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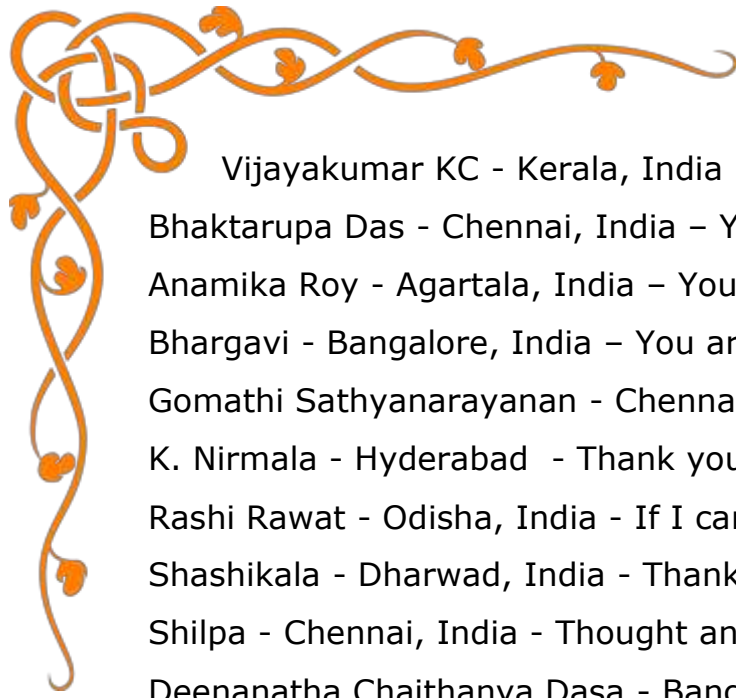


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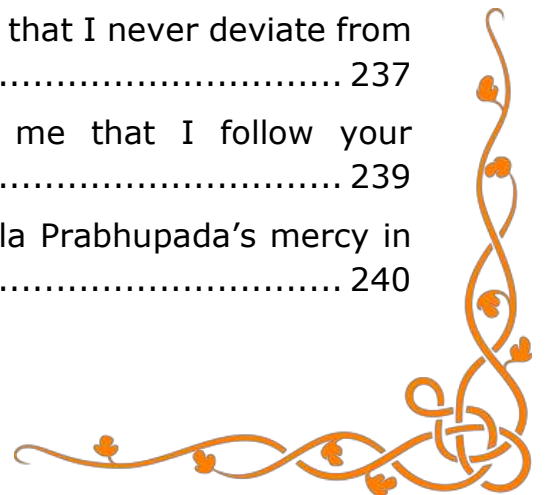


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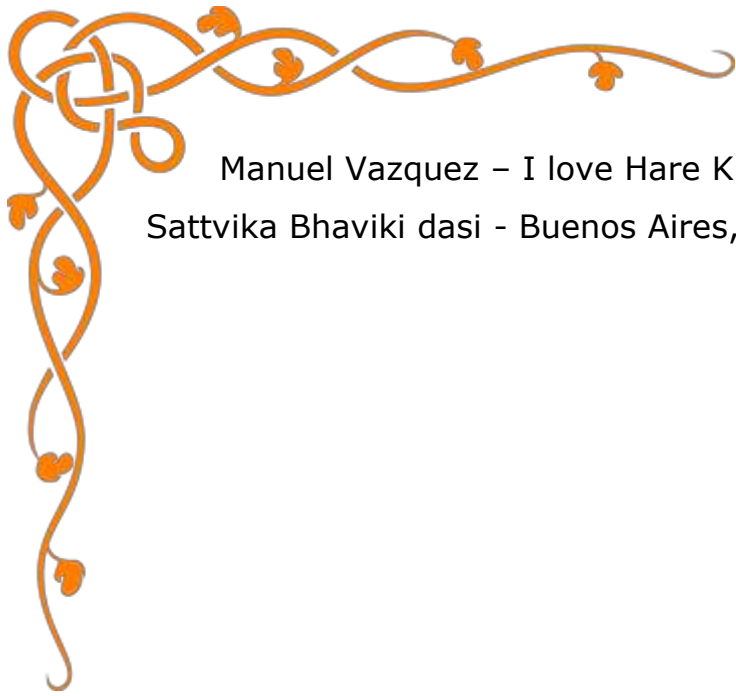


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Introduction

Hare Krishna! Every year, the students and disciples of His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari (His Grace is referred 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.

Kindly 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 applicable) and alphabetically to make them easier to locate.

This year, Vyasa Puja celebrations are being held on 14th October 2017, in:
Vrindavan, India; Austin, USA; New Delhi, India; Toronto, Canada; Melbourne, Australia;
Pune, India; Sohar, Oman; Rosario, Argentina; Mendoza, Argentina.

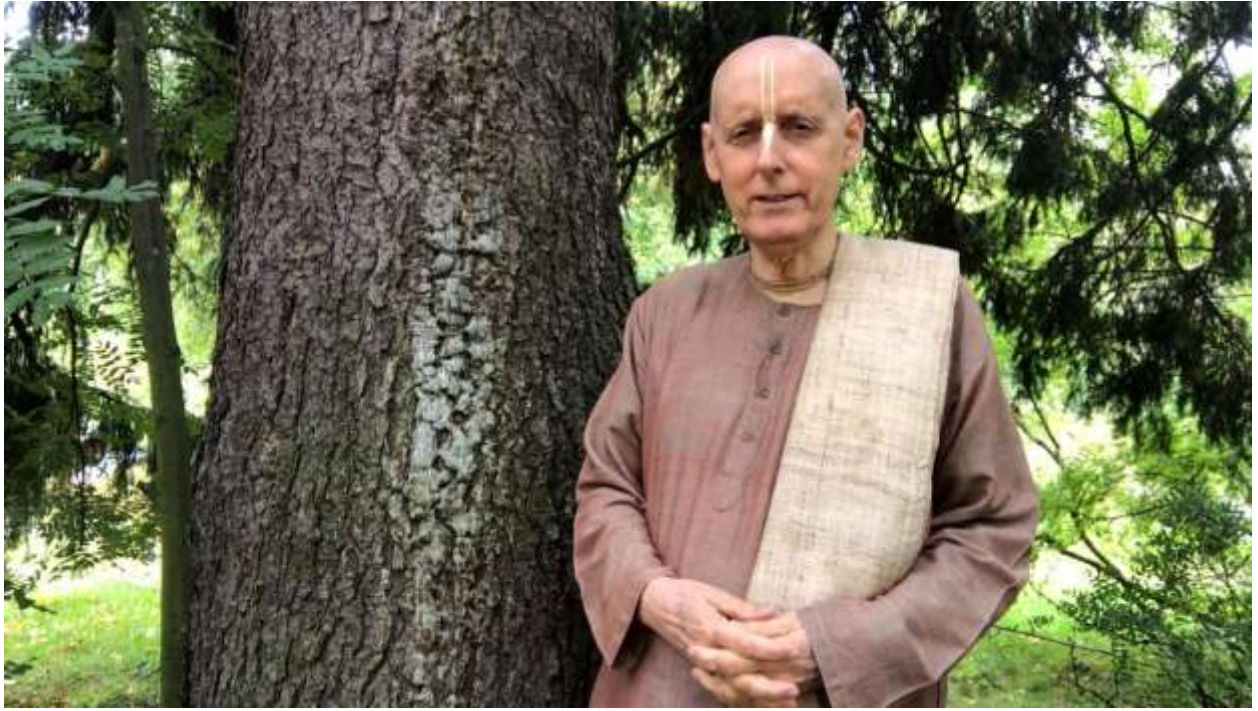
We are grateful to all those kind-hearted souls who have contributed in any capacity to the 2017 Vyasa Puja celebrations. We cannot express our deep gratitude in mere few words alone, and we hope that we can serve you as sincerely as you are serving Srila Gurudev - His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

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

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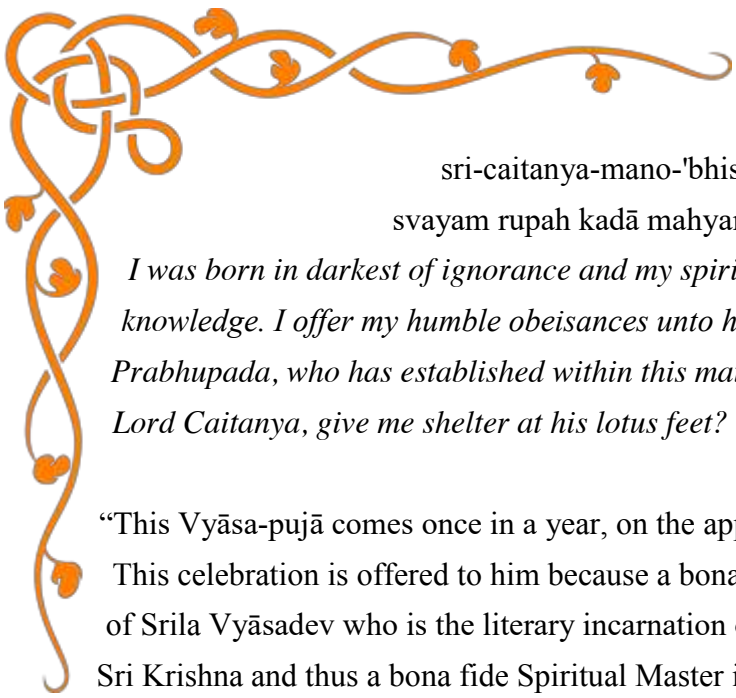
(Abhay Charan Das (USA), Ananda Vardhana Das (Australia), Bhakta Sunil Vaswani (Mumbai, India), Bhaktipriyā Devi Dasi (Melbourne, Australia), Lila Manjari Devi Dasi (Bangalore, India), Mahabhagavat Das (Canada), Paramhansa Das (Canada), Prema Bhakti Das (USA), Srivatsa Das(Qatar))



Meaning of Vyāsa-pujā - Premānanda Dās

om ajnāna-timirandhasya jñānanjanā-salākāya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah





sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthāpitam yena bhu-tale
svayam rupah kadā mahyam dadāti sva-padāntikam

I was born in darkest of ignorance and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my humble obeisances unto him. When will Srila Rupa Goswāmi Prabhupada, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter at his lotus feet?

“This Vyāsa-pujā comes once in a year, on the appearance day of a bona fide Spiritual Master. This celebration is offered to him because a bona fide Spiritual Master is a pure representative of Srila Vyāsadev who is the literary incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Sri Krishna and thus a bona fide Spiritual Master is delivering the same knowledge which has been coming down by disciplic succession without any alteration. The Spiritual Master receives the honour and contribution along with services on the behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and not for his personal benefit. Just like in India when there was British rule, there was a viceroy, a king's representative. So naturally, when viceroy used to go to some meeting, many people used to present jewels and other valuables. He was collecting all these valuables not for his personal benefit but on behalf of the king and he would deposit all the collections to the King.

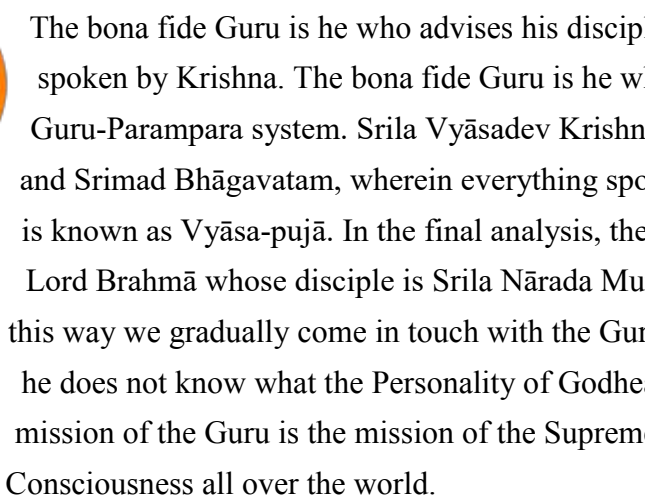
Similarly, this day, Vyāsa-puja day, whatever honour, contribution and feelings is being offered to the Spiritual Master, it is offered back to Krishna through the Parampara or disciplic system. Again, as we have received the knowledge from upwards, similarly, this respect goes from downward to the upward. This is the process. So as the Spiritual Master is teacher of the student, he has to teach the disciple how to send back his respect and contribution to God. This is called Vyāsa-pujā.

Even though we may not have good fortune of contacting the Supreme Lord personally like Arjuna had, the Lord's representative is as good as the Lord Himself because such a representative just repeats as it is, what is already spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu therefore gives a definition of guru.

yāre dekha tāre kaha 'kṛṣṇa'-upadeśa

āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra ei deśa

"Whomever you meet, you only speak what Kṛṣṇa has instructed." Then you are disciplic succession. It doesn't matter what you are and where you are. It doesn't matter. This is disciplic succession. (Śrī Caitanya-Caritāmṛta Madhya-Lila 07.128)



The bona fide Guru is he who advises his disciples exactly in accordance with the principles spoken by Krishna. The bona fide Guru is he who has accepted Kṛṣṇa as Guru. This is the Guru-Parampara system. Srila Vyāsadev Krishna is the compiler of Srimad Bhagavad-Gītā and Srimad Bhāgavatam, wherein everything spoken relates to Krishna. Therefore Guru-pujā is known as Vyāsa-pujā. In the final analysis, the original Guru is Krishna, His disciple is Lord Brahmā whose disciple is Srila Nārada Muni, whose disciple is Srila Vyāsadev, and in this way we gradually come in touch with the Guru-Paramparā. One cannot become a Guru if he does not know what the Personality of Godhead Krishna or His incarnation wants. The mission of the Guru is the mission of the Supreme Personality of Godhead: to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world.

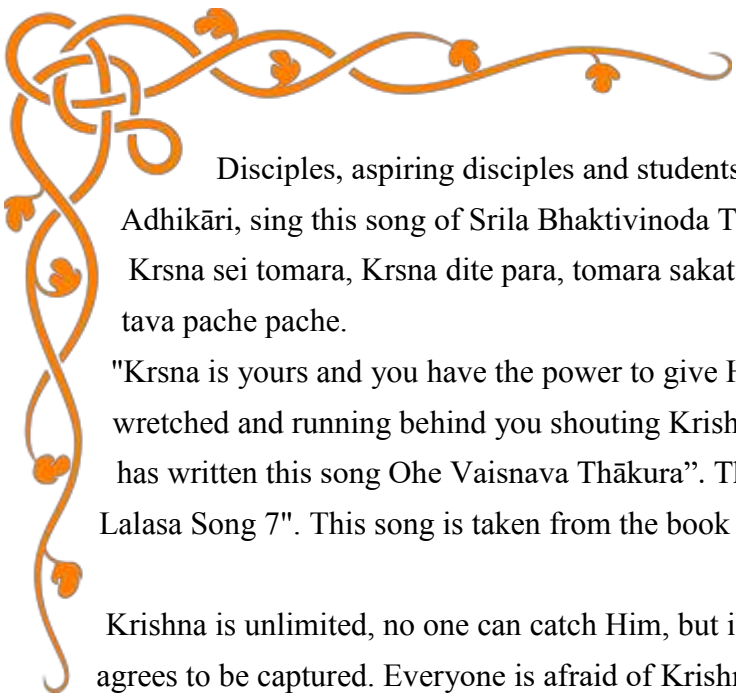
Today is auspicious Vyāsa pujā celebration of His Grace Srimān Sankarshan Dās Adhikāri and thus all the disciples, aspiring disciples and students express their feelings and love for him. Lovingly the disciples of His Grace Srimān Sankarshan Dās Adhikāri call him Srila Gurudeva. Those who follow the instructions given by Guru and Krishna with unflinching faith, determination and sincerity, all the imports of Vedic knowledge is revealed to them. This stage of highest perfection in yoga can be attained only by bhakti-yoga, as is confirmed in all Vedic literature:

yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanah

"Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the Spiritual Master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed." (Svetasvatara Upanisad 6.23)

It is indeed great fortune to devote and surrender one's life to assist the mission of Spiritual Master and serve him for eternity. We can never understand Kṛṣṇa without the mercy of spiritual master.

The real ocean of mercy is Krishna and it is the duty of a bona fide Spiritual Master to tell his disciple to come to the ocean and be happy. The Spiritual Master's duty is to lead the disciple to this ocean.



Disciples, aspiring disciples and students of His Grace Srimān Sankarshan Dās Adhikāri, sing this song of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thākura

Krsna sei tomara, Krsna dite para, tomara sakati ache. Ami ta'kangala, krsna krsna boli, dhai tava pache pache.

"Krsna is yours and you have the power to give Him to anyone you wish. We are poor and wretched and running behind you shouting Krishna, Krishna!" (Srila Bhaktivinoda Thākura has written this song Ohe Vaisnava Thākura". The official Name for this song is "Bhajana Lalasa Song 7". This song is taken from the book Saranagati)

Krishna is unlimited, no one can catch Him, but if someone follows the Guru Parampara, He agrees to be captured. Everyone is afraid of Krishna, but Krishna is afraid of Mother Yashodā. That is Krishna's special mercy. "Love Krsna by loving His devotee"

Your servant,
Premānanda Dās



Offerings to Srila Prabhupada by Srila Sankarshan Dās Adhikāri

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One Pure Devotee Can Deliver the Whole World

Srila Prabhupada explains as follows in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 2, Chapter 8, Text 5:

"It is said that a single pure devotee of the Lord can deliver all the fallen souls of the world. Thus one who is actually in the confidence of a pure devotee like Narada or Sukadeva Gosvami and thus is empowered by one's Spiritual Master, as Narada was by Brahmaji, can not only deliver himself from the clutches of maya, or illusion, but can deliver the whole world by his pure and empowered devotional strength. The comparison to the autumnal rain that falls on muddy reservoirs of water is very appropriate. During the rainy season, all the waters of the rivers become muddy, but in the month of July-August, the autumn season, when there is a slight rainfall, the muddy waters of the rivers all over the world become at once clear. By addition of some chemical, a small reservoir of water like that of a metropolitan waterworks tank can be cleared, but by such a tiny effort it is not possible to clear up all the reservoirs of water like the rivers. A powerful pure devotee of the Lord, however, can deliver not only his personal self but also many others in his association.

"In other words, the cleansing of the polluted heart by other methods (like the culture of empiric knowledge or mystic gymnastics) can simply cleanse one's own heart, but devotional service to the Lord is so powerful that it can cleanse the hearts of the people in general, by the devotional service of the pure, empowered devotee. A true representative of the Lord like Narada, Sukadeva Gosvami, Lord Caitanya, the six Goswamis and later Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, etc., can deliver all people by their empowered devotional service."

After understanding these sublime teachings of Srila Prabhupada the sincere disciple dedicates his life to becoming a spotlessly pure devotee empowered to deliver the entire world from the darkness of the Age of Kali by flooding the entire world with a tidal wave of super-ecstatic pure love of God.

Srila Prabhupada's wonderful point is confirmed in the Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta as follows:

śāstra-yuktye sunipuna, drdha-śraddhā yānra
‘uttama-adhikārī’ se tārāye samsāra

“One who is expert in the Vedic literature and has full faith in the Supreme Lord is an uttama-adhikārī, a first-class Vaisnava, a topmost Vaisnava who can deliver the whole world and turn everyone to Krishna consciousness.” -- Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta Madhya Lila 22.65

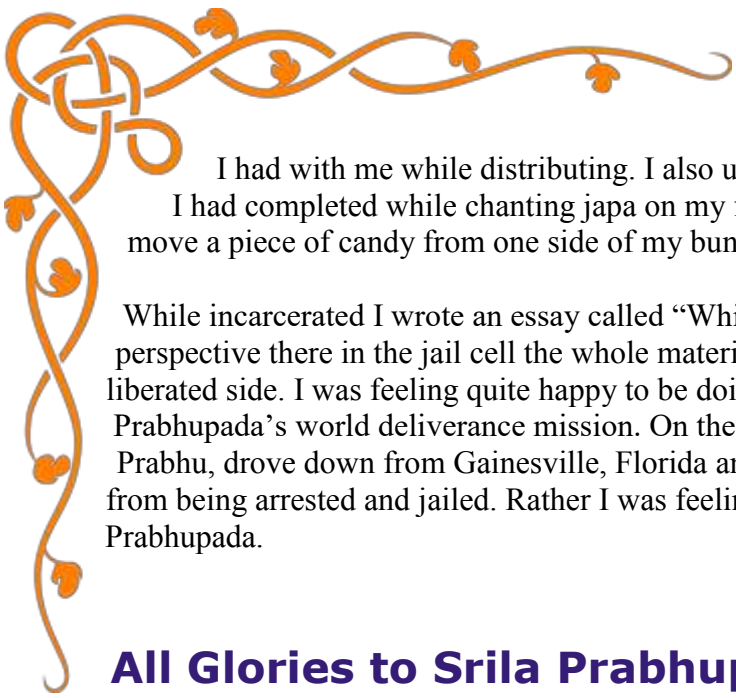


Srila Prabhupada Launches the Hare Krishna Movement New York City, Tompkins Square Park, 1966

The Most Glorious Day I Went to Jail for Srila Prabhupada

One of my most treasured memories from my 46 years in ISKCON is the time I went to jail for committing the "most heinous crime" of distributing Back To Godhead Magazine. I was distributing Back to Godhead, the world's greatest magazine, at a parking lot in Leesburg, Florida back in the early 70's feeling very eager to share Srila Prabhupada's mercy with the suffering people of Leesburg. A police car pulled up. I was approached by a police officer and immediately put under arrest. In the squad car I was driven to jail and given my new home in a private cell. I was there locked up for 36 hours.

In those days we used to give out prasadam candy when we approached people to warm them up to getting a book or a magazine. I did not eat any jail food. My diet was the prasadam candy that



I had with me while distributing. I also used that candy for counting how many rounds I had completed while chanting japa on my fingers. Each time I finished a round I would move a piece of candy from one side of my bunk to the other side of the bunk.

While incarcerated I wrote an essay called "Which Side of the Bars Are You On?" From my perspective there in the jail cell the whole material world was behind the bars and I was on the liberated side. I was feeling quite happy to be doing this austerity on behalf of Srila Prabhupada's world deliverance mission. On the second day my temple president, Amarendra Prabhu, drove down from Gainesville, Florida and bailed me out of jail. I was not stressed out from being arrested and jailed. Rather I was feeling ecstatic about having gone to jail for Srila Prabhupada.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Prabhupada saved me. I was a super idealistic youth during the 60's and early 70's, America's counterculture era. My life was dedicated to bringing about a love and peace revolution on planet earth. But the problem was that due to my being entangled in material sense gratification I was lacking these things myself. How could I bring love and peace to the world when I do not have these myself? But due to the sweet kindness of His Holiness Vishnujana Swami I was able to appreciate the necessity of becoming a disciple of the bona fide spiritual master. Thus I was accepted by Srila Prabhupada as his disciple on 12 August 1971 and was given the name "Sankarshan Das." Years later I read in Srila Prabhupada's books that Sankarshan means one attracts everyone. I was delighted with this discovery because my goal in life is to attract the whole world to Krishna consciousness.

Why Suffer?

Suffering is the pastime of fools. There is no need to suffer at all. Suffering is unnatural. It is only due to ignorance that we suffer. In this connection Srila Prabhupada explains as follows:

"And why this suffering? Due to ignorance. I do not know. I am committing sinful life, I am committing mistakes; therefore I am suffering. Therefore guru's business is first to rescue his disciple from ignorance."

When the spiritual master enlightens us with transcendental knowledge we are elevated from the realm of suffering to the realm of unlimited transcendental bliss. Therefore those who are intelligent or most fortunate take advantage of the bona fide spiritual master's instructions to become free forever from all the miseries of material existence.



Prabhupada's Smile Illuminates the Entire Universe





Janmastami -- Most Holy Appearance Day of Lord Sri Krishna

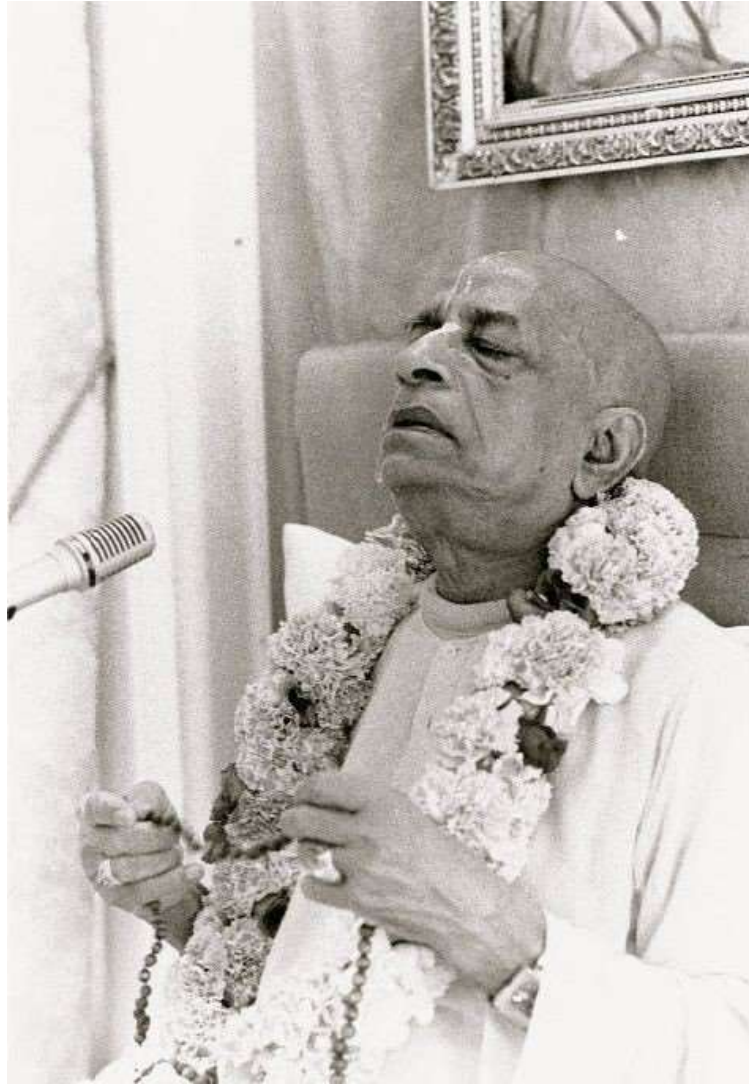
Here is an excerpt from a lecture by Srila Prabhupada in which he talks about Janmastami:

So Krishna takes birth. That is Janmastami. So if anyone tries to understand why the Aja, the Unborn, takes birth, janma karma... And God, Krishna, who has nothing to do... That is the Vedic information. Na tasya karyam karanam ca vidyate. Why He has to do? Actually He hasn't got to do anything. He has to enjoy only. Just like we see the Deity Krishna is not working in the factory as a factory manager. He's enjoying the company of Radharani. We have to work. If we enjoy with our so-called Radharani, then we'll starve to death. We have to work. But God is not like that. Na tasya karyam karanam ca vidyate. Na tat-samas cabhyadhikas ca drsyate. These are the informations from Vedas, Upanisads, that He has nothing to do. Yes. That is real God. If God has to work, God has to do something, then what kind of God He is? Here, the so-called imitation Gods, even a rich man, he does not do anything. And why God will work? Therefore God comes... He's aja, unborn. He comes, janma, karma, He works also. Just like Krishna. He worked as ordinary cowherd boy. He worked as ordinary politician. He worked as ordinary philosopher, left the instruction of Bhagavad-gita and so many other instructions, sublime instructions.

So one has to understand that why the unborn takes birth. One who hasn't got to do anything, why He comes as a human being and works? janma karma ca me divyam. These are all transcendental subject matter. These are not ordinary things. Krishna's coming, Krishna's working, Krishna's fighting, Krishna's loving, they're all transcendental subject matter. Aprakṛta. So janma karma ca me divyam evam yo vetti tattvataḥ. If anyone simply understands this subject matter, why Krishna takes birth, why Krishna works as ordinary man -- these are all transcendental subject matter -- then he becomes free. ...tyaktvā deham punar janma naiti mām eti so 'rjuna [Bg. 4.9]. Simply by understanding Krishna, about His work, about His birth. Simply if we can understand. The Bhagavad-gita is there. You can read and try to understand Bhagavad-gita as it is. The result will be, tyaktvā deham punar janma naiti...[Bg. 4.9]. Then after giving up this body, he never takes birth in this material world. Punar janma. Punar janma means within this material world. In the spiritual world there is no janma, there is no death. Punar janma naiti. Then where...? He's finished? No. Mam eti: "He comes to Me, back to home, back to Godhead." This is perfection.

(This lecture was given on June 25, 1973 in Mayapur, West Bengal, India)

Let us all therefore remember how Krishna has blessed us unlimitedly by appearing in this world.



Prabhupada Relishes Unlimited Pleasure in Krishna's Name

Crossing Over the Ocean of Nescience

Srila Prabhupada explains as follows in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 4, Chapter 2, Text 31:

"The Vedas are described as setu, which means a 'bridge.' If one wants to attain his spiritual existence, one has to cross an ocean of nescience. The Vedas are the bridge by which to cross such a great ocean."

It is essential that we take advantage of this bridge. Otherwise, we will all drown in the miserable ocean of nescience.



Restoration of Vedic Civilization

Before the advent of the miserable Age of Kali, the age of quarrel and hypocrisy, 5,000 years ago the entire global society lived for millions of years in a Vedic age of peace, prosperity, and harmony. The good news is that the scriptures predict a 10,000 years spiritual renaissance, a Vedic age within the Kali yuga. That beautiful spiritual renaissance began five centuries ago with advent of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the Supreme Personality of Godhead appearing as His own devotee and has now been expanded worldwide by ISKCON Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Although this worldwide spiritual renaissance is presently still in a seek-like state, very soon it will expand like anything and engulf the entire human society. Thus the happy days of Vedic civilization will very soon once again flourish all over the world.

World Whole Ecstatic Prema Dance

Lord Caitanya says, "I shall personally inaugurate the religion of the age -- nama-sankirtana, the congregational chanting of the holy name. I shall make the world dance in ecstasy, realizing the four mellows of loving devotional service." (*Sri Caitanya Caritamrta Adi Lila 3.19*)

So this is our mission and our philosophy as confirmed by Srila Prabhupada:

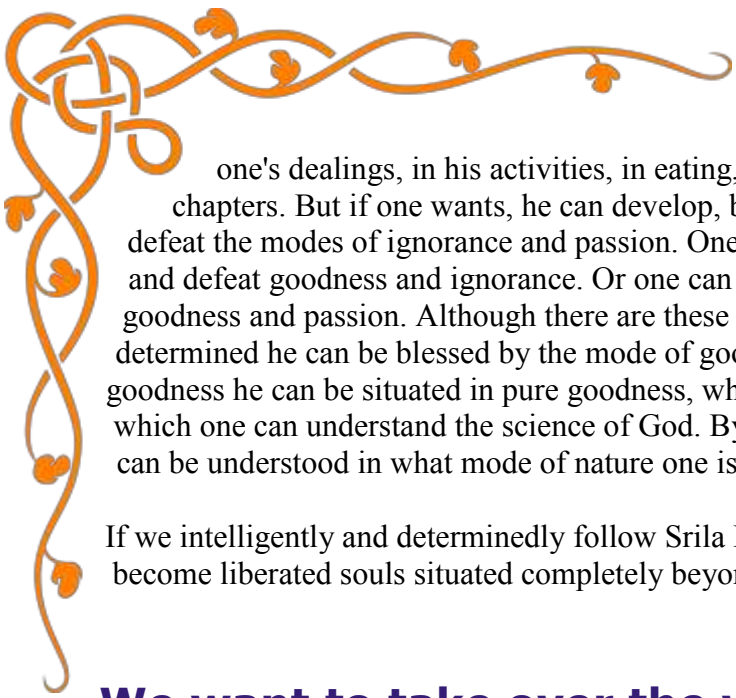
"We are trying to introduce this Krishna consciousness in order to make the world into Vaikuntha, into a place where there is no anxiety."

This is the secret of how anyone can experience unlimited happiness in their life. They simply must fully dedicate their life to giving Krishna consciousness to all the suffering, illusioned souls of this world. In this way they will taste unlimited bliss at every minute.

Conquering the Modes and Becoming a Pure Devotee

Srila Prabhupada explains as follows in his purport to Bhagavad-gita 14.10:

"When the mode of passion is prominent, the modes of goodness and ignorance are defeated. When the mode of goodness is prominent, passion and ignorance are defeated. And when the mode of ignorance is prominent, passion and goodness are defeated. This competition is always going on. Therefore, one who is actually intent on advancing in Krishna consciousness has to transcend these three modes. The prominence of some certain mode of nature is manifested in



one's dealings, in his activities, in eating, etc. All this will be explained in later chapters. But if one wants, he can develop, by practice, the mode of goodness and thus defeat the modes of ignorance and passion. One can similarly develop the mode of passion and defeat goodness and ignorance. Or one can develop the mode of ignorance and defeat goodness and passion. Although there are these three modes of material nature, if one is determined he can be blessed by the mode of goodness, and by transcending the mode of goodness he can be situated in pure goodness, which is called the Vasudeva state, a state in which one can understand the science of God. By the manifestation of particular activities, it can be understood in what mode of nature one is situated."

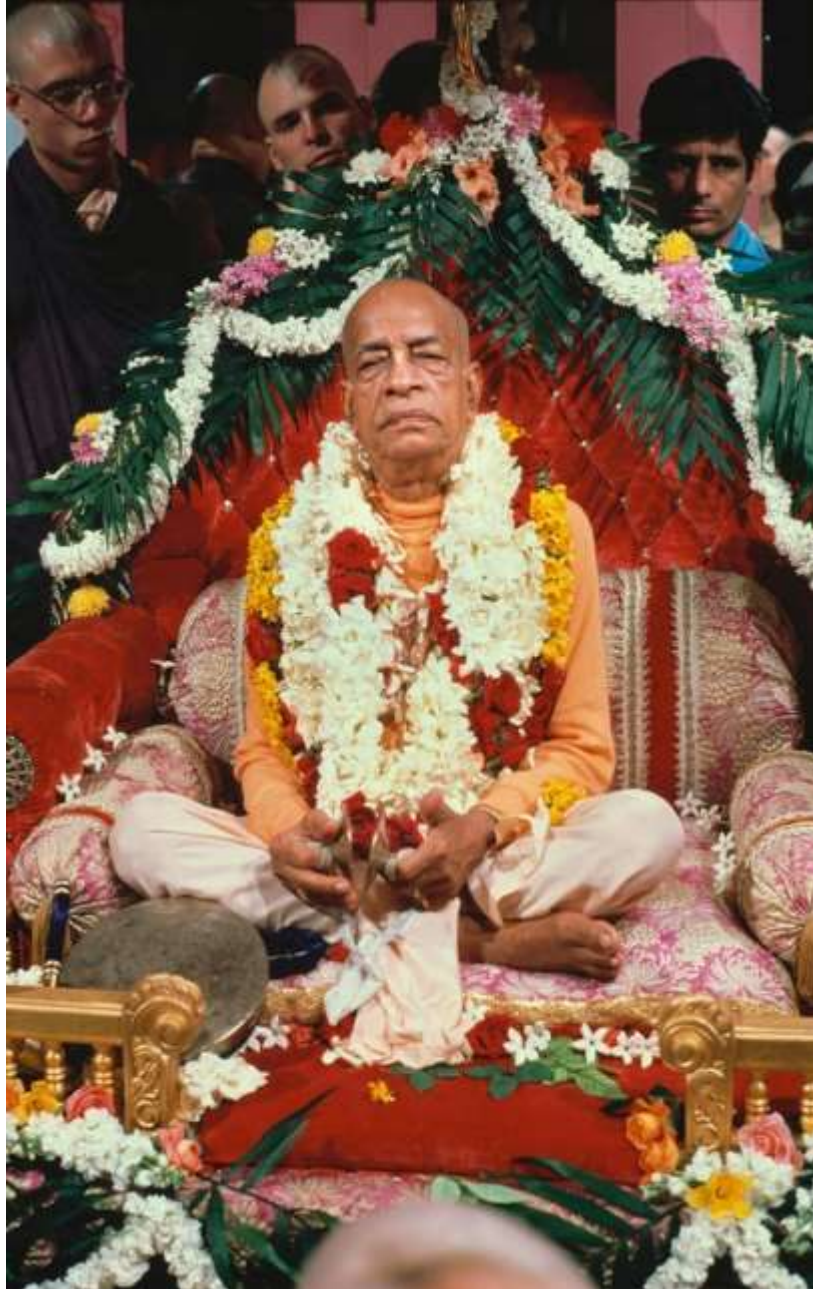
If we intelligently and determinedly follow Srila Prabhupada's above instructions, we will become liberated souls situated completely beyond the modes.

We want to take over the world

Srila Prabhupada writes as follows in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 4.16.27:

"If one is able to eradicate completely the threefold miseries of the citizens, he should aspire to rule the world. One should not aspire to rule for any political or diplomatic consideration."

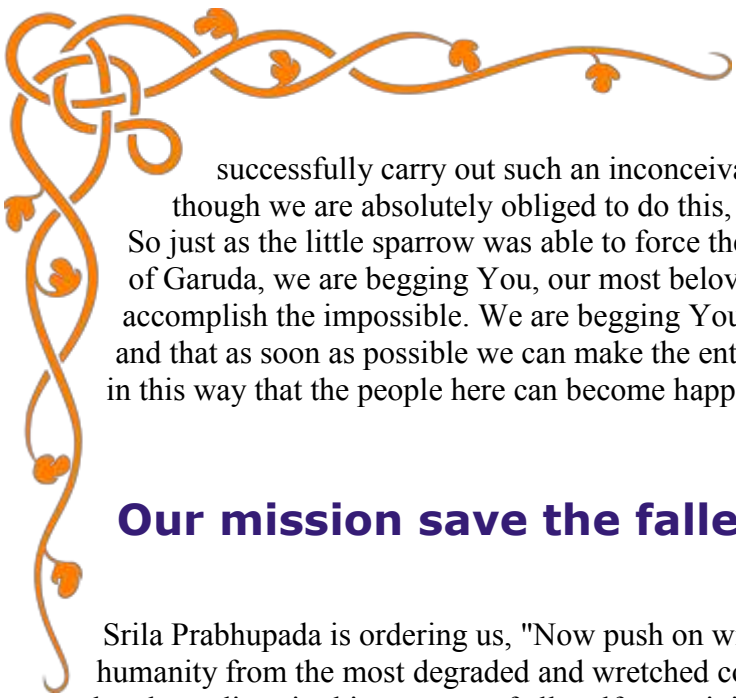
This is our mission. We want to guide the entire human society how to be peaceful and happy. Srila Prabhupada has blessed us with the knowledge how to do just that. Now it is up to us to become 100% pure in our following of Srila Prabhupada so that we become fully empowered to do the highest welfare work of giving Krishna consciousness as much as possible to everyone.



Srila Prabhupada Wants to Save the World from Misery

Dear Krishna Please empower us to deliver the whole world

Dear Lord Krishna, our most beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, has given us the order, "Become guru and deliver the whole world." In this regard we can objectively analyze that we are most unqualified and incompetent to be able to



successfully carry out such an inconceivably sublime order. So what we can do? Even though we are absolutely obliged to do this, it is completely impossible for us to do this. So just as the little sparrow was able to force the ocean to return her stolen eggs with the help of Garuda, we are begging You, our most beloved Lord Sri Krishna, to empower us to accomplish the impossible. We are begging You to bless us that we can truly become gurus and that as soon as possible we can make the entire world Krishna conscious because it is only in this way that the people here can become happy.

Our mission save the fallen humanity

Srila Prabhupada is ordering us, "Now push on with full enthusiasm to save the fallen humanity from the most degraded and wretched conditions of material life." Therefore we must absorb our lives in this topmost of all welfare activities to save the fallen humanity from its entanglement in the vicious cycle of birth and death.

In this connection Srila Prabhupada has written in his book *Renunciation Through Wisdom*:

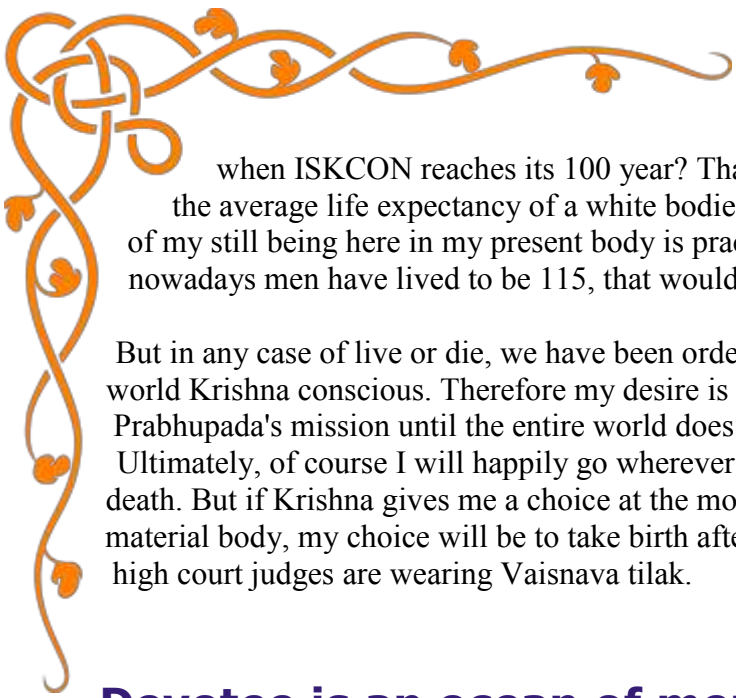
"The Lord's devotees can save even those whom the Lord Himself rejects. This is their unique character. Therefore the devotees of the Lord arrange various means to save the fallen, reprobate souls from perdition. In fact, they live among these spiritual derelicts to encourage them toward spiritual perfection, using any means at hand—even tricks. His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Prabhupada wanted to open a students' hostel in London, the logic being that it was necessary to give sugar-coated pills, in the form of a little sense gratification, to those debauched students in order to attract them to join the path of God-realization.

"If they so desire, powerful spiritual masters, or pure devotees of the Lord, can instantly deliver the entire universe and take everyone to the shelter of the Supreme Lord's lotus feet. Srila Vasudeva Datta declared to Lord Caitanya that he was prepared to take on all the sinful reactions of every living entity in the universe and suffer eternally in hell if the Lord was willing to liberate all the living entities at one time. The pure devotees are so magnanimous that they are always concerned about the spiritual well-being of every soul. The only way to receive the Supreme Lord's mercy is to bathe oneself in the dust of the lotus feet of such unalloyed devotees."

Let us all take these words of Srila Prabhupada most seriously.

50 years of ISKCON - 100 years of ISKCON

By Lord Sri Krishna's grace after 50 years of ISKCON's history I am blessed with the most sublime opportunity of still being an active member of this most vital-for-the-world's welfare International Society for Krishna Consciousness. It is now my 70th year. So where will I be



when ISKCON reaches its 100 year? That would be my 120th year. Considering that the average life expectancy of a white bodied American male is 76 years, the likelihood of my still being here in my present body is practically nil. Although in a few very rare cases nowadays men have lived to be 115, that would still be five years short.

But in any case of live or die, we have been ordered by Srila Prabhupada to make the entire world Krishna conscious. Therefore my desire is to take birth after birth as a servant of Srila Prabhupada's mission until the entire world does indeed become Krishna conscious.

Ultimately, of course I will happily go wherever Krishna wants to take me at the time of my death. But if Krishna gives me a choice at the most auspicious moment of leaving my present material body, my choice will be to take birth after birth in this material world until all of the high court judges are wearing Vaisnava tilak.

Devotee is an ocean of mercy

Krishna's devotee is an ocean of mercy. Because of his unlimited love for everyone he strongly desires that every living being who is entangled in the cycle of birth and death can be delivered back to home, back to Godhead. He is so much devoted to their welfare that he is willing to take birth after birth in the hellish material existence for delivering the suffering souls of this world back to home, back to Godhead. Therefore there is no greater friend or well-wisher of the living beings than Lord Sri Krishna's devotee.

Spiritual Master's Mission: Krishnize the Whole World

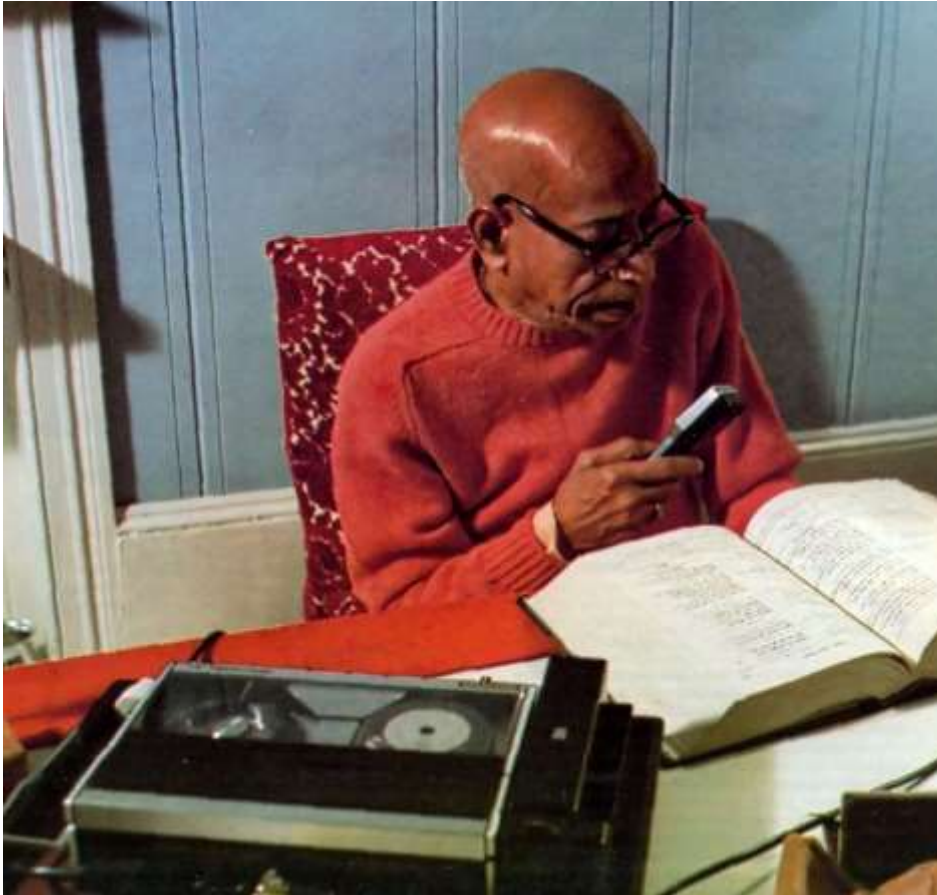
Srila Prabhupada explains in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 Chapter 5 Verse 23,

"The expert spiritual master knows the art of utilizing everything to glorify the Lord, and therefore under his guidance the whole world can be turned into the spiritual abode by the divine grace of the Lord's servant."

This is the mission of the spiritual master. He wants to make the entire world Krishna conscious as soon as possible. He cannot tolerate seeing the suffering people of this world imprisoned by the chains of material sense gratification. He wants to free them all as soon as possible.

Flood this world with Srila prabhupada's books

Srila Prabhupada was in the spiritual world and Krishna ordered him to come to this material and write books. Therefore there is no literature in the world that can be on the same level with Srila Prabhupada's books. If everyone will read Prabhupada's books, this world will be transformed into a paradise. Therefore we must flood this world with Srila Prabhupada's books. We must make them the most popular books in this world.



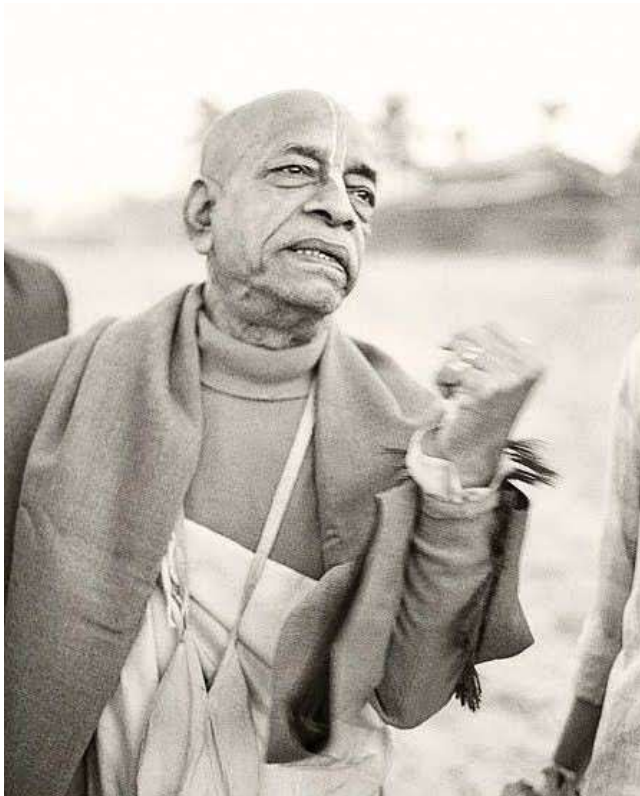
Srila Prabhupada Writes His Books With a Dictaphone

Mission dedication in spite of intense pain

I do not know what Krishna has in store for me. The treatment that was supposed to cure the devastating pain which is up and down my left leg has so far been a failure. I do not know how much longer Krishna wants me to stay in this body. But I know one for sure. No matter where I am or what body I am in, I eternally dedicated to my Spiritual Master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada to assist Him in His world deliverance mission. This gives my mind peace and happiness in spite of the horrible pain I am feeling.

Save the world one book at a time

Srila Prabhupada has given us, his followers, the devotees of ISKCON, the duty to save the world. So how we will do what seems to be such an impossible herculean task? It is not difficult. Simply we must flood this planet in an ocean of Srila Prabhupada's books. Therefore our simple formula is to save the world one book at a time. Each time one of Srila Prabhupada's books goes out we move a little bit closer to the re-spiritualization of the entire human society. Therefore it is the duty of every ISKCON devotee to participate as much as possible in the distribution of Srila Prabhupada's books. If we keep distributing Srila Prabhupada's books, in due course of time the entire world will become Krishna conscious. Srila Prabhupada has confirmed this a letter he wrote to Satsvarupa Maharaja on 5 January 1976 in which he states: "If this book distribution is managed properly, pushed on with great enthusiasm and determination and at the same time if our men keep spiritually strong, then the whole world will become Krishna conscious."



Srila Prabhupada Makes Scripture Come Alive

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Offerings in English

North America

Abhay Charan das - Austin, USA – Person Bhagavatam

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

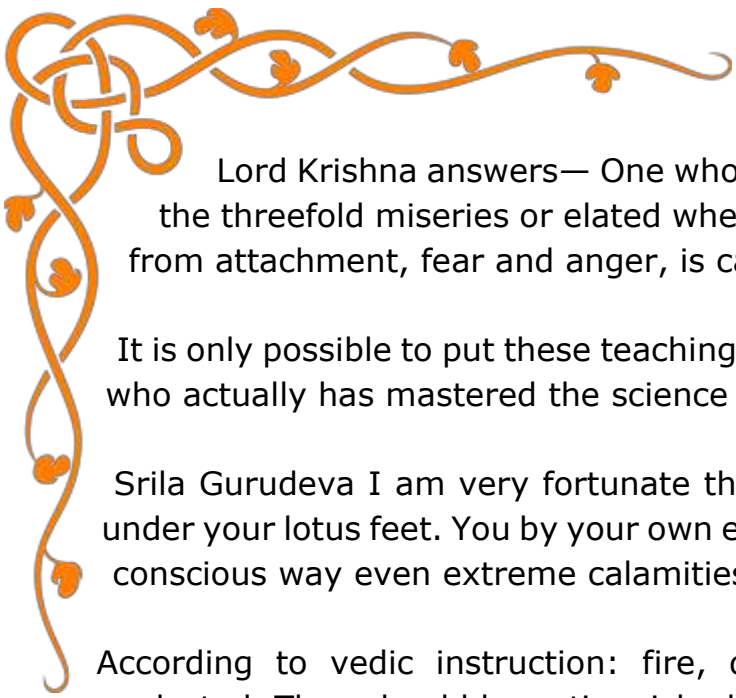
Srila Gurudev on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day I offer my humble obeisances.

As a neophyte practicing devotee, many a times it is a challenge to put the spiritual teachings into practice in our day to day life. Arjuna representing a neophyte devotees put this nice question to Krishna, “how to recognize a pure devotee”

arjuna uvaca

sthita-prajñasya ka bhasa samadhi-sthasya kesava
sthita-dhih kim prabhaseta kim asita vrajeta kim

Arjuna said: O Krishna what are the symptoms of one whose consciousness is thus merged in transcendence? How does he speak, and what is his language? How does he sit, and how does he walk? BG 2.54



Lord Krishna answers— One who is not disturbed in mind even amidst the threefold miseries or elated when there is happiness, and who is free from attachment, fear and anger, is called a sage of steady mind. BG 2.56

It is only possible to put these teachings into practice when we see someone who actually has mastered the science of Krishna consciousness.

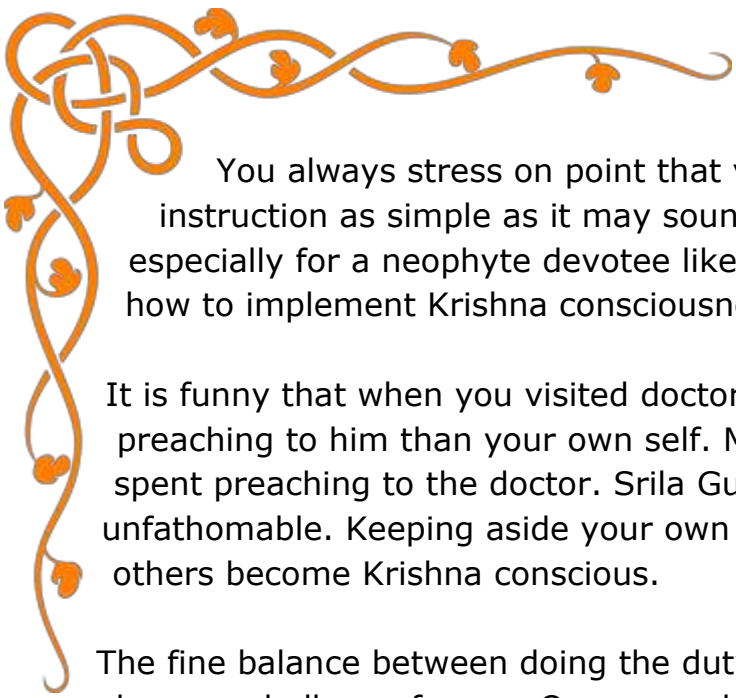
Srila Gurudeva I am very fortunate that you have kindly given me shelter under your lotus feet. You by your own example showed how to act in Krishna conscious way even extreme calamities.

According to vedic instruction: fire, debt and disease should never be neglected. They should be extinguished by all means.

Srila Gurudeva 4 years ago in July 2013, Austin temple building caught on fire, on that day you were in London. When we informed you, you immediately gave us instructions and direction on what to do but at the same time you were completely calm and composed. You mentioned everything happens under the will of Krishna. And once you came back to Austin you took care of everything and today the temple is more beautiful than ever.

In another incident recently when you purchased the new temple in Austin, you did it in such a way that it is completely paid off, you never liked keeping debt. Perfectly following the vedic injunction.

This year May, you were severely affected with Sciatica and suffered extreme physical pain. You took doctors advice help to start healing your body. You followed the doctors advice exactly as he would give. During all this, though you were physical pain it did not to the slightest extent affect your Krishna consciousness nor your daily spiritual routine. Never did you lose your smile, nor the enthusiasm, nor the sense of humor. You would joke about the walking cane and the physical pain and explain how we are not this body. You showed by your own example how to be detached from the body while at the same time taking care of the body. Your only worry was, will this affect your preaching service. Your main question to the doctor was : "How soon can I travel to preach" . You were more concerned about your disciples who would miss your association if you could not travel.



You always stress on point that you are not the body, this instruction as simple as it may sound is possibly the most difficult, especially for a neophyte devotee like me. Srila Gurudeva you showed us how to implement Krishna consciousness in every difficult situation.

It is funny that when you visited doctor, you were more interested in preaching to him than your own self. Many a times, half of the visit was spent preaching to the doctor. Srila Gurudeva, Your compassion is unfathomable. Keeping aside your own pain, you see how you could help others become Krishna conscious.

The fine balance between doing the duty and being completely detached is always a challenge for me. One can only learn this by serving Person Bhagavatam. Svarupa Damodara Goswami instructs a poet from Bengal to hear Bhagavatam from a Pure Vaisnava and learn from him.

yaha, bhagavata pada vaisnavera sthane
ekanta asraya kara caitanya-carane

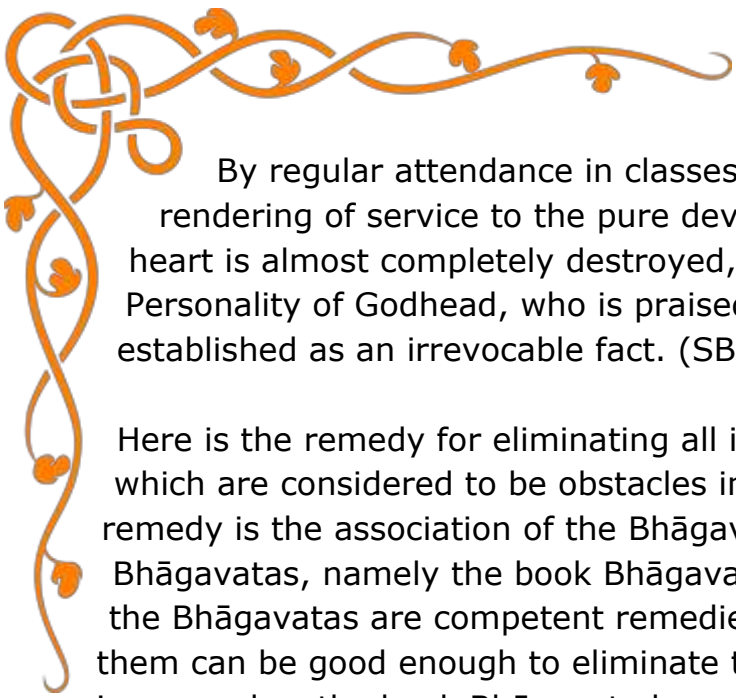
If you want to understand Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam,” he said, “you must approach a self-realized Vaiṣṇava and hear from him. You can do this when you have completely taken shelter of the lotus feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Once you shared your realization “just like Queen Kunti asked for more difficulties so that she can remember Krishna, you displayed exactly the same quality, that when difficulties come one should beg for more difficulties so that we can remember Krishna even more.”

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Srila Prabhupada gives in SB 1.2.18 about Book Bhagavatam and Person Bhagavatam.

nasta-prayesv abhadresu
nityam bhagavata-sevaya
bhagavatya uttama-sloke
bhaktir bhavati naisthiki



By regular attendance in classes on the Bhāgavatam and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving service unto the Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact. (SB 1.2.18)

Here is the remedy for eliminating all inauspicious things within the heart which are considered to be obstacles in the path of self-realization. The remedy is the association of the Bhāgavatas. There are two types of Bhāgavatas, namely the book Bhāgavata and the devotee Bhāgavata. Both the Bhāgavatas are competent remedies, and both of them or either of them can be good enough to eliminate the obstacles. A devotee Bhāgavata is as good as the book Bhāgavata because the devotee Bhāgavata leads his life in terms of the book Bhāgavata and the book Bhāgavata is full of information about the Personality of Godhead and His pure devotees, who are also Bhāgavatas. Bhāgavata book and Person are identical.

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Srila Gurudeva you are the Person Bhagavatam that I know. By your personal example you bring down the most complex teachings of the science of Krishna conscious to a common man like me, who is ever struggling to swim in the ocean of material Life. By your own example you are showing us how to apply all the teachings of Srimad Bhagavatam, whether it be honoring prasadam or facing extreme challenges in life, like fire debt disease.

Many a times instructions in the Srimad Bhagavatam seem too daunting to me and Lord Krishna answers, through you, by your actions you show it how to implement the teachings of Srimad Bhahavatam.

Without Guru there is no way to know how to apply the teachings practically. You make the teachings accessible and practical. As Lord Krishna says: Yad Yad acharati shretas tad tad anuvartate janah, by your example you showed us how to imbibe the inconceivable teachings of queen Kunti, which till now I always felt its good to read but not realizable. Srila Gurudeva you made it look so simple on how to apply the teachings in our day to day life. That is why it is said that one should read Srimad Bhagavatam under the guidance of Person Bhagavatam otherwise it is pie in the sky.

I always pray to follow you in your footsteps, even if it is in small steps till eternity.

Your servant
Abhay Charan das



New ISKCON Temple in Austin, Texas USA

Abhijit Dande - Fort Worth, USA - I owe all my efforts to You

All my respectful obeisance to Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

It is my privilege to offer this text to you as the Vyasa puja offering.

I owe all my efforts in Krishna consciousness to you and Srila Prabhupada. With Krishna's grace I am able to do this, and I am blessed to receive such blessings from you.

Abhijit Dande



Ajanta Rao - Austin, USA - You help me

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

Dear Srila Gurudev,

I am very thankful and grateful to you for kindly and patiently guiding me in the divine path of Krishna consciousness for the last 4 years. My dormant Krishna consciousness was first awakened when I read His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's, "Bhagavad Gita As It Is". It motivated me to sign up for your daily newsletter, "Thought for the Day" and "The Ultimate Self-realization" e-course. I have learned a lot about the science of self-realization and the philosophy of Bhagavad Gita from you. Through your lectures, newsletters, discourses, and the book "Truth Works" you have helped me to correctly understand and follow Lord Krishna's instructions mentioned in Bhagavad Gita and thus driven out the darkness of ignorance from my mind and heart. You have enlightened me with valuable spiritual knowledge and shown me the right way to live in order to be sane, peaceful, and blissful in the chaotic, miserable material world. If not for your mercy, I would have been caught up in the different types of miseries that abound in the material world in the guise of pleasures and achievements. I now understand that I am not the body but the spirit soul - part and parcel and the eternal servant of Lord Krishna who is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. My foremost duty is to always serve the Vaishnavas, yourself, and Lord Krishna with humility, sincerity, love, and devotion. By doing so, I will be purified of material contamination and become eligible to go back home to Godhead in the spiritual world to experience eternity, knowledge, and pure bliss.

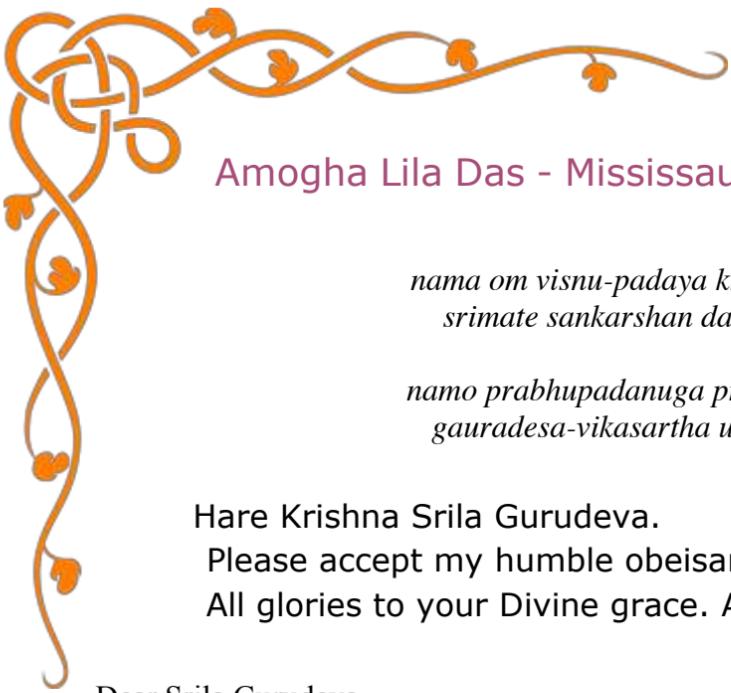
Srila Gurudev, through your example you have demonstrated the appropriate way to perform pure devotional service as well as to practically solve the daily challenges and problems of life. I feel very fortunate to have you as my Guru/spiritual master because it is almost impossible to find a

person who gives the right advice and guidance in the present degraded age of Kaliyuga. You help me to maintain and develop my Krishna consciousness every day. You are an excellent teacher and have taught me how to be Krishna conscious at home, work, and wherever I go. Your great enthusiasm for and complete dedication to spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world are highly commendable. I shall try my best to follow your instructions and serve you, the vaishnavas, and Lord Krishna as well as assist you in your noble mission of spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world. I hope you continue to preach Krishna consciousness for many more years and save several fallen souls of the material world.

Thanking you,
Your eternal servant,
Ajanta Rao



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Amogha Lila Das - Mississauga, Canada - your commitment

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your Divine grace. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Ever since I came in contact with your grace, you have been my guiding light. Over the last several years you have shown by your example how to lead a Krishna conscious life. Your passion for saving the world is unparalleled and your commitment to Srila Prabhupada's mission is simply outstanding.

2017 was a difficult year for me as I lost my father and went through some trying material circumstances as well. But what helped me was knowing that you, my spiritual father is always there and that I can always take the shelter of your lotus feet. And in my heart, I took your shelter in those trying moments and that helped me see things in their real light.

Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of your vyas puja, I pray to Krishna that the whole world may take to Krishna consciousness under your spiritual guidance and wish you the best of health. May you continue to inspire millions of souls all over the world!

Your insignificant servant,

Amogha Lila Das



Initiation Ceremony--Brampton, Ontario Canada-15 January 2017

Anika Devi - Victoria, Canada - Auspicious day of Your appearance

Hare Krsna! Jai Sri Radhe!

My humble pranams on this auspicious day of Your appearance into the Maha Maya lila of Sri Bhagavan-ji. I am hoping you have a wonderful day of celebration.

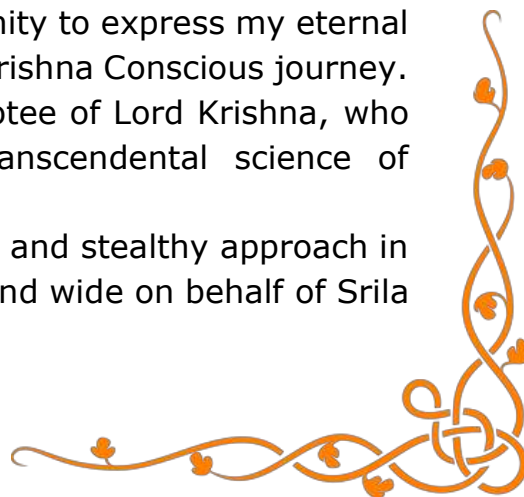
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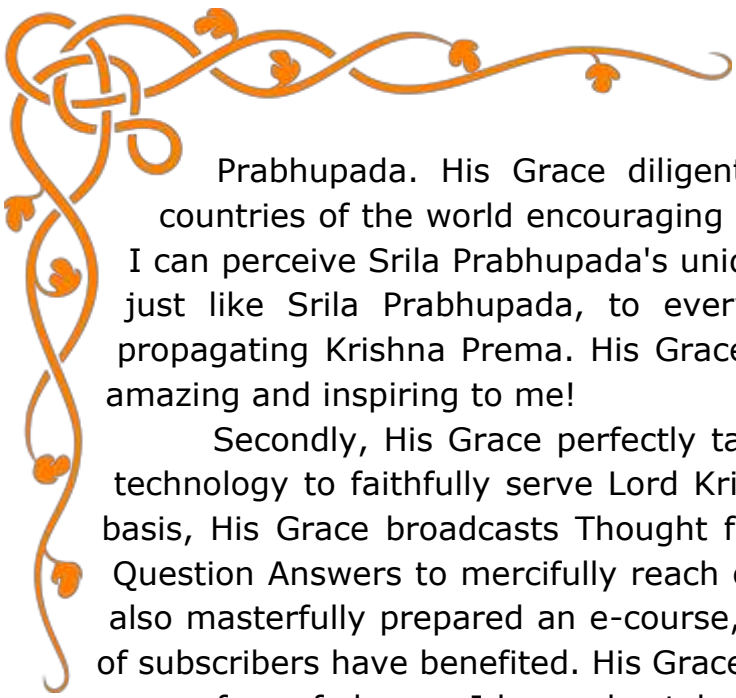
Aniruddha Keshava Joshi - Sacramento, USA - Wonderstruck

On this auspicious occasion of His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhuji's Vyasa Puja ceremony, I take the opportunity to express my eternal gratitude unto his lotus feet for inspiring me in my Krishna Conscious journey.

I admire His Grace because he is a pure devotee of Lord Krishna, who tirelessly and compassionately preaching the transcendental science of Krishna Consciousness around the world.

Firstly, I am wonderstruck by His Grace's bold and stealthy approach in spreading Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mission far and wide on behalf of Srila





Prabhupada. His Grace diligently and triumphantly travels to all countries of the world encouraging masses and initiating new devotees. I can perceive Srila Prabhupada's unique spark in His Grace as he travels, just like Srila Prabhupada, to every nook and cranny of this world, propagating Krishna Prema. His Grace's devotion to Lord Krishna is truly amazing and inspiring to me!

Secondly, His Grace perfectly takes advantage of all useful modern technology to faithfully serve Lord Krishna in numerous ways. On a daily basis, His Grace broadcasts Thought for the Day, Video for the Day, and Question Answers to mercifully reach out to the population. His Grace has also masterfully prepared an e-course, because of which, many thousands of subscribers have benefited. His Grace is magnanimous enough to give his course free of charge. I have also taken advantage of this beautiful golden opportunity and I study a verse from the Bhagavad Gita every week, along with the assistance of His Grace's e-course. I am eternally indebted to His Grace!

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet on this special occasion.

Your humble servant,
Aniruddha dasa
(age 10)

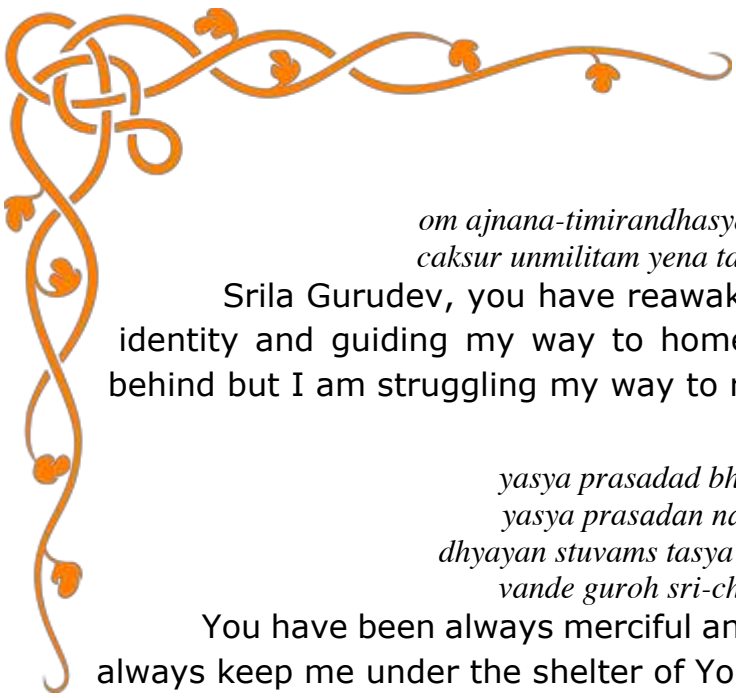
Bhagavati devi dasi - Edson, Canada - Always merciful

My Dear father Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Your divine grace.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, I beg You to accept my offering as a humble attempt to show my gratitude unto Your lotus feet for Your causeless mercy.



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

Srila Gurudev, you have reawakened my sleeping soul giving me an identity and guiding my way to home. Yet speed I've not and still I fall behind but I am struggling my way to reach You giving my best.

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yashas trisandhyam
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

You have been always merciful and compassionate. And I beg that You always keep me under the shelter of Your lotus feet as I am nothing without Your mercy and kindly protect me from the black clouds of ignorance that is covering me so that I can properly receive and follow Your instructions and try and serve Your lotus feet with ever-increasing purity, love and devotion.

And my heartfelt thanks to Gurumata for her causeless mercy that always help me to stay on the right track.

Your eternal servant,
Bhagavati Devi Dasi

Chakravarthy Y - Austin, USA - Your achievements

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance on this holy day. You appeared on this auspicious day to take many of the suffering souls back home, back to Godhead. In this regard with the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, your achievements in spiritualizing the world is nothing short of astounding. Just when I think you have done enough, you come up with more. In spite of adding thousands of subscribers every year you spread your mercy again with the Video for The Day. With over 25,000 subscribe now to your Thought for the Day, you haven't given it a rest. Rather you become more invigorated despite the health obstacles ready to carry on the mission again around the world. Your knowledge and explanation of the Gita and Bhagavatam enlivens the listeners and they keep coming back day after day. The great command and belief you have in Srila Prabhupada's teachings, your love for Krishna are evidenced in every talk, questions and answers, and other discourses. I can't

imagine anyone interested in the spiritual journey be not attracted to your teachings.

A small portion of your achievements is adequate for one to cross the ocean of nescience. Following your words and instructions, with the patience and love you show to all the devotees and non-devotees, I sincerely hope to please you. I pray for your mercy and blessings in this regard. Please continue to save me and the rest of the world.

Eternally indebted in your service,

Chakravarthy



Answering Emails While Crossing the Atlantic--16 May 2017

Deepa Nambiar - Toronto, Canada - Your sincere preaching

Dear Spiritual Master,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All Glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja!

On this very auspicious day I would like to thank you for sharing so much nectar through your daily inspirational messages. I really appreciate all

your sincere efforts in trying to make everyone understand the importance of Krishna Consciousness, and the need to make this whole world Krishna Conscious. I also had the good fortune of associating with some of your disciples, and I am really impressed by their dedication and commitment to this movement.

Kindly bless me so that I may stay focussed on the path of Krishna consciousness and one day become a sincere servant of Krishna and His devotees.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Deepa



Karma, Reincarnation, Free Will, Destiny Seminar 14 January 2017--Scarborough, Ontario

Durga Lakshmi Yasoda C - Berlin, USA - Dedicated

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srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

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Gurudeva,

You have set high standards for all of us. You have dedicated your life for Srila Prabhupada's mission. I am so fallen and sinful. Even though I am trying, I am not able to progress spiritually.

I am not understanding the importance of you in my life. On this special day, please bless me that I understand the importance of Guru and Krishna.

Aspiring to serve you.

Your unworthy servant,

Yasoda

Dvijamani Gaura dasa - Chicago, USA - I am amazed

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

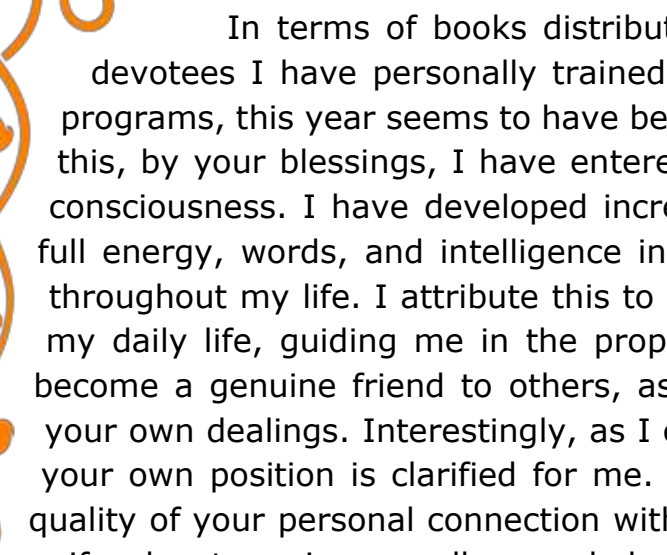
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

All glories to Guru Mataji.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Unlike anyone I have known before, Your Grace never appears to be disturbed. Nor have I ever seen you lose control, even in (what I thought to be) very trying circumstances. Your glance and movements are gentle, and you never compromise your personal connection with any devotee, or any person at all for that matter. Your express wish is that every soul may revive his loving relationship with Krishna. In your daily work of giving Krishna consciousness to disciples and students, you are attentive to the details of so many individuals' situations and, mysteriously – as if by magic – you are able to address each issue in a most personal way.

Earlier this year, I was fortunate to witness a poignant loving exchange between yourself and His Grace Sriman Vaisesika dasa Adhikari. You personally revealed your mind to him and he patiently heard you. As you spoke with him, I watched your appreciation for one another growing. It was as if I was receiving a personal demonstration of the open-minded exchanges between devotees as described in the Upadesamrta. Such caliber of respect and appreciation is rarely to be found. I hope this memory will always remain with me.

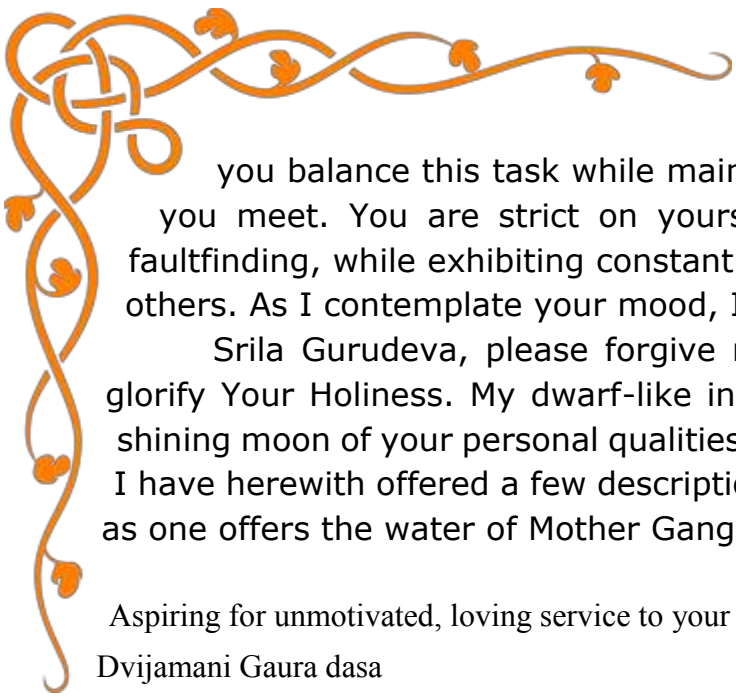


In terms of books distributed, hours on Harinama, number of devotees I have personally trained or preached to, or other preaching programs, this year seems to have been less productive for me. In spite of this, by your blessings, I have entered a more vital phase of my Krishna consciousness. I have developed increased determination to dedicate my full energy, words, and intelligence in serving Srila Prabhupada's mission throughout my life. I attribute this to your mercifully remaining present in my daily life, guiding me in the proper attitude of service. My test is to become a genuine friend to others, as you have naturally shown through your own dealings. Interestingly, as I continue in bhakti-yoga, day by day, your own position is clarified for me. You don't place anything above the quality of your personal connection with anyone. Your relentless effort is to unify devotees in a well-grounded appreciation of Srila Prabhupada's teachings. And your satisfaction is in seeing others love Krishna.

I am fortunate to be your disciple, even though not yet mature. Your gift of the seed of devotional service has been the most valuable thing for me in numberless lifetimes. I am only praying that my appreciation for this fact can steadily grow. Moreover, you have given me a wonderful family of sincere, intelligent devotees whom I can be honored to call my Godbrothers and Godsisters. I must value these extraordinarily precious gifts lest I fall into the lowest category of ingrate. Being part of this family means a lifetime of responsibility to handle these relationships with utmost care. As you say, "This society (ISKCON) is based on relationships."

Your principle of fidelity to Srila Prabhupada and to keeping ISKCON standards exactly according to his wishes gives me courage and strength. I hope to imbibe the same mood in my personal character and in my service of propagating the message of this movement. I aspire to assist you and all of Srila Prabhupada's staunch servants in the mission of spreading Krishna consciousness to all people of the world life after life, and for this I fall at your feet and beg your mercy and benediction on my head. Please give me the good sense to keep a healthy fear of maya, as well as strength for pushing forward this mission, always under the command of Your Grace, Srila Prabhupada and all the Vaishnava Gurus who have blessed this otherwise miserable world. Please let me always have a place in the sankirtana movement, and to be always free from personal motivation.

Although you and Guru Mataji have the extremely great responsibility of carrying forward this eternal tradition in the most fallen age, you are steadfast to the devotional principles. Amazingly, and seemingly impossibly,



you balance this task while maintaining utmost respect for everyone you meet. You are strict on yourself, but remain strongly averse to faultfinding, while exhibiting constant appreciation of the good qualities of others. As I contemplate your mood, I am amazed.

