

Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Pranam Mantra

*Hare Kṛṣṇa manreṇa pāna karite, swāse swāse pade pade
cittam pratikṣanam spananti ca ramanti ca, dhrdha
bhāgvatam dharma premadhārānurāga
karuṇā dhrṣṭi varṣayati sadaivam,
saṁsārinām dukha haraṇa devāya tubhyam
jñānam ca vairāgya murtaye Krishnapremaya murtaye
mahaviṣṇugoswami priya guruve namaḥ*



Synonyms

Hare Kṛṣṇa mantreṇa - the Hare Krishna mantra; **pāna** - relishes; **karite** – does; **swāse swāse** - with every breath; **pade pade** - at every step; **cittam** – His heart; **pratikṣanam** – every moment; **spanamti** - bathing in; **ca** – also; **ramanti** – playing & enjoying; **ca** - also; **dhrdha** - firmly fixed; **bhāgvatam dharma** - aural reception of the vedantasruti(Srimad Bhagavatam); **premadhārānurāga** -the transcendental flood of love overflowing from the great Scripture; **karuṇā** - merciful; **dhrṣṭi** - glance; **varṣayati** -bestowing; **sadaivam** - always; **saṁsārinām** - of the materialist men; **dukha** - miseries; **haraṇa** - vanquishes; **devāya tubhyam** - worshipable Spiritual Master; **jñānam** - complete knowledge of the Absolute; **ca** - also; **vairāgya** - detachment from the material association; **murtaye** - personified; **Krishnapremaya** - love of Godhead (Sri Krishna); **murtaye** - personified; **mahaviṣṇugoswami** - SrilaMahavisnuGoswami; **priya** -my beloved; **guruve** - Spiritual Master; **namah** - I offer my respectful obeisances unto His lotus feet.

Translation

My beloved Spiritual Master, Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Maharaj with every breath and at every step is relishing the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra. He is firmly fixed in the Bhagvatam dharma and every moment His heart is bathing in and playing and enjoying in the transcendental flood of love overflowing from this great Scripture (Srimad Bhagavatam). By always bestowing His merciful glance upon the materialist men, He vanquishes their miseries. He is knowledge of the Absolute Truth personified. He is Detachment from material association personified. He is Krishnaprema (love of Godhead, for Sri Krishna) personified. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Maharaj, my worshipable and beloved Spiritual Master.

Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.12 purport

Devotional service, which is based on the foreground of full knowledge combined with detachment from material association and which is fixed by the aural reception of the Vedānta-śruti, is the only perfect method by which the seriously inquisitive student can realize the Absolute Truth.



Intelligent and Practical Preaching

*namāmi murdhana caraṇāravinde
śri bhāgavata patha su-medhase
pracārine loka tārine
śri mahāviṣṇu goswāmi nāmine*



Synonym

namāmi - offer obeisances; **murdhana** - bow my head; **caraṇāravinde** - unto the lotus feet of Srila Maha visnu Goswami Maharaj; **śri bhāgavata** – of srimad Bhagavatam; **patha** - the path; **su-medhase** - very intelligently (that which is practical and appealing to general mass of people);

pracārine - preaches; **loka** – general mass of people; **tārine** - delivers; **śri mahāviṣṇu goswāmi** - Srila Maha visnu Goswami Maharaj; **nāmine** - name.

Translation

I offer my respectful obeisances and bow my head unto the lotus feet of Srila MahavishnuGoswami Maharaj, who delivers the general mass of people by very intelligently preaching the path of SrimadBhagavatam in a way which is very practical and appealing to the ordinary mass.





Sri Vyāsa-pūjā

Lecture London, August 22, 1973

By - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhu
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My dear sons and daughters, I am so much obliged to you that you have become so enthusiastic for offering Vyasa-puja. Now try to understand. Several times we have explained why this function is called Vyasa-puja. I have already explained in the morning, this offering worshipping, one may think that this man is teaching his disciples man-worshipping, anthropomorphism. But it is not man worshipping. One should not misunderstand. Vyasadeva is the original spiritual master. Original spiritual master is Krishna. From Krishna, Brahma was initiated, Lord Brahma. ***Tene brahma hrdayaadi-kavaye muhyanti yat surayah.*** It is stated in the Srimad-Bhagavatam that when Brahma was created, it was all darkness within the universe. He could not understand what is the purpose of his becoming there. Then he engaged himself in tapasya, and he was initiated from within.

Krishna is within everyone. *Isvarah sarva-bhutanam hrd-dese 'rjuna tisthati* [BG 18.61]. So He is called caitya-guru, means guru within the heart. And when Krishna understands...

Because Krishna knows everything, whatever we are willing, whatever we are doing. He is the Paramatma; He's sitting within our hearts as witness. Anumantaupadrsta. Upadrsta means simply observing what we are doing, and what we are desiring. So as we desire, Krishna is very kind, He gives us facility. We have many times explained. Therefore, we have got varieties of bodies to enjoy this material world. So when Krishna sees that a living entity is very anxious to understand Him or to revive his Krishna consciousness, then Krishna gives him all opportunity, especially by manifesting Himself as the spiritual master. Antarbahih. The spiritual master is therefore Krishna's manifestation--Krishna's mercy manifestation to help a person to develop his Krishna consciousness. From within He's helping. Therefore, He's called caitya-guru, and from without, He sends His representative to help how to become advanced in Krishna consciousness.

Therefore, to advance in Krishna consciousness we require two kinds of help-- one from Krishna and another from the spiritual master. It is stated in the Caitanya-caritamrta... You'll be glad now that Caitanya-caritamrta is now published. (devotees: Jaya! Haribol!) Yes. (This) It is the... Our Panditji, Pradyumna, he has presented. Actually, he has worked for it, although I have translated. But I am very much indebted to him that he very carefully edits and makes the thing very perfect. So, now we have got translation of Srimad- Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita, and Sanskrit portion... Because mostly there is Sanskrit portion, so, so my beloved disciple, Pradyumna, I call him Pandit Mahasaya, because he is actually doing the pandita's work. So he edits and he works very hard. And... Not only that, his wife also helps in this connection. So actually, that is wanted.

*kiba vipra kiba sudra nyase kene naya
ye Krishna tattva vetta sei guru haya*

I'm sometimes criticized by my Godbrothers that I have become a marriage-maker, because a sannyasi does not take part in a marriage ceremony, but I get my disciples married. This is also unique in the history. So they criticize me that I have become a marriage-maker. But they, they do not know why I take this risk. I have got many disciples, they are married couples, but all of them, husband and wife, they are helping this movement. Here is Bhagavandasa, he's also married man, children.

So actually, married couples should be paramahamsas. Paramahamsa means the topmost stage of sannyasi. Paramahamsa. A sannyasi has got four stages: katicaka, bahudaka, parivrajakacharya and paramahamsa. A sannyasi, in the beginning, he's

supposed to make a small cottage, just on the border of the village, does not go home, but the, his necessities are supplied by his home, but he does not go home.

This is called katicaka. Then gradually, when he is practiced, he begs from home to home. He does not anymore depend on his own home. (aside:) Stop this. That is called bahudaka. Bahudaka means collecting his necessity from many places. And then as he becomes practiced, he becomes parivrajakacarya.

He goes from place to place, village to village, preaching the message of Krishna. As our SrimanRevatinandana Maharaja is doing. He has now very nice bus. All others also doing. Grhasthas are also doing. Because our only business is Krishna. It doesn't matter whether a grhastha, vanaprastha, sannyasi. It doesn't matter. So when he preaches all over the world, that is called parivrajakacarya. And when he's experienced, he executes the work by his assistants. That is called paramahamsa. So grhasthas are supposed to be paramahamsa. Just like BhaktivinodaThakura, he was grhastha, magistrate, government servant, but he has worked so much for Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in writing books. Not only writing books, but also begetting a child like Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja, my spiritual master. So that is grhastha. They should produce children like Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja. Because we want big stalwart men to preach this Krishna consciousness movement.

So everyone has got duty in Krishna consciousness, and this duty is taught by Krishna and the spiritual master.

***Guru-krishna-krpayapaya bhakti-lata-bija.
Ei rupe brahmanda bhramite kono bhagyavan jiva.***

Anyone who is coming to Krishna consciousness, he's not ordinary living being. Anyone who is connected with our movement, he's not ordinary living being. Actually, he's liberated soul. And I am very much hopeful that my disciples who are now participating today, even if I die, my movement will not stop, I am very much hopeful. Yes. All these nice boys and girls who have taken so seriously... BhaktivinodaThakura wanted that European and American people may understand the philosophy of Caitanya cult and take part in it. That was his desire. My Guru Maharaja, His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Prabhupada, he also attempted to send his disciples to preach Caitanya cult in the Western world. One of them, he advised me also. First meeting, perhaps you know, he asked me to preach. So at that time I was young man, only twenty-five years old, and I was also householder. So I should have joined and executed his desire immediately, but due to my ill luck I could not immediately execute his order, but it was in my heart that it is to be done. So better late than never, I executed his order at the age of seventy years, not at the age of twenty-five. So actually I wasted so much time, I can



understand that. From twenty... The message was there when I was twenty-five years old, but I began at the age of seventy years. But I did not forget the message.

Otherwise, how could I do? That was, that is a fact. I was simply finding out the opportunity, how to do it.

So anyway, although I began very late, at the age of seventy years, so by the help of my disciples this movement is gaining ground and is spreading all over the world. So therefore I have to thank you. It is all due to you. It is not my credit, but it is your credit that you are helping me in executing the order of my Guru Maharaja.

So this movement, Krishna consciousness movement, that you already know, that this is a most essential, most important movement to the human society. Last night the Ambassador of India, His Excellency Rasagotra, he was present here. He also appreciated that this movement is very important movement, and he was very pleased that I have done so much. So this movement will go on. Nobody can stop. So this Vyasa-puja ceremony means to offer our thanks to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because He is the original guru. As we receive this message through parampara system from Krishna to Brahma, Brahma to Narada, Narada to Vyasadeva, Vyasadeva to Madhvacharya, in this way, MadhavendraPuri, then IsvaraPuri, then Caitanya Mahaprabhu, then six Gosvamis, then others, Bhaktivinoda Thakura, Jagannatha dasa Babaji, Gaura Kisoradasa Babaji Maharaja, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. Then we have taken. So this, as we come to this Krishna consciousness understanding through this long parampara, similarly, in the Vyasa-puja ceremony, whatever respect, honor, and presentation you give, that goes to Krishna through that parampara system, from down. As it is received through the parampara system, so similarly, your offerings also goes through this parampara system to the Supreme.

