

In Celebration of
Sri Vyasa Puja
October 25, 2012



The Divine Appearance Day of
Our Beloved Spiritual Master
His Holiness Srila
Bir Krsna das Goswami

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srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

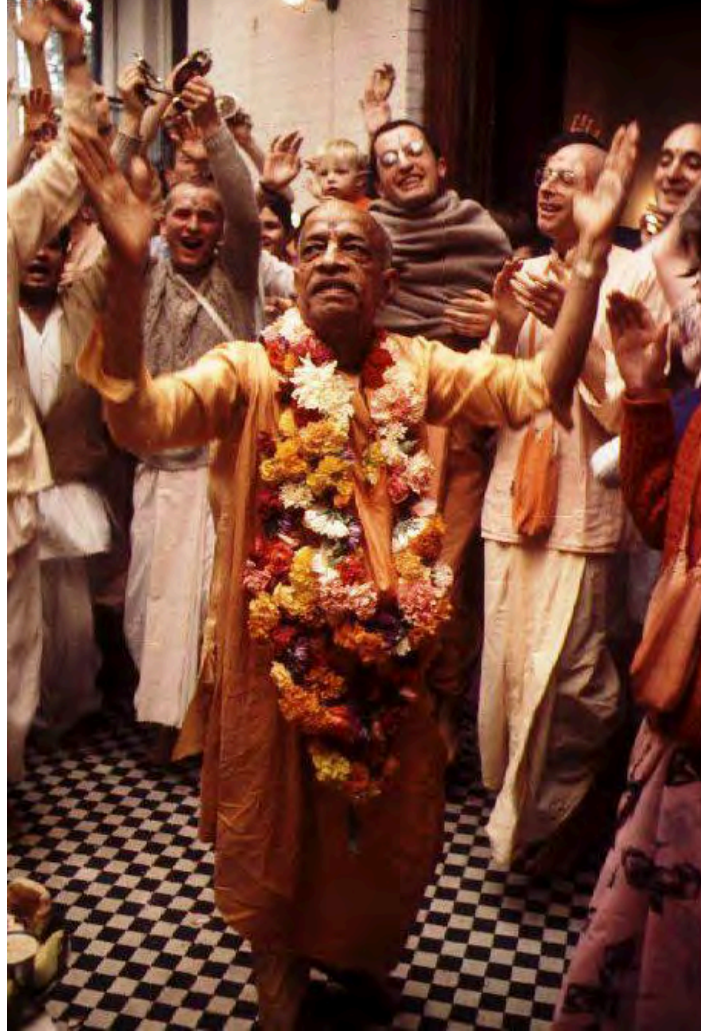


I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace
Srila Bir Krishna das Goswami, who is very dear to
Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

I offer my respectful obeisances to my swan-like spiritual master,
who is very dear to Srila Prabhupada because he is faithfully repeating
his message with great purity and determination.

*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

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



I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to
Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master,
servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of
Lord Caitanya-deva and delivering the Western countries,
which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Sri Sri Gurvastakam

by Srila Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakura

*samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatwam
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.

*mahapraboh kirtana-nritya-gita-
vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena
romanacha-kampashru-taranga-bhajo
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*sri- vighraharadhana-nitya-nana
shringaira-tan-mandira-marjanadau
yuktasya bhaktamsh cha niyunjato pi
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*chatur-vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada-
swadv-anna-triptan hari-bhakta-sanghan
kritwaiva triptim bhajatah sadaiva
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is always offering Krsna four kinds of delicious food [analyzed as that which is licked, chewed, drunk, and sucked]. When the spiritual master sees that the devotees are satisfied by eating bhagavat-prasada, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*sri-radhika-madhavayor apara-
madhurya-lila-guna-rupa-namnam
prati-kshanaswadana-lolupasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Radhika and Madhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*nikunja-yuno rati-keli-siddhyai
ya yalibhir yuktir apekshaniya
tatrati-dakshyad ati-vallabhasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopis, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Radha and Krsna's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vrndavana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*sakshad-dharitvena samasta-shastrair
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhihi
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona-fide representative of Sri Hari [Krsna].

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yashas trisandhyam
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.

*sri-guru-charana-padma kevala-bhakati-sadma
bando mui savadhana mate jahara prasade bhai
e bhava toriya jai krishna-prapti hoy jaha hoite*

*guru-mukha-padma-vakya chittete koriya aikya
ar na koriho mane asha sri-guru-charane rati
ei se uttama-gati je prasade pure sarve asha*

*chakhu-dan dilo jei janme janme prabhu sei
divya-gyan hride prokashito prema-bhakti jaha hoite
avidya vinasha jate vede gay jahara charito*

*sri-guru karuna-sindhu adhama janara bandhu
lokanath lokera jivana ha ha prabhu koro doya
deho more pada-chhaya ebe jasa ghushuk tribhuvana*

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 Krsna.

My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth. Attachment to his lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires.

He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth. From him ecstatic prema emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character.

Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees. O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.



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Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

It is important for all members of ISKCON to recognize that they have a deep, personal, direct connection with you. Whether one is a diksa disciple of yours or a diksa disciple of one of your disciplic descendants, the connection is there. Every ISKCON devotee has an equal opportunity to take shelter of you, understand you, and serve you directly. So that we may all take advantage of this opportunity, you have given us service to your mission and service to your vani.

Service to your mission means to remain a faithful member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and endeavor to the best of one's capacity to assist in the spreading of this organization in a way that pleases you.

In your purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 4.28.51 you state:

"In conclusion, if a disciple is very serious to execute the mission of the spiritual master, he immediately associates with the Supreme Personality of Godhead by vani or vapu. This is the only secret of success in seeing the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Instead of being eager to see the Lord in some bush of Vrindavan while at the same time engaging in sense gratification, if one instead sticks to the principle of following the words of the spiritual master, he will see the Supreme Lord without difficulty."

Service to your vani requires regular study of your books, recorded teachings, letters, and other transcendental sounds that have emanated from your lotus mouth. Also, studying your pastimes while you were with us is service to your vani. You have told us many times that the connection through sound vibration is most important:

"Physical presence is immaterial; presence of the transcendental sound received from the spiritual master should be the guidance of life. That will make our spiritual life successful."

[Letter to Brahmananda, Hayagriva, Kirtanananda, Satsvarupa, Gargamuni, Acyutananda, Jadurani, 19 January, 1967]

"We are not separated actually. There are two—vani or vapu. So vapu is physical presence and vani is presence by the vibration, but they are all the same. So Krsna when He was physically present before Arjuna is the same when He is present before us by His vani of Bhagavad-gita. So far I am concerned, I do not factually feel any separation from my spiritual master because I am trying to serve him according to his desire. That should be the motto. If you kindly try to fulfill my mission for which you have been sent there, that will be our constant association." [Letter to Hamsaduta, 22 June 1970]

"Form is called vapu and teaching is called vani. Both should be worshiped. Vani is more important than vapu." [Letter to Tusta Krsna, 14th December, 1972]

"There are two ways of associating, by vani and by vapu. Vani means words and vapu means physical presence. Physical presence is sometimes appreciable and sometimes not. Therefore we should take advantage of the vani, not the physical presence, because the vani continues to exist eternally." [Letter to Suci, 4 November 1975]

I pray that you give me the ability and intelligence to facilitate devotees in establishing a profound relationship with you. That will be my success in serving you.

Your servant,

Bir Krishna das Goswami

In Service to Srila Prabhupada - Gurudeva's 2012 Travel Schedule

January 24-31 - New Goloka
February 1-9 – Govardhan
February 9-23 – Mayapur
February 23-March 5 – Govardhan
March 6-March 12 - New Goloka
March 14-15 – Sydney
March 15-April 6 – Fiji
April 6-13 – Auckland
April 13-20 – Sydney
April 20-24 - Brisbane and New Govardhan
April 24-26 – Sydney
April 26-28 - New Goloka
April 28-May 5 - New Orleans/New Talavan
May 5 - New Goloka
June 10-26 - New Goloka
June 27- 28 - Mainz Germany
June 28-July 3 - Ljubljana, Slovenia
July 3-6 - Sarajevo, Bosnia
July 6-14 - Serbian Summer Camp
July 15-17 - Mainz, Germany
July 18-31 - Govardhan
August 1-16 - New Goloka
August 17-20 - Seattle and Vancouver
August 20-Aug. 31 - New Goloka
Sept. 2 - Sydney, Australia
Sept 3-24 - Fiji
Sept 24-Oct. 2 - Auckland, New Zealand
Oct. 2 - Gold Coast, Australia
Oct. 3 - Brisbane
Oct. 4 - Sunshine Coast, Australia
Oct. 5-12 - Sydney, Australia
Oct. 13-18 - New Goloka
Oct. 20-31 - Tirupati, India
Oct. 31-Nov.17 - Govardhan
Nov. 18-30 - New Goloka
Nov. 30-Dec. 3 - Guadalajara, Mexico
Dec. 3-Dec. 31 - New Goloka

*All glories to Their Lordships
Sri Sri Radha Golokananda*



Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari



Hare Krsna

Hare Krsna

Krsna Krsna

Hare Hare

Hare Rama

Hare Rama

Rama Rama

Hare Hare

For many years, whenever it was difficult but necessary for me to write to Bir Krsna Goswami, I sat in front of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda and wrote them a letter...

Then I would send it to Their very, very dear servant, Bir Krsna Goswami and it was always well understood by the mercy of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda....

Here is one of these letters....

My very dear Sri Sri Radha Golokananda,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada who so kindly brought us to Your Lotus Feet!

All glories to Srila Gurudeva who keeps us engaged in Your loving service!

Sri Sri Radha Golokananda, quite soon, it will be the appearance day of your very, very dear devotee, Bir Krsna Goswami.

Because of his ardent desire, You so kindly came to New Goloka Dhama to be worshiped.

Because of his strong determination and his sincere desire to serve Your amazingly beautiful forms, we are all cooperating as best as we can to keep up Your worship, the way Srila Prabhupada wanted it. And we feel Your divine presence, guidance and protection in our lives.

So today, I come to beg Your mercy that Srila Gurudeva stays with us for a long time, keeping strong and healthy, singing nice bhajans for Your pleasure, explaining to us the Srimad Bhagavatam and always trying to help us increase our attachment to serve Your lotus feet.

What I appreciate the most in Your dear servant is his well-balanced way to go about advancing in devotional service and guiding our progress as well.

Because of that particular quality, I experienced a lot of solid and steady improvement in my life and witnessed the same in many devotees here.

I could never thank him enough for that, but I can only pray that You please always bless him more and more and protect him.

Your very fallen servant,

Sadhvi dasi
New Goloka, NC

Dear Maharaja Bir Krishna Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
I hope you're well and your ministry a grand success.

As the years tick away
I've noticed your steady
detachment from material things and
steady absorption in Krishna consciousness.

Although you do not personally like dealing with the mundane,
you work to find ways to help devotees overcome their difficulties,
although many are steeped in the duality;
somehow you remain fixed in the Supreme.

I admire your aloofness from earthly enjoyment,
yet find it entertaining to see you striving to lead
people by providing different mediums
for their transcendental quest.

I hope your rasa becomes more and more
thick despite the difficulties we face;
and I pray you always remain aloof
from the nonsense that plagues humanity.

May you elaborate the vision of eternity
in way all mankind will be attracted;
and may your peace of mind never
intersect with the screams of passionate lust and hate.

May you play with Giriraja and assist His pastimes
on the hill known as Govardana;
moreover with confidence peek out at us and
recite the glories of this absolute realm.

Until then please stop in while
on your way to visit the devotees
in distant places to encourage their
devotion.

Your servant,

Yogindravandana Dasa Adhikari
ISKCON New Talavana Dhama, Mississippi

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

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srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
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The meaning of the second verse is:

I offer my respectful obeisances to my swan-like spiritual master, who is very dear to Srila Prabhupada because he is faithfully repeating his message with great purity and determination

In the BG it is said: Those who are not faithful in this devotional service cannot attain Me, O conqueror of enemies. Therefore they return to the path of birth and death in this material world. BG 9.3

What I am very inspired by you is your faith in Krsna, also in one of your classes in New Goloka this year you said that your goal is service to Krsna. You have full faith and connection with Krsna. Because of this faith it is sure that you will attain Krsna like He promises to His very dear devotee Arjuna.

aho dīne 'nâthe nihita-carano nis'cita-a-m idam
oh, sure is: He bestows His feet upon the fallen with no other shelter but Him

May Lord Jagannatha protect you in your service for Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternal insignificant servant,

Adi Lila dd
Lima, Peru



My dear Gurudeva,

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

I would like to thank you for encouraging and allowing me to dedicate my whole life to practicing Krsna-consciousness. As far as I remember it was about 8 years ago when I was at a darshan with you at the home of Paramesvari mataji and you asked me about my plans for the future. Where and how do I imagine living the rest of my life? At that time my children were still studying, my daughters were at university, they were almost independent, but I still had to take care of my son.

- Later I would like to live in a temple or a farm community and only deal with spiritual activities. - I answered.
- In Krsna-valley? - You asked.
- Not necessarily. - I said. - Anywhere, maybe even in Serbia also.
- Ah, here there won't be a suitable facility for a long while.

We left it at that, but almost two years later by the arrangement and inspiration of Krsna I asked your permission to join the temple in Kecskemet. 3 years later when the structure of the Hungarian yatra changed, I moved to Krsna-valley. Many times I remembered our discussion and I understood how well you could perceive the situation even then and you inferred upon what the future would bring to me. I don't have the ability to see farther than today or tomorrow, but you have proved by your other instructions also how accurately you lead my life. Thank you.

Here on the farm Sri-Sri Radha-Syamasundara is the center of all activities. The whole world centers around Them. When it was snowing, They went to sleigh in the form of Sri Govardhan-lal, when the cherry started to ripen, Everyone on the altar were decorated with cherry jewelry, all the festivals broadcast Their glories, and for the sake of preaching - so that visitors and tourists could see Them, They undergo the inconvenience of not taking a nap in the afternoon. And I could go on and on. Our duty is to execute devotional service thinking about Them, and to do our task to make Them satisfied, whatever that might be.

This is the year of refurbishment, rebuild and changes. Builders flooded the temple and its area. The devotee artists re-painted the decorations of the temple-room, the sitting place of Srila Prabhupada and the area around the altar. So everything is upside-down. It's a great job, but it's going to be wonderful again. I'm happy I can be here to help the devotees, and I can serve you under the direction of Srila Sivarama Swami.

Your indebted servant forever,

Alambika dd
Somogyvámos, Hungary

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

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

To my dearest Spiritual Master,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet on the auspicious day of your Vyas puja.

Gurudev, thank you for accepting me, who is an insignificant soul as your disciple. You are so merciful and you have always helped me out in the most difficult situations of mine. Gurudev, it's through you that I am able to understand the Supreme Personality and His pastimes. You have given me intelligence and the most secret knowledge. I beg to use my material existence in your service in every possible way.

Please allow this fallen soul to help you to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission.

I pray for your shelter always.

Yours Servant,

Anandada devi dasi
Auckland, New Zealand



Dear Gurudeva,

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

You are the light of my heart and the comfort of my soul.

With love,
Your servant,

Apsara devi dasi
Ljubljana, Slovenija



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krishna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krishna dasa
goswamin iti namine*

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su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam
tasya vakyanuvadine*

I offer my most humble obeisances unto you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My dearest Spiritual Father,

For your Vyasa puja I would like to offer you my most humble obeisances, love and gratitude. These past few years I have not been a very good disciple or devotee. I have failed you and Krsna. Yet through it all you have been there supporting and encouraging me. You never turned your back on me or gave up on me. I cannot find the words to express my appreciation for your constant guidance and instructions. Your forgiveness and mercy is inspiring. You have helped me more than you know. With your help and guidance I hope that one day I will make you proud of and happy with my service to you.

"But still we find that perhaps the majority of Srila Prabhupada's disciples had a great spiritual difficulty after Prabhupada left. Because they have not grasped the most important reason why pure devotee appears - to give instructions. While the spiritual master is present, one has to make that connection on the instruction platform, on the guidance platform."

(From Srila Gurudeva's lecture on TKG's Dis., Sydney, March 8, 2008)

When I read this thought of the day I almost cried. I have wasted the past few years and for that I am forever sorry. You have shown me that our relationship as spiritual master and disciple is eternal. You have given me the greatest gift, knowledge of Krsna and devotional service. For that I am thankful and forever in your debt. If it pleases you, I will spend the rest of my life trying to repay you for all that you have given me and doing my very best to follow and learn from your instructions.

Your Eternal Servant,

Arcana
Thomson, Georgia, USA

To Gurudeva on this special day, who is so very dear to me and all the devotees, and who is always in our hearts because without our beloved Gurudeva, we would be in the material world with cheaters, drunks, etc. Every day I am so glad that I am a devotee of Krsna, and that Gurudeva is here to help me be a good devotee to stay on the path of Krsna consciousness. Without him I wouldn't know about Krishna. Sometimes I wondered when I see people that they should become devotees of Krishna so they can give up worldly things because when you become a devotee of Krishna you see things in a new light.

Thank you Gurudeva, for I am forever grateful.

Your Servant in Krishna,

Aroti devi dasi
Milwaukee, WI



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

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krishna das gosvamin iti namine*

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

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

Hare Krishna All...please accept my humble obeisances.

On the occasion of your Vyasa-puja, the day of your blessed appearance in this world, I would like to share my experience in Krishna conscious and how grateful I am to be part of this. I still remember when I was in grade 8, picking Srila Prabupadas book from the school library and reading few pages and today am blessed to have you as my spiritual master. I want to share one incident that happened 2 months ago that really touched me. I was away for a business trip to Samoa and since we reached there on the weekend there wasn't much to do except beaches. We were fortunate to get one tour guide named Steve, about 60 years old, by profession an environmentalist and coincidently he shared the same vehicle I was in. We talked about environment and how things are moving now. It was interesting conversation. The next morning I received a call from him and it was 6am, he was at my hotel reception with a present for me (one book). He left it there and I picked it up in the afternoon. It was named "Divine Nature". I seriously didn't open book to see who wrote it or what it was about. The book travelled with me for 3 weeks and came back to my flat and one evening while waiting for a cab, I picked it up to read it and to my surprise the book was dedicated to Srila Prabhupada and authors were devotees. It brought tears in my eyes I was stunned and became speechless. I really felt devotees are forever protected because we have our spiritual master's blessing upon us always. I felt it came to me because I didn't carry reading with me. I have shared this with my friends at work and even here and there, and they got surprised as well. This is indeed amazing to know that Srila Prabupadas books are everywhere and are leading the world in a positive direction.

I would like to thank you Gurudev, for accepting me as your disciple. I can't express how happy and excited I am to have you in my life. These eyes get filled with so much ecstasy when they see you, Gurudev.

Wishing you great health and happy Vyasa pooja.
Your Servant,

Atmamaya dd
(Ashlin Bandana)
ISKCON Suva, Fiji Islands

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

There is a constant fight we are fighting with all the miseries of the material world. Covered with ignorance and thinking we are the enjoyers, we are under the influence of the illusory energy and like a toy in the hands of binding energies of three qualities. There is nothing we possess that could be the source of our salvation, except your mercy, kind word, encouragement to continue on the road toward our final goal that Prabhupada brought to our minds. Gurudeva, sincere thank you for all your effort to enlighten us with absolute knowledge about the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krishna. You walk on the path to Krishna, and by following your footsteps, my life has a reason.

Please accept my humble obeisances dear Maharaja.

Your servant,

Baladeva dasa
Ljubljana, Slovenia



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su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
On this most auspicious moment of your appearance, let me express my heartfelt gratitude for everything
you have done for me, and for being an example and inspiration to all Vaishnavas.

Hare Krishna

Your servant, dasaanudasa,

Balarama Avadhuta
New Talavan, MS



All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you.

Dearest Gurudeva!

Happy Vyasa puja. One day I would also like to be with you and celebrate your appearance day. I like your happy and shining smile. And heart.

Thank you Gurudeva, for your patience with me during last two years, and thank you for supporting me. When I saw you twice in the last two years, I felt like I never had a parallel life. Thank you.

Your,

Bhakti dd
Zagreb, Croatia



Dear Gurudeva,

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

For the divine day of your appearance, I wish you all happiness and spiritual advancement. Thank you for your leadership in the recent years.

You gave me valuable advice in difficult times and helped me to go further in spiritual life. Your kind and calm words always made me happy in my heart. In your mails I always see careful love and honest wishes to help me in all aspects of my life. In your behavior, eyes and laxly smile, I can see the love of Krishna. Your great energy and enthusiasm gives everybody the elevation of mind and motivation for spiritual activities.

Thank you for your presence in my life and thanks to Krishna for your presence on the earth. I pray for you to remain with us for many years in the future.

With love,
Your servant,

Bhavatarini devi dasi
Virovitica, Croatia



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories, all glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja.

*guru krsna rupa hana sastrena pramane
guru rupe krsna krpa karena bhakta gane*

“According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is non-different from Krsna. Lord Krsna in the form of the spiritual master delivers his devotees.”