Srila Gurudeva, please forgive my shortcomings in this attempt to glorify Your Holiness. My dwarf-like intelligence can hardly appreciate the shining moon of your personal qualities, and your love for Srila Prabhupada. I have herewith offered a few descriptions of your own qualities to yourself, as one offers the water of Mother Ganga to herself and thus prospers.

Aspiring for unmotivated, loving service to your servants,
Dvijamani Gaura dasa

Guruvani Devi Dasi - Austin, USA - Pure Vaisnava

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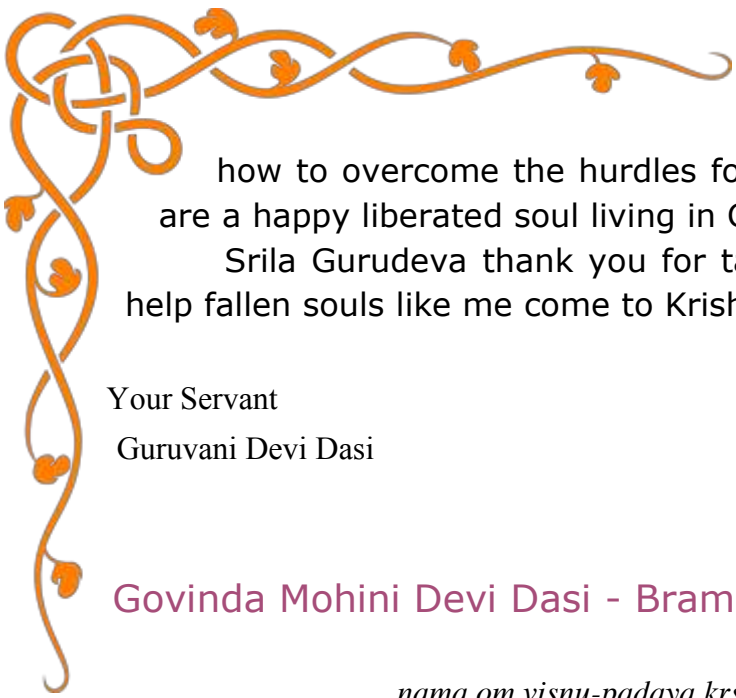
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gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

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.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Thank you for accepting this fallen soul as your disciple. Every day I see that you suffer for my misdoings yet you use this suffering to preach. Even in extreme bodily pain you become ecstatic while preaching, this shows you are a liberated soul though seemingly in this material world. You show everyday by example how a pure Vaishnava makes even suffering a tool for preaching. The only reason you have any suffering is to show by your glorious example



how to overcome the hurdles for devotional service, otherwise, you are a happy liberated soul living in Goloka 24 hours a day.

Srila Gurudeva thank you for taking up this great austerity just to help fallen souls like me come to Krishna.

Your Servant

Guruvani Devi Dasi

Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi - Brampton, Canada - To give Krishna

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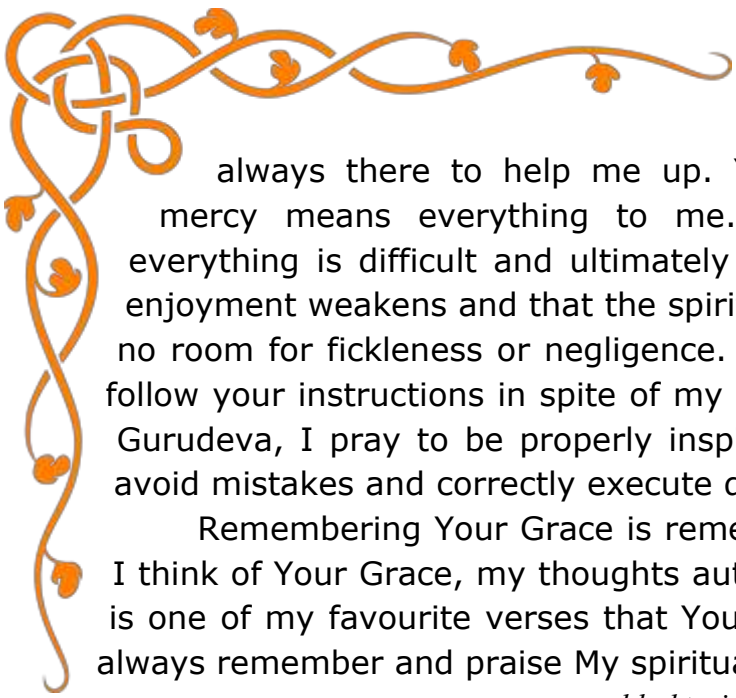
Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Guru Mataji.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva, by your grace I am allowed to render some service to you in the form of this little offering. Srila Gurudeva, every year when we visit Austin we get unlimited mercy from Your Grace and Srimati Guru Mataji. Each year, though my mistakes get doubled, I eagerly wait for my next visit to the holy Dham of Austin where we get lot of your personal association. I am amazed to see how Your Grace always took shelter of the Lord even in the midst of the greatest difficulties. You were engaged intensely in your preaching mission while your body was in such a painful condition. It is beyond description the benefit Your Grace have provided me by accepting me as your disciple and giving your personal attention. Your grace is very patient and



always there to help me up. Your loving compassionate fatherly mercy means everything to me. Outside of Your holy protection everything is difficult and ultimately useless. I understand that sensory enjoyment weakens and that the spiritual life is a science in which there is no room for fickleness or negligence. I wish to renew my commitment to follow your instructions in spite of my weaknesses and shortcomings. Srila Gurudeva, I pray to be properly inspired by Your instructions on how to avoid mistakes and correctly execute devotional service in the right mood.

Remembering Your Grace is remembering Krishna because whenever I think of Your Grace, my thoughts automatically lead me to Krishna. Here is one of my favourite verses that Your Grace often quote which I wish to always remember and praise My spiritual master:

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

“If we want to be devotees of Krishna we must become the devotees of a bona fide spiritual master by fully devoting our lives to him.”

As you wrote to me “To give Krishna Consciousness is genuine love”, I ponder the miracle of your unlimited mercy, that you travel all over this world educating more and more people in the science of Krishna Consciousness. Please bless me so that I may also acquire at least a small fraction of the faith to serve the Guru and the compassion necessary for a preacher. Please excuse us for any offenses we may have unintentionally committed and give us your merciful glance to inspire us in our daily chanting of the holy names and the distribution of Krishna’s mercy.

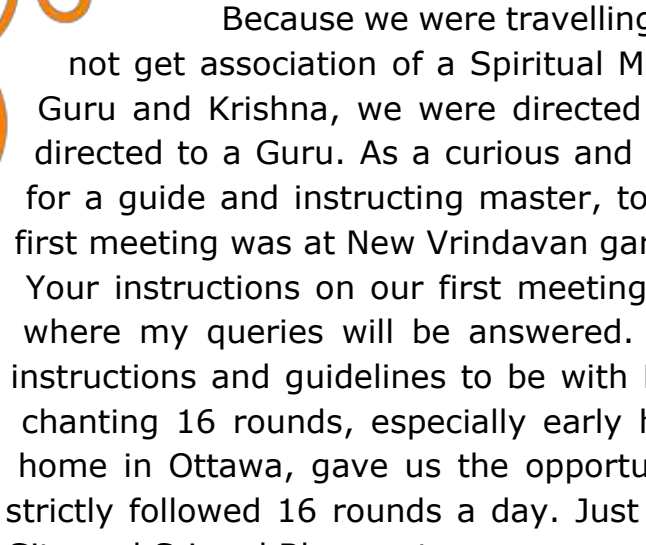
Hare Krishna!

Your insignificant servant,
Govinda Mohini Devi Dasi

Hari Namamrta Dasa - Ottawa, Canada – My queries answered

Kindly accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On this very special occasion of your Vyasa Puja 2017, we offer our respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.



Because we were travelling from one place to another, we could not get association of a Spiritual Master as Shiksha Guru. By mercy of Guru and Krishna, we were directed to New Vrindaban, where we were directed to a Guru. As a curious and inquisitive student, we were looking for a guide and instructing master, to streamline our spiritual vision. Our first meeting was at New Vrindavan garden, where we first met You. Few of Your instructions on our first meeting, revealed to me the original place, where my queries will be answered. You gave simple, solid and special instructions and guidelines to be with Krishna Conscious, just by regularly chanting 16 rounds, especially early hours of the day. Our journey back home in Ottawa, gave us the opportunity to follow Your instructions and strictly followed 16 rounds a day. Just then, we started reading Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

We learnt book distribution from Your instructions. With our limited capacity and knowledge, we started book distribution wherever possible. Your instructions and directions helped us to organised way of book distribution.

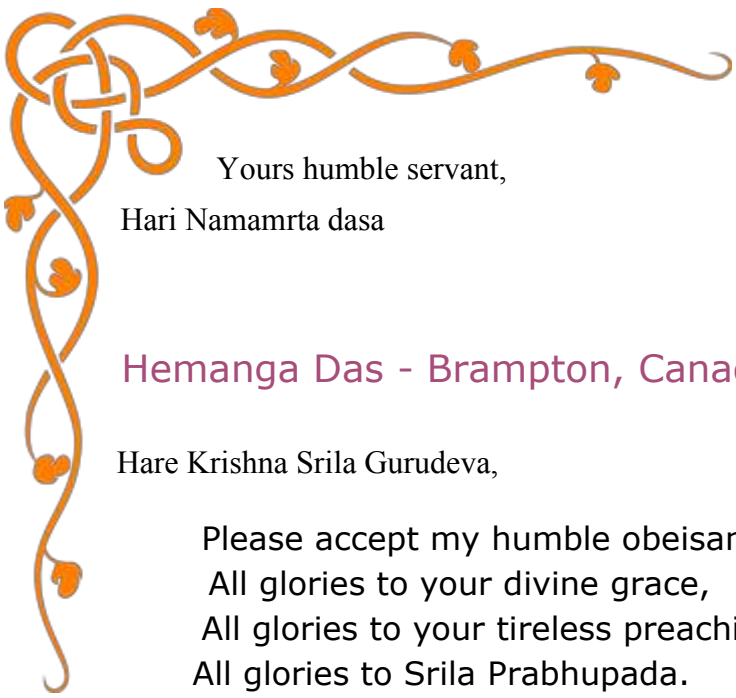
At this advanced age, things are changing, now in 3rd stage of life, diseases are attacking me on day to day basis. Health is disturbing me to perform my spiritual journey peacefully but, we are as per our strength and stamina, trying to do our commitment and complete chanting. Morning time is spent in Deity room and follow daily puja, reading Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam etc. On daily basis, we read Your Thought of the day.

We are so fortunate that as a Siksha Guru, You gave us sufficient tools to boost our morale and better realization to live in Kutir of Krishna Consciousness and at the same time, save the community by distributing Krishna conscious literature.

Though duality disturb us in our daily walks of life and to remain in Krishna conscious, we pray to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, Srila Prabhupada, and Lord Krishna to save us from falling down.

Kindly bless us to continue to serve through Your Vani and Your Thought of the day and eventually reach our destination.

Though not qualified enough we seek Your blessings to continue in Krishna Conscious way of life and to follow Your instructions for a journey back to home.



Yours humble servant,
Hari Namamrta dasa

Hemanga Das - Brampton, Canada - Your unconditional love

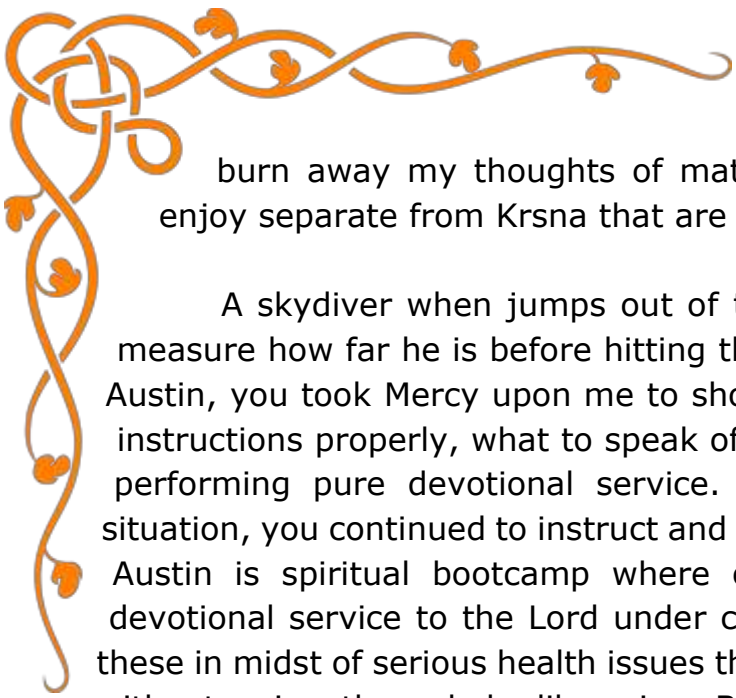
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Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
All glories to your divine grace,
All glories to your tireless preaching,
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Every time when the Vyasa Puja day arrives, it makes me contemplate on the countless blessings that you have showered on me all these years. Just like a mouse that runs hither and thither for tiny pleasures in life, I was ruining my life by experiencing material pains and pleasures of life. After regularly reading Your daily thought for the day emails, they helped me realized that this material world is Dhukalaya Ashashvatam temporary and full of miseries and I am in lower conscious of enjoying the suffering. I was fully captivated by mayadevi. Your grace appeared on western part of the world where there is instant sense gratification available all around. But you rejected the materialistic lifestyle and fully dedicated to Srila Prabhupada's movement of spreading Bhakti. Since then, you have been tirelessly traveling around the world along with Gurumata to spread the message of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Your desire to spread Krishna Conscious is contaminating.. During a conversation with a devotee..You mentioned that sometimes You have to force yourself to go to sleep at night so that you can use the present body for preaching for longer time. Your heart is filled with volcanic eruptions of strong desires to save poor souls like me who are wandering all over the planet without knowing the purpose of human life. Just like the lava burns all that comes in it is way, may the lava that continuous to erupt from your heart may



burn away my thoughts of materialistic lifestyle and propensity to enjoy separate from Krsna that are deeply rooted.

A skydiver when jumps out of the flying airplane uses Altimeter to measure how far he is before hitting the ground. During this year's visit at Austin, you took Mercy upon me to show how far I am from following your instructions properly, what to speak of pleasing Krsna with the service and performing pure devotional service. Even Though I am in a hopeless situation, you continued to instruct and encourage me to improve my bhakti. Austin is spiritual bootcamp where one can get trained in performing devotional service to the Lord under close supervision. You were doing all these in midst of serious health issues that could not make you move an inch without going through bodily pains. But none of these hold you back in performing your service to Sri Sri Radha Damodar. Just like the water droplets on the lotus leaf cannot wet the lotus, Your consciousness was untouched by the bodily pains and was firmly fixed on Krishna. I am indebted to your grace in this and coming life times for all that you have given me. Thank you for showering your unconditional love onto me. On this most auspicious day I beg to Krsna to give you good and longer health and to bestow Krishna bhakti on to me so that I can utilize my life in assisting Your world deliverance mission.

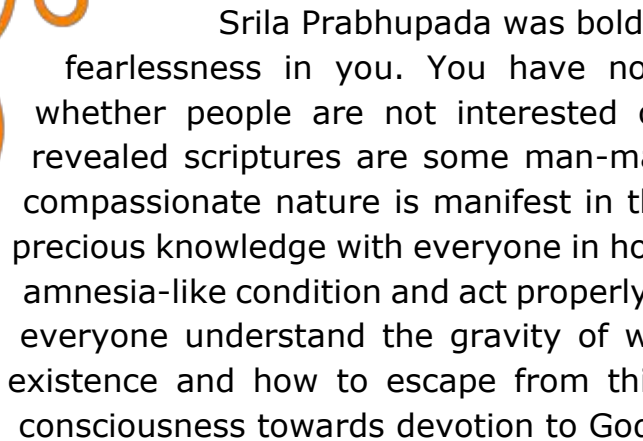
Your insignificant servant,
Hemanga Das

Ishana das - Ames, Iowa, USA - Your example

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble respects.
All glories to His Divine Grace.

On this occasion I would like to share my appreciation of your qualities I have found particularly inspiring and helpful in my spiritual journey. It is said that a teacher should first act properly before teaching and in this way, he teaches by his example. Your example of dedication to Srila Prabhupada has given me encouragement to persevere.



Srila Prabhupada was bold in his preaching and I see this same fearlessness in you. You have no concern for your own reputation whether people are not interested or want to think the truths in the revealed scriptures are some man-made stories. At the same time, your compassionate nature is manifest in the sacrifices you make to share this precious knowledge with everyone in hopes that they will wake up from their amnesia-like condition and act properly. You are adamantly determined that everyone understand the gravity of what it means to be in this material existence and how to escape from this miserable place by elevating our consciousness towards devotion to God.

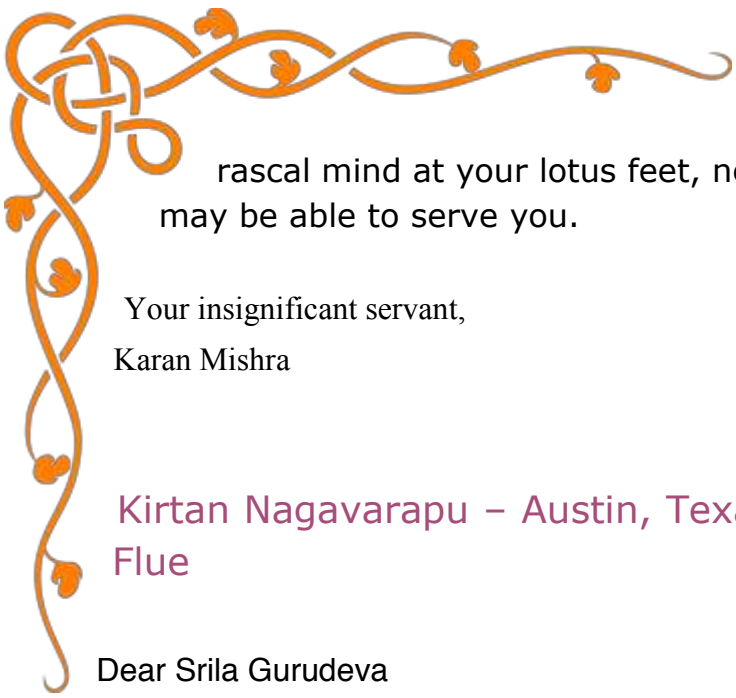
I was impressed at your organization and serious disposition towards your role as a teacher when you said you have a separate file for each person you speak with, that contains all the letters you send and receive -and when you discovered that all this was being jeopardized when your computer equipment was having problems you became so disturbed and I could begin to appreciate the service mood and sense of responsibility you have towards our Founder Acharya. I am also happy and inspired to see how you do not waste any time. Everything you do has a purpose in relation to Krishna and you do not wish to spend time in meaningless conversation, association, etc. You are enthusiastic to do some service, in spite of difficult circumstances. I have nothing worthwhile to offer you but hope you will continue to be favorable towards me so that someday I may take life seriously.

Gratefully,
Ishana das

Karan - San Marcos, USA - Please help me

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

Gurudev, I am not very good at this but I wanted to thank you for saving me. I do not have the slightest idea of the mercy you have bestowed upon me nor do I have any gratitude. You are so merciful Gurudev that you can even help a monkey like me stay on the path back to Krsna. Please help me fix this



rascal mind at your lotus feet, never to leave again so that one day I
may be able to serve you.

Your insignificant servant,
Karan Mishra

Kirtan Nagavarapu – Austin, Texas - Helping me fight this Maya
Flue

Dear Srila Gurudeva

*you have been serving prabhupada for over 45 years
Fighting maya through blood sweat and tears,
Standing tall with no ego at all you have let me serve you,
Japa in hand on a mountain you stand, spreading the names of the lord,
Fighting the hoards with your spiritual sword, you are humble forgiving and kind,
Thank you gurudev for letting me serve you and helping me fight this horrible Maya flu.*

Your Servant
Kirtan Nagavarapu

Krishna Kshetra Dasa - Edmonton, Canada - A true soldier

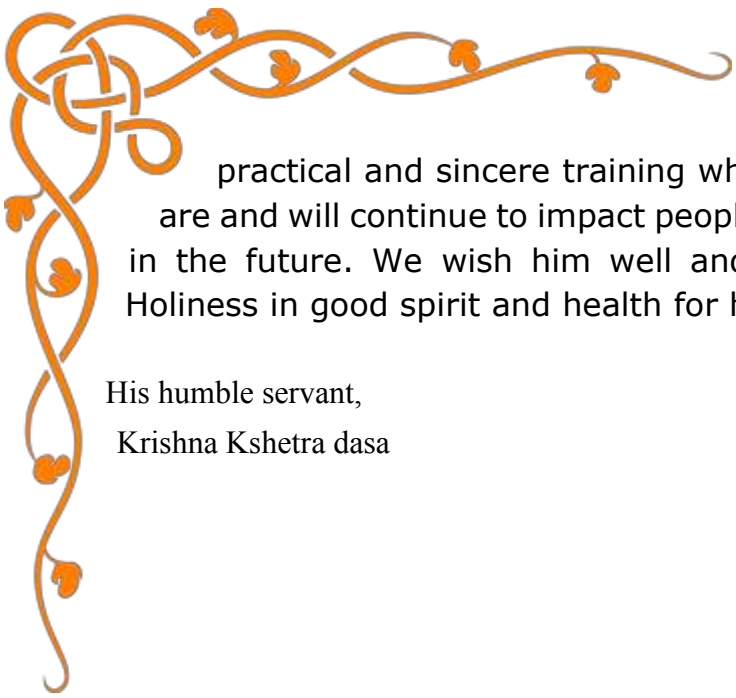
Hare Krishna

All glories to Bhagavad pada Sankarsana dasa Maharaja on this most
auspicious day.

His Holiness is a true soldier of Srila Prabhupada and is showing love all
over the world by mercy of his spiritual master by spreading Krishna
Consciousness through E-learning courses to thousands and thousands of
people worldwide.

I am one of the most fallen soul relishing the nectar from His Holiness
everyday and getting little drops of mercy from him.

On this solemn and auspicious occasion, I do sincerely pray for his health
and wish Maharaja more of his association with us. His simple, however



practical and sincere training whatever be from his videos or writing are and will continue to impact people and devotee's lives more and more in the future. We wish him well and pray to Lord Krishna to keep his Holiness in good spirit and health for his immense preaching activities.

His humble servant,
Krishna Kshetra dasa



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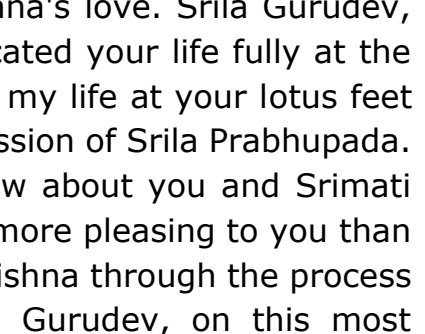


Luv Patel - Toronto, Canada - You possess the love of Krishna

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

Srila Gurudev, it is great joy and pleasure to inform you that I am progressing nicely in Krishna Consciousness. It has been just four years now that I had the greatest fortune to come across two Swan like devotees from ISKCON Brampton and by having their association for a short while they have ignited the fire of Krishna Consciousness in me. After going through different ordeals in life at a young age, I could easily say that it is only due to the lack of Krishna Consciousness and the divine knowledge of the revealed Scriptures like the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam that one suffers in their existence. From my early days till this very day, I am indebted to Sri Guru and Vaishnavas for my progress in Krishna Consciousness without whose association I do not have even slightest of hope for myself. Srila Gurudev, from the very first time I met you in person till today, you have been exceptionally kind and merciful unto me to accept me, be the source of enthusiasm and inspiration. Without your personal example, how I could understand the most exalted position of Vaishnavas, one that conquers by love, kindness, compassion and care and not one that has selfish motives or some kind of self interest.

Srila Gurudev, with yours and Srimati Guru Mataji's blessings I have been empowered to spread Krishna Consciousness to the best of my ability. Srila Gurudev, you possess the love of Lord Sri Krishna in abundance and thus you are freely distributing this love to all of humanity through your preaching activities. I am one such recipient of Lord Sri Krishna's love. Srila Gurudev, my only wish in life is that just like you have dedicated your life fully at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada I could also dedicate my life at your lotus feet and engage myself fully in the World deliverance mission of Srila Prabhupada. And Srila Gurudev, from what I have come to know about you and Srimati Guru Mataji, I very well know that there is nothing more pleasing to you than to bring a lost and suffering soul back to Lord Sri Krishna through the process of devotional life in Krishna Consciousness. Srila Gurudev, on this most



auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja celebration I seek your's and Srimati Guru Mataji's blessings so that I may serve this Hare Krishna Movement to the best of my ability and be an instrument in attracting more and more jivas to loving devotional service unto their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krishna. It is the only way by which there is any hope and contentment for the lost and suffering jivas of Kali-yuga.

Srila Gurudev your eternal servant,
Bhakta Luv.



Karma, Reincarnation, Free Will, Destiny Seminar, 14 January 2017--Scarborough, Ontario

Mahabhagavat Das - Toronto, Canada - satisfy the spiritual master

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

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



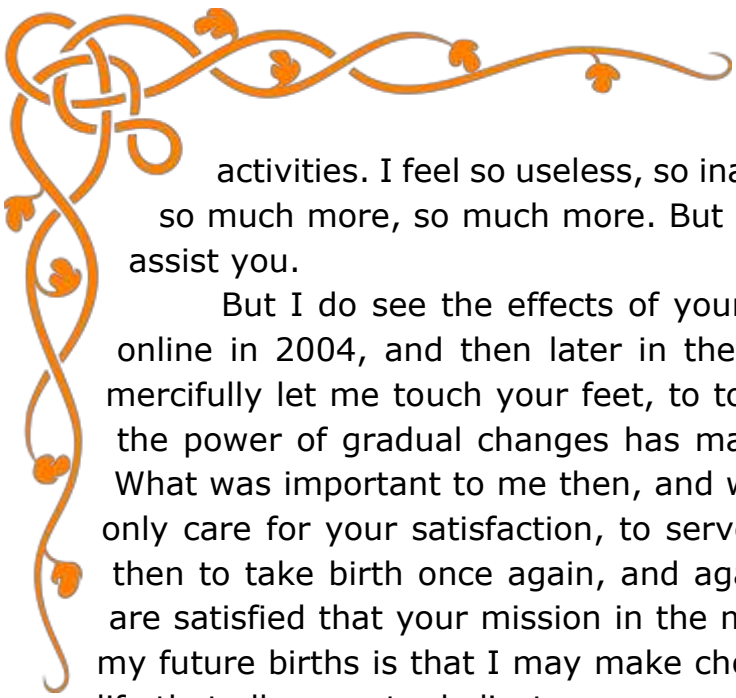
Hare Krishna!

Please kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories unto your divine grace.

Every year around this time of your Vyasa Puja and on the anniversary of my initiation, and many more times, I take more time to reflect on our great good fortune, especially mine. When I think of the odds that a spiritual master such as Srila Prabhupada would walk the earth, and then a sincere simple-hearted disciple such as yourself come at the right moment to collect and condense all of Srila Prabhupada's mercy and distribute it to unfortunate souls such as myself, my mind reels. Then, I think of the odds of a dirty rascal such as myself meeting a glorious saint such as yourself, and I get even more convinced of my great good fortune. And then I reflect on how your divine grace lovingly defeated my 600+ email challenges, posed as various questions by email, I am even more enlivened. Then, I consider if there is any logical reason why a saint such as yourself should accept a lowly fallen stubborn and unsundered soul as a disciple eternally, then I get so overwhelmed at my good fortune that I immediately renew my own vows to you.

On the day of my initiation, I made some vows, vows that all disciples in succession from Srila Prabhupada make. But after my initiation I felt this incredible weight on my shoulders. I felt that I had to do so much, so much more service to you. The service was not some sort of an altruistic do-good-onto-others, but first and foremost, the service was for my own purification, so I may actually be your disciple some day. Along with this personal purification, your personal sense of urgency in the mission of Srila Prabhupada feels extremely persuasive. I am totally convinced that everyone outside of the Krishna consciousness movement is madly rushing into the mouth of repeated death, repeated destroyed relationships, repeated shattered hopes. I am 100% convinced that Krishna consciousness is the only way to happiness for everyone, and I beg to do everything within my power to convey that to at least one soul in this lifetime.

Every single day, as I do my own personal sadhana, I feel a great sense of frustration that I am stuck in so many "acho miche kaja liye" - engaged in so many useless endeavours. Most of my time and energy is going in these



activities. I feel so useless, so inadequate. I feel like I should be doing so much more, so much more. But unfortunately, I am doing so little to assist you.

But I do see the effects of your mercy, right from the day we met online in 2004, and then later in the ISKCON Toronto temple when you mercifully let me touch your feet, to today, over 13 years later, I see how the power of gradual changes has made such a big difference in my life. What was important to me then, and what is important to me now! Now, I only care for your satisfaction, to serve your mission till my dying breath, then to take birth once again, and again, and again, ad infinitum, till you are satisfied that your mission in the material world is done. My prayer for my future births is that I may make choices right from the beginning of my life that allow me to dedicate my every single breath to your service with no other constraints or considerations.

In this connection, I make this one prayer of your divine grace...

*vettha tvaṁ saumya tat sarvaṁ
tattvatas tad-anugrahāt
brūyuh snigdhasya śiṣyasya
guravo guhyam apy uta*

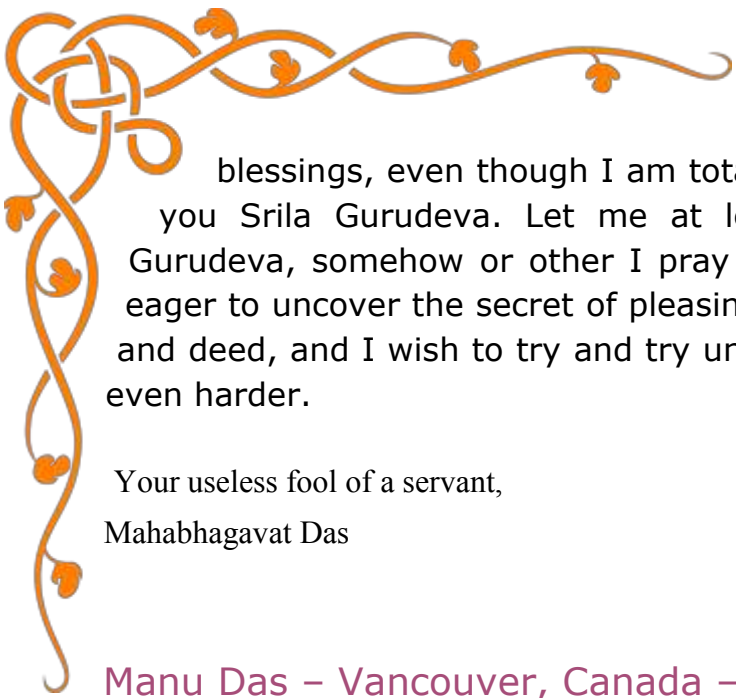
And because you are submissive, your spiritual masters have endowed you with all the favors bestowed upon a gentle disciple. Therefore, you can tell us all that you have scientifically learned from them. SB 1.1.8

My Dear Lord and Eternal Master, I pray to you for this great success as written by Srila Prabhupada in the purport to the above verse "The secret of success in spiritual life is in satisfying the spiritual master and thereby getting his sincere blessings."

I am striving to fulfill this instruction in the same purport "It is essential, therefore, that a disciple be very much obedient and submissive to the bona fide spiritual master."

By your mercy, I have got a lot of service in Srila Prabhupada's movement, and also in your mission within Srila Prabhupada's movement. But no matter what I do in my various services, my goal is but one, to simply please you.

Even though I have done nothing of any value for you, you have, out of your kindness, blessed me unlimitedly - I am reaping the benefit of all your



blessings, even though I am totally undeserving. I am so grateful to you Srila Gurudeva. Let me at least retroactively please you Srila Gurudeva, somehow or other I pray for your pleasure. I am very much eager to uncover the secret of pleasing you with my every thought, word, and deed, and I wish to try and try until I succeed, and then I want to try even harder.

Your useless fool of a servant,
Mahabhagavat Das

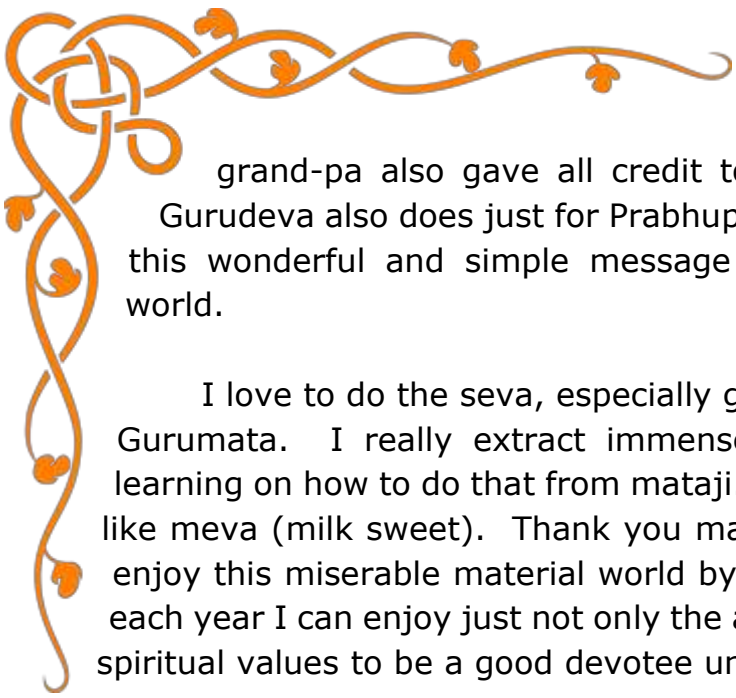
Manu Das – Vancouver, Canada – craving your association

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

I just cannot imagine already one year has passed since I wrote my offering to you. Hope Krishna dwells within my heart to glorify all the sevas you have undertaken not only to glorify Him but also your beloved spiritual master and my grand-pa Srila Prabhupada.

Looks like I just come to our NATP meetings to have association with you and travel with you to your ashram to enjoy the beautiful Kuteer type ashram in this modern world. If anyone not yet visited, I strongly recommend to be there at least once in your life time. Such a great atmosphere to recharge yourself spiritually with constant guidance of just not only Gurudeva but also Gurumata, who out of motherly affection she not only feeds wonderful tasty prasadam (amazingly without oil too) but also coaches on how to become a (good) devotee.

I really enjoy the entire morning program starting from mangala aarathi to prasadam with Srimad Bhagavatam classes taken by both Gurus. With Gurudeva having students around the world and they asking questions on the web ... it is just a wonderstruck situation to see how Gurudeva using all these modern facilities to spread Krishna Consciousness throughout world not to please himself but just to please his spiritual master. It reminds me how our



grand-pa also gave all credit to his spiritual master, similarly our Gurudeva also does just for Prabhupada as he has ordered him to spread this wonderful and simple message of Caitanya Mahaprabhu to entire world.

I love to do the seva, especially gardening under the able guidance of Gurumata. I really extract immense pleasure in doing that seva and learning on how to do that from mataji. After the seva the prasadam tastes like meva (milk sweet). Thank you mataji for training me on how one can enjoy this miserable material world by just serving their gurudevas. Hope each year I can enjoy just not only the association of you both but also learn spiritual values to be a good devotee under your able guidance.

I am really very happy this time to come to your ashram as I love to see the newly acquired temple property. Hope all of us can be of some help in completing Gurudeva's vision. I am also very concerned with gurudeva's health. In spite of pain ... he is ever ready and never stops sending out daily thought for the day messages. I remember once I asked him, "Gurudeva how you can write daily messages?" He replied saying that there is vast treasure of knowledge which can never exhaust. Thank you Gurudeva for giving us daily doses of wisdom to keep us on track and not fall into the lap of witch.

I think I wrote enough as I cannot exhaust all your glories, I better stop here before the reader gets ... May Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodara bless you both with good health, happiness and peace.

Hope to see you soon in 2018 NATP meetings and enjoy the ashram stay.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Sri Sri Radha Damodara ki jai.

Gurudeva ki jai.

Gurumata ki jai.

Yours ever humble servant,

Manu Das (Manavendra Musini), Temple President, Vancouver, BC, Canada



Melanie Boodoo - Toronto, Canada - the epitome of divinity

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Srila Gurudeva Sankarshan das Adhikari,
All glories to your appearance day.

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance. I am your most unworthy servant.

Gurudev, I always get tongue - tied before you and know not what to say because I am so dull -witted and undeserving of a spiritual master such as yourself. Therefore, I would like to dedicate these words emanating from the Lotus Lips of our beloved master Lord Sri Krishna to you:

"Fearlessness; purification of one's existence; cultivation of spiritual knowledge; charity; self-control; performance of sacrifice; study of the Vedas; austerity; simplicity; nonviolence; truthfulness; freedom from anger; renunciation; tranquility; aversion to faultfinding; compassion for all living entities; freedom from covetousness; gentleness; modesty; steady determination; vigor; forgiveness; fortitude; cleanliness; and freedom from envy and from the passion for honor - these transcendental qualities, O son of Bharata, belong to godly men endowed with divine nature". BG 16: 1-3

This Gurudev, is who you are. You are the epitome of divinity. You tirelessly, dutifully, lovingly spread the glories of your Guru and Sri Krishna unadulteratedly, with utmost enthusiasm and joy. Even in the face of great adversity and excruciating physical pain, you are unwavering in your devotional service. What a great model you are for all your thousands of students and disciples to emulate. I could never thank you enough, in this

lifetime or the next, for uplifting me and shining your torchlight of knowledge in my life.

I beg your mercy Gurudeva that one day I shall please you, and that by your blessings I shall seek the shelter of your lotus feet and become qualified to be your initiated disciple, and begin my journey of transcendental loving service at the feet of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. My heart yearns for this but by my abominable past karmic reactions I somehow seem to be far from your lotus feet and caught up in this maya of material existence. I beg your mercy, and the mercy of all the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord, that they will take full compassion upon this fallen soul.

Hare Krishna.

Your most insignificant and undeserving servant,
Melanie Boodoo



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Nityakishori Devi dasi - Columbus, USA - Always aligned

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day!

It has been ten years that I have associated with you. And I cannot be more happier and grateful for this. Every word you say, every kirtan you sing, has embedded my heart, mind and soul. Your instructions are always practical and always align with Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada's teachings. Every time we are in a difficult situation in this material world, we think of your lotus feet and your transcendental lectures and we find a solution for our problem.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva, for every effort you take for us fallen souls.

Your servants,
Sundarmukunda Das GKG - A disciple of His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami,
Nityakishori devi dasi and Murari

Nathaniel - Seattle, USA - Forgive me

My heart is deeper than the redundancies of my past. Forgive me.

Nathaniel

Nikha Khanna - Bloomfield Hills, USA - enthusiasm and love

Dear Gurudeva,
Dandvat Pranam
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble regards on the auspicious occasion of your
Vyasa Puja

I joined your Ultimate Self Realization course in 2009. Since then I have appreciated every thought for the day, questions and answers, and more

recently the video messages. Thank you very much for this mercy. Your enthusiasm and love for Lord Krishna is very inspiring.

In spite of your busy schedule, you always find time to reply to our emails. Thank you for this mercy.

You have always emphasized on the dangers of this material existence and our ultimate goal of life, to attain the love of God.

For me, your most important teaching is "know who you are and be who you are." I pray for your mercy that some day this teaching will sink in my heart.

Thank you from the core of my heart for everything. May Lord Krishna bless you with good health and you keep moving the Krishna Conscious movement forward.

Your humble servant
Nikha Khanna.



Pravardhana Becomes Paramatma Das



Paramatma Das - Chicago, USA – Guru, my rudder

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

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

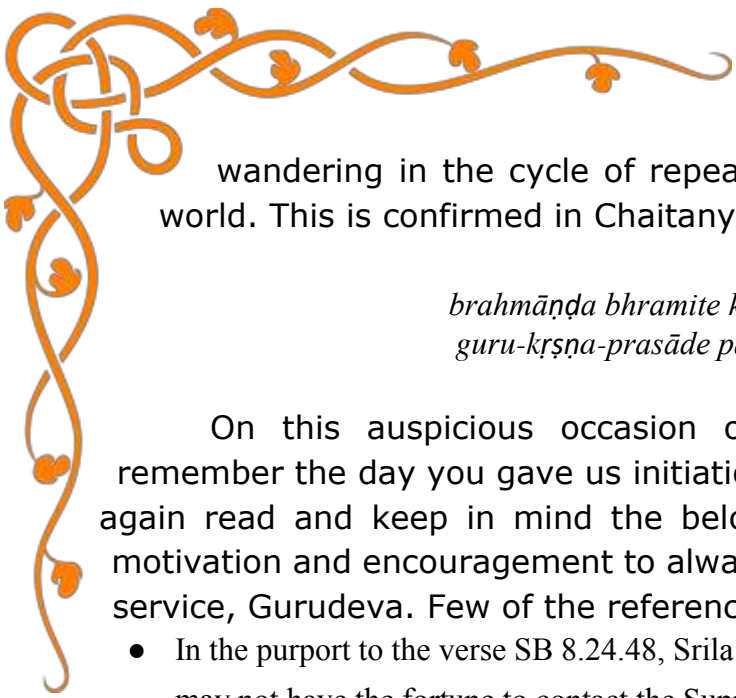
*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

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.

All glories to Jagad-Guru, His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

We wish you a very happy vyasa-puja, Gurudeva and pray to their Lordships Srimati Radharani and Sri Krishna to bestow you the best health so that we can try to take complete opportunity of your presence in serving you and assisting you in your mission of pleasing His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada by spreading Hare Krishna movement across every town and village of this world.

Gurudeva, this year 2017 is the most important and greatest year in our lifetime. I know we are completely unworthy and unqualified, but still your grace has showered upon us your causeless mercy by accepting me and my wife as your initiated disciples and given us the new spiritual names "Paramatma Das" and "Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi" on the most auspicious day of Nityananda Trayodashi (8th of Feb 2017) at your Ashram in Austin, Texas in presence of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodara. It is truly our greatest good fortune that we ever received in our millions and billions of our lifetimes



wandering in the cycle of repeated birth and death in this material world. This is confirmed in Chaitanya Charitamrita

*brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva,
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja*

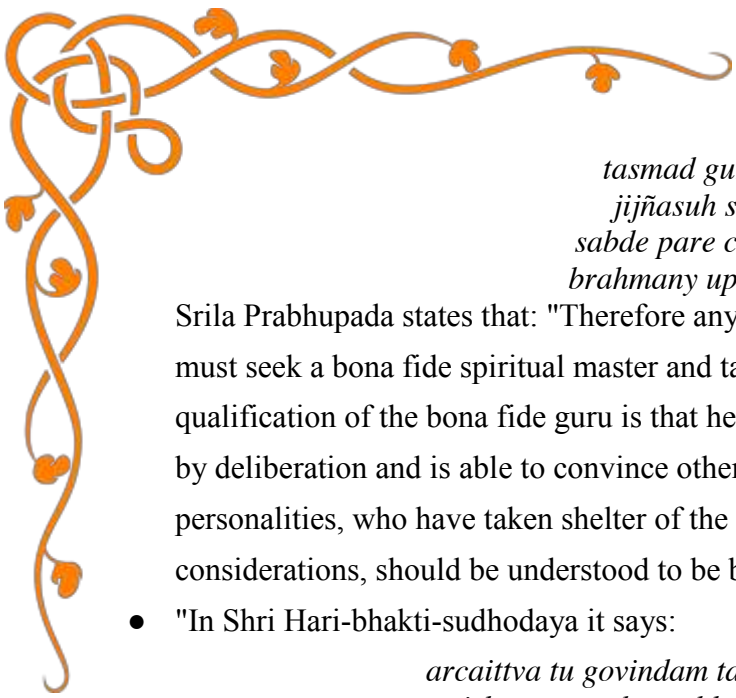
On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, and whenever we remember the day you gave us initiation, we feel that we should again and again read and keep in mind the below verses which gives us immense motivation and encouragement to always be remained and engaged in your service, Gurudeva. Few of the references are quoted below Gurudeva:

- In the purport to the verse SB 8.24.48, Srila Prabhupada states that: "Even though we may not have the fortune to contact the Supreme Lord personally, the Lord's representative is as good as the Lord Himself because such a representative does not say anything unless it is spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead."
- Also, you have emphasized in your daily "Thought for the day" sent on Sunday 9th Feb 2014 "You Must Have a Guru" that: "If you don't have a guru, you are like a boat without a rudder. The Mundaka Upanisad confirms that having a guru is absolutely mandatory. You will not be able to cross the ocean of birth and death to attain the kingdom of immortality without a guru. Therefore, don't cheat yourself out of the most valuable opportunity offered to you in this human form of life. Seek out a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. In this way you can fully awaken your God consciousness or Krishna consciousness and thus regain your original, eternal identity in the pastimes of the Lord in His sublime, divine planet known as Krishnaloka."
- On the initiation day lecture, you referred a sloka from Adi Purana:

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

"If we want to be devotees of Krishna we must become the devotees of a bona fide spiritual master by fully devoting our lives to him."

- Quote from your lecture at Istanbul Knowledge Center on 28 April 2005: "It's very easy to find a guru who can take your money; but it's very difficult to find a guru who can take away all your anxiety. If you are fortunate enough to find a guru who can actually remove all the anxieties from your heart, then you should take advantage of his mercy."
- In the translation to the verse SB 11.3.21,



*tasmad gurum prapadyeta
jijñasuh sreya uttamam
sabde pare ca nisnatam
brahmany upasamasrayam*

Srila Prabhupada states that: "Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bona fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bona fide spiritual masters."

- "In Shri Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya it says:

*arcaittva tu govindam tadiyannaccayatmane
na te vishnu prasadasya bhajanam danbhika janah*

"If one does not worship My devotees but only worships Me then he is simply a proud person and not a recipient of My mercy."

Gurudeva, also this year has been full of precarious, critical and challenging situations, but with your blessings, I have got new realizations and spiritual experiences. When I came to Austin to personally meet and tell you about my condition, you have very clearly mentioned that "in these situations, one must consider this as a special favor from the Lord and learn to depend completely on the causeless mercy of Lord Sri Krishna but continue acting intelligently and do whatever the best he can. Any result we get, should be considered as His causeless mercy."

We are left with no words to express our feelings of gratitude in our heart for your grace and our beloved Gurumata. We are very much indebted to both of you for your causeless mercy on us. We want to thank you for rescuing us and saving us from the clutches of the material world.

We earnestly beg you and Krsna that we may be blessed with all enthusiasm and inspiration in Krishna Consciousness so that we become fully fixed and determined to follow all your instructions with sincerity, love and devotion always.

We also pray to Sri Sri Kishore Kishori on this Vyasa Puja celebrations to bestow good health and spiritual strength to your grace Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata to live long.

Your insignificant servants,
Paramatma Das,
Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi,
Yetvakshara Radhika



Mouneshwari Becomes Mohana Mohini Devi Dasi



Sankarshan Das Adhikari with Initiates 15 January 2017--Toronto, Ontario Canada

Paramhansa das - Edson, Canada - shaken up

Hare Krishna! Dear Srila Gurudev.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This year has been a very special year in my eternity as I have been ceaselessly granted mercy by you. Your Vani and Vapu association has shaken up my dormant Krishna Consciousness and now my existence makes at least a little bit of sense. I have always been a pretender and I always beg Your mercy that someday I fall in line with all Your teachings which is nothing but the actual teachings of Srila Prabhupada.

To me writing this offering is just another way to strengthen my faith in Sri Guru and Krishna as I am very dull headed and over see miracles in Krishna consciousness everyday; with Your teachings and Your personal actions maybe, I would be able to realize that and be grateful for that.

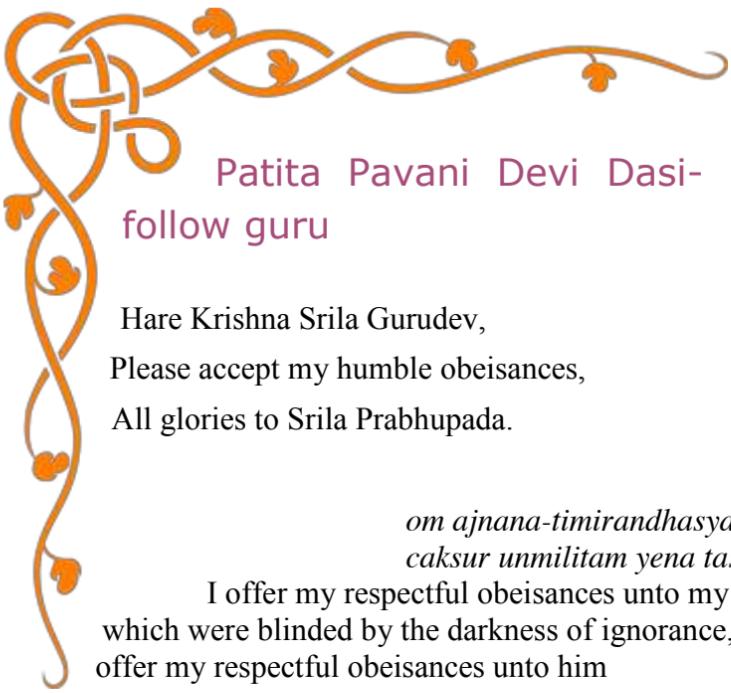
For the past few months, you have been undergoing severe pain with pinched nerve and disc issues and I feel I am the only one responsible for that; as who else could be as hopeless as I can? But, nonetheless you continue the preaching mission and through Krishna's mercy you surpass the material platform being transcendental to the pain. I pray to Krishna for Your and Srimati Guru Mata's better health. I would also like to offer my humble obeisance to Guru Mata who always by her example teaching to us how to serve Guru and Krishna perfectly, without her mercy I would possibly never be able serve you.

Your eternal servant,

Paramhansa Das



Initiation Ceremony--Brampton, Ontario Canada-15 January 2017



Patita Pavani Devi Dasi- Mississauga, Canada - simply
follow guru

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

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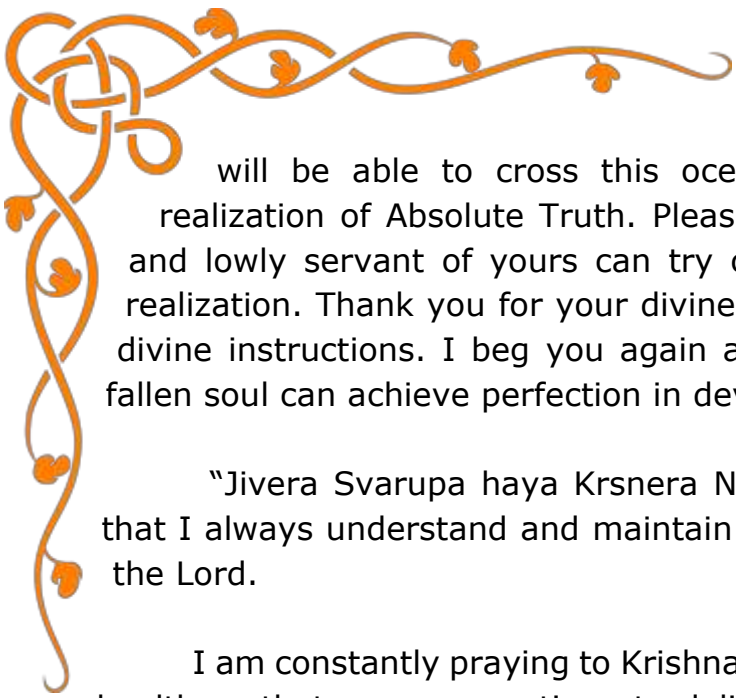
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the
embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my humble offering on this most auspicious occasion of
your Vyasa Puja. My association with you on daily basis through the thought
for the day and your divine lectures, are a ray of light and eternal guidance
for me on this path of total surrender to Supreme and attaining perfection in
this material life through devotional service.

It has been a very tough year for me but regular association with you
through constantly hearing your divine lectures and your spiritual guidance
held me tight and focussed in always leaning towards the light of knowledge.
One day listening to your lectures, I came through this message. "When the
going gets tough the tough gets going." You said, "surrender to Prabhupada
when you are in bewilderment. You simply follow him and all your problem
will be finished." I got my answer. I fully surrender to you, my Dear Spiritual
master. I beg for shelter at your lotus feet. I can only get mercy of Prabhupada
through you. I have no qualification and it is only through your mercy that I



will be able to cross this ocean of nescience and come to the realization of Absolute Truth. Please bless me so that this insignificant and lowly servant of yours can try coming to the state of perfect self-realization. Thank you for your divine mercy to be always present in your divine instructions. I beg you again and again that with your mercy this fallen soul can achieve perfection in devotional service.

“Jivera Svarupa haya Krsnera Nitya das.” May you enlighten me so that I always understand and maintain this position of being the servant of the Lord.

I am constantly praying to Krishna to keep you and Guru Mataji in good health so that you can continue to deliver so many fallen souls like me by bringing them to this path of self realization.

I am waiting eagerly for your arrival in Toronto. Always begging for your mercy,

Your insignificant servant,
Patita Pavani Devi Dasi

Prahlad Ananda Dasa - Henderson NV, USA – God in your heart

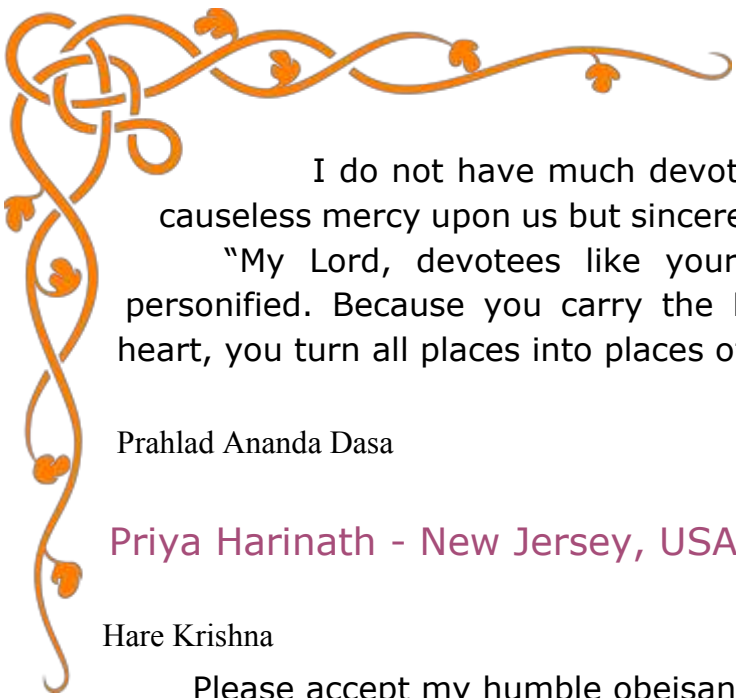
Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Recently my son Kirtan and I had the great opportunity of meeting Your Grace and respected Guru Mataji across the street from where the Supreme Lordship Sri Dwarkadhish presides with Srimati Rukmini Devi in Los Angeles.

This was graphic illustration of,

*ei rupe brahmada bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva
guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija*

Among all the living entities wandering throughout the universe, one who is most fortunate comes in contact with a representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and thus gets the opportunity to execute devotional service.



I do not have much devotion to offer eloquent praise for your
causeless mercy upon us but sincerely request you to accept this prayer:

"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."

Prahlad Ananda Dasa

Priya Harinath - New Jersey, USA - causeless mercy

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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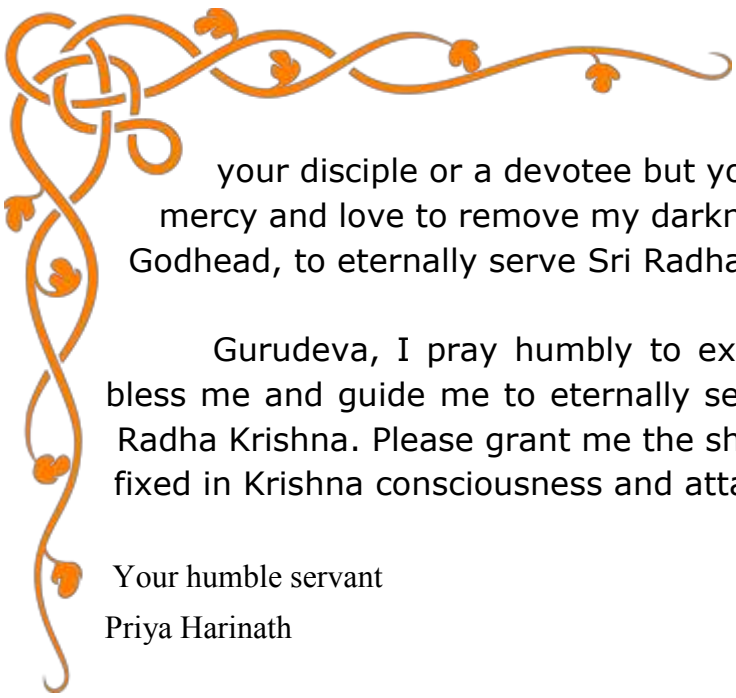
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I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes,
which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge, therefore, I
offer my respectful obeisances unto him

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I offer my
deepest gratitude from the bottom of my heart for having taken me under the
shelter of your lotus feet and guiding me on this path of Krishna
consciousness. For so many millions of births, I have been wandering here
covered in illusion and ignorance. I am still completely unqualified to become



your disciple or a devotee but you have showered me your causeless mercy and love to remove my darkness and practically guide me back to Godhead, to eternally serve Sri Radha Krishna.

Gurudeva, I pray humbly to excuse all my offenses and to always bless me and guide me to eternally serve you, the Vaishnavas and Sri Sri Radha Krishna. Please grant me the shelter of your lotus feet so that I stay fixed in Krishna consciousness and attain pure love of God.

Your humble servant
Priya Harinath

Rajesh K J Rao - Toronto, Canada - convincing and compelling

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories unto your merciful lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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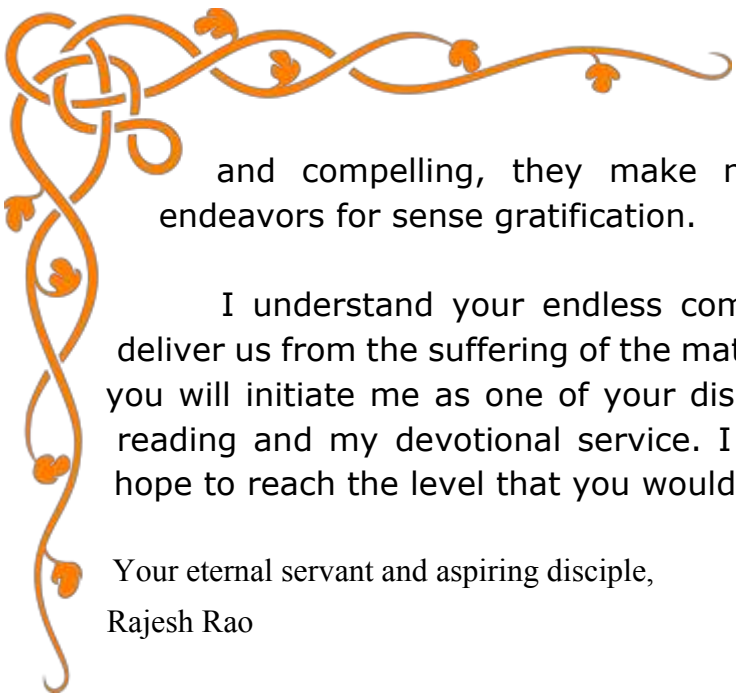
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Dear Srila Gurudev, on this auspicious occasion of your appearance, I want to please you by improving my chanting. I am ashamed that I fell behind in carrying out your instructions – when you met with me in Toronto last year, you had instructed me to improve my rounds to 16 and I am still catching up. I hope to reach the level of 16 rounds by the time you visit Toronto in January’ 18. That will be my best offering to you.

Srila Gurudev, I listen to your lectures every day and read the ‘Thought for the Day’ emails. Thank you for making the lessons on Bhakti so convincing



and compelling, they make me realize the futility of material endeavors for sense gratification.

I understand your endless compassion for fallen souls like me to deliver us from the suffering of the material world. I look forward to the day you will initiate me as one of your disciples. I have begun to improve my reading and my devotional service. I am making steady progress, and I hope to reach the level that you would expect of your disciples.

Your eternal servant and aspiring disciple,
Rajesh Rao

Rantideva das - Southaven, USA - the most compassionate

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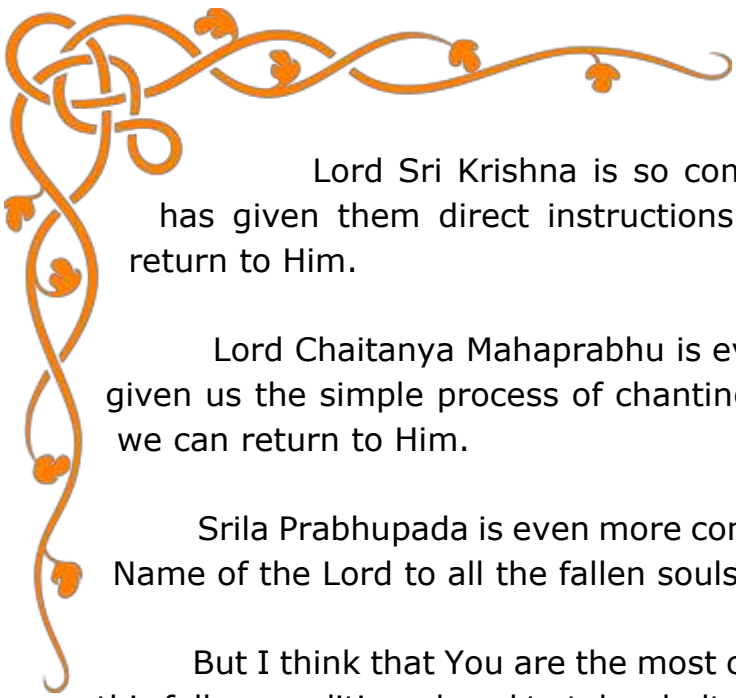
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My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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 Vyasa Puja.



Lord Sri Krishna is so compassionate to his devotees that He has given them direct instructions through Bhagavad-Gita on how to return to Him.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is even more compassionate that he has given us the simple process of chanting the Holy Name of the Lord so that we can return to Him.

Srila Prabhupada is even more compassionate that he brought the Holy Name of the Lord to all the fallen souls in the west.

But I think that You are the most compassionate that You have allowed this fallen conditioned soul to take shelter of Your lotus feet. I am so fortunate that somehow or other I came in contact with a pure devotee of the Lord and a strict follower of Srila Prabhupada.

I look forward to the day when I may once again set at Your lotus feet.

You are always my constant guide and well-wisher and I remain Your worthless...

servant,

Rantideva das

Ramesvara Dasa and Geetha Sarma- Toronto, Canada

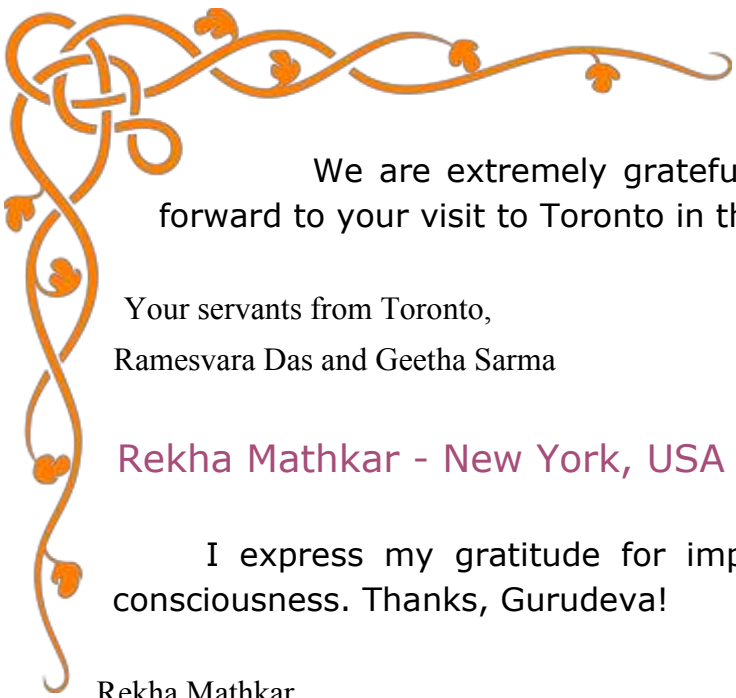
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We continue to pray to Krishna to bestow you with continued good health

We continue to be inspired by your Thought of the Day, Video of the Day and Ultimate Self Realization Course and wish to thank you for your guidance.



We are extremely grateful to have your association and look forward to your visit to Toronto in the New Year.

Your servants from Toronto,
Ramesvara Das and Geetha Sarma

Rekha Mathkar - New York, USA - Thank you Gurudev

I express my gratitude for imparting precious lessons of Krishna consciousness. Thanks, Gurudeva!

Rekha Mathkar

Rohini and Abhay Kulkarni, Austin, TX – Taught us about being compassionate

*vancha Kalpa tarubhascha kripa sindhubya evacha
patitanam pavanebhyo Vaisnavebhyo namoh namah*

*jaya sri-krishna-chaitanya prabhu nityananda
sri-adwaita gadadhara shrivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrinda*

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine*

*namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
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*titiksavah karunikah suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

The symptoms of a sadhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies. He is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime. (SB 3.25.21)

Dear Gurudev,

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

We are highly inspired by your teachings and your way of life. You have taught us about being compassionate to all living entities and inspired us for progressing in Krishna consciousness. We are highly obliged to you for this.

On this day of your Vyasapuja, we pray that the Lord Krishna bless you a happy, healthy and long Krishna conscious life in the years to come and may you always be a source of inspiration for everyone to become Krishna conscious.

Your humble servants

Rohini and Abhay Kulkarni



Recording Session for the "Our Sweet Lord" Album, San Marcos, Texas 20 March 2017

Seema Gupta - Bellerose, USA - so privileged

Shri Gurudev,



Hardik charan sparsh,

Thank you for your selfless, nonstop efforts to save the mankind from drowning. I feel so privileged to get your blessings.

I beg you to please shower your blessings to me and my family to always be humble and stay under the lotus feet of Shri Radhe Govinda. Thanks for everything you do for us.

Charan Sparsh,
Seema Gupta

Subbarao K - Austin, USA - My pranam

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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All glories to Srila Gurudeva

All glories to Her Grace Gurumata,

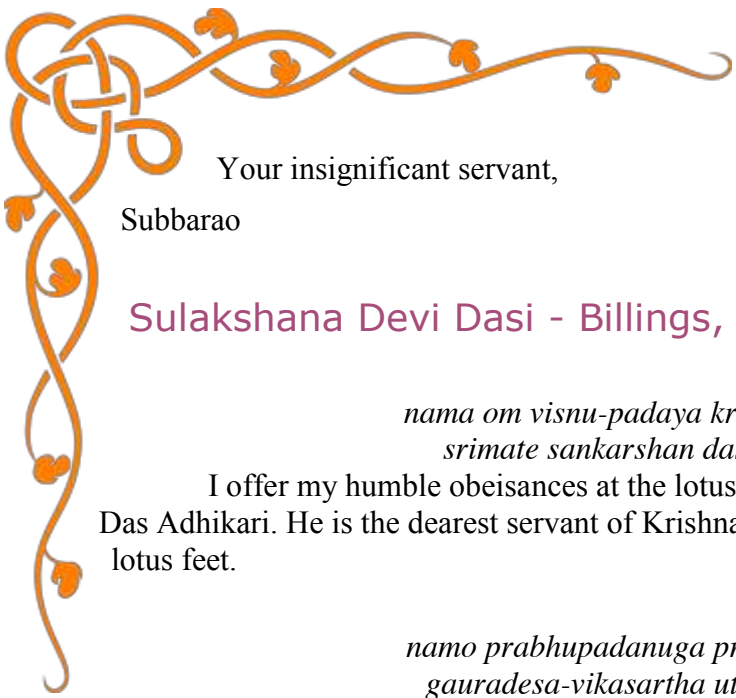
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Srila Gurudeva,

On your most auspicious appearance day, I beg you that shower your mercy on me to fix into Krishna Consciousness more seriously and make an advancement where I should get a little tiny of service in your preaching mission. I am very heartedly offering my pranam to you and Gurumata for your dedication in spreading Krishna Consciousness, to take all material souls like me to, back to home and back to God ahead even when you are suffering with sciatica pain.



Your insignificant servant,
Subbarao

Sulakshana Devi Dasi - Billings, USA - the only person

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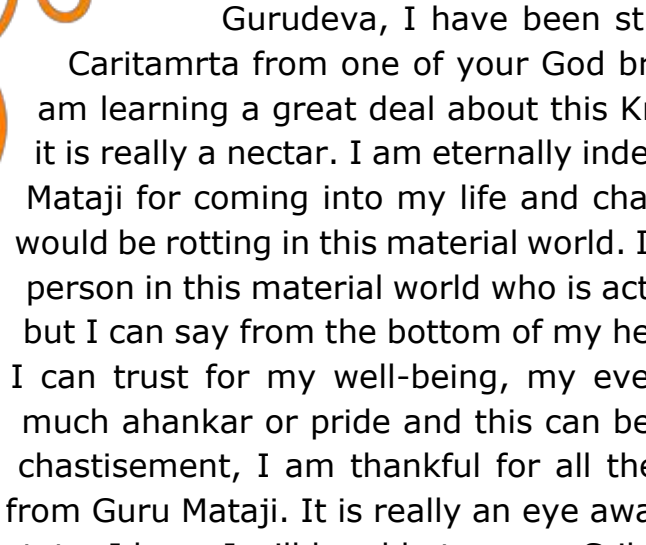
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My Dear Gurudeva:

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudeva, it is my greatest fortune that in spite of living in a remote place where I have practically no access to a temple or association of devotees, you have bestowed your causeless mercy and awarded most valuable gift on this most fallen and wretched soul by planting a bhakti seed in my heart. Only by yours and Gurumataji's causeless mercy, I got the rarest opportunity to become initiated, and to take shelter of the dust of your lotus feet. Otherwise, I would be bereft of this important philosophy of Krishna consciousness and practical applications of it in one's life. The reason the conditioned soul suffers in this material world is because he has lost his constitutional position as an eternal servant of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna. This lost relationship to the Lord can be revived only by serving a pure devotee of the Lord, who is very Dear to Lord Krishna, as a menial servant of a servant of the servant (bhakti yoga) and not by karma or jnana or mystic yogic processes. It is a very rare to have received such a valuable gift, the shelter and service of the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead or His bona fide representative. Without your causeless mercy on this fallen soul, I would be still loitering in this material world searching for that ultimate happiness birth after birth. I do not know how I became so fortunate to become the recipient of your causeless mercy.



Gurudeva, I have been studying online, a course on Caitanya Caritamrta from one of your God brothers, Dhruva Maharaja das, and I am learning a great deal about this Krishna consciousness philosophy and it is really a nectar. I am eternally indebted to you Srila Gurudeva and Guru Mataji for coming into my life and changing my life for better, otherwise I would be rotting in this material world. It is very difficult to find a trustworthy person in this material world who is actually looking out for your well-being, but I can say from the bottom of my heart that you are the only person who I can trust for my well-being, my ever well-wisher. Gurudeva, I have so much ahankar or pride and this can be uprooted out of my system only by chastisement, I am thankful for all the chastisement that I have received from Guru Mataji. It is really an eye awakening experience from my sleeping state. I hope I will be able to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission eternally.

Thank you for all your guidance and your compassion on this fallen soul.
On this auspicious appearance day of yours, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna that you have a very long and healthy life so you can deliver many unfortunate souls like me, back to home back to Godhead.

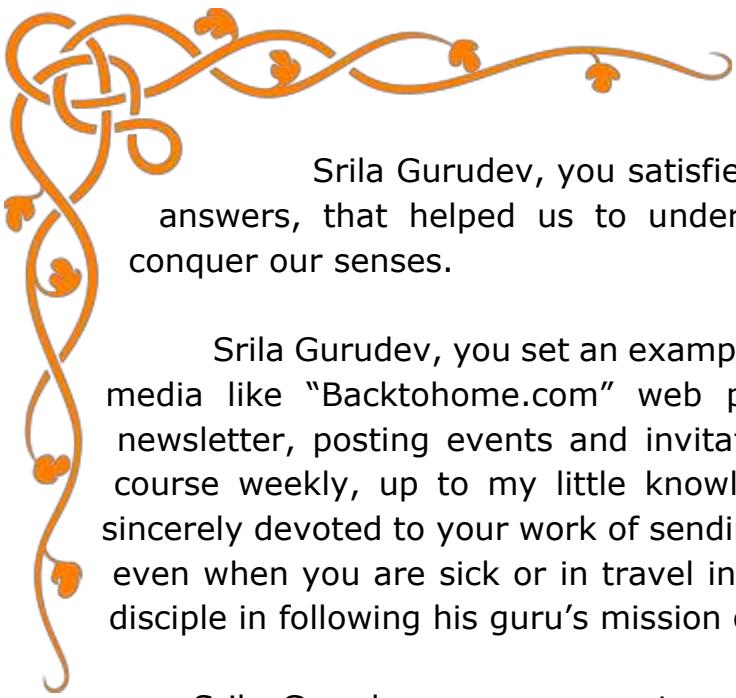
Your unworthy most insignificant servant,
Sulakshana devi dasi

Sudhira - Austin, USA - Satisfied our questions

Dear Srila Gurudev,
All glories to His Grace Srila Prabhupada,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev and unto the feet of all vaishnavas.

Srila Gurudev, 46 years of your Krishna conscious journey is incredible, motivated many people and continue to inspire many generations to become Krishna conscious. Srila Gurudev, your great love for Krishna and great determination of spreading Krishna consciousness to easily reachable to everyone, which makes you selflessly travel around the world with no excuse of rain/shine and fit or sick- that inspires me to make an advancement in devotional service.



Srila Gurudev, you satisfied our questions with your intelligent answers, that helped us to understand the spiritual knowledge and conquer our senses.

Srila Gurudev, you set an example of taking the advantage of modern media like "Backtohome.com" web page, "Thought for the day" daily newsletter, posting events and invitations in Facebook page, spiritual E-course weekly, up to my little knowledge of your great services. Being sincerely devoted to your work of sending "Thought for the day" video daily, even when you are sick or in travel inspires me to learn commitment of a disciple in following his guru's mission of spreading Krishna consciousness.

Srila Gurudev, on your most auspicious appearance day, I take the opportunity to thank you and Guru Mataji, for being a loyal grihastha and surrendered disciples in a way that you invite all kinds of people from around the world, respect their cultures and make them feel comfortable to practice their spiritual life, which inspires every devotee.

Srila Gurudev, with full of gratitude I am imploring your blessings to be strong and dedicated to Krishna consciousness and thank you for accepting my small offerings with many mistakes.

Your humble Servant,
Sudhira.

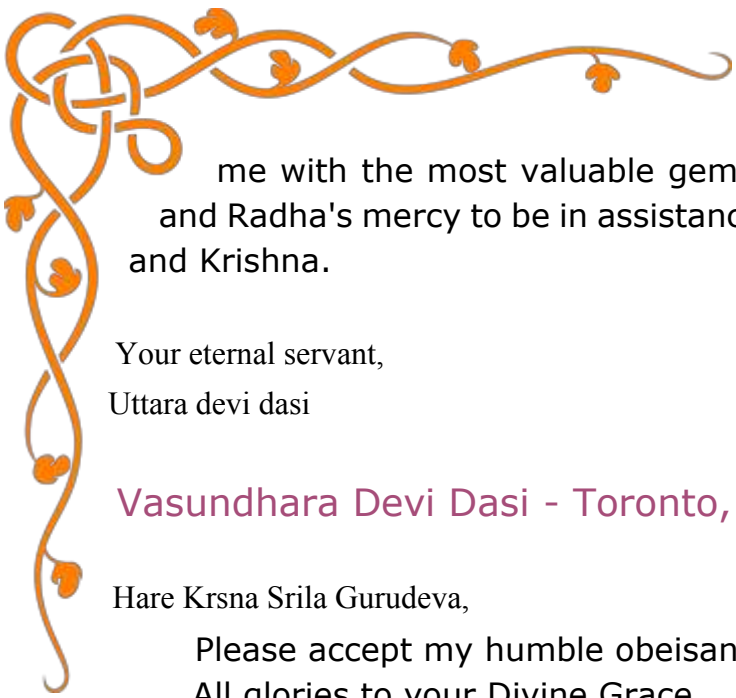
Uttara Devi Dasi - Ames, USA - Most valuable gems

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

On the occasion of your appearance day, I want to thank you from the core of my heart for the sacrifice you are making for the welfare of your disciples.

Like metal is transformed to gold by the touchstone, from many lifetimes of pollution my consciousness is getting transformed by your words. Although I have approached you looking for broken pieces of glass, you have granted



me with the most valuable gems of knowledge. I pray for Krishna's and Radha's mercy to be in assistance of your service to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna.

Your eternal servant,
Uttara devi dasi

Vasundhara Devi Dasi - Toronto, Canada – Liberating Us

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
All glories to your Divine Grace
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

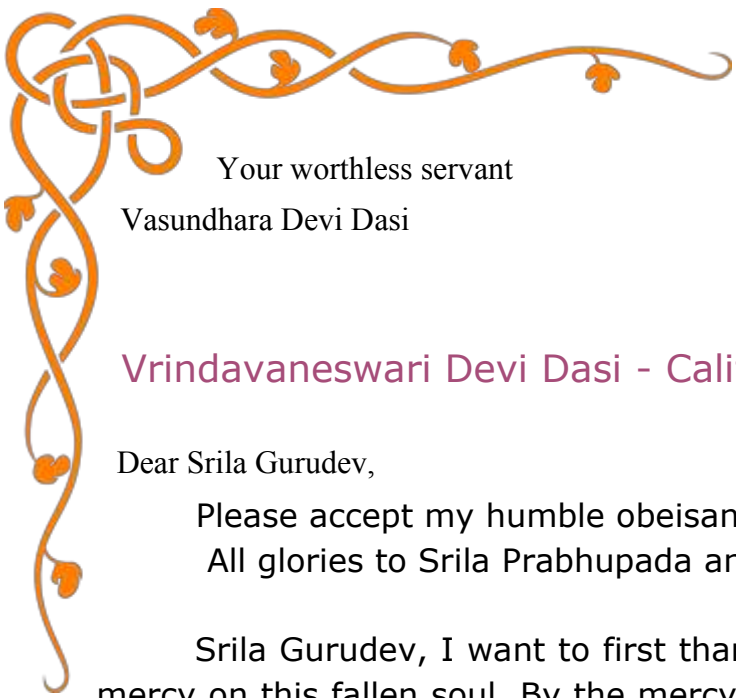
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I am greatly humbled and feel most blessed, to once again be given the opportunity to write an offering on the occasion of your Vyasa Puja. As I am your worthless servant, I beg for your forgiveness for any mistakes I may commit, knowingly or unknowingly.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu descended to this world to bless it with the garland of Krsna prema. It is really inspiring to see how you made that garland manifested by establishing different ways to relish Krsna Consciousness. I start the day practically with the thought for the day, video of the day and the Online Bhagavat Academy. Dear Srila Gurudeva, though you were not well, it was wonderful to see your dedication in serving Srila Prabhupada's mission to this world by travelling to all corners of the world and to liberate conditioned soul like me and to teach us how to be free from material distress and how to surrender during stressful times.

I continue to pray to our sweet Lord Sri Sri Radha KhiraChora Gopinath to bless you with all good health.



Your worthless servant
Vasundhara Devi Dasi

Vrindavaneswari Devi Dasi - California, USA – Thank you

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

Srila Gurudev, I want to first thank you for showering your causeless mercy on this fallen soul. 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.

Every year whenever I write the Vyasa Puja offering, I cannot but just keep thanking you for the mercy you shower on us. But this year is the most auspicious, the year in which I got my second initiation. You are so merciful that you have given me this opportunity to serve personally "Sri Radha Kunjbihari and Gaur-Nitai". You have given me so much of your time, guidance and care. You always make sure that I understand and you are always giving me so much more that I give you. Thank you Gurudev for picking me up and showing me there is something higher than temporary material so-called pleasure.