The connection. Our system is ***gopi-bharturpada-kamalayordasa- dasanudasah***. It is sometimes called bureaucracy. If you apply something, at least in India, to the President, you'll have to submit to the local collector. The collector will submit to somebody else, somebody else, then secretary, you go. Then to the President. So our system is that. So it is not that I am training my disciples to worship me, man-worship, I'm getting some honor from them for nothing. No. It is not that. Whatever honor, whatever respect, whatever presentation you are giving to your spiritual master, it will go to Krishna by parampara system. This is Vyasa-puja. Therefore, it is called Vyasa-puja. Vyasa-puja means Vyasadeva is the original guru. After Brahma, Narada, then Vyasa. And Vyasa is original guru, because from his literature we understand spiritual knowledge. All these literatures whatever we have produced, they are actually originally from Vyasadeva. The four Vedas, Brahma-sutra, Upanisads, Puranas, they are called Vedic literature. And whatever is written



with the conclusion of this Vedic literature, that is also Vedic literature. Just like our books. All our books, they are not mental speculation. Whatever I have learned from my Guru Maharaja, I am presenting. That's all. It is not mental speculation--this philosophy, that philosophy. We kick out all these things. Unless we get the knowledge from the authorized source, we don't accept. Because how we can accept?

A so-called philosopher, scientist, according to... Why according? Everyone can understand that however great philosopher, scientist one may be, he is imperfect.

He's imperfect. Every man. I have several times recited this example that in our country Gandhi was very big politician. You know Mahatma Gandhi. He committed so many mistakes. At last he committed such a great mistake that he was killed. That's a long history. So even a great person like Mahatma Gandhi, he commits mistake. Therefore, the sastra says any conditioned soul, he must commit mistake. However great he may be in the estimation of

fools and rascals. Sva-vid-varahostra. He must commit mistake, he must be illusioned, his propensity is to cheat, and at the end, all the senses are imperfect. We have several times described. So, so much imperfectness, how he can give perfect knowledge?

Therefore, a so-called philosopher, scientist's knowledge is always imperfect. The perfect knowledge can be received through this parampara system. From Krishna, Krishna to Brahma, Brahma to Narada, Narada to Vyasa, Vyasa to Madhvacarya. In this way, from Caitanya Mahaprabhu, six Gosvamis, then our Guru Maharaja, in this way. And our business is just to present whatever we have heard. This is very important point. And because we do not speculate mentally, just like so many svamis comes from India. They make their own presentation by speculation. So whatever little success I have got, it is due to this process, that I do not present anything which is created by me. That is the secret of success. All these rascals, I say, declare in this, all these rascals come, they manufacture. A spiritual thing cannot be manufactured--as God cannot be manufactured. God is always God, and the words of God is also God. If we present as it is, then it will be effective. That is said in the sastra: [SB 3.25.25]

*satām prasāṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ
taj-joṣaṇād āśv apavarga-vartmani
śraddhā ratir bhaktir anukramiṣyati*

Everything is there. Satam prasangan. From a bona fide spiritual master you receive knowledge, because he will present as he has received from his spiritual



master. He'll not adulterate or manufacture something. That is the bona fide spiritual master. And that is very easy. To become spiritual master is not very difficult thing. You'll have to become spiritual master. You, all my disciples, everyone should become spiritual master. It is not difficult. It is difficult when you manufacture something. But if you simply present whatever you have heard from your spiritual master, it is very easy. If you want to become overintelligent, to present something, to interpret something, whatever over you have heard from spiritual master you can make some further addition, alteration, then you'll spoil whole thing. Then you'll spoil whole thing. Don't make addition or alteration. Simply present as it is.

Therefore, we have begun Bhagavad-gita As It Is. Don't try to become over spiritual master. Then you'll spoil. Remain always a servant of your spiritual master and present the thing as you have heard. You'll be spiritual master.

This is secret. You should know it. Don't try to become overintelligent. That will spoil. ***Evam parampara praptam imam rajarsayo viduh [BG 4.2]***. This is the... So (child talking) you can stop.(?)

So Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, [Cc. Madhya 7.128]

***amara ajnaya guru hana tara ei desa
yare dekha, tare kaha, 'Krishna'-upadesa***

Just see. It is very nice. You'll find in Caitanya-caritamrta, now it is published. Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, He is the Supreme Lord, Krishna. He says, amara ajnaya. "Whatever I say, amara ajnaya, by My order, you become a spiritual master." Caitanya Mahaprabhu. So one may be very illiterate, no education, or no scholarship, may not be born in brahmana family, or may not be a sannyasi. There are so many qualification. But one may not have all these qualifications. He may be rascal number one, but still, he can become spiritual master. How? Amara ajnaya. As Krishna says, as Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, if you follow, then you become spiritual master. One may be rascal number one from material estimation, but if he simply strictly follows whatever is said by Caitanya Mahaprabhu or His representative spiritual master, then he becomes a guru.

So it is not very difficult. One may not think that "I am not qualified to become guru." No, you are qualified if you follow strictly the parampara system. Then you are qualified. That's all. ***Amara ajnaya guru hana...*** And what is the difficulty? Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, "Don't feel any difficulty." Because as spiritual master, what you have to do? ***Yare dekha, tare kaha, 'Krishna'- upadesa.*** Whomever

you meet, you simply speak to him the instruction which Krishna gives. What Krishna instruction gives? That is also very easy. What is that? Krishna says **man-manabhava mad-bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru**. Krishna says "Just become My devotee, always think of Me, offer Me obeisances, and worship Me." So here is Krishna. If you simply think "Here is Krishna, Radha- Krishna Deity," you may be fool number, rascal number one. That doesn't matter. But you are getting impression of this Radha-Krishna, think of Him: "Oh, how nicely Krishna is decorated." This much. No erudite scholarship. Simply...Krishna says, **man-manabhava mad-bhakto**. Here is Deity. Worship Him nicely as it is regulated principle. Even you are not worshiping, simply think of Krishna, "Here is Radha-Krishna." Impression. What is the difficulty? As soon as you see Radha-Krishna, you get some impression. Think of that impression.

Where is the difficulty? Man-manabhava mad-bhakto. "Worship me." If you have got opportunity, worship. If you are initiated, worship here. Or you install Deity at home, as our Ksirodakasayi Prabhu is doing.

Everyone can do it. Where is the difficulty? Now ask him how he is happy. The whole family is happy. Not only he. But his wife, his children, everyone is happy. Practical. **Man-manabhava mad- bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru**. And if you cannot do anything, simply come and offer your obeisances: "My dear Lord Krishna, I am so poor, so unfortunate, I cannot do all these things, but I offer my humble obeisances unto Your lotus feet." That much also. If you do this, you become spiritual master.

So, simply by accepting this principle, and even if you are not learned, illiterate, you are hearing so much from Bhagavad-gita, you simply repeat that. Simply repeat that.

There is no question of becoming very learned scholar. God has given you this ear. Even if you are blind, you cannot read, you can hear. So Krishna upadesa, what is Krishna...? This is 'Krishna'upadesa. And at last, Krishna says, **sarva-dharmanparityajya mam ekamsaranamvraja**. So if you simply preach this cult, "My dear friend, my dear brother, you surrender to Krishna," you become spiritual master. You become spiritual master. You go door to door. No other talks. Simply say, "My dear friend, you are very nice, you are very learned." That was adopted by Prabodhananda Sarasvati.

**dante nidhaya trnakam padayor nipatya
kaku-satam krtva caham bravimi**



*he sadhavah sakalam eva vihaya durad
caitanya-candra-carane kurutanuragam*

The meaning is the preaching, very easy. Dante nidhaya trnakam. According to Indian system, if you put a grass on your mouth, it is a sign of that you have become very humble. If you approach a person with a grass in your mouth, he'll immediately know that you are coming there with very, very great humbleness. Therefore dantenidhaya. This was the system. Dante nidhaya trnakam, and touching his feet. Immediately, touch his feet. Immediately, even if he's enemy, he'll be a friend. Even if he's your enemy, it is so nice process. Take a grass on your mouth and immediately fall on his feet, padayornipetya, and with folded hands, much flattering. *Dante nidhaya trnakam padayor nipatya kaku- satam krtva ca*. All flattering words. Aham bravimi. So immediately he will agree, "Yes, what you say I'll hear. I'll hear." Immediately, convert to hear you at least. Just see how perfect process is. "Then what is your purpose, sir? Why you are becoming so humble, meek? And now say." "Yes sir, I'll say." What is that? He sadhavah, "You are a great sadhu." Although he may be rascal number one. Still, you call him, he sadhavah. "Yes, I am sadhu, yes. What is your proposal?"

"Now kindly forget all nonsense, whatever you have learned. That's all. I am flattering you because I want that you forget everything, all these yogis and this and that and that and meditation.

Please kick out all these." "Then what I have to do?" "*Caitanya-candra-carane kurutanuragam*. Just adhere yourself to the lotus feet of Lord CaitanyaMahaprabhu. Then you become spiritual master. That's all." So I hope that all of you, men, women, boys and girls, become spiritual master, and follow this principle. Spiritual master, simply, sincerely, follow the principles and speak to the general public. Then Krishna immediately becomes your favorite. Krishna does not become your favorite; you become Krishna's favorite. cottage

na ca tasmad manusyesu kascin me priya- krttamah:

"One who is doing this humble service of preaching work, Krishna consciousness, nobody is dearer than him to Me." So if you want to become recognized by Krishna very quickly, you take up this process of becoming spiritual master, present the Bhagavad-gita as it is. Your life is perfect.

Thank you very much.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada



Sri Guru Vandana



*śrī-guru-caraṇa-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando mui sāvadhāna mate
jāhāra prasāde bhāi, ebhava toriyā jāi,
kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā ha'te*

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

*guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koribo aikya,
ār nā koriho mane āśā
śrī-guru-caraṇe rati, ei se uttama-gati,
je prasāde pūre sarva āśā*

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.



*cakṣu-dān dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei,
divya jñān hṛde prokāṣito
prema-bhakti jāhā hoite, avidyā vināśa jāte,
vede gāy jāhāra carito*

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.

*śrī-guru karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu,
lokanāth lokera jīvana
hā hā prabhu koro doyā, deho more pada-chāyā,
ebe jaśa ghuṣuk tribhuvana*

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.

