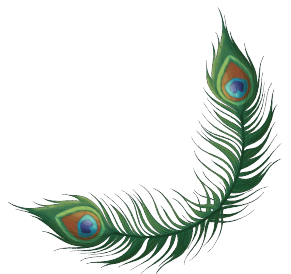


Daniel Giunta, Buenos Aires, Argentina – thank you for honouring me with your association

Hare Krishna.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and all Glories to Your Person, Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.





Happy Vyasa Puja, Dear Master!!!!

Thank you for blessing me day by day with your emails of Pensamiento del Dia. They are really a support for my life of misery and suffering. They open a path of hope for me to discover my true identity and return to home.

I also want to thank you for giving me the honor of allowing me to be your student in your Ultimate Self-Realization Course since 2011 and giving me the possibility of associating with your disciples Devadeva Dasa Adhikari, Aditi Devi Dasi from the city of Mendoza, Dinabandhu Das from Buenos Aires and many more from Peru, Chile and Uruguay who are a guide and an example in my awakening in Krishna Consciousness, which is in a very dormant stage.

I pray to Krishna that I may soon be qualified to ask for shelter at your lotus feet and, as in previous years, that I may have the good fortune of receiving your blessings personally on your next visit to Argentina in January 2015.

Your eternal servant,

Daniel Giunta, Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Original Offering in Spanish)

Hare Krishna.

Todas las Glorias a Srila Prabhupada y todas las Glorias a Su Persona, Srila Gurudeva.

Reciba mis humildes reverencias a sus pies de loto

iiiiFeliz Vyasa Puja Querido Maestro!!!!

Gracias por bendecirme día a día con sus correos del Pensamiento del Día. Realmente son un sostén para mi vida de miseria y sufrimiento, ellos abren un camino de la esperanza para descubrir mi verdadera identidad y regresar a casa.

También le quiero agradecer el darme el honor de permitirme ser su estudiante en su curso de de la Máxima Auto-Realización desde el 2011 y posibilitarme la asociación de sus discípulos Devadeva Dasa Adhikari, Aditi Devi Dasi de la ciudad de Mendoza, Dinabandhu Das de Buenos Aires y muchos más de Perú, Chile y Uruguay, los cuales son una guía y un ejemplo en mi despertar en la Conciencia de Krishna, la cual se encuentra muy adormecida en ser.





Ruego a Krishna que pronto este apto para solicitarle refugio a sus pies de loto y al igual que años anterior pueda tener la dicha de recibir sus bendiciones personalmente en su próxima visita por Argentina en enero del 2015.

Su eterno sirviente,

Daniel Giunta, Buenos Aires – Argentina



David Aparicio Zambrano, Trujillo, Peru – please accept me as a disciple

Hare Krishna,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to his excellent devotee Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

I offer my most humble and respectful greeting to His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari on his Vyasa Puja and I pray to the All-powerful Krishna that He continue enlightening him and giving him many years of life so that he can continue with this praiseworthy task of preaching Krishna consciousness all over the world, whether in person in his travels o by the instrument of the Internet, which he has wisely known how to use for the benefit of many fallen souls.

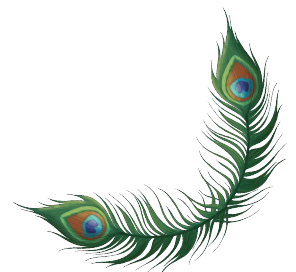
I pray to our Lord Krishna that I may have the good fortune of advancing along the path of Bhakti Yoga and that I may be accepted as a disciple of His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari to be able to collaborate in the mission that our founder-acharya Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada has entrusted to us.

HARE KRISNA!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully,

Eng. David Aparicio Zambrano, Trujillo, Peru

(Original Offering in Spanish)





Hare Krishna,

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada y a su excelso devoto Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

Ofrezco mi más humilde y respetuoso saludo a su gracia Sankarshan Das Adhikari en su Vyasa Puja y ruego al Sr. Todopoderoso Krishna que le siga iluminando y dando muchos años de vida para que continúe con esta loable tarea de predicar la conciencia de Krishna por todo el mundo ya sea presencialmente en sus viajes o por esta herramienta de Internet, que sabiamente ha sabido usar en beneficio de muchas almas caídas.