I can't express in words how much love and affection I received from You and Srimati Guru Mataji. 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,
Vrindavaneswari Devi dasi



Europe

Acintyalila Devi Dasi - Klaipeda, Lithuania - Eternal happiness

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

You are an ocean of mercy, and I thank You for Your and Krishna's mercy. I thank You for the daily messages, for all inspiration You are giving every day to this world, for Your traveling and enthusiastic preaching, for Your example of kindly serving and purely loving Krishna. On this special day I wish You eternal spiritual happiness, greatest success in Your work and Krishna's mercy. I am impatiently waiting for You and Gurumataji in Lithuania.

Your eternal servant,
Acintyalila Devi Dasi. Klaipeda, Lithuania

Amalatma Das - Klaipeda, Lithuania - You are the key

*Sakale sammāna korite sakati,
deho natha! jathajatha
tabe to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe,
aparadha ha'be hata*

Gurudeva, you are giving to us Krishna, you are giving to us His Holy name. Gurudev, all our property is yours, all our wishes are fulfilled by your mercy and you keep us safe from our rascal inclination. You are a pure representative of Krishna and you are the key to open our hearts to Him. So it would be most amazing thing to know you, to know you as a person... So, day after day I am praying to engage me in devotional service to your divine lotus feet, because this is the only way to overcome my rascal nature and to wake up my sleeping soul.

I wish your dream to save the world come true to more and more suffering souls like me. And they will join you in this amazing Sankirtana movement, established by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Your insignificant servant,
Amalatma Das, Klaipeda, Lithuania



Bhaktin Aurelija Becomes Anapayini Devi Dasi

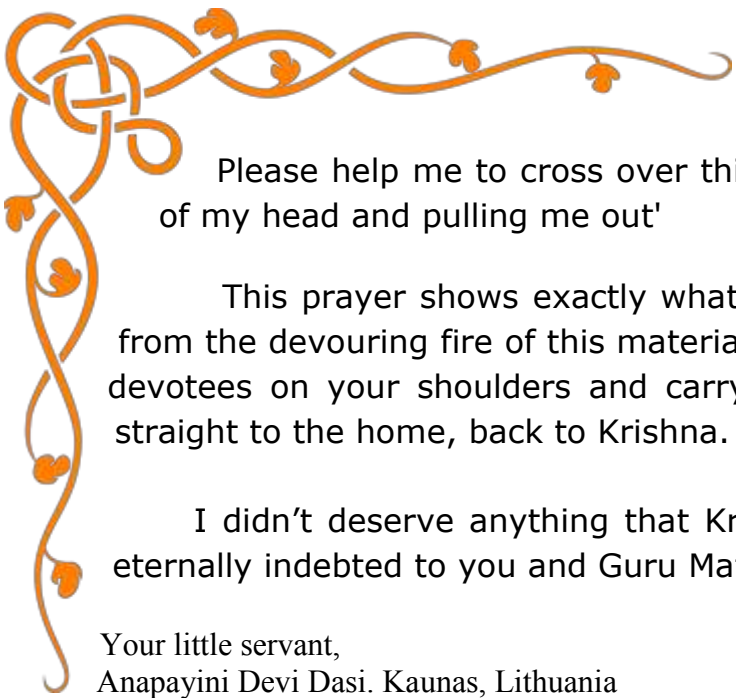
Anapayini Devi Dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania – You Saved us

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

There is no words to thank for your devotional service for Srila Prabhupada's mission, so the best thing what devotee can do is repeat. Repeat such a great devotee as Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura prayer.

*thakura vaisnaba-gana kari ei nibedana
mo bada adhama duracara
daruna-samsara-nidhi tahe dhubaila bidhi
kese dhari more kara para*

'O saintly Vaisnava! Please hear my prayers. I am the most wretched and fallen soul, drawing in this formidable material ocean by Providence.



Please help me to cross over this ocean by grabbing me by the hair of my head and pulling me out'

This prayer shows exactly what you, Gurudeva do, you grabbed us from the devouring fire of this material world. You put me and many other devotees on your shoulders and carrying us through this material world straight to the home, back to Krishna. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...

I didn't deserve anything that Krishna gave me. Dear Gurudeva I'm eternally indebted to you and Guru Mataji. Hare Krishna.

Your little servant,
Anapayini Devi Dasi. Kaunas, Lithuania

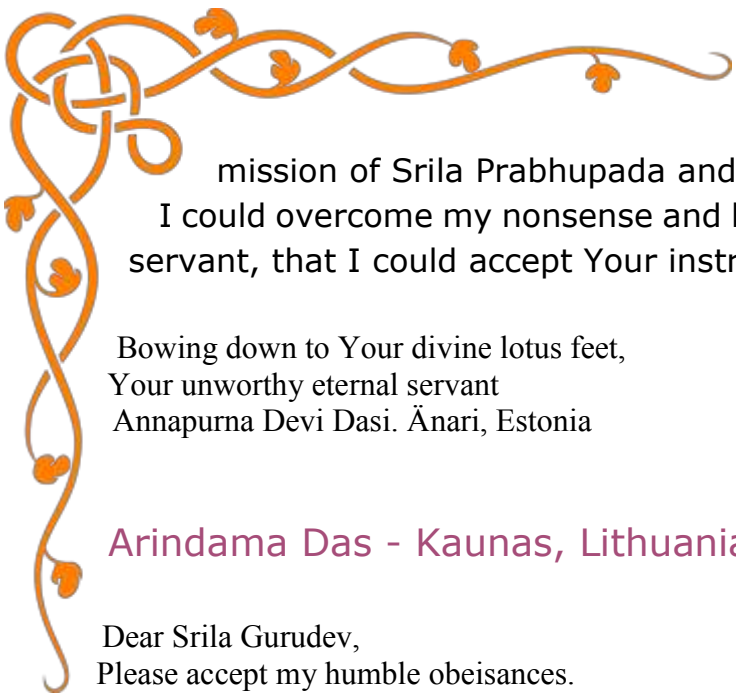
Annapurna Devi Dasi - Änari, Estonia – Bless me to be your completely surrendered servant

Hare Krishna, Dear Srila Gurudeva!
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to You and Srimati Gurumataji!

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa-puja I want to offer my most respectful obeisances unto Your grace and say words of my deepest gratitude. Thank You, Srila Gurudeva, for accepting me as Your disciple, thank You for being extremely merciful to me. Your kindness knows no limits. I am forever indebted to You.

You have dedicated yourself fully to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and his divine mission. And You are giving best example, best inspiration, best education to Your disciples. Your example of being so dedicated to Spiritual Master and Krishna is truly amazing!

Especially I want to express my gratitude for Your Thought for the Day messages and Your devotional songs and kirtans, they really bring peace and happiness to the heart...Your guidance is always with me. Srila Gurudeva, please bless me, that I could become Your true servant, Yours and Srimati Gurumataji's, I want to dedicate my life fully to serving Your mission – the



mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya. Please bless me that I could overcome my nonsense and become Your completely surrendered servant, that I could accept Your instructions as my very life and soul.

Bowing down to Your divine lotus feet,
Your unworthy eternal servant
Annapurna Devi Dasi. Ānari, Estonia

Arindama Das - Kaunas, Lithuania – Will always follow you

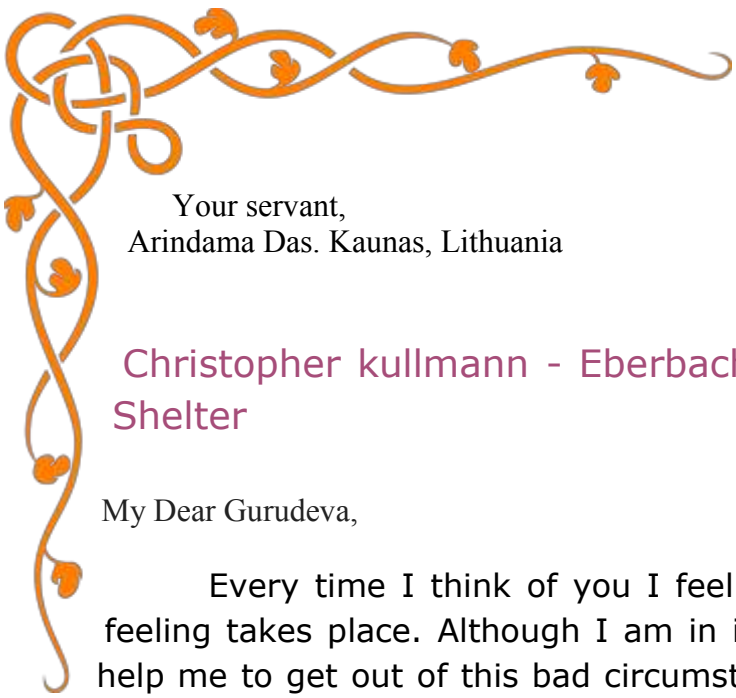
Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

I remember when I came to the temple for the first time, Sankirtan prabhu showed me Your picture and said: this is my Spiritual Master, He is a very saintly person. And I was wondering what is that feeling to have Spiritual Master. I wanted to have a shelter, to have a hope in this life, but, unfortunately, I was afraid of making commitment for all my life (what to think for all eternity). So it passed five years of Krishna consciousness practice when I realized that without Spiritual Master I won't go anywhere. I decided to take a chance before it's too late. Now I am Your initiated disciple and I will be grateful for all eternity for giving me a chance to escape from this hellish nightmare called material world.

Still I have many material attachments, but, simultaneously, I want to be free from illusion. I am very happy that You come to our country and we can get association from You. It's a huge success to serve You and to learn from You directly.

Sometimes I think: what if all living beings would be Krishna conscious, how it would look like. There would be no material world, which means no suffering, no anxiety, no birth or death, just desire to please Krishna. That would be a highest perfection of our life. I believe, because of Your mercy, one day this dream will come true. And I can't wait to meet You, Krishna and all devotees in the spiritual world.

Hare Krishna.



Your servant,
Arindama Das. Kaunas, Lithuania

Christopher kullmann - Eberbach, Germany – You are my only
Shelter

My Dear Gurudeva,

Every time I think of you I feel being in a big shelter and a loving feeling takes place. Although I am in ignorance, you take care of me and help me to get out of this bad circumstance. You who are a follower of the teachings of Sri Caitanya give me the feeling that you are especially there for me. That is an aspect of your mercy you spread all over wherever you are. Knowing you makes me understand the goal of life - everything needs to be utilized in the service for the Supreme. Krsna may bless you.

Your servant,
Bhakta Christopher

Adelina Vasile - Romania – Bless me to become a better servant

Dear Gurudeva,

I want to thank you for the guidance you have given me in this hard year. Your daily videos and mails have been a constant reminder of how lucky I am to have come across such a pure devotee of Krishna. I appreciate every single one of them and pray that Krishna continues to bless you with strength and power for you to be able to keep doing them. My prayer is also that I become a better servant for you and a better servant for the devotees around me. I pray for your health and well-being in the year to come so that you may continue to travel the world and bless others by sharing Krishna Consciousness.

Thank you again.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Adelina, Romania



Alejandra - United Kingdom – We feel Guided and protected

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev and Gurumataji.

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

Gratitude to Krishna for allowing me to write something to you. I apologize as it is not the most intelligent offering but is full of love for Krishna and you. I had a dream where you, your wife and some of your devotees were on a nice ship. This ship was crossing a big blue ocean. My daughter, husband and myself were in that ship. We felt guided and protected because you and Gurumataji were guiding it. My life feels like that and I am grateful that Krishna has allowed me to meet you in this life and follow your instructions. Gratitude for everything. Haribol

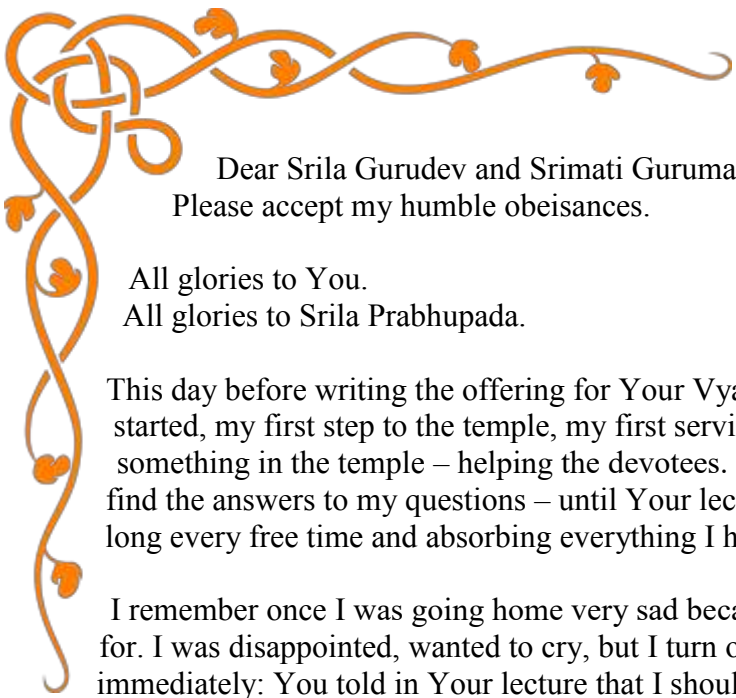
Bhaktin Alejandra De la O tello
Timperley, United Kingdom

Arjuna Sakha dasa - Saint-Petersburg, Russia - True representative of Srila Prabhupada

My dandavat-pranams and high appreciation to bona fide spiritual master His Grace Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari. Thank You for Your Thoughts for today and replies to my questions. My humble obeisance to You, true representative of Srila Prabhupada! You are incarnation of Divine Love and Wisdom. Thank You very much for Your compassion and inspirational attitude, may Lord Krishna bless Your noble service to humanity!.

Your,
Arjuna sakha dasa

Aurinta - Vilnius, Lithuania - Your lectures answer



Dear Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumataji
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to You.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This day before writing the offering for Your Vyasa Puja, I remembered when my search started, my first step to the temple, my first service, new feelings and happiness I felt by doing something in the temple – helping the devotees. I also remembered that sometimes I couldn't find the answers to my questions – until Your lectures came to me. I was listening them all day long every free time and absorbing everything I heard. It helped me very much.

I remember once I was going home very sad because I couldn't get association I was looking for. I was disappointed, wanted to cry, but I turn on one of Your lectures and get the answer immediately: You told in Your lecture that I should be and act in a way that I want to see others to be. To be an example if someone is acting not in the proper way. I was very inspired about this. I actually started to do everything I heard during the lectures.

Now I understand that I started to follow You in the beginning of my practice when I didn't know nothing about Spiritual Masters. It was magical, joyful and full of sincere time. I am very thankful to Lord Krishna for that.

Thank You and Gurumataji for inspiration, for waking me from illusion, for encouragement not to waste our time. Thank You for showing what is loving devotional service.

Thank You for association, because it helps very much to become conscious, thank You for training how to get out of my conditional state.

Thank You for Your kindness. I hope that day will come when I will be able to make You happy with my service and with my whole life.

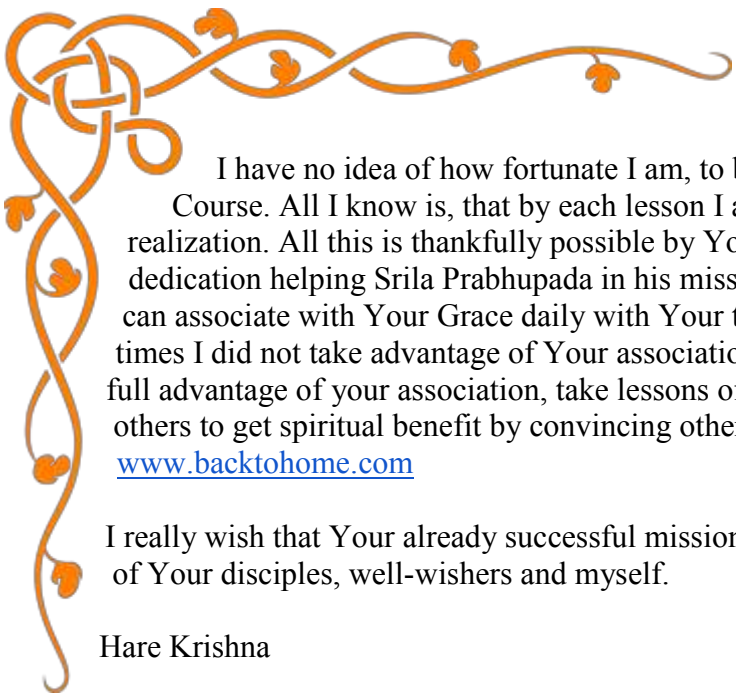
Your servant,
Bhaktin Aurinta, Vilnius, Lithuania

Danilo - Sevnica, Slovenia – I am fortunate

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to You and Gurumataji.

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

Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare!



I have no idea of how fortunate I am, to be part of the Ultimate Self Realization Course. All I know is, that by each lesson I am blessed with the real knowledge of self-realization. All this is thankfully possible by Your kindness, humility, mercy and Your dedication helping Srila Prabhupada in his mission. I am thankful for the opportunity that I can associate with Your Grace daily with Your thoughts and videos for the day. There were times I did not take advantage of Your association, and so now I will dedicate myself to take full advantage of your association, take lessons of the self-realization course regularly and help others to get spiritual benefit by convincing others to sign up for the daily free e-course www.backtohome.com

I really wish that Your already successful mission will be even more successful with the help of Your disciples, well-wishers and myself.

Hare Krishna

In Your service,
Bhakta Danilo. Sevnica, Slovenia

Denia Hood - Radlett, UK – you teach selfless love

Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

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

I am writing to thank you so much for your expert advice, support guidance and love and for inspiring me so much on this Journey! During the past year I have been feeling so much healing and great pleasure in having your shelter.

I have felt your presence in my life to be a precious gift! I want to thank you from the depths of my heart for making yourself available to me and so many others in the way that you do and for the upliftment you bring to all of our lives, for your selfless efforts to spread the rays of Lord Caitanya's Benediction Moon everywhere to one and all!

You are truly doing so much to help uplift humanity at large by sincerely following your Guru Maharajas instructions so expertly! I pray that I may develop a fraction of the sincerity you have for this mission that you do and surely my whole life will be a success.

Recently I have more and more felt so much gratitude to you every day because of the difference your association has had on my Bhajan and for the ecstatic feelings I have felt whilst absorbed in listening to yours! Who would have thought that someone who has had so much trouble and problems in life can be finally healed like this! It is through your Grace that this is possible and I am forever indebted to you for your love and countenance which however small and limited in time in minutes has transcended all boundaries and touched me in places where I had become so numb I thought would never feel again!

Thank you and Vishnu Priya Devi Mataji for selflessly travelling everywhere all over the world to show us the amazing example of how to so excellently execute Krishna Consciousness as a husband and wife team and for always having time for everyone including me and for showing me how to become less self absorbed so that I may focus on serving Krishna and his devotees and for giving encouragement to me to engage myself more and more in Harinam which has become my favourite thing to do!

Thank you for helping me to understand more and more what selfless love is!

Your aspiring and very grateful servant

Bhaktin Denia Hood, Radlett, UK



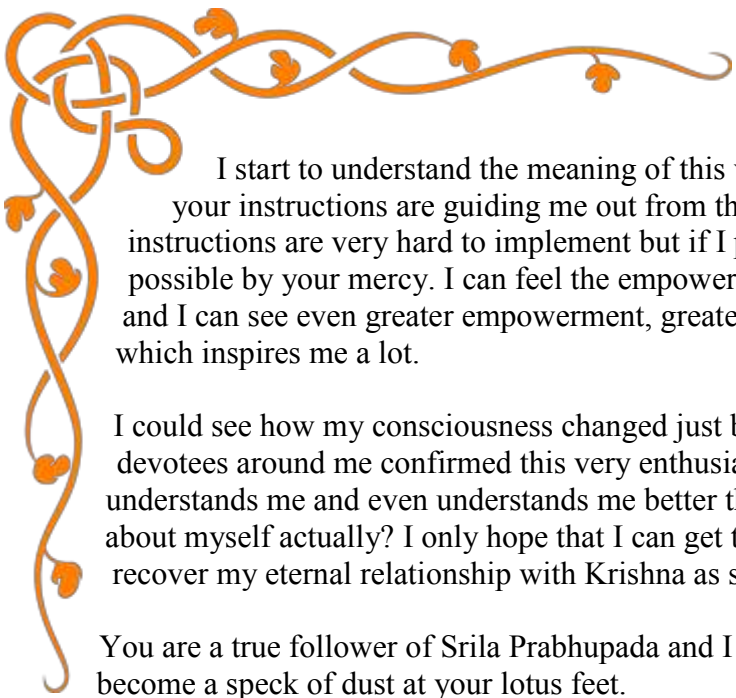
Disciples Celebrating My 70th Birthday in Kaunas, Lithuania

Dovilė Rinkūnaitė - Kaunas, Lithuania - understood

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ



I start to understand the meaning of this verse. I feel as if I was in a dark labyrinth and your instructions are guiding me out from this labyrinth. Even many times I feel that your instructions are very hard to implement but if I put efforts in implementing them, it becomes possible by your mercy. I can feel the empowerment that I get by being connected with you and I can see even greater empowerment, greater faith in my Godbrothers and Godsisters, which inspires me a lot.

I could see how my consciousness changed just by trying to follow your instructions and devotees around me confirmed this very enthusiastically. For the first time I feel that someone understands me and even understands me better than I understand myself. What do I know about myself actually? I only hope that I can get to know my real self soon by your mercy and recover my eternal relationship with Krishna as soon as possible.

You are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada and I aspire to become Your servant. I beg to become a speck of dust at your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant,
Bhaktin Dovilė, Kaunas, Lithuania

Gary Maragh - London, England - soldier on joyfully

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

It saddens many of us to understand you've been unwell with a condition that is causing considerable pain. In response to this, you soldier on joyfully in executing Srila Prabhupada's World deliverance mission. May Krishna bless you always and minimize this discomfort swiftly to a halt.

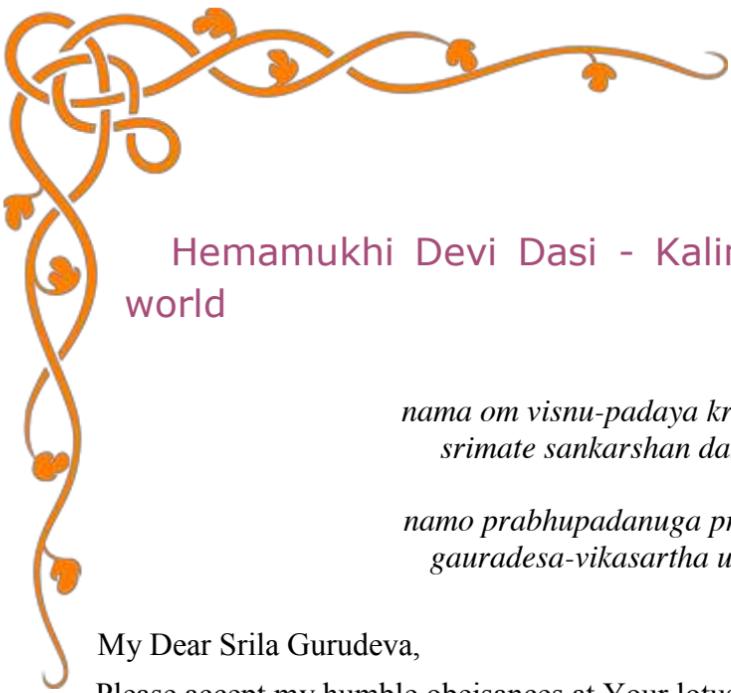
Thank you for facilitating the Ultimate Self Realisation Course so nicely giving all persons a chance to experience the Transcendental bliss of their true nature.

Full of love and compassion for the fallen souls, thank you for the lives and souls you've saved and continue to save with the teachings of Bhakti yoga you deliver most expertly.

Thank you for the wonderful lectures, thoughts for the day and to the inexhaustible kindness and blessings you constantly shower us with.

Congratulations on the Vyasa puja celebration 2017.

Kind Regards,
Gary Maragh. London, England



Hemamukhi Devi Dasi - Kaliningrad, Russia - Live spiritual world

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet.

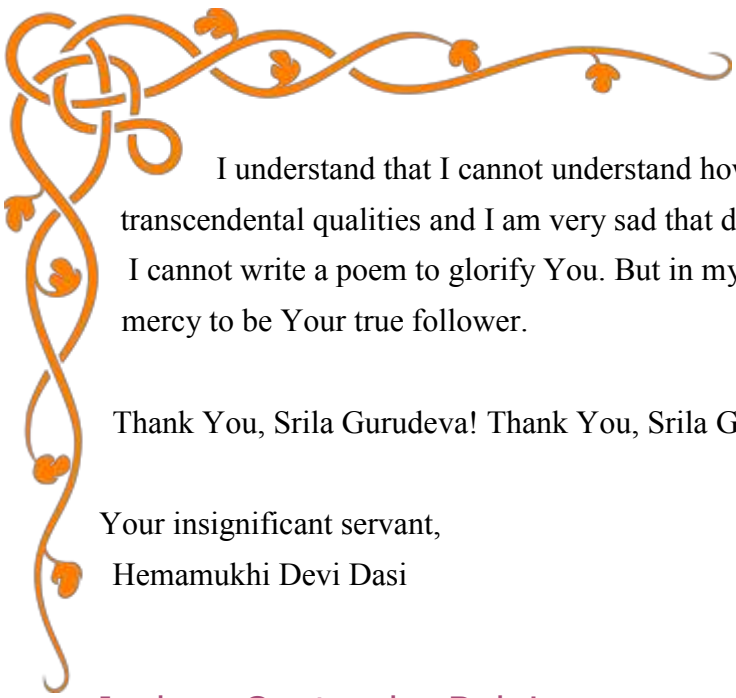
All glories to You! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this auspicious day of Your Divine appearance I want to express my gratitude to You and despite of my disqualification try to glorify Your Divine Grace.

I am very grateful for You, that You let me enter into miraculous world of Krishna consciousness. The more I read Srila Prabhupada's books and books about Srila Prabhupada, the more I chant Holy Names, the more I wake up early in the morning, the more I take prasadam, the more I listen about Krishna consciousness, the more I feel grateful to You, because I know that it was You, who opened the door for me.

You with Gurumataji are like live spiritual world, spreading its atmosphere of love and spiritual bliss anywhere You go. Thank You for showing perfect example how to serve Srila Prabhupada and Krishna without any deviation. By associating with You I get the desire to follow Srila Prabhupada purely. And You give me convenience that this is possible, You give me hope that I can make it. Thank You very much for spiritual strength! You really infect others by virus of pure bhakti!

I am so happy that You with Gurumata gave me birth in Srila Prabhupada's family despite my disqualifications. I hope that somehow, I can correspond to it.



I understand that I cannot understand how great You are and cannot describe all Your transcendental qualities and I am very sad that due to my poor English and spiritual dumbness I cannot write a poem to glorify You. But in my heart, I touch Your feet and beg You for the mercy to be Your true follower.

Thank You, Srila Gurudeva! Thank You, Srila Gurudeva! Thank You!

Your insignificant servant,
Hemamukhi Devi Dasi

Jacky - Oostende, Belgium - serve the devotees

Hare Krishna

I wish you all the best !!

Thank you for your daily help, I am so thankful for you daily lessons! I am learning so much of Swami Prabhupada books, and I am thankful for getting the opportunity to serve devotees! This is something you stress out very much ! I am so grateful for this message, because I am not able to (properly) serve Sri Sri Radha-Gopinatha, but the devotees are ! So I thank you, because you teach me that by serving the Lord's devotees I am serving Radha-Krsna. I kindly ask that I may always serve the Lord's devotees, help the devotees in my little way, and that I may concentrate on the Holy Name of The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. Your mission of bringing the whole world Krishna Consciousness is the most sublime , I hope and pray that your Spiritual Master helps you to accomplish this!

Hare Krishna
Jack, Oostende

Jeanine Stramm - Schwerin, Germany – the light

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master, who is the light of my spiritual path in this world that transfers me out of complete darkness into complete oneness with the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna!

Bhaktin Jeanine Stramm, Schwerin, Germany

John Brown - Stourbridge, United Kingdom - sincere

Hello your grace, as someone who is not a very good follower of yours, but I am trying. I hope your health improves, and just keep telling the message, you always come across as a sincere person, so wishing you the best,

Regards

Bhakta John, Stourbridge, United Kingdom

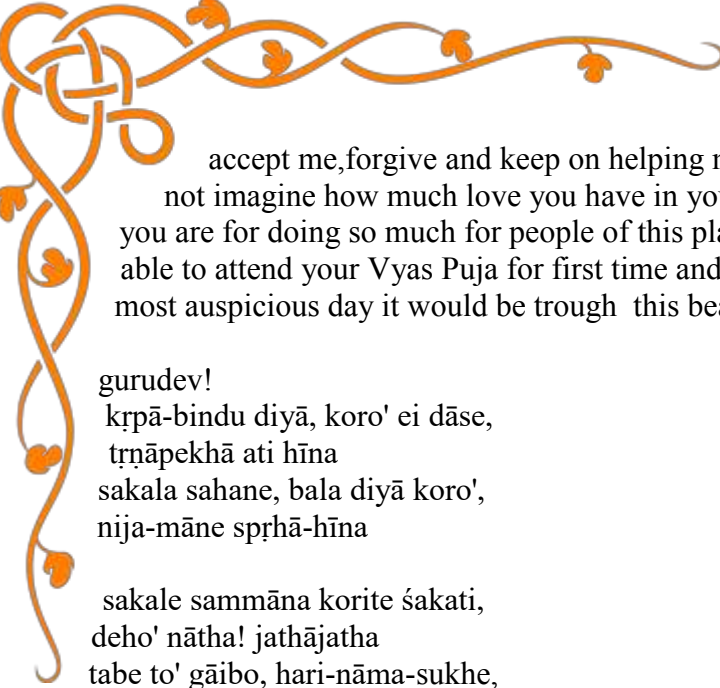


Ecstatic Send Off--What a Blissful Life!

Krishnamayi devi dasi, Lithuania - you are a beautiful example

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

thank you for all your guidance on my spiritual path. You are setting up beautiful example for common people to follow, Having such divine qualities and doing so much for all of us, giving all your life and soul to save us from material illusions. Thank you for coming to this material world to take us back to spiritual world where we belong to be in. Million of words would not describe how I feel about you and your unlimited mercy showered upon me. You are tolerating me for all these years and no matter with what silly Ideas or situations I approach you, you



accept me, forgive and keep on helping me, pulling me out of darkness I am in. I do not imagine how much love you have in your heart and in what state of consciousness you are for doing so much for people of this planet. I am devastated and crying that I am not able to attend your Vyas Puja for first time and best way I could express myself on this most auspicious day it would be through this beautiful bhajan :

gurudev!
kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,
tṛṇāpekṣā ati hīna
sakala sahane, bala diyā koro',
nija-māne sprṇā-hīna

sakale sammāna korite śakati,
deho' nātha! jathājatha
tabe to' gāibo, hari-nāma-sukhe,
aparādha ha 'be hata

kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana,
kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!
śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna,
koro' more ātma-sātha

jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi,
tomāra karuṇā-sāra
karuṇā nā hoile, kāndiyā kāndiyā,
prāṇa nā rākhibo āra

Gurudeva, O spiritual master! 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.

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.

I bow down at your divine lotus feet and humbly beg for your blessings

Your servant,
Krishnamayi devi dasi



Super Ecstatic Farewell--Kaunas, Lithuania

Leva Turulyte - Panevezys, Lithuania – true devotee

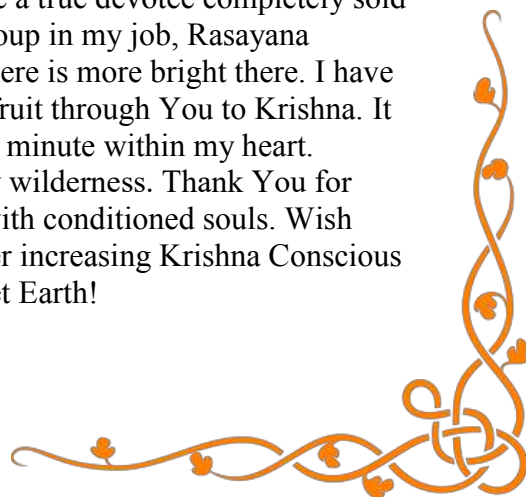
Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, to You and all ISKCON heroes.

It is only third offering to You from me. I know you mostly from the Internet lectures, writings and You are my very Dear Internet Guru.

The Spiritual master writes in the hearts of the devotees. I sometimes ask You something by e-mail and have to express my gratitude for Your encouragement. Your signature which I see every day on your Daily Thoughts is so genuine, vivid, artistic, even laughable, going only ahead, to eternity. You are better than any Shakespeare. I still have obstacles in my practice, but little by little I grow bhakti in my heart and hope one day I will be a true devotee completely sold out to You and Krishna. When I am making cocktails or offer a soup in my job, Rasayana restaurant, I chant your pranam mantras and it seems the atmosphere is more bright there. I have Your picture at home and when no one sees I offer a flower or a fruit through You to Krishna. It was so wonderful that You wrote I can have Your sanga at every minute within my heart. Prabhupada's teachings are so refreshing, like water source in my wilderness. Thank You for kindness, dedication and this timeless treasure which you share with conditioned souls. Wish You brilliant health, more devotees in this world and ecstatic, ever increasing Krishna Conscious journeys! Let the Satya Age breath deeply and freely on the planet Earth!





Your student,
Leva Turulyte. Panevezys, Lithuania

Lila-shuka Dasa – Tallinn, Estonia - Always conscious of Krishna

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

Thank you for always loving Krishna.
Thank you for always living the life of full Krishna consciousness and showing the best example for me by always following the four regulative principles, always chanting 16 rounds on the beads, always taking part of mangala-arati, always being absorbed in the Srimad-bhagavatam, always being absorbed in kirtan, always being in the association of devotees, always serving the devotees, always serving Sri Sri Radha Damodara with full love and devotion, always living in accordance to Krishna conscious principles as they are taught by Srila Prabhupada and the predecessor acharyas, always preaching Krishna consciousness for the real welfare of all living beings, always living in the holy dhama and always being available to guide me.

My desire is to also live a life of full Krishna consciousness as you do and preach Krishna consciousness throughout my whole lifetime. Please bless me and guide me. I am in full Maya. I try to be a good disciple. I am sure that under your expert guidance even I can revive my Krishna consciousness and also fall in love with Krishna.

Your eternal servant,
Lila-shuka Dasa

Maria Georgieva - Sofia, Bulgaria - Dear to our Krishna

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you my Gurudeva!

I would like to thank you my Gurudeva for taking me under your shoulders and helping to clean myself from all material desires. Thank you Gurudeva for spending your life time teaching fallen people like me the real meaning of life.

Dear Gurudeva, I so wished you could be daily in our temple in Sofia and I could see you and hear your lectures and words of wisdom. You are so Dear to our Krishna and only with your mercy will Lord Krishna hear my prayers and accept me back home.

The first time I had the chance to meet you, I was blessed with the honour of becoming your student. When I listened to your lovely Kirtan my soul was filled with joy and bliss. Your lectures are always down to earth and easy to follow and understand.

Dear Gurudeva thank you for accepting and taking me with you to the journey “back home” to our Lord Krishna. I feel so honoured to be your student and I feel so honoured to receive the precious knowledge of Krishna Consciousness.

Dear Gurudeva I pray for your health and well-being, and I pray that many more people will be honoured with the chance of becoming your students, may your wisdom free our souls of the material world and take us back home to our beloved Krishna.

Please my Dear Gurudeva, never forget about me and always keep me down at your Lotus feet, because only there will this soul be rescued.

I am waiting here to serve you and all your devotees!

Thank you Dear Srila Gurudeva!

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

Your servant,
Bhaktin Maria Georgieva. Sofia, Bulgaria



Bhagavad-Gita Lecture--Burgas, Bulgaria--27 August 2017



Natalia - Tallinn, Estonia – delivery from Maya's clutches

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

Please let me express my gratitude to You and Vishnupriya Mataji on Your Vyasa Puja and paste a verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 11.3.21

tasmād guruṁ prapadyeta
jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātām
brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam

Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bona fide Spiritual Master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bona fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bona fide Spiritual Masters...because You and Mataji Vishnupriya are undoubtedly the bona fide Spiritual Masters! By Your causeless mercy I am becoming more and more detached from material sense gratification and attaining greater taste for Krishna consciousness! By perfectly serving Srila Prabhupada's and Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission, by spreading transcendental knowledge of Pure Devotional service You keep delivering from the Maya's clutches all sleeping souls of this hellish world! Thank You!!!

Your servant,
Bhaktin Natalia. Tallinn, Estonia

Nuria - Italy - I received lots of inspiration!

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

I would like to thank Sankarshan Das Adhikari for his services and especially the email courses of Bhagavad-gita and Srila Prabhupada books. I attended to some of them and I received lots of inspiration!

Bhaktin Nuria. Italy



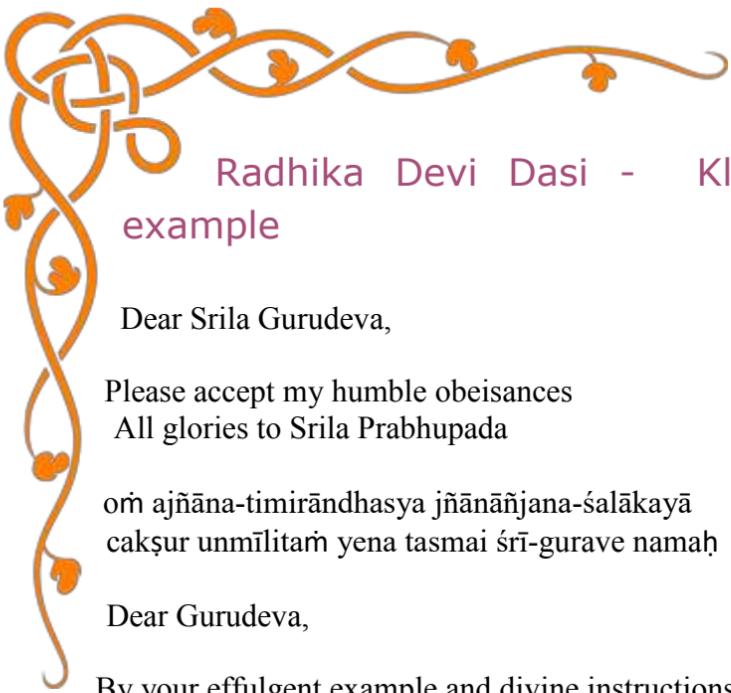
Initiation Ceremony--Kaunas, Lithuania--6 May 2017

Radharaman das – Rokiskis, Lithuania – forever indebted

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

With most respect and humility I bow down at your divine lotus feet. All glories to You. You always support us with your blessings, give us an opportunity to pray to the Holy Name, Srila Prabhupada and vaisnavas. I always tried to remember your instructions, even though it is not easy to follow them. You have given all your life to the mission of giving Srila Prabhupada's instructions for the whole suffering humanity. You have received his blessings and are always loyal to him. You are a humble servant of Srila Prabhupada and there is no better position. I always pray that I would firmly follow your instructions, because I accept them as the most important reference of life. Dear Gurudeva, please bless us, that we could also follow Your instructions and we weren't tossed like a ship in a storm. I beg you to deliver me from lust, greed, envy, anger and all that is in the way of spiritual development. You came into my life and embraced me with divine love. I am forever indebted to You, Dear Srila Gurudeva. I wish you strong health.

You eternal servant,
Radharaman Das, Rokiskis, Lithuania



Radhika Devi Dasi - Klaipeda, Lithuania – effulgent example

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Dear Gurudeva,

By your effulgent example and divine instructions you imprinted the desire of love of Godhead onto my heart. Even a single glance at your image in the midst of the toughest challenges give me strength, sense of direction and remind me of the goal of my life.

You show us the perfect example of devotion to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You are my supreme protection, supreme strength and the embodiment of the ultimate path.

Thank you for your causeless mercy. You planted the seed of love of Kṛṣṇa in my life and are expertly guiding me by showing the supreme example and leaving most merciful clues of nectarine instructions in my path.

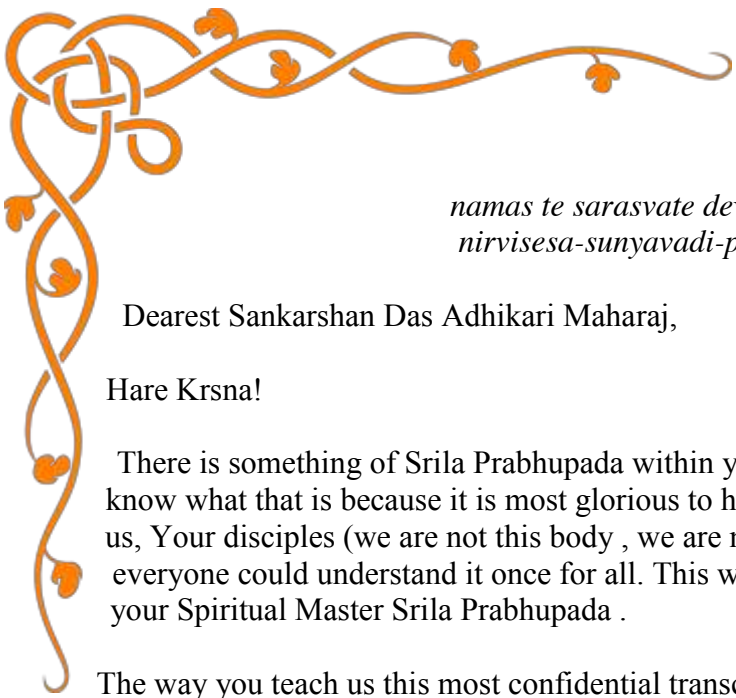
Praying to become a pleasing disciple,

Radhika Devi Dasi, Klaipeda, Lithuania

Rughoo Babu (Ashok) - Verdun, France – need you

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.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*



*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascadya-desa-tarine*

Dearest Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj,

Hare Krsna!

There is something of Srila Prabhupada within you and it cannot be otherwise. You definitely know what that is because it is most glorious to hear you always repeating and specifying to us, Your disciples (we are not this body , we are not this body) . It would have been better if everyone could understand it once for all. This would be a great step in your mission towards your Spiritual Master Srila Prabhupada .

The way you teach us this most confidential transcendental knowledge emphasizing on certain important facts to retain, impregnate our mind in such a way that there is no gap left for Maya to enter.

Thus you train us not to cope with life but to be able to strive for perfection in everything concerning the self.

Everyone of Your disciples will agree with me that the more we associate with you the more we come to love you and we won't forget our affection for our Guru Mataji too . Like the Sun and the Moon you are always both in our heart day and night .

As you emphasize regularly on the number of rounds of the holy name , to end my offering I shall just quote from the siksastakam (Caitanya-caritamrta..antya-lila 20.21) and from the Caitanya-caritamrta -- Adi-lila 17.21:

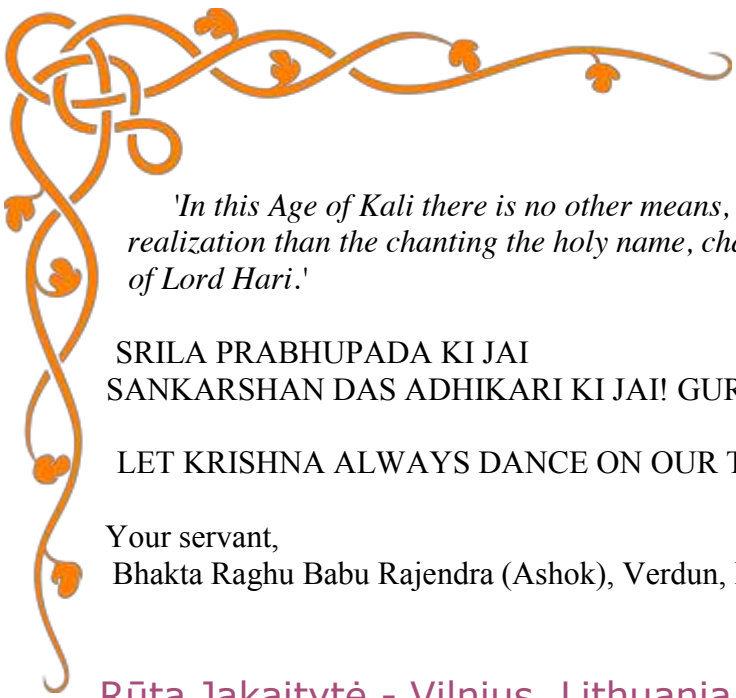
trinad api sunicena
taror api sahishnuna
amanina mana dena
kirtaniya sada harih

param vijayate sri-krishna-sankirtanam

'One who thinks himself lower than the grass, who is more tolerant than a tree, and who does not expect personal honor but is always prepared to give all respect to others can very easily always chant the holy name of the Lord.'

All glories to the Sri Krishna Sankirtana!

harer nama harer nama
harer namaiva kevalam
kalau nasty eva nasty eva
nasty eva gatir anyatha



'In this Age of Kali there is no other means, no other means, no other means for self-realization than the chanting the holy name, chanting the holy name, chanting the holy name of Lord Hari.'

SRILA PRABHUPADA KI JAI
SANKARSHAN DAS ADHIKARI KI JAI! GURU MATAJI KI JAI!

LET KRISHNA ALWAYS DANCE ON OUR TONGUE.

Your servant,
Bhakta Raghu Babu Rajendra (Ashok), Verdun, France

Rūta Jakaitytė - Vilnius, Lithuania - Thought for the Day!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

All glories to You!

Please let me express my appreciation by unaccomplished but sincere poem.

Since I saw you once playing kirtan
Accidentally found on Youtube
Nothing compares to that fun
Krishna has made you so cool!
And here in the e-course I learn
Real knowledge worth stars in the sky
Spent time on your lessons, be sure
How could one ever your mercy deny?
And guess, in the morning what's the first thing I check?
Neither bank balance nor how is my pet
Dare I to tell - it's your Thought For The Day!
And much much much more is worthy to say
Someone inspires me everyday, and in the very first letters you will find his true name.

Your student,
Bhaktin Rūta. Vilnius, Lithuania

Viktorija Volkmann - Klaipeda, Lithuania - wish you good health

Hare Krishna, I am so blessed that I met you, and want to wish you good health, deep love for Krishna and good community. Be blessed by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada!

Bhaktin Viktorija Volkmann. Klaipeda, Lithuania



Zivile Vilkeviciute - Kaunas, Lithuania - Krishna helped find You

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

It is my first time when I am writing the offerings to Spiritual Master. These years were the best in my life, because Krishna helped me to find my Guru, he sent you in my life. And this year I could be with you and Guru Mata in Vrindavan, to celebrate Vyasa Puja.

Dear Gurudeva, thank you for being such a great example to all devotees, for answering in all the questions, giving the best instructions to all people. When I saw you the first time I understood, that you are my Guru, when I listened your first lecture and you answered the Devotees' questions I understood that I should follow your instructions and take the shelter to your Lotus feet. You are my spiritual father, which I never had before. Thank you for being in ecstatic mood whatever happens, thank you for spreading the knowledges about Krishna consciousness all over the world. Thank you for visiting Lithuania every year! I wish you all the best my Dear Gurudeva!

Your servant,
Bhaktin Zivile
Kaunas, Lithuania

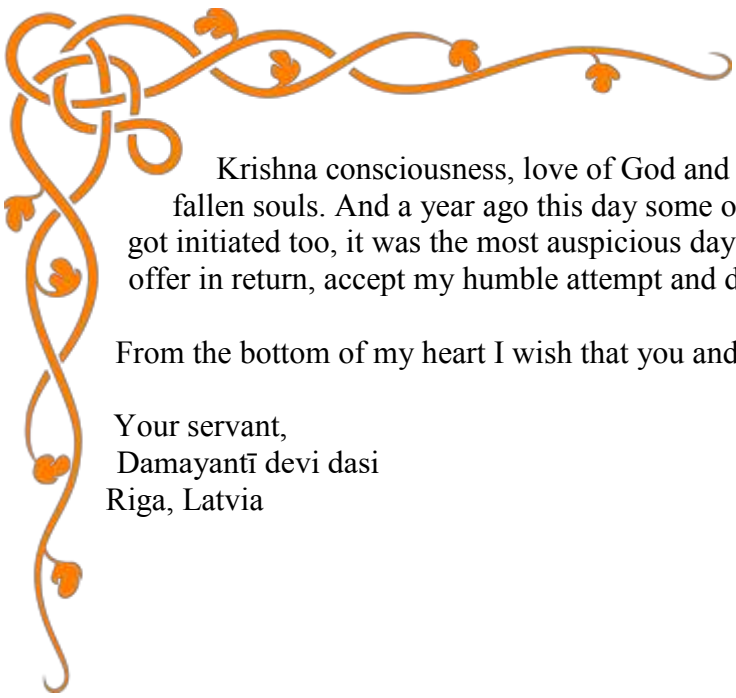
Damayantī Devi Dasi - Riga, Latvia - the perfect representative

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to Your lotus feet.

I am very thankful for a chance to write some lines on this auspicious day, which is Your appearance day. I have to say thanks again and again that I have met you Srila Gurudeva and you have met Srila Prabhupada. Cause you are the perfect representative of Him by not changing anything and simply sharing his message.

Despite of suffering of the body you show by Your divine example how should we accept disease of this body and material misfortune by remembering Queen Kunti's prayers. It's amazing, how much bliss and knowledge You are sharing Srila Gurudeva.

What really important to you is your preaching mission and because of Your and Gurumataji care I was able to start practicing Krishna consciousness. Your perfect practical example of



Krishna consciousness, love of God and enthusiasm are ways to the hearts of the fallen souls. And a year ago this day some of these souls received initiation, it was a day I got initiated too, it was the most auspicious day in my life. I have nothing worth enough to offer in return, accept my humble attempt and desire to serve you again and again.

From the bottom of my heart I wish that you and Gurumataji remain in good health.

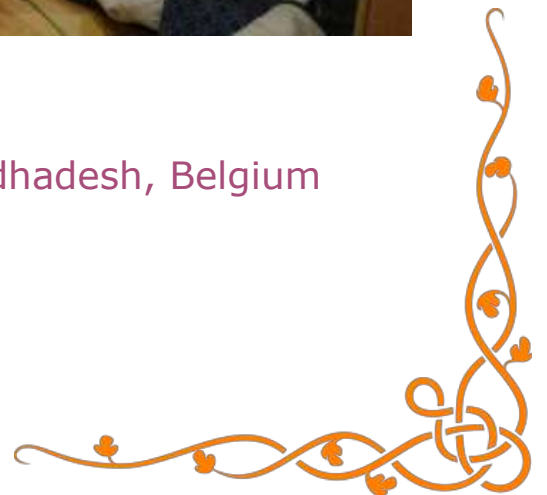
Your servant,
Damayantī devi dasi
Riga, Latvia

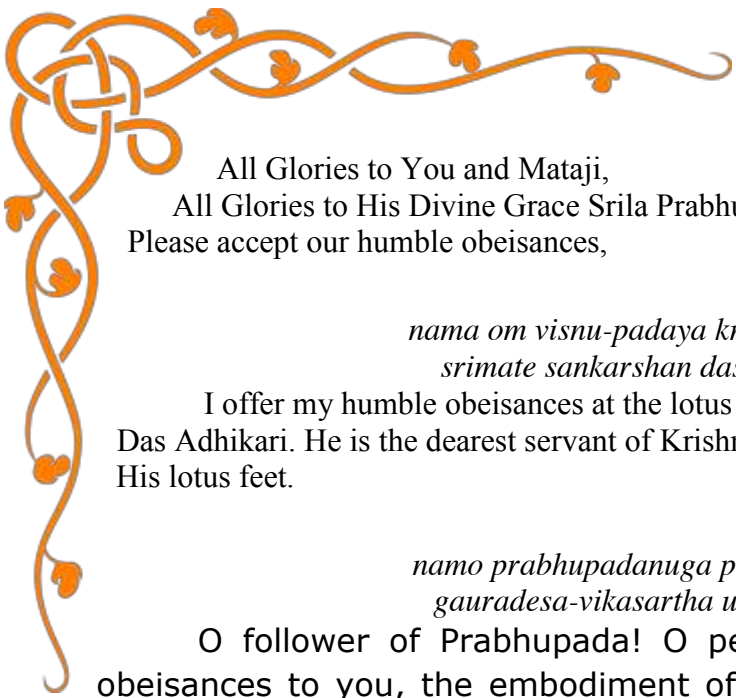


Sunday Feast Lecture--Riga, Latvia--30 October 2016

Dasarath Das and Mandakini Devi Dasi - Radhadesh, Belgium

Dear Gurudeva,





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

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

Dear Gurudeva, every year we are realizing more and more that we need Your guidance so much.

We see that in spite of Your health problems You go on with Your world tour, and keep preaching so strongly.

It is amazing and for us so inspiring to see that nothing can stop You.

It is also very motivating for us when we read all that nice answers.

You give answers to everyone who writes to You.

And always right to the point not the slightest deviation.

Always very direct and correct so nobody can be confused, just like Srila Prabhupada did.

Hoping that You and Gurumataji still can stay with us for a long time and that Your preaching tour can go on and on in the best of all circumstances.

Mandakini and I are praying that your health may improve and are really hoping to meet You and Gurumataji once again.

Your unworthy servants,
Dasarath Das and Mandakini Devi Dasi.



Bhakta Daivas Becomes Dhruvanath Das

Dhruvanath Das - Kaunas, Lithuania - Make me qualified

Hare Krishna, my Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

Dear Srila Gurudev I have to admit, that I totally do not understand your glories. And how much glorious your life is because you have fully surrendered your life for the mission of Srila Prabhupada. What you preaching for us, Your disciples, that we should take Spiritual Master's instructions as our own life and soul, and only by fully surrendering to the lotus feet of Spiritual Master we can reach Lord Sri Krishna, this main feature of surrendering our life for pleasing our Spiritual Master and the Vaishnavas is present in your every word, thought and deed in every condition of your life.

Therefore I can see that the divine instruction flowing from your heart with so much enthusiasm that it melts hearts of the biggest materialists. I am the proof that your words are working. I have experienced how your powerful words can break my heart walls. This is most amazing miracle... I would like that all my life actions, thoughts, words and all my life would exist only for pleasing you and Srila Prabhupada. I would like to preach and represent Srila Prabhupada teachings as pure as they are, that everyone could realize how precious and valuable it is.

I have no doubts that one day by Your and other disciples of Srila Prabhupada divine potency whole world will become Krishna Conscious. I hope, I can also see how this will happen.

Dear Srila Gurudev although I am worse than animal because I am too much attached to my mundane habits, in every step I am making thousands of offenses. Therefore please forgive me and make me saintly devotee of the Lord. Only by the mercy of Spiritual Master one can get the mercy of the Lord. And that mercy is, as I have heard from your lectures, to see the Lord face to face. Krishna reveals Himself only for those who has taken shelter of Spiritual Master's instructions.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude that you are tolerating my offenses and not neglecting me. I do not deserve this, but Krishna kindly gave me this opportunity to meet you a bona fide Spiritual Master and get out of this material nature. I'm praying for Nitai Gaura Candra that I will never forget about your unconditional mercy, and that I could always count your blessings upon me and feel grateful for this priceless gifts.

My beloved Spiritual Master and Srimati Gurumataji please kindly make me qualified to be Your servant and use me to dance in the way you like. Make me qualified to become personification of Srila Prabhupada books exactly like you are.

Aspiring to be Your disciple,

Dhruvanath Das



Super Blissful Devotees in Kaunas, Lithuania--20 October 2016



Gandharvika Devi Dasi - Siauliai, Lithuania - auspicious

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Kindly please accept my humble obeisances unto the dust of Your lotus feet...
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,
tomara karuna—sara
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,
prana na rakhibo ara

You are the star of my life, Spiritual Master, Whose auspicious name is Sankarshan Das Adhikari. Without Your mercy I am lost.
You are very dear!
Please, kindly let me be near.

The album ‘Our Sweet Lord’ is so powerful. Very amazing, may it be utilized as You wanted and more.

Thank You very much!

Thank you so much for amazing investment into minds and souls!

May Krishna let You continue Your mission and become Jagad Guru.

Me, if without Your help, is always a lack of auspiciousness. I beg, Srila Gurudeva, for even more association with Your Divine Grace and Guru Mata...

Srila Gurudeva! You already did so wonderful miracles for me and others! ...

And all of this I still consider hidden without real ecstatic confrontation, yet.

One day we all realize, how much amazing and powerful Your association is in truth.

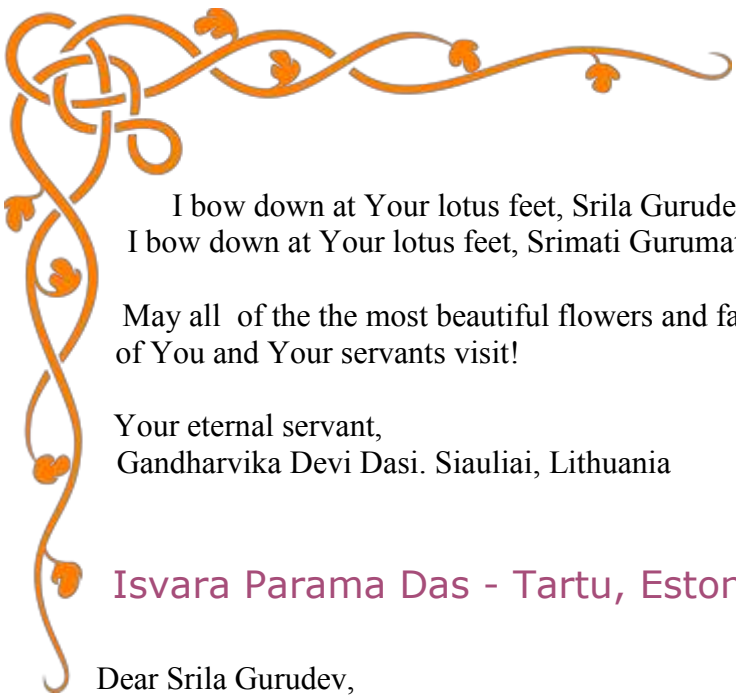
My wonderful respected Dear Spiritual Master, please, let me kindly experience more ecstasy from sharing Krishna consciousness with others, please, let me kindly feel constant connection with His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Please, let me be resistant to impact of Maya!

Please, if You prefer, just make an impact on my intelligence, so that I always experience and realize Krishna everywhere and in every living being with enthusiasm and compassion.

I would like to love You from all my heart, Srila Gurudeva, Srimati Gurumataji.

My Dear eternal parents..



I bow down at Your lotus feet, Srila Gurudeva, begging for mercy..
I bow down at Your lotus feet, Srimati Gurumataji, begging for mercy..

May all of the the most beautiful flowers and faces of the world decorate all the places both
of You and Your servants visit!

Your eternal servant,
Gandharvika Devi Dasi. Siauliai, Lithuania

Isvara Parama Das - Tartu, Estonia - You very clearly speak

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you for travelling – I would have not found myself and you without that . And now also
my hopes for self realization are fully dependent on you. You very clearly speak what Srila
Prabhupada presented – I pray that my consciousness would be purified by your words
independent of mundane forces.

I am again amazed about the kind care you, Gurumataji and also disciples share like in family. It
is your mercy what makes advancement possible. I hope some day I could genuinely please you.

Your servant,
Isvara Parama Das. Tartu, Estonia

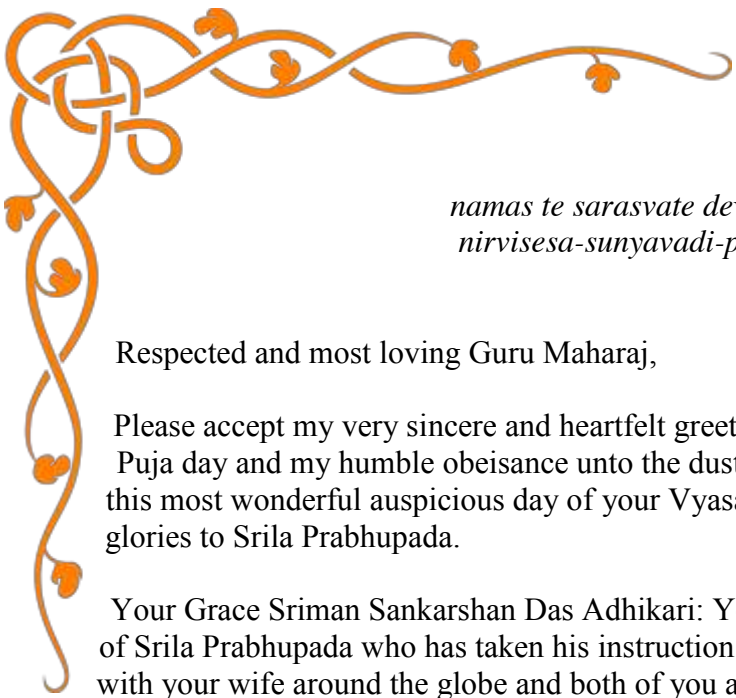
Jagdisananda Das - Gaborone, Botswana – we are fortunate

Sri Vyasa-Puja Offering to His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

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

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*



*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

Respected and most loving Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my very sincere and heartfelt greetings and best wishes on your happy Vyasa Puja day and my humble obeisance unto the dust of your lotus feet. All glories unto you on this most wonderful auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari: You are a very special and a dedicated disciple of Srila Prabhupada who has taken his instruction so deeply in your heart that you are travelling with your wife around the globe and both of you are preaching the most sublime message of the Supreme Personality of Godhead in disciplic succession. You are an exceptionally brilliant example to show that even in family life one can be a wonderful devotee and preach Krishna Consciousness and thus prepare to go back to Godhead and take millions of other to follow your footsteps.

It is a most difficult task to put in just a few words of offering on your special day to describe your magnanimous personality of compassion and kindness towards all living beings. You have a deep understanding of the Vedic literature and you are distributing it to a lot of needy and forgetful spirit souls reconnecting them with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. I am very much proud of you. I have enjoyed very much your ecstatic Kirtans at a few places and these are also available on your website. I am sure that numerous persons whoever have come across with you in either listening to your preaching and even melodious singing will join me in applauding your extraordinary capabilities.

Your daily Thought For The Day provides a good nourishment to the body, mind and soul and truly very inspiring. All of us perhaps in several thousand who are in your mailing list are very fortunate and I am sure that they all take pretty good interest in knowing who is God, how and why we must love Him, and what is our duty in this life etc. to make us so clear in the divine message daily we receive from your grace reaching vide emails. Thank you very much for this wonderful service to Srila Prabhupada.

Today we take pride in glorifying you on your Happy Sri Vyasa-Puja Day being celebrated on 14 October 2017 in Vrindavan, Bharat in Kartik month. Sri Vyasa-Puja ki jaya! Hare Krishna!

Your humble servant,
Jagdisananda Das (GRS), (Professor J. Prakash, Department of Mathematics, University of Botswana), Gaborone, Botswana



Bhakta Marius Become Madan Mohan Das

Kunda Lata Devi Dasi - Kaunas. Lithuania – swimming out

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to You on Your most auspicious appearance day!

I fell down into an ocean of material suffering but by Your mercy I can swim out of here little by little. I can chant the Holy Names of God by Your mercy. I can follow your teachings by Your mercy... Dear Srila Gurudeva, I desire to grab Your Lotus Feet and never let go of them. I wish to remain Your servant eternally. I wish that one day I would understand how much I received from You, I wish I could understand that I would not be able to progress spiritually without Your mercy. Dear Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Guru Mata, thank you for saving me.

Your eternal and insignificant servant,
Kunda Lata Devi Dasi

Madhusudhana Das - Rozalin, Warszawa, Poland - Beautiful

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances,

All Glories to You, All Glories to Guru Mataji,

All Glories to His Divine Grace Tridandi Goswami AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

On this special day I wanted to thank You for giving me a chance to follow You and getting a little more understanding of the surrender process to Sri Sri Radha Krsna. Thank You for giving me the opportunity of being involved in the bhakti yoga process by which my heart is slowly becoming cleansed.

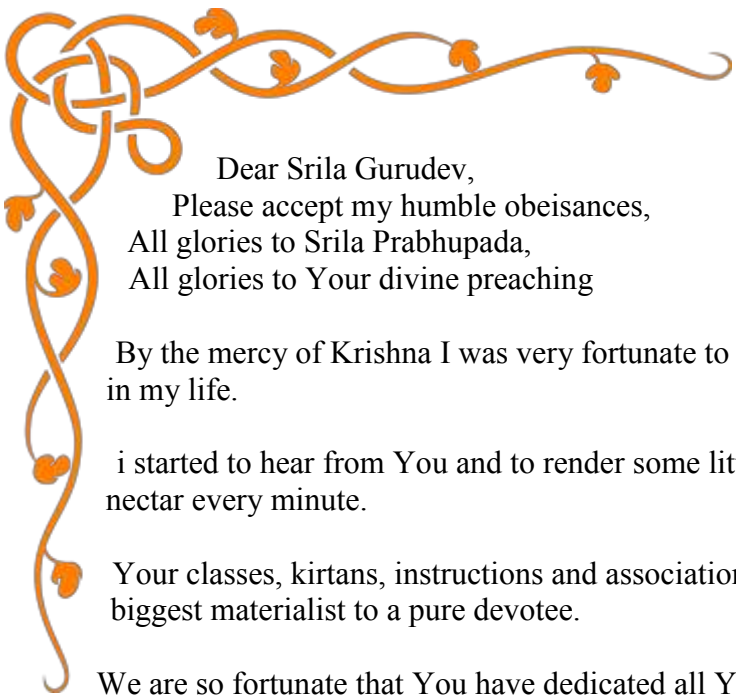
The reality in which I live changes more and more into a beautiful world of Krsna Consciousness, in the effect of which I can have better loving relationships with all living entities.

Your servant,
Madhusudhana Das.



Loving Send Off--Sofia, Bulgaria--31 August 2017

Nitai Candra Das - Aheloy, Bulgaria - The sweetest nectar



Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your divine preaching

By the mercy of Krishna I was very fortunate to meet You and this was very special moment in my life.

i started to hear from You and to render some little service to You and this was the sweetest nectar every minute.

Your classes, kirtans, instructions and association are so sweet that can transform even the biggest materialist to a pure devotee.

We are so fortunate that You have dedicated all Your life to the service of Srila Prabhupada and Krishna.

During Your last visit in Bulgaria I saw that You are completely in Krishna consciousness every minute even when Your body was in great pain.

I pray and hope one day I will completely surrender my life to You and to help You to make the whole world Krishna conscious as soon as possible.

Your eternal servant,
Nitai Candra das.

Pritha Devi Dasi - Loughborough, UK- saving a dwarf

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

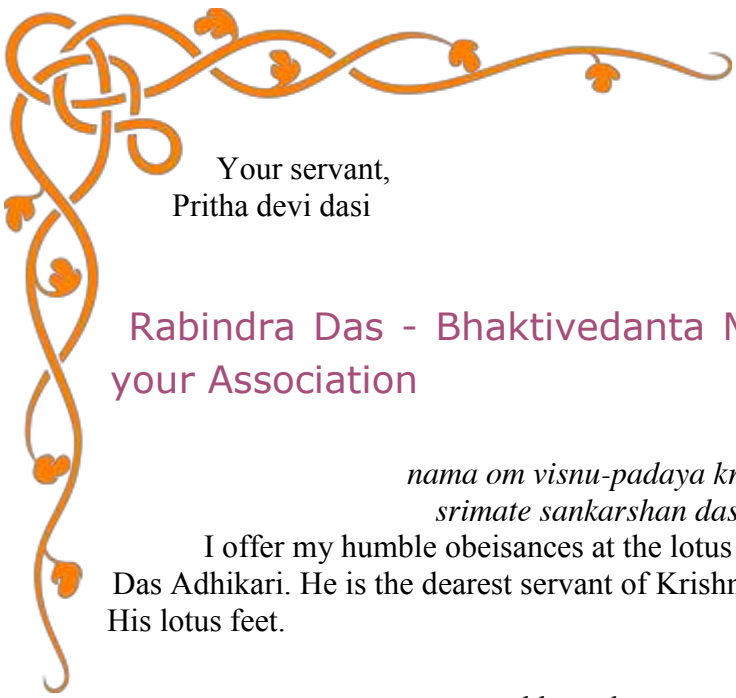
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your causeless mercy has permeated into my life and I am so grateful. Thank you for guiding me not only through your wonderful words through your course, daily videos or personal emails; but also through the perfect way you have dedicated your life to Srila Prabhupada.

In the Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, there is a verse that really sums up how I feel:

“Indeed, we are like a dwarf who wants to capture the moon. Although we are completely unfit, a desire to receive Your mercy is awakening within our minds.”

This is my position, Please accept my weak attempt at serving you. All I can do is try my best in serving you with my every thought, word and deed and strictly follow your instructions.



Your servant,
Pritha devi dasi

Rabindra Das - Bhaktivedanta Manor, UK – Found my way by
your Association

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

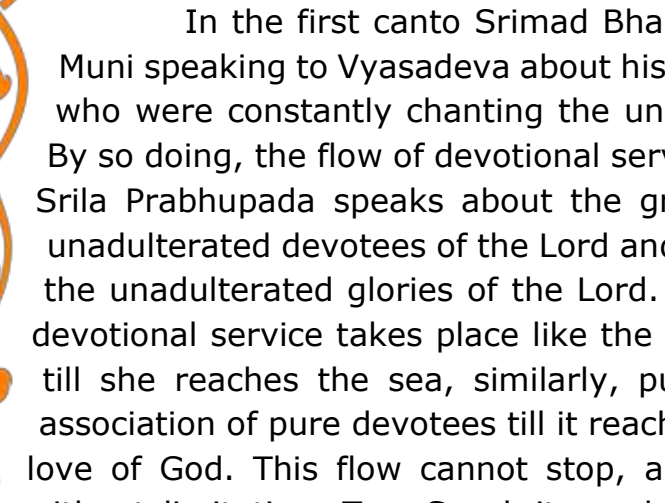
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gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

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.

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

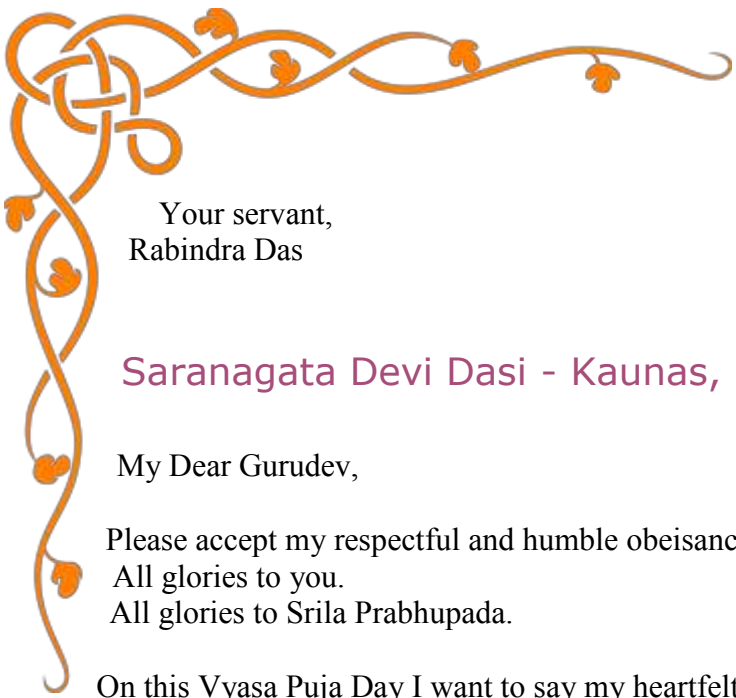
On this special day of your appearance, I would like to express my deepest thanks to you for continuing Srila Prabhupada's mission and for accepting me as Your servant by giving me spiritual initiation. Clearly, to spread this mission is no easy task, in fact, as we all witness, it has required so much of spiritual strength and determination, even when your body has wanted to delay for some time you have pressed forward with the preaching mission only because you had a strong sense of the need for the mission to continue on! That is a fact that leaves us all in awe! As for giving me spiritual initiation, well that also is a wondrous thing because I could never have foreseen such a thing occurring in my life. Yet we sing the prayers of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura every day! – *yasya prasada* – by the mercy of the Spiritual Master – the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead – is revealed! It is said that knowledge of the Absolute Truth is not very easily understood by ordinary, less-intelligent men. But if the Spiritual Master is kind enough to the disciple, however unintelligent the disciple may be, then by the Divine Grace of the Spiritual Master, everything is revealed. Dear Gurudeva, you have been so kind to give me this Diksa when I clearly am not the most intelligent or qualified of men. But such kindness demands from my part that I make a sincere and honest attempt to reach toward the Lotus Feet of the Lord, following in your footsteps.



In the first canto Srimad Bhagavatam, chapter 5, we find Narada Muni speaking to Vyasadeva about his hearing from the great-souled sages who were constantly chanting the unadulterated glories of the Lord Hari. By so doing, the flow of devotional service began in his life. In his purports, Srila Prabhupada speaks about the great fortune of associating with the unadulterated devotees of the Lord and thereby, getting the chance to hear the unadulterated glories of the Lord. In this way, the dormant instinct of devotional service takes place like the flow of a river. As the river flows on till she reaches the sea, similarly, pure devotional service flows by the association of pure devotees till it reaches the ultimate goal, transcendental love of God. This flow cannot stop, actually it increases more and more without limitation. Two Sanskrit words are used in this verse to describe those great-souled sages; *mahatma* and *muni*. Muni means philosopher and Mahatma means God-realized – that person who has understood Krsna!

Dear Gurudeva, I see these two qualities in you; great philosopher and one who is God-realized. When I hear you speak, I understand very well the deeper significances of sastra. You bring the underlying truths into a modern perspective that sheds a light of illumination on the illusory aspects of life, that can so easily keep us bound here if we remain separate from the Lord and the necessity of surrendering to the Lord, so that we might make our lives perfect and return to the spiritual realm to continue our pastimes with the Lord. Such instruction is the highest of all possible instructions and is the greatest of all boons. But such knowledge only really becomes potent when it is offered by one who has understood the truth and with this you are kindly guiding Your disciples. By the association of Your Grace and of Srimati Vishnupriya devi dasi. I have so many times felt that I have a spiritual home. I know that this is because you are both such elevated souls, that just like Narada found his way by hearing from the sages, so I begin to find my way by your association. And with this boon, I can more easily take advantage of my life as a devotee in the temple and associate with the other aspiring devotees.

Please have a wonderful Vyasa Puja day and remain with us as long as is necessary to continue giving instruction, so that we in turn can attempt to do the same for the conditioned souls who have still not given their hearts to the Lord.



Your servant,
Rabindra Das

Saranagata Devi Dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania - good health

My Dear Gurudev,

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

On this Vyasa Puja Day I want to say my heartfelt thanks to you, Dear Gurudev.
Thank you for teaching how to put on the light in the dark, thank you for giving back the hope,
for teaching the soul how to fly...

Thank you for being and for leading to the real happiness by the path of Absolute Truth.

I wish you good health and a lot of strength.

Your insignificant servant,
Saranagata Devi Dasi.

Sarvabhauma Das - Sofia, Bulgaria - The real service

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

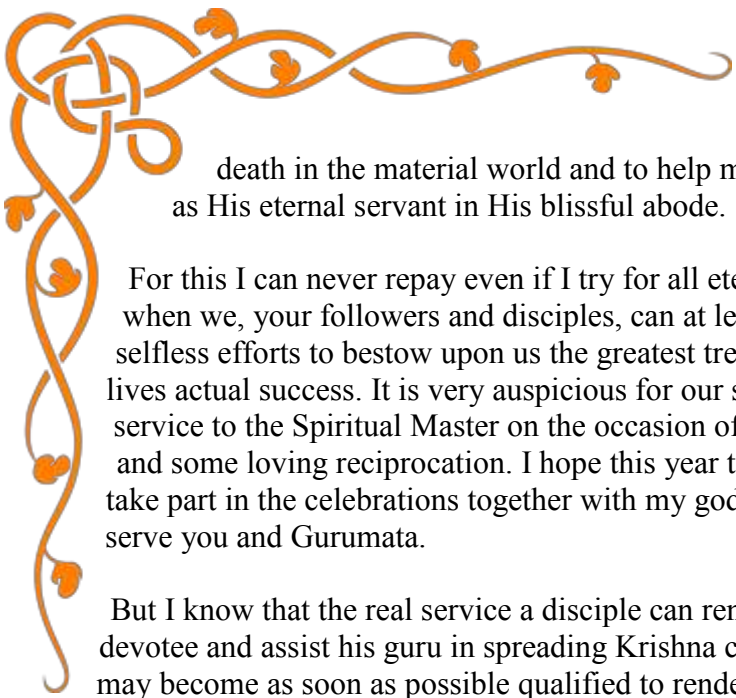
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srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

It is my great privilege and incredibly good fortune that the supremely merciful Lord Shri Krishna and His dearmost associate His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada had sent you as my guide, protector and Spiritual Master to deliver me from this vicious cycle of repeated birth and



death in the material world and to help me reinstate my original constitutional position as His eternal servant in His blissful abode.

For this I can never repay even if I try for all eternity. Your Vyasa Puja is one such occasion when we, your followers and disciples, can at least try to express our gratitude for all your selfless efforts to bestow upon us the greatest treasure of pure bhakti and make our human lives actual success. It is very auspicious for our spiritual progress to render some special service to the Spiritual Master on the occasion of his Vyasa Puja as an expression of gratitude and some loving reciprocation. I hope this year to be able to be present in Vrindavana and take part in the celebrations together with my godbrothers and godsisters and to glorify and serve you and Gurumata.

But I know that the real service a disciple can render to the Spiritual Master is to become pure devotee and assist his guru in spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world. I pray that I may become as soon as possible qualified to render such service which will be really pleasing to you, Srila Prabhupada and all the acharyas in our disciplic succession up to Lord Caitanya and Lord Krishna Himself. Please bless me with determination, enthusiasm and proper knowledge to accomplish this service for your pleasure.

Your fallen servant,
Sarvabhauma Das

Tapasvini Devi Dasi - Helsinki, Finland - Love is the way

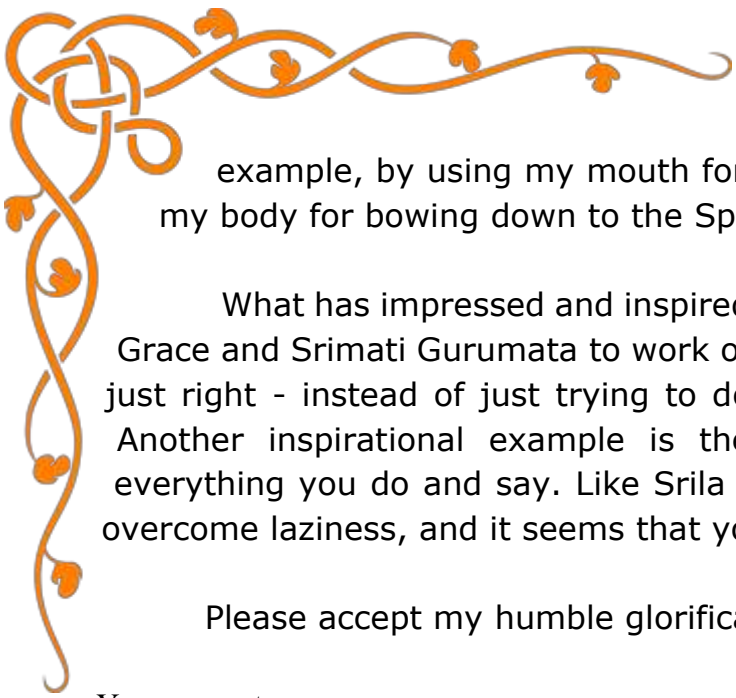
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Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

By the mercy of a Spiritual Master, even an animal-like person can find his or her true identity as a spiritual soul. What I know from the scriptures, is that I have spent billions and trillions of lifetimes following the animal instincts programmed for me by the material nature. You have given me the chance to break free from that and start a real human life. I am very fortunate and grateful to be able to use my human body in the most beneficial way. For



example, by using my mouth for chanting the holy names and using my body for bowing down to the Spiritual Master's lotus feet.

What has impressed and inspired me recently, is the example of Your Grace and Srimati Gurumata to work on everything you do until it becomes just right - instead of just trying to do something and leave it imperfect. Another inspirational example is the great amount of divine love in everything you do and say. Like Srila Prabhupada said, love is the way to overcome laziness, and it seems that your life is the opposite of laziness.