Sri Maha-Vishnu Goswami Kirti-Astakam

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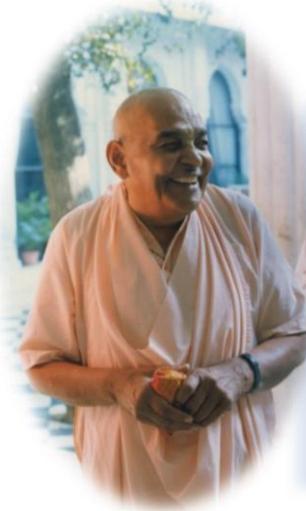
*Sri Krishna saranam saranagatam
katha-amrtam satata pibatam
bhaktivedanta-marga panthanam
sarva loka-rsi-deva-jana prasannam*



Following the path of His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivendanta Swami SrilaPrabhupada you are constantly drinking the nectar of Krishna Katha having fully surrendered, taking shelter unto Lord Krsn'a lotus feet. Doing so you have pleased the demigods, sages and residents of all the planets.

(2)

*Sri bhaktivedanta nitya-siksa pathantam
Citta su-vicaram hrdaya kanthanam
daya-dhrsti-hasya-gambhira vacanam
loka marga darsanam parama taranam*



Always engaged in learning the instructions of SrilaPrabhupada given in his books, seriously meditating and thinking over them again and again, engraving those instructions in your heart, you preach, always bestowing your merciful glances, speech decorated with humorous anecdotes, with gravity and with seriousness – In this way O' foremost of the deliverer from this material ocean, you show the right path to the living entities.

(3)



*Parama pavanam ca mangala param
tusta-manah-gata-sprha parama vimadam
bhumi sarvatra desa desa bhramayam
Krishna-rupa-guna-lila-nama giyatam*



The foremost of purifying personalities - the foremost of auspicious personalities, travelling all over the world, wandering from country to country, self-satisfied in mind, free from all material desires - without being proud you sing the narrations Krishna's transcendental form, names, activities, qualities and pastimes..

(4)

*netra-divyagopa-nanda-bala darsanam
karna divya divya jihva nama kirtanam
loka-jana-samsara-bhava-vismrtam
Krishna caranarvinda bhavanamrtam*



Your transcendental eyes are constantly having audience of Sri Krishna, the son of cowherd Nanda Maharaj. Your transcendental tongue and ears are relishing the Lords transcendental names. Forgetting all the social formalities of material world and its residents your consciousness is merged, relishing with great intensity the nectar of Sri Krishna's lotus feet.

(5)



*Gam gam panthatam sri-dham pravistam
Sri dhama sevayai – dhama kirtanam
sthapya-mandira prema-bhakti-rupam
su-vigraha sri-rukmininatha sthapakam*



In accordance with Vedic customs you installed the beautiful deities of Sri SriRadhaNilaMadhava in Rajkot. The drought stricken land of Saurashtra, having sparsa (touch) of your lotus feet has become honoured. The clouds gathered, thundered and bestowed rains to touch the honoured land of Saurashtra where upon your Holiness has walked.

(6)

*Madan mohan mohini sri nilamadhava
su-vigraha sthapakam viddhi purvakam
krtagna saurashtra bhumi pada sparsanam
gagana garjayanti ambodha varsanam*

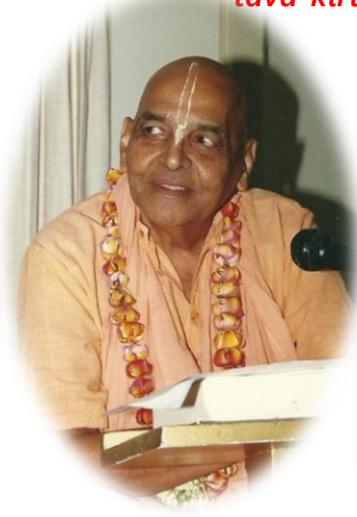


O' Srila Maha-Visnu Goswami, the possessor of ultimate perfection, the foremost of merciful personalities, your character is decorated with transcendental qualities. O' possessor of the knowledge of Absolute Truth, O' possessor of love for the Supreme Personality of Pleasure, Sri Krishna, bowing my head and paying dandavats unto your lotus feet millions and millions of times this servant prays to eternally sing your transcendental glories.

(7)



*Sri mahavisnu siddhivan parama dayavan
divya guna vibhusita bhakti jnanavan
carana koti dandavat sirsa namanam
tava-kirti-kirtanam-sada e-dasa nivedam*



Viraja Krishna das with intense desire to serve sings the transcendental qualities of his worshipable spiritual master SrilaMaha-VisnuGoswami. Making this offering unto his lotus feet, he thinks 'my life is sinful - how will I ever be able to serve my master.'

(8)

*dina viraja Krishna dasa gita caritam
guru mahavisnu puja deva arpanam
guru seva abhilasa tivra bhavanam
kim karisyati adhama-papa jivanam*



Walking from village to village you entered the Holy Dhama of Dwaraka. You served the DwarakaDham. You sang the glories of DwarakaDham. Having built the temple of devotion you installed the beautiful deities of Sri Dwarakadhish, the husband of goddess of fortune Srimati Rukmini.

Our Only Shelter

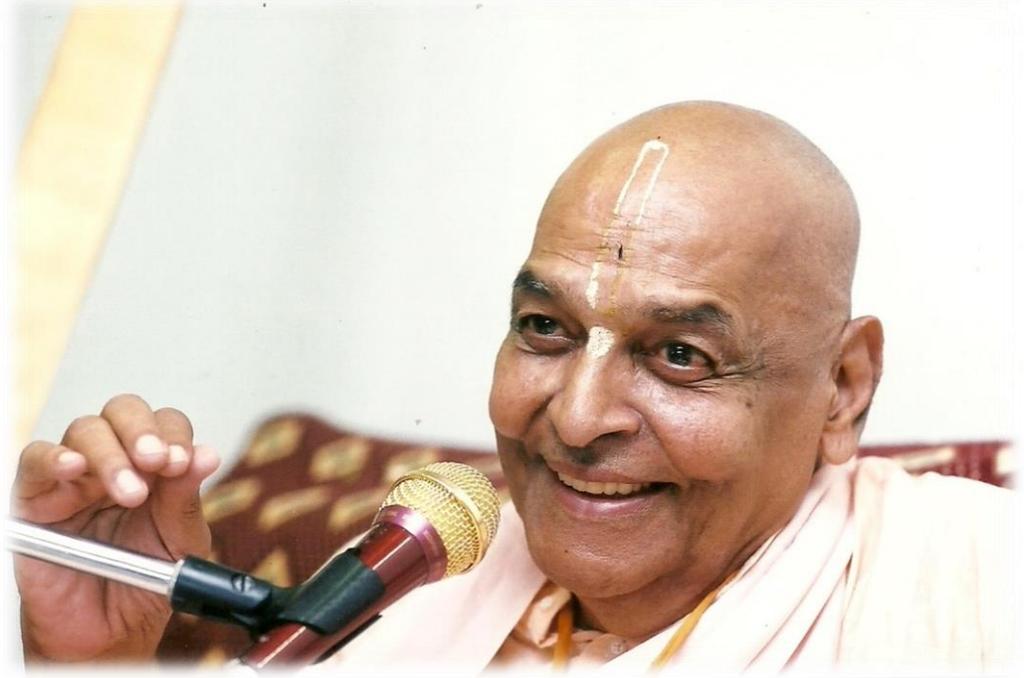
*Srimad Bhagavatam shastra panim atula
kaarunya chandrananam ajnana timirapahaya patitan
sankalpa suryodayam deenaanaam sheela gunonnati krta matih
shaastraartha ratna pradam mad bhaagyam
mad eka sharanam mad guror anyam na manyaamaham.*



Our Spiritual master is always holding the scripture of Srimad Bhagavatam in His hand and He has a moon like face emanating unparalleled mercy. Maharaj is like a Sun which has arisen with the determination to nullify the darkness of ignorance of the fallen living entities. Maharaj with a great desire to improve the qualities and behaviour of wretched souls like me, is always taking out and distributing the gems of meanings from the scriptures in a way it can be practically applied. I do not consider any one other than our spiritual master as my greatest good fortune and my only shelter and refuge.

Ocean Of Exalted Qualities

*mandasmita mukhaambojam mahaneeya gunaarnavam
madura bhaashinam shaantam sarva bhuta dayaa param
sadaa krishna rasaavishtah paramaananda vigraham
srimad bhagavata magna hrdayam Srigurum tam natosmyaham*



I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my beloved Spiritual Master, who has a smiling lotus like face, is the ocean of all great and exalted qualities, whose words are very sweet, who is always peaceful, who is full of mercy for all the living entities, who is always fully absorbed in Krishna consciousness, is an embodiment of Supreme bliss, and whose heart is always immersed in the nectar of Srimad Bhagavatham.

(written by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura)

Sri Sri Gurvaṣṭaka



*saṁsāra-dāvānala-liḍha-loka-
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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.

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca -kampāśru-tarañga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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.

*śrī-vidyā-rādhā-nitya-nānā-
śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau
yuktasya bhaktāś ca niyuñjato 'pi
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa. 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.

*catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda-
svādv-anna-tr̥ptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān
kṛtvaiva tr̥ptim bhajataḥ sadaiva
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always offering Kṛṣṇa 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.

*śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra-
mādhurya-līlā guṇa-rūpa-nāmnām
prati-kṣaṇāsvādana-lolupasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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.

*nikuñja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai
yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā
tatrāti-dākṣyād ati-vallabhasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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 Kṛṣṇa's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vṛndavana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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 [Kṛṣṇa].

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa. 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.



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“If you obey Krishna, He sides with you. If you disobey Him, He leaves you. Always remember Krishna and chant. Those who accept this, their generations which are gone will be liberated upto 27 generations. This is the vast effect of chanting. Enormous profit is there by chanting. It will also purify the 27 coming generations.”

*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Viraja Krsna das

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most brilliant and effulgent lotus feet on this most auspicious and blessed appearance day commemorating the centennial year of your divine appearance.

A century or a hundred tantamount to an achievement of a significant milestone, be that in modern day game of cricket or in ancient Vedic history of great personalities trying to undertake hundred Ashvamedha yajnas to get sovereignty over heavenly planets.