A perfect spiritual master like you is also called acarya, or a transcendental professor of spiritual science. In the Vayu Puran an acarya is defined as one who knows the import of the Vedic literature, explains the purpose of the Vedas, abides by the rules and regulations and teaches his disciples to act in the same way. Therefore, it is worthwhile to take shelter of such an acarya like your very self, who is called asraya-vigraha, or the manifestation or form of the Lord of whom one must take shelter.

Gaudiya Vaisnavas therefore worship Srila Gurudeva in light of his being the servitor of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Srila Prabhupada made the order of his Guru Maharaj his mission in life and you are doing exactly the same by following in his footsteps, spreading Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtana movement more and more in every town and village, your life and soul.

It's amazing how you are travelling around the world all year long and despite facing so many inconveniences, you move on to save so many fallen souls like us from the cycle of birth and death.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, please continue to bestow your mercy upon these most fallen disciples of yours. Just as you are executing Srila Prabhupada's instruction, similarly bless us so that we may also execute your instructions religiously.

On this Vyasa puja of Your Divine Grace, we pray to Sri Giriraj Govardhan to give you all success in your current and future service to Srila Prabhupada and we pray to Srimati Radharani to always keep you in best of health. Looking forward to your darshan in September.

Your insignificant servants,

Bilvamangal das
Krsodari devi dasi
Auckland, New Zealand

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

I would like to take the opportunity on this auspicious occasion of your appearance in this world to place a humble offering by thanking you for giving me your causeless mercy. As time goes on, I am realizing more and more that your mercy is unlimited and that my appreciation of it will continue to grow more. It is only by your inconceivable mercy that I am able to continue in devotional service.

So please don't reject me! Without your mercy, what hope is there for me? Please forgive all my offenses to you and all the Vaisnavas that I have offended along the way. You know how fallen and contaminated I still am. But if you allow me to remain in your association, I know I will eventually be purified and make advancement in Krishna consciousness.

All I can say Srila Gurudeva, is that you are everything to me. I am eternally indebted to you. Please allow me to remain under your shelter eternally.

Your aspiring servant,

Caitanya dasi
New Goloka, NC



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

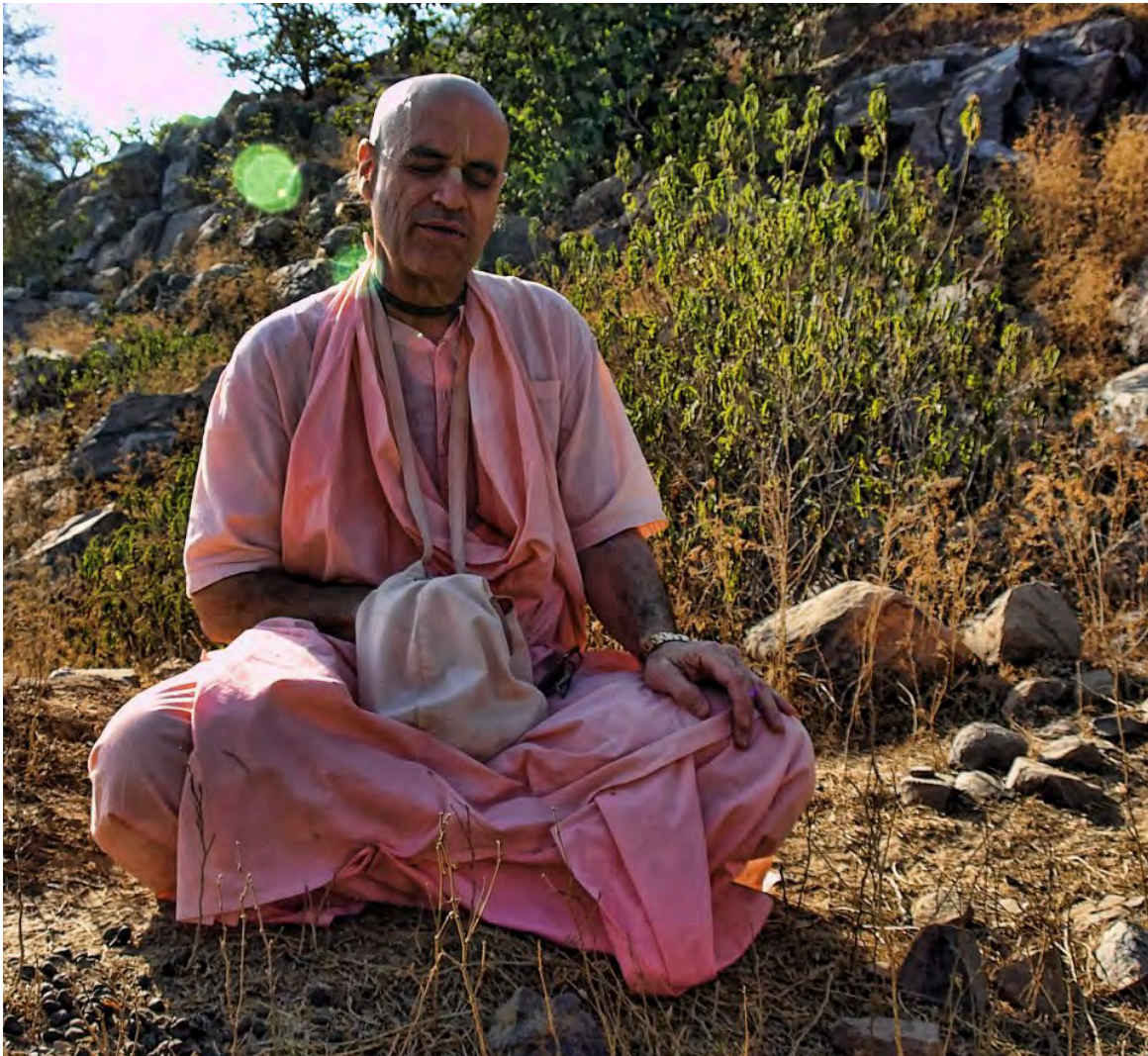
Today as I write this offering in the midst of towers of boxes and general chaos, my heart is swelling with emotion and gratitude. As we embark on this journey to a new life in a new place, we are constantly meditating on how we can continue to serve you here in Govardhan and hopefully give you happiness by whatever little service we manage to offer in our new situation.

I'm so grateful for your enduring love and care. Thank you for connecting us to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for opening the door to Radha and Krsna's Nitya-lila. Thank you for engaging us in service. And thank you for being our father.

Praying to be allowed to serve you life after life, all the way to Goloka Vrindavan...

Your daughter,

Campakalata devi dasi
Sri Mayapur Dham, India



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

You are the best spiritual master on the planet right now. The reason I was so attracted to you in the beginning was your regularity in attending mangal arati. I was very impressed. Not only that, but you set a perfect example in every aspect of your life. I will never forget how after Hurricane Fran came through you pushed your way through the forest with fallen trees and rain and made it to mangal arati.

I only hope that one day I will be as good a disciple as you are a guru, and be worthy of initiation. Please pray to Their Lordships, your beloved Sri-Sri Radha-Golokananda to show me Their infinite mercy and accept my prayers for perfection.

When serving in separation I think about your laughter and even have a photo of you laughing in my room. That is how I think of you when you are away. The way you see everything with a touch of humor sets a good example. In this material world that is the only way to keep one's sanity. Please pray that I too can have this humor one day.

Hope to have many more years of your association,

Your aspiring disciple,

Mother Cintamani dasi
New Goloka, NC



My dearest Spiritual Father and Master,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet!

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

My dearest Spiritual Master, happy Vyasa puja!!!

I feel so fortunate and grateful to be guided by you in such a knowledgeable, gentle, loving, understanding and well-wishing way. I thank you for all of your encouraging and supportive understanding.

I offer you my deepest faith, from the very bottom of my heart, to you dear Gurudeva! You bring the knowledge in such a light form, that it is always a pleasure to listen to you! You point it out in such great, simple and constructive form!

I don't know how you take all the time to be there for every single one of your disciples - but you are; and this in addition to all your duties and doings in the service to the Lord! Thank you for this!

You are so full of compassion to all persons who need your mercy and guidance! You open your heart for all persons who need your help! Thank you for this!

You give all that you have - Thank you for this!

By your mercy, all our material life is finished and our devotional service has begun. And so by Krishna's mercy you are spreading and transferring the happiness which you have found by singing the Holy Names of the Lord. And we sometimes want to see the whole world in Krishna consciousness due your pure desire to serve Srila Prabhupada in pleasure and in pain.

So I pray daily that what I can't say in words, I may be able to glorify you by my insignificant service.

All glories to you my dearest Srila Gurdeva!!!

Your humble servant,

Cit Shakti devi dasi
Melsungen/Kassel, Germany

Dear Gurudeva,

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

On this very auspicious day of your appearance, what can I write to you? Of course, so many things to praise your divine personality, your devotion to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna, and your kindness for accepting such a fallen so called disciple like myself. Yes, I have said that many times, and since I have no real devotion, it sounds like the same old story one is repeating all the time, because he is supposed to do that.

Now, I'd really like to write something to please you, to make you happy, but there is nothing I could find in my Krishna consciousness that is really worthy of mentioning. Over and over again I keep remembering one of your remarks you gave a few years ago, and that was your desire not to be praised by your disciples. Instead, you wanted us to tell you what you had done for us. I remember that especially when I have to write my VP offering to you. I don't know why, but every time I start writing my offering, this comes to my mind.

Actually, I would be happy to write and thank you for all that you have done for me, but in my unfortunate fallen condition I even cannot appreciate and really understand what you are doing for me. I can only pray to you to please help me to come to realization of your care and protection and your desire to give me Krishna consciousness at any cost.

Now while I am writing this I just start to understand how great is your desire to help all of us, no matter how fallen we might be, to accept Krishna and finally turn to Him. Even if this could be quite a thankless task, you and all the other great devotees of the Lord, are continually doing that. At this point I remember Srila Prabhupada saying in Bhagavad Gita that for all his efforts to spread Krishna consciousness, he would be satisfied even if only one person becomes the devotee of Krishna. For me, this has one meaning, that you, like Krishna's other confidential servants, want to do something almost impossible, to make Krishna's devotees out of the most fallen, Kali Yuga souls. To not lose your enthusiasm and patience, to be always ready to help and listen to me, to not take into consideration all the stupid things I have done in front of you, and most of all, to try to make me Krishna conscious despite all of that, and in spite of my unwillingness, so what more the spiritual master can do? Certainly there is nothing more to be done.

So, the only thing I can do and say now is to repeat my begging you to help me to come to realization of your greatness, because only then can I really understand and appreciate everything you are doing for me and all of us. And only then I can start developing my relationship with you, and call myself your disciple. The crown of all the spiritual life is when disciples develop their relationship with their Guru. In my really most fallen condition, I can hardly feel even the desire for that. Please, help me to go through all the stages I must go before I become capable of desiring that, and forgive me for being your unworthy servant.

Daivi sakti dd
Serbia

Dear Gurudeva, my spiritual father,

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

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

First I would like to take this opportunity on this auspicious day of your wonderful appearance to extend my good wishes to you for a very happy Vyasa puja!

From the very first day in November 2003, when we first met, I know and realized it was no chance meeting. Our connection was already established and arranged by our Supreme Lord Krishna. There was a need in my life for God, guidance, and a better understanding of Him. You are the guidance that was needed, God-sent directly from Krishna. It was not clear to me at that time what serving the Lord really meant. It seems to me as I look back, I was always asking for something from the Lord, but never really realizing His love for us and what I could do for Him. In reality, I know He was always there, patiently waiting for me to remember my position as servant and surrender to Him.

Your never-ending dedication and devotion to serving Krishna and your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada is such a great inspiration to me. You show us by your loving example how important it is that we should have good sadhana, focus on chanting good japa, and also being focused on our devotional service. You take care of your health and are constantly reminding us that we should do the same, as we want to be able to serve Krishna as long in this life as possible. I pray that one day that I could be so obedient and follow your example.

It is only by your mercy and Krishna's arrangement that I continue in full time service here at my home in New Goloka. Thank you for making me feel needed, loved, cared for, protected, and for giving me shelter. Thank you for allowing me to have close connection with my spiritual brothers, sisters, and the surrounding devotee community.

Once again, Happy Vyasa puja and remember we love ya!

Love,
Your eternal daughter & servant,

Damodara Priya dd
New Goloka, NC

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Please accept our humble obeisance on your lotus feet.

We are here today praying again for your mercy as we celebrate this most auspicious day of your appearance. You are actually the sum total of all the demigods, like sarva deva moyo guru. So by worshiping you on this auspicious day, we are worshiping all of the demigod's, since you are saksad hori. We also worship Krishna by worshiping you.

When Lord Chaitanya told Sanatana Goswami "Krishna is very kind upon you", Sanatan Goswami replied, "I don't know Krishna, I know only that you are my savior." In the same way, we don't know Krishna and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. We only know that you as our eternal master and savior. Krishna is yours and you have the power to deliver Him.

krishna se tomar krishna dite pare tomara sakati acha

Here we are praying to you, 'May attachment to your teaching, mission and example one day awaken in my heart the same attachment to Sri Guru and Kishna that you have.'

Your fallen servants,

*Dayananda das, Satya dd and Jisnu
Dallas, TX*



*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept our obeisances. All glories to you and all glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this very auspicious and happy day for us, we wish you a happy birthday and a happy and jolly celebration of your Vyasa puja day.

We just want to thank you from the depth of our hearts that you kindly accepted us as your disciples and in this way kindly gave to us a nice opportunity to make some real advancement and progress in spiritual life.

As it is said in sastra, that just one moment to have association with Krishna's pure and very advanced devotee, the spiritual soul can become completely enlivened and overwhelmed with the spiritual feelings because of that. This sastric statement we had nicely experienced and realized by Krishna's and your mercy during the last Serbian summer camp. We had the opportunity to have just a short darshan with you because of lack of time and to associate with you then and we realized how powerful this was. We were with you after the darshan, completely enlivened and overwhelmed with the spiritual ecstasy and this was for us the most wonderful moment of many wonderful moments during the last Serbian summer camp. This was such a wonderful and overwhelming spiritual feeling that happened because of having opportunity to have just a short vapu association with you. Thank you Gurudev, for giving to us such a nice experience and for giving so much mercy to us.

We wish and hope to serve you always the best we know and to make you always happy with our services to you, to the devotees, to Srila Prabhupada, and to Lord Krishna.

Your servants,

Dharma das and Bhaktin Marija
Belgrade, Serbia

*nama om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

My dear Spiritual Father and my best friend,

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

On the day of this glorious event of your Vyasa puja 2012, I will be with you in my thoughts and heart. At the same time, we will try to organize a celebration of your Vyasa puja for the devotees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, here in Sarajevo.

I do not know if I will ever really understand what kind of pious activities I did in the past to have this much of your affiliation and support. Again and again whenever I contact you, you are immediately there for me, although you have numerous other duties in the scope of your GBC and guru duties. This personal touch means a lot to me.

Due to your enormous spiritual and material experience, your constant perfect advice regarding our spiritual and family life and our community here in Bosnia and Herzegovina prove to be fruitful, because we feel there is progress. To a large extent, this progress was possible because of your care, prayers and blessings. We are proud to have such a friend on our side day by day.

Thank you for allowing me to be your secretary at the Fruska Goranga Summer Camp for the last three years now. Thank you for wanting me to be with you during your numerous darshans there. This helps me a lot to learn how to properly communicate and cooperate with devotees and people in general, applying empathy and emotional intelligence that you have in abundance.

A few devotees told me that I look like you. Rather because of your character then physically. This is the best compliment I can receive in this life and I am proud of it. However, this also puts a strong responsibility on my shoulders to actually always be proper, just like you. I hope I will become qualified for this compliment.

Thank you for helping Narayan and Kristijan progress nicely in Krishna consciousness. Thank you for all the nice devotional movies you gave them. We all enjoy watching them.

Thank you for blessing Amala Prema devi to receive her second initiation.

There is no way to repay you, but I will try my best to apply all the instructions you gave me and in this way I hope one day I will satisfy you and make you proud of me .

Thank you Gurudev.

Your insignificant servant,

Dhira-prasanta das
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

"Persons who have acted piously in previous lives and in this life and whose sinful actions are completely eradicated are freed from the dualities of delusion, and they engage in My service with determination" (BG. 7.28)

This describe is completely your position, dear Spiritual Master. You appear only because of us, your disciples and other devotees, only that we can have your association. Srila Narottama das Thakur says that devotees should always desire to live in the company of advanced Vaisnavas and to serve the Lord through the parampara system. We have to serve the mission of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu through the instructions of the great goswamis from Vrindavan. That's the activities of devotees. A devotee should not strive for material gain and should not lament under material loss.

Srila Prabhupada said that at night in our dreams we see tigers and snakes, but as soon the dream is broken they are not existing any more. Similarly, the material world is the product of our minds concoctions. We came in to this material world to enjoy in material opulence and in our minds we are creating so many, many objects for enjoyment, because our minds are obsessed with materialistic things, and because of that we are getting different bodies, and we are getting more and more entangled in materialistic concoctions. And that's why we are suffering in the material world. That's why you are the only hope for us dear Spiritual Master, and I am trying to follow you.

I am very sorry that I can't do something personally for you, to serve you personally. The obstacles are many. There is only hope that in the future I will be able to do something for you. I am useless to help you in your mission of spreading the Holy Name, and serving Srila Prabhupada. Everything that I am doing is just crumbles. There is only hope left that I will make progress. Krishna said in BG, that those energy of Mine, which is content of the three modes of material nature is very hard to overcome but those who are surrendered to Me can easily overcome them. From this sloka I can see on which level I am. I am on very low level. I cannot overcome even ordinary things. Krishna says that if we are surrender to Him we can overcome everything. That means that I am not at all surrendered, I am only hoping for your mercy, dear Spiritual Master, that by your mercy I will be saved.

I remember that when I was young I was thinking that person is not changing his opinion, his understanding of the world, God, and everything else. Now I can see how much I am changing and I am changing my understanding every year. My mind is opening up and that's of course with your mercy.

Recently I wanted to know what is written in other puranas and by studying that which was able to me I come to conclusion that Bhagavad Gita, even is there in Mahabharata, is the summum bonum of all the puranas and should be learned by heart. That's why I am trying at least to read BG nicely. I am also trying to learn some other parts of the sastras by heart.

I am sure that if I stay in your company next year, I will change even more. I am thankful to you for your work in KC. I wish that your health will be very good and that you can preach for a long, long time.

Your servant,

Dhironodatta das
Belgrade, Serbia

Dear Gurumaharaj,

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, we are begging you to please accept our most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

Your mind is always engaged in worshipping and serving Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. You are guiding everyone towards the perfection of life you have attained and are simply offering the opportunity for everyone to go back to Godhead, and for this Gurumaharaj, our family is most thankful.

Whatever service we are rendering to Their Lordships is only through your mercy. Please continue directing us by your divine instructions so that we may remain merged in devotional service forever.

Gurumaharaj, we do not have words to thank you with, for the beautiful instructions you have given us, and we hope that by your mercy and with the help of our god-brothers and god-sisters we will be able to remain your servants.

Your servants,

Draupadi devi dasi and Rangatha dasa
Auckland, NZ



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you!

We wish you all the best on your birthday. Thank you for your infinite mercy and refuge, the only way to be rescued from the material world.

We became better people than we were with your help, and on this auspicious day of your appearance, we give you again our word that we'll follow your instructions.

Your servant and eternal disciples,

Gaura das and Taralaksi devi dasi
Ljubljana, Slovenia



Beloved Spiritual Master,

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

Now, since some years have passed since I joined the movement and started to practice how to become established in my original position of eternity, bliss and knowledge, I can see even more how the chance to associate with the bona-fide spiritual master is a very rare opportunity, understanding the complexity of the prolonged existence in the realm of selfish furtive work.

Yes, indeed I feel like a tortoise in the vast ocean that has looked on its surface through a little hole on a piece of wood.

Thank you wholeheartedly for always being there on the other side of the hole in the times of need.

Thank you for being such a wonderful and caring spiritual master.

Your servant,

Gokulendra das
Zagreb, Croatia



Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humblest obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your Divine Grace!

As I meditate on all of Your wonderful qualities, and enumerate all the gifts I've been offered by Your association, a strong, recurring theme strikes me over and over. You are always very affectionate, respectful, and loving with all Your advanced god-brothers and god-sisters. I have had the great fortune just over this past month to observe Your wonderful pastimes with His Holiness Hridayananda Maharaja, and even after 21+ years, your extreme love for Your god-siblings remains the same as I observed when I first came to New Goloka. I distinctly remember being a young "bhakta" in the ashram when Gargamuni Prabhu came to visit. You stopped everything that You were doing just to sit with him and attend his every need. I remember that You personally poured maha water into his cup over and over, since it was a hot day, not allowing him to escape Your jovial exchange until he was completely overwhelmed by Your hospitality. I could visibly see the bliss on his face while in Your presence, enjoying the company of his old friend.

I remember the laughing, intellectual exchanges in which You regularly engaged with Your old friend, His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja. His face always lit up with a huge smile whenever You came to approach Him, and when You brothers embraced, I always thought of that wonderful picture of Krishna and Balarama running arm-over-shoulder in the fields with all the gopas running arm-in-arm behind them.