Please accept my humble glorification of Your Grace.

Your servant,
Tapasvini Devi Dasi.

Vamanadeva Das - Hungary – Engage me in your Service

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

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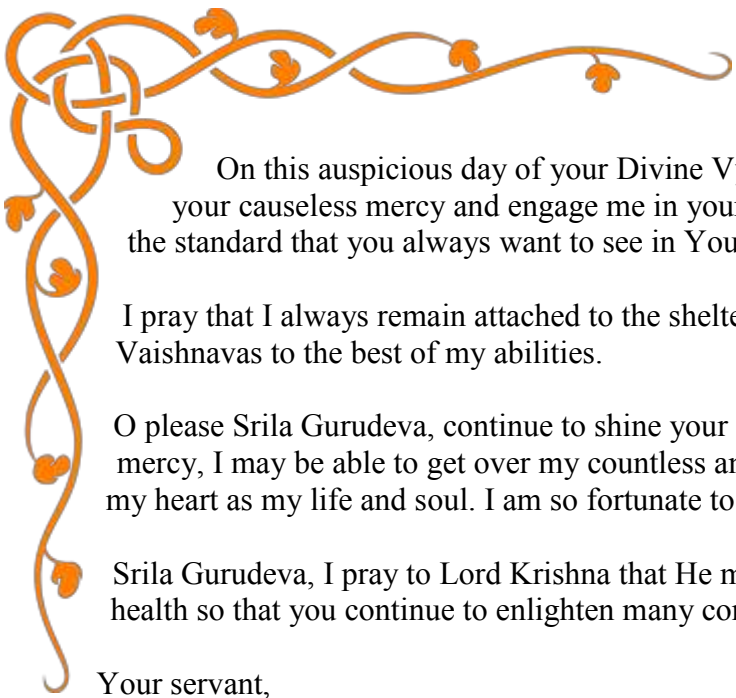
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya. I pray at your lotus feet that I may be able to glorify you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.



On this auspicious day of your Divine Vyasa Puja, I beg you to continue to bestow your causeless mercy and engage me in your service so that one day I can raise myself to the standard that you always want to see in Your disciples.

I pray that I always remain attached to the shelter of lotus feet of Krishna, guru and serve the Vaishnavas to the best of my abilities.

O please Srila Gurudeva, continue to shine your light upon this fallen soul, so that, by Your mercy, I may be able to get over my countless anarthas, and take Your instructions deep into my heart as my life and soul. I am so fortunate to receive your loving affection.

Srila Gurudeva, I pray to Lord Krishna that He may give Your Grace and Gurumataji good health so that you continue to enlighten many conditioned souls like me.

Your servant,
Vamanadeva Das.

Venu Vilasa Devi Dasi - Kaunas, Lithuania - You came to save us

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

It took me a long time thinking about what can I write to You on this auspicious day. So I am sitting and trying to write something... I do not know how to organize my thoughts and how to say this properly, because these feelings are hard to express in words. It's been a very short time since I woke up for a spiritual – soul life. I am like a baby born and all my life now depends on You. I am very grateful for everything I have and everything I am.

What can I say and how can I say thank you? I am trying my best that my life would be a joy for You, for Srila Prabhupada and for Lord Krsna. I think that it is the best way to show my gratitude for You, my Dear Srila Gurudeva. I want to glorify you all. This is why I please your blessings that I could fully surrender to you and Krsna.

Please one more time accept my humble obeisances and my love. Thank You thousand times that you came to save us all. May the Lord let us make the world Krsna consciousness!

Humbly,
Venu Vilasa Devi Dasi



Srila Gurudeva in Vrindavan – Vraja Kishor Das in the foreground carries a harmonium

Vraja Kishor Das - Kaunas, Lithuania – to become a True Disciple

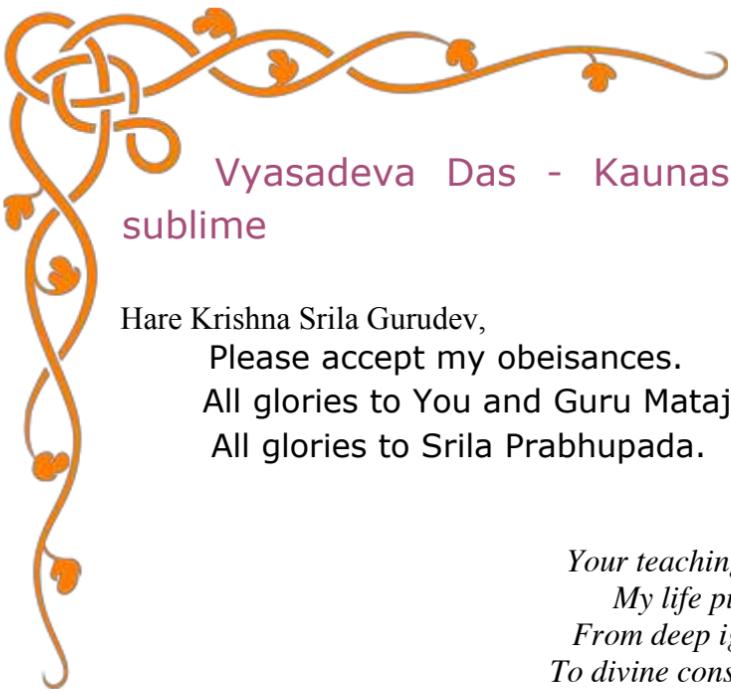
My Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to You and Guru Mataji,
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Guru Mata mentioned in Austin that I do not know how to beg. From that day I got very nice opportunities. This year was very special for me. I was able to beg many times to You, Guru Mataji, Krishna, Caitanya, Nityananda, Radha Damodar for help in helpless and crying mood. It is Your and Guru Mataji's special mercy, and for this I am grateful to both of you for whole eternity. If not Your and Guru mataji's training I would not be able to accept any chastisement and would rot in cycle of birth and death. But by Your and Guru Mataji's oceanic love my heart is transforming. This is miracle indeed!!! I am just begging both of You not to give up hope that one day I will become a devotee. I am begging for your mercy again and again and begging to forgive my foolish offences and mistakes. My biggest desire is to become Your true disciple.

Yours eternal servant,
Vraja Kishor Das.



Wedding Ceremony--Kaunas, Lithuania--7 May 2017



Vyasadeva Das - Kaunas, Lithuania – Your teachings
sublime

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my obeisances.
All glories to You and Guru Mataji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your teachings sublime
My life purified,
From deep ignorance
To divine consciousness.*

*You never forget,
remind us to leave
sense gratification
and maya's company.*

*Prabhupada gave to you
Mission to preach
Save the whole world!
Please, make them Krishna consciousness!!!*

*I pray at the dust
of your lotus feet
Please give me your mercy
Bless me with Krishna consciousness*

Yours insignificant and unworthy servant,
Vyasadeva Das



Krishna Consciousness is Pure Bliss-Kaunas, Lithuania-8 May 2017





Middle East

Lal Mohan - Muscat, Oman - We are so indebted to you

Hare Krishna!

Dear Gurudeva,

My humble obeisance to your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

We are such low-trodden wretched souls, who very foolishly chose to enjoy separately from the Lord, in this material world. The task of liberating and guiding such souls like us towards Krishna is definitely not an easy task. We are so indebted to you, Dear Gurudeva, for tolerating and guiding us and showing us way to come out of this dukhalaya – material world.

We pray for your good health!

Haribol,

Your insignificant servant,
Lal Mohan

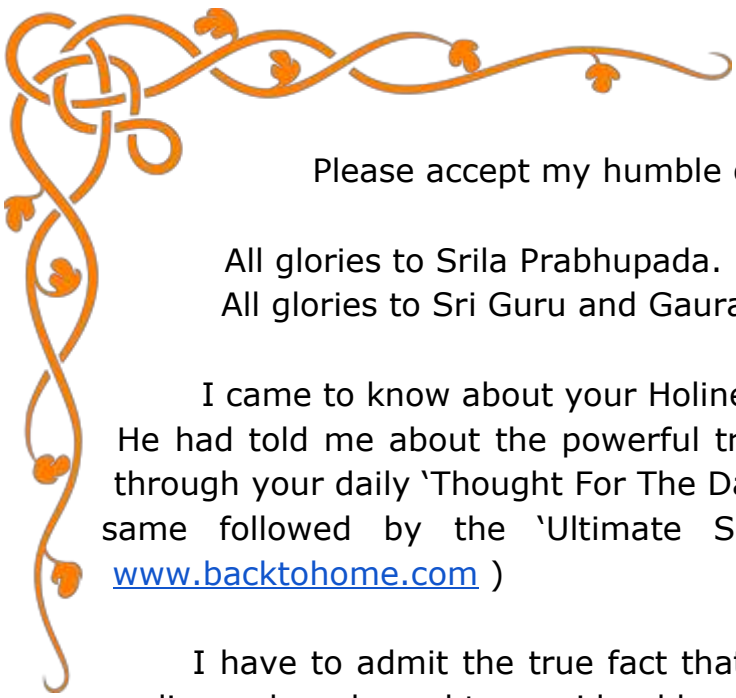
Prashant Joshi - Dubai, UAE - Wish I could meet you soon

My Dear Gurudev, Please take me under your shelter as I am suffering from numerous birth.... I sincerely pray for your health and wish I could meet you soon...

Your insignificant servant,
Prashant Joshi

Jay Gopal Krsna Das - Muscat, Oman – Cleared my doubts

Hare Krishna respected Gurudev,



Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I came to know about your Holiness from a devotee in the year 2016. He had told me about the powerful transformation that happened to him through your daily 'Thought For The Day'. I immediately subscribed for the same followed by the 'Ultimate Self Realization Course.' (both at www.backtohome.com)

I have to admit the true fact that your preaching through above two mediums has brought considerable change in myself, who is heavily contaminated with material attachments. I wait for your short video every day. It gives immense motivation to me on a daily basis.

Gurudev, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me in a big way to cleanse myself from the material contaminations.

You have helped me to clear lots of my doubts in spiritualism and I am trying my best to follow your instructions.

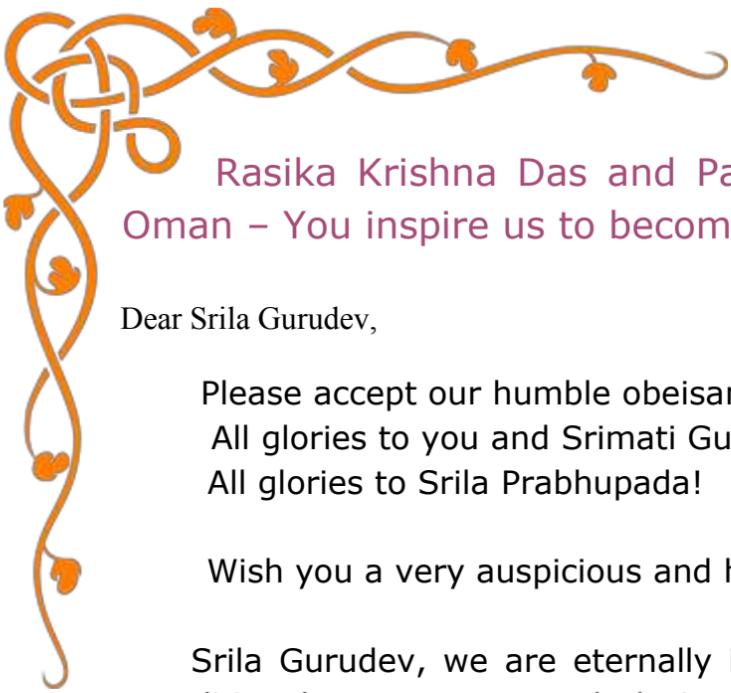
You brought me out of the darkness into light.

On your auspicious Vyasa puja day, I am wishing you the best in your spiritual life ahead. May Srila Prabhupada and Krishna bless you to fulfill your dream of spiritualizing the entire world.

May The Lord bless you with a very long life in this planet so that a lot more fallen souls like me can be uplifted.

Thank you once again for everything Gurudev.

Your most insignificant servant
Jay Gopal Krishna Das



Rasika Krishna Das and Para Bhakti Devi Dasi - Muscat,
Oman – You inspire us to become nice Grihastha couple

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumataji!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Wish you a very auspicious and happy Vyasa Puja 2017!

Srila Gurudev, we are eternally indebted to you for showering your unconditional mercy on us and placing us at your lotus feet. On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, we pray that we always remain attached to the shelter of your lotus feet.

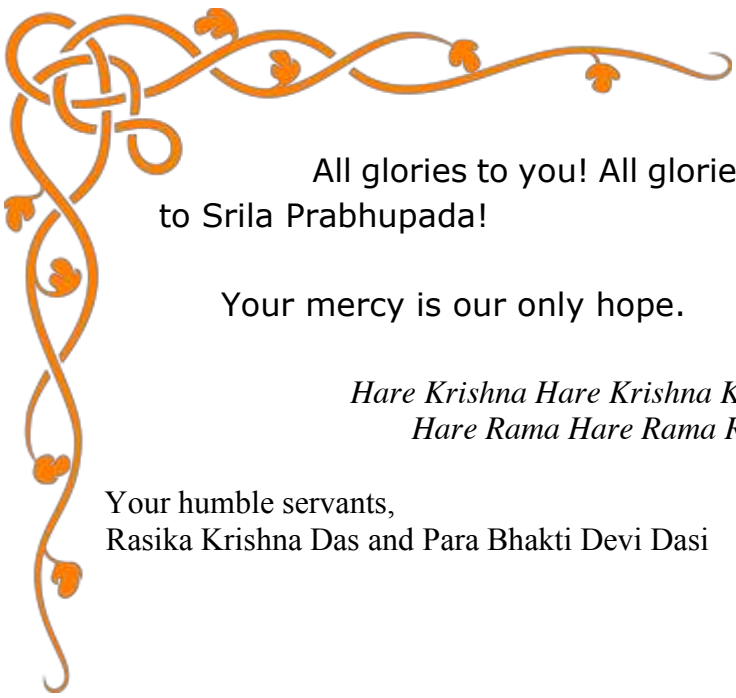
Your knowledge, intelligence, pure devotion, enthusiasm to spread Krishna Consciousness worldwide and accomplish the mission of your beloved Spiritual Master inspires us to become nice Grihastha couple, stay tuned in Krishna Consciousness and execute it in our daily life in expert way.

We bow down to your lotus feet and pray that we may become the quality servants that you want us to be. We only wish to please you and Gurumataji. We bow down at your lotus feet again and again remembering all the mercy you have showered upon us.

Thank you for reading our monthly reports and guiding our family personally to become fully Krishna Conscious in this very lifetime. Our family is eternally indebted to you.

Thank you very much Srila Gurudev for always being our ever well wisher.

We beg to Sri Sri Radha Damodara for your good health so that you can fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada and make this whole world Krishna Conscious.



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 humble servants,
Rasika Krishna Das and Para Bhakti Devi Dasi



Africa and Mauritius

Acyutananda Das - Mauritius - This is not something ordinary

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,

This is the time when a disciple can express a few words to glorify his Spiritual Master. You still maintain your travel schedule to Mauritius and this also twice yearly to help us fallen souls to get out of this miserable condition of life. You infuse spiritual potency into the hearts of Your disciples by your preaching, you conduct mangal arati daily, you give bhagavatam class daily at the temple and you also give lectures daily at the evening programs. We must understand that this is not something ordinary that any common man can do since you come not only to Mauritius but you travel around the globe to preach the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu under the instruction of your Spiritual Master. And we must appreciate that by your purity you make disciples all over the world. Being one of Your disciple, I get the opportunity to serve you during your visits and this helps me to advance spiritually. It is only in this mood of service and surrender that a disciple can understand the value of a Spiritual Master to deliver him from material existence, otherwise

it may seem only superficial that someone is serving a guru. Your fame and glory is expanding here in Mauritius because you are a sharp preacher ready to answer any queries of the audience and you do not compromise on the vaisnava principles and code of conduct. The disciple group is increasing in number here in Mauritius and we must now follow your example and become solid preachers to make Mauritius the first Krishna conscious country in the world as mentioned by Srila Prabhupada when he visited this island.

These are a few words that I can express on this most auspicious occasion.

I wish you a happy Vyasa puja and looking forward to serving you at your next visit to Mauritius.

Your disciple,
Acyutananda Das



Teaching Krishna Bhakti in Mauritius--15 December 2016



Kishan Ramchurn - Grand-Gaube , Mauritius - You gifted
me

Please accept my most humble obeisances Gurudev
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to you on the Special occasion of your Vyasa Puja 2017.
All Glories to Gurumata

Dear Gurudev,

My birthday is just one week before yours but still I haven't even one percent of any one of your multiple qualities Gurudev. On this special day of your Vyasa Puja I wish to beg those who are Devotees to beg Srila Prabhupada to pray to Sri Sri Radha Damodar of Austin so that they always bless You and Gurumata and that you both keep good health to continue successfully fulfill the mission of your Spiritual Master.

I am really not worthy for serving you - a disciple of Srila Prabhupada, but still somehow you gave me some five minutes to serve you when you come to Mauritius which for a fallen soul like me has been quite special.

Happy Vyasa Puja 2017 Gurudev.

Your unqualified servant and well-wisher
Bhakta Kishan Ramchurn.



New Initiates in Mauritius--4 June 2017

Krishna Katha Das - Mauritius - You speak strongly, yet humbly

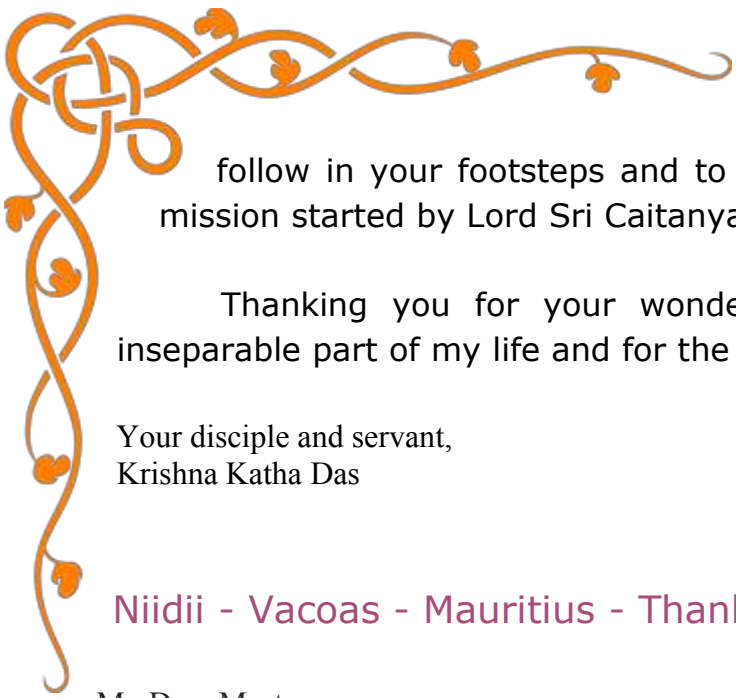
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Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

By strictly following Srila Prabhupada teachings, you are inspiring others to take to the path of bhakti. Devotees all over the world know you as a very powerful preacher. Your ability to answer our questions right on the spot is something that has always impressed me. Surely Krishna has blessed you. Even though you speak very strongly, you are very humble and kind.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja celebration, I beg your blessings to become a surrendered disciple, to fully obey your instructions, to



follow in your footsteps and to assist you in this world deliverance mission started by Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Thanking you for your wonderful association and for being an inseparable part of my life and for the rest of eternity.

Your disciple and servant,
Krishna Katha Das

Niidii - Vacoas - Mauritius - Thank you for all your efforts

My Dear Master,

Please accept my blessings.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Wishing you a long life ahead and you always be here to guide us fallen souls back to Krsna's abode.

Thank you for all efforts to help us out.

Regards,
Niidii.

Nowjyo - Mauritius - My life changed

Hare Krishna Gurudeva,

Thanks for being present in my life by the self-realization messages every morning. My life has come to a change. Please accept my humble gratitude.

Nowjyo



Jeevan Becomes Janamejaya Das

Prahlada Das - Mauritius - This is really the only way

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

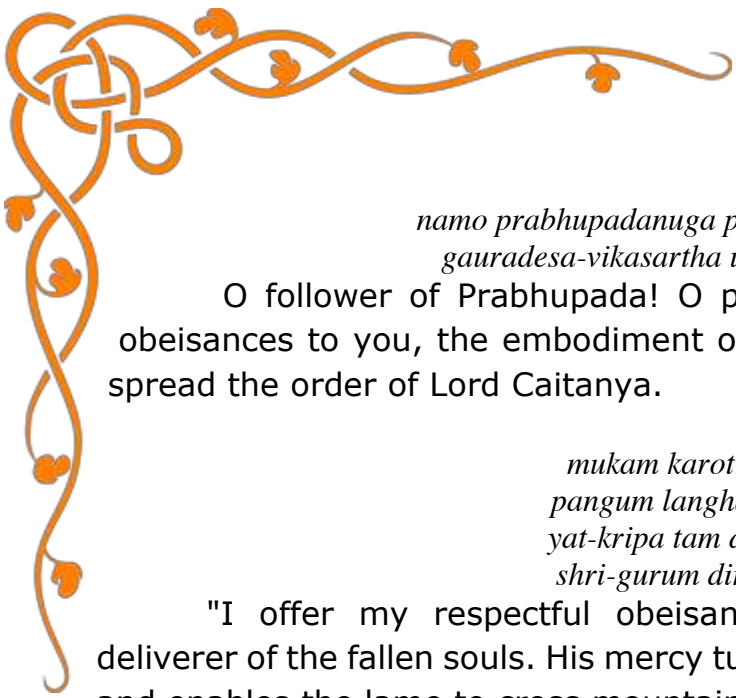
All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to your lotus feet!

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*mukam karoti vachalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripa tam aham vande
shri-gurum dina-taranam*

"I offer my respectful obeisance unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains."

Dear Gurudev, in the Thought of the Day of 16 September 2017, you mentioned "This is really the only way that anybody can be truly happy, to be Krishna conscious. We have an unlimited volume of work to bring the suffering, delusional people of this planet to Krishna consciousness. Every moment we spend trying to enlighten them is unlimitedly precious and absolutely ecstatic because it perfectly resonates with the dear-most desire of the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

This thought of yours is so powerful and enlightening that it summarizes the mission of Srila Prabhupada, Lord Caitanya, the foremost desire of Lord Krishna and the purpose of our life.

Furthermore, on 21 Sept 2017 you mentioned "Therefore, it is our duty to straighten them out and thus bring them back to their constitutional position of unlimited happiness." Gurudev, this shows how compassionate and merciful you are. These thought of yours are not only vague words, but you have shown this in practice, remaining transcendental to your bodily sickness and continuously spreading the science of Krishna Consciousness every day through your Thought of the Day, Video of the Day and your travelling and preaching program around the globe despite your sickness.

I pray that you to give me more taste to offenselessly chant the holy name.

I pray that I may become worthy to follow your example.

I pray that I may tune in to your and Srila Prabhupad's values and instructions.

I pray that I will always remain an instrument and you tune it as you desire.

Srila Gurudev, I will continuously remain indebted to you.

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa-Puja celebration

Your most fallen servant,
Prahlada das



Explaining the Supreme Bhakti Science Phoenix, Mauritius--5 June 2017

Priti Lakshana Devi Dasi - Vacoas, Mauritius - You are a pure soul

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

Srila Gurudeva, it is because of your mercy and constant guidance that I am feeling so blissful. I thank Lord Krishna every day for sending you to this earth so that you could rescue me from this material world. I bow down at your lotus feet and pray each day that I become a pure devotee and be engaged in the service of Lord Krishna and yours eternally.

You travel constantly, ignoring your own material comforts to bring the fallen conditioned souls back to Godhead. Recently, you were not in good health but you continued to carry your mission to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world. You are a pure soul that thousands throughout the world would look to for guidance and knowledge.

All Glories To Your Appearance Day!

Your eternal servant,
Priti Lakshana Devi Dasi.



Sandeep Becomes Sakshi Gopal Das

Sakshi Gopal Das - Plaines Wilhems, Rose-Hill, Mauritius

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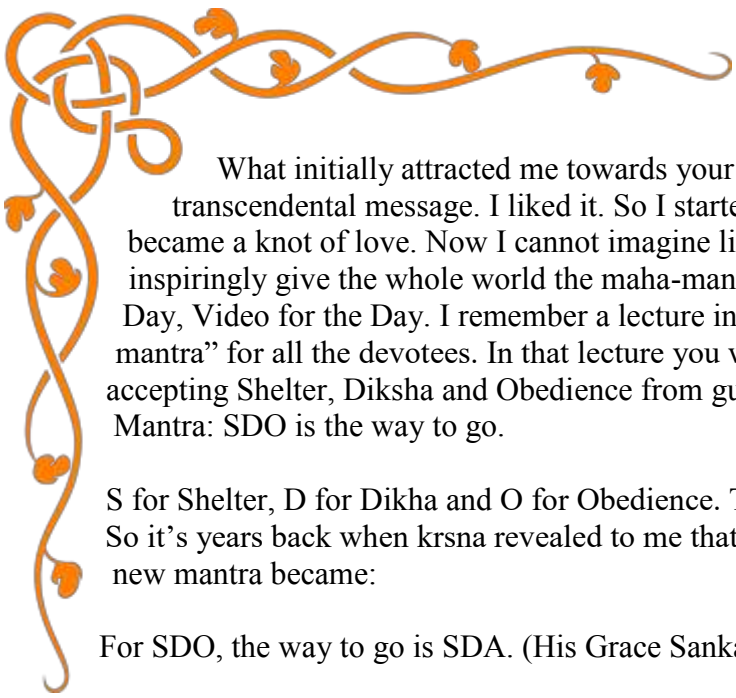
O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila prabhupada.

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



What initially attracted me towards your grace was that unique style of delivering the transcendental message. I liked it. So I started following you, and gradually my liking became a knot of love. Now I cannot imagine life without you. Speaking of style, you inspiringly give the whole world the maha-mantra to chant via your lectures, Thought for the Day, Video for the Day. I remember a lecture in Mauritius, you very stylishly gave “another mantra” for all the devotees. In that lecture you were emphasizing on the importance of accepting Shelter, Diksha and Obedience from guru.

Mantra: SDO is the way to go.

S for Shelter, D for Dikha and O for Obedience. That’s the perfect tripod. I love that mantra. So it’s years back when krsna revealed to me that you are my guru. Thus after this lecture my new mantra became:

For SDO, the way to go is SDA. (His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari)

Your photo shown on the web page, www.backtohome.com, is well known touristic place in Mauritius.

And I have a pastime related with this photo. It was on one of your June visit in Mauritius. Gurumata and other devotees went out to get some vegetables. I was the only one left back at Solferino to serve you. You had a program to visit 7 cascades to post the photo on the web page. Prabhu Sri Dhama eventually came to pick you up. Knowing well that I am gonna be home alone, as you came downstairs and called out for me:

“Sandeep, Sandeep.....Where is Sandeep”

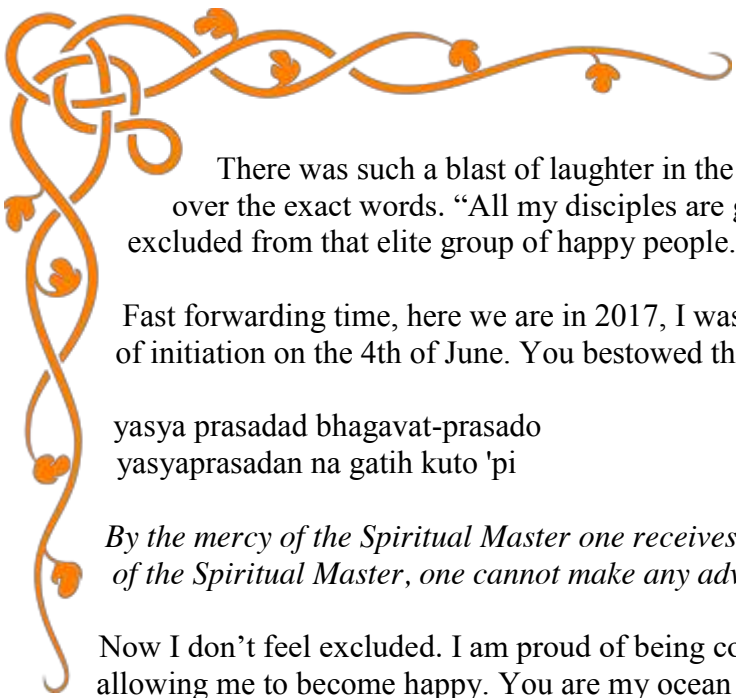
I came rushing out of the kitchen leaving back the dishes to wash later. Your instructions were: “Inform Gurumata that I am going out with Sri Dhama. You will now be the Chaukidar”

Back then I was yearning for initiation and my first ponder was: Am I becoming Chowkidar Das? Then I rapidly came back to reality, understanding that actually as well as guarding the house, I must become an expert guardian to tame my wild senses.

One of my favorite lectures in 2015: 2015.12.13 SB.1.18.45 Phoenix Mauritius. You were speaking about the government of the people, by the people, for the people. How Americans are proud of themselves being in the best country in the whole world and the paradox is they allow Gay marriages.

In the question and answer section, one question came up at the 28th minute: “I heard that you have a couple of gay disciples?”

Your Answer: “Actually you know what, Gay means happy. All my disciples are gay. Homosexuals are not gay, gay means happy. They have hijacked the word for their own nonsense. Devotees are the one who are truly gay, gay means happy. Check your dictionary.”



There was such a blast of laughter in the temple, but after the lecture I started to think over the exact words. “All my disciples are gay”. I was not initiated and I felt badly excluded from that elite group of happy people.

Fast forwarding time, here we are in 2017, I was blessed with the most auspicious ceremony of initiation on the 4th of June. You bestowed the most unworthy person, me, diksha.

yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi

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.

Now I don't feel excluded. I am proud of being completely gay. Thank you gurudev for allowing me to become happy. You are my ocean of mercy. I am so lucky to have you in my life.

I now pray to you to give me this platform life after life to serve you, my most beloved Spiritual Master, His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari. Many happy returns of the day dearest gurudev.

Hare krsna

your eternal servant,
Sakshi Gopal Das.

Sridama Das - Vacoas, Mauritius - This makes you our role model

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

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 through your lectures, question and answers sessions and the books you have recently published.

Dear Gurudev you have accepted the order of Srila Prabhupada which was to become guru and deliver the world as your very life and soul. By constantly touring the world you are trying your best to deliver the whole world from this miserable material entanglement. Even at the cost of your health.

Despite the fact that you have been suffering from acute back and leg pain recently you were not discouraged and you kept moving forward with your mission. This makes you our role model and gives us the required motivation and inspirations to keep progressing in Krishna consciousness despite the regular obstacles that we regularly encounter.

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.

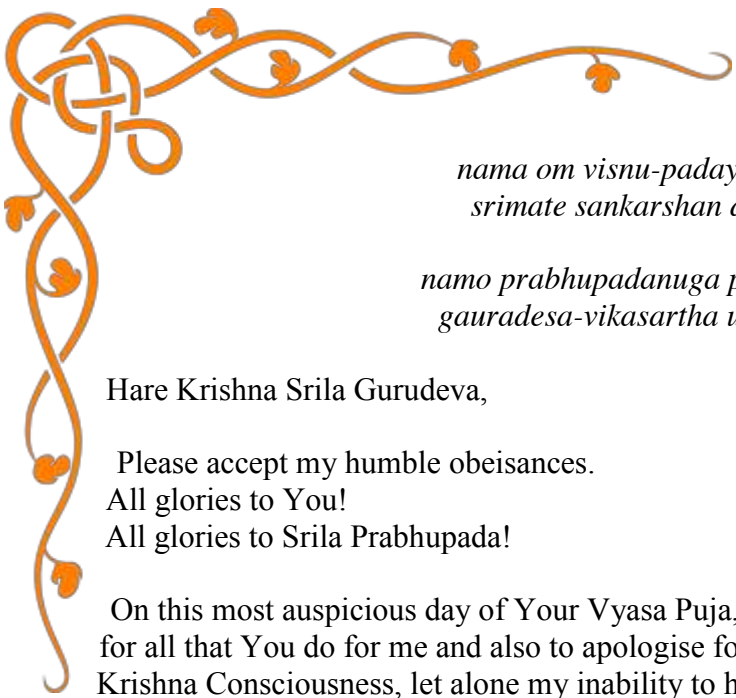
Thank you once again!

Your insignificant servant,
Sridama Das.



Home Program--Pretoria, South Africa--19 December 2016

Syama Kunda Das - Johannesburg, South Africa - I pray



*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

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

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, I would like to humbly offer my gratitude for all that You do for me and also to apologise for all of my shortcomings in practicing Krishna Consciousness, let alone my inability to help You in Your mission to inundate the entire world with Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Gurudeva, You are most magnanimous, recently I have been going through some difficulties with my mind and senses, but You have been so kind to keep on encouraging me by citing the example of a child learning to walk that often falls in the attempt to stand and walk. I appreciate all of the encouragement from Yourself and Srimati Gurumataji, please will You be extra merciful upon me by heavily chastising me when I veer astray as I am a “problem child” that is taking longer to find his balance and keeps on falling.

Thank You Srila Gurudeva!

I pray that I may stop being a cause of suffering but instead become an instrument in Your hands.

Hare Krishna!

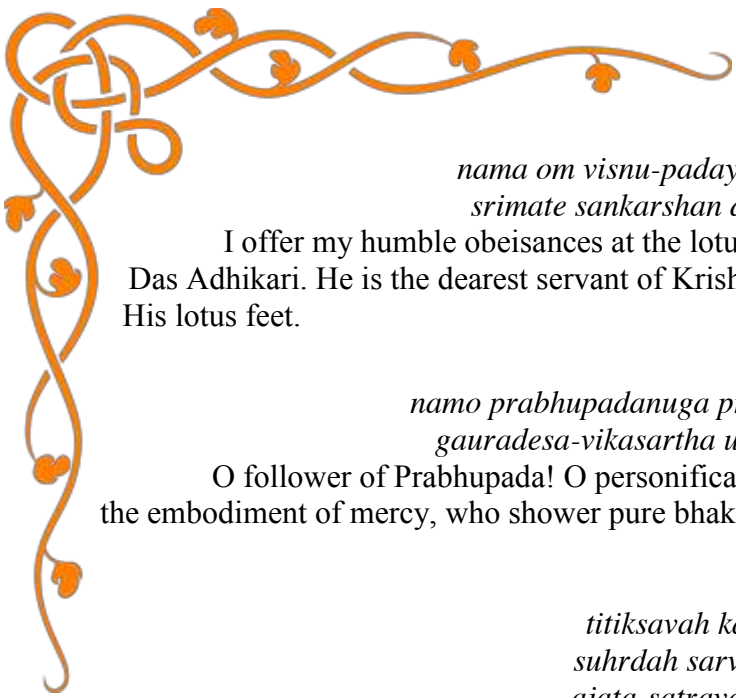
Begging to remain forever, your insignificant servant
Syama Kunda Das.

Zila Mangra - Mauritius - You are an ocean of mercy

Nama Om Vishnupada Paramahansa Parivrajaka Acharya Ashtottara Shata Sri Srimad His
Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him



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

*titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

The symptoms of a sadhu are that He is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies. He is peaceful, He abides by the scriptures and all His characteristics are sublime. (SB 3.25.21)

Dear Guru Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances

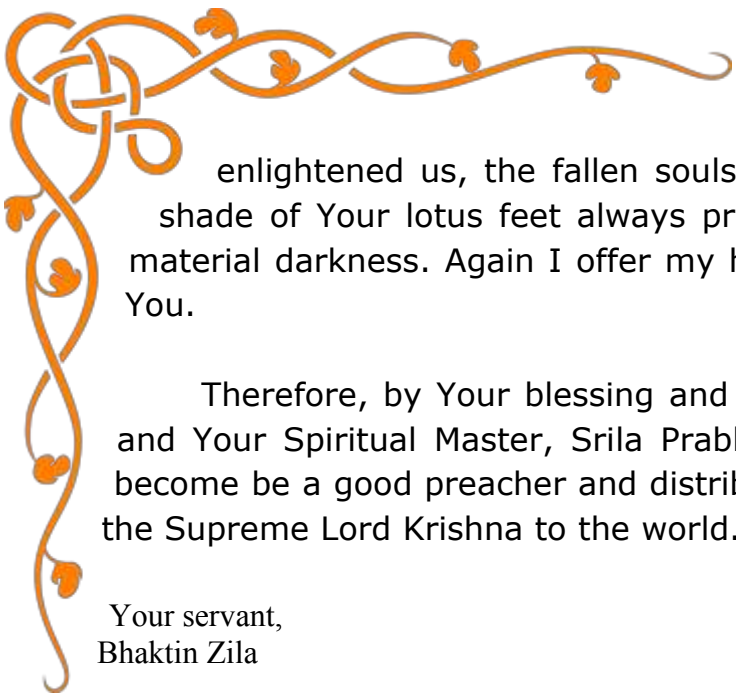
All Glories to You on this auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Your divine lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja. By surrendering and taking shelter unto Your lotus feet, I have been able to discipline my life and have a wonderful spiritual life with my family and at the same time I have developed a relationship with my beloved Lord, Shree Krishna, which increases day after day and find great happiness. And it is all due to Your good guidance and instructions. I bow down again and again at Your lotus feet.

So, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my beloved Spiritual Master, Sri Sankarshan Das Adhikari, without whom I would have been in darkness and ignorance and who has opened my eyes on the reality of humanity of this material world.

My Spiritual Master who is like an ocean of mercy and the teacher of everyone through the "Self Realization Course" and the "Daily Thought" You



enlightened us, the fallen souls, throughout our daily life. May the shade of Your lotus feet always protect us from falling down into this material darkness. Again I offer my humble and sincere obeisances unto You.

Therefore, by Your blessing and mercy, may I follow Your footsteps and Your Spiritual Master, Srila Prabhupada's mission, so that one day I become be a good preacher and distribute the nectar of the holy names of the Supreme Lord Krishna to the world.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Zila

Northern and Western India + Nepal + China

Abhayashray Das - Pune, India - I am eternally indebted

Dear Gurudev,

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet....

Srila Gurudeva...

Being always indebted to you, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for granting me shelter unto your lotus feet. I know that I was simply unfit to receive the favor...but out of your unending compassion it has become a fact. My Dear Gurudev I will always stick to the vows I voluntarily took at the time of initiation. But this requires a great deal of your causeless mercy....So I very earnestly pray unto your lotus feet to please protect me from all ills and worldly temptations, for your lotus feet is only place where I can seek refuge from the pangs of material existence. Such is the prowess that merely by having a glimpse of you many souls have already been granted liberation. Oh my Dear Gurudev, I always miss you and feel an intense separation from your lotus feet. Your promise to Srila Prabhupada for preaching across the world makes me realize my own duties as a loving disciple. Your dedication and enthusiasm in preaching activities is matchless. Your daily writing hundreds of emailsgiving precise, convincing answers is a difficult task but due to your concern, you are relentlessly performing this job so as to make it easy to understand the message from Krishna. Traveling from one country to another, from one

city to another is not an easy matter but again, to further the matchless gift of devotion to all, you are trotting the globe day after day in ever advancing age. Through The Video of the Day feature you regularly guide us - the toddlers, on the way to Krishna. My Dear Vaisnava....thinking all these sacrifices even if I offer my skin to prepare shoes for your lotus feet, yet it will not be commensurate to your kind benediction upon me. Dear Gurudev please forgive me for my faults and mistakes which I may have done knowingly or otherwise. All of Srila Prabhupada's disciple are great gems.....but you are usually one step ahead because of your tremendous energy, spirit and conviction to preach the gospel. Srila gurudev...today is your auspicious appearance day....I often think what can I do to please you....How can I repay you....this goes on like this. Dear gurudeva....is it possible to reimburse....No... absolutely no. I shall always, life after life be indebted and grateful to you. Before I wind up I pray to lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani to shower Their choicest blessings unto you. A very very happy and prosperous appearance day to you Srila Gurudev.

Yours very insignificant servant
Abhayashray Das



How to Raise a Devotee Family--15 October 2016
Hinjawadi Information Technology Park--Pune, India

Acharya Das - Mumbai, India - You are a Sadhu absorbed

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

While meditating upon your Vyasa-Puja day I find myself reflecting, and asking, "How can I please my spiritual master?" Love means selfless striving to fulfill the desires of the beloved. Witnessing your qualities and activities, I see how boldly, selflessly you are pushing on the sankirtan movement, so attentive and absorbed in your intimate service to Srila Prabhupada. You are rescuing so many souls from falling into the lower species of life. Surely this is a great testament to your magnanimity. In *Srimad Bhagavatam* Text 3.25.21

titiksavah kārunikāḥ
suhṛdah sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣanāḥ

Synonyms:

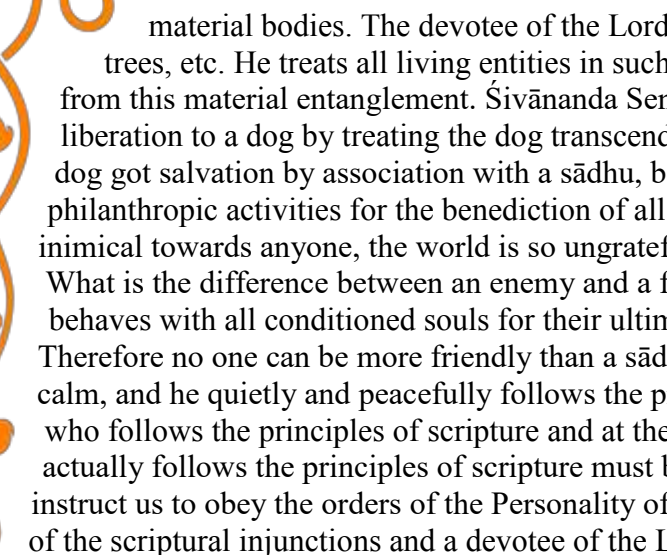
titiksavaḥ — tolerant; kārunikāḥ — merciful; suhṛdah — friendly; sarva-dehinām — to all living entities; ajāta-śatravaḥ — inimical to none; śāntāḥ — peaceful; sādhaḥ — abiding by scriptures; sādhu-bhūṣanāḥ — adorned with sublime characteristics.

Translation:

The symptoms of a sādhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.

Purport:

A sādhu, as described above, is a devotee of the Lord. His concern therefore is to enlighten people in devotional service to the Lord. That is his mercy. He knows that without devotional service to the Lord, human life is spoiled. A devotee travels all over the country, from door to door, preaching “Be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Be a devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Don’t spoil your life in simply fulfilling your animal propensities. Human life is meant for self-realization, or Kṛṣṇa consciousness.” These are the preachings of a sādhu. He is not satisfied with his own liberation. He always thinks about others. He is the most compassionate personality towards all the fallen souls. Therefore one of his qualifications is kārūṇika, great mercy to the fallen souls. While engaged in preaching work, he has to meet with so many opposing elements, and therefore the sādhu, or devotee of the Lord, has to be very tolerant. Someone may ill-treat him because the conditioned souls are not prepared to receive the transcendental knowledge of devotional service. They do not like it; that is their disease. The sādhu has the thankless task of impressing upon them the importance of devotional service. Sometimes devotees are personally attacked with violence. Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Haridāsa Ṭhākura was caned in twenty-two marketplaces, and Lord Caitanya’s principal assistant, Nityānanda, was violently attacked by Jagāi and Mādhāi. But still they were tolerant because their mission was to deliver the fallen souls. One of the qualifications of a sādhu is that he is very tolerant and is merciful to all fallen souls. He is merciful because he is the well-wisher of all living entities. He is not only a well-wisher of human society, but a well-wisher of animal society as well. It is said here, sarva-dehinām, which indicates all living entities who have accepted material bodies. Not only does the human being have a material body, but other living entities, such as cats and dogs, also have



material bodies. The devotee of the Lord is merciful to everyone — the cats, dogs, trees, etc. He treats all living entities in such a way that they can ultimately get salvation from this material entanglement. Śivānanda Sena, one of the disciples of Lord Caitanya, gave liberation to a dog by treating the dog transcendently. There are many instances where a dog got salvation by association with a sādhu, because a sādhu engages in the highest philanthropic activities for the benediction of all living entities. Yet although a sādhu is not inimical towards anyone, the world is so ungrateful that even a sādhu has many enemies. What is the difference between an enemy and a friend? It is a difference in behavior. A sādhu behaves with all conditioned souls for their ultimate relief from material entanglement. Therefore no one can be more friendly than a sādhu in relieving a conditioned soul. A sādhu is calm, and he quietly and peacefully follows the principles of scripture. A sādhu means one who follows the principles of scripture and at the same time is a devotee of the Lord. One who actually follows the principles of scripture must be a devotee of God because all the śāstras instruct us to obey the orders of the Personality of Godhead. Therefore sādhu means a follower of the scriptural injunctions and a devotee of the Lord. All these characteristics are prominent in a devotee. A devotee develops all the good qualities of the demigods, whereas a non devotee, even though academically qualified, has no actual good qualifications or good characteristics according to the standard of transcendental realization.

As I meditate upon you today, Gurudeva, it's clear to me that in order to truly help myself and others, and in order to truly please you, I must strictly follow your instructions, and strive to become the example you require for Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Yours eternal servant,
Acharya Das

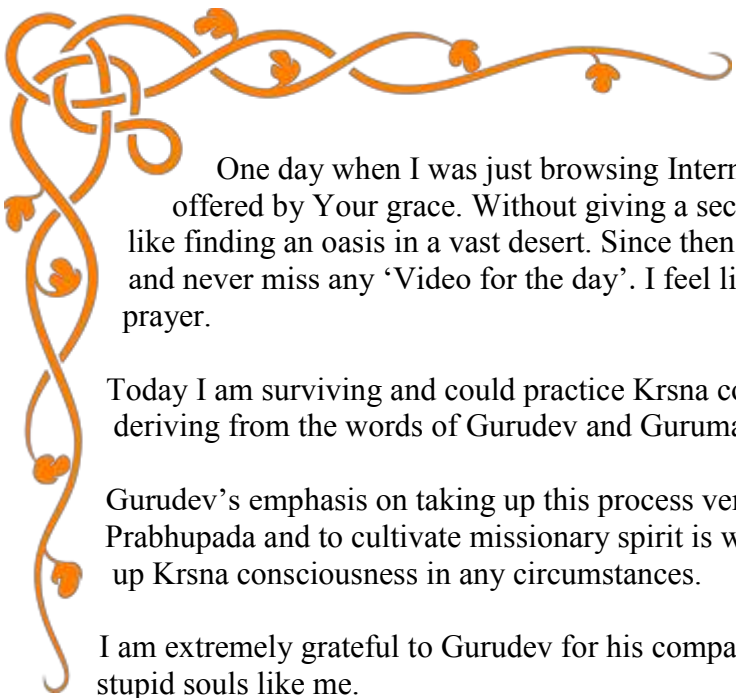
Aakash Kumar - like an oasis in a vast desert

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna Gurudev.
Please accept my humble obeisance.

My journey of spiritual life began during my engineering days in Pune when I was bestowed with the mercy of association of devotees.

Having stayed in the youth centre for couple of years I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Youth Program by Your Grace. Around 3 years have passed since then the memories of ecstatic kirtan and enlivening class is still fresh.

After completing my engineering I had to shift back to my home town due to some very urgent issues, where the association is not very sound. I had to practice Krsna Consciousness from home itself. My job schedule was very hectic and my practice was getting very badly affected. I was sincerely praying to Krsna and my spiritual master for any sort of help or guidance in any form.



One day when I was just browsing Internet and I came across E-Course which is being offered by Your grace. Without giving a second thought I enrolled for the course. It was like finding an oasis in a vast desert. Since then I try to attend every Live Bhagavatam Class and never miss any 'Video for the day'. I feel like my spiritual master and Krsna heard my prayer.

Today I am surviving and could practice Krsna conscious is due to the inspiration I am deriving from the words of Gurudev and Gurumata.

Gurudev's emphasis on taking up this process very seriously, gratitude towards Srila Prabhupada and to cultivate missionary spirit is what gives me the determination never to give up Krsna consciousness in any circumstances.

I am extremely grateful to Gurudev for his compassion towards the insincere, ungrateful and stupid souls like me.

I pray to Gurudev to bless me so that I can also develop tinge of dedication he has for his spiritual master and this movement.

I also pray to Krsna to give me the sufficient strength so that I can always follow the teachings of Gurudev and remain fixed in Krsna Consciousness.

Bhakta Aakash Kumar

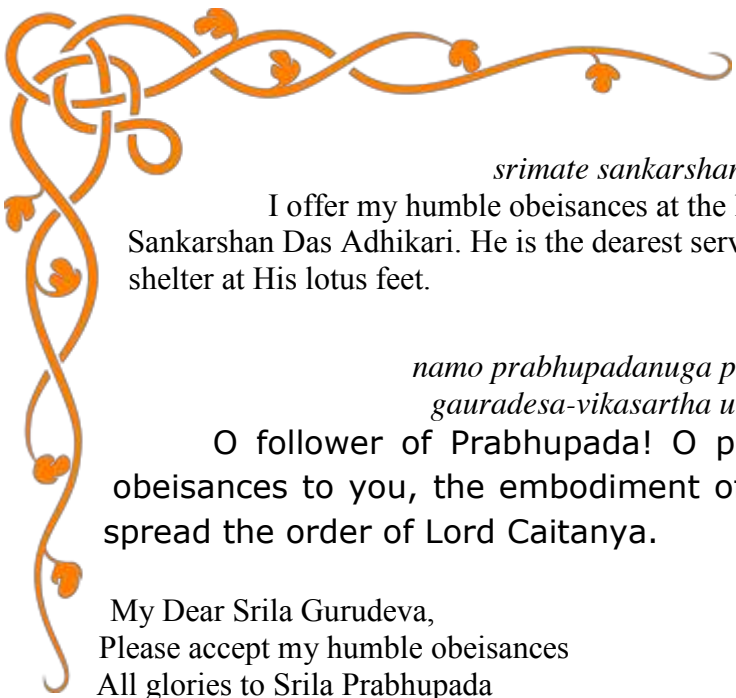
Anupam - Dehradun, India - Your glories cannot be written enough

Param puja Srila Gurudeva what can I offer you as vyasa puja, your causeless mercy starts where the word thanks itself ends in meaning 'sab dharti kagaz karu lekhni karu vanraya saat samundar masee karu guru gun likha na jaye' 'gurukripa hee kevalam shishyasa param manglam' "Even if the whole earth is transformed into paper with all the big trees made into pens and if the entire water in the seven oceans are transformed into writing ink, even then the glories of the Guru cannot be written. So much is the greatness of the Guru". By accepting Sandipani Muni as His spiritual master, Krishna showed the importance of accepting a bona fide spiritual master as one's Guru, what further can I say in this regard.... servant of your servant

Bhakta Anupam

Dhaval Prajapati - Vallabh Vidhyanagar, India – My only duty is to follow you

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale



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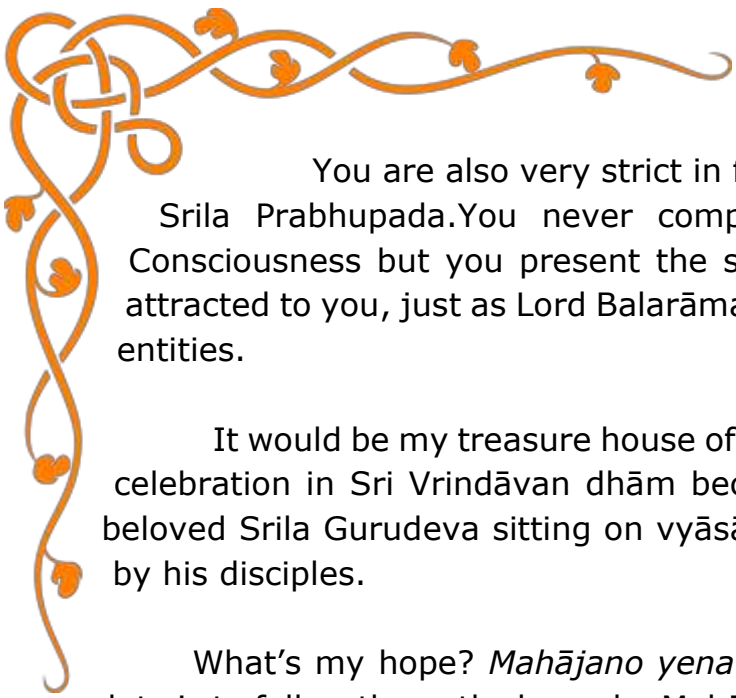
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

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

I feel very fortunate because I have been given this wonderful opportunity to glorify my beloved spiritual master, Srila Gurudev. It was one and half years back that I came in contact with you through internet. After joining your free e-course, I have been receiving Thought For The Day, Video For The Day and inspirational Krishna Katha messages every day without fail. Srila Gurudeva, you are a perfect gentleman because you are using this bad bargain "Internet" in the service of Lord Sri Krishna. These days people go online on social networking platforms to connect with people all around the world, still they are miserable because they are not connected with their actual selves. Just like Srila Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Thākura used to say "Make best use of bad bargain", you are a perfect follower of his statement. What could be the greatest welfare activity than reclaiming the fallen conditioned souls to become Krishna Conscious? You quite often quote one verse from the scripture text - 'Bhakti Rasāmṛita Sindhu' in connection with Holy name, in same way I realize "What could my one little mouth glorify your divine personality? I need billions and trillions of mouths to perfectly glorify your Divine Grace."

It is my greatest good fortune to come in contact with you and your dedicated disciples. Srila Gurudeva, I am really struggling in this nasty material world and you are my only hope. You are very dedicated in following His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's instructions. You are always enthusiastic and eager to spread the message of Godhead in every corner of the world. This shows your compassionate nature.



You are also very strict in following the orders and teachings of Srila Prabhupada. You never compromise the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness but you present the same in such a way that people get attracted to you, just as Lord Balarāma as Sankarshan attracts all the living entities.

It would be my treasure house of memories attending your vyāsa puṇya celebration in Sri Vrindāvan dhām because I will meet my venerable and beloved Srila Gurudeva sitting on vyāsāsana, being worshiped and glorified by his disciples.

What's my hope? *Mahājanō yena gatah sa panthāh*. Now on my only duty is to follow the path shown by Mahājan and for me You are my Mahājan. Srila Gurudeva, please forgive me if I offended you in any way with this writing.

Your insignificant servant,
Dhaval Prajāpati

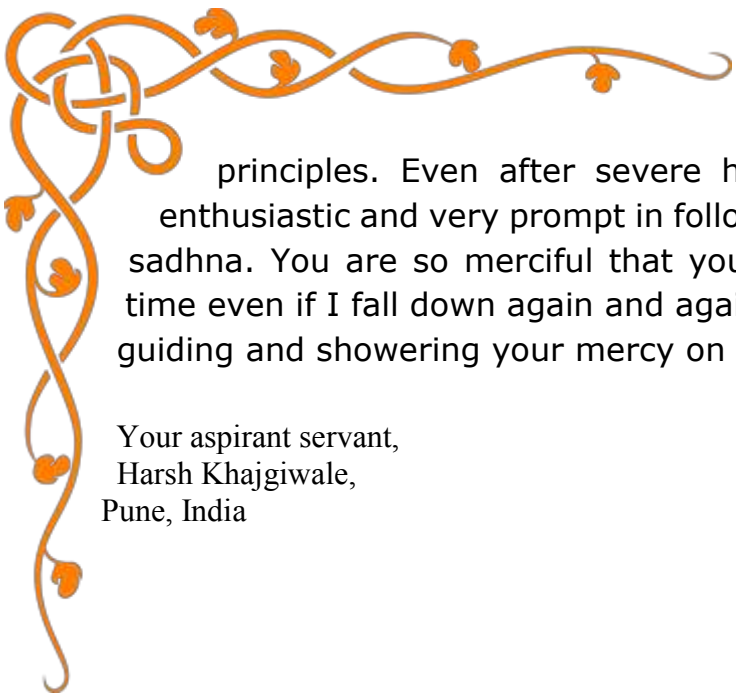
Harsh Khajgiwale - Pune, India - Thank you for saving me

Dear Srila Gurudev,
All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to all devotees
Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

It is been a long time since I am in contact with you through your emails and only thing that makes you hero all the time is your humble behavior, sticking strictly to the words and instructions of Srila Prabhupada and fearlessly preaching the philosophy given by Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Even after facing severe health crisis you stuck very strongly to follow your spiritual schedule. You have been working hard, praying mercifully, motivating everyone and chastising the world leaders that do not follow the vedic



principles. Even after severe health crisis you have been always enthusiastic and very prompt in following your daily schedule and regular sadhna. You are so merciful that you have been guiding me for so long time even if I fall down again and again. Thank you Dear Srila Gurudev for guiding and showering your mercy on the sinful person like me.

Your aspirant servant,
Harsh Khajgiwale,
Pune, India



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Harsh Kumar Agarwal - Ghaziabad, India - Thank you

In this world only way to be always in bliss is to remain in the service of creator and this can be possible if remain in His thoughts. Prabhupada has taught simple way to remain in the creator's thoughts by chanting mahamantra Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Bhakta Harsh kumar Agarwal



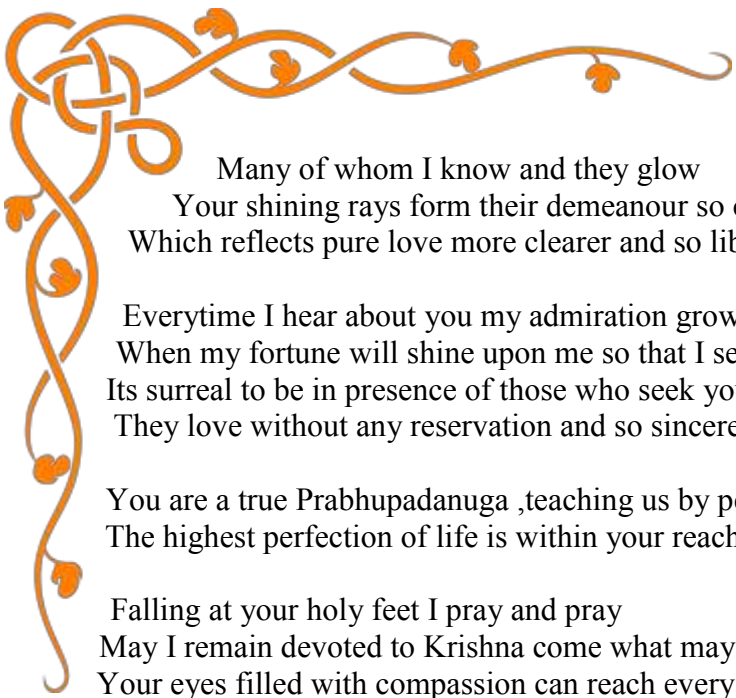
Bhagavatam Class in Farmer's Hut on Yamuna Bank--11 April 2017

Nalin Sharma - Jammu, India - The mercy of a pure devotee

Hare Krishna Dear Prabhuji,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga

On the auspicious day of your vyasa puja I want to submit my little prayer at your Holy feet .

You are the sunshine of many souls



Many of whom I know and they glow
Your shining rays form their demeanour so captivating
Which reflects pure love more clearer and so liberating

Everytime I hear about you my admiration grows
When my fortune will shine upon me so that I see you I don't know
Its surreal to be in presence of those who seek your mercy so dearly
They love without any reservation and so sincerely

You are a true Prabhupadanuga ,teaching us by person example
The highest perfection of life is within your reach and that is what you always preach

Falling at your holy feet I pray and pray
May I remain devoted to Krishna come what may
Your eyes filled with compassion can reach every soul
You know every heart and whatever that has been untold

I am too low to even come in front of you
But alms of bhakti I will beg through and through
So kindly lift me up and bring me out of despair
Enlighten me about the divine path for which I have to prepare

I will wait standing on the shore
Please don't forget to glance upon me and please dont ignore
The mercy of a pure devotee like yourself is my only scope
Without this mercy life after life I truly have no other hope .

Begging at your lotus feet Dear Prabhuji .May Sri Sri Radha Krishna give a long and healthy life
so that you could uplift many souls from this dire material condition and bless them to attain the
divine love of the Regal couple .

All Glories to you and Srimati Gurumatajii

Thank you for this opportunity to write this small prayer.

Your unworthy servant,
Nalin

Nishikant - Noida, India - unlimited love and kindness

My beloved Srila Gurudeva,



Hare Krishna!!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!!!

Kindly accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet and shower your blessings on this poor soul, Your constant, resilient support by way of every day sermon, your experiences through visits to different parts of the world, your lecture through videos, your enlightening and loving answers to our mundane and repetitively foolish questions are nothing but pure display of how much love and kindness is in your heart to help us to uplift from our miserable position. These are divine interventions and showers of nectar in my otherwise dull, material life without which I would have swayed away in the material nescience.

I pray Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani to give your grace and revered Gurumata best of health, joy and happiness for all of eternity.

Your lowly servant,
Bhakta Nishikant

Prabhat Ajmani - New Delhi, India - a merciful pure soul

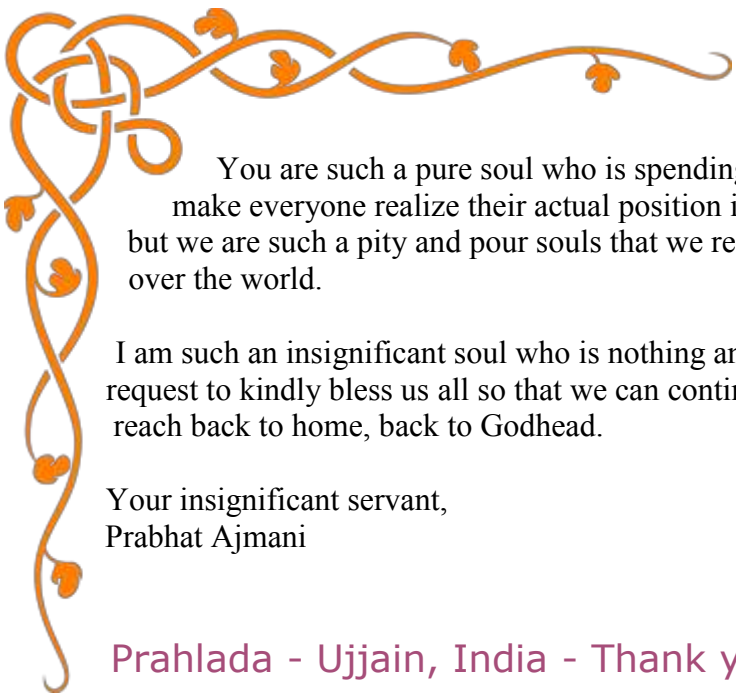
Hare Krishna Guru Ji,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to You and Guru Mataji,

You are a Sun for all the fallen souls, who are wandering here and there in darkness but only with your presence they get the sunlight of spirituality. With your presence in their life the darkness of ignorance gets removed completely just like the way night ends when sun rises in the morning.

You are the merciful creation of Lord Sri Krishna on us (conditioned souls). By your darshan only we get such a heavy dose of spiritual medication so one can imagine how much beneficial and fortunate are those who have your constant association.

You are the power that one needs in order to pursue on this spiritual path. You are a form of Lord Balarama (Sankarshana) helping us and teaching us to learn how to please Lord Shri Krishna.



You are such a pure soul who is spending day and night only with one mission, to make everyone realize their actual position i.e. we are all eternal servant of Lord Krishna but we are such a pity and poor souls that we refuse to accept this and are still trying to lord it over the world.

I am such an insignificant soul who is nothing and is not able to do anything for you but I still request to kindly bless us all so that we can continue our efforts in this path so that we can reach back to home, back to Godhead.

Your insignificant servant,
Prabhat Ajmani

Prahlada - Ujjain, India - Thank you for giving me shelter

Hare Krishna Gurudev □□,

I have joined this e-Course on 2 August 2016. Gradually I'm improving a lot in Self Realisation with Your Grace's guidance and your disciples association. In this journey, if I'm not wrong on 13 May 2017 Gurudev assured me that when I get qualification he will accept me as his disciple. I'm really happy to hear from His Grace. We exchanged only emails, and I'm very happy he accepted me. I'm eagerly waiting for that precious time! Please all of you bless me to get initiated by His Grace as soon as possible. My sincere thanks to all the hard working souls who are bringing fallen souls at the Lotus feet of our beloved Gurudev.

Hari Bol □□□□

Your's servant's servant,
Bhakta Prahlada

Raju - Panchkula, India - You lead my Spiritual life

I am grateful for all the teaching our great master has given me. May the almighty always bless him in all his endeavour to preach innocent disciple the right way to lead our spiritual life with full dignity.

Bhakta Raju

Ramashanker Vyas - Pune, India - A true messenger

Respected Gurudeva His Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari you are making the most wonderful and invaluable contributions to uplift the fallen and ignorant souls of this planet earth by providing Spiritual and Divine wisdom to the entire humanity. I consider him a true messenger of Lord Sri Krishna in this universe.

May You live long with sound health so that more and more people around the world could be benefitted by your physical appearance and preachings.

All glories to His Grace Srila Gurudeva
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada
Hare Krishna !

Yours,
An aspiring devotee of Lord Shri Krishna
R.S. Vyas

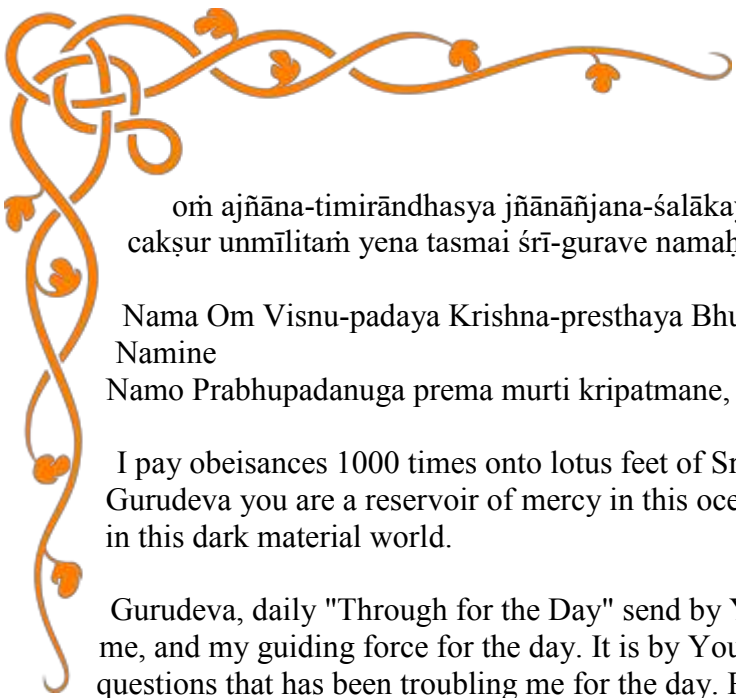


Srimad Bhagavatam Lecture---21 April 2017, ISKCON New Vedic Cultural Center---
Pune, India

Rathin Mandal - Noida, India - Thank you for Your causeless mercy

Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-sālākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Nama Om Visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya Bhu-tale, Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti
Namine

Namo Prabhupadanuga prema murti kripatmane, pashchatya deshe uttama bhakti barshine

I pay obeisances 1000 times onto lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva.

Gurudeva you are a reservoir of mercy in this ocean of nescience. You are like the bright sun in this dark material world.

Gurudeva, daily "Through for the Day" send by You is the biggest source of inspiration for me, and my guiding force for the day. It is by Your causeless mercy, that I find answer to the questions that has been troubling me for the day. Remembering Your Grace helps me in time of material difficulties. Now video of the day, help to listen to instructions everyday.

This year I started attending Bhakti Vriksha class by HG Guru vandana Mataji. And also taking part in some photography service in Noida temple. Bhakti Vriksha class has been very helpful for me, as I and my wife attend the class together, and understand the science of Krishna Consciousness. She keeps on motivating all of bhakti vriksha students very nicely, and shares many ways in which we all can practise Krishna Consciousness in daily life.

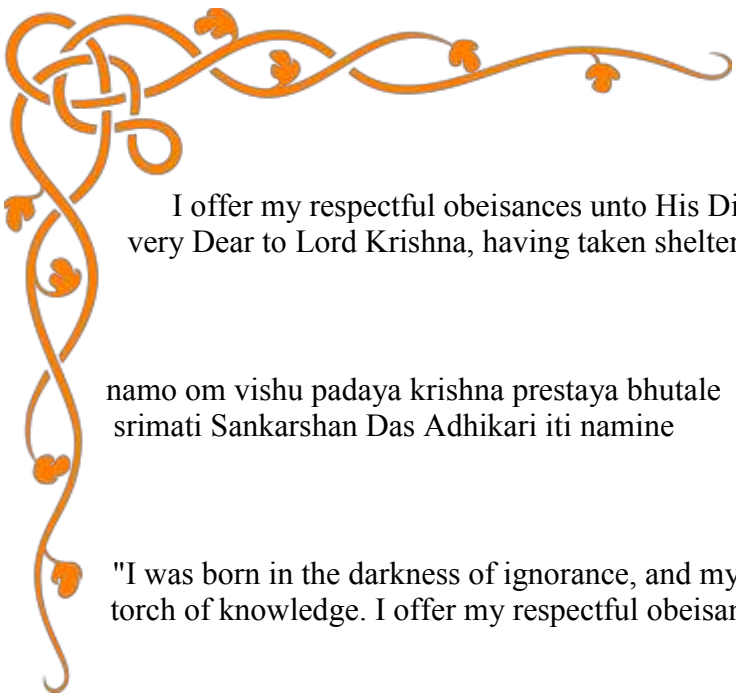
Lately I have been getting occupied a lot at office and home, which sometimes have been difficult. Moreover the mind itself has been creating lot of disturbances for me. It creates lot of difficulties for me, but I try to read and chant and remember Your Lotus Feet to get over the condition. I always try to remember Your words that without keeping Krishna as the center, it is difficult to overcome material difficulties. My following of Krishna Consciousness has not been very good this year, I still am trying to keep up my connection which devotees. I keep visiting Noida temple as much as possible and keep reading Srila Prabhupada books, so I can stay on path of Krishna Consciousness.

I pray to Sri Krishna to keep Your Lotus Feet of Srila Gurudeva in my heart and enable me to serve and follow You 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

Sadhu Bhushan Das, New Delhi, India – you know my everything!

My Dear Spiritual Master,



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.

namo om vishu padaya krishna prestaya bhutale
srimati Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti namine

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

I wish that I could communicate the beautiful gift that you have given me Gurudev, following in the mood of your own inspired preaching. Please bless me with some intelligence and inspiration to do so.

When I think of you

You seem to know my past, My future,

My all, my everything,

My Dear master who is there?

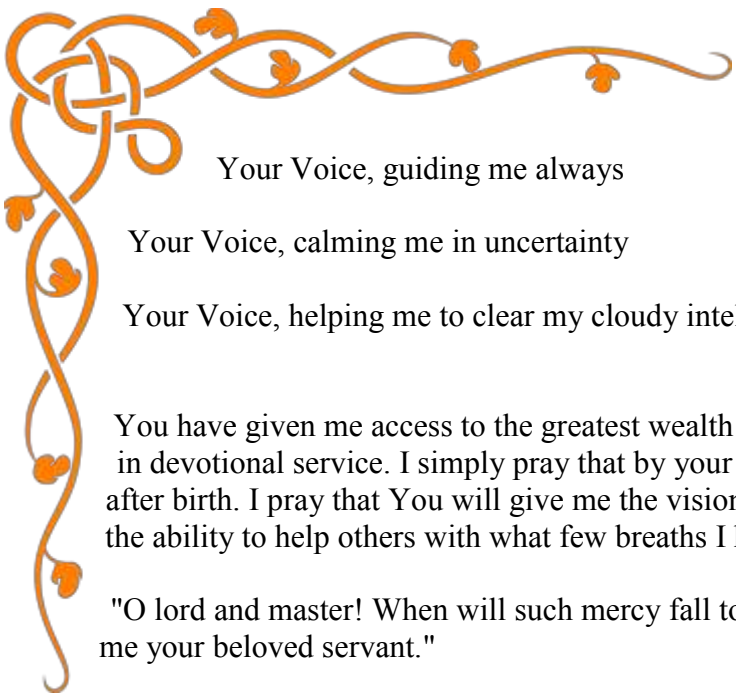
When I have doubts and confusion,

So I wish!

Your Heart, With mine always,

Your Heart, forgiving my silly mistakes

Your Voice, soothing my fears,



Your Voice, guiding me always

Your Voice, calming me in uncertainty

Your Voice, helping me to clear my cloudy intelligence

You have given me access to the greatest wealth in the form of knowledge of how to engage in devotional service. I simply pray that by your mercy I can remain a simple servant, birth after birth. I pray that You will give me the vision to see through the eyes of Sastra and to have the ability to help others with what few breaths I have left.

"O lord and master! When will such mercy fall to this weak and foolish devotee? Please make me your beloved servant."

"When I examine myself. I find nothing of value. Therefore your mercy is essential to me. If you are not merciful, I shall simply weep and weep, and I shall not maintain my life any longer"
Gurudeva (from Saranagati)

Your Servant

Sadhu Bhushan Das

Sandip Koranne - Navsari, India - whole world Krishna Conscious

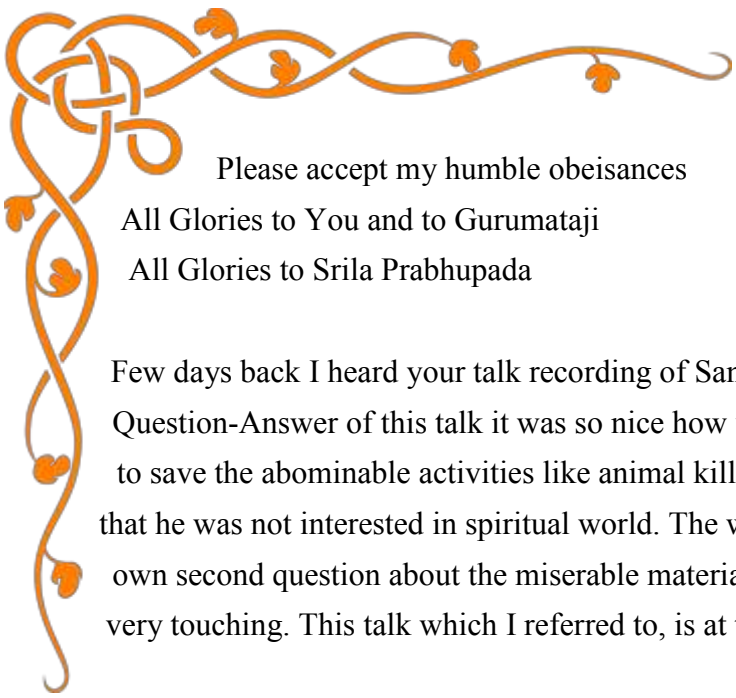
Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious occasion of vyasa puja
All glories to you.
All glories to Srila prabhupada.

I have been benefiting from your e-course, getting the daily lessons of Krishna bhakti by reading 'Thought for the day', your daily video and question/answer. I am thankful to you for extending your support to advance on the path of Krishna bhakti. May the whole world become krishnize very soon by your wonderful efforts.
Please, accept my best regards on the occasion of vyasa puja.

Yours truly,
Sandip Koranne

Sunil Vaswani - Mumbai, India - storehouse of enlightenment

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva



Please accept my humble obeisances

All Glories to You and to Gurumataji

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

Few days back I heard your talk recording of Santiago Chile in the year 2016, and during the Question-Answer of this talk it was so nice how you convinced a person to join the movement to save the abominable activities like animal killing, abortions etc after the same person said that he was not interested in spiritual world. The way you convinced the person based on his own second question about the miserable material existence, simply to save the person was very touching. This talk which I referred to, is at this webpage:

http://www.ultimateselfrealization.com/Lectures/2016/2016.01.02_How.to.Become.Self.Realized_Alameda.Art.Cinenma_Santiago_Chile.mp3

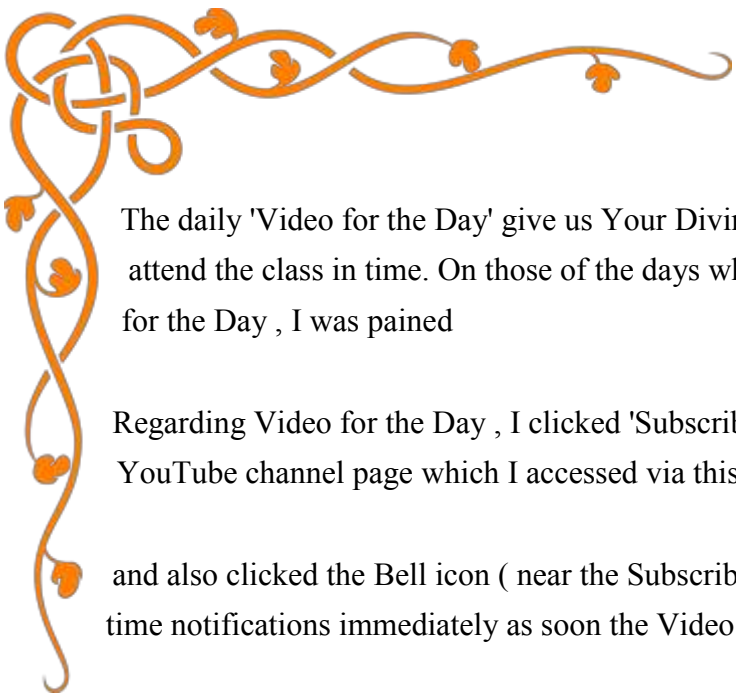
Like this, there are so many nice audio recordings. The audio recordings of the classes are precious and I can hear at least a single audio lecture every day if I cannot attend the live lectures. I get the audios at : www.ultimateselfrealization.com/audio/

Thank You for Your reply emails to all the queries

The live lectures from beginning of 2017 via www.livelectures.net have been very nice, every day at the same time we got Your and Gurumataji's association and could ask questions live online. Almost for four months continuously the classes were held from January 2017 and attending those classes helped me face a challenging situation in May 2017.

i also made a note of many points during the class and shared the points with friends who appreciated the points. Without the discipline of attending classes, it is so easy to get lazy or undisciplined

The live lectures were a purifying experience and made us more Krishna conscious. On some of the days the online classes were simultaneously held on the Facebook page of the Ultimate Self Realization e-course via Facebook Live and many subscribers of the e-course's Facebook Page got notified and attended the live lectures via Facebook also



The daily 'Video for the Day' give us Your Divine Grace's association even if we cannot attend the class in time. On those of the days when I saw you in pain or difficulty in Video for the Day , I was pained

Regarding Video for the Day , I clicked 'Subscribe' button on your Video for the Day YouTube channel page which I accessed via this webpage : www.videofortheday.com

and also clicked the Bell icon (near the Subscribe button) and thereafter I began getting real time notifications immediately as soon the Video for the Day got published onto YouTube

The daily video for the Day is now posted even on Facebook , so it is easy to share with the vast audience of friends and many other sections on Facebook like Messenger, Groups, Pages etc so many people come across these teachings and get connected to the movement and relish the joy of Krishna Consciousness

The SDA blog on wordpress at this webpage : <https://sdastudents.wordpress.com/> has got great reach to many people who are coming to know about this Science

The Disciples and Students of SDA Google Group at : groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/sda_students has become a source of association for the students who have enrolled for free e-course and where we discuss points especially connected with the free e-course of www.joincourse.com

At times while doing Vyasa-Puja e-book service I at times did it mechanically but after doing the service as a duty , I felt great bliss.