For me on this occasion this number is significant because it gives me an opportunity, in a significant way to look back at my life so far, meditate on how true I have been to myself and to you; and even more so to re-commit and re-align myself to the divine instructions, mood, standards and especially desire and plan you have for me. I regard myself as most fortunate to be personally guided by you – but I am no exception to be affected by 'gunomi-chakram' whirlpool of modes of nature. However, time and again your remembrance, your instructions and your love has saved me.

Desire for being independent is the greatest curse. Becoming proud of one's prowess and ability is the greatest stumbling block in achieving attraction to Kṛṣṇa. Most neophyte devotees struggle and I am certainly no exception. And yet when I look at you, I am hopeful – that by your mercy only, I may overcome my inebrieties. However, time is of essence – not much of it is left now. I need to close my material accounts quickly and dedicate all my energy and endeavours solely for your service and pleasure. You are my constant mentor, confidant and guide on this journey. I am entirely and solely dependent on you. I desire that my surrender be in a responsible way and that I not be reckless to my responsibilities in my winding down phase. I desire to be more closely connected with you and your instructions.

You are most dear to your beloved Lordships Sri Sri Radha Neela Madhav; therefore, you can bless me to be a recipient of Their Mercy. I am not qualified – but nor were Nalakuvera and Manigriva. Yet through the mercy of their spiritual master Narada Muni they saw Kṛṣṇa face to face and got His audience. Similarly, without your mercy I have no hope.

*vijita-hṛṣīka-vāyubhir adānta-manas tura-gaṁ
ya iha yatanti yantum ati-lolam upāya-khidāḥ
vyasana-śatānvitāḥ samavahāya guroś caraṇam
vañija ivāja santy akṛta-karṇa-dharā jaladhau*

"The mind is like an impetuous horse that even persons who have regulated their senses and breath cannot control. Those in this world who try to tame the uncontrolled mind, but who abandon the feet of their spiritual master, encounter hundreds of obstacles in their cultivation of various distressful practices. O unborn Lord, they are like merchants on a boat in the ocean who have failed to employ a helmsman." - SB 10.87.33

In Caitanya Caritamṛta Kṛsnadas Kaviraja attempts to describe the transcendental qualities of pure Vaishnavas:

*krpālu, akṛta-droha, satya-sāra sama
nidoṣa, vadānya, mṛdu, śuci, akiñcana
sarvopakāraka, śānta, kṛṣṇaika-śaraṇa
akāma, anīha, sthira, vijīta-ṣaḍ-guṇa
mita-bhuk, apramatta, mānada, amānī
gambhīra, karuṇa, maitra, kavi, dakṣa, maunī*

"Devotees are always merciful, humble, truthful, equal to all, faultless, magnanimous, mild and clean. They are without material possessions, and they perform welfare work for everyone. They are peaceful, surrendered to Kṛṣṇa and desireless. They are indifferent to material acquisitions and are fixed in devotional service. They completely control the six bad qualities-lust, anger, greed and so forth. They eat only as much as required, and they are not inebriated. They are respectful, grave, compassionate and without false prestige. They are friendly, poetic, expert and silent." - CC. Madya 22.78-80

You are the personality; I have had somehow the good fortune of coming across, who is the epitome and reservoir of all these qualities. Dear Srila Gurudev, I always beg to remain under your shelter. In re-committing to their responsibility for their spiritual lives Nalakuvera and Manigriva resolve:

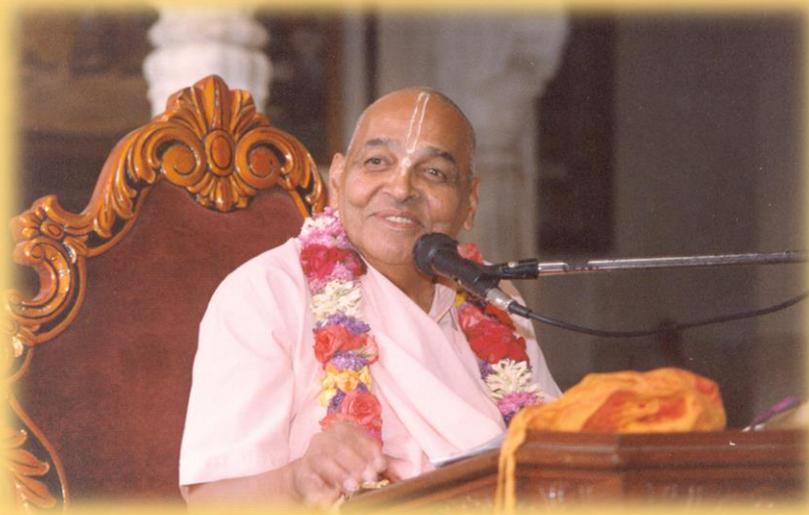
*vāṇī guṇānukathane śravaṇau kathāyām
hastau ca karmasu manas tava pādayor naḥ
smṛtyām śiras tava nivāsa-jagat-praṇāme
dṛṣṭiḥ satām darśane 'stu bhavat-tanūnām*

Henceforward, may all our words describe Your pastimes, may our ears engage in aural reception of Your glories, may our hands, legs and other senses engage in actions pleasing to You, and may our minds always think of Your lotus feet. May our heads offer our obeisances to everything within this world, because all things are also Your different forms, and may our eyes see the forms of Vaishnavas, who are nondifferent from You. - SB 10.10.38

In a similar way as Nala-Kuvera and Mananigriva did, let me also re-commit to this process of devotional service under your expert love and guidance - *satām darśane 'stu bhavat-tanūnām* – and I pray that you be the foremost of those Vaishnavas whom I constantly serve, seek, see and listen to. Aspiring to be your worthy disciple and son; on and beyond this most significant day of your Appearance.

Viraja Kṛṣṇa das
From Down Under
Brisbane Australia

Australia - Sydney



“We are all lucky to come under the roof of Srila Prabhupada and he is the saint who has guided us practically through these pages. He is the first saint who has not only given us philosophy, but also the practical side.”

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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Anant Pasalkar and Sharda Pasalkar

Nama om Visnupadaya Krsna presthaya bhutale srimate Bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
Nama om Visnupadaya Krsna presthaya bhutale srimate Mahavisnu goswami iti namine
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine Nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

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

Dearest Srila Maharaj,

We offer our most respectful and humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Jagad-Guru, Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your loving Divine Grace.

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to glorify you on the auspicious day of your appearance.

We wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja. We are unintelligent to glorify you.

In Srimad Bhagavatam (8.7.44) it is said

*tapyante loka-tāpena sādhaveḥ prāyaśo janāḥ
paramārāadhanam tad dhi puruṣasyākhilātmanah*

It is said that great personalities almost always accept voluntary suffering because of the suffering of people in general. This is considered the highest method of worshipping the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is present in everyone's heart.

And also in Srimad Bhagavad Gita 18.68-69 Lord Krsna is saying.

One who preaches the message of Bhagavad Gita to My devotees is most dear to me. You always emphasized the importance of Srimad Bhagavatam as :

"Bury your heads in Srimad Bhagavatam. Do sincere bhakti and Krsna will arrange everything. There must only be one struggle in our lives and that is the struggle to understand Krsna through the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam. Don't waste even a second without scrutinizingly studying the great literature Srimad Bhagavatam and propagate the message to the public at large."

So you have spent your life to spread Krsna consciousness. Your beloved disciples like HG Devaki Nandan das Prabhujī, HG Viraja Krsna das Prabhujī, and HG Taral Vilochan Krsna das Prabhujī, by whom we have started our Krsna Conscious journey.

HG Viraja Krsna das Prabhuji has started Vaman Kshetra Yatra in the South West Region of Sydney, around 22 years ago and by his association and guidance, many families have been inspired to become Krsna Conscious. He always gives glorifies you and spreads your teachings.

We had never got a chance to serve you personally but through your disciples, we can associate with you. It says that the disciples are the reflection of their Spiritual Masters.

Every day we read Granthraj. We like some of the quotes and meditate on them and try to follow them in our day to day life, those are as follows.

"What does it mean to keep Krsna in the centre? It means to surrender to him. To surrender to Him means to listen to His instructions, understand them and try to implement them in our life."

"The mercy of Krsna comes through the disciplic succession. It comes through the instructions, through the teachings and to the extent we are sincerely submitting to those teachings, to that degree automatically the realization will come."

So please keep your mercy and blessings upon us so we can progress in our spiritual life.

Wishing you the most wonderful Vyasa-puja celebration!!!

Srila Prabhupada ki Jaya!

HH Mahavisnu Goswami-Maharaj Vyasa-puja Mahotsav ki jaya!

Your Humble Servants,

Anant and Sharda



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--Kanishka Kirti

Hare Krishna, Dandavat Pranams.

Whilst I am not a disciple of HH, I was blessed with the mercy to attend his Vyasa Puja last year with a group of devotees from Australia especially one of HH disciples Viraj Krsna Das Prabhuji. It was in Rajkot that I got to witness and listen to some very powerful and spiritually moving offerings from other devotees who are blessed to have HH as their Guru Maharaj.

Listening to their offerings made it very clear the importance of Guru and association as my family enjoyed our small time in Rajkot.

Thank you maharaj for allowing us to learn, understand and appreciate the importance of Guru and association of devotees.

Hare Krishna

Your servant,
Kanishka Kirti



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--Sila Sampana das

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances Maharaj. I pray that with Sri Krishna's mercy and the mercy of all vaishnavas, You receive and accept my humble offering, even though it is totally unworthy of Your Divine Grace.

Maharaj, you are personification of many of the divine qualities (namely, complete faith in Lord Krishna and His teachings, perfection in purity and the best example of true devotional service etc) and all attributes of a perfect spiritual master. Therefore I consider it is your special mercy that you have accepted me as your disciple. Your love, kindness and process of teaching Bhagavatam has an amazing potency in transforming our lives and improve our devotional service. For this, I remain eternally indebted to you. As it is not possible to repay you even a fraction of what you have contributed to my life.

Maharaj ji, even though you are not physically with us anymore, I feel your presence in in my consciousness as what you were in your last pastime and all your invaluable instructions regarding essential aspects of our lives. It is so true that you are always with me in your vani.

Over the years, you have cultivated so many amazing disciples. Many of these leading disciples are now passing your instructions even with more enthusiasm to all of us and many thousands of others who are fortunate enough to have come in contact with them. We are beginning to appreciate now that how much you have contributed to relieve the suffering of humanity in this world. For this we remain eternally indebted to you.

At this occasion, I beg you to forgive my offences and overlook my failings like any loving father would. I pray to Lord Krishna that you be kind enough to continue to bless me with your remembrance forever and ever.