I think my favorite exchange is when You had given me a message to pass along to His Holiness Radhanatha Maharaja in Los Angeles. When I went to see Maharaja in His room to give him the message, and I told him, "I have a message from my Gurudeva, Srila Bir Krishna Goswami," He became so happy that He forcibly embraced me and said, "You have brought me a message from my VERY dear god-brother. Thank you very much." His love for You was glaringly obvious.

So I can see clearly how much You care for Your god-siblings, and by reciprocation, they love You as well. And here it is, 21 years after noting this, and still I regularly hear Your classes about the enormous importance of cultivating loving exchanges between devotees. You have said that this *dadati prati-granati* is actually what keeps us going in devotional service. And this has been a great lesson for me personally, that I have practical experience that when I do cultivate that loving mood with all the Vaisnavas, I feel happy in Krishna-consciousness, and when my wasp-like mind instead finds fault, I don't feel that happiness.

Thank You, Srila Gurudeva, for showing by Your own ecstatic example how AND why to maintain loving relationships with the devotees.

As always, we beg to remain...

Your tiny servant,

Gopal das
New Goloka, NC

Dear most Srila Gurudeva,

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

I would have to say that as I try to progress on the spiritual path back to the service of the Divine Couple, the way has been paved by your compassion. Each spiritual gesture you make is like a jeweled paving stone put in place to guide us back home, back to Godhead. 100% of your energy is given to serving your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. And that service echoes across the nescience of material existence to bring souls home. So if all of your activities are thus motivated, then each activity - gesture - is an act of devotion. And so I have been extremely blessed by this fully Krishna conscious life that you are. My soul is bathed in these gestures and feels a vast wealth of gratitude to have your association. I pray to be able to follow in your footsteps and offer my heart to others selflessly in Krishna's service.

Specifically in reflecting on the past year I can see certain themes that are starting to reflect in my spiritual life due to your association. Many times you have spoken about taking shelter of the holy names and that as different challenges arise, they are a perfect opportunity to take shelter of the holy names. You've encouraged us to develop an internal life as well. Recently I was working through different avenues to address my many challenges, looking to past circumstances and trying to let go, thus analyzing possible strategies. I had placed many unwanted things in a small box and tied it with a ribbon to keep it sealed.

But then what to do? How to completely destroy it? I realized the only possible way to destroy it completely was through chanting Krishna's holy name. Through your lectures, service and association (directly and indirectly, through your disciples and well-wishers - and even by those that have in fact not been well-wishers by your responses and reactions) the realization has been gifted that if we offer ourselves in affection to the holy names, to Krishna, He will in return offer His affection, protection, realized knowledge, and ultimate shelter. Also the realization that the only real home we have, and in which we can reside and truly be safe, is within the holy names. There is no other shelter.

It is only by the proper link through the bona-fide spiritual master that this is possible. I am gratefully indebted to you and pray to be able to aspire to be a servant at your lotus feet as you serve Srila Prabhupada and the Divine Couple.

Insignificantly,
Your eternally aspiring servant,

Gopi dasi
New Goloka, NC

Dear Srila Gurudev

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

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1)

In Mayapur I got a chance to cook for you
You showed me how it's done and how to offer it too

Carrot, cabbage, broccoli then spinach and tomato
Quinoa and mung dal too, the flame should be small

I put some hing and turmeric and let them boil in water
When they were all ready I mixed them with each other

I added salt, some olive oil and nutritional yeast
After Radha-Kunjabihari you honored the little feast

I appreciated this wonderful service so

2)

One of your first connections to Srila Prabhupada
was through his musician friend Mr. Harrison

He sang the mantra from Prabhupada for your ear to hear
The divine connection through the sound brought you so near

Here Comes the Sun was not an ordinary song
It was about the Supreme Lord and His divine love

Like an electrical device we should be connected
Otherwise there's no spiritual power to be detected

This connection is my most valuable gem

Chorus)

You are an IT age parivrajakacarya, following the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada
Meanwhile I do harinam in the sacred holy dham, in your hands I'm just a pawn, waking up for spiritual dawn

3)

I'll be careful not to deviate from your shelter
Otherwise my spiritual life will go helter-skelter

I'm secure to be attached to your discipleship
Trying to improve and to understand your mood

I wish to continue this for the rest of my life
It opens my valuable side and makes me sublime

If you could one day approve me to Srila Prabhupada

My life would be done, my subtle body dissolved

And my eternal devotion to the Lord will be on

Chorus)

You are an IT age parivrajakacarya, following the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada

Meanwhile I do harinam in the sacred holy dham, in your hands I'm just a pawn, waking up for spiritual dawn

Your approachable character and your gentleman's behavior
inspires me to get over my trouble-making false ego

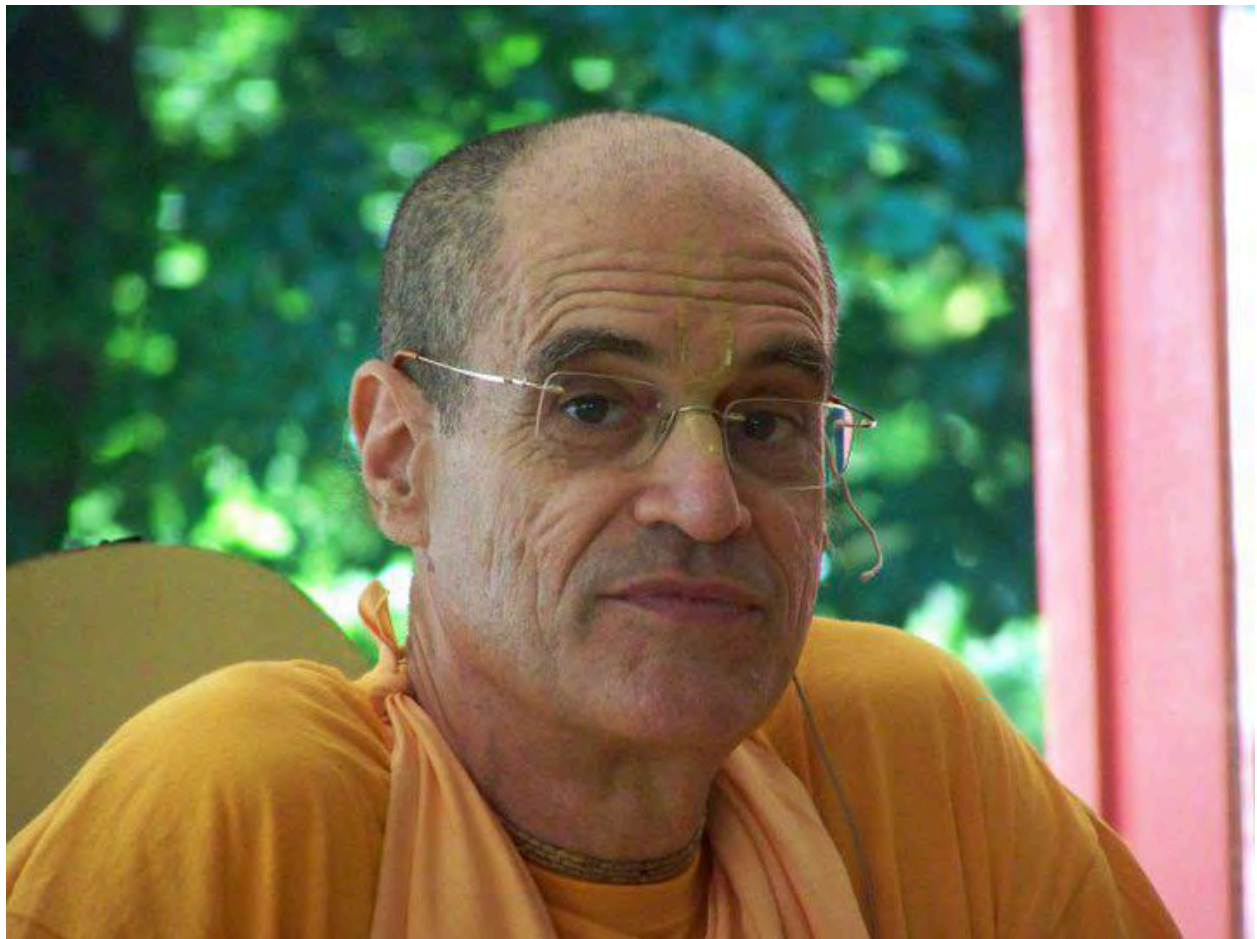
I thank you for your guidance, it's my certified entrance
to see Lord Krishna's lotus face, this is your clairvoyance,

So, how could I ever leave, I'm accepting you 'cause you're everything to me.

Your insignificant servant,

Gopinath das

Vantaa, Finland / Sri Mayapur Dham, India



Hare Krishna.

Far, far away I am.

How long I'll still wait to be able to find you?

For many years I wait for that opportunity.

But you are still in my heart and I can only thank him for helping me in difficult moments. Perhaps you do not know how much you have helped and inspired me in difficult moments in my life, only with your emails.

Thank you.

Please give me your blessings.

Happy birthday. Happy Vyasa-puja.

I sincerely hope that Sri Nrsimhadeva always protect you.

Hare Krishna.

Bir Krishna Maharaj ki jaya.

Jaya, all glories to your Vyasa-puja.

Gourasundar das

BhS, Curitiba, South Brazil



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

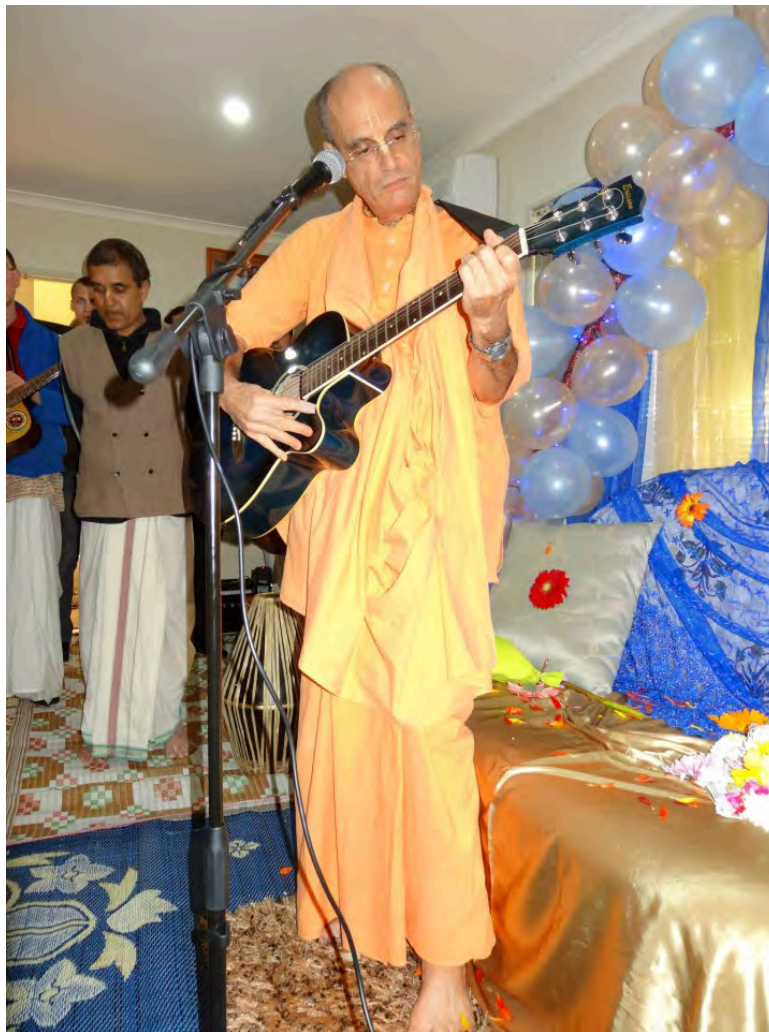
Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

It has been a long time since I have seen you last time back in North Carolina, and I must say I do miss you. Fortunately enough Giriraj is still with me and I pray to Him daily for blessings and guidance.

Sometimes I go online and take a darshan of beautiful Radha Golokananda and I always look for photos of Radha Kunjabihari. I know if They are there then you are there also and that reminds me of so many sweet memories from New Goloka. Somehow or other even though I do not see you as often as before I still feel very connected. You always stressed the importance of chanting and hearing and as I am slowly making my baby steps on the spiritual path, I am also starting to appreciate that more and more. There is nothing as good as good Japa and there is no books equal to Prabhupad's. With those two everything becomes clear just as the sun clears the darkness in the morning after a long night. I hope that some day I will have the good fortune of being with you again, playing our guitars and chanting holy names.

Your servant,

Govinda das
Alachua, FL



Dear Gurudeva,

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

On this blessed day of your appearance day I beg Krishna that I can increase my love and devotion to you. But what does that practically mean? Does that mean to distribute hundreds of books, or to invite hundreds and thousands of people every day, or to stay on the altar for 12 hours every day?

I think that that surrender means to appreciate Krishna and his devotees, surrender means not to make offences; surrender means to do something small but from heart.

I heard in one lecture that the austerity that we have to follow is just to fulfill the orders of the Spiritual Master.

You know me very well and you are so tolerant and patient with me. You always give me such simple and nice instructions, and you have never disappointed me or let me down. I have disappointed you many times but still you haven't rejected me. I bow down and pray for forgiveness once again.

I will try to be a worthy disciple-also to be pure Vasinava, I will try not to blaspheme devotees. I will do that to please you and even though it is not much, this will be my offering to you.

Your insignificant servant,

Guru bhakti dd
Sofia, Bulgaria

*vanca-kalpatarubyas ca krpa-sindhubya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

Todas las glorias a Su Santidad Bir Krishna das Goswami Maharaja! Ki jaya!

!Gurudeva,

Acepteme mis más respetuosas reverencias a sus pies de loto!

En estos tiempos lluviosos. Surgen bellas flores de Loto trascendentales.
Surgen y apariciones extáticas, de mi abuelo transcendental Srila Prabhupada y mi padre espiritual Bir Krishnadas Goswami Maharaja.

Estas bellas flores de loto trascendentales, aunque estén en el estanque más putrefacto se mantienen puras. Así. mis bellos Gurus se mantienen intocables, ante las miserias del mundo material de las modalidades de la ignorancia.

Ofrezco, mis respetuosas reverencias a los pies de loto.
A Srila Prabhupada y a Su Santidad Bir Krishna das Goswami Maharaja.
Por su gran corazón, que derraman misericordia sin causa
este Conocimiento transcendental la Conciencia de Krsna a toda la humanidad.

Ofrezco, mis respetuosa reverencias a los pies de loto.
A Su Santidad Bir Krishna das Maharaja Goswami, porque no distingue géneros, él ve más allá del concepto cuerpo.
Lo honro, por su honestidad y lo glorifico a sus pies de loto! En los tres mundos!
Lo glorifico a sus de pies loto por toda la eternidad!

Por honrar, a Su Maestro Espiritual, Su Divina Gracia A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Ki jaya!

Todas las glorias a Su Santidad Bir Krishna das Maharaja Goswami!
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Yo sigo los pasos de mis gurus, tal vez con torpezas como un bebé que empieza a caminar en el camino de la transcendencia de Radha-Krsna!
Aunque, los tiempos y las circunstancias sean efímeras del mundo material de estas trampas de ilusión maya.

Se que la Suprema Personalidad de Dios Radha-Krsna esta en ISKCON, ISKCON esta en Prabhupada y el vaquerito Prabhupada esta en el corazón de Su Santidad Bir Krishna das Goswami maharaja .

Por favor acepteme mis más repetuosas reverencias a Su Pies de Loto en Su Aparición!

Su sirviente,

Hladini-sakti.dd

México D.F. Templo Mandir Radha-Modhan-Gopal

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

All glories to Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Your Divine Self and your most auspicious Vyasapuja!!!

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble dandavats at your divine lotus feet. On this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja you have showered the merciful rain on us and protected us from the material entanglement. You have guided us like a father. You have been very compassionate to all of us. Maharaj please accept this little offering.

Lord Nrsinghadev protect you and bless you on this auspicious day of your Vyasapuja.

Your Servants,

Jada Bharath das, Sukhanti devi dasi, and Gaura dasi
Nausori, Fiji Islands



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your wish that we, your followers, advance in Krishna consciousness is felt. I feel it. You work hard to find ways to engage us in Krishna's service. You have given decades of instructions. I consider myself very fortunate when I receive your instruction. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to remember even one of your instructions. Instructions like: "Don't chant like a demon, relax and become absorbed," and "Always be reading Krishna's pastimes in Vrindavan".

I can't claim to know your heart, but as you have said many times, you'd rather be in Govardhan. I guess you're not all here when you are here. Devotees here try to keep you happy, and I guess try your best to be happy here, but you cannot because you are missing the intimacy you find there. You often talk about Prabhupada's great sacrifice of leaving Vrindavan to come here, the great sacrifice a pure devotee makes in order to preach.

I myself have not spent much time in Govardhan, nor have I entered into the mood of the residents there. I know that by your mercy one day I will, however. And I will not need to go to the Gaudiya Math or any of such followers to do it. You and Prabhupada will be right there guiding my hand. I do look forward to spending some time with you in Govardhan this winter.

You reciprocate perfectly with devotees. And you always reciprocate, you don't miss a beat. You are strong. You leave everyone in the dust with your ability to walk, speak and travel. I think you're going for Most Frequent Flyer this year. You are master of the senses. You even hide your renunciation in order not to frighten us. But you don't care a fig for any kind of sense gratification and can tolerate any amount of pain as if it were nothing (to please Prabhupada).

Happy Appearance day!

Your servant,

Jagadguru das
New Goloka, NC

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glory to Srila Prabhupada. All glory to Sri Sri Radha-Golokananda. All glory to you on this day of your appearance.

Recently a new, revised version my book, *Divine Love*, was published. Over the years, by the grace of God, I have connected with many spiritually-minded people in our mainstream society. Since making such connections and developing heart-felt relationships, I wished to write in a way that would reach into the hearts of those who are truly seeking to know our Divine Lord Sri Krishna. I hope that by sharing Vedic wisdom in this personal, loving way, we can inspire sincere souls to reignite their loving relationship with God.

Please bless our endeavors however small and flawed they may be. Thank you for your continued service to Srila Prabhupada.
Have a wonderful Vyasa-Puja day!

Always yours in the divine, loving service of the Lord,

Jahnvi dd
Catskill Mountains-New York



Dear Guru Maharaja!

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

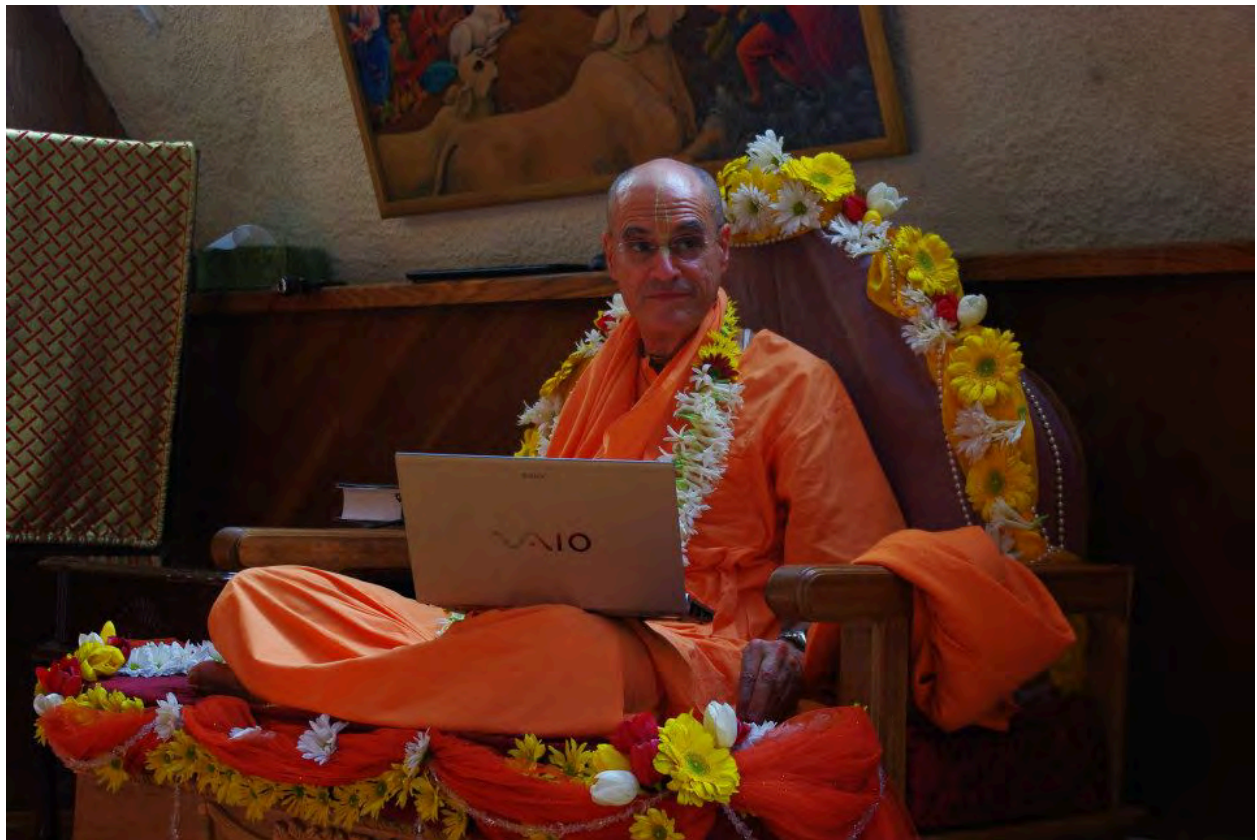
On this most auspicious day I would like to relate a very nice realization I had. It is simple but so nice. Actually, I was in anxiety what to write, so Gokulendra said to me that I should write something from the heart. Well, I thought, let me try to write something from the heart. So I tried that, but no idea came. I tried again, but no idea came. So, I just felt desperate, and in that desperate condition I had some inspiration to feel from the heart how helpless I am, and how the mercy of the spiritual master is everything I am made of. So, I just left my attempt to write and began to chant japa and to my great surprise that chanting was unusually nice. 'O Krsna! How could this be possible?' – I thought... 'what is the reason of such an unexpected mercy?' Well, I know that someone may think on his own, but I am deeply convinced that this feeling within the heart 'that the mercy of the spiritual master is everything I am made of' is for sure connected with the unexpected mercy that came.