At times, I do get depressed but then I also get the shining light of the Lord
Right now, there is so much lust, anger, greed, envy, madness, illusion inside me
I had planned to say many more thoughts but somehow I did not note or remember

Honestly , words cannot give justice to how much can be said about Your Divine Grace, so I can only say thank you very much

your insignificant servant,



Devotees Dance in Ecstasy to Gurumata's Kirtan
Santiago, Chile--6 January 2017

Vijay Lakshmi - Delhi - I know Your Grace is always

Respected Lord Krishna, Srila Gurudev and Sankarshan Das Adhikari jee

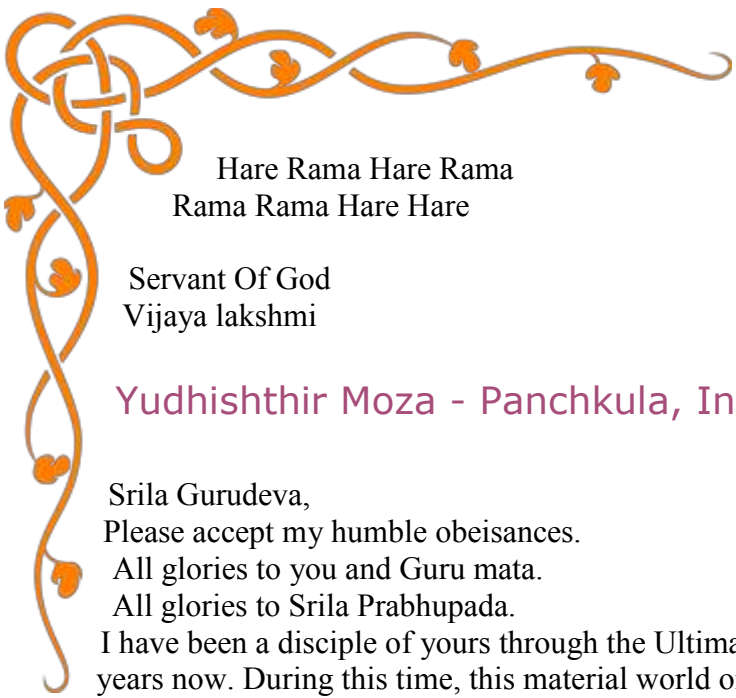
Om Ajnana timirandhasya Jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur Unmilitam Yena Tasmai Sri Guruve - salakaya

mool mantra of our life Japo Krishna - Tajo Trishna

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my mind and heart to live as it is . Accept everything in life he knows what we need. I am happy what ever happen in my life. 24hours his grace is on me as a father care for his kids. Any good or bad happens to me is his grace, since I know he would take care of me. I trust that he is with us all time. The secret of happiness is that 'nothing is in our hand so why worry. Satisfaction in everything is life'. Helping others as much as we can and Love all.

Now by the grace of Lord Sri Krishna and You, I also want to join the journey of being Krishna Conscious.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare



Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Servant Of God
Vijaya lakshmi

Yudhishtir Moza - Panchkula, India - nectar to a parched soul

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

I have been a disciple of yours through the Ultimate Self-Realization course for more than ten years now. During this time, this material world or Maya, has shown me so many ups and downs. Your teaching come as nectar to a parched soul and the support of true religion. Based on your teachings and my resultant realization, I wrote a poem the conclusion of which has been inspired by these teachings. I offer this poem here as a tribute.

GOD IS ONE

Once I was a witness to a certain account,
Sharing it would be for what I can't wait.
Heard two sagely people sharing their saintly counts;
The guy was from the west and the lady from east entering into Indian gates.

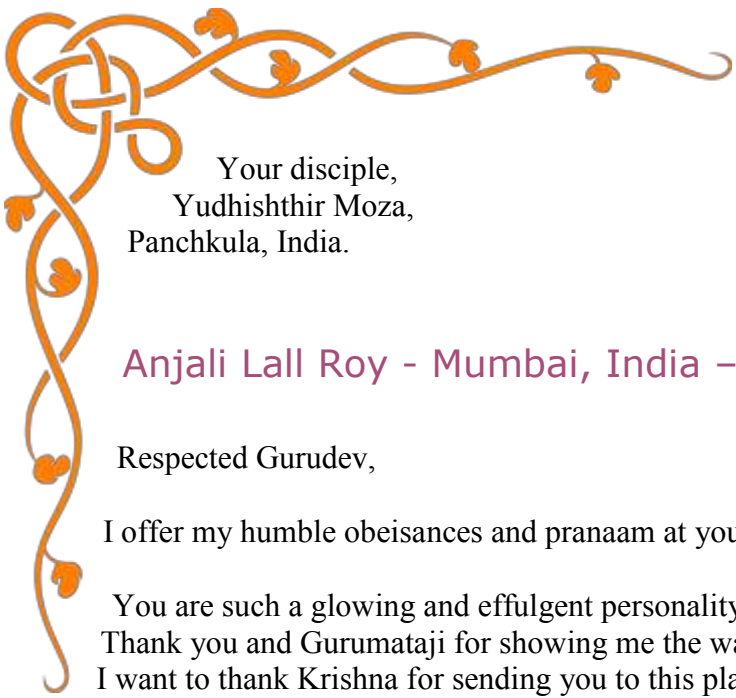
The man from the west asked the lady in eagerness,
Major western religions be it Christianity or Islam have only one single God;
How come Gods are many in your religious keenness?
For a wayside observer like me, it a lot of confusion accords.

The lady from the east was totally unperturbed;
She said "God is one for everyone;
Imagine Him like a tree with a trunk, branches, stems and leaves without being disturbed,
So divinity is one, but as required by beings stands, there is difference for everyone."

So my brethren from across the whole world wide,
God is one for everyone.
Call Him God, Bhagwan, Allah, Jehovah or anything besides,
Or above all call Him Krishna, the most attractive one.

.....Yudhishtir Moza

Please accept my humble tribute to your lotus feet.
Servant of the pebbles you tread upon,



Your disciple,
Yudhishtir Moza,
Panchkula, India.

Anjali Lall Roy - Mumbai, India – you light up my life

Respected Gurudev,

I offer my humble obeisances and pranaam at your Lotus feet.

You are such a glowing and effulgent personality that your mercy totally lights up my life. Thank you and Gurumataji for showing me the way and helping me so lovingly.

I want to thank Krishna for sending you to this planet to show us the way.

You live such an exemplary life- all your activities are a live example for me to learn how to become a perfect devotee and experience Krishna Prema.

I did not ever meet Srila Prabhupada but seeing you ... I know him. Because you are flawlessly carrying on his work and mission - I know him and I can feel his mercy (too!)

Thanks to you.

Bhaktin Anjali Lall Roy

Archana Lahoti - Pune, India - You enlighten me

Respected and Dear Gurudev ,

Please accept my humble obeisance

It is said that where there is Guru , there is no darkness. Gurudev, you have really enlightened me with your knowledge. Your devotion, affection and compassion towards devotees is beyond words to express.

You were guiding us though you were in in very bad health. Your determination for serving Krishna and bring devotees in Krishna Consciousness is truly inspiring.

Please bless me to imbibe these qualities in me and taste spiritual nectar of knowledge throughout life.

Thank you so much for accepting me as your student.

Bhaktin Archana Lahoti



Bina Bhatt - Khanpur, India – you transformed me

om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

Srila Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Guru Mata,
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudev, giving me your shelter you have made my life successful. You have transformed me from an animal to a human being, so now it feels like all the difficulties are washed away as water over the stone. Having strong faith on Sri Guru and Sri Krishna the life passes on.

With the darshan of Gurumaharaj this life is blessed that is the only how I hope to pass my this material life. From waking up till the end of the day whichever book I read I beg to remember the instructions given by You that is how I want to spend my time that is the hope. I hope and wish that when my soul leaves this body by Your mercy I can utter name of Govinda .

In the dust of your lotus feet,
Bhaktin Bina Bhatt

Kumkum Dvivedi - Pune, India - made me fortunate

I offer obeisances to you gurudev.
I bow my head in respect. Dandavats,
Gurudev, thank you very much for very kindly accepting me for the initiation. I am coming to Vrindavan - the holy land on 13,14 15 October, I would become very fortunate to attend your auspicious Vyasa puja.

I feel honoured because I will now have Guru patni as my Gurumata. I touch her feet with all my love and devotion.

Your humble servant

Kumkum Dvivedi



Caitanya Caritamrita Lecture--Barshana, India--8 October 2016

Neha Aggarwal - Gurgaon, India - Having found you

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet !!

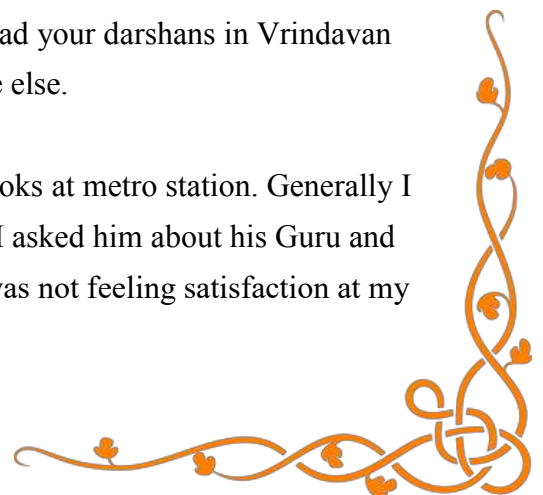
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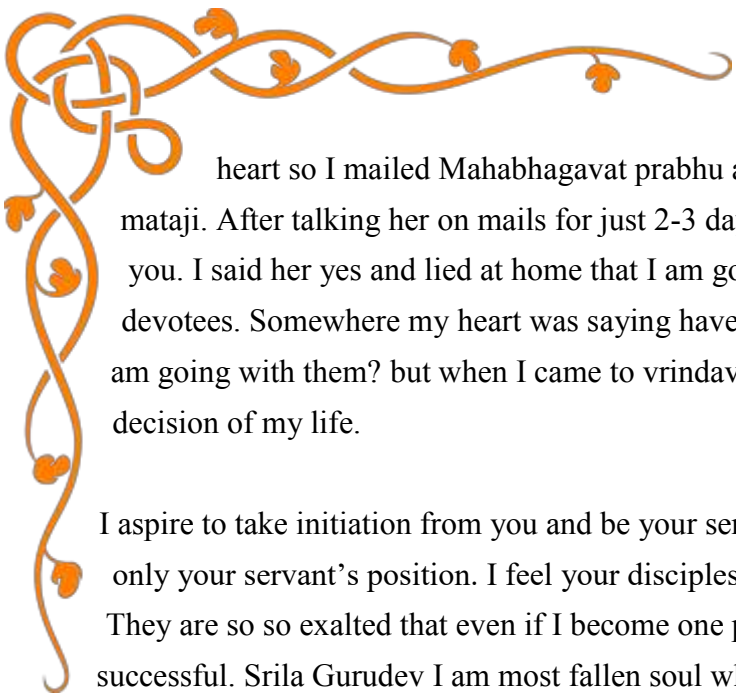
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

I feel myself very very small to express gratitude towards you. You being such a pure soul who has dedicated your whole life in service of krishna I will always beg you for your blessings and mercy and will beg and beg and only beg from krishna to give me position as your servant .

I was wondering aimlessly and didn't know what to do and where to go. Even before I came into Krishna consciousness, I was just so confused about who is God and how to reach Him but after meeting you all my questions were answered. First time when I had your darshans in Vrindavan in 2015 my heart cried and I felt now I don't have to go anywhere else.

I came to know about you through Sridhar prabhu distributing books at metro station. Generally I don't ask from devotees about their Guru's but I don't know how I asked him about his Guru and he told me about "join course". I enrolled myself there and still was not feeling satisfaction at my





heart so I mailed Mahabhagavat prabhu and he got me connected to Guru Vandana mataji. After talking her on mails for just 2-3 days she told me to come to vrindavan and meet you. I said her yes and lied at home that I am going to vrindavan with my known group of devotees. Somewhere my heart was saying have I gone mad that without knowing anyone I am going with them? but when I came to vrindavan to have your darshans I felt I took best decision of my life.

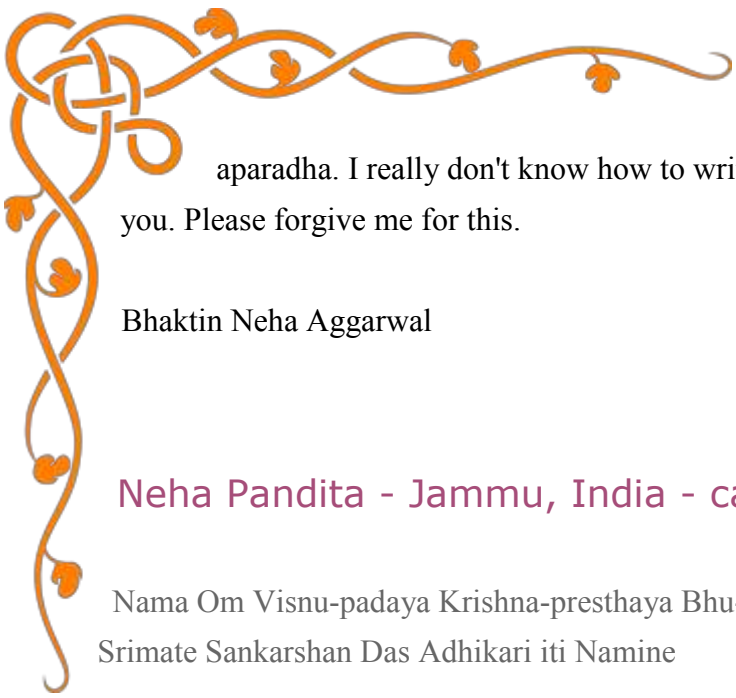
I aspire to take initiation from you and be your servant life after life and I beg to always get only your servant's position. I feel your disciples are most fortunate souls in this universe. They are so so exalted that even if I become one percent like them my birth would be successful. Srila Gurudev I am most fallen soul when I see my God brothers and sisters so much fully absorbed in serving you I feel very pity on myself that I am full of anarthas and have no love for Guru and Krishna. Please save me Srila Gurudev I beg you to please give me your servant position and I don't want to go anywhere else.

Srila Gurudev you are so merciful and so so humble that despite of your health problems you are travelling for us and preaching all over the world and always taking out time from your so so busy schedule and answering our queries through email or live classes.

Srila Gurudev I only have material attachments and have no love for you and krishna and I am so unfortunate that in spite of you being telling almost everyday in video of day to take up krishna consciousness I am still struggling here. Please help me and save me and only you can save suffering souls like me with your mercy.

I pray to krishna that you always be in good health and have a long life that not only me but my four year daughter Yagya also takes initiation from you. She recognizes you and whenever she sees you in my phone or live video lecture she says mummy Gurudev is giving class and even though she doesn't understands anything she tries to listen to your video of day or lectures. Please bless her and me. My daughter is excited that I will be taking her to Vrindavan from 6 to 15 oct to meet you.

Srila Gurudev, your most merciful and I really have no words to thankyou. You are my father and my Guru so please forgive your daughter if knowingly or unknowingly I have done any



aparadha. I really don't know how to write offering to Guru or how to say thank you to you. Please forgive me for this.

Bhaktin Neha Aggarwal

Neha Pandita - Jammu, India - came down to deliver us

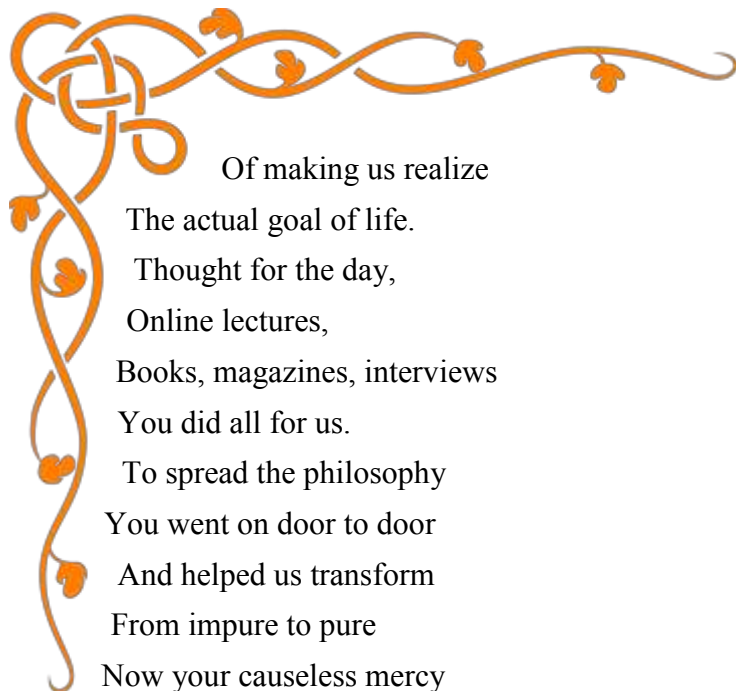
Nama Om Visnu-padaya Krishna-presthaya Bhu-tale
Srimate Sankarshan Das Adhikari iti Namine

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

I am very insignificant to write this vyas puja offering but because you are so merciful I request you to please accept my offering.

By the grace of spiritual master the cloud of the mercy of personality of Godhead is brought in and then only when rain of krishna consciousness fall can the fire of material existence be extinguished. The only way to advance in spiritual life is to satisfy a bona-fide spiritual master. Without your mercy our life is waste. Only by taking darshans of your lotus feet one can become purified.

From Goloka Vrindavana
You came to this world
With no other intention
But delivering the whole world
You saw our condition
And got really surprised
On seeing the world
Filled with misery and crise
You took the initiative
With Srimati Gurumataji



Of making us realize
The actual goal of life.
Thought for the day,
Online lectures,
Books, magazines, interviews
You did all for us.
To spread the philosophy
You went on door to door
And helped us transform
From impure to pure
Now your causeless mercy
Is doing the magic
25000 subscribers
And even more to come!

Today on the most auspicious day of vyas puja I want to thank you for coming from the spiritual world and delivering fallen souls like me for making us realize our actual position. You are an inspiration for me and many more like me. You taught us how to remember krishna in the most difficult situation. Even when you were not well your spirit and enthusiasm for spreading the love of krishna didn't decreased at all.

You and Srimati Gurumataji travel and take so much pain for spreading the message of lord caitanya to the world and hence you are so Dear to Lord Sri Krishna. I therefore beg you to allow me to keep the dust of your lotus feet on my head.

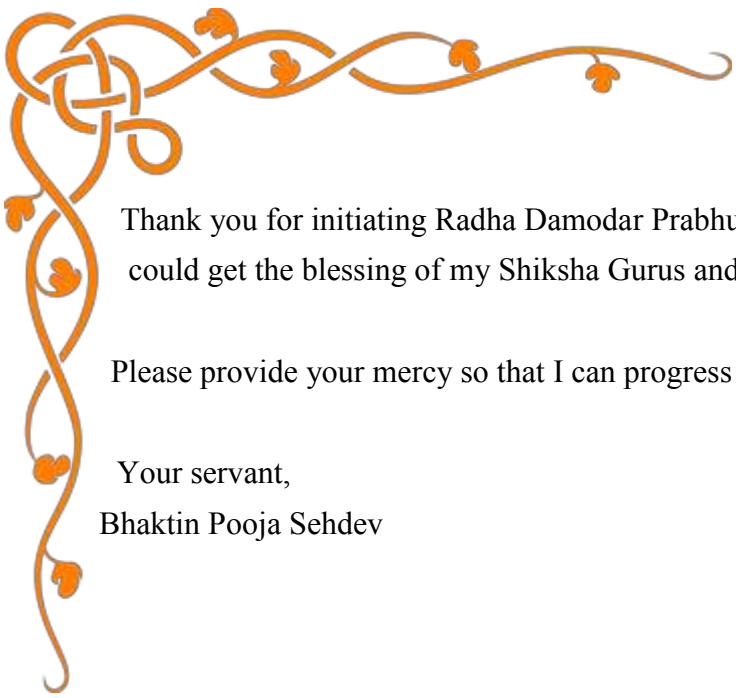
Your insignificant and unworthy servant
Neha pandita

Pooja Sehdev - Ghaziabad, India - your mercy

Hare Krishna,
Please accept my humble obeisance.

Thank you for blessing us with you presence and giving us the opportunity to listen your voice.





Thank you for initiating Radha Damodar Prabhu ji and Sadhu Bhushan Prabhu ji so that I could get the blessing of my Shiksha Gurus and the association of the pure devotees.

Please provide your mercy so that I can progress on the path of Krishna bhakti.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Pooja Sehdev

Preeti Arora - New Delhi, India - out of ignorance

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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.

I am ever so debted to Guru Maharaj, for taking me out of this darkest of ignorance.

I have always felt that this world is like a room filled will black coal, were you cannot survive without getting the black color on yourself. But my GuruMaharaj has taught us that we can be like a lotus which is not affected by its surroundings.

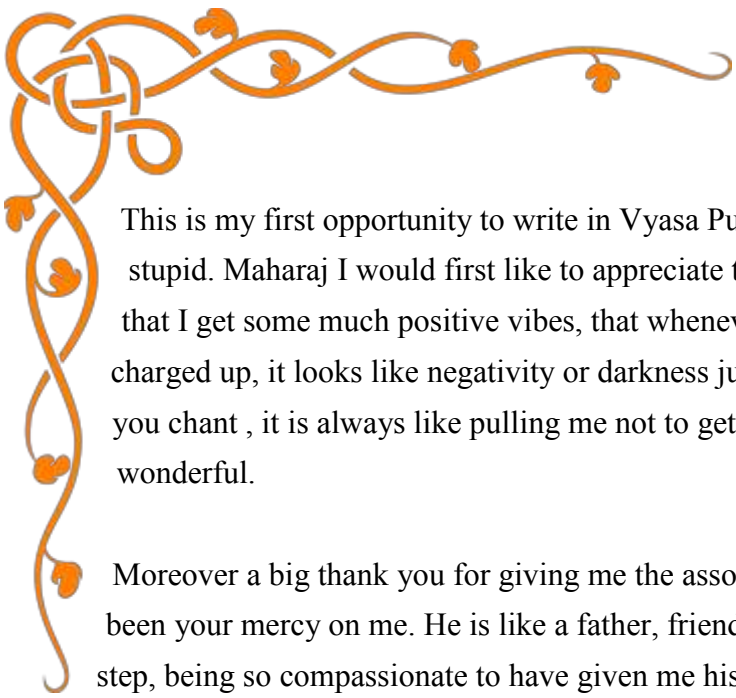
I request you Guru Maharaj to always keep me at your lotus feet so that I don't drown in this materialistic world.

Your most unworthy servant,
Bhaktin Preeti Arora

Saswati Swain - Noida, India - your spiritual vibes

Hare Krsna,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudev!



This is my first opportunity to write in Vyasa Puja offering, please forgive if I sound little stupid. Maharaj I would first like to appreciate that you possess a magnetic aura around you, that I get some much positive vibes, that whenever I see your video of the day, I get all charged up, it looks like negativity or darkness just went off by your presence. Moreover when you chant , it is always like pulling me not to get distracted at all and the Kirtan is just so wonderful.

Moreover a big thank you for giving me the association of Radha Damodar Prabhu, who has been your mercy on me. He is like a father, friend and a siksha guru to me, guiding me at each step, being so compassionate to have given me his association, that I am still not there where he wants me. So it's a reflection of your and Prabhupada's energy, so a big thank you for that. Even I would also share that again with your mercy I am blessed to have association of Sadhu Bhushan Prabhu, who guides and speaks so well, with so much conviction.

Again want to thank you for taking so much effort in writing your thoughts in the daily mailers that we get. Thank you for everything. Please bless me that I can get few people into Krsna consciousness starting with my husband and daughter, family and thereafter few more souls.

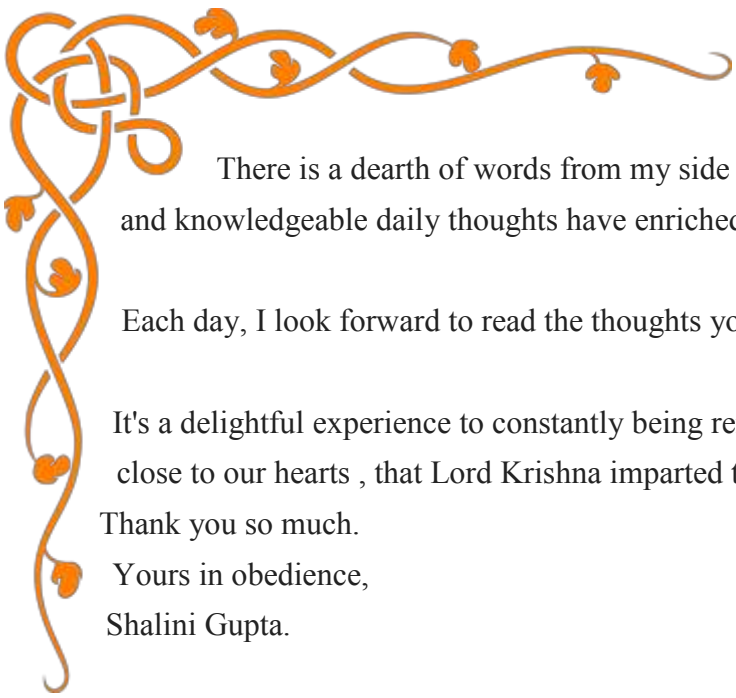
Always at your service and happy to serve you,
Bhaktin Saswati Swain

Shalini Gupta - Dehradun, India - To associate with you

Dear Sir,
Sadar Pranam.
All Glories to His Holiness Swami Prabhupada.

It is a privilege to be writing a few words of appreciation to you in all humility.

It is been a wondrous sojourn of these seven years, since I joined your e- course on self awakening.



There is a dearth of words from my side to express my inability, how these wonderful and knowledgeable daily thoughts have enriched my thinking and life.

Each day, I look forward to read the thoughts you have written and expressed.

It's a delightful experience to constantly being reminded of our rich legacy that we hold so close to our hearts , that Lord Krishna imparted to us five thousand years ago.

Thank you so much.

Yours in obedience,
Shalini Gupta.

Dayalakshmi Devi Dasi - Delhi, India - Your personal guidance

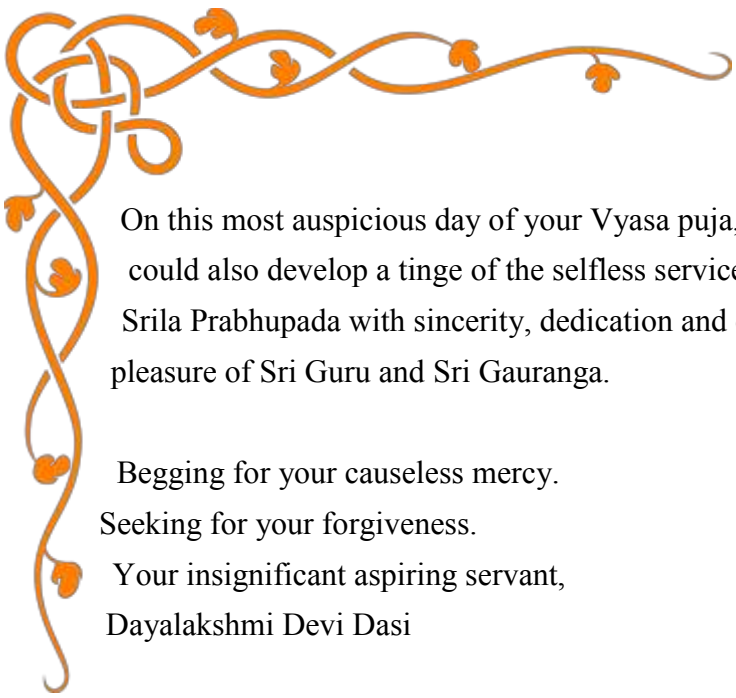
Hare Krishna Maharaj

Please accept my sincerest of the humble obeisances unto the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On the most auspicious day of your appearance day - the Vyasa Puja, I would humbly like to express my gratitude unto your divine lotus feet. Though I am unfit to glorify an exalted vaishnava like you, but for my purification and also for the pleasure of the guru parampara, I would sincerely like to express few words of gratitude unto your divine lotus feet.

Thankyou maharaj for enlightening me daily via internet with your inspirational thoughts for the day- the timeless wisdom of Krsna consciousness that it carries-helps me to improve in my spiritual life. Also the course of ultimate self-realization initiated by you, is a blessing for a conditioned soul like me, as the internet is a kind of digital intoxication for me, which leads to a sheer wastage of time but this course is extensively helping me to make the bestest use of the internet and it is also simultaneously nourishing me to go back to the reading of Srila Prabhupada's books with more interest. Thankyou maharaj for your causeless mercy.

Many times I ask you questions through the email and it really surprises me that you give instant replies, even though the questions may be trivial at times, still you always reply. I am really thankful to you for always being there.



On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, I beg and pray earnestly for your mercy so I could also develop a tinge of the selfless service attitude in serving the mood and mission of Srila Prabhupada with sincerity, dedication and enthusiasm, throughout my life, for the pleasure of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

Begging for your causeless mercy.
Seeking for your forgiveness.
Your insignificant aspiring servant,
Dayalakshmi Devi Dasi

Dristadyumna Das - Jammu, India - Desiring the dust of your lotus feet

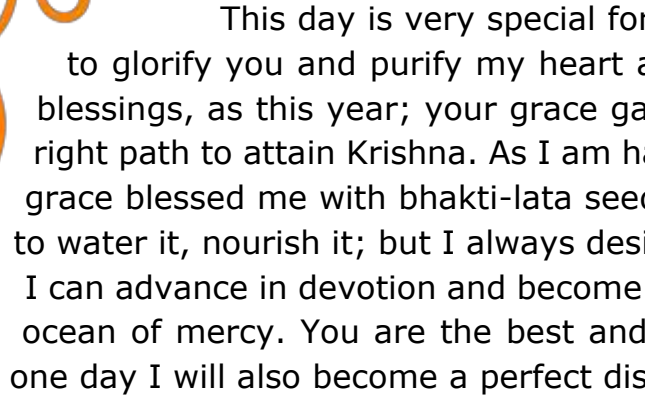
Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you Dear Gurudeva!!

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

*srī-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando muñi savadhana mate
jahara prasade bhai, e bhava toriya jai,
kṛṣṇa-prapti hoy jaha ha'te*

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.

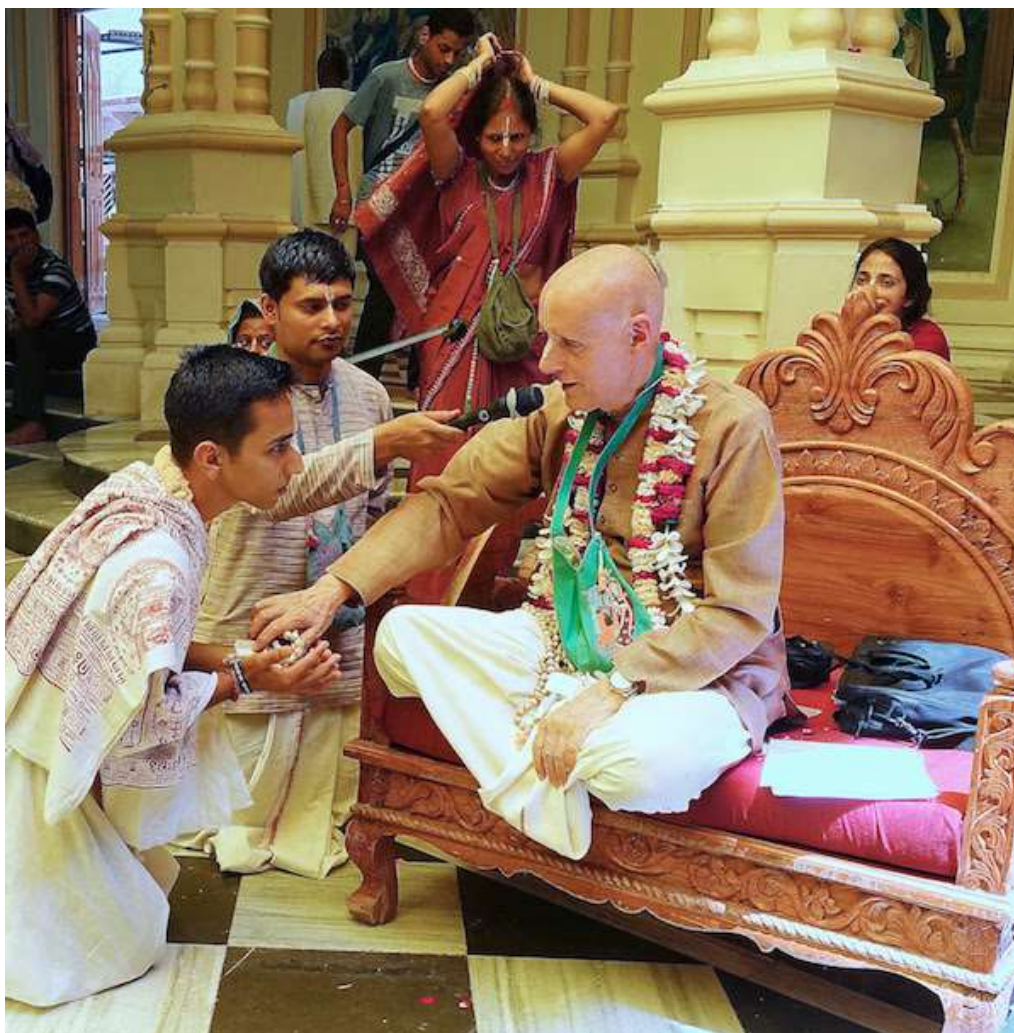


This day is very special for me as I am getting the opportunity to glorify you and purify my heart and soul. I am very thankful to your blessings, as this year; your grace gave me initiation and showed me the right path to attain Krishna. As I am having no qualities in me but still your grace blessed me with bhakti-lata seed. It's up to me now how I am going to water it, nourish it; but I always desire the dust of your lotus feet so that I can advance in devotion and become a pure devotee like you. You are the ocean of mercy. You are the best and perfect example of disciple, I hope one day I will also become a perfect disciple just like you.

Wish you a Happy Appearance Day and a healthy and long existence.

Thanks for saving us always.

Your Servant
Dristadyumna Das



Deepak Pandita Becomes Dristadyumna Das

Guru Vandana Devi Dasi - Noida, India - You are perfect disciple

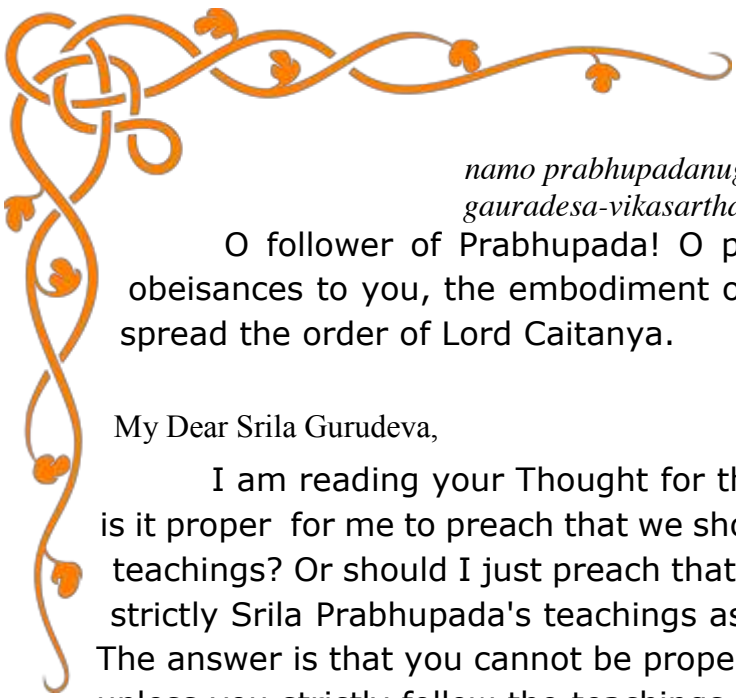
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All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpātmane
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.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

I am reading your Thought for the day, 8th September, 2017, "...So is it proper for me to preach that we should strictly follow Srila Prabhupada's teachings? Or should I just preach that it doesn't matter whether you follow strictly Srila Prabhupada's teachings as long as you are Krishna conscious? The answer is that you cannot be properly situated in Krishna consciousness unless you strictly follow the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. Pseudo Krishna consciousness, i.e. Krishna consciousness mixed with material desires, will not save you at the time of death. You will have to take birth again to fulfill those material desires. The purpose of my preaching is to purely represent Srila Prabhupada, not to mix Srila Prabhupada's teachings with material sense gratification. My aim is to preach in such a way that anyone who follows my instructions will be guaranteed to go back to home, back to Godhead at the time of the demise of their present material bodies. How can that be wrong?

In this connection kindly note what Srila Prabhupada says about strictly following this process of Krishna consciousness. This is from his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam, Fourth Canto, Chapter 22, Text 24:

"To hear about Krishna from Srimad-Bhagavatam or Bhagavad-gita or similar authentic literature is to live in Krishna consciousness. Such concentration in Krishna consciousness can be achieved by persons who are strictly following the rules and regulative principles. We have recommended in our Krishna consciousness movement that a devotee chant sixteen rounds on beads daily and follow the regulative principles. That will help the devotee be fixed in his spiritual advancement in life."

Srila Gurudeva, I am reading this again and again. You are living in Krishna Consciousness and teaching us by your own example. Srila Gurudeva I still do not understand where from this fortune has come, to associate with such a perfect follower of His Divine Grace Swami Prabhupada, who has saved me from the ocean of miseries.

With an attitude of gratitude we offer flowers, fruits and other bhoga, celebrating Vyas Puja and at the same time, I realize that serving Srila Gurudeva's message is celebrating real Vyas Puja. Let me always celebrate this Vyas puja every second in my heart taking your instructions seriously and follow your instructions strictly.

I humbly thank our beloved Gurumataji for teachings us how to offer Vyas puja in thoughts, words and deeds.

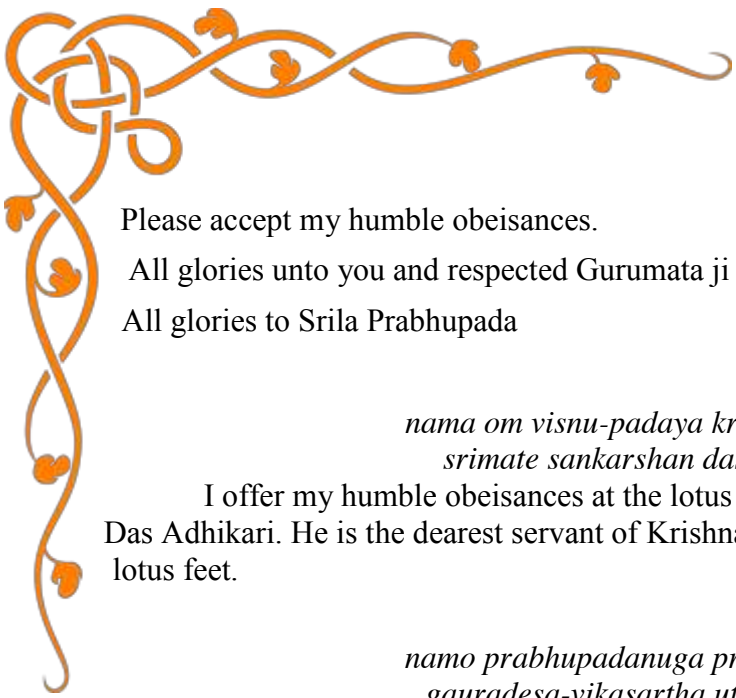
Your insignificant servant in the dust of your lotus feet
Guru Vandana devi dasi



Initiation Ceremony--Vrindavan, India--12 April 2017

Haladhar Das - Chandigarh, India - Kindly destroy my anarthas with your instructions

Hare Krsna Dear Gurudeva,



Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories unto you and respected Gurumata ji

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

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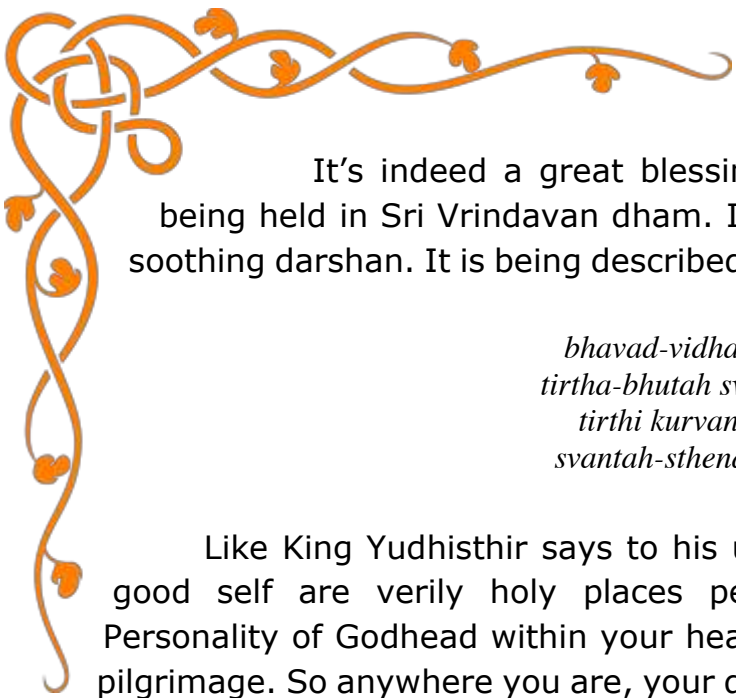
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Respected Gurudeva, I cannot express in words how much indebted I am to you. It is said Lord is being glorified with choicest of words so He is known as Uttama sloka and similarly His pure devotees are to be glorified also with choicest of words and hence they are known as punya sloka being in constant touch with the Lord. I don't feel myself qualified enough to glorify you in words what place you have in every moment of my life. Despite your showering mercy eternally every moment, I remained sinful being fooled by my mind every now and then. How with this impious heart and mind, can I offer you a garland of flowers or beautiful words. Please forgive me for my misdeeds, for not being true to you, and Bless me so I can glorify you suitably. O Vaisnava thakur ocean of mercy please Bless me with spiritual strength so I am able to walk on the path shown by you, and help Lord Caitanya movement in delivering the forgetful souls.

Like Lord Jagannath, His devotees like you are so merciful that they come out in the open to Bless the materially engrossed persons who hardly have any time for activities other than sense gratification. Srila Prabhupada has mercifully sent you to protect us from the heat of hard struggle of life. I am eternally indebted to you for giving me shelter under the shade of your lotus feet.



It's indeed a great blessing that this year your Vyasapuja is being held in Sri Vrindavan dham. I am eagerly looking forward to your soothing darshan. It is being described in Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.3.10

*bhavad-vidha bhagvatas
tirtha-bhutam svayam vibho
tirthi kurvanti tirthani
svantah-sthena gadabhrta*

Like King Yudhisthir says to his uncle Vidura that 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. So anywhere you are, your disciples are, the place is as sanctified as Sri Vrindavan dham. You travel all over the world to sanctify the places, to sanctify the hearts of people, our dull misled brains with your enchanting smile, your sweet kirtan, your captivating Krsna katha. I am indeed fortunate to somehow come in contact with your grace. Kindly destroy my anarthas with your sublime instructions and Bless me so I can understand my fortunate position and help others attain the same fortune. Thank you thank you thank you very much.

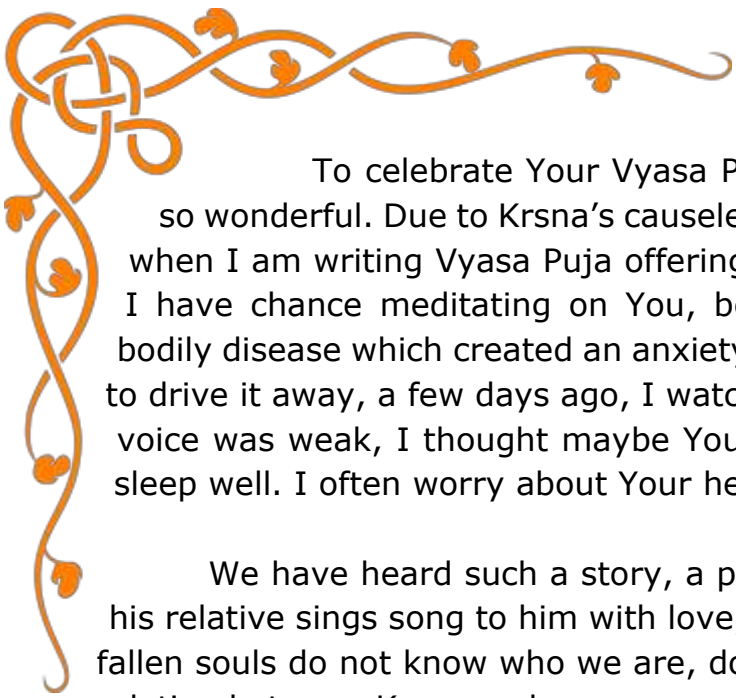
May Lord Krsna Bless you and Gurumataji with good health so you are able to deliver more and more unfortunate souls entangled in the illusory ways of material life.

Thank you so much.

Your servant,
Haladhar Das, Chandigarh, India

Hladini Devi Dasi - Dandong, China - You are full of compassion

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



To celebrate Your Vyasa Puja in the special month of Kartik is so wonderful. Due to Krsna's causeless mercy, I meditate on You not only when I am writing Vyasa Puja offering to You, but also recently every day I have chance meditating on You, because since You were attacked by bodily disease which created an anxiety within my heart, I have no strength to drive it away, a few days ago, I watched Video For The Day, I found Your voice was weak, I thought maybe Your back, leg ached again and did not sleep well. I often worry about Your health.

We have heard such a story, a person becomes a vegetative patient, his relative sings song to him with love, after many years, he wakes up. We fallen souls do not know who we are, do not know who is Krsna, what is the relation between Krsna and us, we are really in miserable condition, just like vegetative patients. Like Arjuna, Srila Gurudeva You are full of compassion, your mind depressed, your eyes full of tears...

*"jiv jago, jiv jago Gauracanda bole,
kotha nidra jao maya, pisacira kole,*

Each day without fail, Guru faithfully, determinedly repeating Lord Caitanya's calling through E-course, through physical association," wake up, sleeping souls, Wake up, sleeping souls, You have slept so long in the lap of the witch Maya." day after day, year after year, You thus repeating the calling to us, through E-course, through physical association Your causeless mercy constantly flows to us, we lost anxiety, we become enlightened, but due to so many years sitting on the computer, so many years flying in the sky, due to our sinful reactions, You lost health, You sacrifice everything...

On Your auspicious Vyasa Puja day, I pray to Lord Sri Krsna for Your protection and health.

Your servant
Hladini devi dasi

Kamal Caran Das - Bharuch, India - Exemplary method of preaching



Hare Krsna.

Please accept my humble obeisances, Gurudeva.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

I have been learning through online Srimad Bhagavad Gita courses, Daily messages and book-reading programs conducted unbelievably by your kind self. All of them are non-stop like eternal flow of unlimited nectar. Almost every time, I failed to meet with the speed of the program, but the scheduled upload never fails. And I always felt to catch it up and run behind it and still trying to do that. I would like to put here that the internet preaching resources and the methodology adopted by His Grace is exemplary. I am really grateful to Gurudeva for facilitating such media so that the people like me engaged in industrial pollution can also remain in touch with eternal nectar all the time.

Kindly bless your mercy on us like this for ever.

Your insignificant servant,

Kamal Caran Das

Krishnapriya Devi Dasi - Mumbai, India – Ocean of good qualities

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

I wish you health and strength for service to the lotus feet of your Dear spiritual master Srila Prabhupada! May you stay on this planet as long as possible giving your wonderful seminars, as long as your Dear spiritual master Srila Prabhupada wishes!

Please teach us the same devotion, sincerity and steadiness in devotional service that you have toward your spiritual master.

We are so very fortunate to have a living example from our spiritual master, who shows his disciples the real welfare work for humanity. I pray on

this day that you may bless me with a deeper understanding as to how to give this message of love of God to everyone I meet.

And to enable me to develop real compassion for all living entities. Amidst the duality of opposing elements, may I always remember your unflinching faith and devotion to your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, and all the previous acaryas.

Srimad-Bhagavatam says (5.18.11) "By associating with persons for whom the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Mukunda, is the all in all, one can hear of His powerful activities and soon come to understand them. The activities of Mukunda are so potent that simply by hearing of them one immediately associates with the Lord." Thank you for your causeless mercy that you are giving us. Because of your association we are able to advance on the path back home, back to Krishna.

Gurudeva please give me your blessings that my desire to chant attentively become very strong and sincere in my heart.

Yours eternal servant,
Krishnapriya Devi Dasi



Bhagavatam Class--ISKCON Pune, India--14 October 2016

Mukunda Das - Pune, India – Planting Bhakti Lata Beej



Dear Gurudev,

My humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I was all at sea trying to cross over the material ocean, thinking to be lord of thoughts, action and results.

Indulging in sense gratification. Imagining it to be goal of life. Posing to be happy all time.

Little I knew that all was illusion and false ego till I met You

My one request and You mercifully accepted me as a disciple by initiating me into Krishna Consciousness, offered your lotus feet for me to take shelter

Rekindled the dormant Krishna Consciousness in my heart and put me on the right path of loving devotional service to the Lord Krishna, the eternal goal of all living entities.

Gurudev, I am grateful to you for planting the seed of "Bhakti Lata" in my heart. Your "Daily Thoughts" are the watering source and by your mercy Bhakti Lata will grow gradually to the destination.

On this Auspicious Vyasa Puja Day I beg to you to please, please, please bless me to contribute to your mission in spreading Krishna Consciousness to each and every soul in the universe

Your Insignificant Servant

Mukunda Das

Nandapriya Devi Dasi - Jammu, India – Vaikuntha man

My Dear loving father and my master

O merci Manifestation, O Ocean of Love and Compassion, O savior of fallen soul



Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to you and to the most loving mother our beloved Srimati Gurumataji!

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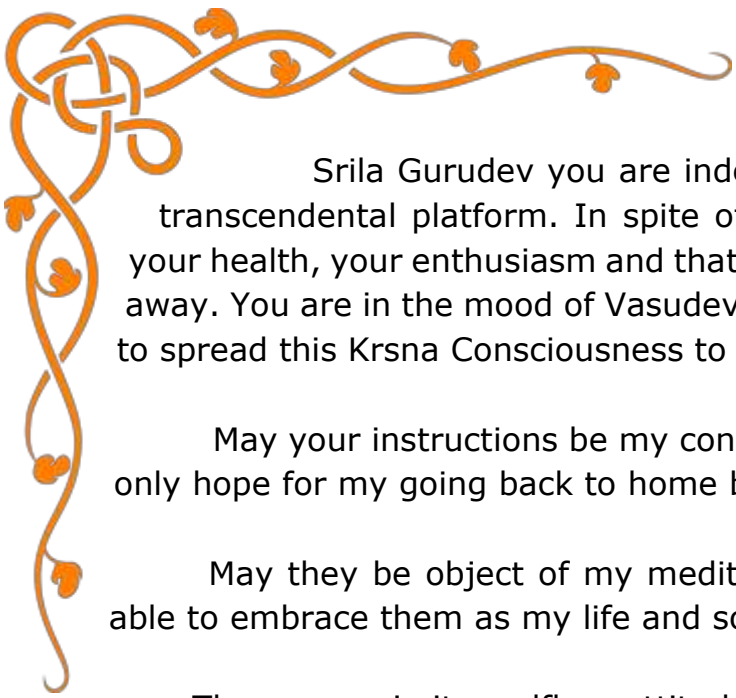
Thousands and millions of souls are wandering in this world, for millions of births I am one of them wandering soul. Though misfortunate I am but by attaining the sublime shelter under your lotus feet o my master misfortune of mine has been transformed to greatest fortune, by attaining the seed of bhakti by your grace which is like a beautiful , blooming vine.

Oh my eternal spiritual master , I beg this mercy! May I be in constant remembrance of the dawning of love for the divine couple's lotus feet.

Oh my spiritual master you are a true prabhupadanuga by your personal example you have taught us these divine teachings of sublime process of Krsna Consciousness.

You are truly a pure devotee! Mercifully you gave us the secrets of Radha's service to Krsna.

Oh my eternal spiritual master you have dedicated your life to the mission of your spiritual master. Let this dedication like your be developed by your grace in me so that my life be fully dedicated to this mission of Chaitanya mahaprabhu.



Srila Gurudev you are indeed a VAIKUNTHA MAN , you are on transcendental platform. In spite of gone through really bad time with your health, your enthusiasm and that charm at your lotus face never fades away. You are in the mood of Vasudev Dutt, out of compassion you are out to spread this Krsna Consciousness to save fallen souls of this entire world.

May your instructions be my constant companion and as they are the only hope for my going back to home back to Godhead.

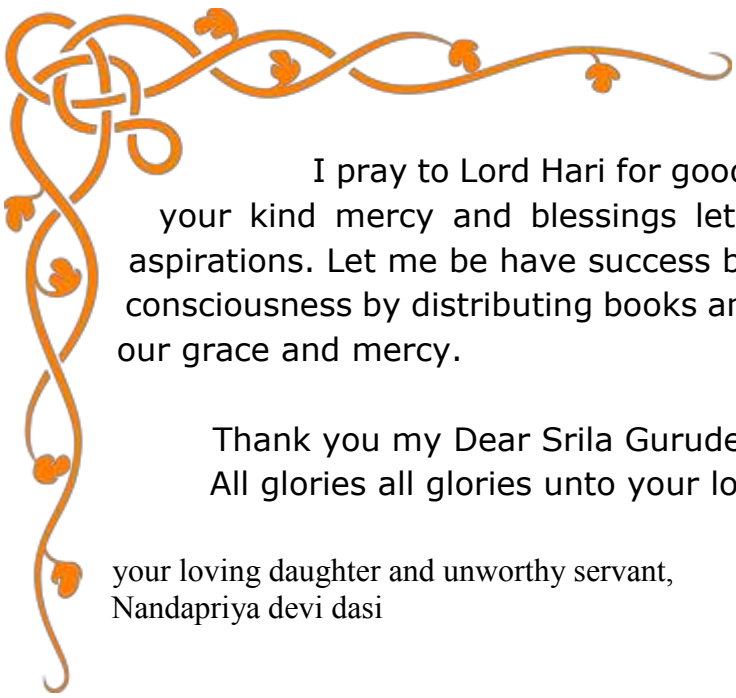
May they be object of my meditation throughout my life , may I be able to embrace them as my life and soul.

The magnanimity, selfless attitude great humility and unflinching faith in the words of the spiritual master that you - my master has exhibited at every phase of your life is unparalleled.

Today on most auspicious day of your appearance I want to thank you my loving father for accepting me as your disciple and eternal daughter. You have given me hope that I would be saved from this hellish quagmire of this material existence if I just hold on to your lotus feet. Shelter of your lotus feet is great solace for me and is the key to attain pure devotional service. Let me hold on to your lotus feet.

On this auspicious day I want to show my gratitude to my very loving mother Srimati Gurumataji. I am very much indebted to my eternal mother Srimati Gurumataji. She is in true sense a very loving mother and a pure devotee to whom I will remain indebted to my entire life. She is my shiksha guru by her grace only I learnt meaning and essence of devotional service. She has very mercifully answered my questions every time and guided me very well and engaged me in the service of Guru and Krisna.

I can never repay to her what she has given to me. But this is my constant prayer unto your both lotus feet please order me in anyway your grace desires, everything I have, including myself belongs to you, and your grace may do with me as you wish...you have full right over me as I am just a menial servant at your lotus feet.



I pray to Lord Hari for good health for both of you. And begging your kind mercy and blessings let me as you are without desires or aspirations. Let me be have success by your grace in spreading this Krsna consciousness by distributing books and preaching. All can be possible only our grace and mercy.

Thank you my Dear Srila Gurudev and my Dear Srimati Gurumataji.
All glories all glories unto your lotus feet!!!!

your loving daughter and unworthy servant,
Nandapriya devi dasi

Nirmala Krishna Das - Vrindavan, India - Your instructions strikes me as thunderbolt

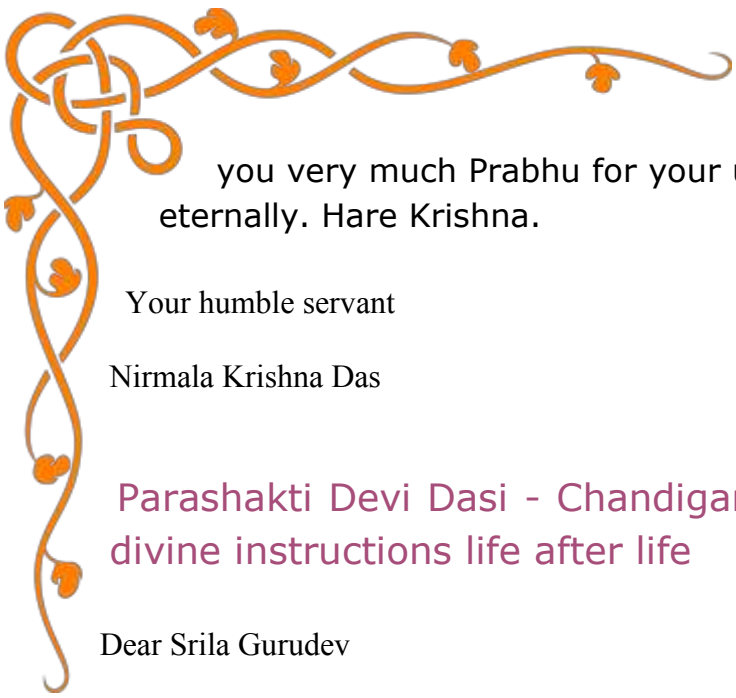
Dear Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhuji,

My prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

It is my great heartfelt gratitude and pleasure writing an offering on your auspicious Vyasa Puja. There is hardly a day I start my day without reading your "Thought for the Day". Whether I imbibe every thought or not, but I do not skip reading your instructions daily. Vyasa Puja is honored as a reverence to those who follow the teachings of Srila Vyasadeva in the disciplic succession. I see you as a perfect personality who has taken Srila Prabhupada's teachings to the fullest and executing to the fullest.

It amazes me the conviction with which you preach. Every time I read your instructions it strikes me as thunderbolt. Sometimes I even fear to read your instructions. It's my great privilege and mercy of Guru and Krishna that I have come in contact with your instructions.

I sincerely bow down to Srimati Radharani and Shyamasundar and beg that They give you many more years of service to Srila Prabhupada and good health. May you fulfill your Guru Maharaja's order by delivering all of us. Thank



you very much Prabhu for your unconditional mercy. May it continue eternally. Hare Krishna.

Your humble servant

Nirmala Krishna Das

Parashakti Devi Dasi - Chandigarh, India – Want to follow Your divine instructions life after life

Dear Srila Gurudev

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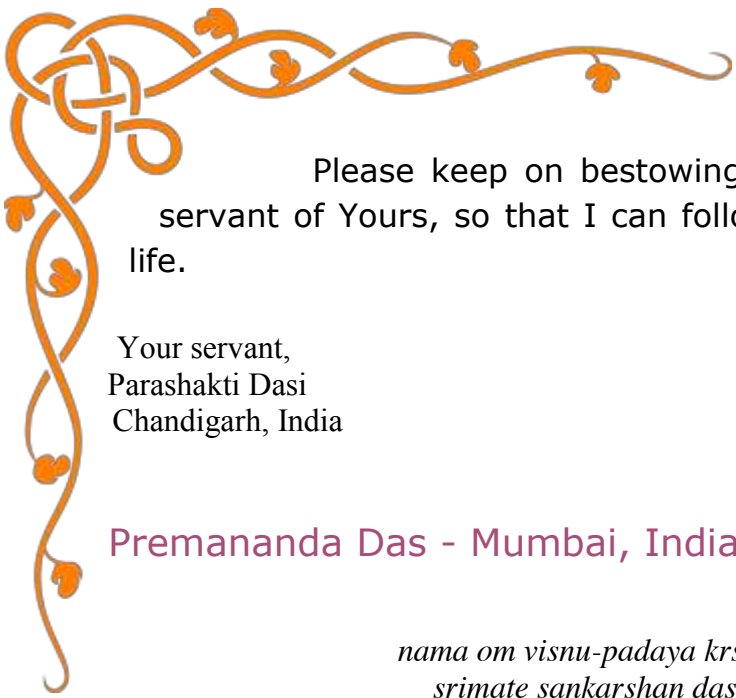
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Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. Gurudev, It is a great opportunity to glorify Your good self on this auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa puja. Gurudeva, You are the ocean of love and mercy.

You are travelling all over the world continuously irrespective of Your health problems to deliver the fallen souls. You are really a Prabhupadanuga, preaching by Your behaviour. I am so fallen that in spite of having Your continuous association and guidance, I am not taking that much benefit of Your sanga, which I should take.

Gurudeva, You are so meek and humble that just by thinking of You, can make one pure. Your lectures are so transcendental, specifically question-answer session, in which all our doubts and confusions become eradicated. Gurudeva, You and Gurumataji are so compensate that I feel very much blessed and secured under Your kind shelter.

I am eagerly waiting to be associated with You and Gurumataji in Vrindavan this October.



Please keep on bestowing Your mercy upon this insignificant servant of Yours, so that I can follow Your divine instructions life after life.

Your servant,
Parashakti Dasi
Chandigarh, India

Premananda Das - Mumbai, India - Emissary of Lord Krishna

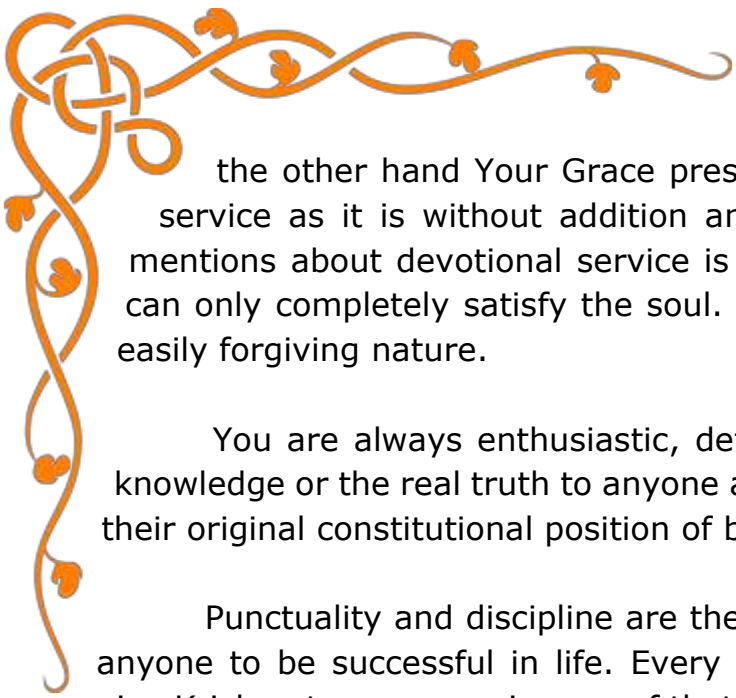
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Srila Gurudeva you are an ocean of innumerable and inconceivable attributes. All your actions are fully, completely and totally cent percent dedicated and absorbed in pushing forward this Krishna consciousness movement. Recently when you were returning back to Austin, Texas USA you got sciatica due to pinched nerve in the lower back. Though the pain was unbearable you continued to give daily thought of the day like a tireless pure devotee. When the computer had issues and the backup software programs failed to work still Your Grace stayed up late in night and hardly slept a couple of hours to give the thought of the day. Your sincerity and dedication along with Srimati Gurumata to spread the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya far and wide to every town, village and city is very laudable. As an emissary of Sri Krsna you have come here to this material world only to deliver all the conditioned souls from the cycle of birth and death and help them go back to godhead- their original home where there is no miseries.

Magnanimity is another quality which you express through your speech and actions.

Many pedantic compromising pandits who insists on their view points but ultimately fail to support their own hypothesis. They finally try to equate devotional service to other types of services. They behave like highly learned Dr Frogs but their perception of devotional service is far from satisfactory. On



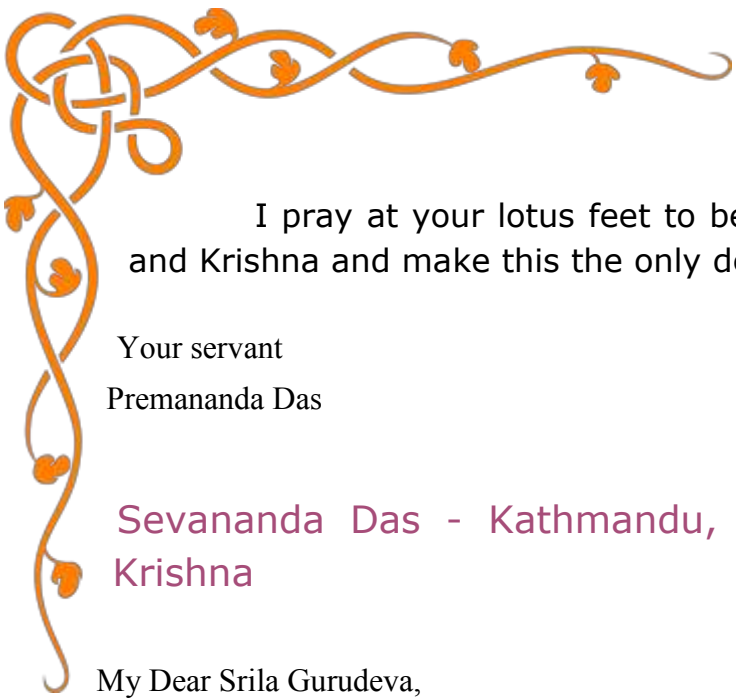
the other hand Your Grace presents the real truth about devotional service as it is without addition and subtraction. As Srila Prabhupada mentions about devotional service is unmotivated and uninterrupted this can only completely satisfy the soul. You have a big heart, generous and easily forgiving nature.

You are always enthusiastic, determined to give the transcendental knowledge or the real truth to anyone and help the conditioned souls regain their original constitutional position of being an eternal servant of Krsna.

Punctuality and discipline are the basic qualities which is required for anyone to be successful in life. Every morning seeing your enthusiasm to give Krishna to everyone is a proof that for Your Grace this material world is like a playground or for a kid in a candy store. Your mission is to take all the souls back to godhead to a life full of bliss, full of knowledge and eternity.

The website www.ultimateselfrealization.com is a place where one can get unlimited nectar to dive deeper and deeper removing the dirt of material contaminations and reviving the dormant Krishna consciousness. It is a nectarine, purifying, enlivening, enlightening and uplifting me from the quagmire of material existence.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva, for coming into my life and opening my eyes which were blinded by ignorance. Thank you for giving the book "Truth Works" volume one a book which is solely based on questions and answers with many topics in the contents. All the topics are resolving the doubts and giving clear guidance. I like to point to this topic of bhakti-yoga or devotional service in "Truth Works", it is very purifying and clearly helps to understand bhakti-yoga as the only means to attain pure love of Krishna. It starts with first step faith or Shraddha and gradually achieve prema or pure love of Godhead by the mercy of Spiritual Master, Vaishnavas and Krishna. Another fascinating book is "Uttama Bhakti" this book has compiled few lectures when I read them it immediately uplifts me from the lower material modes. Thank you Srila Gurudeva for your unlimited kindness, compassion and mercy by helping, guiding and inspiring me by elucidating Srila Prabhupada's books in simple language and above all when I see Your Grace's are living a life and following the instructions given by Srila Prabhupada as it helps me to take this process seriously as time and tide wait for no one.



I pray at your lotus feet to become a servant of Guru, Vaishnava and Krishna and make this the only determination a goal of life.

Your servant
Premananda Das

Sevananda Das - Kathmandu, Nepal - Foremost devotee of Krishna

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

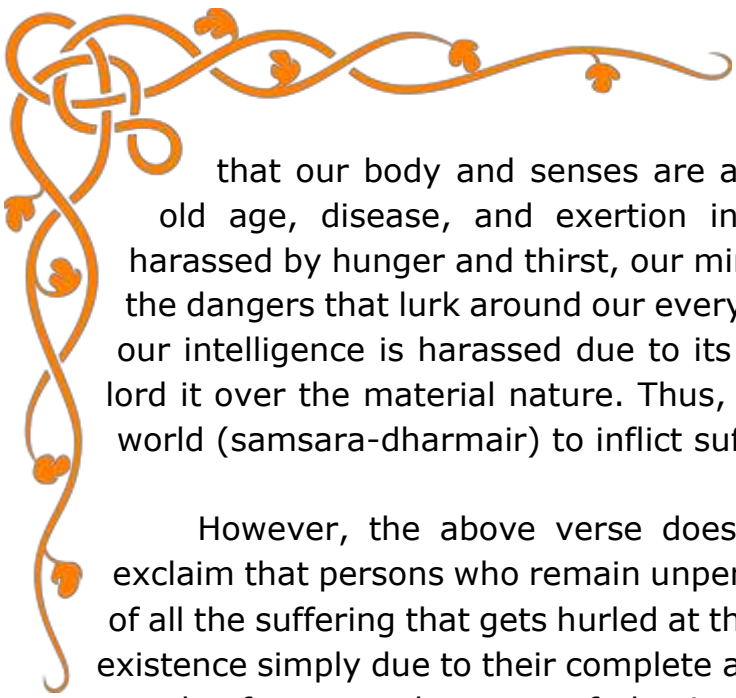
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva, you are bhāgavata-pradhānaḥ – the foremost devotee of the Lord. I find this confirmation in the following verse of the beautiful Bhagavatam:SB 11.2.49:

*dehendriya-prana-mano-dhiyam yo
janmapyaya-ksud-bhaya-tarsa-krcchraih
samsara-dharmair avimuhya-manah
smrtya harer bhagavata-pradhanah*

Within the material world, one's material body is always subject to birth and decay. Similarly, the life air [prāṇa] is harassed by hunger and thirst, the mind is always anxious, the intelligence hankers for that which cannot be obtained, and all of the senses are ultimately exhausted by constant struggle in the material nature. A person who is not bewildered by the inevitable miseries of material existence, and who remains aloof from them simply by remembering the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is to be considered bhāgavata-pradhānaḥ, the foremost devotee of the Lord.

Essentially, the above verse is elaborating on the word 'dukhalayam' used by Krishna in Srimad Bhagavad Gita chapter 8 verse 15 to describe the nature of this material existence. While Krishna says that from the highest planet of Brahmaloka down to the lowest planet of Patala loka this world is a shelter-house of misery wherein repeated births and deaths take place, the verse quoted above goes further to describe in detail how this is so. It says



that our body and senses are always harassed due to birth, death, old age, disease, and exertion in material activities, our life air is harassed by hunger and thirst, our mind is always fearful and perturbed by the dangers that lurk around our every step (padam-padam-bipadam), and our intelligence is harassed due to its failed deliberations and attempts to lord it over the material nature. Thus, it is the very nature of this material world (samsara-dharmair) to inflict suffering upon us.

However, the above verse does not stop there, it goes further to exclaim that persons who remain unperturbed (avimuhya-mānaḥ) in the face of all the suffering that gets hurled at them due to the nature of this material existence simply due to their complete absorption in the thoughts of the Lord are the foremost devotees of the Lord (bhāgavata-pradhāna). Similarly, fulfilling the description given in this verse, unperturbed by the dislocated disk and the pinched sciatic nerve, which was/is causing you unbearable pain, you are still travelling all over the world; not holding anything back, you are engaged in blissfully carrying out the instructions of your guru maharaja - Srila Prabhupada to flood the world with Krishna prema. Therefore, my Dear Srila Gurudeva, you are bhāgavata-pradhānaḥ – the foremost devotee of the Lord.

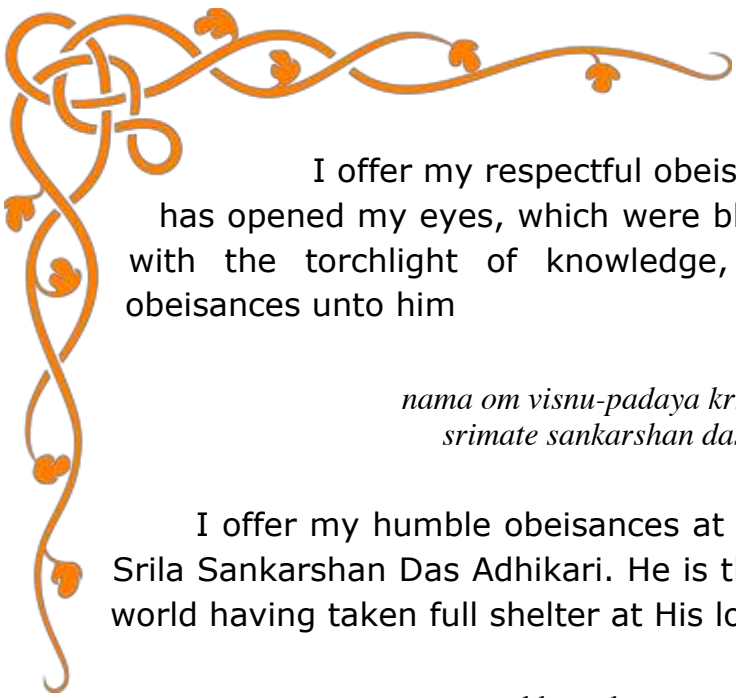
I feel so fortunate to have fallen at your lotus feet. I also feel eternally indebted to Krishna for having granted me the shade of your lotus feet. Kindly, keep me there always, mingled among the dust of your lotus feet.

Thanking you very much for your causeless mercy,
A 3rd class rascal,

Sevananda Das
Kathmandu, Nepal

Shridhar Das - Pune, India - Unlimited divine qualities

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

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

Srila Gurudeva, I take this opportunity to write an offering on the occasion of 71st Vyasa Puja of your Grace. Although conditioned, but for your pleasure and my purification, I humbly attempt further.

I. Counting Blessings

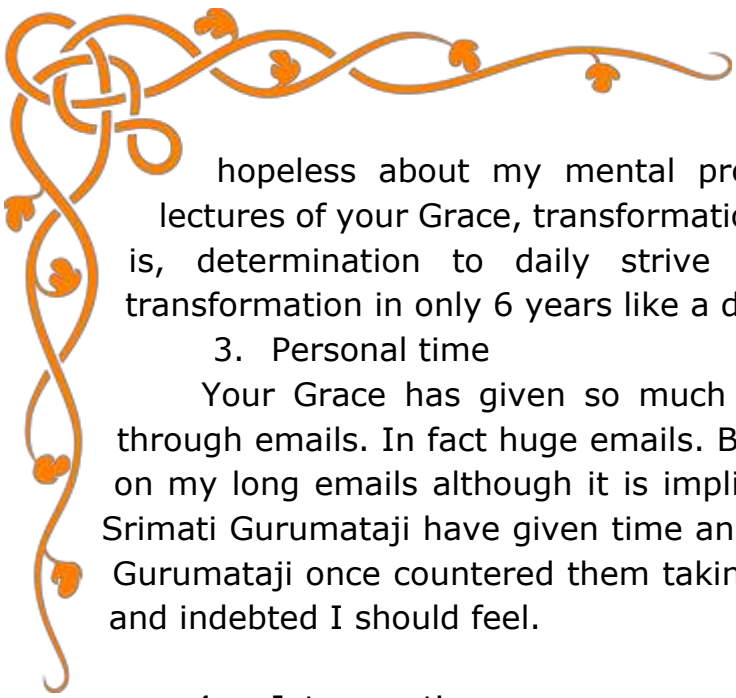
The best way to feel gratitude towards someone is by counting the blessings received via that person. Simply by my connection with your Grace, I am receiving infinite blessings. However I begin to contemplate few to cultivate some gratitude in my heart.

1. Serving full time in Pune temple

Srila Gurudeva, the very place I am serving at, is your blessing, which is a completely spiritual environment, filled with many sincere and mature Vaishnavas. Just because of my connection with your Grace, I could be transported to the best spiritual college on this planet, within few months of desiring. This is your power. Now, I am obliged to work on your instructions enthusiastically.

2. Instant transformation

Even after coming to Krishna Consciousness my steadiness in following 4 regulative principles came by your mercy only. Besides, I always felt



hopeless about my mental problems but simply by hearing the lectures of your Grace, transformation started. The biggest blessing I got is, determination to daily strive for chanting good rounds. Such transformation in only 6 years like a dream come true.

3. Personal time

Your Grace has given so much personal time, both physically and through emails. In fact huge emails. But your Grace has never complained on my long emails although it is implied. Besides myself, your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji have given time and service to my parents also. In fact Gurumataji once countered them taking my side staunchly. How protected and indebted I should feel.

4. Introspection

Your Grace inspired me to adopt the habit of seeing faults within. It is by Srimati Gurumataji's mercy that I began to see infinite faults, enough to hold onto your lotus feet. With some improvement in my spiritual life, I am able to see the benefits in my spiritual life now.

May my restless mind always keep racing to count such infinite favors to cultivate gratitude.

II. Qualities

I wish to contemplate and write few of your Grace's spiritual qualities for your pleasure and my purification.

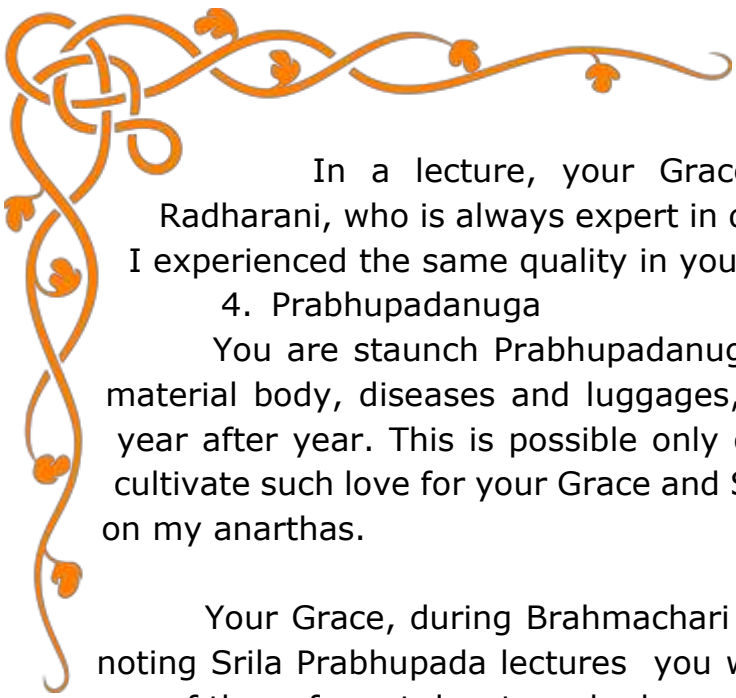
1. Electrifying Enthusiasm

I had the good fortune to experience, how your Grace, makes everyone to participate in kirtan and soon transporting all to Vrindavan by your purity. The same is the quality of your lectures Srila Gurudeva. You befriend the audience and hook them to Pure Devotional doses. Your Grace's enthusiasm is very electrifying and infectious. In fact, your youthful spiritual enthusiasm in an aged body is a common curiosity for many.

2. Krishna Conscious

Your Grace's Krishna Consciousness is such that even the constant sound in your ears, of a ringing cricket, is taken by your Grace as the full moon night of Vrindavan with Krishna.

3. Like Srimati Radharani



In a lecture, your Grace mentioned the glory of Srimati Radharani, who is always expert in qualifying everyone to serve Krishna. I experienced the same quality in your Grace during your last Pune visit.

4. Prabhupadanuga

You are staunch Prabhupadanuga Srila Gurudeva! Despite an aging material body, diseases and luggages, your Grace is travelling constantly year after year. This is possible only out of love for someone. May I also cultivate such love for your Grace and Srimati Gurumata and seriously work on my anarthas.

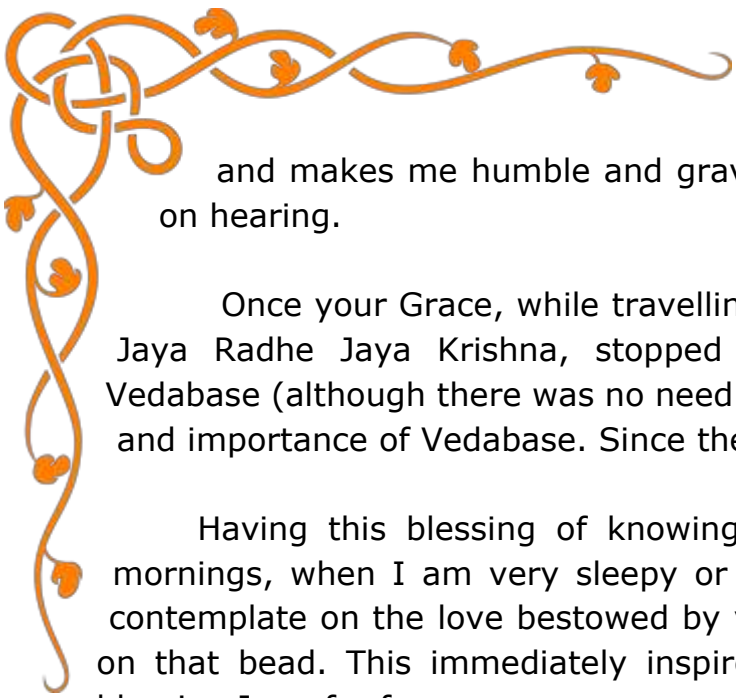
Your Grace, during Brahmachari days, to make time for hearing and noting Srila Prabhupada lectures you would skip your lunch! Your Grace is one of those fewest devotee who has read all Srila Prabhupada books.