Your humble servant,
Sila Sampana das
Sydney



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--Suman Pathak

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace.

I am very fortunate that I got a chance to write down something for you on your Vyas Puja.

I don't know from where to start Maharaj. I have never seen you, Maharaj, physically but I always feel that you are always with me. I am a very unfortunate person that I did not get your association. I don't know how to do devotional service but always hearing about you from your disciples and from reading granthraj I get the motivation to do some service here and there.

After reading Granthraj, I can imagine how you have changed the life of your disciples. I was simply amazed by reading the wonderful offerings of Prahlad School students. It simply shows that you are like a touch-stone Maharaj and you can simply change the life of anyone and everyone, even for a small child. Every day I am amazed after reading Granthraj how You had changed the life of so many people. Whether they are small kids, young, or old people.

As it is mentioned in guru Puja

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

"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."

Maharaj, I can imagine how merciful you are and friends of the poor and master of not only to your disciples but also for everyone who comes into your touch .

As I have heard once you hired a taxi to go somewhere and asked the driver to say ram ram and he replied, "No I don't want to say." And again you emphasized him to say and then driver told that, "I can't say ram as I am Muslim." But still he uttered the name of the Lord. Which is very amazing and wonderful? As it is mentioned in Bhagvatam, with the touch of a pure devotees one fallen soul can easily go back to Krsna Loka.

As it is mentioned in Bhagavatam that, "pure Vaishnavas never die, they are always with us.". There is no doubt about that, whenever I read Bhagavatam I feel your presence next to me.

Don't know may be I am mad. Maharaj please always shower your mercy to all.



Maharaj, please bless all of us so that we can continue the mission of Prabhupada and follow the instructions written in Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam.

Maharaj, please always stay with me. I was never with you, but I miss u a lot. Only looking at your picture everyday I get the inspiration to do devotional service.

Maharaj, please allow me to chant more and more and please allow me to have a closer relationship with Krishna. Maharaj, please bless so that we all can chant more for the pleasure of the Lord. Maharaj please continue to look after me and my family and guide us throughout the next year.

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Vyasa Puja Mohatsava ki Jai!
Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

Hare Krsna
Your insignificant servant
Bhaktin Suman



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--Taral Vilocana Krsna das

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

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

Dearest Maharaj and eternal father,

Please accept my koti dandavats at your lotus feet on the blessed occasion of your Vyasa Puja for 2019.

It is our great fortune that we have the opportunity to submit for your pleasure an attempt at offering some glorification of your Divine Grace's ever-burgeoning legacy.

I am so grateful that so many of your disciples have seriously continued the task of disseminating your *vani* for the benefit of their godsiblings. Daily we can meditate upon your instructions either through Granthraj or Gurudev Amrtavani. Most recently, we have been given the opportunity to meditate upon your instructions in relation to the quintessential edict concerning universal *dharma* given in Srimad Bhagavatam by Suta Goswami (1.2.6):

*sa vai puṁsāṁ paro dharmo / yato bhaktir adhokṣaje
ahaituky apratihātā / yayātmā suprasīdati*

"The supreme occupation [dharma] for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord. Such devotional service must be unmotivated and uninterrupted to completely satisfy the self."

Maharaj has so nicely advocated a sense of urgency with regard to our devotional service endeavours by stating in relation to this verse: "Prescribed duties depend upon the spiritual and social divisions to which we belong: After 50 years, you should slowly and gradually retire from all the worldly things and in this situation (*Vanaprastha ashram*), try to increase the activities aimed at the Supreme Destination... Devotional service means some service must be there. Unless you perform some type of service, even your grihastha ashram is a failure. The second ashram, the second 25 years, whatever work you are doing should be performed very nicely. As soon as you are a bit successful there, then the retirement will be alright."

This allows us the practical opportunity to glorify Maharaj's ability to motivate ourselves in engaging in devotional service with full force ("*tivrena bhakti yogena*" – SB 2.3.10) - Srila Prabhupada having described this as being as forceful as the "unmixed sun rays". You have the singular ability to propel us into enthusiastic devotional service through the sincere urgency of your request. I have not come across anyone else who has made Srila Prabhupada's words so close to the core of our heart and impelled us so powerfully to attempt to engage in Bhakti.

No less singular is your Divine Grace's ability to make such instructions so practical that we can easily make an attempt to put the word's of Bhagavatam into practice. We can understand

that we have to be impeccable in our occupational duties and support a stable foundation for Krsna bhakti. This leads to sound family cohesion, peace of mind and the ability to be conscious of Krsna and serve Him more. So down to earth! So simple.

The legacy of your attachment to Bhagavatam and the particulars of your study methods of your beloved Bhagavatam continue to expand within ISKCON and attract genuine aspirants on this most glorious engagement. Just today, I am pleased to inform, due to this legacy, we have concluded our initial meeting with the ISKCON Sydney management team to provide ongoing child and adolescent systematic study of the shastra (I pay tribute to your use of the word "systematic" as you have so lovingly inscribed in our copy of Bhagavatam) by bringing your Gopal's Glorious Gang program to the Temple room at Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha Mandir. I can understand now that it is through your desire (and of course inside arrangements with Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha!) that you are bringing us the opportunity to take closer association of Their Lordships in Srila Prabhupada's service. Thank you for fulfilling this wish of ours. We can understand how carefully you have listened to our prayers to enable this development and, in so doing, we shall continue to share whatever you have taught us in relation to your dearest *"Srimad Bhagavatam, Puranam amalam, yad Vaishnavanam priyam"*.

Thank you for helping me in my continuing engagement with Srimad Bhagavatam. Thank you for motivating me in such studies. Thank you for the guide of studying with a notebook and pen. Thank you for the opportunities to prepare for class and join you in mining the treasures that lie therein – as I can always feel your guiding presence when I am so engaged. I pray even more for your presiding glance and further opportunities to share our good fortune with others, and although we are quite disqualified through our many inebrieties and failings, I know I can confidently rely upon inspiration from you when I am otherwise lost. Such hope impels us to continue with renewed enthusiasm, hoping to gain the favour of your mercy and in so doing, share our fortune around.

Your servant and son, eternally,
Taral Vilocana Krsna das

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Vyasa Puja Mohatsava ki Jai!
Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!



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--Vanita Methil

To

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Last year I had the wonderful opportunity to attend your Vyasa Puja Ceremony at Rajkot and as I sat there amidst your disciples from all over the world, I was overcome with this feeling of awe and reverence for you. Though I knew only a handful of disciples there, I couldn't help but notice the warmth and genuine affection that they all had for you. I could clearly understand that, that was due to the special relationship that they shared with you. You have been so merciful and kind to them that their heartfelt offerings reflected how much they cherished the moments that they had spent in your presence.

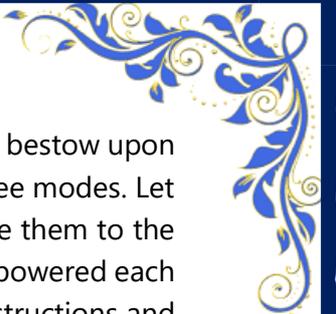
They all were so enthusiastic and sincere in their approach towards every aspect of service to you Maharaj, may it be in the form of an offering, or their endeavour to complete and support the temple project or even doing menial services to aid the visiting guests and make everyone feel welcome. They were all inspiring in their own ways and made me realise how fortunate I was to be among them, though I felt it would have been such a blessing if I could have had the opportunity to have your association like them.

The accomplishment of your dream project again reflected the commitment that your disciples have demonstrated towards you because of your unflinching faith and devotion towards their Lordships Radha NeelaMadhav. This further strengthens the resolve of neophyte aspiring devotees like me to continue on this inspiring Krishna Conscious journey.

Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura says:

tāndera caraṇa sevi bhakta-sane vāsa
janame janame haya, ei abhilāṣa

As it is advised that one should not be anxious to offer direct service to the Lord. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu advised that one become a servant of the servant of the servant of the Lord (gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ (CC Madhya 13.80)



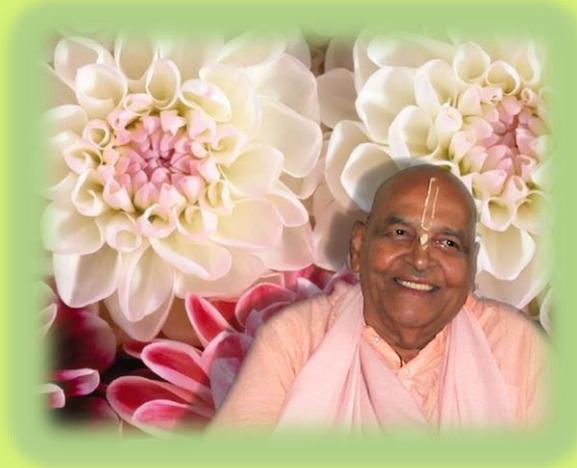
I don't qualify to have this association of sincere devotees around me but please bestow upon me your mercy so that I can understand and recognize the onslaught of the three modes. Let me always take shelter of Lord Krishna and his devotees and endeavour to serve them to the best of my ability. As I had noticed that your teachings and instructions have empowered each of your disciples to motivate others around them, hope I too can follow your instructions and be of some service.

Please give me the strength and the purity to always continue chanting, studying Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in the association of devotees and most importantly putting them into practise.

Your insignificant servant,
Vanita



Australia - Melbourne



“Naturally we are very attached because since last so many births we have been saying mine, mine, mine. But there is only one facility in this birth which is higher intelligence. Therefore we can understand that there is something else which is better than attachment. Other animals cannot understand this.”

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--Pradeep

Hare Krshna,

Dandavat Pranams to all devotees. HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai., HH AC Bhakti Vedanta Swami Srila Prbhupada Ki Jai.

I have been in spiritual seeking for over 10 years within my limited time out of performing my materialistic duties. I happen to hear about a Bhakthi Vrksa conducted by one of HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj's disciple Swaya Sampurna Prabhuji near my home and started attending quite often. This process actually changed my life, even though I had some realizations from reading Bhagavad Gita. I didn't really know what to do. I take this opportunity to acknowledge that the determination, dedication, devotion and grace of people like Maharaj is actually helping so many fallen soul like me.

Thank you.

Hare Krshna.