'jogyata-vicare kichu nahi pai, tomara karuna – sara...

When I examine myself, I find nothing of value. Your mercy is therefore essential to me.'

Your servant,

Jananivasa das
Zagreb, Croatia



*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

It is with great pleasure that my wife and fellow disciple Jayalalita devi dasi and I send you hearty greetings, well-wishes and our continuing respect and appreciation on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

We have had the great dispensation of being initiated disciples of Your Holiness for a couple of years now and you have always been very inquisitive, supportive and appreciative of any service that we have been able to do by way of preaching; and this continues to inspire us to press forward.

Beyond this I am always keen to observe the best I can (even if remotely) your mood, teaching and practical activities as they relate to practicing Krsna consciousness in this lifetime and try to follow in your footsteps by being independent and self-reliant in spiritual life.

In your lectures you always stress developing internal life and how this makes the ups and downs of life in the material world minute in perception. This sage advice continues to be of great usefulness. You also continue to stress the importance of becoming attached to Krsna's pastimes beyond external duties and circumstances in devotional life which is very helpful to my wife and I, and helps keep Krsna and His name, fame and pastimes on our minds.

Sending best regards and emphasized appreciation to you on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja wherever in the world you might be.

Your servant,

Jatayu dasa & Jayalalita devi dasi
Lexington, SC

Dear Bir Krishna Goswami,

Thank you for your example, it gives strength and faith for the right choice.

Thank you for the strong spiritual care and protection. Thank you for your sense of humor and positivity.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Jayaradhe devi dasi
Tallinn, Estonia



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Happy Vyasapuja!!! Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion, the celebration of your divine appearance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!!

With each passing year, I am ever so grateful for your continued dedication of Srila Prabhupada's movement and Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON. Because of this, I experience love.

I am grateful for your impeccable sadhana and extreme compassion for those of us, such as myself, aspiring to have a desire to have sadhana. This gives me hope.

Year after year you encourage me with your words and actions. In this turbulent world, your love and devotion to Srila Prabhupada has been an unshakable constant for me which gives security.

I am grateful for your friendship, guidance, and love. I am most grateful for you connecting me to the name, form, and pastimes Krishna's Holy Names, especially Sri Govardhana dhama. This gives me an inexpressible gratitude. There is not anything that I can do or offer that would make myself worthy of such a gift.

I pray that I may continue to offer my life to you. I pray that in time my service may become more and more pleasing to you.

Your daughter and servant,

Jayasri dd
New Goloka, NC



Dear Guru Maharaja,

PAMHO on the auspicious day of your appearance. You appeared to give hope to hopeless living entities of this world. You also appeared with transcendental qualities, and you disclose the secret of such qualities to all without discriminating.

You are a friend to all living entities, even a dog who bites your leg, you have prayed for that dog and gave prasadam to the dog. Guru Maharaja I also want to thank you today for protecting my children by giving them Krsna consciousness and getting them married, and also helping my daughter-in-law and my son-in-law and their families and now you're helping my grand-daughter to train in Krsna consciousness by going to Hare Krsna school, which you are arranging to build. You have given us all facilities, and bless us with spiritual life. I am very much indebted to you, I have surrendered unto your lotus feet and I want to sincerely do the service which you have given me.

Your servant,

Jivanath das
Suva, Fiji Islands



Dear Bir Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories To Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.

We are always happy to share our deepest realizations about you on this most auspicious day of your appearance. We are eternally grateful that you have accepted us as your shiksha disciples, and always, in all the circumstances had been there for us. It's very clear to us, and we can never forget that by your causeless mercy you have saved our spiritual lives from deviation many times. With your help and support we hope that the most difficult period is behind us. But we don't want to be only a burden to you. We are longing to become qualified assistants to your mission to Srila Prabhupad and ISKCON. To have more time for chanting, service in the temple, devotee association and organizing the bhakti vriksha. Being entangled in the struggle for existence, it's not really the case for us nowadays. And on this most auspicious day we pray for the mercy, so the conditions can change sooner than later. We long to have a nice balance, but to make our spiritual life priority.

In our experience being more than twenty-one years in ISKCON, we have seen on many occasions how the devotees who are connected with their gurus are very happy and successful in everything, and Krishna takes care of all their needs. And opposite, those who are not, they are always wondering and being miserable, and looks like nothing goes well for them. It's not difficult to guess in which of the two groups we want to belong. We are praying to improve our sadhana, and to follow all the rules as said by guru and shastra.

In this community we got mercy to make many past-life regressions. Some devotees are scornful and doubtful about that, saying what is the importance to know what we had been; it's important what we are going to be. That makes sense, but still we are finding that going back to many past lives is actually very useful for awakening. Because in some of them we were much closer to Krishna, we've been on much higher spiritual position, and somehow out of our desires we are still stinking and rotting here. The deepest realization from those experiences is that it is extremely difficult to get out of this material world. And no matter how hard we try, it will never happen if it is not for the mercy of Guru and Krishna.

Now a few charming lila's with Your Divine Personality:

-More than two years ago, there was a wedding in the temple, and the temple room became very smoky because of the yajna. I was close to you when you started coughing. I did ask you, "Maharaj do you need something", meaning a cup of water or napkin, and you said, "Yes, I need million dollars".

-On the festival of Holi, you were spraying colored water with a big plastic gun. You were very careful not to spray any mataji, but only the boys and the prabhush. But I came near to you and I put some powder color on your back, so your clothes became colored. It made me feel very happy.

-A few years ago, Rangadevi was mercifully distributing your used clothes at the Chrismass party in the white house. She gave me two pieces, one for me and one for my husband, but secretly one by one I stole three more. I thought, now is the chance, who knows when I'm going to get maha clothes from you again. For quite some time I was burning from envy that so many other devotees have your clothes and me and my husband don't have any. One piece I mercifully sent to my sister Kunti.

-Some years ago, you sent me (through the devotees who were coming to our home for my birthday party) the most beautiful chadar, almond color. We will keep it with my husband until we die.

Dearest Bir Krishna Maharaj, on this most auspicious day of your appearance, we beg you for the mercy, so the chanting of the holy name becomes our topmost priority, how you had once mercifully instructed us. And we beg for the blessings to be loving and caring to our family members who are not very inclined to KC, but not to be entangled in their lusty and greedy dreams and games, which can deviate us from our goal to finally go back to Goloka Vrindavan. We love you from the depth of our hearts, and we beg you to never give up on us. Our bond is very, very deep, and in due course of time by Krishna's mercy it will become even deeper.

Your insignificant but thankful disciples,
Kalyan Krt das and Govinda lilamrita dd
New Goloka, NC

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

Your dedication to serving Srila Prabhupada's desires is transcendently inspiring. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva.

Your ability to listen empathically and direct those who fail to meet the proper standards of Vaisnava conduct is exemplary. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva

Your rendering of the message of Bhagavatam is in line with the guru-parampara and thus you guide us on the narrow path of Krishna-bhakti. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva.

Your service to Srila Prabhupada by undergoing the tribulations of serving on the GBC and all the thanklessness that entails is a wonderful expression of love. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva.

Your dhama-seva of building a school at Sri Govardhana for the benefit of the Brajvasis is transcendental care par excellence. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva.

Your love of the Supreme Couple shown by your continuous endeavors of building Vaisnava communities and guiding many aspirants of bhakti on their path of devotion is simply wonderful. Thank you for that gift upon this fallen jiva again and again

May this day be filled with your glories.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Jay Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.

Jay Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari.

Your fallen servant,

Kamsahanta das

Aalborg, Denmark

Dear Gurudev,

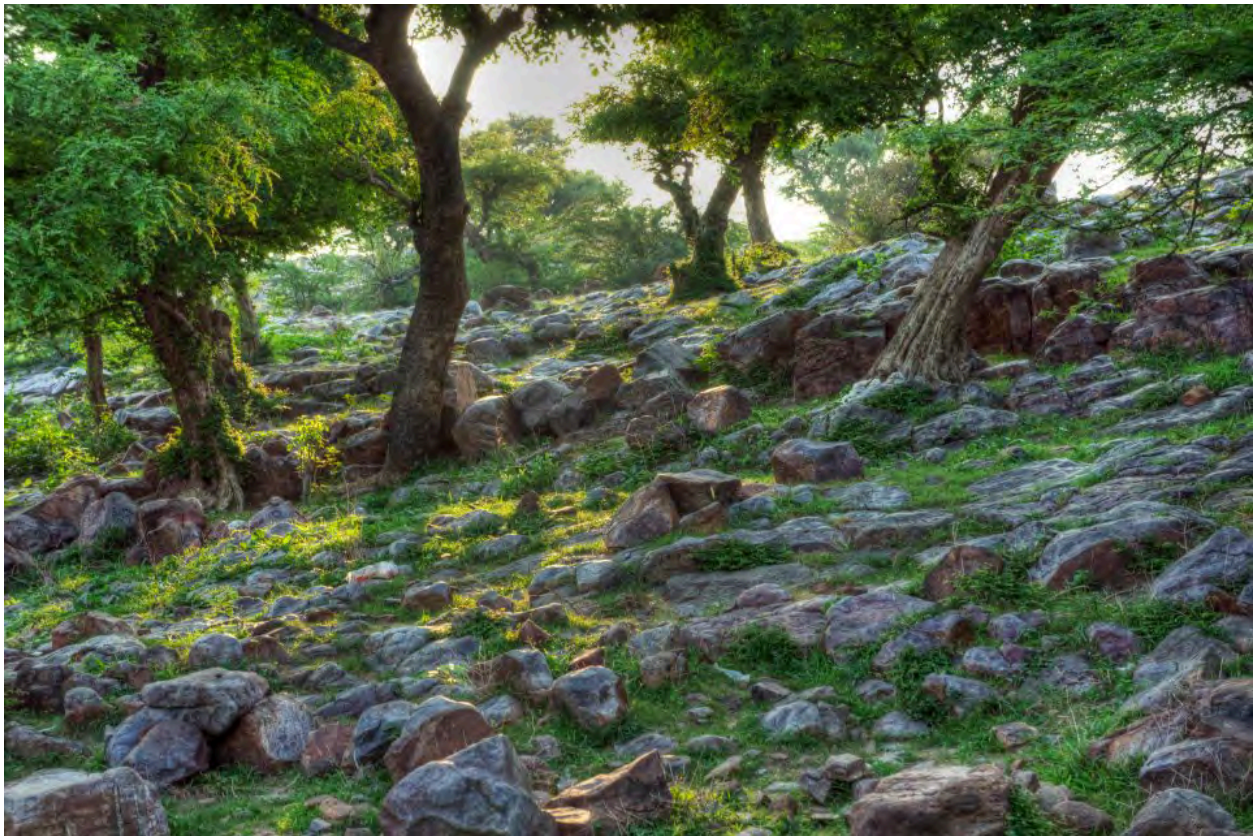
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja.

As I reflect on a particularly difficult and eventful year, I find myself more and more mindful and appreciative of the grace and mercy you've bestowed upon me. I am particularly appreciative of the time you spent with me during my visit to New Goloka. This and your phone call while I was in the hospital are things I will treasure forever.

My only hope is to one day be truly worthy of all you have given me. By your grace, I will continue to strive to make my way back to Krishna.

Wishing you all happiness and success in fulfilling Prabhupad's mission,
Your eternally grateful servant,

Kirtan Rasa das
Dallas, TX



Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to yourself and Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you very much for engaging me in the service of Radha Kund and Giri Govardhan. I am hoping and praying that through your mercy and that of the Divine Couple, things work out well. Please continue to pray and give your mercy towards this project is my prayer to you on this day.

I hope that you celebrate many many more Vyasa pujas with us all.

Your servant,

Kisori dasi

Sunshine Coast, QLD, Australia



Dear Srila Gurudev,

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

Please accept our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your Divine Grace!

We would like to wish you a very happy Vyasa puja, Guru Maharaj. May Krsna's blessing be always with you and good health to carry out the wonderful service you do for Krsna. Thank you so much for accepting such fallen souls like us as your children. Our kind appreciation and thanks to you Gurudev.

Looking forward to serving you, and your association while you are in Auckland. Every visit of yours energizes us to do more in spiritual life. Thank you so much for providing us guidance in our spiritual life. Happy Vyasa Puja Gurudeva!!

Your servants,

Krishna Kirtan das, Jagattarini dd and Vishaka
Auckland, NZ



Dear Srila Guru Dev,

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

Your divine qualities are unlimited. You are traveling all over the world to save the souls by spreading Srila Prabhupada's mission. Your devotion to Sri Sri Radha Golokananda, Sri Sri Giriraj and Sri Sri Kunj Bihari is pure. You are always very jolly and fill the energy to your servants to serve the Deities with enthusiasm. I do not think that you ever went to art school and took any art lesson still you draw the perfect smile for Sri Sri Kunj Bihari that proves that pure devotion is more empowered than any training.

Please bless me that I can have devotion to Sri Sri Giriraj and can paint nicely. Thank you very much for your protection and care to me.

Your servant,

Krishna Priya dasi
New Goloka, NC



Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and to Your Divine Grace.

Recently I listened to a talk given by a yoga instructor. She advised everyone to daily meditate on our identities as souls, divine lights that come to this body and this world from a place far beyond even the heavens. As I meditated on this fact, I felt as if time stopped as I became aware of myself as an eternal being whose rightful nature is love, bliss and knowledge. I suddenly felt so connected to all living entities as I contemplated our common origin and purpose. I thought of the analogy that Srila Prabhupada gives explaining that Krishna is like the sun and we are like the rays of light that emanate from Him. And I thought of you, a "divine light" just like me, but your light uncovered and brilliantly shining for all to see.

I can only imagine the love and connection you must feel toward your disciples and all living beings as a result of your constant devotional service and clear consciousness. We are all like rays of light emanating from the Supreme Lord, but we look to great surrendered servants of the Lord, such as yourself, to be our beacons of light to lead us out from these clouds of darkness. Thank you for letting your light shine, always, Gurudev.

Sincerely,
Your spiritual daughter,

Krishnaa dasi
Boston, MA

SRILA GURUDEV'S VYASA PUJA KI JAI

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

Our Dearest Spiritual Father,

All glories, all glories, all glories to Srila Gurudeva. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
Happy Vyasa puja Srila Gurudeva.

On this most auspicious day of yours Srila Gurudev, please accept our most humble obeisance at your lotus feet again and again. We hope and pray that you are and will remain very well and healthy and keep repeating your spiritual master's (Srila Prabhupada) words and keep saving the fallen souls like us.

Srila Gurudeva, you are one of the heroic devotees of Lord Sri Krishna. Now and then when we are captured by the highwaymen lust, greed and anger and also they bound us with ropes of desire for fame, you kindly defeat our captors and cut the ropes that bind us by your presence and instructions while on your visits to Auckland.

You always enlighten us by your presence and we feel complete and blissful with your association. In every visit of yours (in Auckland) there are always new experiences and lessons learnt that encourage us in our devotional life.

Srila Gurudeva, we really don't know what else to say or to write as you have unlimited wonderful qualities. We just want to say THANK YOU SO MUCH for all you have done for us. Because only through your mercy one receives the benediction of Prema Bhakti of Lord Sri Krishna. We really love you Srila Gurudeva and always pray to Srimati Radharani for you.

Once again Srila Gurudeva Happy Vyasa Puja.

Your fallen children,

*Krishnacandra das
Ratnalekha devi dasi*
Auckland, New Zealand

Dear Bir Krishna Goswami Maharaja,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your service to Srila Prabhupada.

What a joy to write an offering to you. The good feelings rush forward, the zillions of good thoughts of Your Holiness compete for first place. I could write the longest list of your admirable characteristics but it would never do justice to a soul so completely dedicated to his spiritual master. Open up any book that describes the transcendental qualities of a great soul and there you are. But there is something else going on that seems to unite all those qualities and give them a life of their own. It's what happens when one is around you, sees you and listens to you~ it's that you cause others to chant. You inspire us to want that treasure right now and to throw away everything else that is nonsense. You inspire everyone to sing the Holy Name and be really happy. I could just jump for joy when I think of you and of the great fortune of knowing you in this life, and my heart is immensely sad every time I hear that you are traveling away from New Goloka.

There is nothing even close to that quality of causing others to chant, it is astounding. I thank the Lord for you and for how He has empowered you. Please continue to bless us here at New Goloka.

Your servant,

Krishnarati dasi
New Goloka, NC



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

Thank you for the advice and support you have given to our family. I'm glad that you kept in touch with our mother in her last years. It definitely helped her mentally and spiritually.

I also want to thank you for visiting Finland and meeting me while here.
It helped in this difficult time.

I wish you good health in this whole year.
Thank you for being part of our lives!

Hare Krishna,

Bhaktin Kristiina
Helsinki, Finland



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

When I see you here at New Goloka between your travels, your upbeat nature makes seeing you even briefly a good experience. You always remember to ask is everything alright and you still remember your disciples names and situations, even though you have more and more followers. That is very admirable.

On a more personal note I wanted to thank you for all your support in the midst of my material difficulties this past year. Somehow these 2 big losses of mine happened very soon one after another and you were very supportive in your messages during those hard times, thank you so much for that.

Also I want to express my deepest gratitude for giving my mother your association. She truly was blessed by you and Krishna showed her such kindness due to you blessing her by meeting with her and writing with her.

Thank you for everything. I feel blessed to have you as my spiritual father.

Your servant and daughter,

Krsangi dasi
New Goloka, NC



Dear Bir Krishna Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja celebration!

This year I would like to thank you for the seminar you gave at the Serbian Camp, and the way you could bring even my scattered mind to Vrndavana. Thank you for this wonderful experience of hearing, which awakened Krsna's pastimes in our hearts.

Wishing you all the best on your Vyasa-puja day.

Your servant,

Krsna Ragini devi dasi
Romania



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to offer you my respects and glorification on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

How fortunate I am to have been able to have your association and instructions for so many years. Sometimes I think that Krishna must have arranged it that way for he knows that I am very stubborn and slow in spiritual life and require extra mercy to advance in devotional service.

I was reading a verse in the eleventh Canto of the Srimad-Bhagavatam that I felt described your compassionate nature. Canto 11, Ch.7 Text 44

*svacchah prakrtitah snigdho
madhuryas tirtha-bhur nram
munih punaty apam mitram
iksopasparsa-kirtanaih*

"O King, a saintly person is just like water because he is free from all contamination, gentle by nature, and by speaking creates a beautiful vibration like that of flowing water. Just by seeing, touching, or hearing such a saintly person, the living entity is purified, just as one is cleansed by contact with pure water. Thus a saintly person, just like a holy place, purifies all those who contact him because he always chants the glories of the Lord." It is described in the purport that a saintly person purifies all living entities by accepting them as *mitran*, or his personal friends, and saves them from their sinful reaction (*aghat*).

There have been many tests along the way on my path, but your example has always been a strong foundation to keep me under the shelter of Srila Prabhupada. I am very thankful for the protection you have given me. Your steady determination and devotion has been a role model of how to advance in Krishna consciousness. I have come to realize that I am very small and insignificant but somehow or other you have been very kind to me. Thank you for bringing me to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda where all true happiness resides. I pray that Sri Sri Radha Golokananda and Radha Kunjabihari will always protect you, and that all your Krishna conscious dreams come true.

Please forgive me my offenses and allow me to serve you.

Your servant,

Krsnapriya devi dasi
New Goloka, NC

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

Please accept my very humble obeisances unto your blessed lotus feet.

Querido Guru Maharaja,

Por favor reciba usted mis humildes felicitaciones en este día de su vyasa puja, en el cual sus discípulos pueden festejarlo en sus corazones.

Gurudeva a través de sus enseñanzas me ha hecho comprender que conciencia de Krishna es un sentido práctico en la vida, desprovista de todo ritualismo es como llega más rápido la comprensión del supremo y empezamos a desarrollar amor verdadero.