Ruego a nuestro Sr. Krishna que tenga la fortuna de avanzar en el sendero del Bhakti Yoga y que pueda ser aceptado como discípulo de su gracia Sankarshan Das Adhikari para poder colaborar en la misión que nos ha encomendado nuestro fundador-Acarya Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

HARE KRISNA!!!!!!!!!!

Atte.

Ing. David Aparicio Zambrano, Trujillo, Peru



Dinabandhu dasa, Buenos Aires, Argentina – gratitude for your causeless mercy

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this so special a day dedicated to your Vyasa Puja, I would like to express my profound gratitude for your causeless mercy in inspiring me and answering my questions based on the sastras.

Every year I hope to be able to serve you along with my Godbrothers.

I bow down at your lotus feet and I pray for the benediction that you may continue to visit us every year.

Your eternally grateful servant,

Dinabandhu dasa, Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Original Offering in Spanish)

Querido Guru Maharaja:

Por favor acepte mis más humildes y respetuosas reverencias.

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.





En este día tan especial con motivo de su Vyasa puja quisiera expresar mi profundo agradecimiento por su misericordia sin causa al inspirarme y contestar las preguntas basadas en las sastras.

Cada año espero poder servirlo junto a mis hermanos espirituales.

Yo me postro ante sus pies de loto y oro por tener la bendición de que siga visitándonos cada año.

Su Sirviente y eternamente agradecido.

Dinabandhu dasa

Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Laksmi Radharani, Tegucigalpa, Honduras - Aspiring disciple – can never repay you

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to you and to Guru Mataji!

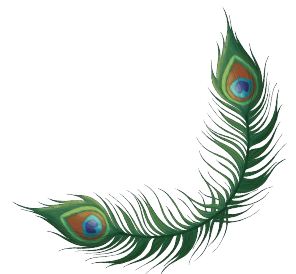
My very dear Gurudeva:

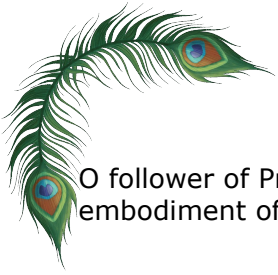
nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale

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 showers pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

I do not possess any qualification to be your disciple. Nevertheless, you have been so sweetly merciful and have accepted to rescue this insignificant soul from an ocean of birth and death. I cannot repay you. How grateful I am for such a great opportunity and how much you have remained with me all these past years, reverberating in my being while chanting the holy name, while reciting the pranams in the morning. You are the one who has constantly motivated my enthusiasm to do my service better, perfecting it as much as possible and doing it in the most loving way possible. I will never be able to repay all this to you.

Happy Vyasa Puja!

Your insignificant servant,
Laksmi Radharani

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*Laksmi Radharani: Aspirante a discípulo de Su Gracia Sankarshana Das Adhikari.
De Honduras, Tegucigalpa.*

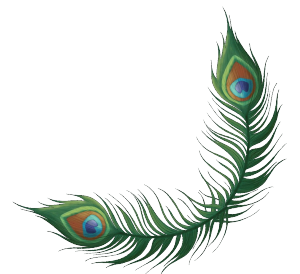
*Por favor acepte mis más grandes reverencias
¡Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada!
¡Todas las glorias a usted y a Guru Mataji!*

Mi muy querido Gurudeva:

*nama om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine*

Ofrezco mis reverencias respetuosas a los pies de loto de mi maestro espiritual, Srila Sankarashan Das Adhikari, quien es muy querido por Krishna en este mundo, habiendo tomado refugio a Sus pies de loto.

*namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,
gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine*





¡O seguidor de Prabhupada! ¡O personificación de prema! Ofrezco mis reverencias a ti, la encarnación de la misericordia, quien derrama el bhakti puro para difundir la orden del Señor Caitanya.

No poseo calificación alguna para ser su discípula, sin embargo, usted ha sido tan dulcemente misericordioso y ha aceptado rescatar a esta insignificante alma de un océano de nacimiento y muerte. No puedo compensarlo. Cuan agradecida estoy por tan grande oportunidad y cuanto usted ha permanecido en todos los años anteriores, resonando en mi al cantar el santo nombre, al pronunciar los pranamas por la mañana. Usted ha sido quien ha motivado constantemente mi entusiasmo de hacer mejor mi servicio, de perfeccionarlo lo más que se pueda y hacerlo de la forma más amorosa posible. Jamás podré compensar todo esto a usted.

¡Feliz Vyasa Puja!

Su insignificante sirviente

Laksmi Radharani, Tegucigalpa, Honduras



Leandro, Rosario, Argentina – you are a great example

Hare Krishna!!

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

namah om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale

Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine

namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,

gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine

namah om vishnu padaya Krishna prestaya bhutale

srimate Bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine

namaste sarasvate deve gauravani pracarine

nirvisesa sunyavadi paschatya desatarine





sri krishna caitanya prabhu nityananda
sri advaita gadadhara srivasadi gaura-bhakta-vrinda

Maharaja,

I hope with all my heart that you are doing well.

In Rosario, Argentina, we will be celebrating your Vyasa Puja, and this is something very important.

You are a great example to follow.

I truly admire you very much, and I try to follow in your footsteps, to follow your instructions which are always so kind and revealing.

The valuable contribution that you make to preaching, chanting the Sacred Names of Krishna is something very much appreciated by all the Vaisnavas and in my case it is very inspiring.

I am very grateful to you for the whole range of resources that you offer us, your well-wishers, your disciples and to the souls in general, so that we can be instructed, so that we can try to develop a spiritual life.

I sincerely wish that you have a beautiful Vyasa Puja day and to be able to always serve you. You exemplify the fidelity to the Spiritual Master with your determination and service to Srila Prabhupada.

vancha kalpa tarubhyas ca kripa sindhubya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah

With the humble intention of serving you,

Bhakta Leandro, Rosario, Argentina





(original offering in Spanish)

Hare Krishna!!!

Por favor acepte mis humildes reverencias

Todas las Glorias a Srila Prabhupada

namah om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhutale

Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine

namo prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane,

gauradesa vikasartha, uttama bhakti varsine

namah om vishnu padaya Krishna prestaya bhutale

srimate Bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine

namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine

nirvisesa sunyavadi paschatya desatarine

sri krishna caitanya prabhu nityananda

sri advaita gadadhara srivasadi gaura-bhakta-vrinda

Maharaja espero de todo corazón que se encuentre muy bien.

En Rosario Argentina estaremos festejando su Vyasa Puja, y eso es algo muy importante.

Usted es un gran ejemplo a seguir.

Realmente lo admiro mucho, y trato de seguir sus pasos, de cumplir sus instrucciones, las cuales siempre son tan amables y reveladoras.

El valioso aporte que usted está haciendo a la prédica, del canto de los Sagrados Nombres de Krishna es algo muy apreciado por todos los vaishnavas y en mi caso es muy inspirador.

Estoy muy agradecido con usted por la amplia gama de recursos que ofrece a nosotros - sus





bienquerientes- , a sus discípulos y a las almas en general, para que podamos instruirnos, para que podamos intentar desarrollar una vida espiritual.

Anhelo con sinceridad que usted tenga un hermoso día de Vyasa Puja y poder servirlo por siempre. Usted ejemplifica la fidelidad al Maestro Espiritual con su determinación y servicio a Srila Prabhupada.