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--Subhankari devi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaj

I offer my sincere obeisances to your lotus feet. At this glorious occasion of the 100th anniversary of your all-auspicious appearance. I would like to glorify you. I know by the mercy of the spiritual master that is you Maharaj, we can receive benediction of Krishna, without the grace of spiritual master one cannot make advancement in his spiritual life. Please Maharaj shower your mercy upon us so that we can serve Krishna and get out of this cycle of birth and death. Thank you Maharaj for connecting us with Srila Prabhupada and his books. Your words will always guide us. Your love for teaching Bhagavatam has an amazing potency in transforming lives of many fallen souls. Kindly help me so that I can concentrate on my chanting and try to serve devotees. Help me Maharaj so that I can control my ego and be a servant of Krishna.

Please Maharaj forgive me and shower your mercy upon me and take me in your shelter.

Your Servant, disciple and spiritual daughter,
Subhankari devi dasi



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--Svayam Sampurna Krishna das

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

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Haribol my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki jai,

Please accept my humble dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev. All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

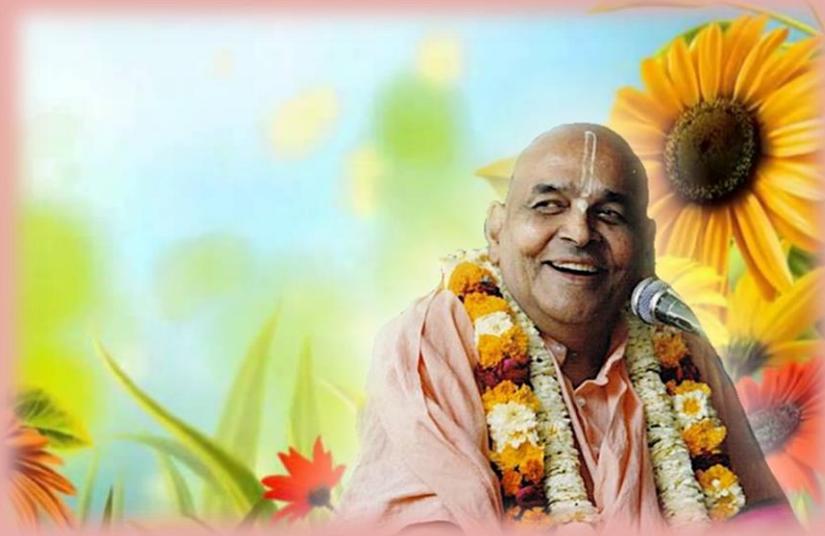
On this most significant 100th year of your blessed appearance, I offer my heart felt gratitude to you as my eternal spiritual master. Without you, I am sure that I would have been wasting this valuable human form of life. I am really pleading for your causeless mercy so that I can follow your instruction of learning Srimad Bhagavatam and to read between the lines of Srila Prabhupada's Purports.

I humbly beg you Maharaj to please keep me under the safe shelter of your lotus feet so that I can progress in my spiritual life by following your instructions.

Your unworthy servant,
Svayam Sampurna Krsna das.



Canada - Toronto



“In Kali-yuga everyone is engaged in one or the other duty so that we can maintain ourselves. This duty has to be carried out with honesty and purity. the best way to get rid of work is to do it perfectly. In that way, we can go to krishna the rest of the time with a peaceful mind.”

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--Paripoorna Krishna das & Adhokshaja Priya devi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru maharaj

I offer my sincere obeisances to your lotus feet. At this glorious occasion of the 100th anniversary of your all-auspicious appearance, I am trying a humble effort to glorify you, whose glories are limitless, with my broken language. Please accept it. Even the attempt to properly glorify you makes my unworthiness clearly evident, and I humbly beseech you in a prayerful mood to forgive my obvious shortcomings. I therefore take the shelter of Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura who has glorified the Spiritual master in its highest degree, to celebrate your boundless glories.

*samsara-davanala-lidha-lokatranayakarunyaghanaghanatvam
praptasyakalyana-gunarnavasya vandegurohsri-caranaravindam*

O dear Gurudev, you are the topmost deliverer because you have come down from the Spiritual abode, Dwarka to Trivandrum specifically to rescue us from the burning forest fire of material existence. You saw me so fallen and wretched, took pity, and came to me as you have exemplified a *bhavyāni* (SB 3.5.3).

*mahaprabhohkirtana-nrtya-gita vaditra-madyan-manasorasena
romanca-kampasru-taranga-bhajo vandegurohsri-caranaravindam*

You take great pleasure in singing the glories of the Lord. Your chanting of Srimad Bhagavatam is the nectar to ears. You taught us how to chant and recite the slokas. Your mercy is causeless, whenever you chastise us for not attending Mangal arati. Our desire is that by your causeless mercy we shall keep on singing the glories of Lord and purify ourselves.

*sri-vigraharadhana-nitya-nanasrngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau
yuktasyabhaktamscaniyujato 'pi vandegurohsri-caranaravindam*

You are always engaged in the service of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav and Rukhmini Dwarakadish. You have accepted us and encouraged us in various ways in your magnanimous endeavors to engage us in different services (Kids school, learning, teaching etc). Krishna comes to us as you, who mercifully picks us up and gives us the opportunity for service, the means to develop love. I pray to you, O Lord and Master, to eternally engage this fool in your service birth after birth

*catur-vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada svadv-anna-trptanhari-bhakta-sanghan
krtvaivatrpimbhajatahsadaiva vandegurohsri-caranaravindam*



As Srila Prabhupada "tricked" the "Hippies" with Kirtana and Prasadam and turned them to "Happies", You also hooked us with the khichdi and halva when we first visited you in Rajkot. You take great pleasure in seeing us relishing sweetmeats and singing the glories of RadhaKrishna. You taught the easiest and simplest process given by Lord Caitanya, "Simply chant the holy names of the Lord." Kevala ānanda-kāṇḍa. Chant, dance and feast on Krishna prasadam. What to speak about you giving us the sweet pastimes of Krishna from the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam. In your divine association, discussion of the pastimes and activities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is very pleasing and satisfying to the ear and the heart (SB 3.25.25)

*sri-radhika-madhavayor apara madhurya-lila guna-rupa-namnam
prati-kshanasvadana-lolupasya vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

You are always immersed in the nectarian pastimes of Radha Neelmadhav, and you are simultaneously present with us, your disciples, hearing and responding to our prayers and showering your blessings upon us. You taught us to be a worm in the Srimad Bhagavatam and relish the same *kathamrtam* you drink every moment. How unfortunate, I have no taste for it. I humble pray at the dust of your lotus feet to get a drop of *anuraga* for Srimad Bhagavatam.

*nikunja-yuno rati-keli-siddhyai ya yalibhir yuktir apekshaniya
tatratidakshyad ati-vallabhasya vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

You assist your beloved Spiritual master Srila Prabhupada in the eternal service of Radhakrishna in the Spiritual world. You are simultaneously assisting Srila Prabhupada in the service of Lord Caitanya in Navadvipa. How wonderful is your service, how wonderful is your Srila Prabhupada, how wonderful is your Krishna and how wonderful are your disciples...I pray to forever remain the servant of your beloved servants in the mood of complete surrender

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

All the scriptures sing of your glories (SB 7.15.26). Of all worship, the worship of Krishna is the greatest but the worship of the lotus feet of the Spiritual master is even greater, the authorities teach us, because you are the most confidential servitor of Krishna. I beg for your mercy: please make me a little instrument in your service to Srila Prabhupada. Krpabindu diya, koro ei dase, trnapekha ati hina. Gurudeva, please bestow upon us a drop of your mercy so that we can carry out your order up to the last breath of our life

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

The secret of success in spiritual life is in satisfying yourself and thereby getting your sincere blessings. Only by your satisfaction can we please the Personality of Godhead. Please bless us so that we can remain your servant forever. We especially pray that we can, in all humility, appreciate each and every one of your disciples. Bowing down in any direction that we may find one of your sincere followers, we remain the aspiring servant of the servants of your servants

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dite pāro tomāra śakati āche

Krsna is yours. You have the power to give Him to me. I am simply your servant running behind you...

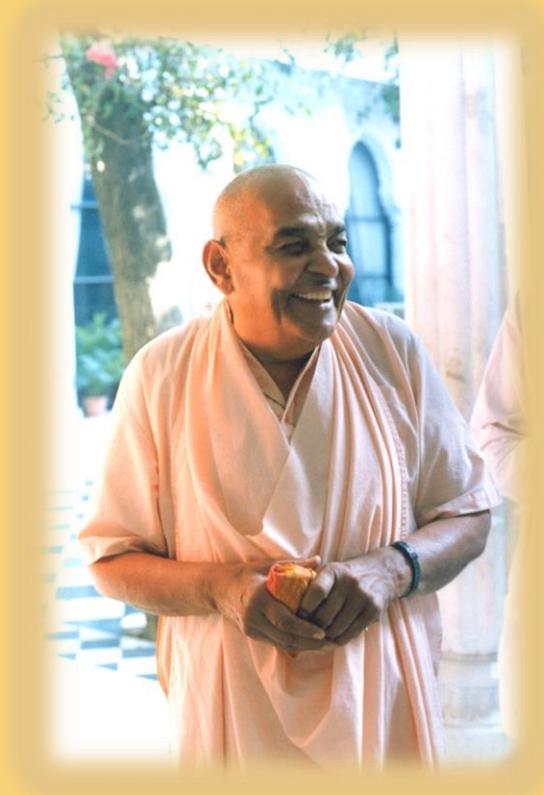
Beloved Maharaj, with your blessing, we have started a new congregation preaching in our area. We are making a humble effort to teach Bhagavad Gita and Slokas to adults and kids. In the last Janmashtami celebration we had over 200 new comers attending the festival and out of which 25 active members are regularly attending weekly Bhagavad Gita class and equal number of kids learning and reciting slokas. On this auspicious occasion, we would like to offer this to your lotus feet and again and again beg for your blessings to continue in your service to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna.

Your insignificant servants

Adhokshaja Priya devi dasi & Paripoorna Krishna das



Europe - Denmark



“Lethargy and devotional service go ill together. Prabhupada’s stick is always warning us. “How many more births you want to take? How many more deaths you want to face? There is so much to be done and we should have busy engagement serving krishna.”

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--Amogha-drk Krsna das

Dear devotees.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudeva.

In life, there are times when we have to make well-advised, well-thought-over choices. We are all aware of this fact, which conveys a certain weight – or even burden – sometimes.