He leído sus blogs y es maravilloso porque puedo entender la mente de mi guru, he escuchado sus canciones y entiendo el amor que ha desarrollado por Krishna, le leído sus libros y veo su compasión para que las jivas se iluminen con las enseñanzas que recibió de Srila Prabhupada, he visto sus fotos en su peregrinar por los lugares sagrados por internet y puedo regocijarme de la pureza que ha logrado en toda su vida, he tenido su maravillosa asociación cuando viene a Mexico para que podamos alcanzar una esperanza de regresar al mundo espiritual y es grandioso saber que de este modo el mismo Krishna se manifiesta a todos sus discípulos.

Sinceramente veo en usted a una gran alma deseosa de servir a Sri Krishna y a su devoto puro Srila Prabhupada y por todo eso considero que usted ha logrado su autorrealización y su ejemplo es total para que podamos liberarnos también y seguir ayudándolo a servir a Srila Prabhupada, que maravilloso es tenerlo como maestro espiritual.

Querido Guru Maharajá, como cada año le oro a Srila Prabhupada, al Señor Caitanya y a Srimate Radharani y al Supremo Señor Krishna para que lo colmen de bendiciones y de salud en este día de su gloriosa aparición y todos los demás días también.

Su muy humilde sirviente,

Kurma das
Mexico City

Todas las glorias a Srila Gurudeva! Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada!

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Por favor acepte mis respetuosas reverencias.

Mi querido Gurudeva es siempre un gusto celebrar el día en que apareció en este mundo todos sus hijos y bienquerientes felices de conmemorar este día.

Al pasar el tiempo uno se va dando cuenta de cuán importante es la relación Guru-Discipulo y como va creciendo el deseo de apegarse más a sus instrucciones y cuán inexperto uno es, me siento feliz y afortunada de que gracias a su compasión usted me haya aceptado en esta gran familia y poder ayudarlo a servir a Srila Prabhupada, no sé cómo corresponder a tan grande muestra de amor por un alma que se encontraba perdida por ahí y se encontró en este gran proceso de Conciencia de Krsna encontrando en usted el refugio buscado para conectarse con Dios, siempre me he preguntado cómo hacer.

Pido a Krsna me revele la forma de servirle adecuadamente dentro de lo que me toca hacer en este mundo.

Sabemos que lo principal y más importante es seguir sus instrucciones y protegerle siguiéndolas eso nos da la garantía del éxito.

Su gran ejemplo siempre está así como la dedicación que nos tiene a quien a tomado como sus hijos, su entrega y disposición de ayudarnos, su tiempo y paciencia que tan inmerecidamente muchas veces desaprovechamos, en mi vida espero dibujar una sonrisa en usted alguna vez haciendo algo que logre complacerle, me inclino una y otra vez ante sus pies de loto que estén siempre dentro mi visión, con amor deseando lo mejor para usted....

Su aspirante a servirle mayor,
Su hija y sirviente,

Lalita Kunda devi dasi
Feliz Vyasa puja!

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

I want to express my appreciation for your time & efforts this year when I had the wonderful opportunity for darshan with you earlier this year. Admittedly the subject matter was rather disheartening but somehow with your Krsna consciousness, balanced views, life experience, kindness, generosity (thanks for the lectures btw.), you have lightened a load off my shoulders and the heavy stone in my heart. Few souls can help people in this way, but you are one of them.

You have inspired many devotees and myself in so many ways. And finally I understand what the raw-food diet is all about! After getting more and more into this and experiencing the benefits, it doesn't seem so 'weird' now! Thanks for your example in this as it has also helped my health improve.

Although you follow your own guidelines in this matter, you never force them on others. This is also the case when you give instruction to your followers. You simply give your own experiences, your own realizations so the listener can digest them easily. This is something to be respected as everyone has to come to their own realization, find their own balance in order to maintain. This is what I like about you. You are so accepting even though we have our faults and weaknesses. You are nothing but exemplary in showing how one should be encouraging, supporting and inspiring. You show by example and this helps us to follow more and more, improving our standards. You teach us in this way. You have taught us in so many things, in so many ways.

Although you are in the sannyas ashram, in ISKCON and insulated somewhat from many of Maya's temptations, you are able to relate to individuals from all walks of life, ashram, age, spiritual level and cultural background. You can empathize with them. This is what makes you such a wonderful preacher in so many areas. While not coming down to a lowly platform, you can put yourself in a position of understanding an individual's mentality and needs- both spiritually and materially. I know from experience that this works Guru Maharaja because you are able to lift me up just by your presence. The hard part is keeping me on that level, however just by remembering you and your encouragement helps. Your instructions keep me going and I want to thank you for that so very much.

Thanks so much for your association, wisdom and again I have to mention mercy upon all us fallen souls. Without you we would be so very lost Guru Maharaja. So very lost. I am sure I am not alone in thinking or expressing this. I am only glad that I have the opportunity to share my appreciation with you on this special day of your appearance.

Your servant,

Lalita-Gopinatha dasi
Aalborg, Denmark

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

How do I properly glorify you on this auspicious day? How do I begin to even manifest language to describe what you provide to my life, let alone find words to properly express gratitude for this undeserving labor of care which you provide to me. It is impossible, but I will try.

Over a decade ago I was searching for guidance in my spiritual life. I prayed to Krsna to provide me with a teacher who would not allow me to be complacent, but rather who would push me to go beyond any threshold I might set for myself, and expand my capacity to love and serve Krsna.

When I began to listen to audio cassettes of your classes I became enlivened. My consciousness was permeated by your words. My mind found relief as they repeated in my head like a commercial jingle of my yesteryears. You were guiding my daily life but were you to be my diksa guru? The answer came to me as I began to understand the high level of accountability you held each of your disciples at. I knew that I wanted that level of responsibility and I knew within my heart that you were the Teacher I had been praying for!

What I did not know was that along with this accountability would come the most amazing personal guidance a spiritual child could ever hope for. Year after year you have never ceased to provide me with just the right instruction for exactly where I am at in my journey.

You are a perfect spiritual father, knowing when to push and when to comfort, and always providing just the right instruction so that I can succeed. Krsna speaks His will for my life through your lips.

I am humbled to have found you, and beyond gracious that you have kept me. Thank you for exemplifying a life given to Krsna. Thank you for guiding me on my path as I attempt to desire to do the same. Thank you for overlooking my continuous offenses and allowing me to continue to be...

Your aspiring servant,

Lila Manjari dd
Portland, OR

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Querido Gurudeva:

Paso otro año y siempre me es difícil escribirle en este día tan especial y le diré por que: cada año me auto evaluó con la esperanza de encontrar avances y veo que no he hecho mucho para avanzar en mi vida espiritual, y que lo único valioso que encuentro siempre es saber que soy su discípula, y agradezco a Krsna por permitirme saborear el néctar de su dulce misericordia, que a pasar de mis muchos defectos y de estar en este enredo de vida material, tengo lo más sublime, y todo gracias a usted, en RathaYatra del DF la madre Malati devi dasi dio unas palabras hermosas en las iniciaciones, que me hicieron recordar mi compromiso con usted, y sobre todo el maravilloso regalo de la primera iniciación, el canto del santo nombre y luego leí en el néctar de la devoción lo siguiente:

“Mi querido Rey, esta palabra Krsna es tan auspiciosa, que cualquiera que cante este santo nombre se libra inmediatamente de las reacciones resultantes de las actividades pecaminosas de muchísimos nacimientos.” Pag. 84

A veces olvido lo importante que es cantar el santo nombre, cuando leí esto en el Néctar de la Devoción entendí porque los maestros espirituales hacen tanto hincapié en que cantemos buenas rondas, lo hacen porque se preocupan por nosotros, por amor.

Me gusta imaginar lo maravilloso que debió de ser para usted conocer a Prabhupada, cada vez que tengo el honor de conocer a uno de sus hermanos espirituales y los escucho hablar de él, me hacen sentir esa sensación contradictoria: molestia porque yo no pude conocerlo en persona y felicidad por todo lo que hizo, incluso por mi, sus libros son la puerta al mundo espiritual y ustedes la mantienen abierta para que nosotros.

Ahora tengo el deseo de aprender más de los pasatiempos de Krsna, pero por sucesos desfavorables en estas semanas, pensé que si yo moría olvidaría todo lo que he leído acerca de él y comprendí porque uno debe desear salir del ciclo de nacimiento y muerte, para no olvidarlo; gracias porque a pasar de que no vivo en un templo, me da la misericordia de verlo en mi vida material y con mis impurezas, usted ha hecho sentir que puedo dejar este cuerpo y decir que valió la pena.

Feliz Vyasa puja Gurudeva!!!!

Su discípula y sirviente eternal,

Lilarati devi dasi
Aguascalientes, México

*namo om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krishna dasa goswamin iti namine
namo hamsa-nikashaya prabhupada-priyaya te
su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

*om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnananjana-shalakaya
chakshur unmilitam yena
tasmai shri-gurave namaha*

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva.

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

Whenever the time of year comes up to write our offerings to you in honor of your appearance day, my immediate tendency is to review the last year in my mind and draw from my experiences with you to ponder what to write about. Funny how the mind wants to rewind instead of move forward. I am constantly working on reconditioning myself to be present now, as Lord Krishna is here now as well.

That being said, I will tell you that I cannot express enough gratitude for the compassion, patience and understanding you have exhibited toward me in the last year. There haven't been too many souls in my life I can trust implicitly. As you say, everyone has expectations or is manipulative to some degree. I feel peaceful and happy that you freely give me your association and guidance without any expectations. You so kindly showed me around your beloved Sri Govardhana soon after granting me *brahmana* initiation in front of Sri-Sri Krishna-Balarama. I am awestruck at how merciful you are to someone as lowly and undeserving as myself.

Going forward, I must remember every day (every minute, actually) to do whatever you wish me to do for you, Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON. Trying in some small way to repay my enormous debt to you is my goal of life.

I am very grateful and feel most fortunate to have taken shelter at your feet. Your steadiness, magnanimity, and compassion are par excellence and give me the perfect example to strive for in this lifetime. Thank you very much for appearing in our midst.

Your humble servant,

Lila-sakti dd
New Goloka, NC

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Gurdeva,

Hare Krsna. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Happy appearance day!

You have completely changed the course of my life and continue to do so. You have secured me in service to the Supreme Lord, Sri Krsna through the glorious mission of Srila Prabhupada, giving me the most blissful life to be had.

You have given me direction and shelter through your instructions and elucidations of Srila Prabhupada's teachings. You make such complex knowledge understandable, practical and even humorous.

In trying to break free of the entanglements of this world, my karma and conditioning, it is only by and through your mercy that this is possible.

Your blessings are tangible. I can perceive how my life shifts toward Krsna consciousness when I follow your direction. Serving you makes my life joyful.

You have our best interest in mind and you are safe, both of which are rare to find in someone within this world.

You are so kind and selfless that you have accepted the responsibility of bringing us home. I can never fully reciprocate with this immense boon or probably even understand the magnitude of it. You have brought me before Krsna and Srila Prabhupada and firmly established that relationship. You make this process of reawakening, this journey home, as easy as can be, yet I struggle with the most basic aspects of regulation in my daily life. On the auspicious day of your appearance I ask for your blessings that I may be more grounded in the daily practice of rising early and chanting Hare Krsna with full attention and love. You set the example which I aspire to follow.

I pray to be an instrument to share all that you give me.

May Lord Nrsimhadeva protect you as you travel in service to Srila Prabhupada.

Your ever aspiring servant,

Lilasuka dasi
Alachua, FL

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to your auspicious appearance day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva, we are really unqualified and we cannot even think of proper words to glorify you or describe Your Holiness on this very auspicious day. Your glories are unlimited and ever increasing.

Srila Gurudeva on each occasion that we have met you ever since you have accepted us fallen souls as your disciple, you are so humble and caring towards all your disciples and other devotees as well. You are just an ocean of mercy.

Gurudeva, please keep showering your causeless mercy upon fallen souls like us so that we can help you fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Please guide us and instruct us to be more humble and caring towards all the devotees. Give us the strength so that we can engage ourselves constantly in the service of devotees, guru and Krishna. Forgive us of our offences and give us the strength to regularly serve and glorify the holy names by offence-less chanting.

Our most humble spiritual master, on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, we pray and seek the blessing of Sri Sri Radha Golokabihari, Sri Sri Sita Ram Laksman, Bhakta Hanuman and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai to shower Their blessing on to you and keep you in good health so that you are able to bless us and also fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

Please once again accept our humble obeisances onto the dust of your lotus feet.

HAPPY VYASA PUJA! Srila Gurudeva ki jay! Srila Prabhupada ki jay!

Hare Krsna

Your most fallen servants,

Madan Gopal das and Nayika devi dasi
ISKCON Suva, Fiji Islands

Radha Raman das and Seva Priya devi dasi
Auckland, NZ

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You have helped me in many ways over the years. I deeply appreciate all of those ways.

I think the important thing now to do is to specifically and exactly understand what those ways have been. We are all getting older including me. As old age approaches, it is a time for reflection and analyzing one's life for deeper self-understanding.

As you well remember, I arrived in New Goloka and met you after having joined ISKCON three or four years earlier and having gone through the fall down of my first initiating guru while I was in the Detroit temple. I had begun chanting even before joining in Detroit, upon reading Bhagavad-Gita As It Is and observing that it was truth and that Prabhupada said we should chant the Hare Krishna maha mantra. Therefore I had already begun my spiritual life under Prabhupada's instructions. When I was initiated by that first guru, I was inspired by him to serve Lord Caitanya by preaching, and having lost that guru I was struggling to continue serving Lord Caitanya, for the sake of Prabhupada. All this before I met you.

Therefore it would not be historically accurate to say that you saved me from the darkness of ignorance and started my spiritual life, but it would be accurate to say that you saved me from weakness and floundering, and set me on my feet again and propelled me further along my devotional path. In fact, you saved me in that way not once but twice more when life had overwhelmed me (life outside the support of the temple) and I was not making it through my rounds. I still wanted to chant all my rounds and sought your personal support, which you freely gave. I appreciate that very much.

You also consistently give a wonderful example of sadhana.

You also answered many questions, and took trouble to encourage me in further studies of certain Vaisnava writings.

Even more: You have been a father figure to me and many others. Now, I know a "father figure" is a material, psychological function in general, but when done in devotional service it becomes a spiritual thing. And, it is immensely supportive in troubled times. Learning to be a devotee in itself qualifies as troubled times, and add to that all the specific personal and social problems going on, and it is wonderful to have a head of the devotee family protecting the members, giving that sense of belonging and security that supports devotional life. I still feel that family relationship between us, and it is good to know it is there.

Thank you for all the help and support over the years.

Your servant,

Madhava Priya
Montague, MI

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Gurudeva,

I should write a few sentences in your glory, but how, when they cannot perceive these limited senses and realize what you do in the material world. My mind is just in the process of training and education in order to serve and worship Gurudev, Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. So I can only say something briefly about what I figured hanging occasionally with you in these past few years.

Infinitely merciful, because anyone who asks you to give refuge to his eternal family. Advice, training and sharing the blessings bestowed worldwide. My experience is that you are very happy and perfectly teach from devotees in many fields. Of course this is a priceless treasure cannot pay anything. But still engaging in various activities in yours and Srila Prabhupada's mission, trying to give back a small portion of the debt to you and to all those who through the ages carried this eternal knowledge.

Every time we met, you gave me some blessings and some simple instructions that I would not waver on the spiritual path. You give mercy to your disciples, just as the supreme father. It seems even greater obligation not to trick your trust.

The spiritual path is not so easy but with thee things occur spontaneously and automatically. There is not a cramp or frustration if you follow your instructions. But if I speculate something, as recently occurred to me, I get a little warning.

Every year, I realize you're my eternal well-wisher, and therefore I promise that I will keep increasing the service for you and your mission and with more service will probably grow with love and respect for you. Till now I was just a servant, but eternity is ahead of us and I do not give up.

Your servant,

*Madhavananda das...*eternally grateful student.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear Srila Guru Maharaja,

All glories all glories at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Please kindly accept our most humble dandavat pranama at the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious and transcendental occasion of your Vyasa puja for the year 2012.

Srila Guru Maharaja, you are situated cent per cent within the core of our heart and you are remembered twenty-four hours by us. You are the ONLY, best and humble Guru Maharaja in this material world for us. We understand that you are the representative of Krsna. Your merciful visits to our residence sanctifies our environment and destroys all miscreants. So we are most fortunate to have your kind association which has strengthened our Krsna consciousness.

In Bhagavata-gita (4.34) the Supreme Personality of Godhead recommends:

*tad viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyant te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him SUBMISSIVELY and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth."

Srila Guru Maharaja, we consider that this is the most important sloka in the whole Bhagavad-gita, because without the mercy of guru no one can approach or surrender to Krsna. Without your kind mercy we will never be successful in Krsna consciousness.

Finally, all my family members wish you a very happy and prosperous Vyasa puja 2012.

Your most fallen servants,

Madhumangala dasa and Lolaksih devi dasi and family
Brisbane, Australia

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

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

I wish you happy birthday and good health, so you can lead us on our spiritual path. I am not a person of big words. It is difficult for me to express with words, but it's much more easy to express myself with acts. I'm not writing you many, but what I'm writing I wish you from my heart. Thank you for everything you do for me.

Your servant,

Madri devi dasi
Zagreb, Croatia



Dearest Gurudeva,

Happy Vyasa puja day.

Thanks for giving me another chance to glorify you on this very special day. Gurudeva, your divine appearance in this material world signifies your compassion towards fallen conditioned souls like me. This is one of the many good qualities I admire the most. To me, this clearly reflects your absorption of Srila Prabhupada's mood and his mission to save conditioned souls by taking them back home, back to godhead. Just to please Srila Prabhupada, you are taking so much trouble at this age, travelling across the globe and reminding us of our real identity and our eternal relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna.

Gurudeva, personally you have touched us very deeply, when you named my daughter Saranam. Saranam means surrender, or to take shelter. I get reminded to surrender and take shelter of Srila Prabhupada and Krishna whenever we call her by the name. You have made it even simpler for us to remember our primary duty. We are, and will always remain greatly indebted to you for such inspirations in Krishna consciousness.

On this auspicious day, we pray at the divine lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Golokabihari and Nkrshima Deva to protect you from all obstacles and give you good health so that you can keep coming to Fiji and provide your divine association.

Your most insignificant servants,

Mahaprabhu das

Bhaktin Saranam Sadhvi Deo

Suva - Fiji Islands

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my respectful obeisance! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I apologize in advance, because this may not be an adequate offering. Just now, I'm editing EC book, so it's quite hard for me to concentrate on writing VP offering to you. My wish is to offer you "Empathic Communication" book on your Vyasa Puja day. That will be my offering. All I can say now is thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for giving me a chance to serve you. You know that means a lot to me.

Thank you for being so kind to Mario and me, it seems that you always have time to talk to us and any of your disciples or well-wishers. I can see and learn from your example, how to deepen relationships with others- by listening. Thank you for listening to all my worries, nonsense and plans for the future, so far. I'll try to become more Krishna consciousness so we can speak more about Krishna, not me :)

Thank you for being my well-wisher, I can perceive that you really are. That's making me fearless in a way, knowing there is hope for me, that I have your support on my way to Krishna. And, thank you for being you! I don't want to sound sentimental, but I'll dare to say, I love you just the way you are. That's what keeps me going... like you said, faith is not enough.

Your servant,

Manjari Gopi dd
Zagreb, Croatia



Hare Krsna !!!

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!!
On this day, I want to say to you Thank You for being here!!!

Your disciple,

Manmohini dd
England



Dear Guru Deva,

*namo om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krishna dasa goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa-nikashaya prabhupada-priyaya te
su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

NITAI GAURANGA

Thank you for being here for us & for always being available via e-mail.

We are all very fortunate. Thank you for always encouraging us towards being more Krishna conscious & towards preaching. For myself, your encouragement to get everyone to chant the wonderful merciful holy names of Lord Gauranga has been pivotal in my continued campaign.

I am also very grateful for your encouragement, by example, in connection with healthy eating. Following a diet similar to yours has made an enormous difference to me. I feel better & this leads me to feel happier & more confident so I can get more people to chant. In fact I am thinking of retraining to become a Naturopath. That way one day I may be able to move to Goloka to be near you & perhaps be financially able to support myself.

I have a clue that Lord Krishna loves me because He took me to your lotus feet.

May my desire to serve and please you always remain with me.

May you always be pleased with me & offer me your blessings.

Praying for your well-being,

Manoharini Radha devi dasi

Leeds, West Yorkshire, UK

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

Of all the physicians that have come along, you have truly distinguished yourself being the true spiritual physician that Krsna has sent to heal the spiritually ill such as myself. You have truly given the only real panacea for all of life's diseases, namely forgetfulness of Krsna! You have administered the medicine of the Holy Names and have given generous doses of life giving nectar by making it so much sweeter to come back to Krsna.

Please never allow me to exhibit any independence and never allow me to lose this most precious spiritual gift that you have so mercifully given me. I am eternally indebted to you!

Aspiring to be the servant of your servant!