I came across a lecture where a devotee in Germany was debating on the issue "Origin of jiva" quoting Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura to present the apparent contradiction. Your Grace responded, I do not know Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, etc. I only know Srila Prabhupada. Even if we approach other acharyas above Prabhupada, we approach their teachings through the vision of Srila Prabhupada.

Just as Srila Prabhupada, your Grace has immense faith in everyone's becoming Krishna Conscious. Your Grace doesn't consider it impossible for world to revolutionize in front of your eyes. In this connection your Grace quotes "A Krishna Conscious being is always thinking of how he can deliver others. Even though he may fail to do so but his going Back to Godhead is guaranteed and anyone who follows such a person also is liberated". Such is your staunch devotion for Srila Prabhupada. May I also cultivate such love towards your instructions.

5. Personal

Your compassion and mercy has no match Srila Gurudeva. Every word, instruction and interaction of your Grace is filled with a personal and loving intention. While hearing "Peace formula" song I experience your compassion and humility in the repeating words "Please take it". Also in the words "you'll see", "my friends". Your Grace's recording Kabe Habe bolo is often my shelter



and makes me humble and grave in devotional service immediately on hearing.

Once your Grace, while travelling from Vrindavan to airport, singing Jaya Radhe Jaya Krishna, stopped singing, to search “Mahavan” on Vedabase (although there was no need) and personally teach me the utility and importance of Vedabase. Since then it has increasingly been my need.

Having this blessing of knowing a fraction of your love, on some mornings, when I am very sleepy or lazy to chant, I see my beads and contemplate on the love bestowed by your Grace in every mantra chanted on that bead. This immediately inspires me to endeavor, to access that blessing I am far from.

Few of the instructions that your Grace often emphasizes in lectures, close to your heart are:

III. Desire/Instructions

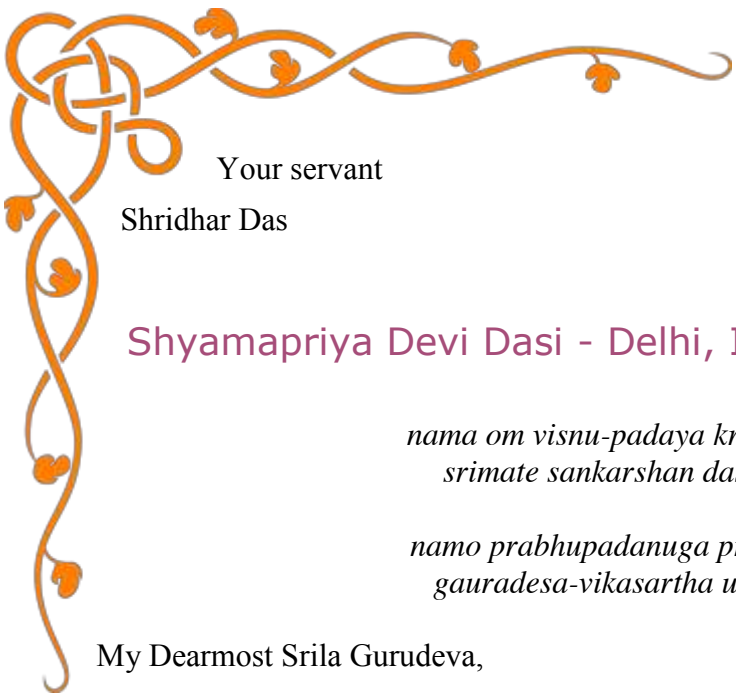
1. To become a pure devotee of Krishna. 2. To make the whole world Krishna Conscious. (bahir nrsngo hrdaye nrsngo)

We must enthusiastically keep sharing about Krishna from Srila Prabhupada books or realizations with everyone and the more we share, the more Krishna becomes revealed to us.

IV. Endeavor and Forgiveness

Although unqualified to follow these instructions, being obliged to your Grace’s sacrifice and desire, I am struggling to the best of my capacity by trying to chant the best rounds every morning, repeatedly introspecting my faults beginning with anger, passion, inattentiveness, unpunctuality, etc. and addressing them under senior guidance, to fulfill the instructions that I received from your Grace during initiation i.e. becoming exemplary in character. In this humble way I am aspiring to cultivate Pure Devotional Service although an insignificant effort.

I humbly beg forgiveness at the lotus feet of your Grace and Srimati Gurumataji for my offenses that I committed due to my false ego and for my lack of submissiveness out of familiarity and pray for becoming submissive in devotional service.



Your servant
Shridhar Das

Shyamapriya Devi Dasi - Delhi, India – pure Prabhupadanuga

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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 Guru Mataji.

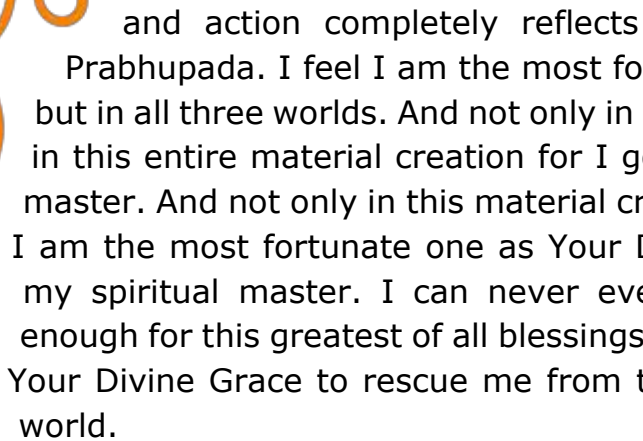
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace's Sri Vyasa Puja in Sri Vrindavan Dham.

Srila Gurudeva, I humbly fall at the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace and beg for Your kind mercy and permission that may I be able to write few words in your glorification on this most auspicious day of my life- my eternal spiritual master's Sri Vyasa Puja.

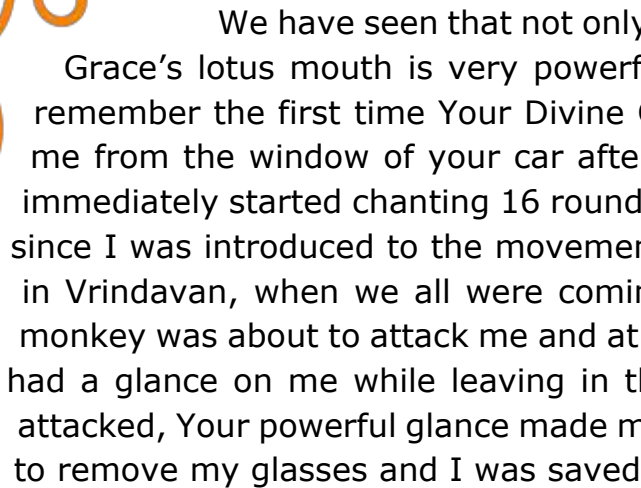
Today, (1 Oct, 2017) on the occasion of Ekadasi I was listening to Srimad Bhagavatam class by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada in the temple hall of Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir, Sri Mayapur dham. Srila Prabhupada was speaking on who is a guru (SB 7.9.12, Mayapur, Feb 19, 1976). His Divine Grace explains a Guru is one who does not manufacture some ideas but one who simply speaks what he hears from his spiritual master. While listening to this lecture I was remembering Your Divine Grace that how exemplary you are as a disciple of His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and how fortunate I am that Your Divine Grace has accepted me as Your disciple and given me shelter in the cooling shade of Your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudeva, You purely represent Srila Prabhupada. In one of Your Divine Grace's lectures last week in Sri Mayapur Dham, you mentioned "I am a Prabhupada's man!" and indeed Your Divine Grace's every word, thought



and action completely reflects the mood and teachings of Srila Prabhupada. I feel I am the most fortunate person not only in this world but in all three worlds. And not only in these worlds but I am most fortunate in this entire material creation for I got Your Divine Grace as my spiritual master. And not only in this material creation but even in the spiritual world I am the most fortunate one as Your Divine Grace would eternally remain my spiritual master. I can never ever thank my Dear Lord Sri Krishna enough for this greatest of all blessings I received from Him, for He has sent Your Divine Grace to rescue me from the pangs of this miserable material world.

Also, I remember from one of Your Divine Grace's lectures you mentioned that an initiated disciple is always and fully protected by his spiritual master. This I have experienced not only from within but from without. In year 2015 (4th April), when Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji were in Vrindavan Dham, all the Delhi devotees (Radha Damodar das prabhu and his friend bhakta Harish Pandey, mother Guru vandana devi dasi, mother Padmamalini devi dasi and myself) were coming to Vrindavan to go to Jaipur yatra. But the moment we entered the premises of Vrindavan, a humongous dark cloud which has been following us all the way finally started to pour heavily with loud thunders and terrorizing hailstones of the size of golf balls. As the hailstones were falling on the roof of the car and hitting the windows, we all got into severe panic as there was no place to take shelter. First I prayed to Sri Sri Krishna Balaram but then I remembered Your Divine Grace's words that without the permission of spiritual master one can never enter the dham. Somehow each one of us was directly/indirectly called to Sri Vrindavan dham that day by Your Divine Grace. So I meditated on Your Divine Grace's lotus feet begging intensely for protection with full faith in my heart that nothing would happen. We could see all around us that not even a single vehicle on the road has been spared from severe damage. The windshields and all the windows of every single vehicle that we saw on the road were smashed to pieces. But it is so wondrously amazing that not even a single scratch was there on the new car in which Bhakta Harish brought us to Vrindavan thinking it is auspicious for a first ride. It's one of the unforgettable great realizations of my life how Your Divine Grace's causeless mercy saved all of us that day!

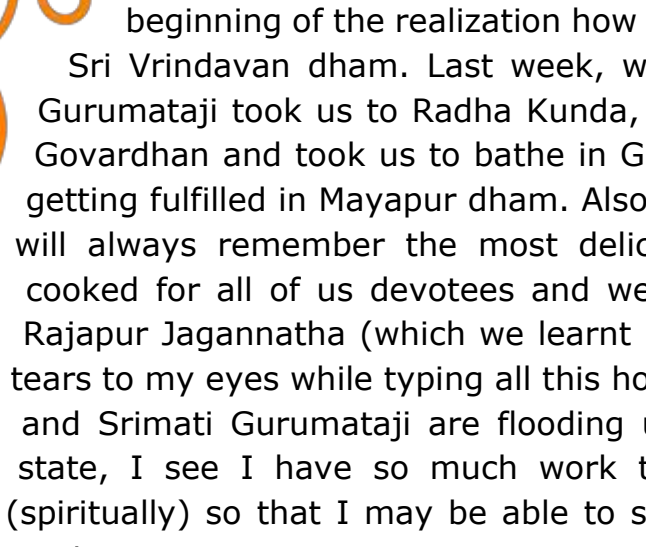


We have seen that not only the words coming out of Your Divine Grace's lotus mouth is very powerful, but so is your merciful glance. I remember the first time Your Divine Grace ever had a merciful glance on me from the window of your car after giving a lecture in Noida temple, I immediately started chanting 16 rounds by myself that I left few years back since I was introduced to the movement. And I remember another incident in Vrindavan, when we all were coming back from Kesi Ghat, a ferocious monkey was about to attack me and at that very moment Your Divine Grace had a glance on me while leaving in the car. And just before the monkey attacked, Your powerful glance made me remember immediately that I have to remove my glasses and I was saved from the attack.

Also, Srila Gurudeva, I have very closely experienced that for one to enter holy dham either physically or spiritually is impossible without the mercy and blessings of the spiritual master. I could never even physically enter Sri Vrindavan dham in my life before meeting Your Divine Grace (though all my life I have been living just two and half hours away from Vrindavan dham). And even after entering Sri Vrindavan, it was only by your causeless mercy that I could understand the significance of dham and connect myself to the most beautiful deities of Sri Sri Krishna Balaram, Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.

Srila Gurudeva, Your causeless mercy has finally made my visit to Sri Mayapur dham a reality. However, when I came to Mayapur I was feeling lost and not able to connect to the dham. But the day Your Divine Grace set your foot on this holy land, it drove away all inauspiciousness from within and without my heart and helped me fix up my heart and mind in Krishna consciousness. The lectures given by Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji had a great impact on my heart and consciousness and helped me connect to the dham and understand its significance.

Also, before coming to Mayapur, I was so much lamenting in my heart that due to the course I would not be present in Sri Vrindavan when all my Godbrothers and Godsisters would be getting the immense benefit of Your and Srimati Gurumataji's personal association through service, lectures and parikramas. I was remembering how everyone will go along with Your Divine Grace to Sri Giri Govardhan and will have lunch with all of our God family, bathe in Yamuna etc. But by Your causeless mercy I have now come to the



beginning of the realization how Sri Mayapur dham is indifferent from Sri Vrindavan dham. Last week, when Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji took us to Radha Kunda, Syama Kund, and circumambulated Govardhan and took us to bathe in Ganges, I saw all my spiritual desires getting fulfilled in Mayapur dham. Also, I still deeply relish in my heart and will always remember the most delicious prasadam Srimati Gurumataji cooked for all of us devotees and we had lunch in the flower garden of Rajapur Jagannatha (which we learnt is non-different from Puri). It brings tears to my eyes while typing all this how much love both Your Divine Grace and Srimati Gurumataji are flooding us with. And looking at my current state, I see I have so much work to do on myself to raise my level (spiritually) so that I may be able to serve better and please my Spiritual master.

Every day when I stand in front of Sri Sri Radha Madhav and Ashta Sakhi, Pancattatva and Sri Nrsimhadeva, I cannot thank enough my spiritual master- Your Divine Grace, my dearmost Srila Gurudeva, for it is only because of Your causeless mercy that I am able to live a spiritual life and trying to make this human form of life successful under your kind and expert guidance. My only prayer at the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day is that may I always sincerely follow all the instructions of Your Divine Grace with my full heart and soul and may I eternally remain Your Divine Grace's faithful dog.

I humbly beg and pray to Sri Sri Radha Madhav and Ashta Sakhi, Sri Pancatattva and Sri Nrsimhadeva, (if They so desire) to kindly help my spiritual master and my Gurumataji to remain in good health so that many fallen souls like me rotting in the miseries of this material world can take benefit of their kind and powerful preaching and guidance and make one's human form of life a success.

Yours insignificant servant,
Shyamapriya devi dasi
ISKCON, Noida



Bhagavatam Class on the Bank of the Sacred River Yamuna

Sitapati Das - Pune, India – You gave me purpose

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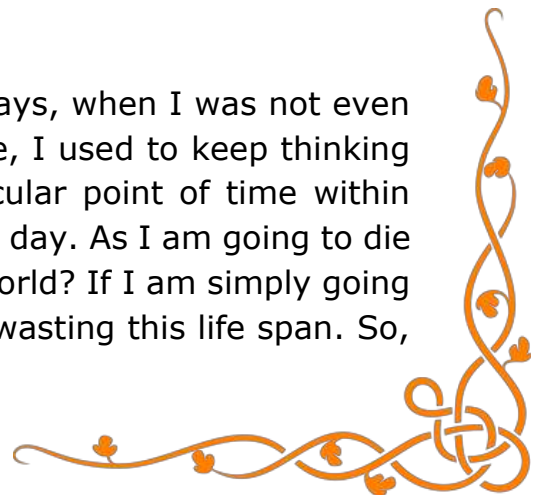
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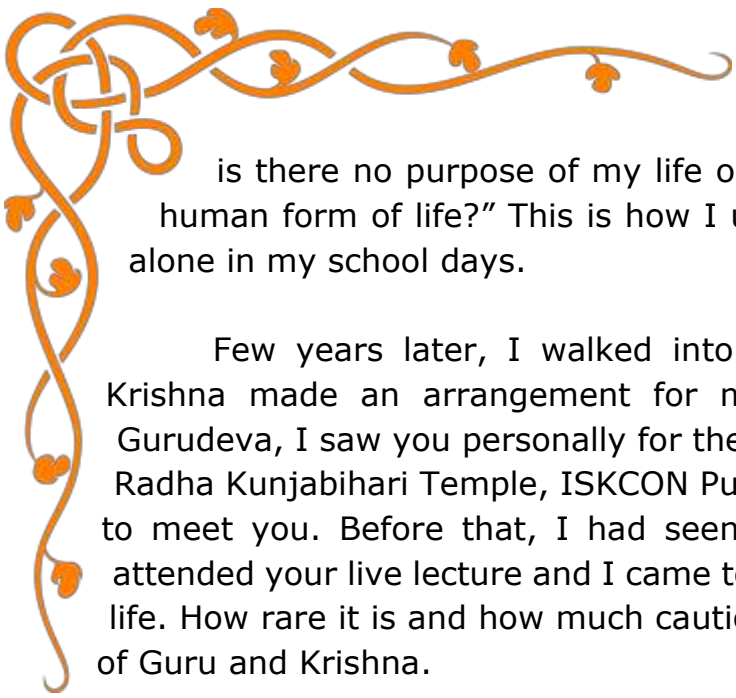
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Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto you and my Guru-Mata.

Few years back, probably during my school days, when I was not even introduced to ISKCON, whenever I used to sit alone, I used to keep thinking – “Everyone in this material world dies at a particular point of time within one’s life span. I have taken birth, I will also die one day. As I am going to die for sure, then why did I take birth in this material world? If I am simply going to die at a specific point of time in future, I will be wasting this life span. So,





is there no purpose of my life or there is some rigid purpose of this human form of life?" This is how I used to think whenever I used to sit alone in my school days.

Few years later, I walked into the ISKCON Temple and one day Krishna made an arrangement for me so that I can meet you. Dear Gurudeva, I saw you personally for the first time in the year 2011 in Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari Temple, ISKCON Pune. I remember, it was my first time to meet you. Before that, I had seen you only on the internet. There I attended your live lecture and I came to know the significance of my human life. How rare it is and how much cautiously I should utilize it in the service of Guru and Krishna.

Gurudeva, through your lectures and association, you always emphasize on restricting the sense gratification. What is sense gratification and how hazardous it is for our spiritual health. You just not instruct us but also have set an exemplary and ideal lifestyle before us. The way you live, preach and perform sadhana bhakti inspires me a lot. I feel motivated and determined by the austerity, discipline and punctuality I observed in you. You taught us the importance of surrendering unto Lord Krishna. Only the fully surrendered pure soul can attract Krishna.

Thank you so much for being so compassionate to me and showering your unlimited mercy upon me.

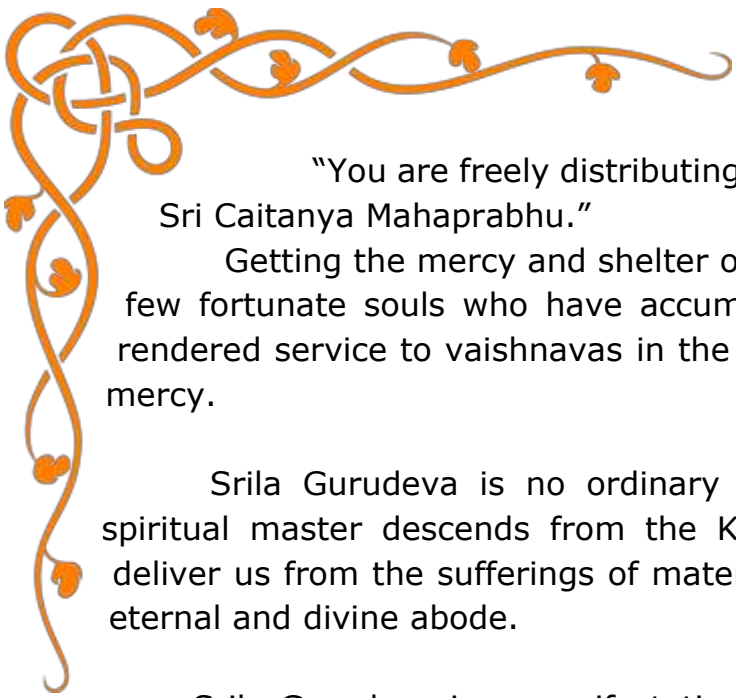
I beg you for your blessings so that I will get spiritually strengthened and empowered to assist you in accomplishing your mission of making this whole world Krishna Conscious.

Once again thank you for helping me understand the purpose of my life.

Hare Krishna !!

Your servant
Sitapati Das

Sowmya Dasi - Kovvur, India - Manifestation of Lord Nityananda



“You are freely distributing the most delicious nectar offered by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.”

Getting the mercy and shelter of a spiritual master is not easy! Very few fortunate souls who have accumulated the fruit of good deeds and rendered service to vaishnavas in the past are blessed with such a Guru’s mercy.

Srila Gurudeva is no ordinary person or a conditioned soul. Our spiritual master descends from the Krsna’s abode Goloka Vrndavana to deliver us from the sufferings of material misery and takes us back to our eternal and divine abode.

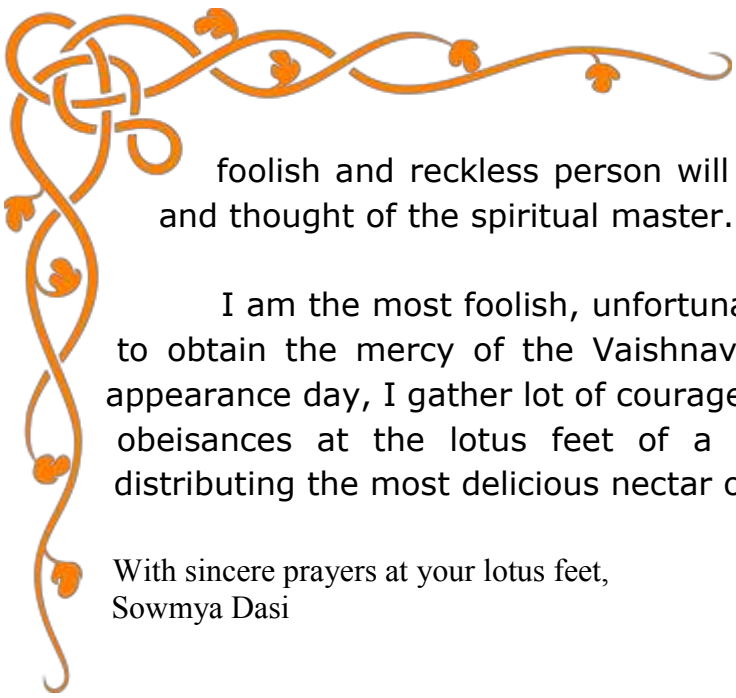
Srila Gurudeva is a manifestation of Nityananda prabhu who flooded the entire navadvipa dhama with love for krsna and by whose mercy even the most sinful souls were delivered. One can never obtain the shelter of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu without the mercy of Nityananda prabhu or Srila Gurudeva. He is the only resort who can save or else we shall remain stuck in the whirlpool of material miseries.

Srimati Radharani is the foremost spiritual master who teaches to serve and please Krsna. And Srila Gurudeva is the maidservant of Srimati Radharani in the eternal abode who can teach us the intricacies of seva. There is no alternative other than to surrender and obey him if we want to learn to serve krsna.

The only and only individual to whom we are truly, permanently and eternally related is our most merciful and selfless spiritual master who only aspires to engage us in the service of Krsna without expecting any material gains. There can be no second person who can ever take his position.

Let us unshackle ourselves from the melodrama of material life and completely and sincerely surrender to the Spiritual master. And overcome all obstacles to cling to that invaluable creeper (spiritual master) which will pierce through the material realms, ascend above Vaikunthas, cross the Viraja river and finally rest at the lotus feet of the divine couple Srimati Radharani and Sri Shyamasundar.

Even a single moment without the thought of spiritual master, we are doomed. Mayarani will devour us mercilessly. Only the most unfortunate,



foolish and reckless person will dare to stay away from the service and thought of the spiritual master.

I am the most foolish, unfortunate, reckless and ineligible candidate to obtain the mercy of the Vaishnavas. On this auspicious day of your appearance day, I gather lot of courage to beg for the mercy and I offer my obeisances at the lotus feet of a pure vaishnava engaged in freely distributing the most delicious nectar offered by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

With sincere prayers at your lotus feet,
Sowmya Dasi

Vishnurata Das - Pune, India - You are a real Vaishnava

Dear Srila Gurudev,


In forest when there is fire, all animals become confused and seek some help. Similarly this material world is a forest and I was also confused but by your mercy like torrents of rain in the monsoon quenched the threefold miseries in my life with rising of sweet rainbow of holy name of Sri Sri Radha Krishna. Whenever your grace come to my village, spreading the pure holy name that is great festival for me.

Prahlad Maharaj prays that my Dear lord I am relishing the sweetest nectar of your name and I am not worried about myself but I want to deliver the suffering people of this world by spreading the holy name, such is the transcendental mood of your grace....Real Vaishnava.

Your grace's every word is transcendental, for that is the symptom of Vaishnava. Without doubt it is due to having assimilated all the Prabhupada's books, lecture, conversations, letters etc

In my life I always dream one day to glorify your grace with ten mouths before Srila Prabhupada for such extensive travelling in airplane and coming to spread 'suddha naam' to such place like my village.

Birds travel according to their own capacity for sky is unlimited but my tiny capacity allows me to taste just the drop from the oceanic nectar of love



of God which your grace has for Sri Sri Radha Damodar, who are bedecked with jeweled ornaments and flower buds and dress of exquisite unparalleled beauty and whose cheeks are mirror of sapphire.

When will I dive deeper in the ocean of Krishna consciousness and get the pearls of ecstatic love of Godhead like you ? May that day come soon. May that day come soon.

Always wearing the fragrant garland of your instructions,
Vishnurata Das

Eastern and Southern India + Sri Lanka

Amala Purana Das - Bangalore, India – My only desire is to serve you sincerely

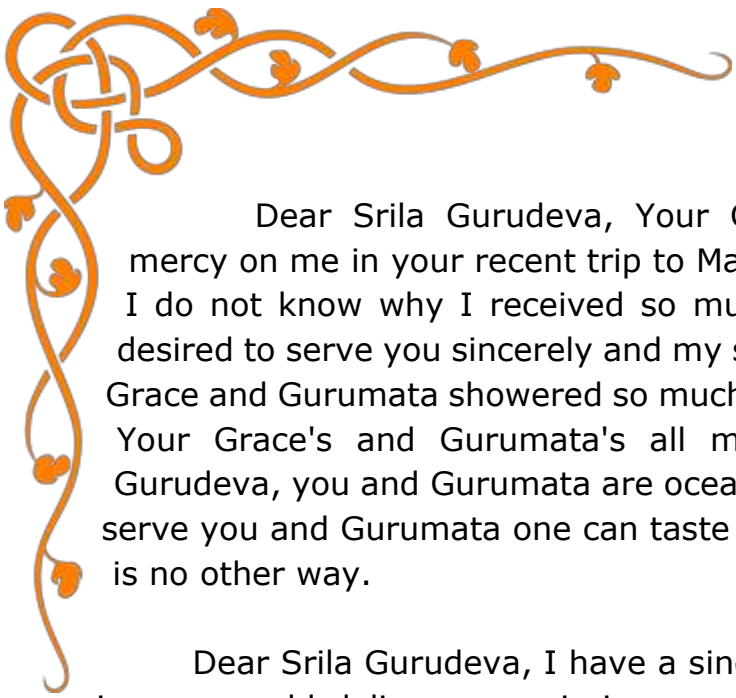
Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Please accept my dandavat,
All glories to Your Grace and Srimati Gurumata!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

I cannot even begin to measure my great fortune for being your disciple. There are billions of people on this planet alone and hardly few come in contact with devotees and rarely one comes in contact with a pure devotee like Your Grace. I do not know why Lord Krishna is so merciful to me but now I cannot afford to lose this chance; this much I have realized.



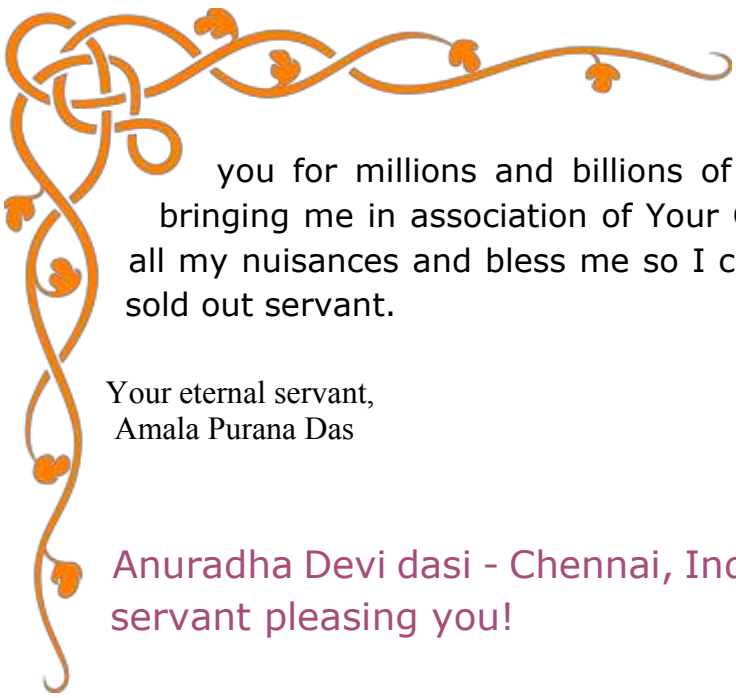
Dear Srila Gurudeva, Your Grace's and Gurumata's shower of mercy on me in your recent trip to Mayapur cannot be described in words. I do not know why I received so much mercy from Your Graces. I only desired to serve you sincerely and my service was full of faults but still Your Grace and Gurumata showered so much mercy on me. This has again shown Your Grace's and Gurumata's all merciful and compassionate nature. Gurudeva, you and Gurumata are ocean of mercy. Only by sincere desire to serve you and Gurumata one can taste a drop of nectar of this ocean; there is no other way.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I have a sincere and intense desire to assist you in your world deliverance mission - making whole world or at least 1% of total world population Krishna Conscious. I have no other goal in life but to assist you in your world deliverance mission even if I have to take birth after birth in this material world towards achieving this goal. Gurudeva, please give me strength so that my this desire becomes a constant meditation and I never deviate from this goal.

How this goal of world deliverance can be achieved? We have learned from you that if we become pure devotees then we will have power to influence others to take up this process of Krishna Consciousness. We can become pure devotees if we become completely sold out servants of Your Grace; there is no other way.

Gurudeva, I am striving very hard to become pure devotee as soon as possible. Meanwhile, what can I do assist you in your mission? One very practical way to attract general populace to Krishna Consciousness is somehow or other attract them to your ultimate self-realization e-course. I firmly believe that if general world population can come in your association and association of Srila Prabhupada by the medium of your e-course then their life will get transformed - there is absolutely no doubt about it. This is something which looks doable while we are still striving for pure devotional service. I am begging to Lord Krishna to give me intelligence on how we can increase subscriber base for your ultimate self-realization e-course.

Srila Gurudeva, you have taken responsibility to deliver your disciples from the cycle of birth and death. We cannot repay this debt even if we serve



you for millions and billions of lifetimes. I thank Lord Krishna for bringing me in association of Your Grace and Gurumata. Please forgive all my nuisances and bless me so I can eternally remain your completely sold out servant.

Your eternal servant,
Amala Purana Das

Anuradha Devi dasi - Chennai, India - Let me remain your humble servant pleasing you!

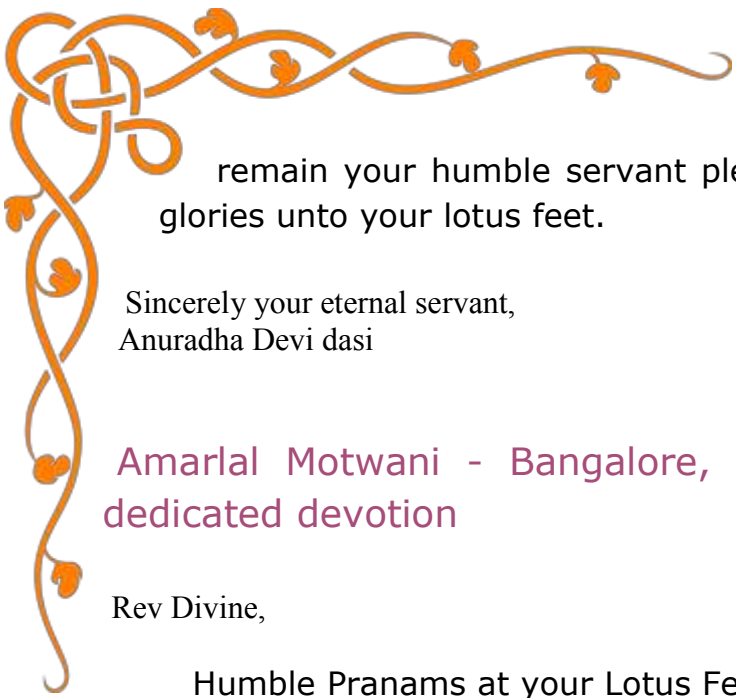
Dearest Srila Gurudev,

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gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance, I take all fortune to pay my deepest obeisances at your lotus feet. There are numerous occasions where I can recall and cherish your merciful nature, but the one that has got eternal in my heart is when I listened to one lecture dated 2004 in Tallinn, Estonia. I heard the lecture couple of times to reconfirm my doubt but I could not believe. In the question answer session which went for more than 30 minutes there was only one person posing questions and you and Gurumata were patiently trying to assist him to the path. I noted the person received unlimited mercy of yours. My mind repeatedly kept reciting, All glories unto you because the endeavor was consistent, strenuous, genuine to bring a conditioned soul to God consciousness. An ordinary soul would get impatient irritated and get frustrated but I sensed none of these came near your grace. My heart admires and registers hard to follow your footsteps while preaching, and be a worthy disciple of yours though I find it is not easy.

Please Gurudev, as this day marks a very significant day of my life as your disciple kindly bestow your qualities upon this servant of yours. Sure one day, with your mercy let me inherit your divine qualities and as ever, let me



remain your humble servant pleasing you. All glories All glories All glories unto your lotus feet.

Sincerely your eternal servant,
Anuradha Devi dasi

Amarlal Motwani - Bangalore, India – Appreciation for your dedicated devotion

Rev Divine,

Humble Pranams at your Lotus Feet.

I continue to be blessed by Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna through your guidance as Guru. Your exemplary guidance has improved my thoughts, words and deeds in terms of humility, selflessness, kindness towards Lord's creation. I try to remember Lord in each of my breath and try to see and realize Him everywhere. I seek His forgiveness for my deficiencies. My family joins me in conveying our sincere, heartfelt Gratitude and Appreciation for your dedicated devotion to the Lord in awakening the sleeping souls like me to realise the goal of human life.

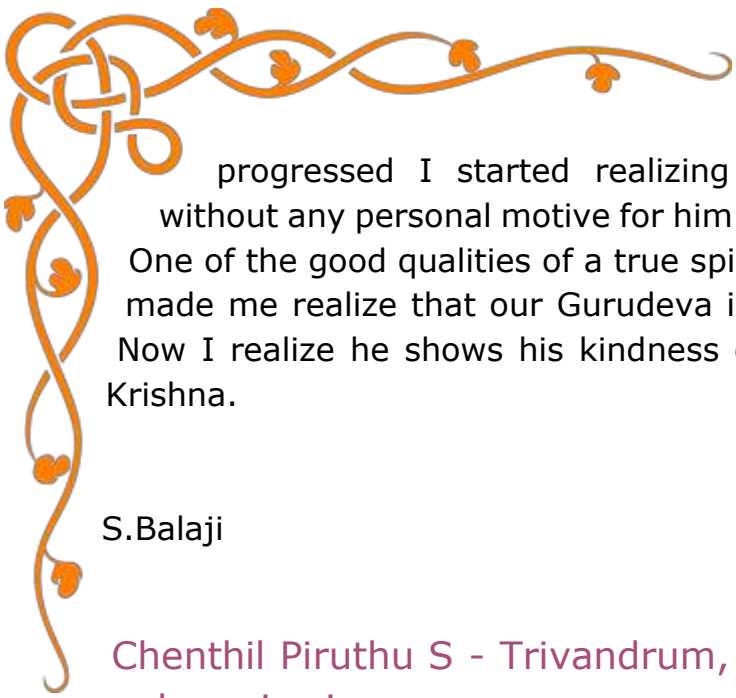
With kind regards,
Motwani

Balaji Shanmugam - Tamil Nadu, India – You truly represent Lord Krishna

Hare Krishna Prabhu,

Please accept my humble respects,
All glories to our Gurudeva,
All glories to Sri Krishna.

There are no words in which I can describe the mercy shown by our Gurudeva on me. How much offensive I happened to be with him in the initial days. I challenged him in number of emails but he was kind enough. As time



progressed I started realizing he truly represents Lord Krishna without any personal motive for him. His only thought is to serve Krishna. One of the good qualities of a true spiritual master. Continuous interaction made me realize that our Gurudeva is true and genuine spiritual master. Now I realize he shows his kindness on me and guides me towards Lord Krishna.

S.Balaji

Haribol,

Chenthil Piruthu S - Trivandrum, India – Bless me to learn what real service is

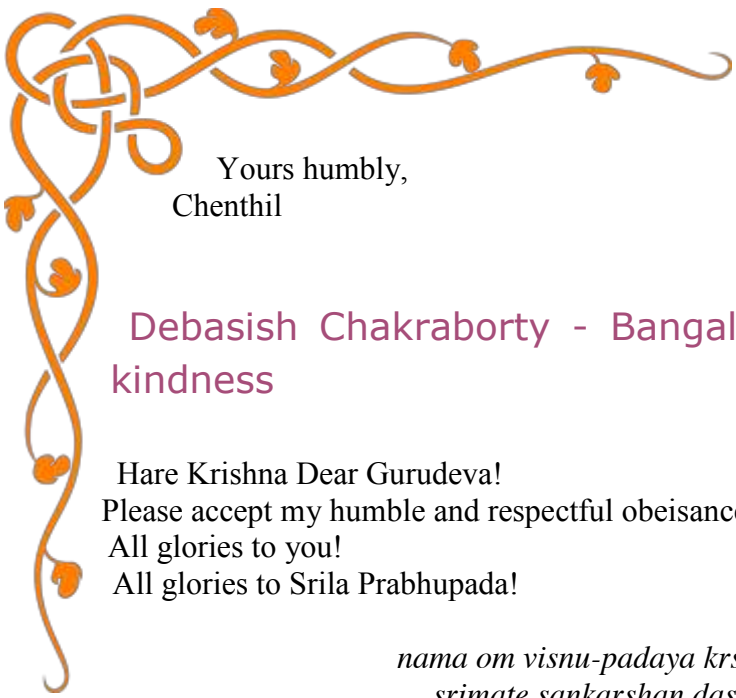
Respected Srila Gurudeva,

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

Srila Gurudeva, thank you so much for your gift - Ultimate Self Realization course which has helped me to learn many things and practically follow it in my life. You are always mercifully available via email for answering all our doubts. It looks like Lord Sri Krishna is bound to bless someone whenever you address someone as 'Dear' in your emails, even if he is a first class rascal. Otherwise Srila Gurudeva, how else a person like me could ever begin to try realizing about the glorious path which you are guiding us?

Srila Gurudeva, I could realize that every endeavor of mine is tainted with some level of selfishness. It is beyond my ability to properly thank you Srila Gurudeva, Your untiring efforts to teach us Krishna consciousness does make a difference in our lives, how fortunate we must be to get to be a student of yours.

All I could wish and pray Lord Sri Krishna is to somehow help this insignificant fallen soul to learn what real service is and to be an eternal servant at your lotus feet.



Yours humbly,
Chenthil

Debasish Chakraborty - Bangalore, India - Indebted by your kindness

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudeva!
Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.
All glories to you!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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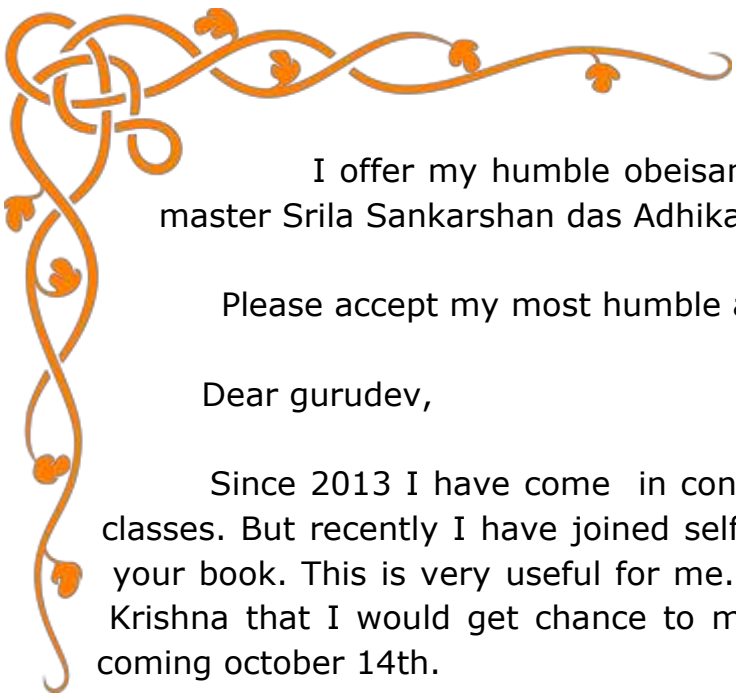
I would like to express my immense gratitude to you for accepting and delivering me. You are a representative of Lord Sri Krishna and Srila Prabhupada who have come to my life to take me out of the darkness of ignorance.

You kindly distribute your mercy by appearing before us every day and share your wisdom which is the only remedy for fallen souls like me. You set examples of how to conduct ourselves in the material world and remain equipoised at all the dualities of material nature through your own activities. You share the essence of the Vedic wisdom every day in different ways, which is like an ocean.

I am overwhelmed and indebted by your kindness and grace upon me. Please always protect me.

Your insignificant servant,
Debasish

Prasanth S.V. - Thiruvananthapuram, India – I pray to meet and serve you



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

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisance.

Dear gurudev,

Since 2013 I have come in contact with ISKCON and am attending classes. But recently I have joined self-realization course and also reading your book. This is very useful for me. I think this is your mercy I pray to Krishna that I would get chance to meet and serve you in Vrindavan on coming october 14th.

On the most auspicious occasion of Vyasa pooja, I pray to Krishna paramathma that my beloved Srila Gurudev and Guru mataji will be in the best of health and long life.

Happy vyasa puja Srila Gurudev.

Yours lovingly
Your eternal servant,
Prasanth S.V

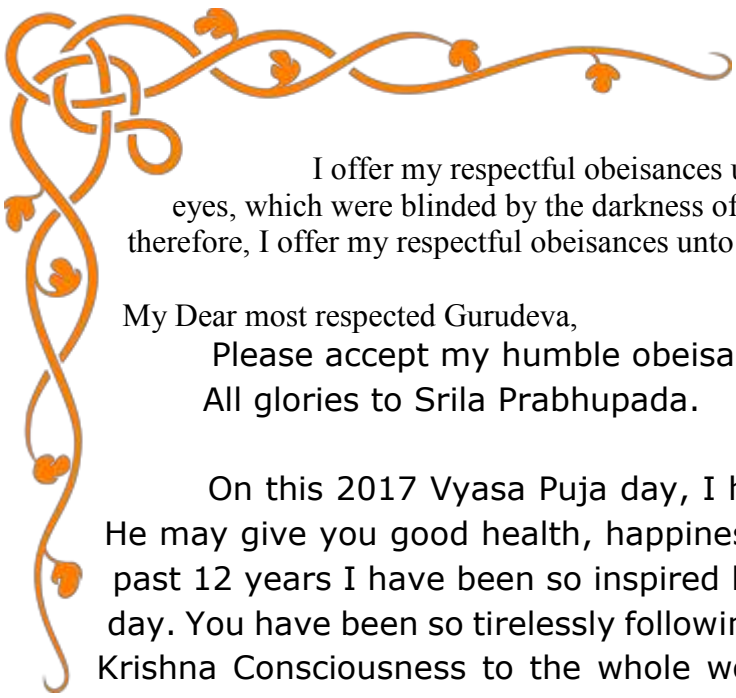
Ramachandran Nair - Kerala, India - Vyasa Puja, the Divine moment

Vyasa Puja. We are blessed once again with this Divine moment. May spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada pour all blessings to the living beings this whole year and years to come. Also may God bless to achieve the supreme power of divinity to everyone

Ramachandran Nair

Ravi Kolluru - Hyderabad, India - Lord Chaitanya's predictions

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

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

On this 2017 Vyasa Puja day, I humbly pray to Lord Sri Krishna that He may give you good health, happiness and fulfill all your desires. For the past 12 years I have been so inspired by reading your daily thoughts every day. You have been so tirelessly following Srila Prabhupada's order to spread Krishna Consciousness to the whole world using Internet, Blogs, Youtube, Social Media, Music, Travel etc. Thus gradually fulfilling Lord Chaitanya's prediction of spreading the Holy Name to all the towns and the villages of this planet.

Even though I do not have any qualification, I hope and pray that I always serve you in whatever capacity I can.

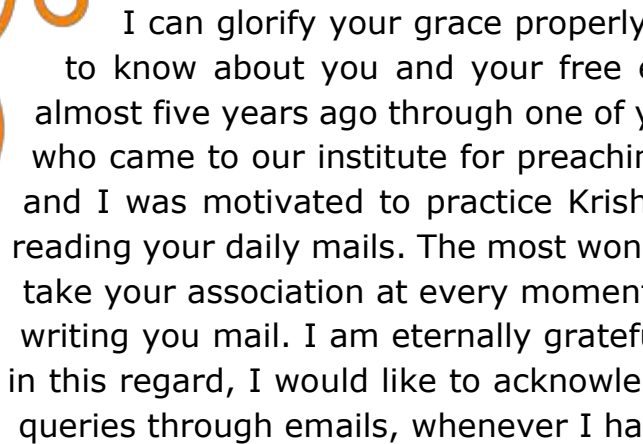
Your most unworthy student,
Ravi Kolluru

Saswata Adhikari - West Bengal, India - Please give me shelter

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva
Please accept my humble obeisance
All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

First of all, I wish you happy Krishna conscious appearance day. On this auspicious day, I pray to the supreme Lord Sri Krishna, may He give you good health and better facility to spread the message of Lord Sri Chaitanya to all the suffering souls of this planet so that all of them can go back to the spiritual world in this lifetime itself by practicing Bhakti yoga.

I feel myself quite unqualified to describe the glories of a pure devotee like you, who have developed all the divine qualities of the demigods by the causeless mercy of the Lord. May the Lord provide me with nice words so that

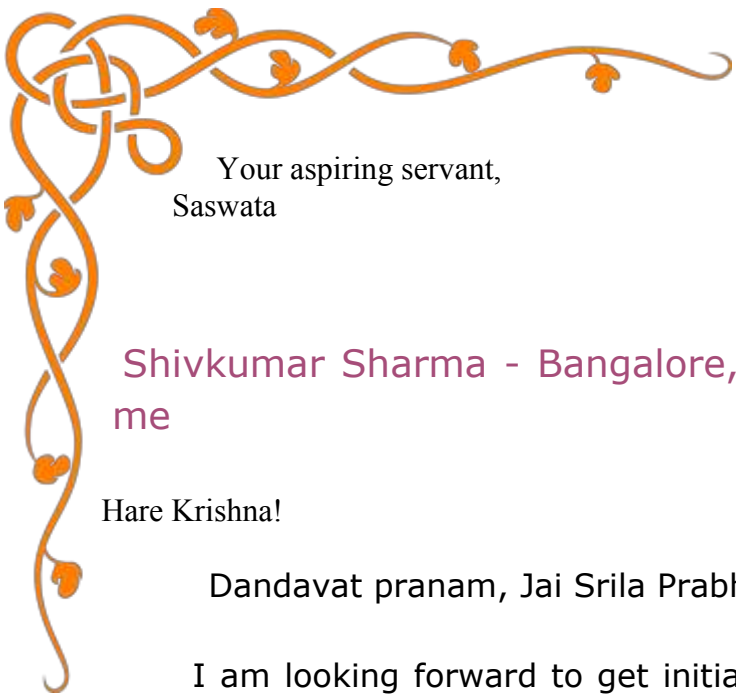


I can glorify your grace properly to purify my existence. I first came to know about you and your free e-course "Ultimate Self-realization " almost five years ago through one of your disciples H.G. Bhakta Rupa Das, who came to our institute for preaching . Then I enrolled in your e-course and I was motivated to practice Krishna Consciousness very seriously by reading your daily mails. The most wonderful thing is that your disciples can take your association at every moment through your e-course and through writing you mail. I am eternally grateful to you for clearing my doubts and in this regard, I would like to acknowledge your promptness in replying my queries through emails, whenever I have asked you.

I get immense inspiration from hearing your lectures. I thought there must be pleasure available in this material world but you have dissipated that ignorance by saying that there is absolutely no happiness in this material world. In one of your lectures, you told that one can judge the purity of a devotee by seeing how much he represents Srila Prabhupada. In this connection, I see that you are representing Srila Prabhupada 100% and thus are carrying the lineage of Srila Prabhupada without any deviation.

I did not know what to ask from Krishna before I came in contact with you. Your grace has very mercifully revealed us that we should ask from Krishna only pure devotion and His mercy to spread Krishna Consciousness all over the world. You have shown to us, by your own personal example, that one should accept every situation as the Lord's special mercy to facilitate our devotion. Even though you are suffering physically in so many ways, it is very good to see that you have never asked the Lord to relieve you from the suffering and you have dedicated your life completely in the mission of Srila Prabhupada. You have developed unconditional love towards the most fallen souls of this age by giving them most valuable Krishna Consciousness while traveling the globe with Guru Mataji despite your poor health and old age.

O spiritual master of the three worlds, please be merciful upon this most fallen soul. I have no good qualification. It is only your mercy and the mercy of Vaishnavas that can save me from the cycle of birth and death. Please give me shelter at your lotus feet and bless me so that one day I can become a pure devotee of Lord Sri Krishna and embrace the world deliverance mission in your footsteps.



Your aspiring servant,
Saswata

Shivkumar Sharma - Bangalore, India - You are right Guru for me

Hare Krishna!

Dandavat pranam, Jai Srila Prabhupada, Jai Gurudev, Jai Guru mata.

I am looking forward to get initiated on Vyasa puja day, please pray for me.

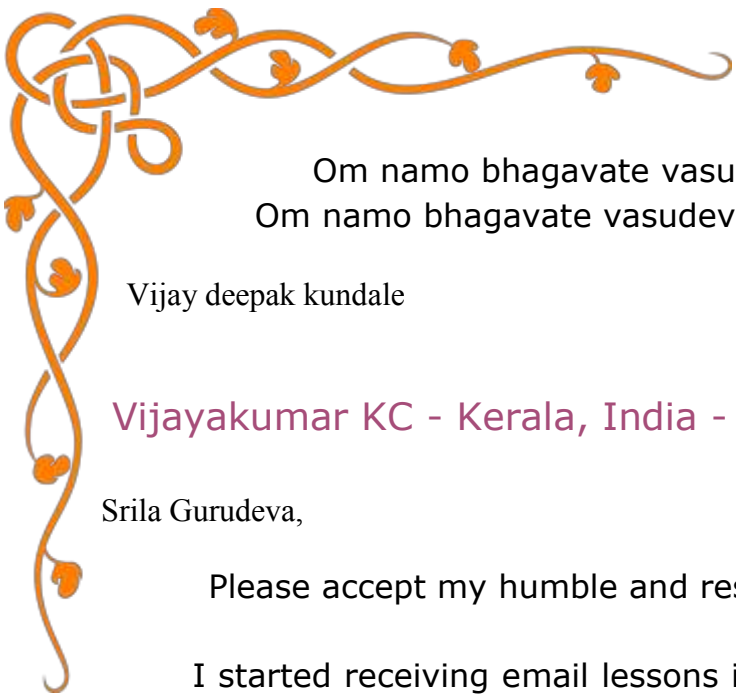
I have been looking for Guru since quite some time, but I was never satisfied within, I used to pray sometimes, and I fortunately met Your Grace in Vrindavan. I attended the Bhagvath class, wherein I had asked one question regarding why we were put on this earth unnecessarily. To my question Guru maharaj you answered by saying, "you rascal you disobeyed Krishna, so you and all of us were put on this earth", thankfully the question asked was on a piece of paper not orally.

One more question asked by someone, wherein You answered that a Sanyasi living without sex is very difficult, but a Grihastha living without sex is much more difficult, and you emphasized that You never had sex in spite of being Grihastha, it made me feel as the whole world is running behind sex, and here is he who has controlled his senses, he is the right Guru for me, from then I started communicating by mail for some doubts, wherein You replied quickly, I started feeling that what else one needs, if a guru can clarify our doubt, You have set an example of yourself, You are right Guru for me.

thanks,
Yours servant of servant,
Shivkumar Sharma

Vijay Deepak Kundale. P. Bangalore, India - I take shelter

Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya



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Om namo bhagavate vasudevaya

Vijay deepak kundale

Vijayakumar KC - Kerala, India - Your nectarean words

Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.

I started receiving email lessons in 2009. Ever since that I have been receiving it without delay. The answers your Divine Grace gives are specific, authentic and final as it comes to us through disciplic succession from Lord Krishna. We have a feeling that we hear words of true spiritual knowledge from Lord Krishna Himself.

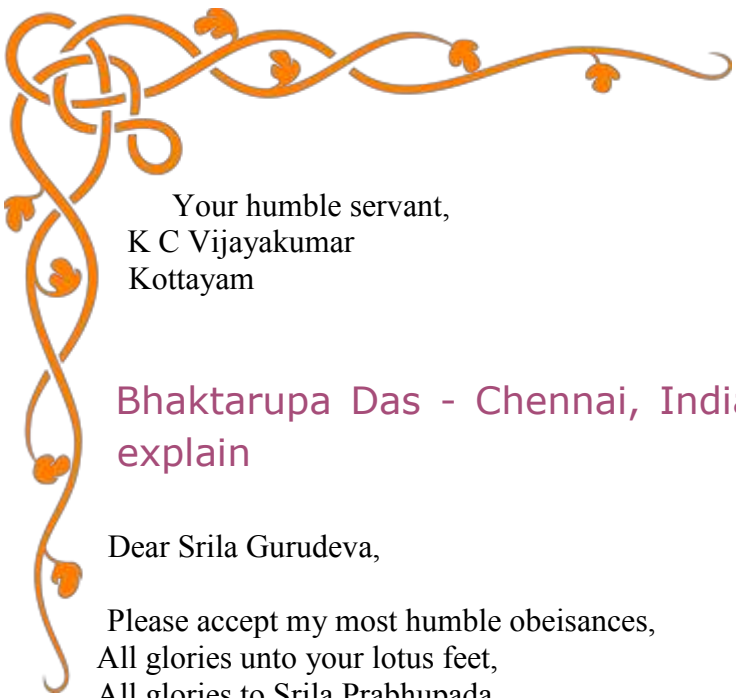
We are living in an age characterized by hypocrisy, ignorance and falsehood. People are misled by pseudo spiritual leaders and self-styled godmen. Srila Prabhupada's teachings and the words of Srila Gurudeva guide millions in the right way. Thought for the Day dispels darkness from the minds of people and make them know what Lord Krishna, The Supreme Personality of Godhead, teaches and how we should follow His teachings.

Sila Gurudeva, the nectarean words of yours come as a panacea for all the ailments of this material world. It is a reassurance that Krishna loves everyone and we are special to Him and that we are His eternal servants and our ultimate duty is to serve the Lord.

May we continue to receive lessons from Srila Gurudeva and may your words and presence inspire millions to join Krishna Consciousness movement for the total transformation of this world by making everyone Krishna Conscious.

Hare Krishna.

With pranams at your lotus feet
All glories to Srila Gurudeva
All glories to Srila Prabhupada



Your humble servant,
K C Vijayakumar
Kottayam

Bhaktarupa Das - Chennai, India – You have unique ability to explain

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances,
All glories unto your lotus feet,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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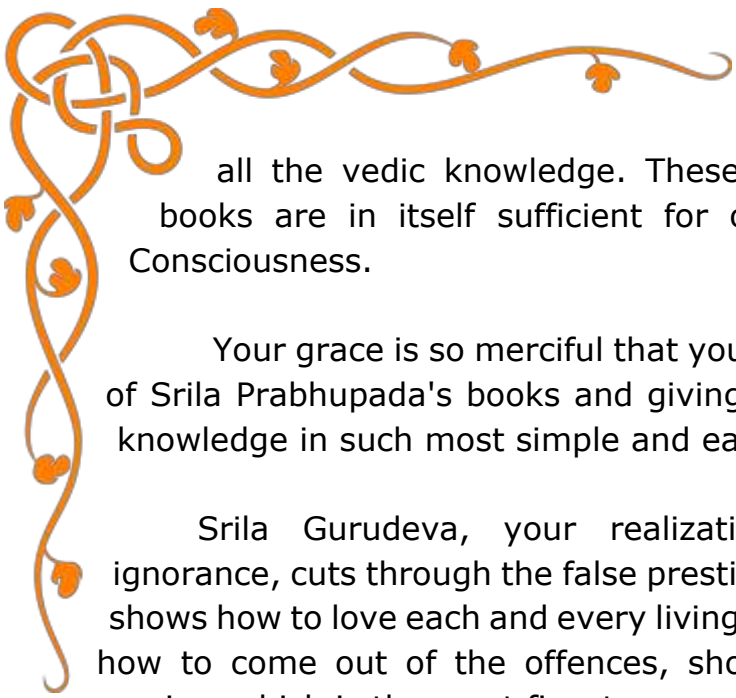
Srila Gurudeva on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja this year, I would like to meditate and appreciate about one of your many wonderful qualities. That is your unique ability to explain even the most difficult and complex philosophy into a single sentence or phrase. Krishna Consciousness is undoubtedly is the topmost philosophy. When this topmost philosophy explained in such simple way gets retained in our mind solidly.

"Know who you are and be who you are"..... What an amazing answer for a question to you to explain what is Krishna Consciousness.

Such answers can be provided only one who has such profound realizations.

Srila Vyasadeva has left us with an ocean of transcendental knowledge in the form of Vedas, Upanishads, Vedanta sutras and many puranas.

Out of compassion on the fallen conditioned souls, Srila Prabhupada has churned the entire Vedic knowledge and gave us the essence of all Vedic knowledge in his 80 volumes of books including Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam and Sri Caitanya Caritamrita, which is the essence of



all the vedic knowledge. These 80 volumes of Srila Prabhupada's books are in itself sufficient for one to become completely Krishna Consciousness.

Your grace is so merciful that you have assimilated all the 80 volumes of Srila Prabhupada's books and giving us the finest essence of that Vedic knowledge in such most simple and easy to assimilate form.

Srila Gurudeva, your realizations illuminates the darkness of ignorance, cuts through the false prestige, pride and ego, makes us humble, shows how to love each and every living entity, how to worship the devotees, how to come out of the offences, shows us the path of pure devotional service, which is the most finest essence of Krishna Consciousness.

On the most auspicious occasion, I pray unto your lotus feet, that let your merciful glance be on me who is no better than a fool number one. Let your mercy wake me up from my foolishness and make me one of your instruments in your mission of assisting Srila Prabhupada for making the whole world Krishna Conscious.

I am ever indebted to you for showering your causeless mercy upon me.

Hare Krishna!

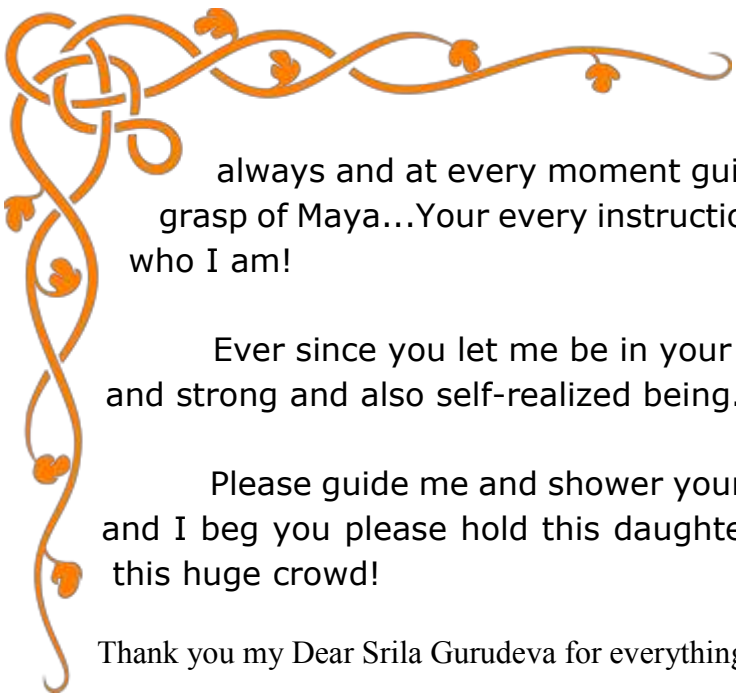
Your menial servant,
Bhaktarupa Das

Anamika Roy - Agartala, India – Your guidance is my shelter

Haribol Srila Gurudeva Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

This is my humble offering to Your Grace on this auspicious day of your appearance!

I am truly blessed by Hare Krishna to come in contact with such a Grace like you. I am blessed that you let me be in your shelter. I am blessed to have such Grace as my spiritual master and my spiritual father! Your Grace, you



always and at every moment guide your children to not fall under the grasp of Maya...Your every instructions and every word makes me realize who I am!

Ever since you let me be in your shelter and guidance, I feel peaceful and strong and also self-realized being.

Please guide me and shower your mercy on this insignificant daughter and I beg you please hold this daughter's hand so that I do not get lost in this huge crowd!

Thank you my Dear Srila Gurudeva for everything !

All glories to Your Divine Grace on your special day

Anamika Roy

Bhargavi - Bangalore, India – You are our guiding light

Hare Krishna Gurudev,

Respectful Obeisances.

In this humble attempt to glorify Your mercy upon us, please forgive the mistakes committed in this respect.

The e-course, Your Videos, and books, are our guiding light. To be able to associate with You instantly is a blessing and Your mercy upon us - needy souls on our quest for happiness and love.

Always seeking Your blessings to be able to follow Your instructions.

Yours humbly,
Bhaktin Bhargavi.

Gomathi Sathyanarayanan - Chennai, India - Please bless me

Dear Srila Gurudeva,



Hare Krishna.

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

You are our beloved spiritual master. Please bless us so that we
always do our devotional service effectively and efficiently.

Hare Krishna,
Your humble servant,
Gomathi Sathyanarayanan

K. Nirmala - Hyderabad - Thank you from the core of my heart

Dear His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari,

Pranams.

You are the spiritual master who are giving the ignorant world the
enlightenment of truth and wisdom. Thank you from the core of my heart.

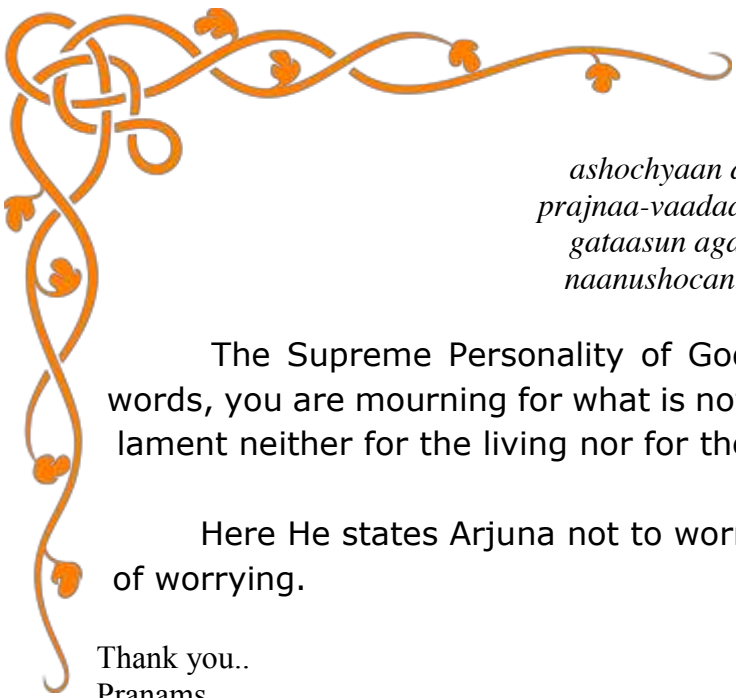
My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
My glorious and respectful obeisances.

Your timely appearance in this terrible world is a precious and divine
gift. My special thanks to you for making the world free from worries by your
everlasting teachings.

My Dear Vyas Guru, The Guru Of Gurus...and The Universal Best Guru
Lord Krishna..

I express my heart-felt deep gratitude to the maha mantra,
you have taught to the whole world...

In the Bhagavad Gita 2.11, Lord Krishna starts His teaching by saying,



*ashochyaan anva shochas tvam
prajnaa-vaadaams ca bhaashase
gataasun agataasums ca
naanushocanti panditaah*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: While speaking learned words, you are mourning for what is not worthy of grief. Those who are wise lament neither for the living nor for the dead.

Here He states Arjuna not to worry for something which is not worthy of worrying.

Thank you..
Pranams
K. Nirmala

Rashi Rawat - Odisha, India - If I can help you in any way possible

Hare Krishna!

Dandavat pranam Maharaj

I am a so called practicing devotee for the last 8 years, still I have many doubts. I admit that this may be due to my not being disciplined, but I admit that it is only Krishna Consciousness which has helped me get my hope and life back and a life. Maharaj played an important role in this. When I was down and broken, I messaged him and the ever instant reply made me hopeful again (even though I don't know you personally only through your self-realization course I know you)Though it took time to fully bring into practice what he told, once I did I was the happiest person. I am thankful to you Maharaj for your instant reply, it was a blessing and we need many souls like you who inspire others through their life, words and actions. I am extremely grateful to you. Please let me know if I can help in any way possible ...

Thanks a lot for your self realization course Maharaj
Thanking you
Rashi rawat



Shashikala - Dharwad, India - Thank you for your grace

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumata,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

After taking the blessings of Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji I came to know how to lead a Grihastha Jeevan.

After meeting the disciples of Srila Gurudeva and Srimati Gurumataji I came to know how to face any problems in life and how to solve them, and I also learned how to lead the rest of the life being a devotee of Krishna.

I got the opportunity to serve your grace in Vrindavan. Your grace ecstatic Kirtan and Bhajan in the boat, in yamuna made me very happy. I again felt when I will get your grace blessings and association.

Again I got the opportunity to meet your grace in Pune there I got their blessings. From the day of their blessings I got the enthusiasm to chant 16 rounds and follow 4 regulative principles.

When my husband left his body your grace sent message through devotees as I don't have any knowledge of Internet. Although I am most fallen soul your grace sent an email, He was very happy to accept me as His disciple.

I felt very sad because I don't understand English and Hindi languages, but still I pray to Lord that I want to seek your grace blessings again and again.

Your unworthy servant,
Bhaktin Shashikala
(Translated by Sacipriya Devi Dasi from Kannada to English)



Shilpa - Chennai, India - Thought and Video for the day
inspiring

Hare Krishna!

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

I have subscribed for the e-course in July 2017 and I am extremely happy with the decision. I really look forward to your Thought for the day video. They are very inspiring.

I beg you that the darkness of this material world that is presently covering me be removed and always be engaged in the service of The Lord.

I pray to The Lord that your health issues be cured and continue the divine services for the benefit of fallen souls.

Your humble servant,
Shilpa

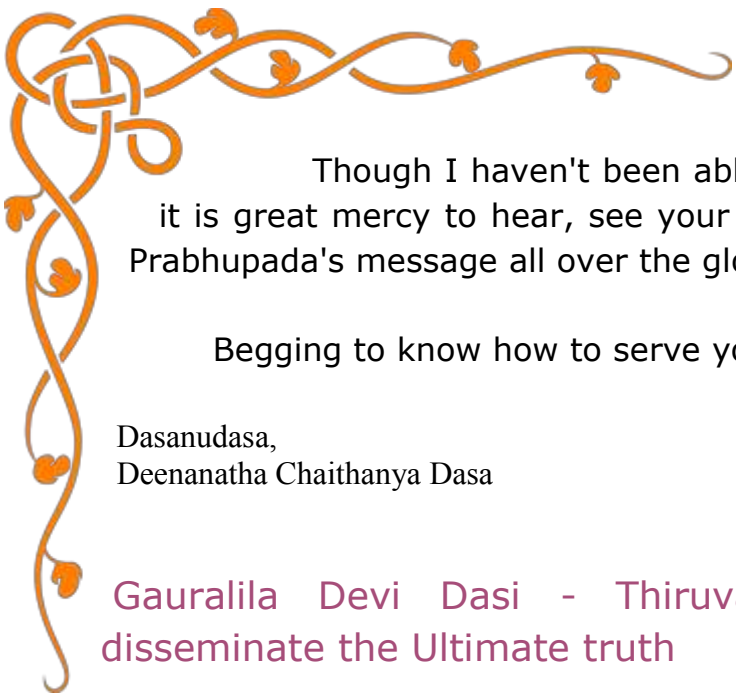
Deenanatha Chaithanya Dasa - Bangalore, India – daily nectar

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to Shri Guru and Gauranga
All Glories to Vaishnavas

Dear Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhu,
Please accept my humble dandavats.

By Srila Prabhupada's mercy and all his disciples mercy everyone in ISKCON is blessed to have shelter of Hari Nama and Vaishnavas. This will help to know and practice Devotional Service.

Thank you very much for sharing the nectar everyday that enlivens the devotees. Prayers to Shri Gour Nitai, Sri Radha Krishna, Srila Prabhupada for your good health so that many more can get mercy by your association.



Though I haven't been able to personally associate and serve, it is great mercy to hear, see your preaching activities, spreading Srila Prabhupada's message all over the globe.

Begging to know how to serve you.

Dasanudasa,
Deenanatha Chaithanya Dasa

Gauralila Devi Dasi - Thiruvananthapuram, India - You disseminate the Ultimate truth

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimathi Gurumata
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

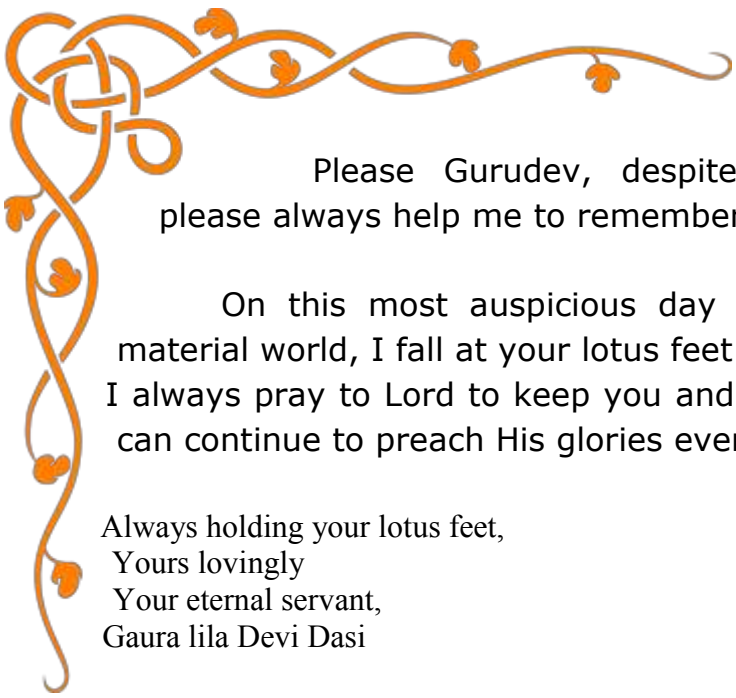
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Gurudev, your sincerity, dedication and ultimately your firm faith in the words of Srila Prabhupada is amazing. It is really a great task you have undertaken to disseminate the Ultimate truth all over the darkened region of the material world so that a lot of people get relieved from the terrific influence of Maya and Kali.

My thoughts, words and actions are not enough to express my feelings and gratitude to you, Gurudev.

Gurudev, with your causeless mercy, you accepted this fallen soul as your disciple. Since taking shelter at your lotus feet and second initiation I can perform services at our Krishna Balaram temple. Without your mercy, I would have remained in fallen condition in this abominable material world.



Please Gurudev, despite my innumerable disqualification,
please always help me to remember and implement your instructions.

On this most auspicious day of your Divine Appearance in this
material world, I fall at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy and shelter.
I always pray to Lord to keep you and Gurumata healthy so that You both
can continue to preach His glories everywhere.

Always holding your lotus feet,
Yours lovingly
Your eternal servant,
Gaura lila Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Das - Thiruvananthapuram, India - Matchless Gift

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*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, therefore, I
offer my respectful obeisances unto him

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
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I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan
Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His
lotus feet.

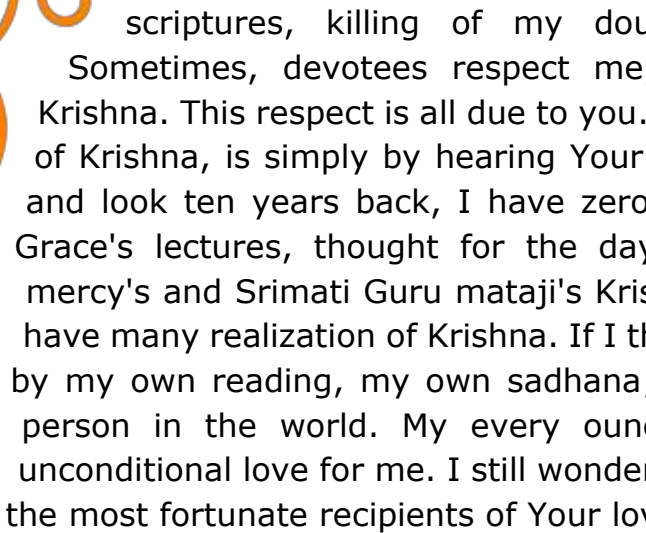
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O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the
embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances!
All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Dear Gurudev,

My spiritual life is a matchless gift from Srila Gurudev. I got the holy
names, Vaishnava association, prasadam, Srila Prabhupada's mercy,



scriptures, killing of my doubts; everything by Your mercy. Sometimes, devotees respect me, when I sometimes speak about Krishna. This respect is all due to you. Whatever, I know about the science of Krishna, is simply by hearing Your mercy's lectures. When I turn back and look ten years back, I have zero realization about Krishna. By Your Grace's lectures, thought for the day and personal guidance and Your mercy's and Srimati Guru mataji's Krishna consciousness life style; now, I have many realization of Krishna. If I think I know something about Krishna by my own reading, my own sadhana; then; I would be the most foolish person in the world. My every ounce of spiritual life is due to Your unconditional love for me. I still wonder, why Krishna selected me as one of the most fortunate recipients of Your love and care.

Srila Gurudev, Your mercy upon me is like a torrents of rain in Indian Monsoon season. But, I have a small bag to receive this mercy. My bag is not expanding. This is only due to I being not enough reciprocating You. If I share Your mercy among others, if I do proper sadhana, if I have good worshipable relationship with all Vaishnavas; only then my mercy bag would expand enough to hold the unlimited mercy You bestow upon me.

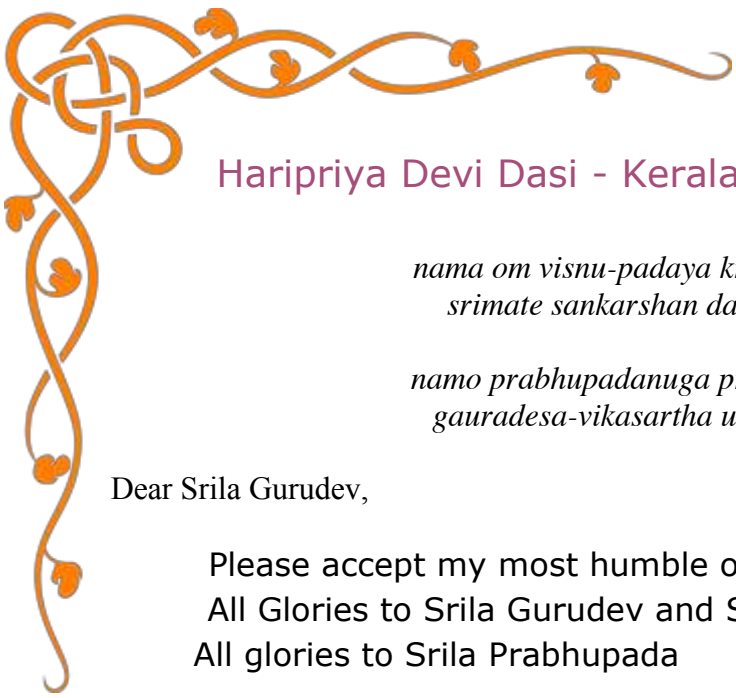
Srila Gurudev, I want to beg Your blessings; so I can continually have the realization about how my Gurudev is purifying my life and then I should keep on developing sincere gratitude and then this gratitude moves me to practically do something eternally to please my beloved Gurudev.

Srila Gurudev, in this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, I pray to Lord Krishna; may my beloved Srila Gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji will be in best of health and long live on this planet to enthuse us and complete Your mission to re-spiritualise this world.

Happy Vyasa Puja, Srila Gurudev,

Always holding unto your Lotus Feet!

Yours Lovingly,
Your eternal servant,
Hare Krishna Das



Haripriya Devi Dasi - Kerala, India – Your Ahaithuki mercy

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Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet
All Glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimathi Guru Mataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On the occasion of Your Graces Vyasa puja, this eternal servant of Yours likes to remember your blessings .

Srila Gurudev, it is said that a disciple becomes a useful disciple if he or she devotes his life, intelligence, and wealth to his Guru wholeheartedly, and carries out His orders as his life and soul. Srila Gurudev, I am still attached to all those material desires and I am useless. Please bless me so that I will someday become useful to Your Divine Grace's world deliverance mission.

Srila Gurudev, You are so kind that You have given us all facilities, Your lectures, Your association and Your Ahaithuki mercy, still I am not receiving that properly. Please bless me so that I can fully absorb myself to Your mercy, so that I may not take another birth in this material world of misery.

Srila Gurudev, you have full faith in Your spiritual master's mercy, but because I am having all those anarthas I still have no sincerity or faith. Please bless me that I will someday become a faithful servant of Your Lotus feet

I pray at the Lotus feet of Guru Parampara and Gaura nitai , for giving me shelter at Your Divine Grace's Lotus Feet because You are most Dear to Them.

Always holding onto Your Lotus Feet.
Haripriya Devi Dasi



J.K Sah - Ranchi, India - Helping us remember Krsna

Words cannot express the gratitude for the spread of Krishna Consciousness by Gurudev. Thank you for helping us remember Krishna and giving Him to us. My obeisances at your holy feet.

J.k Sah

Kallol Maity - Debalaya, India - My heartfelt words of appreciation

I offer my heartfelt words of appreciation to the spiritual master.

Kallol Maity

Lila Manjari Devi Dasi - Bangalore, India - Obeying your instructions is perfection of my life

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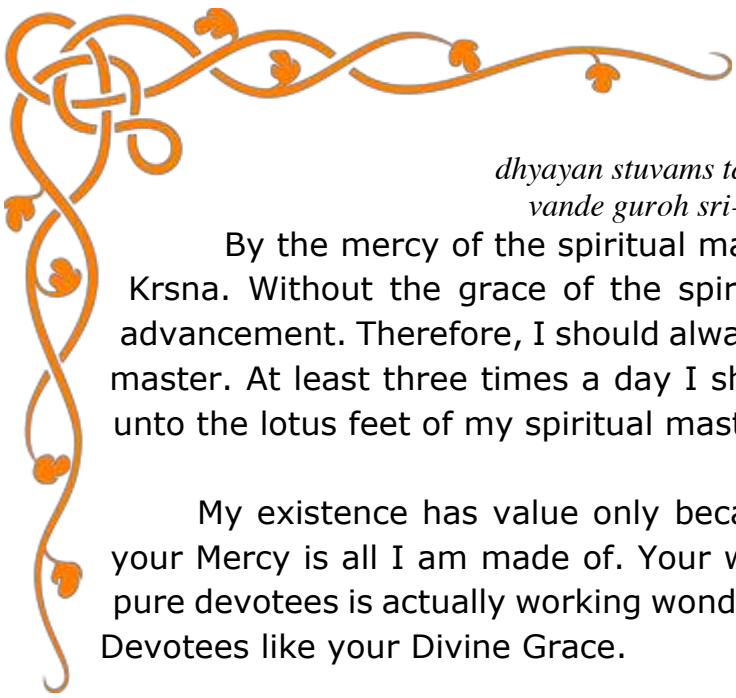
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Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srimati Guru Mataji
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to all Devotees

Wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudeva...