Choices are there for a reason! They are part of the interplay that goes on between God and his parts and parcels, the living entities. And this world is like the material clay, by which our choices materialize or take shape, either in this or that way. In this regard, the Bhagavatam 3.26.29 says:

"The functions of intelligence are to help in ascertaining the nature of objects when they come into view, and to help the senses." Srila Prabhupada explains that, *"Intelligence is the discriminating power to understand an object, and it helps the senses make choices. Therefore intelligence is supposed to be the master of the senses... By the proper use of intelligence one's consciousness is expanded, and the ultimate expansion of consciousness is Krishna consciousness."*

When we provide our senses objects for seeing, hearing, tasting etc. by intelligent direction, that is called sensible. And sensible choices made in due consideration of the Lord's orders, either received directly – as Arjuna heard from Krishna – or indirectly received – as through the Spiritual Master (guru) – are called sat, or Krishna conscious choices.

However, the choices we make according to our own preferred cup of tea are called asat or materially shaky at best. In fact, any undertakings not done in spiritual life as an offering to the Lord or His master-devotee – the Gurudeva – is ultimately doomed, yielding no eternal value. At best, they give some gratification to the senses or egos of people steeped deep in the wells of material life, but that's all!

Our dear most Gurudeva, His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja – which we honor today on his Vyasa Puja birthday – chose to take the post of guruship in our Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya-Vaishnava parampara. Thus, in effect, our Guru Maharaja chose to become an extension of the helpful hand of Krishna meant for dragging fallen jivas – such as the author of this offering – out of the wells of ignorance of which this material world is composed.

As the title implies, this is not an easy task; it is heavy (guru)! Apart from 'heavy', the term guru also means 'teacher', and being a teacher is at the same time heavy as well as most responsible. Why responsible? Because the teacher needs to be able to respond - not only to whatever inquiries he gets from disciples, but also in terms of giving feedback to the disciple's mood of

conduct, which he monitors closely. And again, 'gurudeva' implies much more than a material teacher or master, because he spiritually educates the disciple – in terms of knowledge and behaviorwise as well – effectively turning him into a pure transcendentalist – a Vaishnava – and thus also liberating the disciple from karmic implications, both now and in the future. As long as the disciple faithfully keeps his part of the linking process by means of giving himself to the guru's instructions, the guru will similarly give himself to the disciple. The Srimad Bhagavatam (11.3.22) explains:

*tatra bhāgavatān dharmān / śikṣed gurv-ātma-daivataḥ
amāyayānuvṛtṭyā yaḥ / tuṣyed ātmātma-do hariḥ*

"Accepting the bona fide spiritual master as one's life and soul and worshipable deity, the disciple should learn from him the process of pure devotional service. The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, the soul of all souls, is inclined to give Himself to His pure devotees. Therefore, the disciple should learn from the spiritual master to serve the Lord without duplicity and in such a faithful and favorable way that the Supreme Lord, being satisfied, will offer Himself to the faithful disciple."

That is why our Spiritual Master is the best friend we ever had, or will have, in our entire life – not only the present life but for all the thousands of lives we may have lived or will live in the future – we cannot find a better friend than our Spiritual Master. Because the Spiritual Master is the mercy manifestation of Krishna.

Fortunately for us, Maharaja chose to extend his hand to help us out! One time Maharaja said, "**When it comes to giving mercy, there is no choice**". And as we all have experienced, Maharaja lived like he had no other choice than extending the mercy of the Lord to others ad infinitum! And in that way, he still lives with us.

Now the choice is ours whether we will carry on the torchlight of knowledge he gave us and thus continue the parampara of eternal servitude, also called sampradaya. The word 'daya' in sampradaya means mercy, and *sampra* indicates the complete handing down of that mercy. In other words, since the *sampradaya* springs from Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the extension of Krishna's mercy is an eternal affair that never is meant to stop. Golokera *prema-dhana, harinama sankirtana*. In our age, the spreading of the Lord's mercy is called sankirtana, and it is simply the handing down of the Lord's love (*prema*) given (*dhana*) in the form of His name (*harinama*) chanted in a glorifying mood (*sankirtana*). Once Maharaja said that '**This Harinam is real daya.**'

So who are we to claim that "we don't have time" to connect somehow with our Guru in serving Srila Prabhupada and the rest of the parampara – as given by Krishna Himself in the Gita, Bhagavatam and Caitanya-lila? Taking into consideration how much mercy we constantly receive from Maharaja and the chain of devotees in Krishna's parampara – such a statement that 'we don't have time' would equal the richest man in the world claiming that he can't afford to share any money.

The fact is, as Maharaja told us, we do not own anything in this world, and the less we claim our property, the better, because we are all here in the material world waiting for death just

like in a waiting room for the train. It doesn't actually matter what we have or don't have now, because when the train comes, we are all going to leave everything, anyway.

The one with a lot of material things, or luggage, and the one without any luggage – both are in the same situation, waiting for the train to come and take them away. But actually, the one without luggage will be able to enter the train without problems, whereas the other one – with so much luggage – will have great problems bordering the train.

Thus Maharaja told us, we must develop this 'waiting room consciousness' of detachment from material possessions before developing Krishna consciousness. If this consciousness is developed, then we will not be jealous or envy others prosperity. This idea has to be digested and sink into our being, otherwise we cannot progress an inch in devotional service. This whole genuine attitude can develop only by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada through his literatures. He has awakened our senses and brought us back to the root Vedic culture and has given us the clear understanding. Thus Maharaja was requesting us to catch the dhoti of Srila Prabhupada to uproot all these unwanted deep-rooted tendencies in our hearts and was pleading, "Please be merciful to your own self before being merciful to others".

Begging that I somehow will be able to connect with the mercy of our Gurudeva Maharaja and thus be merciful to myself and others,

Your servant,
Amogha-drk Krsna das
ISKCON Bergen, Norway



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--Tejasvi Krishna das

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you for all the blessings and spiritual shelter you have kindly offered me. On the occasion of your auspicious appearance day in this world, I would also like to share one of my memories of your association. I hope this will meet with your approval. One time in Rajkot during class you mentioned that devotees are a bit mad really. Although you did not elaborate much on this at that time, I later found in "Teachings of Lord Caitanya" Chapter 16 a statement by Lord Caitanya concerning his explanation of the atmarama-verse. Here Lord Caitanya says to Sanatana Goswami, "I was just like a madman in describing this Atmarama verse in so many ways. Do not mind if I have said something mad. But if someone becomes a madman like Me, he can understand the real meaning of Srimad-Bhagavatam as I have explained it."

Maharaja, the main thing visible in your character at first glance was always that of a fatherly and highly refined gentleman. Yet your actions often went beyond that which could be understood by the mundane logic of bank managers, construction contractors, gundas or simply foolish disciples. The intentions of a pure devotee is a confidential understanding only available to the truly fortunate, and yet amongst the most fortunate, who can claim that they fully understand your motives and purposes? Can anyone? If anyone would ever be able to truly understand you as a realized soul, it would be because you chose to reveal yourself to them. Anyone desiring to understand you would have to reflect your pure brilliance like a clear mirror.

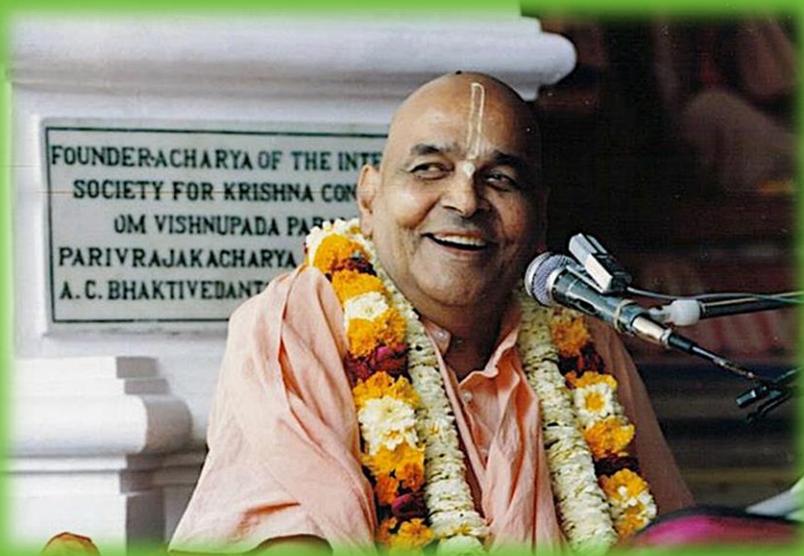
I appologize many times for trying to impose my materially conceived ideas in your presence. Trying to understand the Lord or His pure representative by one's material concepts and calculations is simply not possible. Today on the greatly auspicious occasion of your appearance Maharaja, I wish for the good fortune of all our godbrothers and godsisters in their endeavours to serve and please you. Waiting for the opportune moment I will personally endeavour to clean the mirror of my consciousness with the chanting of the holy names while taking shelter of the Bhagavad-gita and the Bhagavatam as you have instructed.

Remaining at your lotus feet,

Your insignificant servant,

Tejasvi Krishna das

India - Bangalore



“We should neither neglect our sadhana nor make it a ritual. In our heart there should be no place for anything other than Krishna. Then sanity will prevail. Sanity and full krishna consciousness go hand-in-hand.”

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--Advaita and Chinmaya

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Please accept our Dandwat Pranams

You are our dear grandfather. We had the good fortune of having your darshan in Singapore in 2009. Maharaj we are grateful to you for bringing our parents and us in Krishna consciousness. We pray to you Maharaj to kindly keep us in your shelter so that we are always Krishna conscious at all times. Kindly be merciful to us so that we can remember you and Krishna in what ever work we do.

Happy Birthday dadaji

Your loving grand children remembering you

Advaita and Chinmaya



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--Karunamayi devi dasi

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

*yasya sāksād bhagavati
jñāna-dīpa-prade gurau
martyāsad-dhīḥ śrutarṁ tasya
sarvaṁ kuñjara-śaucavat*

"The spiritual master should be considered to be directly the Supreme Lord because he gives transcendental knowledge for enlightenment. Consequently, for one who maintains the material conception that the spiritual master is an ordinary human being, everything is frustrated. His enlightenment and his Vedic studies and knowledge are like the bathing of an elephant."(SB 7.15.26)

Srila Gurudev, every year whenever I write the Vyasa Puja offering I cannot but just keep thanking you for the mercy you shower on us, but this year is the most special.

It's taking so long to understand though you kept repeating this, had you not patiently preached and cared for me...or else I would have lost. My fortune is boundless to have your grace.