Markandeya Rsi dasa
Albany, OH



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Once again, we offer you our warmest thanks on this special day. Thank you very much for your help in critical times, especially in times of bewilderment. Another good thing we really admire about you, is that you never give up, like if we depend on ordinary people, at times of difficulty they give up. Despite that we give you headache, still you care about us. Fit or unfit, you always consider us and said chant more and you shall benefit.

We are lovers of money, unthankful lovers of ourselves, disloyal, having no natural affection. But Srila Gurudeva you always thanked us whenever you received something and showed a lot of affection not only to us, but to all devotees. You are a true lover of Krishna and your spiritual master, and we rather, are lovers of pleasure. Please forgive us.

THANK YOU,

Mayapur das and Family
Fiji Islands



Dear Gurudeva,

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

Thank you for being so kind to us all these years. We are proud, useless and envious, and always attacked by other proud, useless and envious people. I think we are your most fortunate disciples. Life gave us a lemon but due to your mercy we have been fortunate enough to be your caretakers in the most auspicious place in the whole universe. Being allowed to live in Govardhana and perform ongoing service at Radha Kunda is surely a sign of the greatest mercy being benedicted.

I admire how even though so many people try to bring you down, you still just smile and chant, and give benedictions to everyone.
You are amazing!

Your servant life after life,

Mayapurcandra das
Sri Mayapur Dham, India



Hare Krishna.

All glories to Sri Gauranga and Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus like feet Gurudeva.

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

On this most auspicious day I feel very blessed. It has been a little more than a year since my initiation. And from day one I could feel the mercy of that blessing. It's like a whole new space has opened for me to explore by the mercy of your presence in my life. But at the same time life seems to be more complicated as it is the most beneficial when single-focused. I can see it from your example. It's like you have opened a whole new space for me and said: "Now you find the way. You have all the blessings from me and previous acaryas. I will be there for you." But the path you have already walked is not the easiest one. That is what makes it so special. Your determination and compassion for us and the other perfections of life are the outcome of that great path. You have passed all the tests and gained what we all hope for.

Please bless me with similar determination and wisdom because I have yet to learn how to crow and what to say about walking. And yet I have already come to obstacles that seem impregnable. Thank you for showing so much will and interest in my life.

I hope to one day be worthy of that privilege.

In attempt to become your servant,

Nanda tanuja das
Zagreb, Croatia.

My Dear Spiritual Father,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On your Vyasa puja day I wish to thank you for being such a loving and caring father for your disciples. Many of us are quite fragile and wounded when coming to Krishna consciousness after long contact with the material energy. Throughout the years I have seen you giving a lot of time and energy to your disciples when they have needed that most, never counting the resources. In your position I would have been deeply disappointed so many times, when not seeing any immediate result after all that hard work. In you I only see deep trust that nothing done for Krishna is ever wasted or lost.

I am praying to learn from your patience when facing shortcomings both in others and in myself, and an attitude of appreciation for whatever little service or sign of advancement there is.

Your daughter and servant,

Nandarani devi dasi
Finland



My dear Gurudev!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

The dead line has passed many times so I will try and see if I can catch this one!

Everything around us are also dead save and except for Guru, Krishna, and the devotees. Otherwise nothing is alive in this world. It's more like ending up in a horror movie with walking dead bodies in it.

But we are not left alone in this world. Guru, Krishna and the essence of the Vedic scriptures, Srimad Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam, Sri Caitanya Caritamritam and so many, many more books are there brought to us by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada!

Without his mercy you my dear Gurudev wouldn't be here to instruct us all how to surrender our life and soul to Krishna, neither would any of us be here either to receive the mercy from you.

It's all about mercy and compassion from the liberated souls that we can go back home back to Godhead, Krishna and be reinstated in our original position by the process of devotional service and thereby attain the stage of svarupa-siddhi- perfection of our constitutional position.

And the process is so easy that even a dog and hog or any animal can take part in it. Just by hearing the holy name Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare from the lotus lips and mouth of an eternally liberated soul gives one love of Krishna, mad love for Krishna and it is impossible to sit still. The body and legs start to dance out of their own accord. And the jiva starts to sing Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

So please continue to give us, and everyone else in this world your compassion and mercy forever and ever.

Your servant forever and ever,

Nandini devi dasi
Sodertalje, Sweden

Srila Bir Krishna Goswami,

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

In Alachua, on the day of Ekadashi, in front of Sri Sri Radhe Shyam, I was lamenting. I did not get a chance to interact with you over last 2 years. At that very moment, Lilasuka came and said, did you send your offering? I realized, I am fortunate enough to be able to offer you this message. It is sheer fortune. I miss your funny Vyasa puja day drama, wisdom and care that you shared and a very important Darshan I had with you in North Carolina. I pray that I get to learn from you, I get to see you again. I hope I can register for one of your workshops. I hope to be able to get association with you and your disciples in North Carolina. All glories to your service. Thank you for all you do.

Thank You Very Much,
Your servant,

Nandini Kishori devi dasi
Alachua, FL



Happy birthday Gurudeva!

Your presence in my life and the life of others is precious!

Wishing you a wonderful birthday and an auspicious year ahead.

With love,

Narahari (Lilasuka's sister)
Austin, TX



*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

Hare Krsna Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our most respectful humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. This is the most fortunate moment in our lives to glorify you, our only true well-wisher in this material world. It is not possible for us to realize our spiritual nature without fully surrendering unto your lotus feet. As Lord Krsna says, *mad bhaktya puja adhika*, "worship my pure devotee more than me."

We got little opportunities to serve your lotus feet in Fiji. But due to Guru/Vaisnava aparadha we lost that opportunity. We are lost in maya, too busy gratifying our senses in NZ. But deep in heart we know that there is no other way to realize our spiritual nature & realize Krsna on our own effort. We definitely need your special mercy so that we can have the opportunity to serve your lotus feet again.

We don't want to lose this chance of the human form of life to get free from the ocean of repeated birth & death. We might get a human form in the next life but maya will be there again & there is 100% chance of forgetting our real goal of life which is to fully surrender to you & Krsna.

Please help us & bless us so that we will also get *vairagya* & *vidya*. Only then can we also spread the Hare Krsna maha mantra in every town & village- this is the only devotional activity to get the attention of Krsna. Lord Krsna is full in all opulence's & He is served by 1000's & millions of Laksmi's. So our insignificant worship has no effect on Him

Therefore we urgently need your special mercy so that we can assist you in spreading the Hare Krsna mantra all over the world. We pray, may Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar & Laddu Gopal give you a very long healthy life spreading Krsna consciousness.

Hare Krsna.

Your most fallen servants,

Nar-Narayan das
Utkant Wati Radha devi dasi
Rotorua, New Zealand.

Dear Srila Bir Krishna Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On the auspicious day of your appearance, we pray to Lord Krishna to bestow His mercy upon you, so that you will be able to lead many people to the spiritual and devotional path and to free themselves from the cycle of birth and death. Your dedication and persistent preaching in places all over the globe to spread the glories of Lord Krishna are truly exemplary. You travel to far places like Fiji simply to spread Krishna consciousness. You also undertake programs to help build homes for people in poverty in the Brindavan area.

The only hope, that can save people from the evil effects of the age of Kali, is to take shelter of a guru like you who has completely dedicated his life to spreading Krishna consciousness.

We are very fortunate to have you as our spiritual master. Many a time we have observed that by the power of your eloquent expression of the message of Lord Krishna, people including first time listeners, get inspired, become very attached to Lord Krishna, and begin chanting the Hare Krishna mahamantra-
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare.
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Very sincerely yours,

Narottama das (Chakrapani Basavaraju)
Gaithersburg, MD



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

Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet on this most glorious day of your merciful appearance.

Today is such an auspicious day and it is no coincidence that you have appeared on the most auspicious day of Sri Ekadasi, the dear most day of Lord Hari. As Ekadasi is very dear to Lord Hari, so are you. Sri Krishna is so merciful to have sent you to deliver fallen souls like myself from this material world.

Gurudeva, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Srila Prabhupada for having a son like yourself, who is a great stalwart in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. Like Srila Prabhupada, you also are the embodiment of Krishna kripa.

I would like to thank you for being a loving and caring father. Your guidance and teaching has helped me gradually advance in devotional service. As I am growing older, I am able to slowly understand your mood. I pray at your lotus feet for your blessing so that I may be able to fully understand your mood and help you serve Srila Prabhupada's movement.

Gurudeva, I would like to thank you for being so affectionate towards me. You have always been so loving and caring, and earlier this year when I was Sri Dham Vrindavan you personally took me for Sri Giri Govardhan parikrama and showed me all the important places of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna's divine lila around Govardhan.

Year after year my indebtedness towards you becomes bigger and bigger and I do not know how I will be able to repay this debt. Gurudeva, inspired by your compassion and love towards serving Brajbasis, I would like to help you serve the Brajbasis. Please be merciful upon me and bless me so that I can be of some service to you and the Vaisnavas.

Gurudeva, please instruct me and engage me in Lord Krishna's divine service so that I may be able to get rid of my anarthas. I pray to Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihari to bless you with a long healthy life of spreading the glories of the holy names in every town and village.

Yours willing servant,

Nila Madhava das
Sydney, Australia

My Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to you on your Vyasa puja!!

Through the changing times, the one constant presence in our lives is yours. When times are tough, we look to you for advice. After a wonderful achievement, we talk to you eagerly of our success. We reminiscence of all the times we spent with you and look forward to making new memories. There are so many things to say thank you for. Thank you for accepting us as your servants, for gracing us with your visits, for guiding us towards Sri Sri Radhe Shyamsundar. Your lectures inspire us and your examples encourage us to follow your words. Without a guru, there is no hope for people like us. We pray that you continue to bless us with your guidance, so that we can learn to love Sri Radhe Shyamsundar unconditionally.

Your humble servants,

Nimesh and Anuradha dd.
Auckland, New Zealand



Dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I wish you a very happy appearance day. Thank you very much for your guidance and for connecting us to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! I am very happy I was so lucky in this lifetime to get in touch with such a pure soul like you and can follow your example. I will do my very best to be a good disciple and to please you in any way, even though I am still far-far away from being a pure devotee. Please forgive me kindly if I have ever committed any offenses against you. By your mercy I came to the point of wanting to fully surrender to Krishna and hope to never deviate from this path.

Your servant,

Nitya Tripta devi dasi
Ulm, Germany



My dear Gurudev!

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

In these Vrndavan days, which I am spending with your blessings, doing service in Sandipani Muni School, I am very satisfied that I can do something for the mission of Srila Prabhupada, and something with which you Gurudev will be pleased. I am aware of my limits, but desire is important.

I remember our previous last darshan at Govardhan, when a lot remained in my memory of what you have said. It especially impressed me that you said: "The more time passes, I just realize, that I just want to serve Srila Prabhupada life after life. Only this." Oh Krsna! This was such a good and strong message for me! I was thinking a lot about this sentence of yours... Thank you Gurudev!

Because of you, I tried to know more about your beloved Govardhan, and I was impressed, when doing parikram, in Purushottam month, on the full moon day, for the first time I met and saw Sri Govardhan in a different way - wonderful, mystical and magnificent. I was in bliss, experiencing that, what is again and again leading you there for darshan with Sri Giriraj.

Dear Guru, I am very happy for your Vyasa puja! Please accept this modest offering of mine. I feel blessed that you are here between us, and that we, your disciples have opportunity to learn from you and to serve you. Please forgive me for my imperfections. I wish to be more qualified in the future, so that you become satisfied with my effort that I am investing in Krsna consciousness. Dear Gurudev, please always remain approachable and personal with us who depend on your mercy and blessings.

I wish that this day of your appearance is very happy and wonderful, and that you always have the shelter of the dust of Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet.

Jaya Srila Gurudeva!
Jaya Sri Govardhan!
Jaya Sri Vrndavan dham!
Jaya Sri Sri Radhe-Syam!

Your servant,

Nitya-gehini devi dasi
Sri Vrindavan Dham, India

My Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada & all glories to you.

I have been your disciple since 2005 and have found the following qualities in your personality which I adore very much which also match the descriptions of a pure devotee as explained by Lord Caitanya to Sanatan Goswami.

1. You are fully devoted to the transcendental loving service of the Lord
2. You have developed all the godly qualities.
3. You are always kind to everyone.
4. Your interest is in the essence of life, which is spiritual.
5. You are equal to everyone, and no one can find fault in you.
6. Your magnanimous mind is always fresh and clean and devoid of material obsessions.
7. You are benefactor to all living entities
8. You are peaceful and always surrendered to Krishna.
9. You have no material desires.
10. You are very humble and fixed in your purpose.
11. You are victorious over the six material qualities such as lust and anger, and you do not eat more than you need.
12. You are always sane and are respectful to others.
13. You are grave, merciful, friendly, poetic, and an expert in Krishna consciousness just like Srila Prabhupada
14. You are always tolerant and merciful.
15. You are a friend to all living entities, and you have no enemies.
16. You are peaceful, and you possess all good qualities.
17. You are completely dependent upon Krishna

I am so fortunate that I have gotten an opportunity to serve a great soul like yourself since it has opened the path to liberation for me.

Simply by associating with a great devotee like you one can become Krishna conscious. Indeed, to develop love of Godhead, the association of holy devotees like yourself is needed.

The path of advancement in spiritual life opens for anyone who comes in contact with a holy man like you, and by following the path, one is sure to develop Krishna consciousness in full devotional service.

A moment of association with you is the most valuable thing in my life, for that moment opens the path of advancement in my spiritual life and hearing about Krishna from you becomes pleasing to my ear and satisfies my heart.

I pray to Krishna to always protect you since you are travelling all over the world to spread the Holy Names.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja I would like to wish you all the very best and thank you for reclaiming fallen souls like us.

Also please note I have been in the Krishna consciousness movement for the last 8 years but have not done anything to make you proud hence I beg at your lotus feet to please kindly engage me in your service so I can make you a proud father.

Your servants,
Nityananda das

Also please accept obeisance from my wife Nartaki dasi and my son Raghunath Gopal das
Suva, Fiji

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day!

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt gratitude for all the dedicated years of unalloyed service you have rendered to Srila Prabhupada. You have selflessly and enthusiastically devoted your life to spreading the Krishna consciousness movement and the divine teachings of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

We are neither able to properly express our full appreciation nor are we qualified to convey anything more than to humbly submit that whatever good fortune we have in this life is due only to the fact that you have graciously accepted this wretch as your disciple.

We pray for your causeless blessings that someday we will be eligible to fit the position as the servant of your disciples. For this joyous day of your appearance we wish you the very best of health and ask that you kindly remember those that are unable to share in the celebrations of your impeccable and sublime life.

Thank you again for being my spiritual master, my guide, my friend and my ever well-wisher.

Jaya Sri Sri Radha-Golokananda!

Your insignificant servant,

Nityananda dasa
Perth, Western Australia



*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. Srila Prabhupad ki jay. Srila Gurudev ki jay...

Happy Appearance Day!!

On this most auspicious day, we all wish you the very best and pray for your good health. Whenever you came to Fiji, you always showered your blessings unto us and we look forward to your next visit to Fiji.

Maharaj, you have always been very tolerant and humble with us and you chose to risk your spiritual life and accepted us, the most fallen souls as your disciples. We will never be able to repay you this indebtedness in several lifetimes.

Maharaj, we only pray that we always remain in your service so that our life becomes successful. We beg for your blessings to chant the mahamantra in a very pure way to counter the influence of Maya devi in our life.

What we admire the most about you is how humble you are and even if senior devotees in Fiji do not give you the desired respect, you still tolerate and never give up to lead the Fiji yatra. You are no doubt one of the most exalted sannyasis in ISKCON.

We beg to remain the servant of your servant forever

Hare Krishna Maharaj.

das anudas,

*Pandu das adhikari
Kunti devi dasi
Bhakta Prishneel
Bhakta Krishnal*

Nadi, Fiji

*namo om vishnu padaya krishna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krishna dasa goswamin iti namine
namo hamsa-nikashaya prabhupada-priyaya te
su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Happy appearance day!!!! Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja!

Oh dear most servant of Sri Giriraj Govardhan!

Sixty-three years ago, on this auspicious day, you made your appearance, being among the first western born members of the disciplic succession coming from the Supreme Lord Krishna. Dedicating your entire life to your dear most spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, following by not only preaching, but actually living his instructions, you made his mission your life and soul.

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

"In the revealed scriptures it is declared that the spiritual master should be worshiped like the Supreme Personality of Godhead and this injunction is obeyed by pure devotees of the Lord. The spiritual master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Thus let us offer our respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of our spiritual master."

You revealed a secret to us. When you joined the Hare Krishna movement, you realized that the Hare Krishna mantra was your real friend. A friend who is with you twenty-four hours a day, so you can always take shelter. You taught that the Hare Krishna mantra does not appear simply by chanting with the lips, moving the vocal cords, but one has to chant with one's heart. One has to hear with one's heart. Taking this instruction to our hearts we pray to follow these instructions.

*acaryam mam vijaniyan navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyasuyeta sarva-deva mayoguruh*

"One should understand the spiritual master to be as good as I am," said the Blessed Lord. "Nobody should be jealous of the spiritual master or think of him as an ordinary man, because the spiritual master is the sum total of all demigods." That is, the *acarya* has been identified with God Himself. He has nothing to do with the affairs of this mundane world. He appears before us to reveal the light of the *Vedas* and to bestow upon us the blessing of full-fledged freedom, after which we should hanker at every step of our life's journey.

You have appeared to make a change. Make a revolutionary change in society. You said, "Srila Prabhupada had a vision not just to have one temple, two temples or society, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, but to have a revolution in the whole world. Not the one of revolutions that we experience today in different countries... but a real revolution is the revolution in consciousness, to change the society. And we are part of that revolutionary force. Think about it like that. That was Prabhupada's vision." This is your vision to fulfill the desire of your spiritual master, Lord Caitanya and the Supreme Lord, to spread love of Godhead throughout the world!

Oh dear most servant of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda! Humbly taking shelter of your instructions, we beg to assist you in your vision. We beg to be instrumental in your mission! Please allow us to serve you. Please accept us in your service.

Your servants,

Param das, Gaura Mani, Kishori, Kanaiya and Radhe
Sri Vrindavan Dham, India

Dear Gurudeva,

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

A spiritual master is the most important person in the life of a devotee, as he connects him to guru parampara; as he is Lord Krishna's direct representative, non-different from the Lord Himself. He is the shelter, he is the guide of a disciple, the one who can take us by the hand and bring us home, if we have a burning, genuine wish and attitude.

Due to our conditioning, our material wishes we cannot see Krishna, we cannot approach Him directly, hear in our hearts His answers on our questions, talk to Him, although He is there in our hearts. Out of love and compassion to His beloved devotees, He comes to us in the form of a bona fide spiritual master, hears us through his ears, sees us through his pure eyes, talks and shows us the path to Himself through him.

I would so much like to have that realization. I would so much like to have realized how important the spiritual master, you are in my life. I take it for granted that you are always here, that whenever I need something I can approach you and cannot even grasp my great fortune by having the right vision of you. Due to lack of that vision and knowledge I neglect that precious and important relationship I have in my life.

And where can this bring me? What can I attain by neglecting that relationship? In front of me is the ocean of love, care, beauty and whatever I always wished for myself and I do not recognize it. Like a blind person I search and search all around and wait and wait that one day I attain real love and happiness, Krishna prema and eternal pure devotional service to His sweet lotus feet, although I have heard many times that it is only possible by satisfying His representative through surrender and service!

Please Gurudeva, I beg you to bless this unfortunate servant of yours with clear vision of you, so that she can take full advantage of this relationship by serving you with love and devotion.

Wishing you a long, healthy life and a wonderful Vyasa-puja celebration,

I remain your humble servant,

Paramesvari Radha dd
Serbia

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

My dearest spiritual father, Srila Bir Krishna Goswami Gurudeva,

All glories, all glories to you Srila Gurudeva. Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to your most auspicious appearance day.

My merciful Srila Gurudeva, you have appeared in this material world only to deliver the fallen souls like us. You have brought the transcendental message of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai to this age of Kali so that most fallen souls like us can get a chance to practice Krishna consciousness. You have always set examples yourself how to become perfect in Krishna consciousness.

I am really indebted to you and thank you very much for your guidance upon us from the time you have accepted us as your disciples in Krishna consciousness. I beg for your further mercy to give us the strength and shelter of your lotus feet so that we can serve Krishna more sincerely and the devotees.

On this auspicious day, we pray to Their Lordships Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, Sri Sri Radha Golokabihari and Sri Sri Sita Ram Laksman Bhakta Hanuman to keep you in good health so that you can fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada

Oh Gurudeva! Please bless us and guide us in our spiritual advancement. Please help us to do offence-less chanting

Srila Gurudeva Vyasa puja mahaotsava ki jai!

Your most fallen devotees,

Partha das
Vrsabhanu Nandani devi dasi
ISKCON SUVA
Fiji Islands

Dear Gurudev,

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

At this auspicious time of your appearance day, I would like to express my gratitude for the merciful guidance and care that you have shown me through all these years. Thank you for being so tolerant and so forgiving, despite all my faults and all the mistakes that I have made in my attempts to serve you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you, despite my disqualifications. Thank you for always being there for me, whenever I needed your advice and support.