*vancha kalpa tarubhyas ca kripa sindhubya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

*Con la humilde intención de servirle
Bhakta Leandro*



Luis Alonso Sanchez Castro, El Salvador – please bless us with pure love for Krishna

Hare Krishna!!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

We feel blessed each time that you guide us in the darkness of materialism and abandoning attachment.

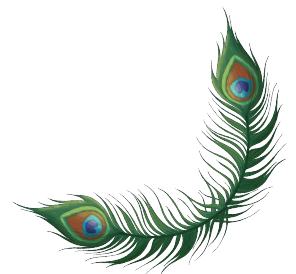
Give us always the possibility of the nectar of developing pure love for Krishna.

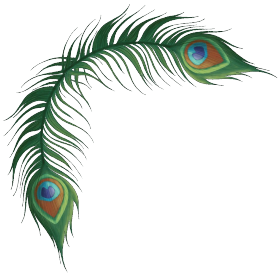
I greet you from El Salvador, Central America.

I wish to share the pictures of the Deities of Sri Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. The temple is situated in city of Santa Tecla in the province of La Libertad.

With humility,

Luis Alonso Sanchez Castro.





(Original Offering in Spanish)

iiHare Krishna!!

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.

Mis respetuosas reverencias a sus pies de loto.

Nos sentimos bendecidos cada vez que nos guía en la oscuridad del materialismo y el abandonar el apego.

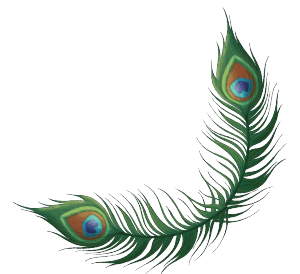
Dénos siempre que sea posible el néctar de desarrollar amor puro por Krishna.

Le saludo desde El Salvador, Centro America.

Deseo compartir las fotos de las Deidades de Sri Caitanya y El Señor Nityananda. El templo está ubicado en el departamento de la Libertad, ciudad Santa Tecla.

Humildemente,

Luis Alonso Sanchez Castro





Madhumati devi dasi, Peru – Matchless and Priceless

Nama om visnu padaya
Kirhsna prestaya bhutale

Srimate Sankarshan das Adhikari iti namine

Namo prabhupadanuga
prema murti kripatmane
Gauradesa vikasārtha
uttama bhakti varsine

Om ajñāna-timirandhasya
jñānāñjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri gurave-namah

All Glories to the personification of love and determination, my beloved Srila Gurudeva, His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

I humbly beg you to please accept my most respectful obeisances at your divine and unmistakeable Lotus Feet.

My very beloved Srila Gurudeva:

This is the most auspicious day for all humanity, the day in which the world, this planet and the whole universe stops to receive the presence of such a magnificent personality.

Who are we to have such excessive good fortune? Who are we to be able to see on this earth a person so full of so many and innumerable qualities?

As described by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada in the purport to Text 13 of Chapter 3 of Canto 2 of the Srimad Bhagavatam:





"A pure devotee of the Lord automatically develops all godly qualities, and some of the prominent features of those qualities are as follows: he is kind, peaceful, truthful, equable, faultless, magnanimous, mild, clean, nonpossessive, a well-wisher to all, satisfied, surrendered to Kṛṣṇa, without hankering, simple, fixed, self-controlled, a balanced eater, sane, mannerly, prideless, grave, sympathetic, friendly, poetic, expert and silent."

With the passing of minutes, days, months and years, dear Srila Gurudeva, you are being inundated with all these good qualities, in your manner of explaining the scriptures, your impeccable sadhana, your spotless preaching, your great efforts to broadcast the most sublime Krishna Consciousness, and, what I appreciate the most, your love for your Guru. It is unbelievable how beautifully you are surrendered to the instruction of your Spiritual Master. You possess the greatest treasure of life and that is your great determination, which I admire and it inspires me to continue each day.