Dear Srila Gurudeva, on this most auspicious day, I do not know exactly where to start from to glorify your Divine Grace as your glories are actually endless. I would like to quote the last verse of Sri Gurvastakam prayers,

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasada na gatih kuto 'pi*



*dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

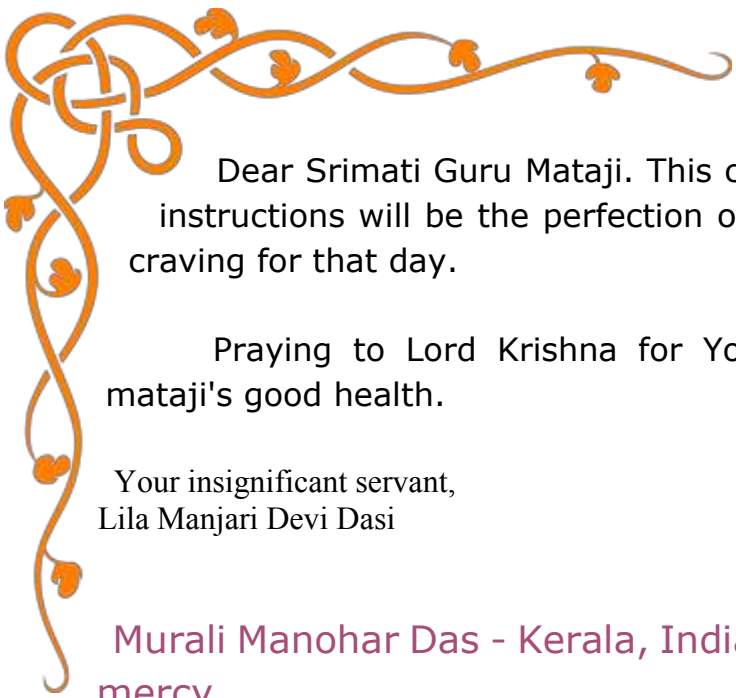
By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus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

My existence has value only because of your kind mercy. Gurudeva, your Mercy is all I am made of. Your words, your desire to see us become pure devotees is actually working wonders. Krishna fulfils the desires of pure Devotees like your Divine Grace.

So many realizations I had regarding how kind the spiritual master is. Though I am crazy materialist, your Divine Grace like a loving Father always gave me full protection from the hands of maya. I know I am completely protected from Maya by your loving blessings. The problem is my lack of full trust and sense gratification desires. Hope that I will develop my full 100% faith and give up my stupidity. Recently your Divine Grace's health was not keeping good but You were remembering Queen Kunti's prayers and continuing with your preaching with full faith on Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna. You are a perfect example of person Bhagavat. I bow down million and millions time at your lotus feet. May I always meditate on your powerful instructions and be in constant association by executing the same.

I know that Guru Mataji would not like me trying to glorify Her Grace here. But I would love to be chastised for doing so. Dear Guru Mataji, I do not know how to thank you Grace for the most powerful instructions that you give me. I don't have ability to accomplish them but just because you have instructed, Krishna makes it happen. Guru Mataji, I remember each and every moment spent with Your Grace and the sweet loving chastisement of Yours. Even though your health is not keeping good, You never let anyone know about it. You are a perfect example of a Vaisnava. My Dear mother, sometimes I feel that I can't bear a moment's separation from Your Grace. I wish to feel this always. I pray that I can obey your instructions always and never be separated from your kind association.

I beg Lord Sri Krishna to help this crazy rascal dull headed person like myself, to always be in constant association with my Dear Srila Gurudeva and



Dear Srimati Guru Mataji. This constant association by obeying your instructions will be the perfection of my lifetime. Craving for that day , craving for that day.

Praying to Lord Krishna for Your Divine Grace and Srimati Guru mataji's good health.

Your insignificant servant,
Lila Manjari Devi Dasi

Murali Manohar Das - Kerala, India – Progressing only due to your mercy

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srimati Gurumata
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I bow down to your lotus feet with gratitude. Since last one year I am doing some Puja services at Krishna Balaram temple, Thiruvananthapuram. All these could achieved only due to the mercy of Your Grace.

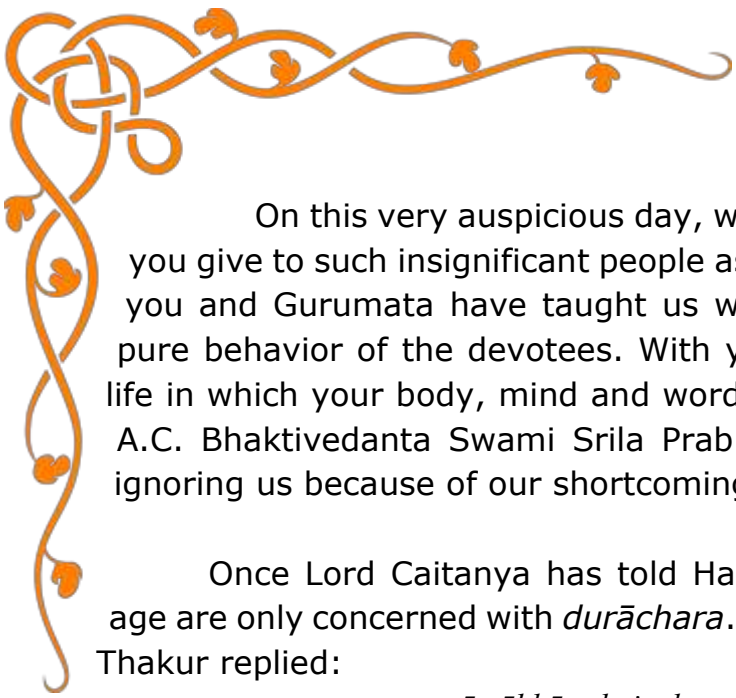
I dedicate whatever progress I am making to your lotus feet. I pray to the Supreme Lord to keep you in good health for propagating His glories all over the world.

with love,
Your insignificant servant,
Murali Manohar Das.

Narada Muni Das and Naradi Devi Dasi - Sridham Mayapur

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our most humble obeisances!
All glories to His Divine Grace Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you!



On this very auspicious day, we want to thank you for the attention you give to such insignificant people as us. Already for more than 10 years, you and Gurumata have taught us what it means bhakti sadāchara -the pure behavior of the devotees. With your example, you are showing us a life in which your body, mind and word are given to your spiritual master - A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. We also thank you for not ignoring us because of our shortcomings, mistakes and offenses.

Once Lord Caitanya has told Haridas Thakur that the people in this age are only concerned with *durāchara*. With desire to reassure Him, Haridas Thakur replied:

nāmābhāsa haite haya samsārera ksaya –

"Even a faint light from the holy name of the Lord can eradicate all the reactions of sinful life" (Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta, Antya Lila 3.63).

Thank you that by your mercy in our hearts continues to shine the light of the holy names!

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

Your eternal servants,
Narada Muni Das, Naradi Devi Dasi

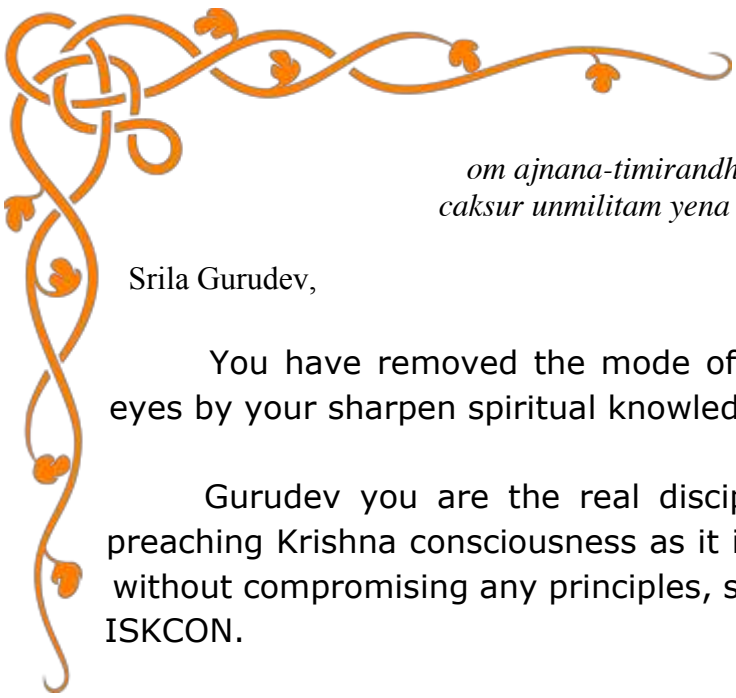
Prema Sarovar Devi Dasi - Kolkata, India – Seeking to follow each and every word of your's

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Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you and Srimati Gurumata.

Gurudev, you are a sunshine in my darkness of life.



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

Srila Gurudev,

You have removed the mode of darkness from me and opened my eyes by your sharpen spiritual knowledge.

Gurudev you are the real disciple of your spiritual master who is preaching Krishna consciousness as it is, whatever Prabhupada said to you without compromising any principles, sorry to say which is now very rare in ISKCON.

Gurudev your and Gurumataji's sweet chastisement is really a great teachings in my spiritual path which will help me to progress more and more in spirituality. Both of your love and care is just like a shade in my spiritual life which is protecting me from any lusty desires.

Gurudev, you are spreading this Krishna conscious movement so rapidly every nook and corner of the world just like your spiritual master (Srila Prabhupada)

So I am sincerely seeking your blessings to follow your each and every words throughout my life.

Regards,
Your insignificant servant,
Prema Sarovar Devi Dasi



Piyali Rudra Becomes Prema Sarovara Devi Dasi

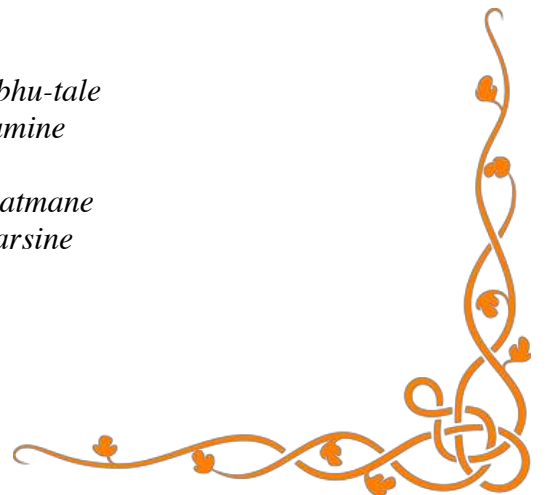
Radhakanth Das and Divyasakti Devi Dasi - Trivandrum, India –
Shield to us

All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Srila Gurudev and Gurumata

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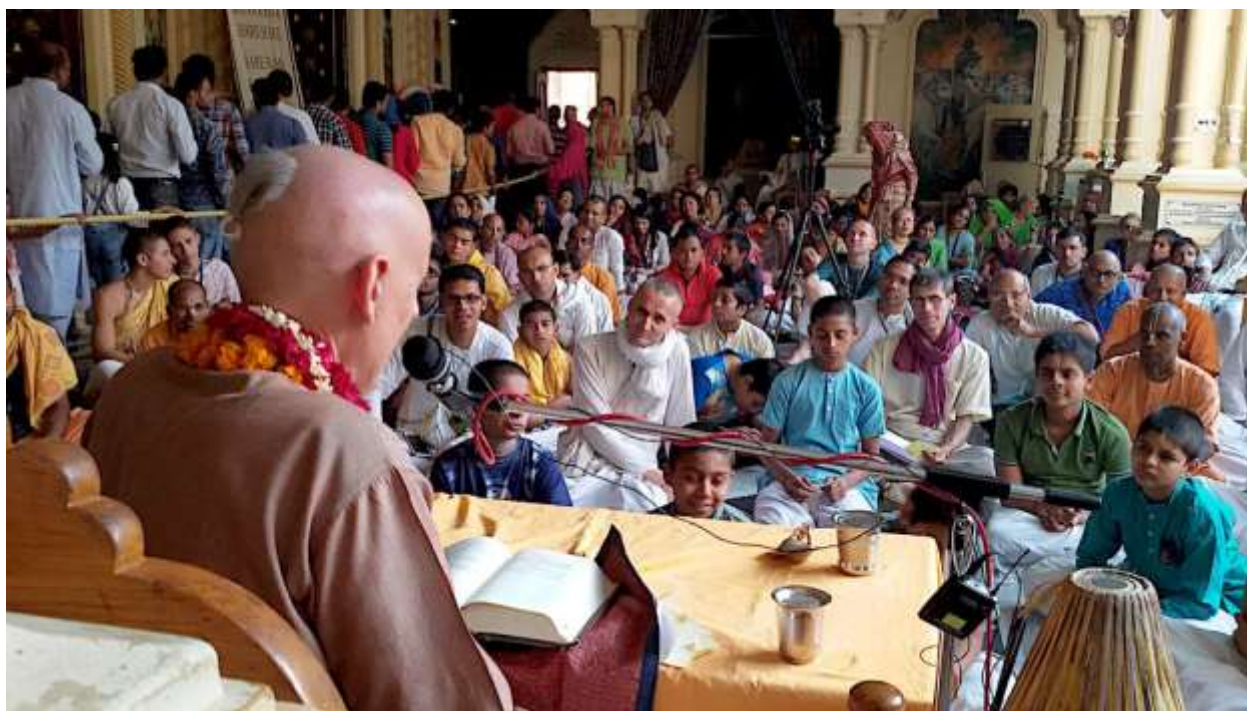


Please accept our humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet.

It is Your mercy that always stood beside us and guided and protected us from material harms. Your Mercy's blessing is that shield to us which protect us from not falling into the deep depth of sorrow. On this auspicious occasion, we pray to Lord Krishna that both You and Gurumata may be in good health to continue the preaching.

Bowing down at Your mercy's Lotus Feet,

Eternally your servants,
Radhakanth das and Divyasakti devi dasi



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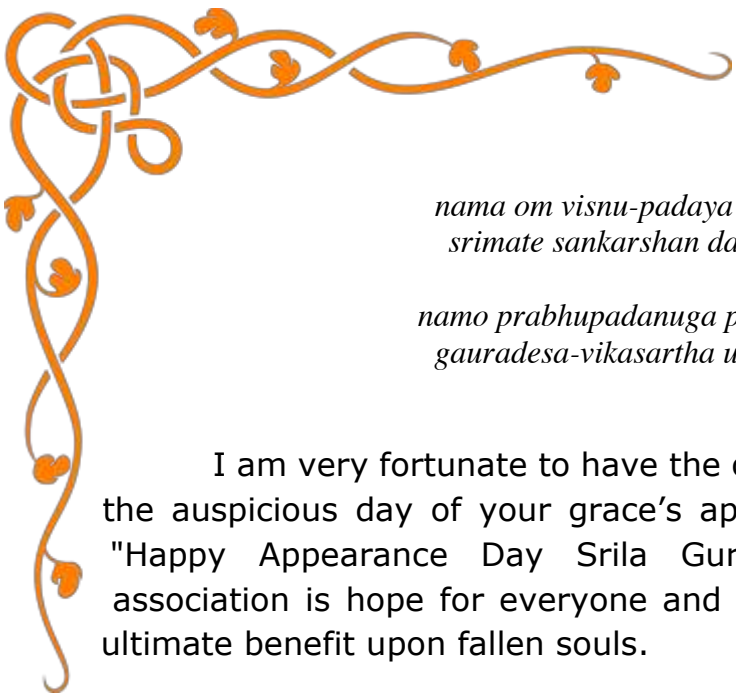
Sacipriya Devi Dasi - Dharwad, India - Bless me that I never deviate from your Instructions

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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All Glories to Srila Prabhupada



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I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to write to your grace on the auspicious day of your grace's appearance day. I want to wish very "Happy Appearance Day Srila Gurudev." Your grace's enlightening association is hope for everyone and with your travelling you bestow the ultimate benefit upon fallen souls.

You're taking care of my entire life. How your grace's words are coming true I am realizing it day by day. Whatever problems I face in my life, I got immediate solution through your grace.

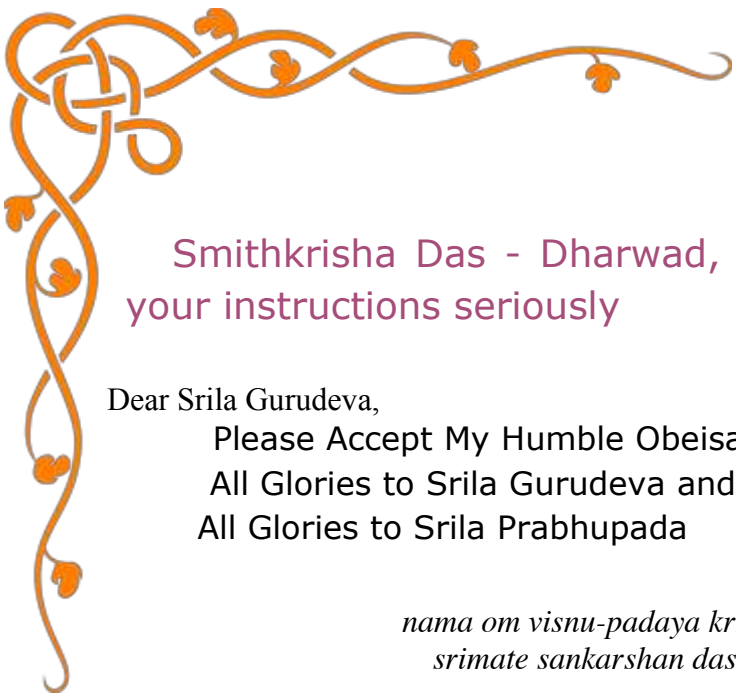
Your grace's emails are like life blood in the body which keeps our bhakti alive. Your grace's causeless mercy has no boundaries. Whenever I get response to my emails I feel relieved and I get perfect and convincing answers for my questions.

I Really want to,

- Thank your grace for truly caring a fallen soul like me each and every movement.
- Thank your grace for training me, How to read Srila Prabhupada books. It's your inspiration made me to read Srila Prabhupada books.
- Thank your grace for providing us, Thought for the day and video for the day. Which continuously connecting us to krishna.
- Thank your grace for always stressing the foremost need of attentive chanting and importance of spiritual master in our life.
- Thank your grace for giving the association of devotees and the opportunity to engage in devotional service.

Please bless me I shall never deviate from your Instructions.

Your insignificant servant,
Sacipriya Devi Dasi



Smithkrisha Das - Dharwad, India – Bless me that I follow
your instructions seriously

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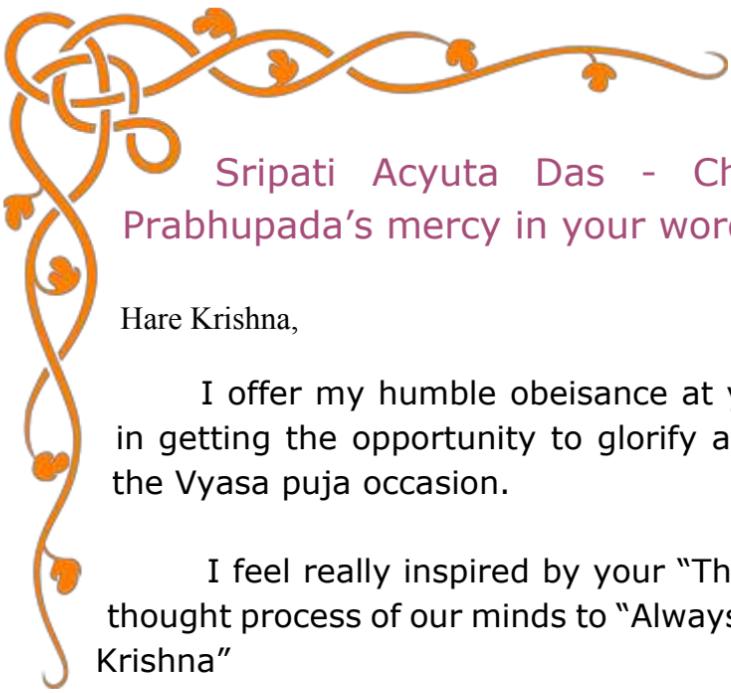
Your grace descended to earth to save fallen. I am bereft of all good qualities and the only hope for me is your grace Divine lotus feet.

A past time from Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta, Amogh was a very offensive person. He even offended Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu directly, still he was blessed by Mahāprabhu because he was connected to a pure devotee Srila Sarva-bhauma Bhattacharya. That was the only reason and cause for his deliverance and attained Krishna prema.

In my life, the only good thing that has happened is your grace accepted me as his Son/Disciple and implanted Krishna consciousness in my heart. I am connected to a pure devotee of Lord Sri Krishna in the disciplic succession of Brahma Madhva Gaudiya sampradaya. That is the only only good thing in my life.

Srila Gurudeva please bless me, I shall take instructions given by your grace seriously, never deviate from Krishna consciousness and please my local authority, your grace's expansion in serving mood.

Your Unworthy Rascal servant,
Smithkrisha Das



Sripati Acyuta Das - Chennai, India - I feel Srila Prabhupada's mercy in your words

Hare Krishna,

I offer my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. I feel great pleasure in getting the opportunity to glorify a great Vaishnava spiritual master in the Vyasa puja occasion.

I feel really inspired by your "Thought of the day", which kindles the thought process of our minds to "Always remember Krishna and Never forget Krishna"

I feel grateful for your "Video of the Day" which makes my day, one more step on my "Journey of great miles in Krishna Consciousness".

Your "Answers by citing vedic version" gives me a determination to seek Krishna amidst all my sufferings by dispelling "my lack of enthusiasm and overpowering ignorance".

Overall, I continue to feel being lifted from a great ocean of misery and am constantly remembering the instructions of Srila Prabhupada and endeavoring to somehow improve in devotion to Krishna from the day I registered in your "Online Self-realization course" and started reading it daily.

I feel Srila Prabhupada's "mercy and strong preaching of pure devotional service to Krishna" in your words of which I consider myself greatly fortunate.

I wish billions join this online course and get the same mercy and make their lives meaningful in submissive loving service to Krishna through the holy spiritual masters in this exotic parampara.

Hare Krishna.

Always your servant,
Sripati Acyuta Das
ISKCON Perambur Congregation



Srivatsa Das - Kochi, India - You are 100% self-realized

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*samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.

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

The spiritual master is to be honoured as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari [Krsna].

Dear Srila Gurudeva, you are a true follower of Srila Prabhupada. You are 100% self-realized. You are highly merciful. You are a bona fide spiritual master. My humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On this very Vyasa puja occasion, you being a bona fide Acharya, I pray to Lord Sri Krishna that your aim of 100% spiritualization of this planet may come true and to have you a very good health so that you can preach the whole world and take everybody back home back to Godhead.

With your kind mercy, I am able to strictly follow the regulative principles, minimum 16 rounds japa on japa mala beads and reading of Srila Prabhupada books daily (Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita)

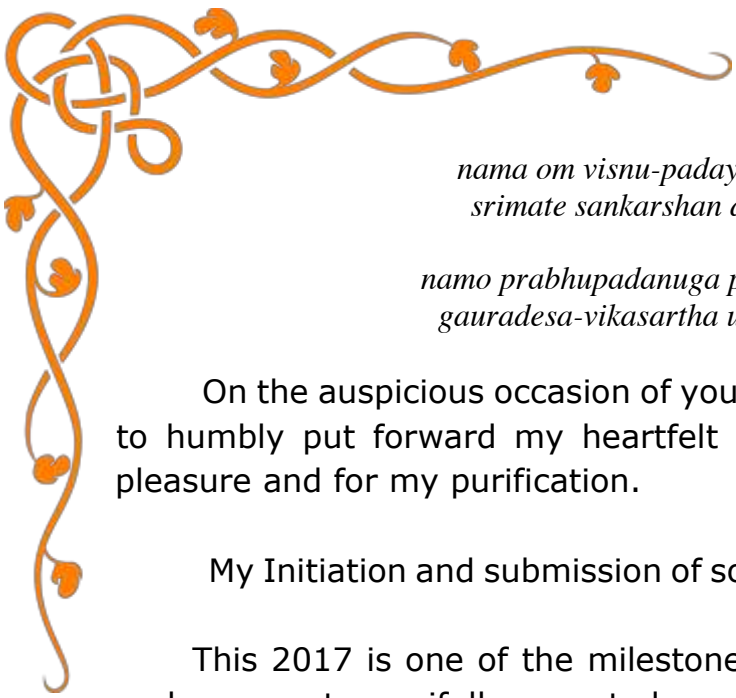
Your humble servant
Srivatsa Das



Supartha Rudra Becomes Sundar Gopal Das

Sundar Gopal Das - Kolkata, India - Impossible to repay your debt

Dear Sri Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you and Guru Mataji.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

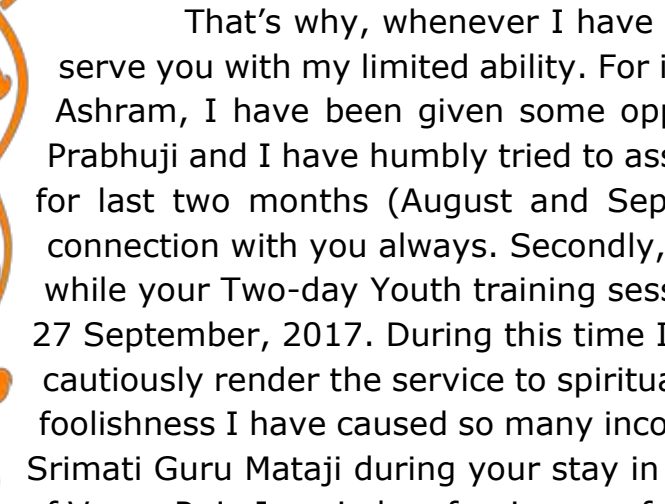
On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebration, I would like to humbly put forward my heartfelt offering at your lotus feet for your pleasure and for my purification.

My Initiation and submission of some menial service at your lotus feet:

This 2017 is one of the milestone years in my life. Because this year you have most mercifully accepted me as your initiated disciple on 12 April, 2017 by giving me Harinam initiation and formalize my connection with the glorious Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya sampradaya in the holy dham of Vrindavan at historic Sri Sri Krishna Balaram Temple. Just after our name giving ceremony, the pujaris in the temple loudly blew three conchs at the conclusion of the noon arati ceremony. At that point you declared that such blowing of conch marked the auspiciousness of the initiation ceremony. You explained in the initiation lecture that on the day of one's initiation one enters into the deathlessness if one follows the initiation vows. By deeply pondering over the real purport of this significant statement, I tried to grasp to some extent the profound personalized compassion of Spiritual-Master in my life. Deathlessness-means entering into eternity. Srila Gurudev, what a heavy responsibility you have taken for a conditioned soul like me! Since time immemorial I have been transmigrating from one species to another just to fulfill my selfish carnal desires. But in this life by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada I have got Your Divine Grace and you have taken the most momentous task of delivering me from the cycle of birth and death. Just by deeply contemplating on this aspect, my heart melts with overwhelming gratitude for your kindness for the suffering soul like me. Thus I have become eternally indebted to you. In this connection Srila Prabhupada said:

"It is not possible for the disciple to repay the debt to the spiritual master. Therefore the disciple remains eternally indebted to the spiritual master and continually works in such a way that the spiritual master may become pleased upon him for such sincere services rendered."

(Letter to Mantrini -- Paris 29 July, 1976)



That's why, whenever I have get some opportunity I have tried to serve you with my limited ability. For instance, for setting up your Mayapur Ashram, I have been given some opportunity of service by Bhakta Rupa Prabhuji and I have humbly tried to assist him. While rendering that service for last two months (August and September, 2017) I felt a deep loving connection with you always. Secondly, I got some opportunity to serve you while your Two-day Youth training session in Kolkata on 26 September and 27 September, 2017. During this time I learned how much important it is to cautiously render the service to spiritual-master. Due to my immaturity and foolishness I have caused so many inconveniences to you Srila Gurudev and Srimati Guru Mataji during your stay in Kolkata. On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja I again beg forgiveness from the core of my heart for all those inconveniences that I have caused you and Guru Mataji. As you have mercifully instructed me that I need to learn from my mistakes and come to the stage of perfection, I am trying my level best to gradually rectify me and not to repeat again such mistakes in future.

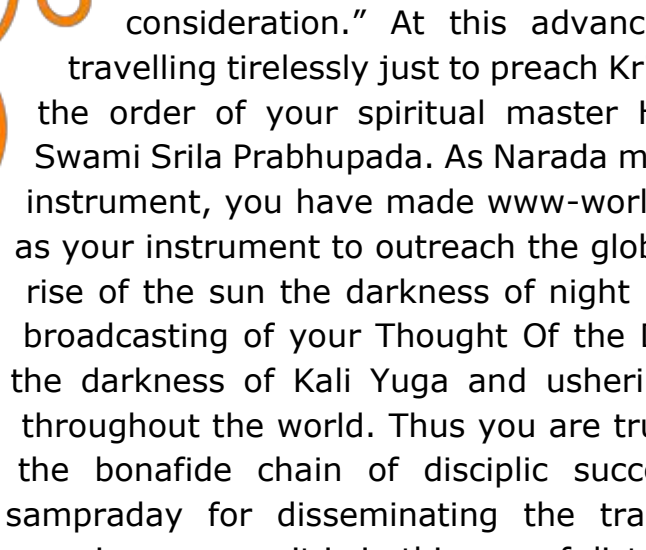
Compassion: Preaching the Krishna consciousness throughout the world:

In Srimad Bhagavatam there is a verse recited by Dhruva Maharaj in glorification of Narada Muni :

*nūnam bhavān bhagavato
yo 'ngajah paramesthinah
vitudann atate vīnām
hitāya jagato 'rkavat*

My Dear lord, you are a worthy son of Lord Brahmā, and you travel, playing on your musical instrument, the vina, for the welfare of the entire universe. You are like the sun, which rotates in the universe for the benefit of all living beings. (SB: 4.8.38)

For the 1st time I came across this verse, it naturally reminded you Srila Gurudev. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport: "Nārada Muni travels all over the universe for the sole purpose of performing the best welfare activity for the entire universe by teaching everyone how to become a devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The example of the sun is very significant. The sun is so kind that he distributes his sunshine everywhere, without



consideration.” At this advance age of 70 years, you are also travelling tirelessly just to preach Krishna consciousness and carrying out the order of your spiritual master His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. As Narada muni travels with his Vina- the musical instrument, you have made www-world wide web- the internet technology as your instrument to outreach the global community and just like the daily rise of the sun the darkness of night is vanquished, similarly by the daily broadcasting of your Thought Of the Day, Video of the day is eradicating the darkness of Kali Yuga and ushering in the Golden Age of Sankirtan throughout the world. Thus you are truly and uncompromisingly upholding the bonafide chain of disciplic succession of Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya sampradaya for disseminating the transcendental knowledge of Krishna consciousness as it is in this age of distortion and adulteration.

Indomitable spirit of compassion: Spreading the world deliverance mission under severe health crisis:

During your recent severe health crisis, I was astonished as well as highly inspired to see how you have continuously discharged the routine devotional services without a break for a single day. I can remember, during that phase of your physical challenge, on 17 August, 2017 in Video of the Day entitled as The Blessing of distress you have expressed how you were seeing Krishna’s blessing in the midst of suffering from intolerable pain due to sciatica. On consequent day, that is, on 18 August, 2017 we got the following e-mail:

(Quote starts)“Thought for the Day--Thursday 18 August 2017

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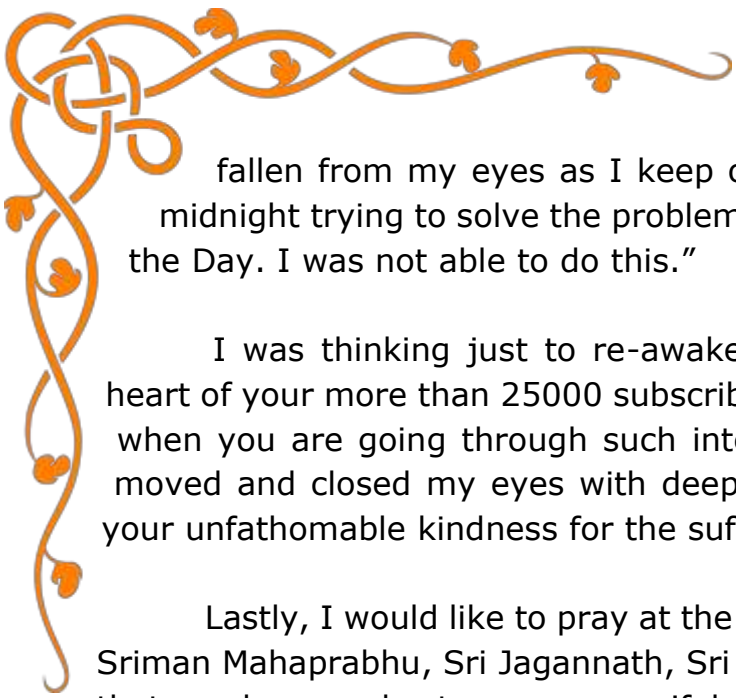
Today's Thought: Computer Crash
uploaded from Austin, Texas USA

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My computer has crashed and the backup software was not able to properly reinstall the software. I've been up until after midnight trying to solve the problem to give you all a normal Thought for the Day. I was not able to do this. Soon, hopefully, Thought for the Day will be back to normal.

Sankarshan Das Adhikari”
(Quote ends)

This was the most touching Thought of the day for me as it reveals your deep compassion for the suffering humanity. Tears of deep gratitude had



fallen from my eyes as I keep on reading: "I've been up until after midnight trying to solve the problem to give you all a normal Thought for the Day. I was not able to do this."

I was thinking just to re-awaken the Krishna consciousness in the heart of your more than 25000 subscribers, you remain awake till mid-night when you are going through such intense health crisis. I was thoroughly moved and closed my eyes with deep breath of heartfelt gratefulness for your unfathomable kindness for the suffering humanity of the world.

Lastly, I would like to pray at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Govindaji, Sriman Mahaprabhu, Sri Jagannath, Sri Balaram, and Subhadra Maharani so that you keep on bestow your merciful divine grace to all the suffering souls of this planet Earth through your wonderful lectures, systematic online courses and inspiring regular e-mail postings and deliver them from the clutches of illusion.

Looking forward to serve the mission of Srila Prabhupada by serving you under your guidance and instruction at the last breath of my life.

Thanking you, with dandavat pranam,
in your humble service,

Your eternal servant and disciple,
Sundar Gopal Das



Kolkata Youth Program

Suvarnangi Radha Devi Dasi - Trivandrum, India – Grateful to you

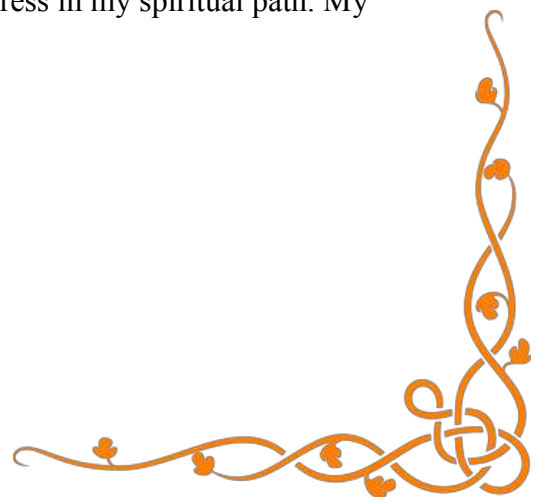
Hare Krishna

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. This is Suvarnagiri Radha devi dasi from Trivandrum. It is my privilege to offer my glorification to your divine grace on your vyasa puja day. I daily read through the ultimate self-realization course mail, first thing in the morning as I reach office. The question answer section at the end of course is something I love studying, the simple, yet strong answers that you give to all the doubts/questions asked, helps me a lot Maharaj and I am always grateful for all the guidance that you give.

I pray at your lotus feet to be merciful upon me and help me progress in my spiritual path. My humble obeisances maharaj.

Your humble servant,
Suvarnangi Radha Devi Dasi





Hong Kong + Malaysia

Ajita devi dasi - Hong Kong - You shower unlimited love

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
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 krpātmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

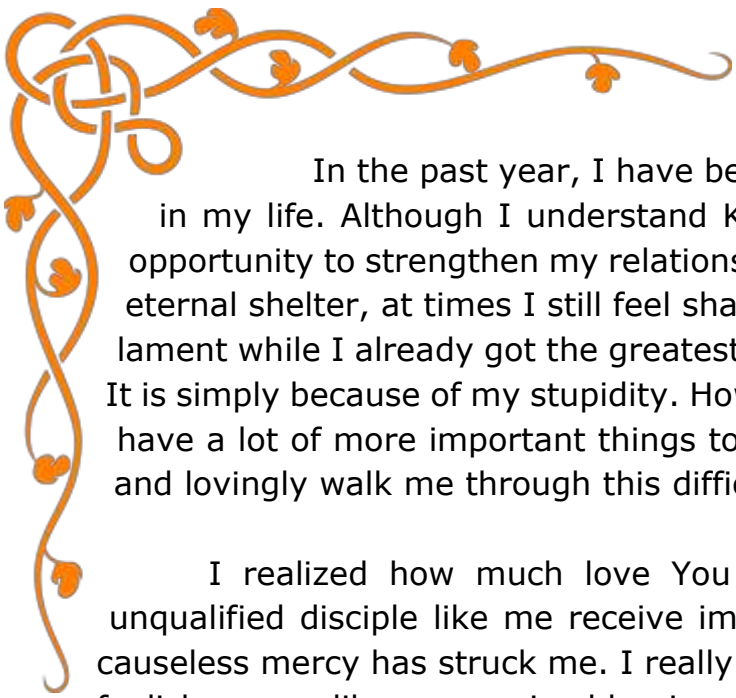
O follower of Prabhupada! O personification of prema! I offer my obeisances to you, the embodiment of mercy, who shower pure bhakti to spread the order of Lord Caitanya.

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

To celebrate the most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, I am trying to find the proper words to describe Your glories and my gratitude towards You, but as always I just fall short of words, especially during the past year, which I could vividly feel Your mercy as my eternal spiritual master and spiritual father.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, thank You for everything. Thank You for being in my life. Somehow or other, a filthy soul like me was fortunate enough to receive Your shelter and mercy to be initiated as Your disciple. This is undoubtedly the greatest fortune of my birth after having taken trillions of birth in this material world. However, my strong conditioning and rascal mind leave me struggle hard with maya. I am still wasting my life uselessly instead of pleasing You and the Lord. Your wonderful teachings from the daily e-course and video, as well as Your loving personal guidance are the most powerful protection that help me move forward on the spiritual path. I solely live on Your mercy. I cannot imagine where I would end up without You.

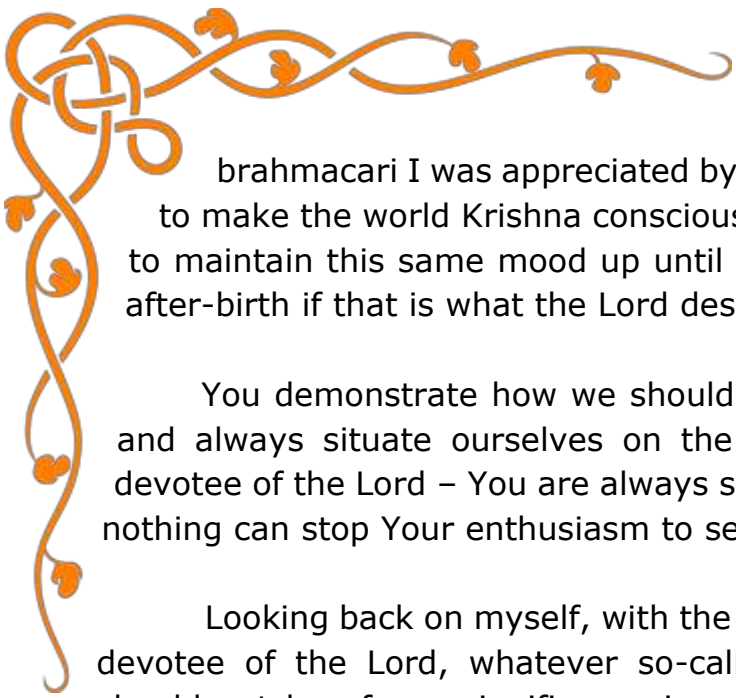


In the past year, I have been going through the worst calamity in my life. Although I understand Krishna has given me this wonderful opportunity to strengthen my relationship with Him as well as with You, my eternal shelter, at times I still feel shattered and devastated. Why should I lament while I already got the greatest treasure in my life, i.e. Your mercy? It is simply because of my stupidity. However, You never give up on me. You have a lot of more important things to do, but You still tirelessly, patiently and lovingly walk me through this difficult period.

I realized how much love You have for Your disciple – even an unqualified disciple like me receive immense fatherly love from You. Your causeless mercy has struck me. I really do not understand how could such a foolish person like me receive blessings and mercy as such unconditionally.

Later in the year, we disciples were all shocked and worried to know that You were not feeling well. It broke my heart to know that You were experiencing such great pain. At the same time, words could not describe how much I am in awe of Your personal example, despite such great bodily discomfort, You continue all of Your preaching – daily courses and videos, correspondences with students, management of the Austin temple, planning Your preaching tour, giving lectures, producing Your amazing album "Our Sweet Lord".....and the list just goes on. In fact, in one of Your correspondences You mentioned that: "I personally do not see any meaning or purpose for my existence here and now in this world other than to follow these instructions of Srila Prabhupada to make myself fully Krishna conscious and to make the world Krishna conscious."

Srila Prabhupada did not abandon his revolutionary, deliver-the-world consciousness even while he was leaving this world. In fact, in his final days in Vrindavan he stated: "People are wondering if this old man is still alive. But they can know that I am still here beating on this big mridanga, and it is being heard all over the world." I am such a fallen person to understand Your mood as expressed in following statements of Yours. "So as his disciple it is my duty to have same revolutionary spirit as exemplified by my most beloved Guru Maharaja His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. To faithfully follow in his footsteps I must always be enthusiastic to embrace the mood of pure bhakti within my heart and I must also always be enthusiastic to flood this darkened world with the brilliant light of Krishna consciousness. When I was a young



brahmacari I was appreciated by Srila Prabhupada for my enthusiasm to make the world Krishna conscious. So now in my old age it is my duty to maintain this same mood up until my last dying breath, or even birth-after-birth if that is what the Lord desires for me."

You demonstrate how we should transcend the material conditioning and always situate ourselves on the spiritual platform. You are a pure devotee of the Lord – You are always situated in Krishna consciousness and nothing can stop Your enthusiasm to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Looking back on myself, with the mercy of my spiritual master, a pure devotee of the Lord, whatever so-called tribulations I have experienced should not be of any significance in my life. My wish and goal in this life should be that I should have the strength and enthusiasm like my spiritual master, and always expend my energy to serve the world-delivering mission given by Srila Prabhupada.

Indeed, What more do I need? You are truly my eternal master, my eternal father, my eternal well-wisher - the one that I can always trust and take shelter of.

I can do nothing to repay Your mercy. I can only pray that I can always take complete shelter of You, fulfill the purport of the name "Ajita", and please you in all time, places, circumstances with all of my words, thoughts and deeds.

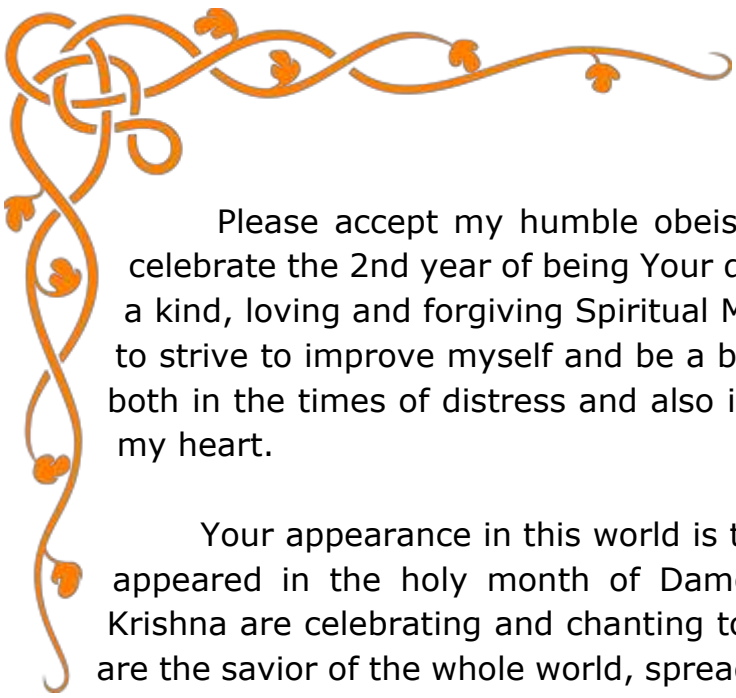
Your loving daughter and worthless servant,
Ajita devi dasi, Hong Kong.

Dakshayani Devi Dasi - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - You reach out

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him



Please accept my humble obeisance at Your lotus feet. This year I celebrate the 2nd year of being Your disciple, I am so very blessed to have a kind, loving and forgiving Spiritual Master, that continuously inspires me to strive to improve myself and be a better devotee. Your words of advice, both in the times of distress and also in good times, are forever planted in my heart.

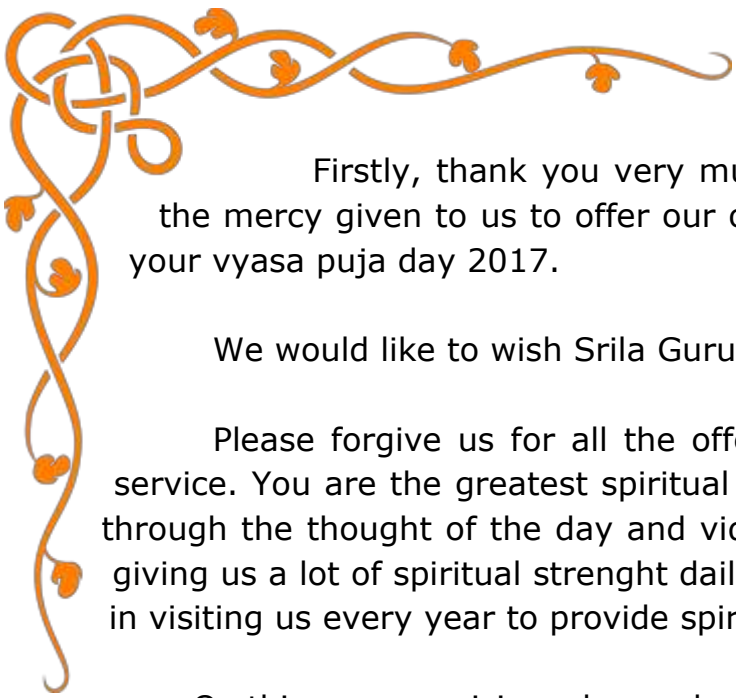
Your appearance in this world is the special mercy of Sri Krishna. You appeared in the holy month of Damodar, when all the devotees of Sri Krishna are celebrating and chanting to the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. You are the savior of the whole world, spreading Sanata-dharma, the chanting of the Holy Name of Lord Sri Krishna all over the world. You reach out to everyone near and far, by travelling to them and also continuously, daily, through inspirations quotes and advice on the internet. So tirelessly, You give Yourself to others, even when You are not well and in pain, You strive effortlessly, obeying the instructions of Your Gurumaharaj to preach and reach out to all living beings. I greatly appreciate and feel so enlivened by Your kind words and always positive outlook in life, that lifts our spirits and inspire us in Bhakti.

O Savior and Master of the most fallen, I am infinitely indebted to You, please continue to shower me with Your merciful glance and bless me, that I always remain at Your lotus feet and serve You as an instrument in Your mission forever.

Your servant,
Dakshayani Devi Dasi

Sanat Kumar Das, Parvati devi dasi, Subal Das Brahmachari

Dear Srila Gurudev
Hare Krishna
Pls accept our humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Gurudev.



Firstly, thank you very much for all your divine blessings and the mercy given to us to offer our obeisances unto your divine lotus on your vyasa puja day 2017.

We would like to wish Srila Gurudev Happy Vyasa Puja 2017.

Please forgive us for all the offences committed while in devotional service. You are the greatest spiritual master we ever had. Your guidance through the thought of the day and video for the day is very amazing and giving us a lot of spiritual strenght daily. You are so Great and so mercyfull in visiting us every year to provide spiritual guidance and blessings.

On this very auspicious day we beg at your lotus feet to all always keep us at your lotus feet. And pls shower your mercy for us to become a good servant to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Thank you. Hare Krishna.

Your Servants,

Sanat kumar das,

Parvati devi dasi,

Amala bhakta das,

Subal das brahamacari, Malaysia.

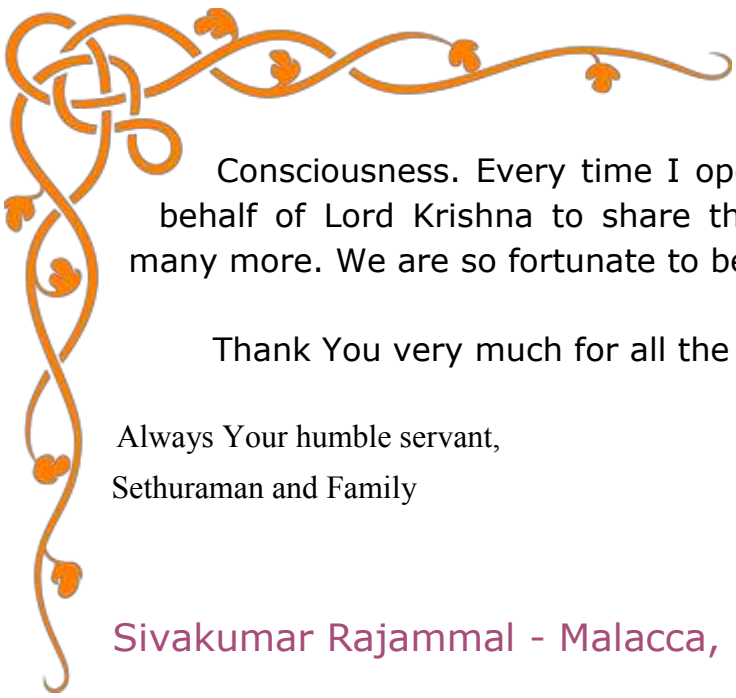
Sethuraman - Klang, Selangor, Malaysia - You appear on behalf Krishna

Hare Krishna Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaj,

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

Thanking You very much for the spiritual guidance through Your daily email, thought for the day, video for the day, Q and A etc.

Your guidance and blessings keeps us connected with Maharaj, Srila Prabhupada, Guru Parampara and of course Lord Krishna. This purification process is vital for our self-realization and spiritual advancement in Krishna



Consciousness. Every time I open up my email, You will appear on behalf of Lord Krishna to share the messages, quotes, guidance and many more. We are so fortunate to be connected to You Maharaj.

Thank You very much for all the blessings and guidance.

Always Your humble servant,
Sethuraman and Family

Sivakumar Rajammal - Malacca, Malaysia – Our guide

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

Please accept our humble obeisance.

I am so blessed to be connected with HG Sankarshan Das Adhikari Prabhu through "Ultimate Realization Course". On this special day of Your appearance, would like to take the opportunity to thank You for guiding and showering Your blessings on us Prabhu.

As I am beginner while I was reading Bhagavad Gita I got the opportunity to enroll the course. It is certainly supportive for me to identify significant points in almost each verse. Please guide and bless us to progress in our devotional service.

Haribol!

Sivakumar Rajammal

Australia, New Zealand, and Asia Pacific



Srila Gurudeva in Melbourne July 2016

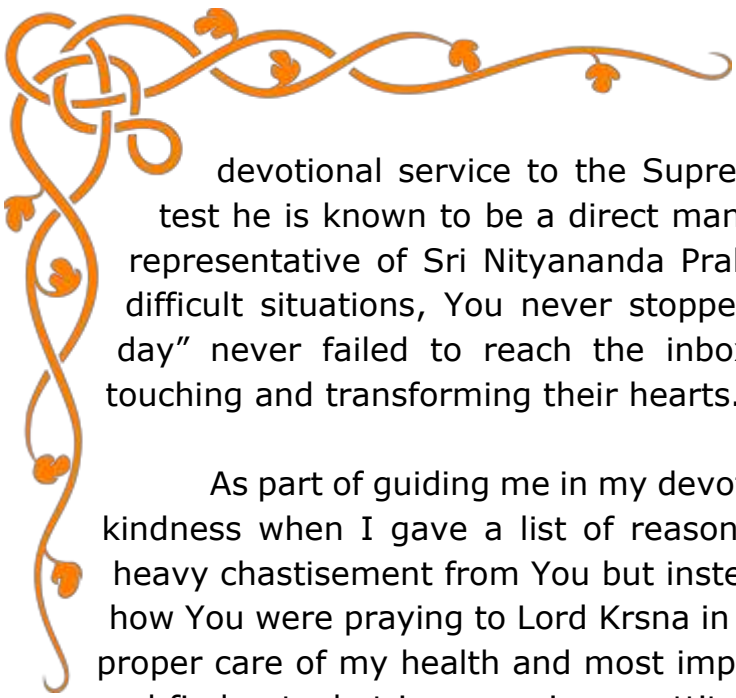
Adi Purusha Das - Melbourne, Australia – I dedicate myself to Your mission

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Your Grace and Gurumata.

On the occasion of Your Vyasa Puja, I am making an attempt to glorify You.

Throughout the year You have been going through many health issues and I was personally witnessing how in Melbourne You were facing challenges imposed by disease and old age. After Your Melbourne visit the challenges kept on increasing and it went to the point where You could not even move properly due to pinched nerve. In Caitanya Caritamrta Adi Lila 1.46 purport it is mentioned "The bona fide spiritual master always engages in unalloyed



devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. By this test he is known to be a direct manifestation of the Lord and a genuine representative of Sri Nityananda Prabhu....” Despite going through such difficult situations, You never stopped preaching, Your “Thought for the day” never failed to reach the inboxes of the subscribers and always touching and transforming their hearts.

As part of guiding me in my devotional progress, You showed extreme kindness when I gave a list of reasons for my poor sadhana. I expected heavy chastisement from You but instead You quoted Your own example of how You were praying to Lord Krsna in difficult times. You asked me to take proper care of my health and most importantly asked me to analyze myself and find out what is wrong in my attitude and how it is impure and selfish. By this action of Yours, You are proving the words in Caitanya Caritamrta Adi Lila 1.44 purport “The spiritual master’s eternal occupation is to expand the service of the Lord by training disciples in a service attitude.” You also went to the extent of slightly lowering the sadhana standard for me. I want to recover quickly from my spiritual sickness and live up to Your actual standard, instead of taking advantage of the concession.

During challenging times, I felt Your protection through Your guiding words and instructions. Additionally, Your protection manifested in the form of kindness and protection offered by my God family. Krsna prabhu das and Balarama prabhu das allowed me to stay in their Ashram for four days and took nice care of me. They have made such a nice Temple room at their house. With Your picture, Your shoes, the picture of Srila Prabhupada, Sri Sri Radha Damodar, I felt Your presence strongly. I tried to follow morning program there and listened to Your lectures. In one of the lectures You gave in Govinda Valley(Sydney) You mentioned about "Attitude of gratitude". It became clear to me that I am lacking this attitude of gratitude, towards You and other Vaishnavas and ultimately towards Lord Sri Krishna. My sincere thanks for providing me enough encouragement and at the same time pointing out my shortcomings.

I take this occasion of Your Vyasa Puja to reflect on Your instructions and rededicate myself to Your mission of spreading Krsna consciousness throughout the world.

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 fulfils all desires.

Your insignificant servant

Adi Purusha das
Melbourne, Australia



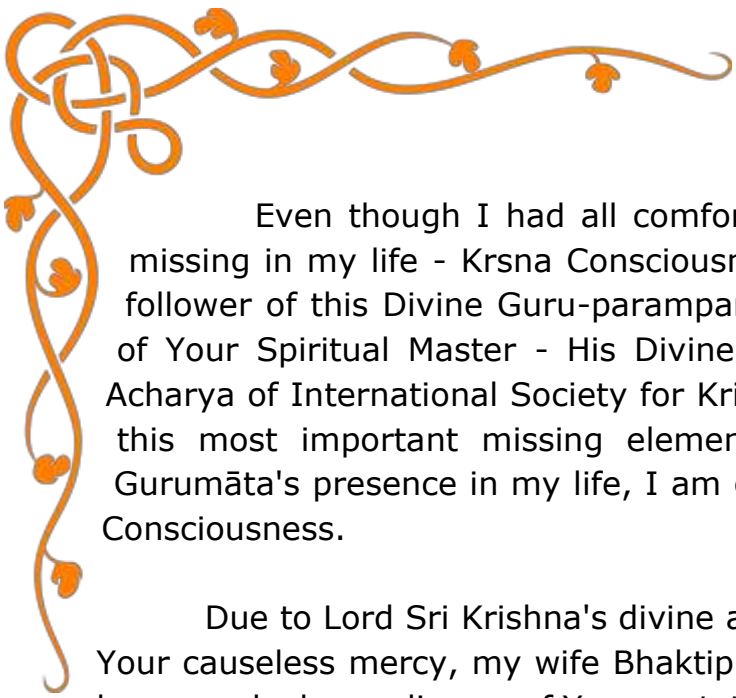
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srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

Hare Krishna Dear Srila Gurudev,



Even though I had all comforts of life, one thing I was certainly missing in my life - Krsna Consciousness. Srila Gurudev, it is You – pure follower of this Divine Guru-paramparā, a disciplined and sincere disciple of Your Spiritual Master - His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada - Founder Acharya of International Society for Krishna Consciousness came to deliver this most important missing element in my life. Now with Your and Gurumāta's presence in my life, I am gradually getting the taste for Krsna Consciousness.

Due to Lord Sri Krishna's divine arrangement and with Gurumāta and Your causeless mercy, my wife Bhaktipriyā Devi Dāsi and I got a chance to have much closer glimpse of Your ecstatic Sankirtan Services. We personally witnessed, each single day for six months, without fail Gurumāta and You have woken up at around 2 AM, completed at least 16 rounds of chanting of Hare Krishna Mahāmantrā on Japa mālā, performed Mangalā āratī, Tulsi āratī, Bathe and Dress Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radhā Dāmodara, cooked offerings for Them, 'Video For The Day' video recording, performed all āratīs, performed Guru pujā, conducted Srimad Bhāgavatam classes, honour prasādam and then continue with preaching services - Questions and Answers, Thought for the day editing, looking after Temple Ashram and list just goes on. You slept very late at times after 10 or 11 PM and still woken up at 2 AM next day. While being on the around the world preaching, Gurumāta and You continue having the same dedicated serving and preaching mood wherever and whatever situation You were in. You never missed Mangalā āratī and Your Spiritual Master's Guru Pujā regardless Your personal health, circumstances and location. You always did Your japa on Japa mālā, You always conducted or attended Srimad Bhāgavatam classes, You always carried out outdoor preaching activities with full determination and enthusiasm. Both of You continue performing all devotional services while maintaining physical bodies with the least amount of maintenance and rest. Gurumāta and You by Your examples, gave me the enlightenment on what it means to be a sincere sold out servant of one's spiritual master. Srila Gurudev, kindly please please please chastise me heavier and heavier so that the dark dense thickness of my false ego and lazy mentality get destroyed and I be able to follow in Your footsteps and please Your Divine Grace.

Celebrating and serving Your Vyāsa-Pujā is not complete unless all of us – Your disciples, students and well-wishers acknowledge and serve pure and sincere personality whom we lovingly call Gurumāta. Gurumāta is pouring her heart to revive our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. She is equally sharing the difficulties of travelling and preaching. She is equally taking care of our well beings and our advancement in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. She always says, "Be a good devotee". Srila Gurudev, I am begging at Your lotus feet, kindly please please please bestow me with the blessings that I be a good devotee and please Gurumāta.

Thank You Srila Gurudev for kindly giving me the shelter at Your lotus feet, confirming my 'Travelrama' ticket for Back to Home Back to Godhead.

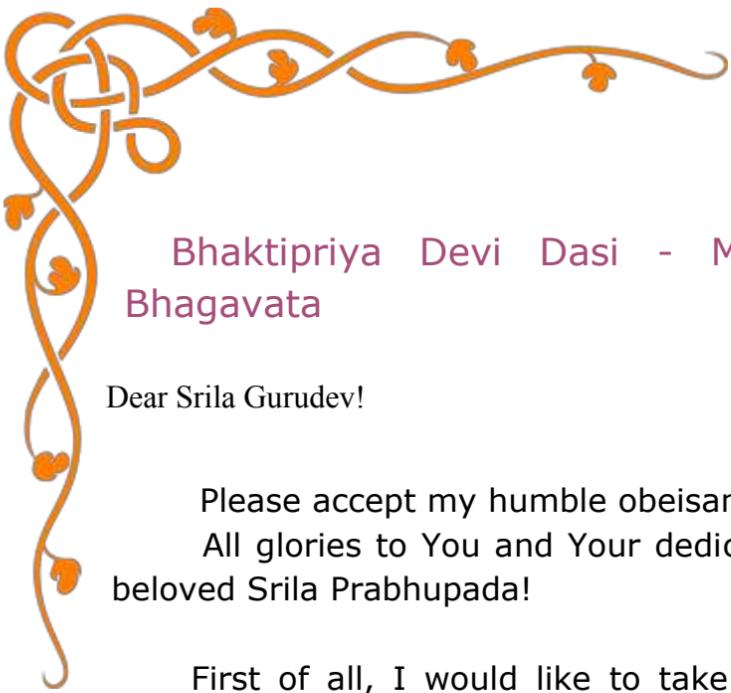
Begging for Your potency and blessings so that I remain seated on this Transcendental Plane for which Your Divine Grace is the captain and reach the ultimate destination - Back to Home Back to Godhead.

Begging to remain at Your Divine lotus feet...

Your lowly servant,
Ānanda Vardhana Dāsa



Ecstatic Chanting in Melbourne, Australia-22 December 2016



Bhaktipriya Devi Dasi - Melbourne, Australia - Living Bhagavata

Dear Srila Gurudev!

Please accept my humble obeisance at Your lotus feet.

All glories to You and Your dedication to spread the mission of Your beloved Srila Prabhupada!

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank You and Gurumata for allowing my husband and me to be in Your association and service for six months. At every phase of our journey, Gurumata and You made sure that we were receiving Prasadam and that we were comfortable. It is solely Your mercy that we could complete the trip. Thank You for tolerating an incompetent and ignorant fool like me, who still does not appreciate enough the great mercy which had been bestowed upon me.

Dear Srila Gurudev! It is so inspiring to see You constantly engaged in Krsna Consciousness 24x7x365. Whether You are in Your ashram at Austin, or in any temple of the world, whether it is Grocery shopping or waiting at Airport Lounge, I have seen that You are deeply absorbed in Krsna consciousness. You see everything around You in relation to Krsna. All the activities that You perform and all the interactions that You make are perfect because Your every thought, word and deed is in relation to Krsna. This made me reflect on the purport mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.18 where it says, "A devotee Bhāgavata is as good as the book Bhāgavata because the devotee Bhāgavata leads his life in terms of the book Bhāgavata and the book Bhāgavata is full of information about the Personality of Godhead and His pure devotees, who are also Bhāgavatas. Bhāgavata book and person are identical." You truly are the LIVING BHAGAVATA.

Dear Srila Gurudev, Your dedication and faith in following Srila Prabhupada is exemplary. You have embraced the mood and mission of Srila Prabhupada completely. That shows how deeply You love Srila Prabhupada. You are beyond the pains and pleasures of this body and like a brave soldier, You are driving away the illusion of the conditioned souls like me with the

torchlight of knowledge. Dear Gurudev! please bless me so that I also take up this mood of spreading Krsna consciousness seriously and become an insignificant instrument in Your hands.

Your unqualified servant,
Bhaktipriya devi dasi
Melbourne Australia



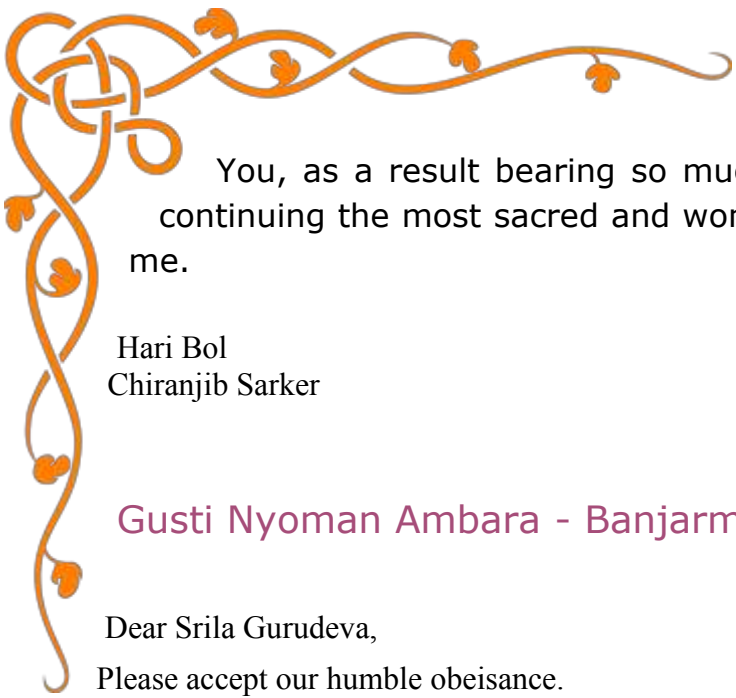
Ecstatic Chanting in Melbourne, Australia-22 December 2016

Chiranjib Sarker - Dhaka, Bangladesh - Your mercy, an ocean

Dear Gurudev,

Hare Krishna
Dandavats

Your mercy can be compared to an ocean, very very deep. You are trying Your best to bestow Your unlimited kindness and mercy to so many suffering souls that is beyond description. Your dedication and spirit is limitless because Your Guru Srila Prabhupada and ultimately Lord Krishna has given power to



You, as a result bearing so much physical pain and stress You are continuing the most sacred and wonderful mission for the lost souls like me.

Hari Bol
Chiranjib Sarker

Gusti Nyoman Ambara - Banjarmasin, Indonesia - guidance

Dear Srila Gurudeva,
Please accept our humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to You.

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

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

Srila Gurudeva, on this special occasion, the auspicious day of Your appearance, there is nothing I can do except to pray for Your long life and good health and wish You a very happy Vyasa Puja. May Lord Krishna always shower His mercy to You.

Thank You very much for reaching out to me. Thank You very much for waking me up. Thank You very much for awakening my lost love to Lord Krishna. Thank You very much for Your never-ending teaching, for Your never-ending guidance and for Your never-ending example to be always Krishna-conscious. I don't know if any words can truly reveal or describe the true essence of my feelings for You, but please kindly accept this humble gratitude.

Please kindly always engage me in Your service.

Your insignificant servants,
Gusti Nyoman Ambara – Banjarmasin - Indonesia



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Hanuman Dasa - Melbourne, Australia - You continued unabated

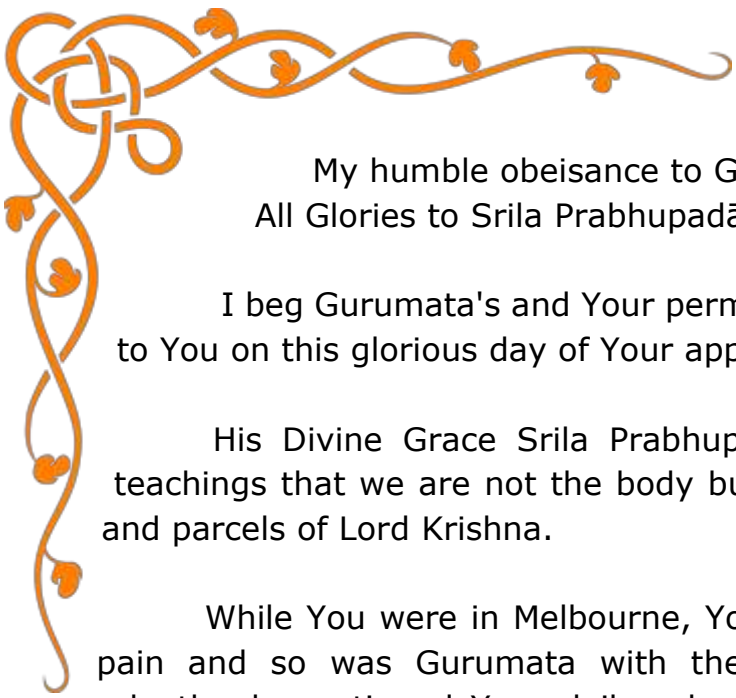
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My Dear Śrīla Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance.



My humble obeisance to Gurumata.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupadā.

I beg Gurumata's and Your permission to be able to write an offering to You on this glorious day of Your appearance.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada affirms time and again in his teachings that we are not the body but we are a spirit soul, eternal parts and parcels of Lord Krishna.

While You were in Melbourne, You were suffering with extreme back pain and so was Gurumata with the ear pain. Despite the pain, You relentlessly continued Your daily schedule coming first for Mangala Aarti, leading Gurvastakam prayers, Performing Guru Puja to Srila Prabhupada and gave Srimad Bhagavatam classes. At one point in time You could not even bend down to pay obeisance due to the pain but nevertheless You continued unabated. You taught me that Krishna Consciousness is THE process which brings a soul to its original constitutional position. Jivera svarupa haya - krsnera nitya-dasa. I humbly convey my deepest gratitude for teaching me these valuable lessons Srila Gurudeva and solidifying my faith in the process.

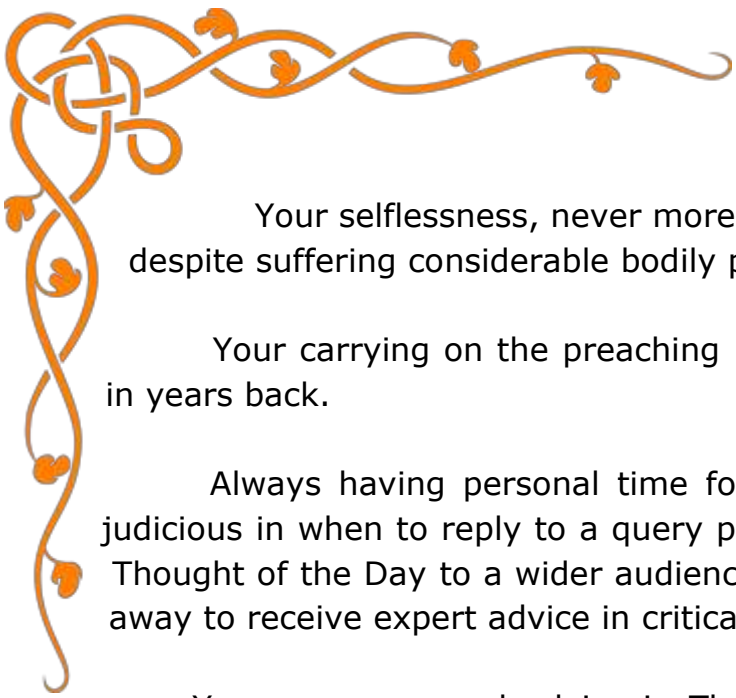
You have taught me that progress in devotional service is completely dependent on my offenseless chanting of the Holy Names which I grossly lack. On this auspicious day I take the opportunity to beg to You to give me the taste of the Holy Name which is the panacea for all my material attachments.

I also beg to always keep myself under the shelter of Your lotus feet and permit me to be an instrument in serving His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's movement to save the whole world.

Your servant,
Hanumān dasa

Karuna Sindhu dasa - Dunedin, New Zealand - Your example

On the auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja, may I recall Your dedication to Srila Prabhupada's Mission:



Your selflessness, never more evident in Your dedication to preach despite suffering considerable bodily pain.

Your carrying on the preaching mission despite Guru Mataji's illness in years back.

Always having personal time for everyone, and being so wise and judicious in when to reply to a query personally and when to do so in Your Thought of the Day to a wider audience. I never feel farther than an email away to receive expert advice in critical situations.

Your very personal advice in Thought of the Day Course, so timely arranged by Lord Krishna's arrangement, such that every time I read the daily message, it would have a pertinent message linked in some way to my current situation in life.

And above all showing us by personal example it is possible to lead a different lifestyle full of bliss and knowledge beyond the material life, and reminding us always our actual home is in the spiritual sky, far, far beyond the reaches of this miserable material world.

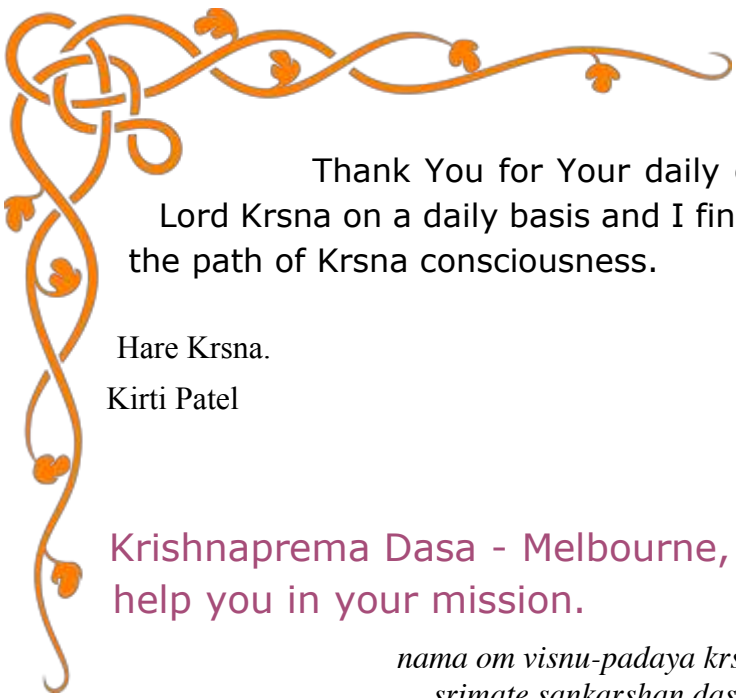
Long may You and Guru Mataji continue Your Dedicated Service for all time...for I shall seek Gurudeva's Thought of the Day even when I meet him, if Lord Krishna by Srimati Radharani's Blessings, if one day I am allowed to return to the spiritual world...

Gurudeva His Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari Vyasa Puja 2017
Ki Jaya!!!!!!...

Your Eternal Servant,
Karuna Sindhu dasa

Kirti Patel - Wellington, New Zealand – Your emails keep me in touch with Krishna

Hare Krsna, please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to You.



Thank You for Your daily emails. They keep me in touch with Lord Krsna on a daily basis and I find them very useful in progressing on the path of Krsna consciousness.

Hare Krsna.

Kirti Patel

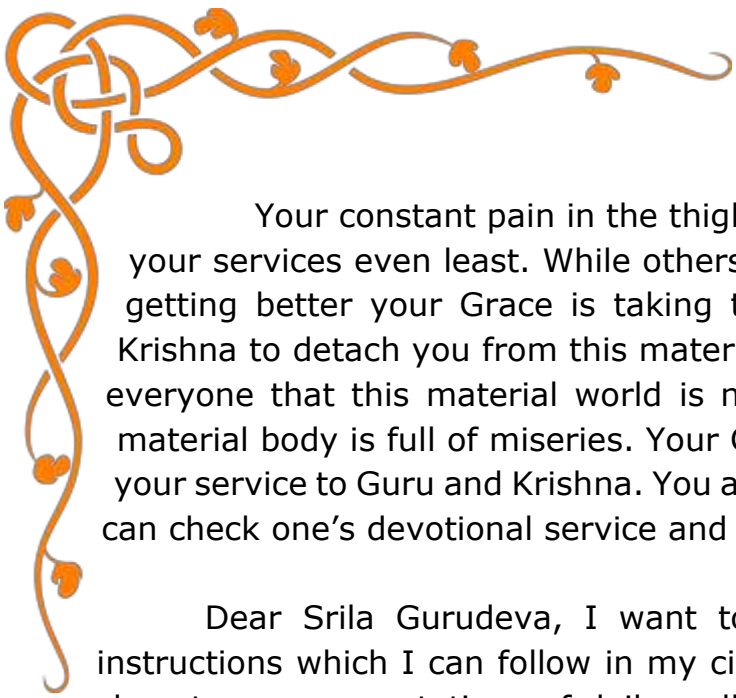
Krishnaprema Dasa - Melbourne, Australia – My only desire is to help you in your mission.

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It is indeed great fortune to see you in Sri Vrindavana Dhama this year Srila Gurudeva. Your association gives me great enthusiasm and encouragement to perform devotional service. Your Grace is always bestowing his causeless mercy on this fallen soul and inspiring me to continue in my devotional journey. I am weak as It is with my mind and heart and often gets contaminated with sinful activities but your Divine Grace's instructions and physical association has power to burn off volumes of my sins. Your lectures and instructions written in the books as well as your daily 'Thought for the Day' and 'Video for the Day' is more than sufficient to deliver anyone from this material world and give them shelter at Lord's lotus feet and bestow Bhakti. My only desire is to become your sincere disciple and to help you in your mission.

Srila Gurudeva you are reaching out thousands of people all over the World through your internet preaching. Your 'Thought for the Day' and 'Video for the Day' gives people chance to know about Krishna and bringing true auspiciousness in their lives. How intelligently you have designed your e-course. It comes totally free and It helps one to realize one's true self and revive his lost relationship with the Supreme Lord. Any sane man can truly appreciate your selfless effort to bring about global spiritual revolution on this planet so that they can be truly happy. All glories to you Srila Gurudeva... All glories to your preaching service....



Your constant pain in the thigh and muscle joints has not hindered your services even least. While others can only wait until their situation is getting better your Grace is taking this situation as a special mercy of Krishna to detach you from this material world and body. You are teaching everyone that this material world is not the right place to be in and the material body is full of miseries. Your Grace is ever dedicated and focus on your service to Guru and Krishna. You are teaching that no material situation can check one's devotional service and stop spiritual progress.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I want to thank you for giving me special instructions which I can follow in my circumstance. I hope that I can come close to your expectations of daily sadhana and preaching, and I beg your blessings to be an instrument in your service.

It is indeed my great fortune to be present here in your Vyasa Puja Ceremony in the most holiest of the month of Kartik in the holiest land of Vrindavana. My best wishes and prayers for your well-being and your services.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to be a part of your Vyasa Puja celebration in the association of Devotees and looking forward to continue receiving your association.

Your insignificant servant,
Krishnaprema Dasa



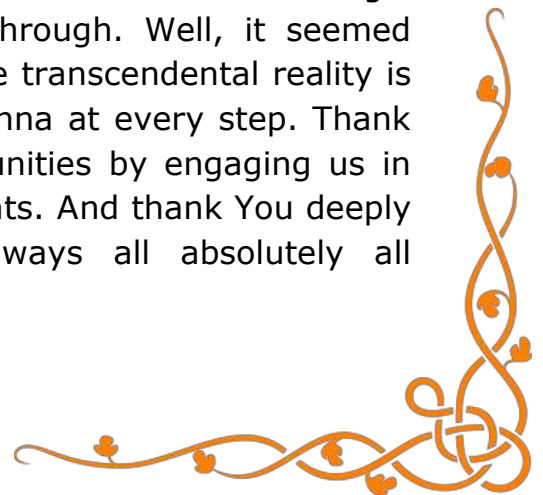
2017 New Year's Day Srimad Bhagavatam Class-Sydney, Australia

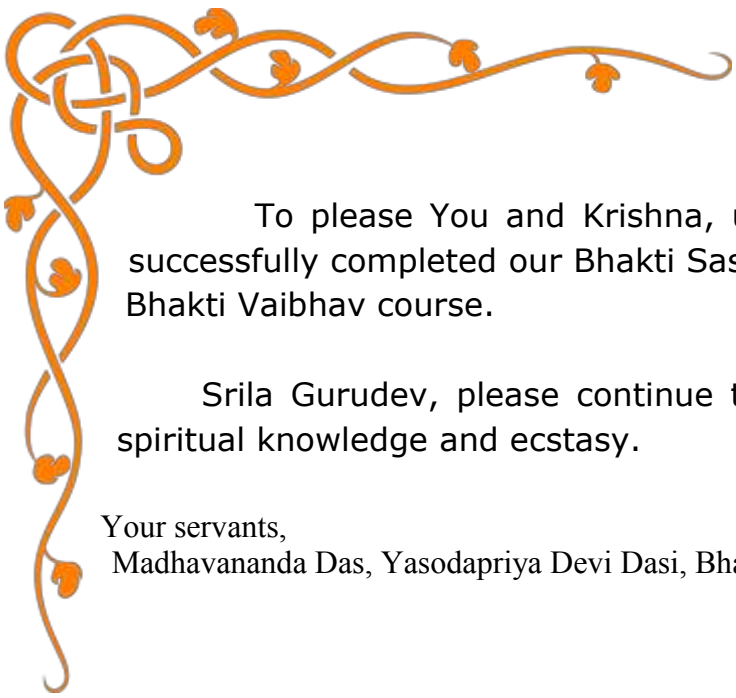
Madhavananda Das, Yasodapriya Devi Dasi, Krishneet – Melbourne – Leading by example

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to You and to Srila Prabhupada!