I remember that you said how you wanted to hear in the Vyasa puja offering how you have enriched someone's life, and not just lofty words of praise. This year something very special has happened in my life and I am thankful to you beyond my ability to express it. You told me to go to Vrindavan and do my bhakti satri course there. "You will be a different person, when you come back!" you said. I was a bit afraid, because I am not qualified to reside there for so long, but since you wanted me to go there, I felt confident that it will be good for me. Now I am in the middle of the course in Vrindavan and I am so happy! It is the best time of my life, being in the holy dhama in the association of wonderful Vaisnavas and just getting absorbed in chanting, hearing and studying the scriptures. The sweetness of the Deities, the devotees, the dhama is touching my heart and I believe there is some chance that it can soften a little.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity!

I hope to reciprocate with your kindness when I come back and serve you with increased enthusiasm, patience and confidence so that this time you actually may be pleased with my service.

Your servant,

Prema manjari dasi

New Goloka, North Carolina

My dear Srila Gurudeva!

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

On this auspicious day I would like to wish you all the best and say HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Thank you for your endless patience, mercy and understanding. I consider myself honored to be your disciple.

Please stay healthy.

Your servant,

Prithi dasi
Ljubljana, Slovenia



*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

¡Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada!
¡Todas las glorias a usted Gurudeva!

Por favor acepte mis humildes reverencias a sus pies de loto en este día tan auspicioso pues una gran alma ha hecho su aparición; permítame felicitarle gurudeva y que lo tengamos muchos más años con nosotros .

Soy incompetente mi querido Gurudeva para poder decir alguna oración adecuada; solo quiero agradecerle el haberme aceptado bajo su guía.

Usted es tan bondadoso gurudeva que se siente complacido con nosotros si llevamos a cabo sus instrucciones, como cantar 16 rondas diarias y seguir los cuatro principios regulativos. Ya que las almas liberadas solo les interesa el bienestar de los demás, por eso se siempre se les ve predicando las glorias del Señor Supremo, tratando de que más almas se unan al movimiento del Señor Chaitanya cantando los santos nombres de Krishna.

En ninguna otra forma de vida se tiene la oportunidad de lograr un avance espiritual, asociación e instrucciones de almas liberadas como usted gurudeva, además de tener una lengua humana para cantar los santos nombres de Krishna, tenemos todas las condiciones propicias para regresar al hogar de vuelta a Dios ; le pido humildemente sus bendiciones y el polvo de sus pies de loto y así que mi vida no sea en vano.

Me postro a sus benditos pies de loto.

Su insignificante sirviente,

Prithu Dasa
México

All glories to His Divine Grace Bir Krishna Goswami.
Please accept humble obeisances. All glories for your Vyasa-puja day.

All glories for the nectar you are given to our era so we can cross the oceans of material life of birth and death and enter into the Kingdom of Krishna one day.

Your servant,

Pundarika das
Denmark



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humblest obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Happy Appearance Day! I always enjoy Vyasa puja because it brings you so much honor! Your life is a great gift to me and many others, and we are very fortunate to have you. And with so few examples like you in the world, we need you more than ever. So let this time be a time of great celebration and joy for us all.

As I reflect back on the year I think of many things: my visits to see you and talk with you; the trials and tribulations of religious work; the completion of my long anticipated doctoral program; my continuation and deliberation in spiritual practice; my preaching ministry and its effects. The good news is that you have always been there for me, supporting me, guiding me, instructing me, and cheering me on. What a tremendous gift to have. And to me the most important thing of all is to know I am always welcome at your feet.

In my life no greater blessing has been bestowed upon me than the gift of my guru. While it may not be true that you need me, I certainly know I need you. And the amazing thing is in knowing that all of what you do is an act of grace. I constantly dwell in the fact that your grace is my redemption. Not of anything that I have done, only what Krishna has done through you.

So thank you for your teaching- through word and deed- how I can be the best I can be. My great fortune has been your association, and every minute I am with you is pure joy. You are my best friend.

As always, allow me to beg your pardon for any and all offenses. I know I still have a lot to learn about discipleship. So thank you for being a friend and spiritual guide to me. And in the meanwhile I ask for your continued protection and care, and that you continue to show me what I must do to be pleasing to you and Krishna.

Your servant,

Ramachandra das
North Carolina

Hare Krishna.

Dear Sri Sri Sri His Divine Grace, Tridandi Goswami Srila Bir Krishna Goswami Maharaj:

All glories to Sri Radha-Golokananda, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, and all Vaishnava acaryas.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances to my spiritual master, Srila Bir Krishna Goswami Maharaj, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

I am very happy to submit this short statement of appreciation on the auspicious occasion of your appearance day. We appreciate your dedicated service to Lord Radha-Golokananda. We thank you for your spiritual guidance to me and all of my family members. Please accept our respectful obeisances. We are very happy that you are kindly preaching Gaudiya Vaishnava devotional philosophy and spreading the message of Lord Caitanya for delivering many devotees.

We are deeply indebted to you for imparting Sri Krishna philosophy so that we are able to make good progress on the path of Krishna consciousness. Our visit to New Goloka has always been very enlightening because of your dedicated service to Lord Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani. We appreciate your hard work in taking care of many aspects of temple administration and preaching and traveling responsibilities.

We thank you for your dedicated service to Lord Radha-Golokananda and for providing excellent spiritual guidance to many disciples. By your mercy, we are able to progress spiritually.

We commend you and your sincere efforts in spreading the message of Lord Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. May Lord Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani shower their mercy and support your goal of spreading the Hari Nama sankirtan in the whole world. My family members and I offer our humble and respectful congratulations and best wishes to you on this happy occasion of your appearance day. We all wish you unlimited spiritual happiness, good health, and divine enlightenment. Hari Bol.

Your disciple and humble servants,

Ramanuja das (Sekhara Rao Basavaraju) and Suvarna Latha Basavaraju and family
Greensboro, NC

My dear spiritual father, Srila Gurudeva,

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

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

This year I did not get to make my offering to Srila Prabhupada on his Appearance Day. I really longed to share my realization with you, Srila Gurudeva, so I will include it here. On Janmastami day I witnessed Krishna's pastime of arranging more flowers to be donated to the temple, than could factually be used. I had the great fortune of helping to make the flower outfit for Sri-Sri Radha-Golokananda that was offered at midnight. While engaging in this very intimate service to the Deities, I recalled reading in the Lilamrita how Srila Prabhupada's father used to say "God has ten hands. If He wants to take away from you, with two hands how much can you protest? And when He wants to give to you with ten hands, then with your two hands how much can you take?" (Srila Prabhupada Lilamrita, Vol.1 pg.7) This deluge of beautiful flowers on the temple on Janmastami day seemed like a blessing showered by the Lord's ten hands, and Krishna became very real to me in this moment.

When it was almost time for the midnight arati, the devotees were intensely chanting kirtan, feverish for the darshan of Radha-Golokananda in Their new outfit. I was standing in the back of the temple room, anxiously watching the clock, swept up in the collective mood of longing to see the Lord. When the curtains finally opened, it would be hopeless for me to see the Deities over the heads of the crowd. Suddenly I realized that I was standing right next to the murti of Srila Prabhupada. There were no obstructions, no distance between myself and Srila Prabhupada. I offered a prayer to Srila Prabhupada "My dear Srila Prabhupada, please give me the eyes to see Krishna. When the curtains open, what will I see? Only by hearing from you can I factually see the Lord." Whatever I am able to perceive of the divine reality of Radha and Krishna is a result of having heard from Srila Prabhupada. Every realization that I have, every service that I render, every speck of bliss that I taste, is a result, either directly or indirectly, of having heard from Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Gurudeva, your pranam mantra says that you "are very dear to Srila Prabhupada because you are repeating his instructions with great faith and determination." My dear father, you have so many glorious qualities, yet I think your most singular quality is the chastity and faith with which you live by Srila Prabhupada's instructions. In your Vyasa puja offering to Srila Prabhupada this year you wrote, "I pray that you give me the ability and intelligence to facilitate devotees in establishing a profound relationship with you."

I felt very satisfied to hear your prayer because I can say with certainty that this past year has been a time of exponential growth in my appreciation for and relationship with His Divine Grace. Every day I am more convinced that I want Srila Prabhupada to introduce me to "his Krishna." I want to see not any version of God, but the Krishna that will be revealed by hearing faithfully from Srila Prabhupada. Srila Gurudeva, you have worked tirelessly to help me come to this point in my spiritual life, and I have full faith that you will continue to do your part to help me achieve unwavering service to Srila Prabhupada and his mission. My deepest prayer on this day is that I will now do my part to follow you faithfully without deviation. Please, please help me to become humble and loyal so that one day I will truly be able to call myself a servant of a servant of Srila Prabhupada.

Your daughter and aspiring servant,

Rangadevi dasi
New Goloka, NC

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you and your divine name! All glories to you on this all-auspicious day!!!

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

You are giving us an example of the perfect life, of perfect service to your spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. You devote your life for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. You assist Their pastimes in this material universe. Your personality belongs to the spiritual world. You know what everybody needs and kindly teach us what is the best.

You are kindly forgiving me my mistakes day after day and keep dragging me out of the chains of the material world. Thank you for the patience and love that you give unconditionally to me and everyone else around! All my friends know about your kindness and mercy and I am extremely happy to be in the shadow of your lotus feet. I really want to serve you humbly without causing trouble. I will always try my best to be the kind of devotee that you would like me to be.

Please don't ever stop giving me your mercy as you have always done!
ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya
And let me always try to propagate your glories!

Your eternal servant,

Rangini dd
Riga, Latvia



*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Todas las glorias a Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudev en este dia de su Vyasa puja le deseo toda la felicidad del mundo espiritual, que los semidioses hagan llover flores hacia usted.

Me encuentro muy feliz porque se que usted es muy querido por Srila Prabhupada y Krishna Baghavan.

Este dia es muy especial para todo el universo ya que gracias ala entrega y devocion de una gran alma como usted puede ayudar a tantasalmas confundidas como yo.

Le agradezco de todo corazon tanta bondad y misericordia hacia mi familia y a mi.

Todos los dias lo recuerdo con gran felicidad alegria asicomo es usted, lo quiero con todo el corazon.

!!!!HARE KRISHNA FELIZ DIA!!!!

Su dicipulo,

Rasa vihari dasa

Leon Guanajuato Mexico



Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your Holiness!

"O learned one, in this iron age of Kali men have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky, and, above all, always disturbed." (SB 1.1.10)

In Kali yuga, people always have the tendency to quarrel for silly petty things and get disturbed etc. In such a fallen age, people really require a way of hope, where they can be peaceful & cheerful in their lives. Srila Prabhupada undoubtedly has given a ray of light to follow Him, gradually making one eligible to cross over this ocean of nescience. Your Holiness is an example for purely following that ray of light.

Your life is an example for the cheerful followers of Srila Prabhupada. You are giving us the gift of increasing faith in Krishna consciousness by your determination to follow Srila Prabhupada's instructions.

You give us hope by your example. You give us hope by your soothing words. You give us hope that the world does have purpose. You give us hope that Krishna is our Supreme and best friend. You give us hope by exposing the faults of this materialistic world. You give us hope that the human spirit can be reformed through the process of bhakti. You are a very good spiritual musician making everyone drown in the ecstasy of Krishna consciousness.

You are diving deep in the floods of Krishna Prema like the sharks dive deep in the ocean. The Lord likes to wear such shark shaped earrings because of His pure devotees who are representing those sharks.

We humbly pray at your lotus feet to bless us to push on this sankirtan movement of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu by which we can make our lives perfect & other's lives too.

Thank you very much Maharaj!

Hare Krishna!

Your humble servants,

Revati Raman das and devotees of ISKCON-TIRUPATI
ISKCON Tirupati

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bir krsna das gosvamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namaste sarasvati deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Hare Krsna. Please accept my most unworthy dandvat pranamas unto your divine lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Narrations describing Krsna and his pure devotees can only be properly written by realized souls. Therefore, I am completely disqualified to write anything describing your transcendental qualities. My mind and senses are contaminated by material desire, and therefore I cannot properly see or describe anything spiritual. I am always thinking in a materialistic way, so I am at a great loss when I have to write something spiritual about a completely spiritual personality. But it is my duty, therefore I am doing it. Even though I am materialistic and absorbed in the bodily concept of life, I know that if I remain dutiful and faithful to you, someday I will become somewhat pure.

You are like the sun which can go into a dirty place and purify it. There is no place more dirty than my heart, but my only hope is that I can remain faithful to your perfect instructions and be uplifted. In my attempt to become a devotee of Lord Krsna I have fallen far short. So I am begging for your blessings that I can come to understand the responsibility in being your disciple and become fully engaged in your service.

Please I beg you, accept this useless offering. All glories! All glories! All glories unto you.

Srila Gurudeva Vyasa-puja Ki Jai!

Yours most useless servant,

Rohinisuta dasa
Suva, Fiji

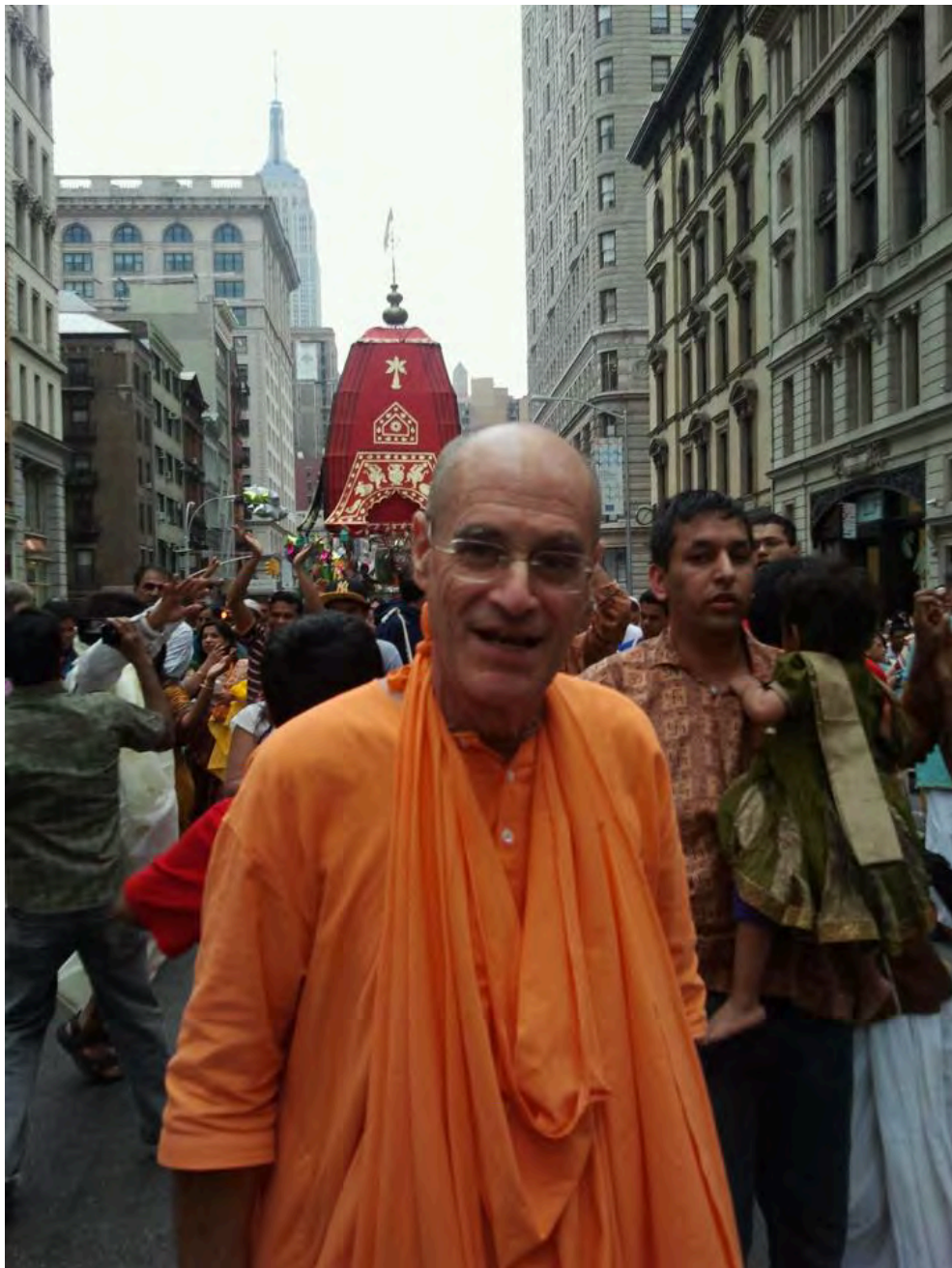
My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I wish you a very Happy Appearance Day. You have always helped me, guided me at every step of my life – I am very thankful to you. I always need your blessings.

Your servant,

Sadhvi dd
Auckland, New Zealand



Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances. All glory to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you and the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord.

On your Vyasa puja it is important to take time to remember how your devotion and dedication provide shelter and solace from the blazing fire of material life. Your kind and gentle spirit allow so many of us to find hope and peace in a world severely lacking in both.

Krsna's mercy is all around us and you give us the vision to see that, the vision to make it a reality for others. This is true life. A life based on loving God and giving that love to others. Thank you Gurudev for all that you do...for coming here to this world to help mitigate the suffering of the living entities.

This world is comprised of so many systems of cruelty. Thank you for giving us the strength to fight for what is right and just. You are courageous and wonderful and we are all so grateful for you.

Happy Vyasa puja and here is to 50 more years of service to your lotus feet!

Hare Krsna! Jaya Radhe!

Your teeny daughter,

Saranam dasi
USA



Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances, in the dust of your lotus feet.

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Some time ago I heard Srila Prabhupada saying: "You have to find out a bona-fide spiritual master, otherwise if you get Guru and he teaches you something wrong, your whole life is spoiled." I was often thinking, how lucky I am, now this is Kali yuga it is not easy, to find a bona-fide guru. But I met you and you took care of me and by your mercy my life is not spoiled.

I cannot say specific, what instructions you have given to me, but whatever you told me I found that in Srila Prabhupada's books later on. You opened my eyes to some understanding, what I could not understand even after trying to practice Krishna consciousness for so many years before I met you. I wrote you so many letters. I was confused and by your answer you pulled me out of my problems one after another. You often told me: "just take shelter in chanting". I feel so happy doing that, just to let it go and feel so free. I don't have to worry about all these things, what is not in my hand to change anyway.

Just at the beginning, many years ago you told me to serve the Deities, to go on the altar. I was unable to do it, due to the circumstances. Many years later, now I can do it and once again I feel that my life is changed. Being with the Deities 3 times a week, I am very happy. The Deities are so sweet. It is only by your mercy, that I can do it.

And I listen to your readings about the pastimes of Radha and Krishna. I became addicted to listen and I am thinking: "What more do I want, this is the spiritual world. You are already there, and you give it to me." What a matchless gift. I am deeply indebted to you and hope I can serve you and help you in your mission.

You also told me many years ago to preach, but I am not qualified. When I see how you preach, you understand what to say and how to help someone just at the right time. You understand everything what is good for that individual soul and you know how to help. I am so far away from that. But like a small little drop out of the ocean I want to develop some good qualities. I beg for your mercy, to understand you and be able to do the right thing.

Your insignificant servant,

Saumyarupa dd
Korsnas Gard, Sweden

My dearest Gurudeva,

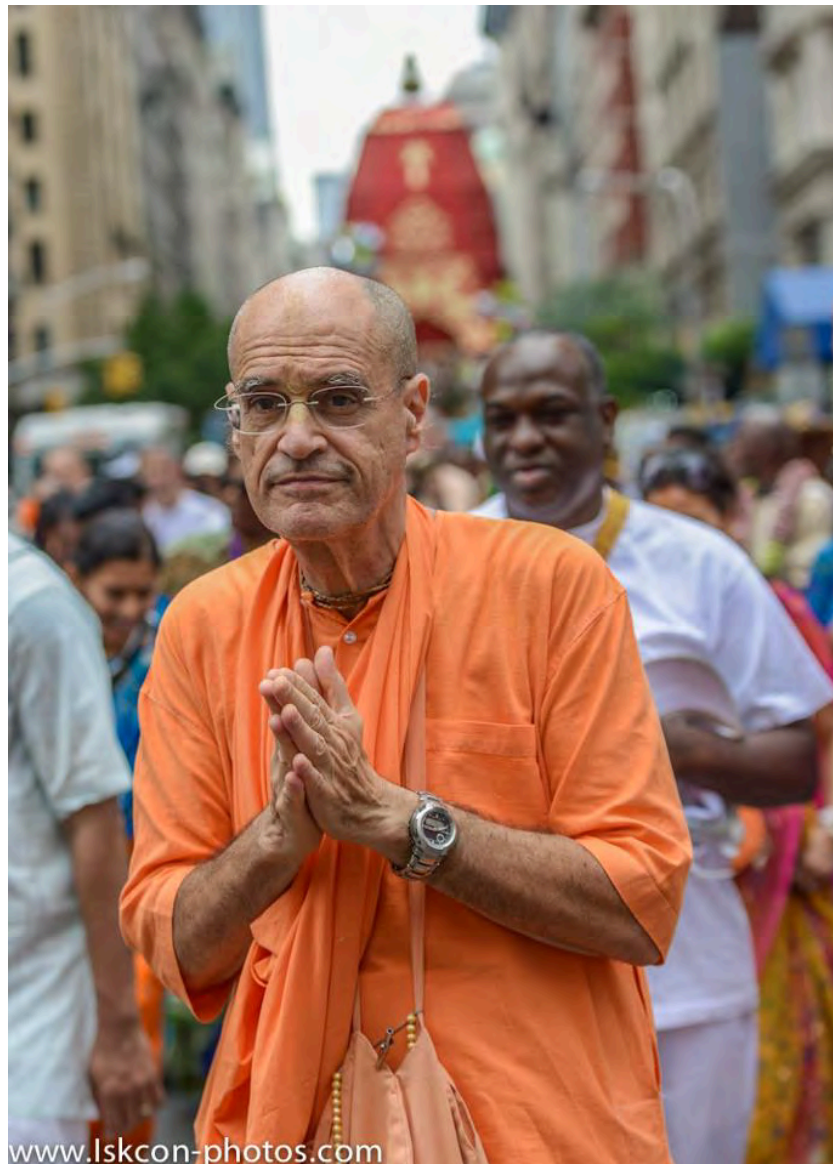
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you and to Srila Prabhupada!