This surrender and determination is also revealed to us by Srila Prabhupada in one of his marvelous purports:

"The pure devotees are not just satisfied with knowing everything about the Lord, but they are also anxious to broadcast the information to other people, because they want to see that everybody knows the glory of the Lord" SB 2.3.9

I have personally been able to see how you are a first class devotee since you always have so much enthusiasm to preach, in spite of the endless hours of travel by plane, the trouble with your ears, in spite of the troubles of the body. For you there is no more glorious hour than writing the 'Thought for the Day' and instruct us, or the hour in which you will meet with thousands of devotees anxious to learn more and more about Krishna. For your determination, these things are the most wonderful in existence, Krishna-Katha.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, this determination also has a lot to do with your compassion toward everyone. It is said that it is illegal to become a Spiritual Master if one is incapable of saving the disciple, and on this point rests my greatest faith, to see the 180-degree turn that my life has taken since I have met you, thanks to Krishna. My greatest faith in the process lies in your words because they are authorized, because you are cultured and erudite, because you have a great love for Krishna and His devotees. How could I not trust you, Srila Gurudeva?

Thank you for teaching me through your spiritual activities. You teach your disciples the devotional principles with great enthusiasm and seriousness, since this is the greatest tool for going back to home, back to Godhead.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, here I am. I present myself before you full of emotion at being able to write this simple offering. I hope to be able to obtain your needed blessings to be able to follow the process, trying to become your sincere and eternal servant. Thank you very much for giving me the benediction of being your spiritual daughter. Everyday when I open my eyes, I think of you and your wonderful service, which has no limits or borders. Thank you for your instructions and for giving meaning to my empty life.





Matchless is the time when you met Srila Prabhupada and blessed the moment when you accepted him in your heart.

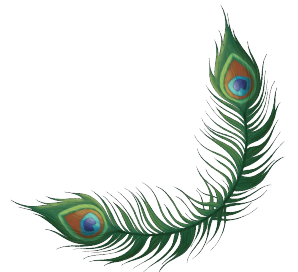
Your most insignificant servant,
Madhumati dd, Peru



(Original Offering in Spanish)

*Nama om visnu padaya
Kirhsna prestaya bhutale
Srimate Sankarshan das Adhikari iti namine*

*Namo prabhupadanuga
prema murti kripatmane
Gauradesa vikasartha*





uttama bhakti varsine

Om ajñana-timirandhasya

jñanañjana-salakaya

caksur unmilitam yena

tasmai sri gurave-namah

Todas las Glorias a la personificación del amor y la determinación, mi amado Srila Gurudeva , Su Gracia Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Por favor le ruego humildemente acepte mis más respetuosas reverencias a sus divinos e inconfundibles Pies de Loto.

Mi muy amado Srila Gurudeva :

Este es el día más auspicioso para toda la humanidad, el día en el que el mundo, este planeta y el universo entero hace un alto, para recibir la presencia de tan magnífica personalidad.

¿Quienes somos nosotros para tener tanta demasiada fortuna? ¿quienes somos para poder ver en esta tierra una persona tan llena de muchísimas e incontables cualidades?

Como describe Su Divina Gracia Srila Prabhupada en el significado del verso 13 en el capítulo 3 del canto 2 del Srimad Bhagavatam:

"En un devoto del Señor automáticamente se desarrollan todas las cualidades divinas: es bondadoso, apacible, veraz, ecuánime, intachable, magnánimo, manso, limpio, no posesivo, el bienqueriente de todos, satisfecho, entregado a Krishna, no tiene anhelos, sencillo, fijo, auto controlado, moderado en el comer, sensato, humilde, grave, compasivo, amigable, poeta, experto, y callado"

Con el pasar de los minutos, días, meses y años, Usted, querido Srila Gurudeva está siendo inundado con todas estas buenas cualidades, en su forma de explicar las escrituras, su impecable sadhana, su intachable prédica, sus grandísimos esfuerzos por difundir la más sublime Conciencia de Krishna, y lo máspreciado para mi, el amor hacia su Guru. Es increíble cuan hermosamente Usted está rendido a la instrucción de Su Maestro Espiritual. Usted tiene el mayor tesoro de la vida y ese es su gran determinación, la cual admiro y me inspira a continuar cada día.