You and Gurumata are certainly pure devotees of the Lord. Under all circumstances, both of You always remember Krishna and never forget Him. Such was our realization when serving You in Melbourne in June this year. Notwithstanding the severe bodily discomforts, You did not miss even one single preaching opportunity. And both of You did not miss even one Mangal Aarti despite excruciating pain You were going through. Well, it seemed excruciating from our limited perspective, when the transcendental reality is both of You were always in bliss experiencing Krishna at every step. Thank You for giving us more devotional service opportunities by engaging us in driving You to medical clinics and other appointments. And thank You deeply for showing us how to remember Krishna always all absolutely all circumstances.





To please You and Krishna, under Your guidance, we have now successfully completed our Bhakti Sastri course, and have now enrolled in Bhakti Vaibhav course.

Srila Gurudev, please continue to guide and bless us with genuine spiritual knowledge and ecstasy.

Your servants,
Madhavananda Das, Yasodapriya Devi Dasi, Bhakta Krishneet

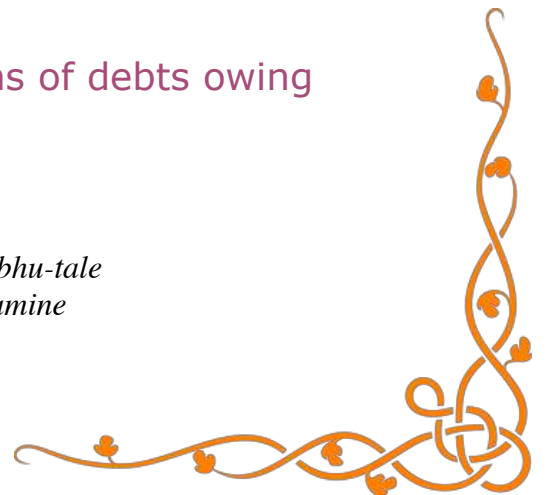


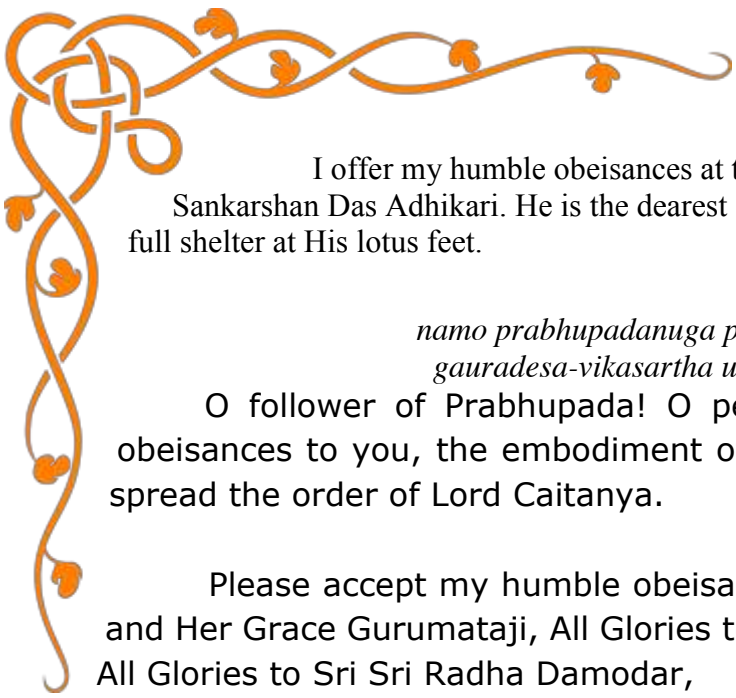
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Madhvacharya Das - Sydney, Australia - Tons of debts owing

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

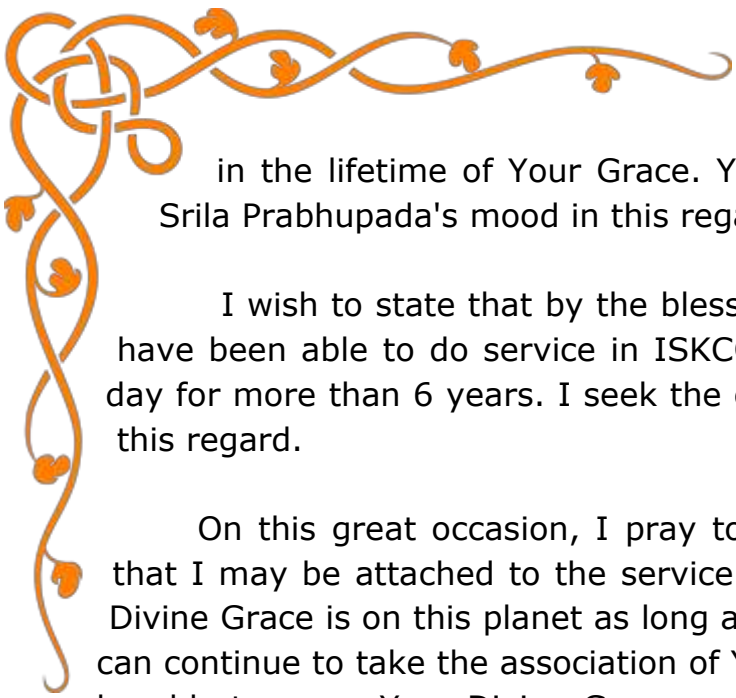
Please accept my humble obeisance. All Glories to Your Divine Grace and Her Grace Gurumataji, All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Damodar,

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 sometimes that 'Gratitude and not aptitude determines Your altitude'. Your Grace has helped me to get rid of big anarthas and has planted the seed of Bhakti. I am amazed at times how I got myself qualified for initiation. This clearly shows the mercy bestowed upon this fallen soul and nothing else. Though I have a tinge of gratitude, I request Your Grace to bless me to always have gratitude for what I have received. I have been meditating on this aspect and a thought came to me that gratitude, humility and higher taste, all go hand in hand together. Then I realized that I have a long way to go. So, I beg to be always engaged in the service of Your Grace with gratitude.

I have heard that the more one feels separation from Guru, the more one is connected to the Guru. I am very sadly lacking in this regard. Though I have tons of debts owing to Your Grace, I request Your Grace to please bestow upon me the feeling of separation from Your Grace so that I can be more and more connected to serving Your Grace and Your instructions and mood.

Your Grace has achieved many milestones in innovative preaching and Your Grace is glorious by the fact by thinking how this world can be delivered



in the lifetime of Your Grace. Your Grace is truly a torch bearer of Srila Prabhupada's mood in this regard.

I wish to state that by the blessings and the mercy of Your Grace, I have been able to do service in ISKCON Sydney temple for almost every day for more than 6 years. I seek the continued blessings of Your Grace in this regard.

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

Madri devi dasi - Melbourne, Australia - You are a perfect Sadhana guide

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All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All Glories to Srila Gurudeva and Gurumata!
My Dear Gurudeva,

You have appeared on this earth for us to epitomize Guru in this fallen age of kali. I see Srila Prabhupada and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu through You. Personally, You are so absorbed in Srila Prabhupada which attracts me, gives great satisfaction and a feeling of completeness being Your disciple. You have

such strong faith in Prabhupada that with the same faith You have heard, You teach us without any speculation or concoction. You have always guided us through Your emails and books like Truth Works. I have also received personal guidance on how to chant, visit a holy dham, cook, teach, pray, worship, Vaishnava etiquette, so on and so forth. To put it in a single sentence – YOU ARE A PERFECT SADHANA GUIDE.

I observe deep devotion on this day and would like to express my indebtedness as You bring to us great joy, knowledge and purification. I seek Your blessings for pure devotion unto You and Gurumata to render service at Your lotus feet for eternity.

Thank You,
Hare Krishna
Your fallen servant,
Madri Devi Dasi



Blessing the World With the Hare Krishna Mantra, Melbourne, Australia--23 June 2017



Monika Hurt - Melbourne, Australia - You give Krishna

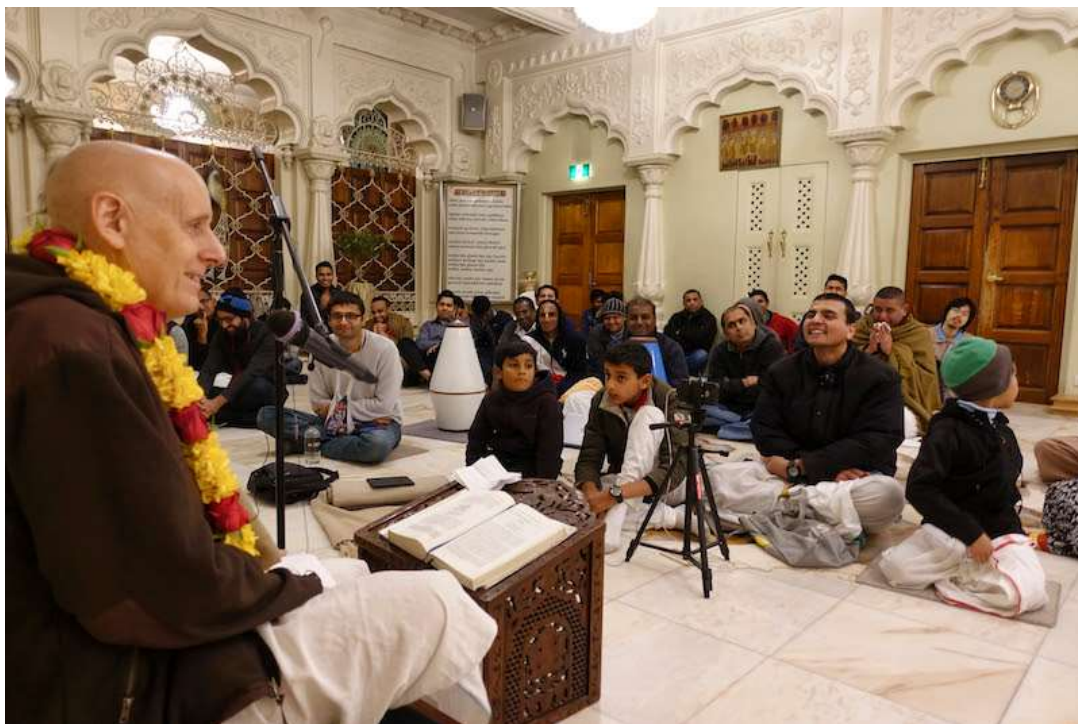
Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of Vyas puja, I offer my humble obeisance to Your lotus feet. All glories to You and Guru Mata. My Dandavat pranam. we are so blessed as lord connects us all. By Your mercy and all Your efforts to make whole world Krishna consciousness I personally get motivation. When You came to Melbourne I was fortunate to meet You and hear Your divine nectar. Since that day we all as a family do Sri Guru ashtakam Mangla Aarti, Gaura Aarti. It has been embedded in my heart Your words ' The more You give Krishna You get Krishna'. Begging to Krishna for devotional service, I pray to lord Narasimha *Bahir Narasimha Hridye Narasimha*. Lord please erase my demonic desires in my heart. My mind and heart becomes clean.

Your and Guru Mata's presence is like my heart and soul in my consciousness as You are saviour of my fallen conditioned soul. Please forgive me for anything I did wrong and give me shelter in Your lotus feet. Your mission gives me encouragement and motivation to preach Krishna consciousness as whatever skills we have we have to utilize in Krishna consciousness. You are my mentor; my parents cannot describe my feelings as how fortunate we all are.

Thank You so much Srila Gurudeva...

Your aspiring servant
Bhaktin Monika



Teaching Self Knowledge in Melbourne--27 June 2017

Patrice Hurt - Melbourne, Australia – I pray to be an useful tool in service of Krishna

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisance at Your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to express my gratitude to You today for Your very determined and steady effort to preach Srila Prabhupada's mission. Your mood is filled with genuine compassion and love.

While preaching, You shine with purity, enthusiasm, heart-warming humor and the deepest devotion. Your lectures have always been a treasured source of shelter, challenging my materialistic conceptions and inspiring me to become Krsna Conscious. Your ecstatic kirtans are also very inspiring. They radiate the bliss of devotional service and show us how to give everything for Krsna's pleasure.

Srila Gurudeva, it is because of Your mercy and constant guidance that I am feeling so blissful and happy now. I am so foolish that was seeking pleasure from stool instead of relishing the holy name in ecstatic bliss. You saved me from getting lost in the whirlpool of Maya. You are so kind to bestow Your undeserving mercy. My rascal mind is so cruel but I am learning the art of taming my mind to act as a good friend. Though it looks like there are millions of miles to go in this path, by Your grace, I have great hope for success and the means to the goal itself is so nice and a celebration at every moment. Thank You, Srila Gurudeva, for Your guidance, support and unlimited kindness on this hard-hearted soul. This debt that I owe You is so great that the material debts seem so puny and trivial. You often say these words "revolutionize the planet", "pure devotional service" and "spiritual purity". I pray to You that I develop my love for Krishna and become a useful tool in spreading this wonderful and amazingly sweet Krishna Consciousness movement.

Wishing Gurudeva a beautiful Vyasa Puja.

Please allow me to be Your insignificant servant's life after life,

Your insignificant aspiring disciple,
Patrice Hurt



Farewell at Melbourne, Australia Airport--29 June 2017



Prashant Agrawal - Melbourne, Australia - connecting me

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our most humble obeisance.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!
Wishing You a very Happy Vyasa Puja :) :)

Thank You very much Guru Maharaja for blessings, guidance and mercy. O Dear pure servant of Srila Prabhupada Please forgive all my offences.

I am very lowly and by Your mercy I am practicing becoming a good devotee, servant of a servant of all Vaishnavas and serve Srila Prabhupada's mission. On this happy and divine day of Your Vyasa Puja, I beg Your grace to keep me always beside Your grace's divine lotus feet.

I pray to Lord Krishna for Your and Gurumata's good health so that You can fulfil the mission of Srila Prabhupada in spreading Krishna Consciousness.

Gurudev, even though I am unable to dedicate my time properly to develop Krishna Conscious, I have changed a lot from my past sinful life and started knowing things as it is only because of the mercy of great personality like You who dedicate their full time wisely for Krishna Consciousness.

This year in Sri Sri Vrindavan Dham (March) serving You was the most blissful time I had and got to know more about devotional life and how to apply in in our lives totally and not partially.

Dear Gurudev, when I requested if I can join Your entourage to Vrindavan from Delhi this year, You not only readily granted me permission but also got me in touch with Your initiated disciple Guru Vandana Devi Dasi.

My first chat with Guru Vandana Devi Dasi was very warm, she familiarized me Your and guru Mata program and schedule i.e. starting from Your landing at Delhi airport etc. Guru Vandana Devi Dasi immediately offered the pickup for me from Delhi Airport driven by Sudarshan Prabhu also



accompanied by Shyama Priya Devi Dasi and later Leela Manjari devi dasi as well.

During my next 3 days of stay at Vrindavan, Your grace and Gurumata and Your disciples gave me full on association and guidance imbued with love. Its unforgettable experience.

Thank You for connecting me with Your loving family of disciples.

Your grace and Gurumata also engaged me in services which I was not qualified at all. I observed You getting up early in morning at Mangala Arati, being on Guru Puja Arati at Prabhupada Samadhi, leading Guru Vandana prayer and kirtan with great enthusiasm.

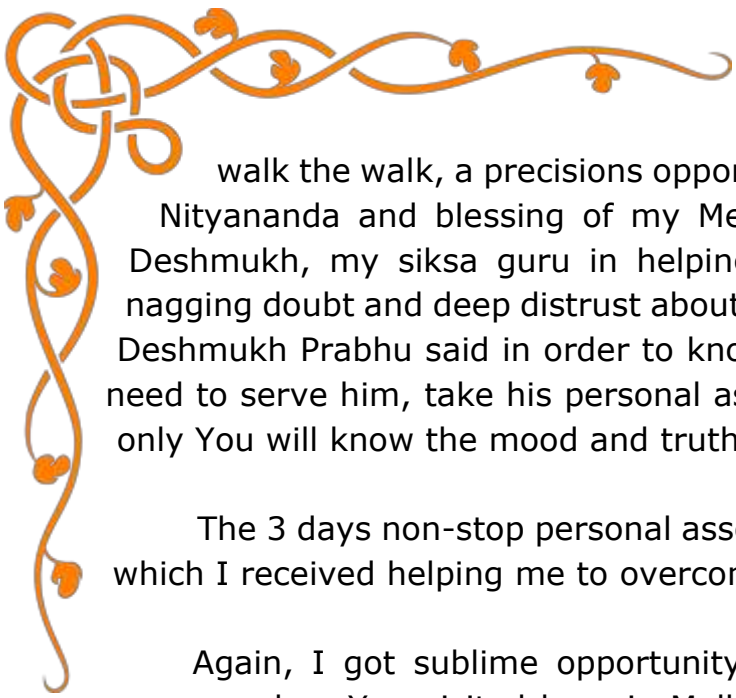
I also noticed Your grace performing the other devotional service like replying emails tirelessly and working on Austin temple project, raising fund, reaching out to people, meeting visitors, while Gurumata cooking, You also assisted in kitchen, cooking and household chores without any reservations.

Whenever needed Your grace also sat on floor with us to guide us as well.

One day I was mopping the floor at Your Vrindavan place. What I noticed was unbelievable. As I noticed You were also mopping the kitchen floor. A spiritual master doing this without any hesitation.

Another shocking incident I noticed, one day when I was attending 7:30 am Bhagavatam class at Krishna Balarama Temple - ISKCON Vrindavan, I also saw You were sitting on floor among audience not too far where I sat and attentively hearing the class. My perception was that spiritual master always sits on the Vyasasana and other are supposed to hear him all the time, why he would be sitting on floor among us and listen? I also observed the senior devotee named Ishwar Prabhu giving the Bhagavatam lecture that day looked very humbled. I found this incident very inspiring and evidence of leading by example, a true disciple of Srila Prabhupada.

You and Gurumataji showered full 3 days of nonstop association, it was opportunity to learn by Your example, who just not only talk the talk but also



walk the walk, a precisions opportunity provided by the mercy of Lord Nityananda and blessing of my Melbourne Bhakti Vriksha leader Ajay Deshmukh, my siksa guru in helping me. It is also reminiscent of my nagging doubt and deep distrust about religious guru/spiritual master. Ajay Deshmukh Prabhu said in order to know character of spiritual master, You need to serve him, take his personal association as much as possible, then only You will know the mood and truth as well.

The 3 days non-stop personal association of Your Grace and Gurumata which I received helping me to overcome the distrust.

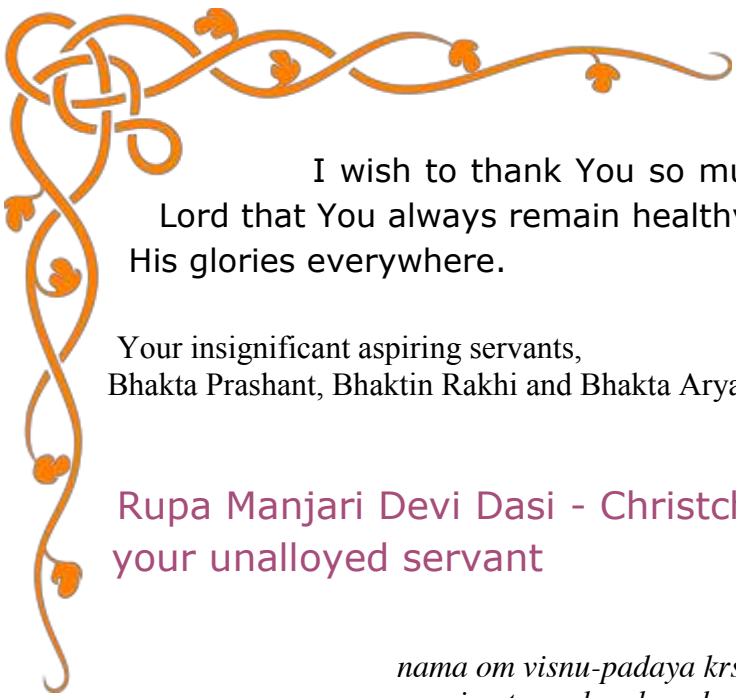
Again, I got sublime opportunity to associate You and attend Your program when You visited here in Melbourne, I observed that You were in great bodily pain and came to know that undergoing physiotherapy but You still enthusiastic carrying out Your hectic devotional services i.e. intense travelling around the city and world, it was incredible. I am unsuccessfully trying to fathom Your compassion, commitment to uplift and love towards fallen soul like me.

Over the years, these series of incidents helping me realise that I am very fallen soul, as I terribly suffer from lust, envy, greed, anger, pride, attachment and false ego, as Krishna says in BG, I used to think it's applicable to other not educated person like me.

You also wonderfully explained what false ego is as well. Not only that, You gave me unadulterated medicine and correct treatment plan without any personal gain.

You have shown by practical example how to engage in Krishna consciousness 24 hours day...Gurudeva by Your innovative ways of spreading Krishna Consciousness have guided so many souls by Your e-course all over the world and I am one of them...You have shown me the path of how to Strictly follow Srila Prabhupada's instructions (leading by Your example) and thereby develop love for Krishna....

Gurudev being a fallen soul, me and my family are begging for Your blessing.



I wish to thank You so much for everything and I pray to the Lord that You always remain healthy so that You can continue to preach His glories everywhere.

Your insignificant aspiring servants,
Bhakta Prashant, Bhaktin Rakhi and Bhakta Arya Agrawal

Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi - Christchurch, New Zealand – Make me your unalloyed servant

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Dearest Srila Gurudeva.

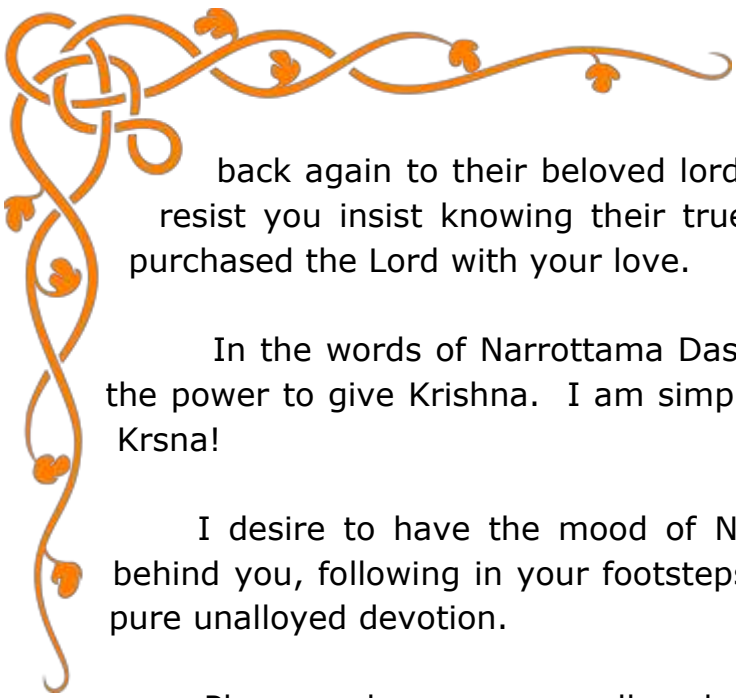
Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Krsna says in Bhagavad-Gita That one who preaches his messages to the devotees is the dearest and never will there be one more dear.

Srila Gurudeva you are most Dear to Krishna. You have no selfish desires. No desires for karma or jnana. You only desire is to serve the order of Srila Prahbupada and so you are dearest to him. You do not deviate from the instructions of Srila Prahbupada in both action and words so for one who takes shelter of you has the shelter Krishna.

The words of the spiritual master are the life and soul of the devotees for if one follows these instructions one can obtain the lotus feet of Lord Govinda. The spiritual master is so Dear to the Lord. He has the top most surrender to the Lord to the extent he has purchased the Lord with his unalloyed devotion. You are such a spiritual master. You have given up any desires for personal satisfaction for the satisfaction of the Lord. You have given up all personal time to constantly answer the inquiries of the Lord's conditioned devotees. Your only purpose is to bring these conditioned souls



back again to their beloved lord. Even though one may stubbornly resist you insist knowing their true self interest. And so you have purchased the Lord with your love.

In the words of Narrottama Das Thakur you have Krishna and have the power to give Krishna. I am simply running behind you calling Krsna! Krsna!

I desire to have the mood of Narrottama Das Thakur where I run behind you, following in your footsteps calling the names of the Lord with pure unalloyed devotion.

Please make me your unalloyed servant in the service of your beloved Lord.

Your aspiring unalloyed disciple
Rupa Manjari Devi dasi

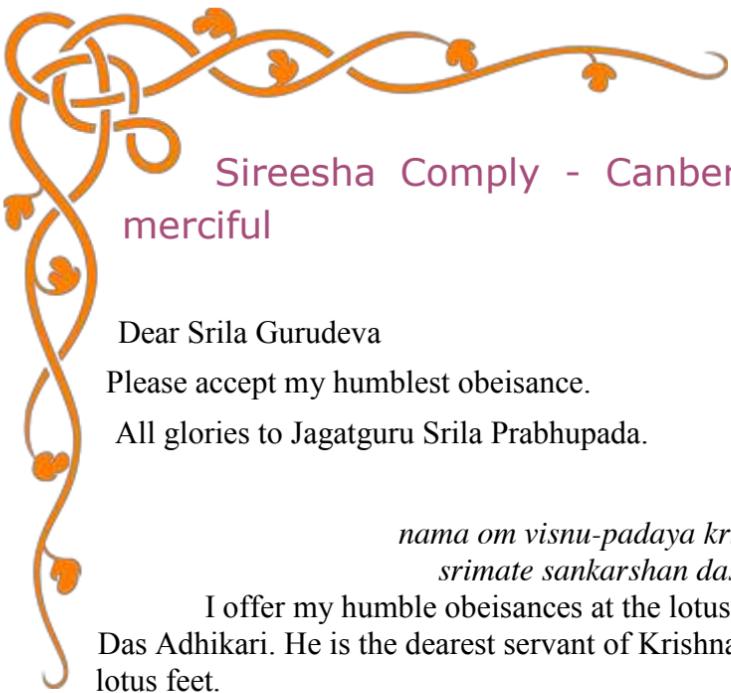
Scott Hurt - Hoppers crossing, Australia - turned my life

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

My wishes are with You on this auspicious day offer my humble obeisance unto Your lotus feet. You have turned my life right side up, what joy You have given me in just meeting You the words You have spoken has increased my chanting to 16 rounds and aura is so intense. I am forever Your eternal servant and I hope and pray that forever Krsna will keep me as Your servant. I owe You my life and every single good thing that comes to me My hope is to get free from this material life and help in the mission of Srila Prabhupada. I will be eternally grateful to You for showing the correct path and saving me from impersonalism and showing me the right way of bhakti without Your help I would be bewildered and forever inspiring us to perform bhakti fearlessly in any circumstances and never leaving the side of truth.

Your aspiring servant
Scott Hurt



Sireesha Comply - Canberra, Australia – You are most merciful

Dear Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my humblest obeisance.

All glories to Jagatguru Srila Prabhupada.

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale

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.

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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

mukam karoti vachalam

pangum langhayate girim

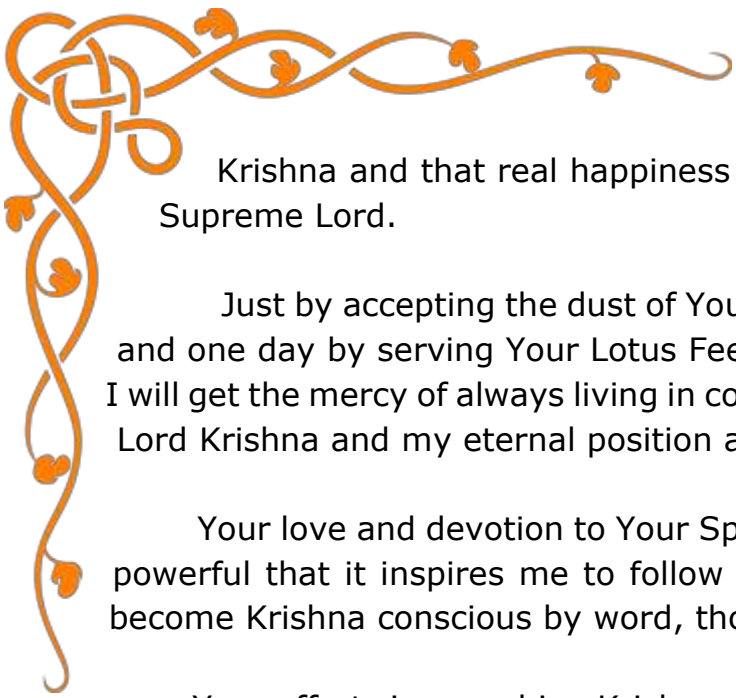
yat-kripa tam aham vande

shri-gurum dina-taranam

"I offer my respectful obeisance unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains."

Your Vyasa Puja is the day Lord Krishna, out of His causeless mercy, sent You to this material world to save many fallen souls like me from wasting yet another life in serving our senses and remaining stuck in the vicious cycle of birth and death.

You are an ocean of compassion and the most merciful instrument of Srila Prabhupada. You picked me up and gave me hope when I had reached a dead end in my life and felt totally stuck without any help in this dangerous world full of frustration, disappointment and distress. You gave me shelter at Your Lotus Feet and taught me the proper procedure to practice Krishna consciousness. You taught me that I am a soul and an eternal servant of



Krishna and that real happiness can only be achieved by serving the Supreme Lord.

Just by accepting the dust of Your Lotus Feet, I feel that there is hope and one day by serving Your Lotus Feet and by following Your instructions, I will get the mercy of always living in constant remembrance of the Supreme Lord Krishna and my eternal position as His servant at all times.

Your love and devotion to Your Spiritual Master, Srila Prabhupada is so powerful that it inspires me to follow every instruction of Your Grace and become Krishna conscious by word, thought and deed.

Your efforts in preaching Krishna consciousness are revolutionizing the world. Your relentless travel schedule, lectures, question and answer sessions and Your Ultimate Self-realization course, thought for the day and video for the day and Your personal emails give the rare and confidential knowledge of Krishna bhakti to everyone without any discrimination.

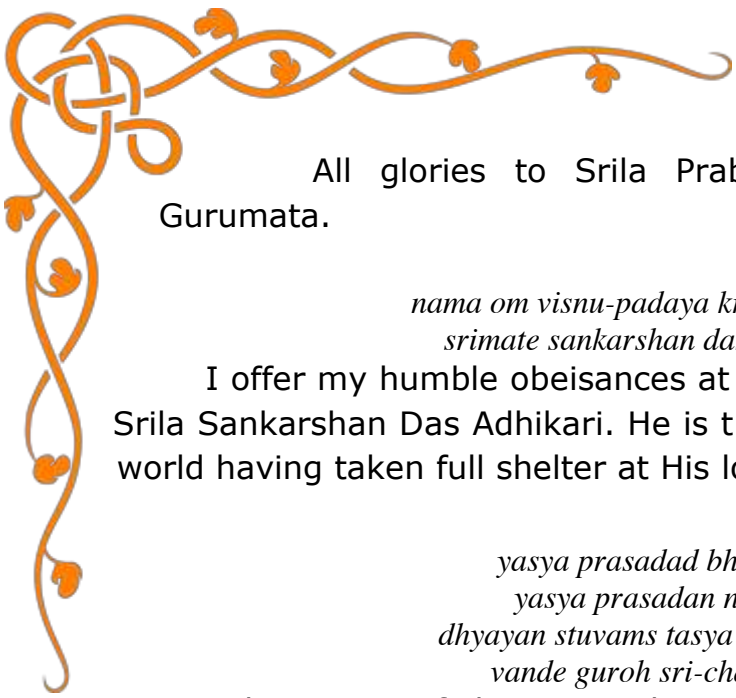
Your emails with divine blessings and guiding instructions always flood my heart with devotion and faith towards Guru Parampara and Lord Krishna. I hanker to hear more and more from Your Grace.

I am so fallen that on Your appearance day, instead of offering You a gift, I am begging a gift for myself from Your Grace. Please forgive me of my offenses and shortcomings, continue to instruct me through Your vani and also please give me the benediction to be able to meet You in person and serve Your Lotus Feet and be of some use in helping You fulfil the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Your spiritual daughter,
Sireesha

Subhadra Devi Dasi - Canberra, Australia - Begging to strictly follow your instructions

Hare Krishna Gurudeva and Gurumata,
Please accept my humble obeisance.



All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva and Gurumata.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

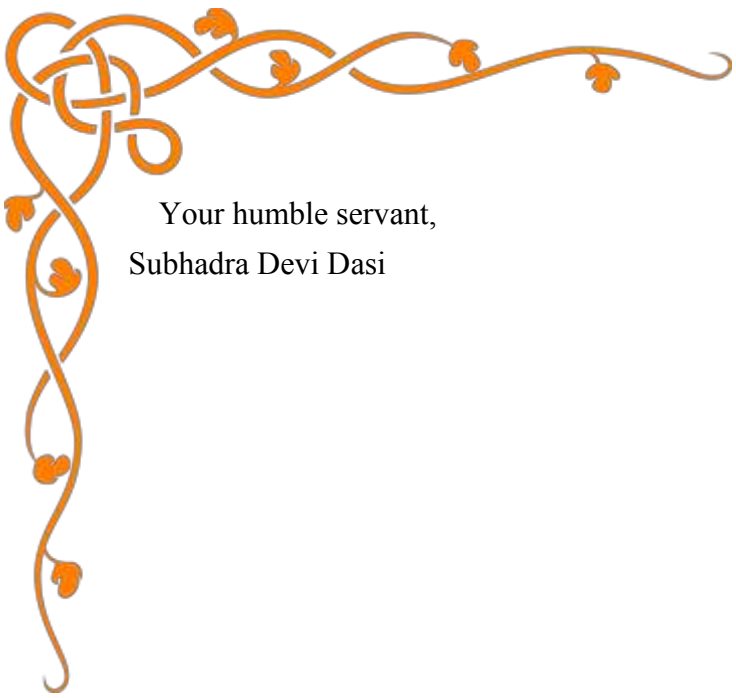
I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari. He is the dearest servant of Krishna in this world having taken full shelter at His lotus feet.

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

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 times a day I should offer my respectful obeisance unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

Dear Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, I offer my dandavat pranams at Your lotus feet. I am highly indebted to You and Gurumata for saving this fallen soul and showing me the path of Krishna Consciousness. This material world is full of miseries and danger at every step, but with Your mercy, I am able to see the protection of Lord Krishna and take His shelter. The way You live Your life with Srila Prabhupada's instructions as Your life and soul, I pray to Krishna that I live up to my Gurudeva's instructions. It's only because of Your mercy I am able to remain steady in my spiritual life. Serving You and Gurumata is the sweetest experience I ever had and I pray that I get more opportunities to serve You both. Thanks for all Your love and guidance to me and my family which I would never be able to pay back. In spite of Your bad health, You continue Your preaching and devotional service setting an example of a pure devotee and a pure disciple of Srila Prabhupada. I sincerely pray at Your lotus feet that I will be able to follow the footsteps of my Gurudeva in all circumstances.

I humbly pray and beg to Lord Krishna to give You and Gurumata good health so that You can spread the topmost knowledge of Krishna Bhakti to the entire World. Once again, I beg for Your mercy that I strictly follow Your instructions in all circumstances and advance in Krishna Consciousness.



Your humble servant,
Subhadra Devi Dasi



Other Countries

Arci Devi Dasi - You are my hero as confirmed by Srila Prabhupada

My Dear Spiritual Master,

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

Every time I want to address You, I feel like Dhruva Maharaja felt before The Supreme Personality of Godhead.

I feel awkward because I want to offer to You prayers and praise in suitable language, but because I am inexperienced I am unable to do so.

Out of His causeless mercy the Supreme Personality of Godhead touched His conch-shell to the forehead of Dhruva Maharaja, who stood before Him with folded hands. Now I am also standing with my folded hands at Your lotus feet, to receive Your causeless mercy, so I can write something suitable for this auspicious occasion.

I recently found in Srila Prabhupada's letters, something that made me think of You. Srila Prabhupada is describing You!

I always thought of You as my hero, and now with the help of Srila Prabhupada following definition for a Hero, it is clear and now I know for sure who is my hero.

"Anyone who is a sincere devotee of Krishna and who is rendering service by preaching Krishna's message is to be considered as hero. Hero means someone whom others want to follow as example of the best type of person."

You are my hero and the hero of the entire world!

All glories to Your qualities!
All glories to Your activities!
All glories to You, for the example You have given us to follow!

Hare Krishna!

Your eternal servant,
Arci Devi Dasi



Bhaktin Andrea Become Arci Devi Dasi

Elangovan Thangavelan - India. - My humble obeisances to You

Guru is our God. Only by his grace, we can reach the lotus feet of Lord.
"Guru devo bhava" - is a famous Sanskrit proverb. When we catch the feet of
Guru firmly, he will take us to the Lord, because, he is sure to reach God. We
are very fortunate in having such a Guru.

My humble pranams to the great guru
Elangovan



Haribuddhi dasa - You represent Srila Vyasadeva in this world

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet,
All glories to You and Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your divine Vyasa Puja.

You represent Srila Vyasadeva in this world and also, You teach how to develop our bhakti in the most easy and perfect way.

This is the kind of preacher the world needs, because the human race is suffering for greed, lust, rage and ignorance.

This day, as always, we tightly hold on to Your lotus feet with begging for Your mercy for our spiritual advancement.

Please, give me the nectar of limitless power of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra and take me from this world of pain and sorrow to the spiritual world.

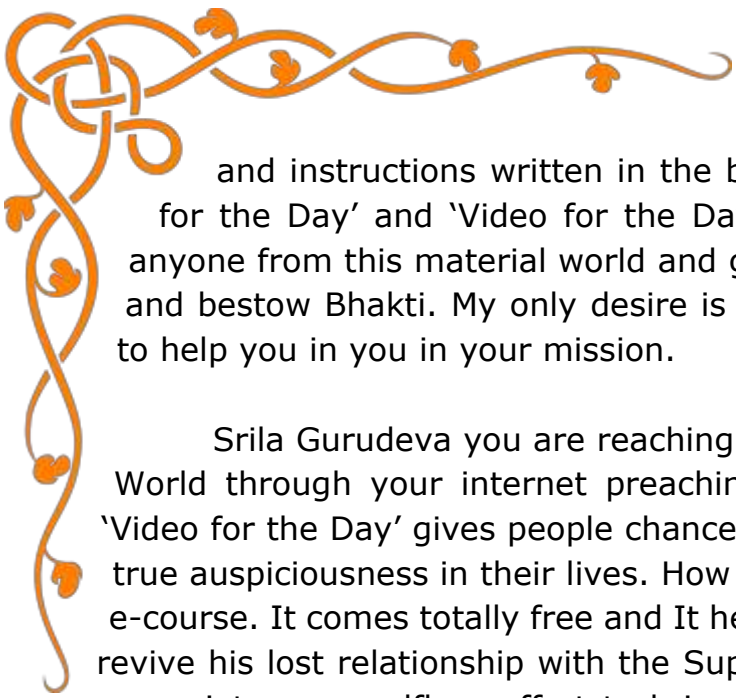
Your servant ever,
Haribuddhi Dasa

Krishnaprema Dasa – Begging to be an instrument in your service

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate sankarshan das adhikari iti namine*

*namo prabhupadanuga prema-murti krpatmane
gauradesa-vikasartha uttama-bhakti-varsine*

It is indeed great fortune to see you in Sri Vrindavana Dham this year Srila Gurudeva. Your association gives me great enthusiasm and encouragement to perform devotional service. Your Grace is always bestowing his causeless mercy on this fallen soul and inspiring me to continue in my devotional journey. I am weak as It is with my mind and heart and often gets contaminated with sinful activities but your Divine Grace's instructions and physical association has power to burn off volumes of my sins. Your lectures



and instructions written in the books as well as your daily 'Thought for the Day' and 'Video for the Day' is more than sufficient to deliver anyone from this material world and give them shelter at Lord's lotus feet and bestow Bhakti. My only desire is to become your sincere disciple and to help you in you in your mission.

Srila Gurudeva you are reaching out thousands of people all over the World through your internet preaching. Your 'Thought for the Day' and 'Video for the Day' gives people chance to know about Krishna and bringing true auspiciousness in their lives. How intelligently you have designed your e-course. It comes totally free and It helps one to realize one's true self and revive his lost relationship with the Supreme Lord. Any sane man can truly appreciate your selfless effort to bring about global spiritual revolution on this planet so that they can be truly happy. All glories to you Srila Gurudeva... All glories to your preaching service....

Your constant pain in the thigh and muscle joints has not hinder your services even least. While others can only wait until their situation is getting better your Grace is taking this situation as a special mercy of Krishna to detach you from this material world and body. You are teaching everyone that this material world is not the right place to be in and the material body is full of miseries. Your Grace is ever dedicated and focus on your service to Guru and Krishna. You are teaching that no material situation can check one's devotional service and stop spiritual progress.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, I want to thank you for giving me special instructions which I can follow in my circumstance. I hope that I can come close to your expectations of daily sadhana and preaching, and I beg your blessings to be an instrument in your service.

It is indeed my great fortune to be present here in your Vyasa Puja Ceremony in the most holiest of the month of Kartik in the holiest land of Vrindavana. My best wishes and prayers for your well-being and your services.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to be a part of your Vyasa Puja celebration in the association of Devotees and looking forward to continue receiving your association.



Your insignificant servant,
Krishnaprema Dasa

Leena Mohan - You showed me the correct path

Dear Srila Sankarshan Prabhu,
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to your divine grace.

Your teachings removed the darkness in my mind. You showed me the correct path. I am grateful for your teachings. Please give your blessings.

Leena Mohan

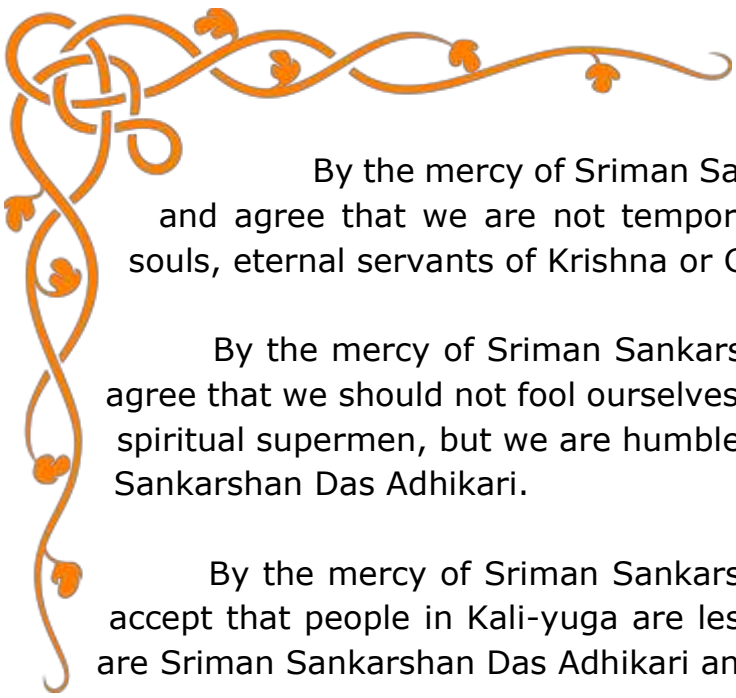
Pradeep Gaode - Pleasing You means pleasing Lord Sri Krishna

In the book of Krishna in the chapter entitled the prayers of the personified Vedas said that Krishna or God has unlimited qualities and all His glories, the most important is His causeless mercy to the conditioned souls who are in the clutches of maya.

The practical proof of this is that Krishna comes Himself and leaves us Bhagavad Gita and all the Vedic literature and from the Spiritual world sends His representative.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and accept that Krishna or God has three aspects, the Impersonal Brahman are rays emanating from His transcendental body, localized Paramatma in the heart of all living entities even in the atom and third aspect - Loving Personality Form - Krsna - The Supreme Personality of Godhead.

By His mercy, I can understand that Krishna or God has unlimited energy, but the main ones are His internal energy or higher unlimited shapes His names, forms, qualities and pastimes, and the spiritual world with their belongings etc, energy or materials shapes the lower material world and His marginal energy that shapes living entities.



By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and agree that we are not temporary material body but eternal spirit souls, eternal servants of Krishna or God.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and agree that we should not fool ourselves and others thinking we are gurus or spiritual supermen, but we are humble assistants or instruments of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and accept that people in Kali-yuga are less sympathetic. I find nicest persons are Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari and Krishna or God Himself.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and agree that if one pleases Krishna and Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari then God will be pleased and our return to our home back to Godhead is guaranteed.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and agree that the books of Srila Prabhupada are the law books for all humanity for the next 10,000 years.

By the mercy of Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari, I understand and accept that justice means that everyone has what they deserve but that mercy is a much higher concept to justice and that mercy means You are benefiting me even though I may not deserve.

That Jagat-guru, the savior of the fallen, His Divine Grace Sriman Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Om Tat Sat

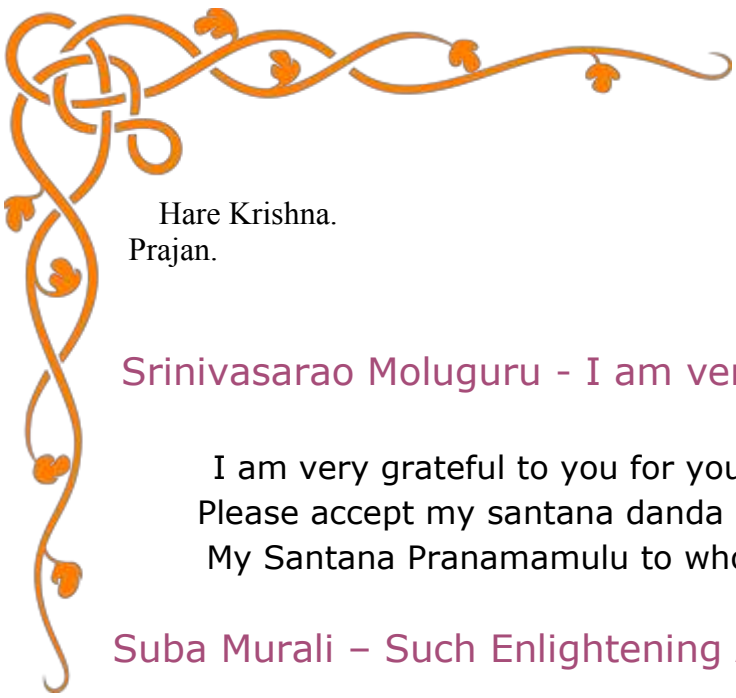
Prajan Maharaj - You brought me into Krishna Consciousness

Hare Krishna maharaj.

You are responsible for the positivity in my life.

Through your guidance I have come into Krishna Consciousness.

May you outlive me so I can continue receiving your mercy.



Hare Krishna.
Prajan.

Srinivasarao Moluguru - I am very grateful to you

I am very grateful to you for your spiritual teachings to me.
Please accept my santana danda pranamamulu
My Santana Pranamamulu to whole Guru Parampara

Suba Murali – Such Enlightening Answers Day after Day

Dandavat pranam.

To be with the ISKCON group itself is Lord Krishna's grace. My heartfelt thanks for all the knowledge posted to our inbox. Simply bliss to be associated with devotees of Hare Krishna.

Loving pranams.

It is a great learning experience being in this inspirational group. Such enlightening answers day after day.

Hare Krishna!


T.V. Subbaraman - My humble obeisances to You- my Guru

My humble obeisance to my guru. I pray to Krishna to bless our Guru, good health to lead us in the path of Krishna consciousness.

Hare Krishna,
T.V. Subbaraman

Uma Chandran - I want to remain at your lotus feet

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and my salutation to the Guruji,



First accept my apology for not replying to the email.

I am very thankful to my Guruji. I was very much benefited by reading all the messages sent by you. To tell you the truth, I have not gone to the level where I wanted to. I was much dragged in to my family affairs, but slowly I am coming back to the normal status.

Sorry once again.

May be Hare Krishna and Guruji shower Their blessings to me that I remain at his lotus feet always.

Please accept my Namaskar.

Thank you,
Uma chandran

Vijay Lakshmi - You are providing me shelter 24 hours


Respected Lord Krishna, Srila Gurudev - Sankarshan Das Adhikari jee

*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, therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto him

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my mind and heart to live as it is. Accept everything in life he knows what we need. I am happy what ever happen in my life. 24hours his grace is on me as a father care for his kids. Any good happen to me is his grace since I do not deserve any good. Anything which we may not like He saved us from more to happen. Trust He is with us all time. The secret of happiness is nothing is in our hand so why worry. Satisfaction in everything is life. Helping others as much we can. Love all.

Now by the grace of Lord Sri Krishna and you, I can also want to join all tour of Krishna consciousness if he permits.



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

Servant of God
Vijay Lakshmi

Vinod Reddy - Kunduru, India - Glorification

I Love hare Krishna mantra because this sound producing vibrations.



Espanol / Offerings in Spanish with English Translations

Carlos Lima – Colombia – nourishing my inner self

Warm greetings from Colombia.

With sincere humility I place myself before the spiritual Master who is Lord Sri Krishna.

I appreciate very much the knowledge that internally nourishes my inner self day after day through the auspices of this medium, knowledge that I accept with great happiness since it answers with great wisdom so many deep doubts which Lord Sri Krishna and only Lord Sri Krishna knows how to respond to our Soul so full of anxiety.

Please accept these warm greetings.

Respectfully,
Carlos Lima

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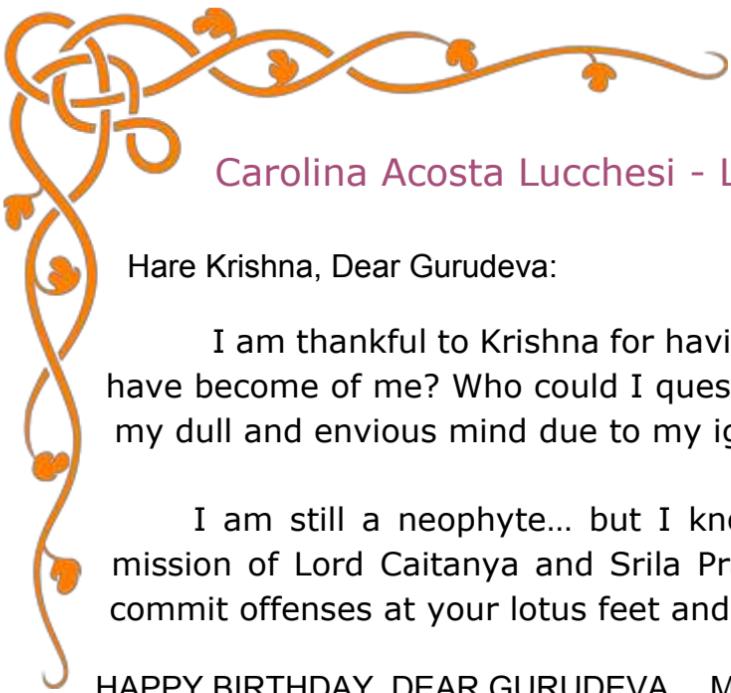
Reciba un cordial saludo desde Colombia.

Con humildad sincera me pongo ante los pies del Maestro espiritual quien es el Señor Sri Krishna.

Agradezco mucho el conocimiento que internamente alimenta mi ser interior día a día bajo el auspicio de este medio, conocimiento que acepto con mucha alegría ya que responde con sabiduría tantas inquietudes íntimas y el cual en el Señor Sri Krishna y solo el Señor Sri Krishna sabe responder a nuestra Alma tan ansiosa.

Reciba un cordial saludo.

Atentamente,
Carlos Lima



Carolina Acosta Lucchesi - Lima, Peru – your good heart

Hare Krishna, Dear Gurudeva:

I am thankful to Krishna for having put you on my path... What would have become of me? Who could I question in a confidential way... revealing my dull and envious mind due to my ignorance?

I am still a neophyte... but I know your good heart for serving the mission of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada in ISKCON... I beg not to commit offenses at your lotus feet and the Vaisnavas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR GURUDEVA... MAY SRIMATI RADHARANI PROTECT YOU AND MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME IN KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS.

THESE ARE THE SINCERE WISHES OF BHAKTIN CAROLINA ACOSTA LUCCHESI.

HARIBOLO!

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Hare Krisna Querido Gurudeva:

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.

Estoy agradecida con Krisna de haberlo puesto a Usted en mi camino....¿Que hubiese sido de mí? ¿A quien preguntar de manera confidencial...revelando mi mente torpe y envidiosa debido a mi ignorancia?.

Aun soy una neofita...pero sé de su buen corazón de servir a la Misión del Señor Caitanya y Srila Prabhupada en ISKCON...ruego de no cometer ofensas a los pies de loto de Usted y los vaisnavas.

FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS QUERIDO GURUDEV...QUE SRIMATI RADHARANI LO PROTEGA Y LO PASE DE MARAVILLA EN CONCIENCIA DE KRISNA.

SON LOS SINCEROS DESEOS DE BHAKTIN CAROLINA ACOSTA LUCCHESI.

¡HARIBOLO!

Devadeva das - Mendoza, Argentina, my Dear master



Dear Srila Gurudeva *patita pavana*.

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

I want to thank you for giving me shelter in the shade of your lotus feet.

Indeed, I am very fortunate that you are my master, so kind and dedicated like a father raising his children.

Every day you are happy in Krishna consciousness; this can be seen and felt in every word that you kindly share with the whole world.

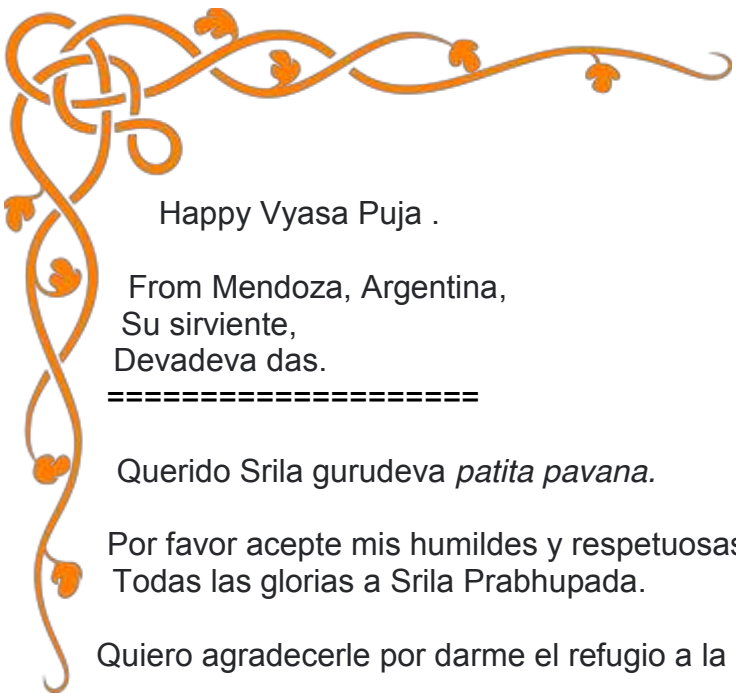
I always remember what you told me, "Become the best for your guru and Krishna," but I am very far from being a good servant. You are like the parent who teaches his children to walk and I beg for your infinite mercy that, the day I learn how to walk without wobbling, I may always remember that I am only a servant.

My deepest desire is that my poor service be pleasing to you and to thank you always again and again, because you have accepted my humble service in spite of my many faults as a servant. You and Gurumata are always teaching how to become a first-class servant. Each one of the words you, my Dear parents, direct to me remain in my heart. Even if it is a call to attention, it is always with love so that I may be better.

I always think what my life would have been without your guidance. From the first moment that you manifested yourself I knew that, finally and definitively, I had found the guide I was always looking for. There is no going back now. Many times my service becomes heavy, but every day remembering you, I regain my enthusiasm with each 'Thought for the Day.' I have no questions because you answer them each time before I get the chance to ask.

I must thank you over and over eternally for being my savior. My debt to you is eternal and I can't deny that, simply by remembering you, my life becomes full of happiness.

All glories to your lotus feet. All glories to my beloved Srila Gurudeva.



Happy Vyasa Puja .

From Mendoza, Argentina,
Su sirviente,
Devadeva das.

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Querido Srila gurudeva *patita pavana*.

Por favor acepte mis humildes y respetuosas reverencias.
Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.

Quiero agradecerle por darme el refugio a la sombra de sus pies de loto.

En verdad soy muy afortunado que sea mi amo, tan cariñoso y dedicado como un padre para educar a sus hijos.

Todos los días usted está feliz en conciencia de Krishna; se puede ver y sentir en cada palabra que amablemente comparte con el mundo entero.

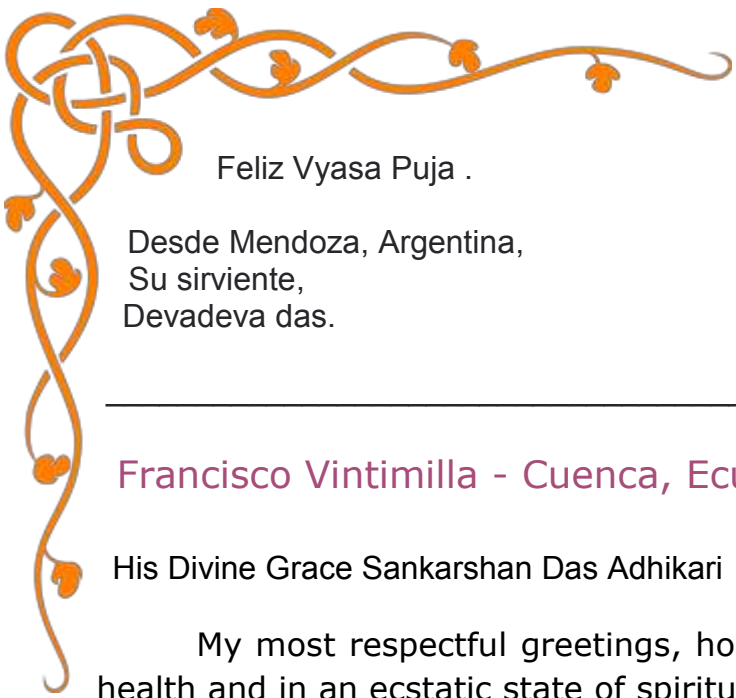
Siempre recuerdo que usted me dijo, “Vuélvete el mejor para tu guru y Krishna,” pero estoy muy lejos de ser un buen sirviente. Usted es como ese padre que enseña a caminar a sus hijos y ruego que por su misericordia infinita el día que aprenda a caminar sin tambalear, pueda siempre recordar que solo soy un sirviente.

Mi deseo más profundo es que mi pobre servicio sea agradable para usted y agradecerle siempre una y otra vez, porque ha aceptado mi humilde servicio a pesar de mis muchas fallas como sirviente. Usted y Gurumata siempre están enseñando como volverse un discípulo de primera clase. Cada palabra que ustedes, mis amados padres, me dicen quedan en mi corazón. Así sea un llamado de atención, siempre es con amor para que yo pueda ser mejor.

Siempre pienso qué sería de mi vida sin su guía. Desde el primer momento que usted se manifestó supe que, por fin y definitivamente, había encontrado la guía que siempre busqué. Ya no hay forma de volver atrás. Muchas veces mi servicio se hace pesado, pero cada día al saber de usted me vuelve a entusiasmar con cada ‘Pensamiento del Día’. No tengo preguntas pues usted las responde a cada momento antes que yo pueda preguntar.

Debo agradecerle una y otra vez eternamente por ser mi salvador. Mi deuda con usted es eterna y no puedo negar que, con tan solo recordarle, mi vida se vuelve llena de felicidad.

Todas las glorias a sus pies de loto. Todas las glorias a mi amado Srila Gurudeva.



Feliz Vyasa Puja .

Desde Mendoza, Argentina,
Su sirviente,
Devadeva das.

Francisco Vintimilla - Cuenca, Ecuador – an ecstatic state

His Divine Grace Sankarshan Das Adhikari

My most respectful greetings, hoping you find yourself in the best of health and in an ecstatic state of spiritual lucidity.

Hare Krishna.

Your avid reader,
Francisco V.

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Su Divina Gracia Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Mis más respetuosos saludos, esperando se encuentre mejor de su salud, y en el estado extático de su lucidez espiritual.

Hare Krishna.
Su asiduo lector.
Francisco V.

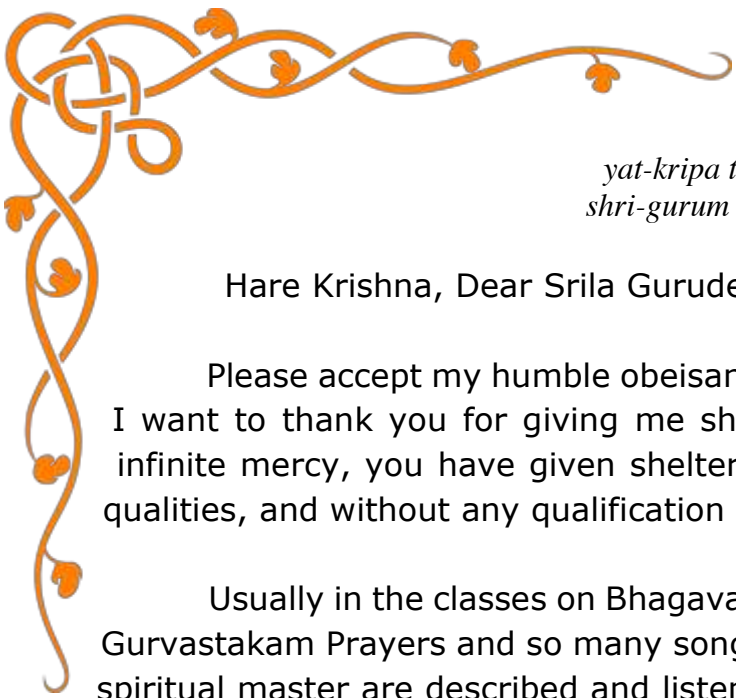
Gilma Vallejo - Guayaquil, Ecuador – your divine qualities

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Hare Krishna, Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. On this day of your appearance, I want to thank you for giving me shelter under your lotus feet. In your infinite mercy, you have given shelter to this person who is without good qualities, and without any qualification for being your servant.

Usually in the classes on Bhagavad-gita or Srimad Bhagavatam, in the Gurvastakam Prayers and so many songs of our acaryas, the qualities of the spiritual master are described and listening to this, I remember you with all these transcendental qualities.

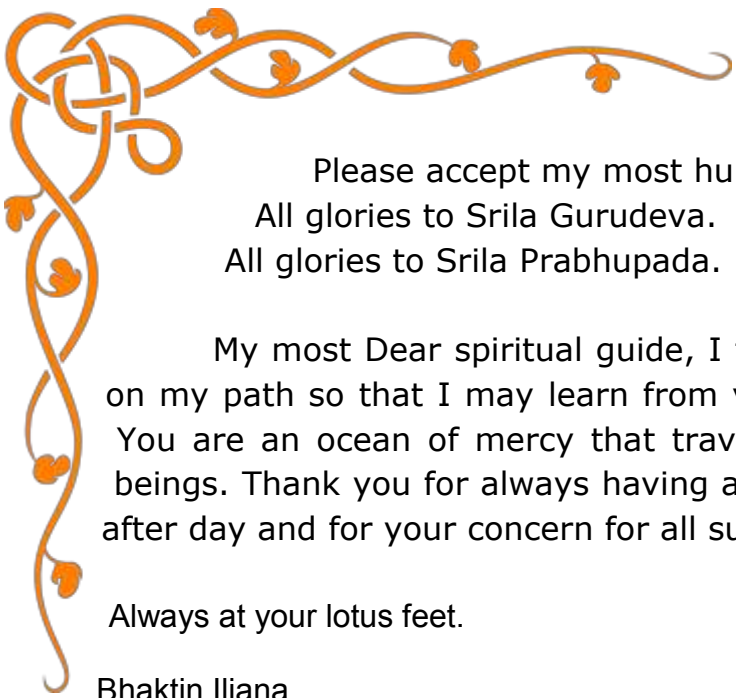
Dear Gurudeva, in every one of your daily messages, always clear, direct and without a single deviation from the sastras, you clarify so many doubts that rise up in me, and you kindly answer the questions that I have. A few days ago a devotee told me that he had observed a big change in me, that he saw me more happy; and another mother told me that she saw me enjoying my service, but I would not have been able to achieve this without your mercy. It is only because of you that there has been this change in me; on my own I would not have been capable of anything. I will always be in debt with you. I will do the best I can to follow your instructions and inspire others to take up Krishna consciousness.

I sincerely hope to be able to serve you in the best possible way and to become a qualified disciple, knowing that whatever achievement I reach in my spiritual life is because of you.

Your aspiring servant,
Bhaktin Gilma

Iliana Vera Yamamoto - Lima, Peru – in your path

Hare Krishna!



Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances.
All glories to Srila Gurudeva.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My most Dear spiritual guide, I thank Krishna for having placed you on my path so that I may learn from you the transcendental bhakti-yoga. You are an ocean of mercy that travels the world enlightening so many beings. Thank you for always having an uplifting message for all of us day after day and for your concern for all suffering humanity.

Always at your lotus feet.

Bhaktin Iliana

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Hare Krishna!

Por favor acepte mis mas humildes y respetuosas reverencias,
Todas las glorias a Srila gurudeva.
Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.

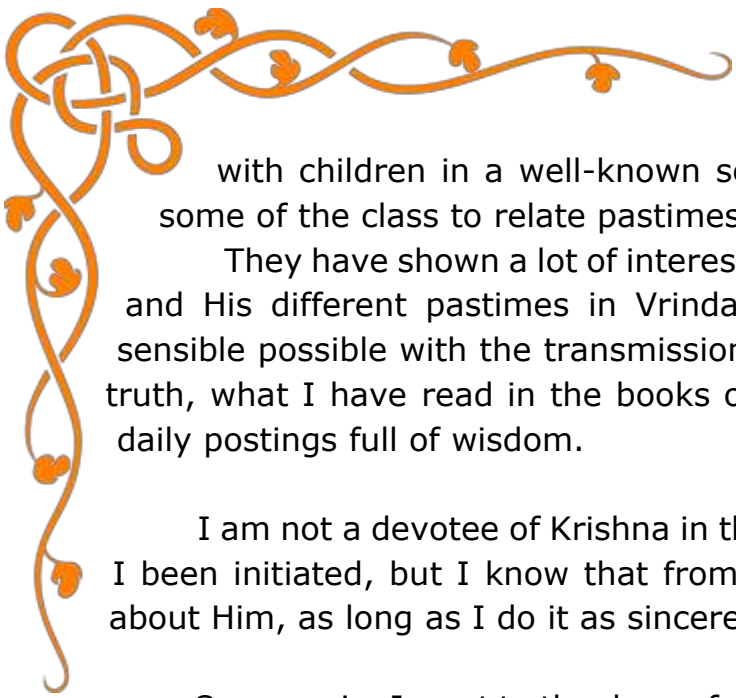
Mi muy querido guía espiritual, doy gracias a Krishna por haberte puesto en mi camino para poder aprender de usted el trascendental bhakti-yoga. Eres un océano de misericordia que va por el mundo iluminando a tantos seres. Gracias por tener siempre un mensaje alentador para todos nosotros día a día y por su preocupación por la humanidad sufriente.

Siempre a sus pies de loto,

Bhaktina Iliana.

Leonardo David Cardenas Infante - Bogota, Colombia - From a small corner in Colombia, there are people that follow you

Hare Krishna, Dear Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari,
I write to you this short letter to greet you, thank you and let you know that, because of your messages full of spiritual illumination, I have been able to carry on a small devotional service to Krishna from my workplace. I work



with children in a well-known school in Bogota and I have devoted some of the class to relate pastimes of Lord Krishna.

They have shown a lot of interest in learning more about Lord Krishna and His different pastimes in Vrindavana. I have tried to be the most sensible possible with the transmission of this knowledge, telling them the truth, what I have read in the books of Srila Prabhupada and also in your daily postings full of wisdom.

I am not a devotee of Krishna in that I don't go to any temple nor have I been initiated, but I know that from my ignorance I can speak to them about Him, as long as I do it as sincerely as possible.

Once again, I want to thank you for your great labor in the transmission of knowledge of Krishna consciousness, the spiritual enlightenment that we, the fallen conditioned souls of this world, need so badly, especially in this age of Kali.

I want you to know that from a small corner in Colombia, there are people that follow your messages, read them, and they serve as spiritual nourishment in the mornings to reach one day the spiritual abode, back to God, back to the Supreme.

Please accept my most respectful obeisances.
Thank you, Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari!

Regards,

Leonardo David Cárdenas Infante
Spanish teacher

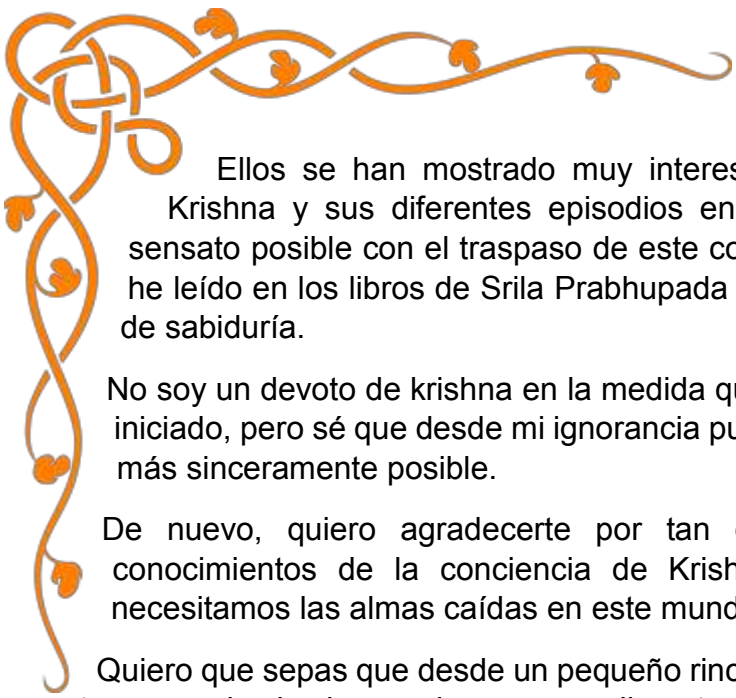
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Bogotá 29 septiembre 2017

¡Hare Krishna!

Apreciado: Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Te escribo esta pequeña carta para saludarte, agradecerte y comentarte que, gracias a tus mensajes llenos de iluminación espiritual, he podido continuar con un pequeño servicio devocional a Krishna desde mi lugar de trabajo. Yo trabajo con niños en un colegio muy reconocido de Bogotá y algunas clases las he dedicado a contarles episodios del Señor Krishna.



Ellos se han mostrado muy interesados en aprender más sobre el Señor Krishna y sus diferentes episodios en Vrindavana. He tratado de ser lo más sensato posible con el traspaso de este conocimiento, diciéndoles la verdad. lo que he leído en los libros de Srila Prabhupada y también en sus mensajes diarios llenos de sabiduría.

No soy un devoto de krishna en la medida que no voy a un templo ni tampoco he sido iniciado, pero sé que desde mi ignorancia puedo hablarles de Él, desde que lo haga lo más sinceramente posible.

De nuevo, quiero agradecerte por tan grandiosa labor en la transmisión de conocimientos de la conciencia de Krishna, la iluminación espiritual que tanto necesitamos las almas caídas en este mundo, sobre todo en esta era de Kali.

Quiero que sepas que desde un pequeño rincón de Colombia hay personas que siguen tus mensajes los leen y sirven como alimento espiritual en las mañanas, para lograr así, algún día llegar a la morada espiritual, de vuelta a Dios, de vuelta al Supremo.

Por favor acepta mis más respetuosas reverencias.

¡Gracias! Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari.

Att: Leonardo David Cárdenas Infante
Profesor de español.

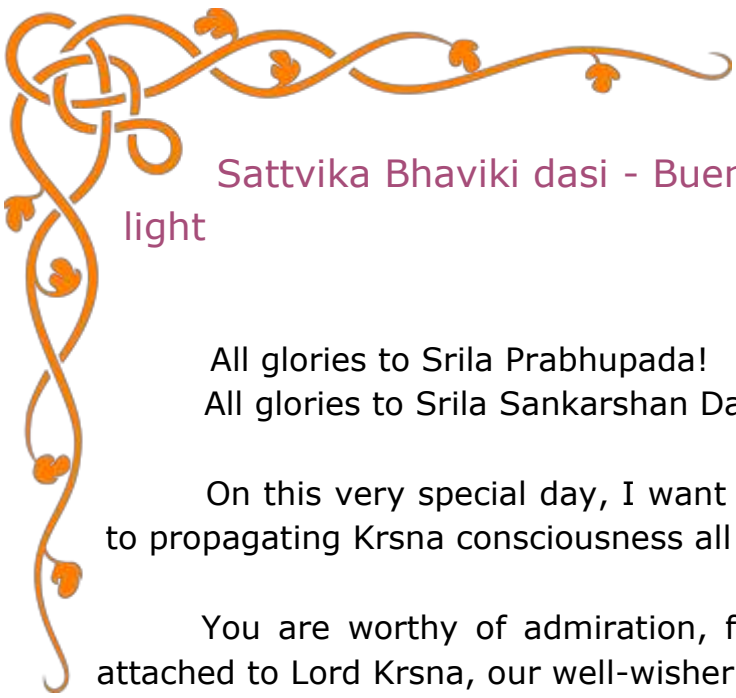
Manuel Vazquez – I love Hare Krishna!

Many blessings.
I love the Hare Krishna cosmogony.

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Manuel Vazquez

Muchas bendiciones.
Me encanta la cosmogonía Hare Krishna.



Sattvika Bhaviki dasi - Buenos Aires, Argentina – ray of
light

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja!

On this very special day, I want to thank you for dedicating your life
to propagating Krsna consciousness all over the world.

You are worthy of admiration, full of good qualities and always so
attached to Lord Krsna, our well-wisher.

You are a ray of light in this dark world full of misery and hypocrisy.

May I always read your postings as you feel them and your advice.

Please go on with the privilege of being so dedicated to the mission and
let us always enjoy your company.

Happy vyasa-puja!

My most humble and venerable obeisances at your lotus feet.

One who is trying to be a faithful servant,
Sattvika Bhaviki dasi

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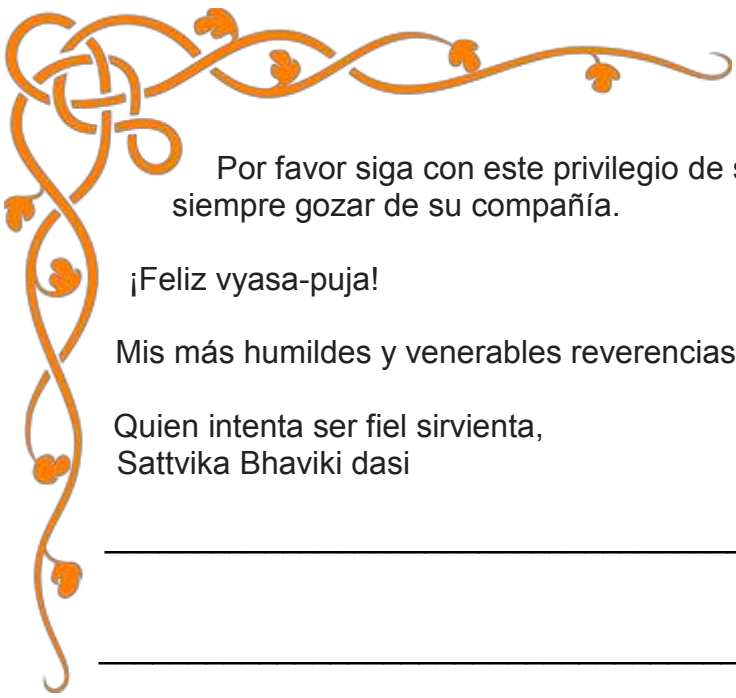
¡Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada!
¡Todas las glorias a Srila Sankarshan Das Adhikari Maharaja!

En este día tan especial, quiero darle las gracias por dedicar su vida
a propagar la consciencia de Krsna por el mundo entero.

Digno de admiración y respeto es, lleno de buenas cualidades y siempre tan apegado
al Señor Krsna, nuestro bienqueriente.

Usted es un rayo de luz en este mundo oscuro lleno de miseria e hipocresía.

Pueda yo siempre leer su entrega como siente y consejos.



Por favor siga con este privilegio de ser tan dedicado a la causa y permítanos siempre gozar de su compañía.

¡Feliz vyasa-puja!

Mis más humildes y venerables reverencias a sus pies de loto.

Quien intenta ser fiel sirvienta,
Sattvika Bhaviki dasi

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Gilma Vallejo
Guayaquil, Ecuador

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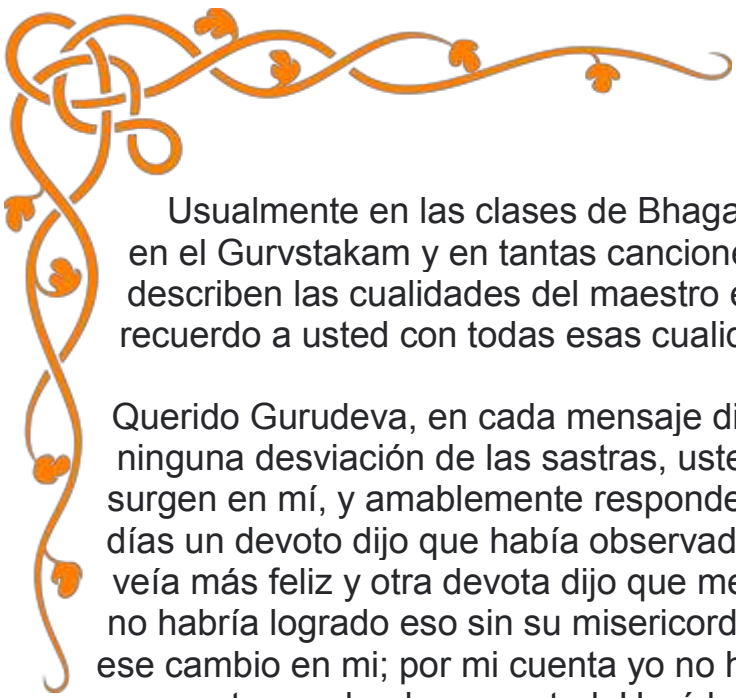
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Hare Krishna, querido Srila Gurudeva,

Por favor acepte mis humildes reverencia. En este día de su aparición, quería agradecerle por haberme dado refugio bajo sus pies de loto. En su infinita misericordia le ha dado refugio a esta persona sin buenas cualidades, y sin calificación alguna para ser su sirvienta.



Usualmente en las clases de Bhagavad Gita o del Srimad Bhagavatam, en el Gurvstakam y en tantas canciones de nuestros acaryas, se describen las cualidades del maestro espiritual y al escuchar esto, lo recuerdo a usted con todas esas cualidades trascendentales.

Querido Gurudeva, en cada mensaje diario siempre claro, directo y sin ninguna desviación de las sastras, usted esclarece tantas dudas que surgen en mí, y amablemente responde las preguntas que hago. Hace unos días un devoto dijo que había observado un gran cambio en mí, que me veía más feliz y otra devota dijo que me veía disfrutar mi servicio, pero yo no habría logrado eso sin su misericordia. Es sólo por usted que ha habido ese cambio en mí; por mi cuenta yo no habría sido capaz de nada. Siempre voy a estar en deuda con usted. Haré lo mejor que pueda para seguir sus instrucciones e inspirar a otros a acercarse a la conciencia de Krishna.

Sinceramente espero poder servirlo de la mejor forma posible y llegar a ser una discípula cualificada, sabiendo que cualquier logro que alcance en mi vida espiritual, es gracias a usted.

Su aspirante a sirviente
Bhaktin Gilma