There are no words to describe the great impact you have on my life. In the midst of greatest turmoil you never stopped believing in me and were always there. You are like a big, friendly mountain, strong, steady, and kind.

Simply by you giving such a great example in all respects and always giving mercy, so much has changed for us. I want to thank you endlessly for this, and for everything you are doing for us and for the whole world!

Ever yours with love and service,
Your daughter,

Sita
Germany



Dearest Guru Maharaj,

It is such a wonderful day on your Vyasa pooja, that the Supreme Lord Krishna has brought you in this world to save so many of the fallen souls.

Thank you Gurudeva, for being there for me in times of need. Your guidance is like Lord Krishna's guidance.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam in the 8th Canto I have read that when the Super Soul wants to meet you, He comes in the form of Guru. So your instructions are like the instructions of Lord Krishna. This depends on how surrendered are the disciples to understand the mood of the guru.

Have a joyful Vyasa pooja Gurudeva.

Your lowly & fallen disciple,

Sumukha das
Fiji



My dearest Gurudev,

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

As my journey to Vrindavan is coming to a close, and as I pondered for months now on what I can offer to you in this letter, I realized how my desire to write something appropriate for your Vyasa puja is connected to my pilgrimage... Namely, how could I ever even dream of going to Vrindavan again, had you not called me and inspired me to come to Mayapur, the South Indian tour, and Vrindavan with you and the devotees 5 years ago?! If you had not given me courage and faith for my journey to Vrindavan then, I probably would not be as blessed as I am now when I meditate on the days I will hopefully spend in Braja again!

I was only 18 years old the first time I went to Braja, and it truly was the biggest life changing event I have had. I was so happy there; finally there was a place I felt I belong to, finally I saw Radha-Syamasundar to whom I could offer my life, and finally I found THE driving force in my spiritual life which inspires me daily and helps me purify my heart from all the nonsense inside - finally I found Vrindavan, the real shelter.

My whole spiritual life rests on my exchanges with saintly devotees, and my experience of Vrindavan. Since the time you took me to Vrindavan, my heart has received so much faith and inspiration in devotional service. I truly believe and see how fortunate I was being in your association and serving you on that journey; it simply carries me through my days and the many ups and downs even now.

You opened the doors of Vrindavan to me and in this way you have given me so much more than I am able to express in written words. But I treasure this special gift of yours in my heart. And as the years go by I become more and more stunned with how much spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and purpose of life you have given me.

Though I know that I am only a beginner in devotional service, I rest assured that with yours and Srila Prabhupada's guidance and example I can find the sweetest inspiration to continue on this journey to eternity. Just today I read an excerpt from Srila Prabhupada, who said the following to an interviewer:
"The real importance is how to develop your love of Kṛṣṇa." (Conversations and walks, 1969)

So often it is hard to focus my attention on Krishna, as there are a million other thoughts on my mind. But, on one of the Govardhan retreats, one speaker explained that staying in Vrindavan is so powerful and beneficial that Vrindavan, being non-different from Krishna, can do something which is otherwise almost impossible for the conditioned soul to do on its own- Vrindavan transforms our material desires into desires to develop love of Radha-Krishna. I found this very inspiring because this was my experience for many years now - being in Vrindavan gives so much shelter, so much faith and spiritual strength, and transforms the materially diseased desires which keep us bound in this world. Moreover, as developing love for Krishna is the most important goal of our lives, you have been one of the biggest supporters for me on this journey.

In this offering I tried to express with few words the simple truth that without your prayers, blessings and guidance I would have been a very lost soul. But I hope that my attempt to glorify your kindness and compassion has been achieved at least a little bit... After all, how can I express in mere written words the amount of gratitude I feel for you, and how can I express in poorly written words the appreciation I feel having you in my life?! I can only pray that my service to you will speak louder than any written letter!

Dear Gurudev, please continue guiding me! Please continue praying for me! I have no other chance left but to be your jolly servant... Please accept my small aspirations to serve you. I sincerely wish to please you with everything I do in my life!

I am looking forward to seeing you in Vrindavan soon again :)

Your little servant and grateful daughter,
Syama Sakhi devi dasi

"I think the ultimate goal of life is to attain even a small amount of love for the land of Vrindavan, which is opulent with the spiritual pastimes of Sri Sri Radha-Murlimanohara's lotus feet."

-Prabhodananda Sarasvati

*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev,

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday and a very Happy Vyasa Puja!

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

Thank you for all your mercy and for all your blessings. Thank you for your guidance and for your support. Thank you for accepting me, a fallen soul as your disciple; for the countless times you have rescued me from harm, yes - I am still standing, thank you for your kindness.

I don't know of anyone more compassionate than you, thank you for your mercy, Gurudev. I liked your home visit very much. It was really funny too. Please come again and again...and again.

I pray to Lord Krishna that He makes this arrangement all the time, one way or another :) Oh and I am having the best time reading all the books and listening to Srila Prabhupadas lectures. I am so happy to have them.

Did I ever tell you that you are the best, Gurudev? You are!!! I am so blessed to have you in my life. What would I do without you? I couldn't possibly have seen Lord Krishna if it hadn't been for you. You mean the world to me and so much, much more. A million thanks to Sri Radha Golokananda for giving us all, such a dear and special Gurudev.

Jai Gurudeva! Hare Krishna!

With obesiances,
Your humble servant,

Syamapriya devi dasi
Sydney, Australia

Dear Guru Maharaj!

You are always in my heart and on my mind. I know that and you know that. This is only important.

Your daughter,

Taruni dd
Serbia



My dearest Gurudeva,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.

I always feel that your Vyasa-puja not only gives me the opportunity to wish you heartfelt good wishes but also the opportunity to reflect upon my relationship with you, my Spiritual Father and Master.

I am most fortunate that Krsna guided me to your lotus feet. Your vast knowledge on numerous subjects, your practical and common sense advice to problems within material life, your steadfastness, and your wonderful sense of humor further endear you to me.

So on your Vyasa-puja and throughout the year, I pray that Krsna will bless you with good health and remove all impediments to allow you to do what you do best: spread love of Krsna.

Your most fallen servant,

Tota-Gopinatha dasa
New Goloka, NC



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my obeisances on this most auspicious day of your appearance. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada said "Spiritual master's qualification is he's trying his BEST to deliver the soul from these clutches of maya. That is a GREAT service. Therefore he is VERY DEAR. One who is chanting or executing devotional service for his personal benefit and one who is trying to deliver others for others' benefit, there is difference." Delhi, September 2, 1976.

I wanted to combine the above quote from Srila Prabhupada with a quote from one of your classes Srila Gurudeva as follows, "If we have a bona fide spiritual master, we may not be aware of how much he cares about us. Usually the spiritual master is not going to just write letters around saying, 'I care so much about you!'. These are private feelings, compassion of the spiritual master. This is spiritual realization. I know for a fact that in the relationship with the spiritual master the disciples do not properly appreciate how much the spiritual master cares for them. Sometimes we may experience so much care or concern for our disciples that we may even cry, but we are not going to do this publicly. But you should be sure that if your spiritual master is bona fide, he does care about you." (from Srila Gurudeva's lecture on 'Bhakti Tirtha Swami', Estonia, July 8, 2005

And to quote one more excerpt from the Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta, the third volume, called Only He Could Lead Them. The setting was in San Francisco, 1967. Srila Prabhupada just suffered a deadly heart attack/stroke. When he finally left the hospital and is taken first to New Jersey, then to a seaside cottage above San Francisco to recover, there is an exceptionally poignant (poignant meaning 'deeply moving, PAINFULLY affecting the feelings) scene where the devotees are all extremely worried if Srila Prabhupada was going to pass away, and speculating if they could carry on without him. One devotee suggested to Srila Prabhupada that perhaps one of his Godbrothers should come and fill in for him, and if the worst happened, take over the leadership of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

When Prabhupada first heard this he considered it without immediately replying. Then when Mukunda was sitting alone with Prabhupada, who with his eyes closed, being very grave and silent, with tears suddenly beginning to flow from his eyes, and saying in a choked voice, "My spiritual master was no ordinary spiritual master". He then said after a few moments, wiping tears flowing down his cheeks, in a voice even more choked up, "He saved me." He went on to say that if some person speaks just one word different from what he was saying, that there would be great confusion amongst us. And that actually, the idea was an insult to the spiritual master.

So with all these excerpts, I am trying to express how much gratitude and affection and concern we should be feeling ourselves. I personally am so indebted to you Srila Gurudeva, that I can never even consider paying off the debt. I am not one to express feelings well, but I know you know my heart, the good, the bad and the ugly. And ever since I first met you, you simply tried to help me. You have gone so out of the normal to engage me, and also anyone that Krishna sends to you. You are simply trying to help bring us back to serving Lord Krishna with love and devotion.

So the three things, one, how you have always acted with the qualities of the bona-fide spiritual master, even before taking the external position, and secondly trying to have an inkling of how much hard work and care and concern you have for everyone, especially those taking shelter of you, and thirdly, the gratitude, faith, affection and chastity that comes naturally when a serious student follows the instructions of the bona-fide spiritual master combined with seeing your faith, love and chastity in following Srila Prabhupada and your hard work in trying to spread and keep Srila Prabhupada's movement alive and healthy.

...Wish I could say it better Srila Gurudeva.

For your instructions this year, what stands out most to me is to really read Srila Prabhupada's books, the basics Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-Gita, Caitanya Caritamrta, Krishna Book before bed every night, Nectar of Devotion. I've been concentrating on the Srimad Bhagavatam's again and appreciating having

Srila Prabhupada's direct association and guidance when reading. The other instruction that really stands out to me that you are repeatedly giving is on chanting. You are stressing more than ever the quality and even quantity of our rounds. How 64 rounds on Ekadasi can lead to better quality. And so just being simple and following that instruction, yes, we do find our quality is better, much better. Spiritual life is so simple and Krishna is so wonderful and so is the Guru who is giving us Krishna!

Thank you koti koti times as they say in the Hindu movies. I hope and pray to always be able to serve you. (if you can put up with me)

Your servant,

Mother Tulasi

New Goloka, North Carolina



Dear Gurudeva! Hare Krishna!

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

Ten years ago you accepted me as your spiritual daughter and gave me this beautiful name. Whenever I think of that day and these ten years, I'm filled with so much gratefulness towards you and Prabhupada and many-many sweet devotees whom I've met during these years. When I think of it, I've seen so many wonderful people in my relatively short life... After the initiation the good Mother Lokadrsti said to me what is most probably the most important sentence to be heard and remembered in this human life: "Now remember what your name means. Did you hear your Gurudeva's words when he gave you this name?! He told you to always stay at Krishna's lotus feet. Just like a Tulasi flower or manjari."

Now, you know me, I'm far from being a perfect disciple. It's good if you consider me at least some kind of disciple. But I wanted to write this offering and tell you that you are very dear to all of your disciples here in Estonia and we always look forward to your visit, to many of us it is the highlight of our spiritual life when you visit us.

The other day I was thinking about how to describe you to my son. He was too small when he last saw you and doesn't remember. So I was thinking about telling him the jolly story about how mommy met her Gurudeva; how you invited me to your home temple in the US so that I could learn how to make chapatis for you when you come here. And how in this way you gave me the chance to go to New Goloka where I saw BIG and BEAUTIFUL Radha and Krishna (Golokananda) daily for months! And these amazing maha sweets in New Goloka... How far out is that! And most of all- mommy's Gurudeva is the person in whose footsteps mommy wants to follow in her spiritual life. I think he was impressed...

And so am I. I am impressed what a strong personality you are, how jolly and understanding and smart and youthful and devoted and stable and pure-hearted and kind-hearted and... The list could go on and on. We are all just blessed to know you.

Gurudeva, Happy Appearance Day! Please take very very good care of your health,

Jaya Giriraj!
Jaya Radha-Golokananda!
Jaya Srila Prabhupada!

Your grateful daughter,

Tulasi Manjari devi dasi
Estonia, Europe

Dearest Gurudeva,

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

Srila Prabhupada states in a purport from Caitanya Caritamrita, Adi Lila 1.46, "The bona fide spiritual master always engages in unalloyed devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead." Since I first met you in 1996 while living in Hawaii, I have observed that you have always been absorbed in service to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada stated that we show our love for him by cooperating with each other. This sounds like a simple task, but in reality it is very challenging. There are so many reasons why one may feel like they cannot do this; it is a test of faith to continue to serve year in and year out. I appreciate this quality in you, that you continue on despite difficulties, with your love for Srila Prabhupada being your motivation. I pray that one day I will be able to have this level of dedication and be able to make real progress on the path of devotional service.

Your servant,

Uttara devi dasi
New Goloka, NC



Dear Guru Maharaja,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Radha-Kunjabihari.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Vyasa Puja : -)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sincerely and genuinely caring for us (empathizing with our human needs (spiritual and material)) and helping us to realize that we need to be engaged in life according to our psycho-physical nature in order to be peaceful, both materially and spiritually. It makes me feel safe and secure knowing that you always have my best interest at heart. You help us realize that we have the power to change our life and we always have a choice on how we see situations and circumstances - as opportunities to learn lessons and grow.

You teach by your example, by being open and accessible to everyone, no matter what level we are on in our lives. I appreciate your 'inclusivity' of everyone, it is heart-warming. I aspire to someday come to that level.

We love and appreciate you and pray that Sri Sri Radha-Syamasundar (Kunjabihari) eternally engage you in Their intimate loving service, and help conditioned souls like us to make progress on the spiritual path.

Your loving daughter and servant,

Vaisnavi dd
Auckland, New Zealand



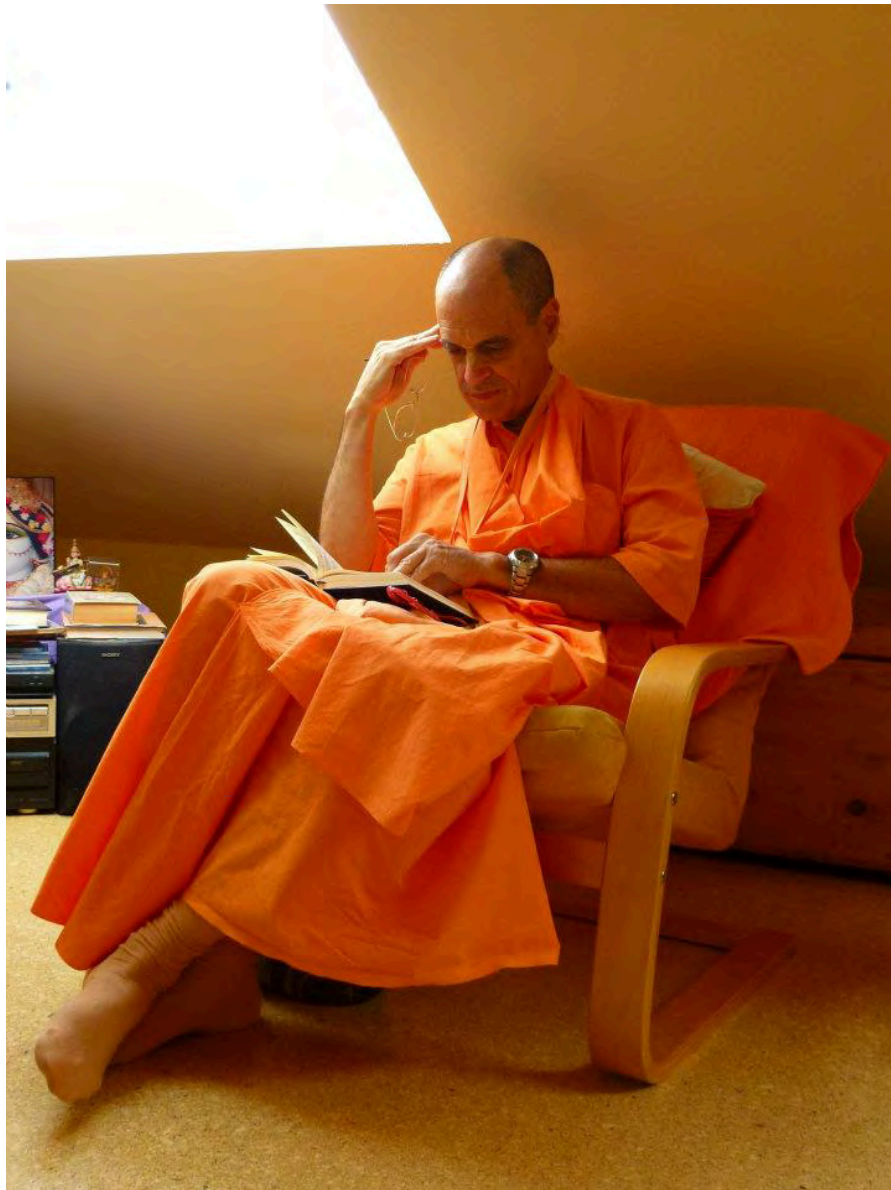
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srimate bri krishna dasa goswamin iti namine.*

*nama hamsa-nikashaya prabhupada-priyaya te
su-dridha-shuddhi-nishthabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Querido Gurudev,

Quiero darle las gracias por haberme aceptado como su discípula y quiero que sepa que usted es un gran ejemplo para mi.
Espero que se la pase muy bien en su día.

Veronica Lopez
Cancun, México



*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bir krsna das goswamin iti namine*

*namo hamsa nikasaya prabhupada priyaya te
su drdha suddhi nistabhyam tasya vakyanuvadine*

Querido Gurudeva,

Espero se encuentre bien de salud y que en este día tan especial se la este pasando todavía mejor, con tantos discípulos que lo queremos mucho, usted siempre nos apoya incondicionalmente de cualquier cosa yo trato de ser cada día un buen devoto de Kṛṣṇa, pero Maya es muy poderosa que en algunas ocasiones me tiene en sus redes atrapado. Pero cuando tengo la dicha de tener su asociación una vez al año, me siento tan contento de poderlo ver, de servirlo que todos los problemas que yo tengo se me olvidan por completo con solo estar con usted, esa es la prueba de que usted es una gran alma del Señor Kṛṣṇa. Donde uno se queda sin palabras para poder expresar lo que uno siente por usted Gurudeva.

Solo me queda decirle Gurude que por favor me siga dejando ser su fiel sirviente eternamente, me despido ofreciéndole reverencias al polvo de sus pies de loto.

Su sirviente,

Vrindavan bihari dasa
Cancún, México



Jay Srila Gurudeva!

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Recently, for some reason I was thinking about the bliss of an intensely play-absorbed child. Remembering the bliss of being a playful child, even in an unclean town and with no idea of real nature, I can only vaguely suppose how intense an experience would it be when in an ideal, pure and idyllic entourage. Hardly anything in this world can I imagine of being comparable with the bliss of being a playful youth, eagerly and super-enthusiastically setting for a pure, friendly and beautifully variegated nature to play, run, crazy and rollick for the whole day, with dearest friends, and knowing that, when we will get tired and hungry, we will sit on soft grass, take out our lunch boxes, and jokingly take our meals that were lovingly prepared by our mothers.

And when such experience is free of that which is most difficult to get free of, as per now, which is the self-centeredness, and is instead surcharged with and motivated exclusively by love for Krsna, the most beautiful and dearest one, what is it like? When its every deed is indeed aimed exclusively at His pleasure and bliss, surcharged with that love which is the most sublime and valuable thing existing, what is that experience like? Unfortunately, I still put myself in the center of the experience, not Krsna. That's my chronic and acute, almost eternally attentively cultivated disease.

Thank you, Gurudeva, for being the great lover of Govardhan, for being so unconditionally attached to Him and His people, and His Lord. Thank you for offering me a possibility to hope to follow you, and to once become an eternal loving servant and associate of yours, of your dear Govardhan and His variety of servants, and of His and our Lord.

Thank you for teaching us how important is it to be compassionate, and what it means at all to be compassionate, and to begin being a devotee.

Your humble and motivated servant,

Yamuna Jivana dasa
Split, Croatia