Esta entrega y determinación nos la revela Srila Prabhupada también en uno de sus maravillosos significados:





"Los devotos puros no solo se satisfacen con conocer todo acerca del Señor, sino que también están ansiosos de difundir la información a otras personas, ya que quieren ver que todos conozcan las glorias del Señor" SB canto2 cap 3 verso 9

Personalmente he podido ver como Usted es un devoto de primera clase ya que siempre tiene mucho entusiasmo por predicar, a pesar de las inagotables horas de viaje por avión, del malestar de sus oídos, a pesar de las molestias del cuerpo. Para Usted no hay hora más gloriosa que escribir el Pensamiento del Día e instruirnos, o la hora en la que debe reunirse con miles de devotos ansiosos de aprender más y más de Krishna, para su determinación estas cosas son lo más maravilloso que existe, Krishna-Katha.

Querido Srila Gurudeva esta determinación también tiene que ver mucho con su compasión hacia todos, se dice que es ilegal volverse un Maestro Espiritual si uno es incapaz de salvar al discípulo, y en este punto está mi fe más grande, ver el vuelco que a dado mi vida desde que lo he conocido gracias a Krishna. Mi fe más grande en este proceso es en sus palabras porque están autorizadas, porque Usted está versado y es erudito, porque Usted tiene un gran amor por Krishna y Sus devotos. ¿Cómo no podría confiar en Usted, Srila Gurudeva?

Gracias por enseñarme mediante sus actividades espirituales. Usted enseña a sus discípulos los principios del servicio devocional con gran entusiasmo y seriedad ya que esta es la más grande herramienta para volver a casa, volver con Dios.

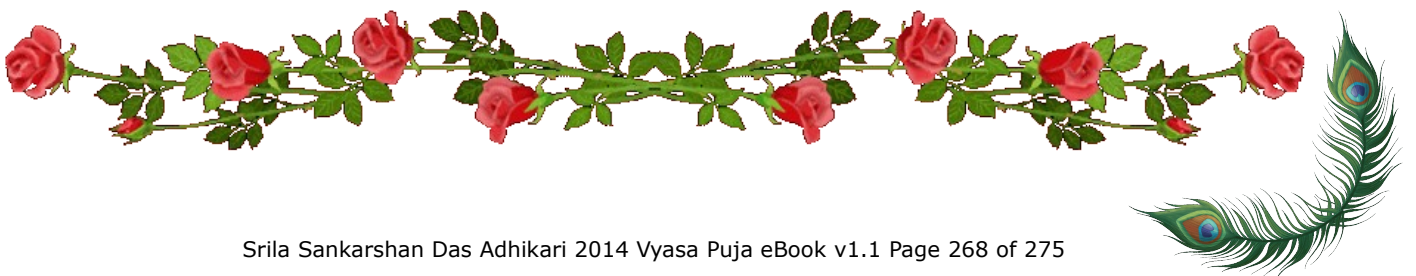
Querido Srila Gurudeva aquí estoy, me presento ante Usted llena de mucha emoción de poder escribir esta sencilla ofrenda. Espero poder obtener sus necesarias bendiciones para poder seguir en el proceso, intentando volverme su sirvienta sincera y eterna. Muchísimas gracias por darme la bendición de ser su hija espiritual y que cada día que abro los ojos, pienso en Usted y en su maravilloso servicio, el cual no tiene límites ni fronteras. Gracias por sus instrucciones y por darle sentido a mi vida vacía.

Es sin igual el momento en que Usted conoció a Srila Prabhupada y bendito el momento en el que Usted lo acepto en su corazón.

su más insignificante sirvienta

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Murari devi dasi, San Jose, Costa Rica – you have dispelled doubts

Dear Maharaja Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this commemorative day of your appearance, please allow me to offer my sincere gratitude for the magnificent guidance you provide for us everyday, which have dispelled doubts, increasing the knowledge about our true constitutional position and therefore affirming each time with greater determination the desire to render service to Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

Your great humility and effort to serve Srila Prabhupada and your enthusiasm to expand the preaching of Krishna consciousness are powerful examples of what Srila Prabhupada wanted to cultivate in his disciples so that humanity at large could come out of the dangerous ignorance of Kali-yuga.

Thank you very much for allowing our consciousness to take full shelter of the Holy Name and this way fulfill the desire of Sri Caitanya and Sri Nityananda that all of humanity can reestablish its eternal loving relationship with Sri Krishna.

I pray to Sri Krishna that He allow me to keep receiving the great benediction of your association, dear Maharaja, and the opportunity to serve you in the best way possible.

Your humble servant,

Murari devi dasi

(Original Offering in Spanish)

Querido Maharaja Sankarsana das Adikari,

Por favor acepte mis humildes y respetuosas reverencias.

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada!

Permítame en este día conmemorativo de su aparición, ofrecerle mis sinceros agradecimientos por la magnífica guía que nos permite cada día, las cuales han despejado preguntas, aumentando el conocimiento acerca de nuestra verdadera posición constitucional y por lo tanto afirmando cada vez con mayor firmeza el deseo de prestar servicio a Sri Sri Radha Krsna.





Su gran humildad, empeño en servir a Srila Prabhupada y su entusiasmo por expandir la prédica de conciencia de Krsna, son poderosos ejemplos de lo que Srila Prabhupada quería fomentar en sus discípulos para que la humanidad entera pueda salir de la peligrosa ignorancia en Kali yuga.

Muchas gracias por permitir que nuestra conciencia tome pleno refugio en el Santo Nombre y cumplir así el anhelo de Sri Caitanya y Sri Nityananda de que toda la humanidad pueda restablecer su relación amorosa eterna con Sri Krsna.

Ruego a Sri Krsna me permita seguir recibiendo la gran bendición de su asociación querido Maharaja y la oportunidad de servirlo de la mejor forma posible.

Su humilde sirviente, Murari devi dasi



Tulasi devi dasi, Caracas, Venezuela – I want to practice your daily emails

To my beloved master and siksa guru... with all my love,

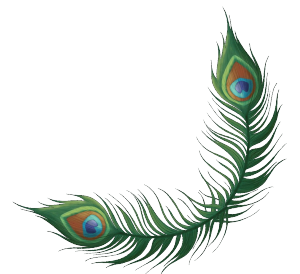
Offering, first of all, my gratitude for the effort you make day after day to give us the auspicious opportunity to revive our dormant Krishna Consciousness!!

In my particular case, I must express that I am fortunate to say that I have one of the most incredible gurus in these last years of life that I have on this planet... at least for this birth which is all I remember...!

I don't want to pass over my desire to have you close to us for many more years... I think that my email would not have any sense if the 'Pensamientos del Dia' weren't there... It was truly absolutely sublime, especially in these times of increasing violence, terrorism and intolerance. It is urgent that we take day after day the remnants of His Divine Grace... my beloved Gurudeva..., that we put it in practice and that we become attached to the powerful of the Powerful... which is the Mahamantra!!!!

From your beautiful face, Gurudeva... I have always obtained a great teaching!

Happy Vyasapuja





With all my love

Tulsydevi Dasi, Caracas, Venezuela (disciple of His Holiness Govinda Swami Maharaja, 2nd Initiation)



(Original offering in Spanish)

A mi querido maestro y siksa guru.....con todo mi amor,

Ofreciéndole antes que nada mi agradecimiento por el esfuerzo que hace día tras día para darnos la auspiciosa oportunidad de revivir nuestra adormecida Conciencia de Krishna!!

En mi caso particular debo expresar que soy afortunada de decir que tengo uno de los más increíbles gurus en estos últimos años de vida que llevo en este planeta.....al menos en este nacimiento que es el que sólo recuerdo....!

No quiero pasar por alto mi deseo de tenerlo cerca de nosotros por muchísimo años más.....,yo creo que mi correo electrónico no tendría ningún sentido si no estuvieran los Pensamientos del Día,... fuera de verdad absolutamente efímero,, sobretodo en estos tiempos donde se han incrementado la violencia, el terrorismo y la intolerancia. Es de urgencia que tomemos día a día los remanentes de Su divina gracia... mi amado Gurudeva....., que lo pongamos en práctica y nos aferremos fuertemente al poderoso de los Poderosos...que es el Mahamantra!!!

En su bello rostro Gurudeva.....siempre he obtenido una gran enseñanza!

Feliz Vyasapuja

Con todo mi amor

Tulsydevi Dasi, Iniciada por Srila Govinda Maharaja, 2da iniciación





Vrinda devi dasi, Santiago, Chile – we celebrate your transcendental appearance

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.

All glories to Your lotus feet, Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

How can I express in words all the feelings of gratitude and debt I have toward you, Gurudev, who, with your infinite mercy, do not hesitate to accept all the fallen souls who are looking for a hope to be able to make some little advancement in this life.

On this day that we celebrate your transcendental appearance in this world, I have nothing to do but thank you an infinite number of times for all that you do so that we may awaken our slumbering Krishna consciousness and our slumbering love for the Lord, and to remember that we are eternal loving servants and to live like true spirit souls in this world...

Gurudeva, thank you for your daily enlightening words that you give us in your e-mails, for your everlasting enthusiasm and dedication, for your constant example, for teaching the truth, for bringing us home, to our home. Knowing well that we may fall down at any moment, by your causeless mercy, you give us initiation and thus a chance to reunite with Krishna. All I ask for is to be really worthy of being your disciple, to be able to serve you as you deserve and to become a real devotee of the Lord. Thank you for giving me such a beautiful and intense initiation, which I absolutely do not deserve, and I know that it is because of your extremely kind heart that you bring us closer to Krishna in such nectarean ways.

Please accept my humble eternal obeisances.

Infinitely grateful and indebted,

Your disciple,

Vrinda Devi Dasi

Santiago, Chile





Ecstatic Arrival Greeting, Santiago. Chile





Initiation Ceremony, Santiago, Chile

(Original offering in Spanish)

*Todas las Glorias a Srila Prabhupada
Todas las glorias a Sri Sri Goura Nitai
Todas las glorias a Sus pies de Loto Gurudev:
Acepte mis más humildes reverencias*

Cómo poder expresar en palabras todo lo agradecida y en deuda que estoy con Usted Gurudev, que con su infinita misericordia no duda en aceptar a todas las almas caídas que buscamos una esperanza para poder tener algún mínimo avance espiritual en esta vida.

En este día de que celebramos, su trascendental aparición en este mundo, no me queda más que agradecer infinitas veces por todo lo que hace para que podamos despertar nuestra adormecida conciencia de Krsna y nuestro adormecido amor por el Señor, y recordemos que somos sirvientes amorosos eternos y vivamos como verdaderas almas espirituales en este mundo....

Gurudev, gracias por sus palabras de iluminación diaria que nos brinda en sus correos, por su eterno entusiasmo y dedicación, por su ejemplo constante, por enseñarnos la verdad, por





acercarnos a casa, a nuestro lugar; gracias porque sabiendo de antemano que podemos caernos en cualquier momento, usted con su misericordia sin causa nos da iniciación y por tanto una oportunidad de reencontrarnos con Sri Krsna; solo pido poder llegar a ser realmente digna de ser su discipula, poder servirlo como se merece y llegar a ser una verdadera devota del Señor; gracias por haberme regalado una tan bella e intensa iniciación, a mi, que no lo merezco en absoluto, y sé que es por su corazón extremadamente bondadoso que nos acerca de esas maneras tan nectáreas a Krsna....

Por favor acepte mis humildes reverencias eternas

infinitamente agradecida y endeuda,

su discípula

Vrinda Devi Dasi

Santiago, Chile