I will be eternally grateful to you for showing us the correct path and saving me. You showed me the right way of bhakti & inspiring us to perform bhakti fearlessly in any circumstances and never leaving the side of truth.

Srila Gurudev, please bless me that I will remain your menial servant forever and not leave you even for a moment.

"You Are Our Absolute Saviour "

Willing to be most menial servant at your Lotus feet,
Karunamayi devi dasi
Mysore

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--Pranatatma Bandhu Krsna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my Satakoti Dandavat Pranams at the dust of your Lotus feet,
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada & Gurudev,

When every year people all across the world are busy penning down their new-year resolutions and thoughts and actions in this regard, I relish this opportunity to speak my heart out to you about the year gone by. Every year, I can't stress enough how you have imperceptibly shaped my life. You constantly provide me with the opportunity and environment to improve my sadhana. But for reasons of my own undoing, I continue to find excuses for the same. I vividly remember one of your lectures from Vyasa Puja '18 you clearly mentioned that Krishna takes away the favourable circumstances for devotional service if we do not take them seriously. Indeed, I couldn't be more fortunate to have parents who are guiding examples of everything that one needs in order to sustain one's life peacefully both materially and spiritually. However, I am cognizant of the fact that I have to accept my situation and work towards being better as your disciple. I am forever grateful for your extreme care and concern in keeping me involved at your service and I hope that am more and more eager to be at your service rather than doing them as just a chore. My only solace is in the statement that Srila Prabhupada makes in the purport of B.G 12.10 "voluntary service to the cause of Krsna consciousness will help one to rise to a higher state of love for God, whereupon one becomes perfect." In the purport of the verse 11.8.4 in bhagavatam Prabhupad nicely writes in this regard, "A transcendentalist is eager to execute his service to the Lord, and therefore he is grateful when the Lord provides material facilities for such service. Mere renunciation of the material world is *phalgu-vairāgya*, or an immature stage of spiritual understanding. One must come to the stage of *yukta-vairāgya*, engaging everything in the service of Lord Kṛṣṇa. It is our practical experience that a devotee absorbed in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness automatically receives all facilities for his personal maintenance." I pray at your lotus feet that I am able to develop this eagerness in devotional service.

Earlier this year, I was extremely disheartened that I wasn't able to make it to the temple opening thereby associating with my family of Godbrothers and Godsisters from all over the world. However, I am extremely heartened since you have made arrangements for me to have their association next month on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja. I hope I make the most of my time to understand and learn from their relationship with you. Without doubt, every year I seem to know you more as a person and as a Spiritual Master through their experiences.

Going back to the point of eagerness in devotional service, the very act of service in Krishna Consciousness is a potent weapon as mentioned in the verse Srimad Bhagavatam (5.11.17)

*bhrātrvyam enam tad adabhra-vīryam
upekṣayādhyedhitam apramattah*

*guror hareś caraṇopāsanāstro
jahi vyalikam svayam ātma-moṣam*

"This uncontrolled mind is the greatest enemy of the living entity. If one neglects it or gives it a chance, it will grow more and more powerful and will become victorious. Although it is not factual, it is very strong. It covers the constitutional position of the soul. O King, please try to conquer this mind by the weapon of service to the lotus feet of the spiritual master and of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Do this with great care."

The easier but hardly used weapon as mentioned in this verse is neglect. I often see myself fueling chains of thought in my mind, considering and over-analyzing every option, alternative it presents me with. I kindly request you to whip my mind on a regular basis so that I can dovetail my eagerness in fruitive pursuits into pursuits at your service.

Finally, I'd like to pray again at your lotus feet that somehow or the other you keep me in the association of devotees so that someday I develop real taste. The Higher taste.

Thank you very much for hearing me out patiently,
Your Humble Servant,
Pranataatma Bandhu Krsna das



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--Raghavendu Rama das and Sitadevi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś / ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo / vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

Dear beloved His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances at Your Lotus Feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to You.

We are very fortunate to celebrate Your 100th appearance year and Vyasa puja, in the newly built temple – Glory of Saurashtra!!! It is Your causeless compassion towards the fallen souls like us, we are blessed with Spiritual master whose only desire is to elevate the sufferings of the conditioned souls and distribute the Love of God Head. Your eternal pearls of wisdom have been constantly guiding/correcting us through Your vāni and reminding us of our duty and urgency to perform devotional service, as stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 2.3.17:

*āyur harati vai puṁsām udyann astaṁ ca yann asau
tasyarte yat-kṣaṇo nīta uttama-śloka-vārtayā*

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

You always have stressed on keeping devotional service to Krishna ahead of everything and there is nothing more important than this in life. As the purity of the Ganges purifies anyone who touches It, anyone who touches Your Lotus Feet or have Your darshan or hears Your transcendental instructions is sure to purify him/her. In one of the lectures, Srila Prabhupada said, "...a moment passed in the association of a pure devotee by hearing and chanting the transcendental messages of the Lord is a perfect guarantee for eternal life, for returning home, back to Godhead'. We were conditioned sinful souls have no strength to perform devotion, without your mercy. We intensely beg at Your Lotus Feet to please be merciful and bestow us strength to perform devotional service, place us always in the divine association of the devotees, to serve the devotees, to chant the Holy names of the Lord, and to regularly study/hear Krishna Katha.

Jaya Om Vishnu-pada paramahansa parivrajakacharya ashtottara-shata Shri Srimad His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Centenary Vyasa Puja mahotsav ki jai !!!

Your lowly servants
Raghavendu Rama das & Sitadevi dasi

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--Sharada devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Heartfelt Danwat pranams from the most fallen disciple of yours, All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

This is a very special year and I am glad I will get a chance to meet my God siblings because of your causeless mercy.

You are the mirror of my soul and you know that I have a long way to go. Every year I take an vow to accept that I need to serve you better but end up serving my senses. I feel very lonely and realized that we need to go all alone someday. The fear of loneliness is so much instilled in me. I can see that in the last 10 years I have progressed to accept only Krishna as my only hope. I stopped running from pillar to post when I get into a tough situation and I am able to see God's plan. The problem is when everything goes fine then I give bhakti holiday....I know I am the greatest actor and Krishna is the greatest director

By Krishna mercy I am able to somehow manage Prahlad's kids class were underprivileged kids are attending...they are nicely chanting 12th chapter of Gita. Last year when I came to your samadhi I prayed that I wanted to read Bhagavatham...you sent wonderful matajis to me and I enjoy their association so much.

Please guide me in the right direction. Happy Centennial year.

Hare Krishna,
Sharada DD



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--Sindhu devi dasi

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Maharaj,

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

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. Today is the celebration of your appearance within this world, and it is a time of great rejoicing. With your golden touch, you have retrieved this fallen soul.

In SB verse 1.5.40, Narada Muni instructs the despondent Vyasadev to glorify the Supreme Lord's activities by compiling Srimad Bhagavatam.

*tvam apy adabhra-śruta viśrutam vibhoḥ
samāpyate yena vidān bubhutsitam
prākhyāhi duḥkhair muhur arditātmanām
saṅkleśa-nirvāṇam uśanti nānyathā*

"Please, therefore, describe the almighty Lord's activities which you have learned by your vast knowledge of the Vedas, for that will satisfy the hankerings of great learned men and at the same time mitigate the miseries of the masses of common people who are always suffering from material pangs. Indeed, there is no other way to get out of such miseries."

Maharaj you patiently encouraged and helped us to recite the verses by Shruti – means by hearing we remember and learn. Krishna told and Brahma learnt. So hearing through the heart. This is how the whole tradition was that the father was reciting and son was learning. That's why Vedic literature are known as shruti. Maharaj this is one of your most favourite verses and you have insisted on the importance of this verse and requested all to memorize the verse, word to word equivalents and translation. More importantly, you insisted that we should practice this verse in our lives.

You said "This is more serious study of Bhagavad-Gita and Bhagavatam. In the serious study, we put our heads into it and try to dig into our own heels and then we get the realization. This is the way to make us self-sufficient. We should be completely self-sufficient. You should be seriously inquisitive. Those students who are seriously inquisitive can realize the Supreme Absolute Truth."

Maharaj in one of your lectures in Rajkot you have stated "You are carrying Krishna with you. You should always carry Krishna. Come what may, take Krishna with you. In any part of

the country or in any part of the planet, you take Krishna and move about. Krishna must always be with you. For our health, we must carry Krishna with us. Don't waste your time."

In SB 7.9.24 Prahlad Maharaj says :

*tasmād amūs tanu-bhṛtām aham āśiṣo 'jñā
āyuh śriyaṁ vibhavam aindriyam āvirīṅcyāt
necchāmi te vilulitān uruvikramaṇa
kālatmanopanaya mām nija-bhṛtya-pāśvām*

"My dear Lord, now I have complete experience concerning the worldly opulence, mystic power, longevity and other material pleasures enjoyed by all living entities, from Lord Brahmā down to the ant. As powerful time, You destroy them all. Therefore, because of my experience, I do not wish to possess them. My dear Lord, I request You to place me in touch with Your pure devotee and let me serve him as a sincere servant."

Maharaj, you have been my eternal companion and guiding force all through my life. When I read the above verse, I only remembered you as the pure devotee of the Lord. Maharaj, I have realized your presence at each and every turn of my life and you continue to guide me even though my sadhana is not perfect.

In the purport, to the above verse Srila Prabhupada says *"To save oneself, one must take shelter of a pure devotee. Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura, therefore, says, chāḍiyā vaiṣṇava-sevā nistāra pāyeche kebā. If one wants to save himself from material nature's onslaughts, which arise because of the material body, one must become Kṛṣṇa conscious and try to fully understand Kṛṣṇa."*

Maharaj by your mercy you helped me to continue my devotional service in the association of wonderful devotees in this new place. During Damodar month we visited many schools and gave the opportunity for all children in offering lamps to Lord Damodara. Many schools have approached to start spiritual classes in their schools for their students. We need your blessings for preaching in various schools near our locality. Preaching to children has always been very close to your heart. So I seek your blessings in this endeavour.

I offer my respectful obeisances to you and pray to bless me and my family to progress in our spiritual path.

I along with prabhuji and sons Pranataatma Bandhu and Siddharth with his wife Sinduja seek your mercy to always remain fixed in discharging our duties in constant remembrances of **Your Lotus Feet.**

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !!

Your loving daughter,
Sindhu devi dasi,
Bangalore

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--Sri Ramchandra das

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Dear Maharaj,

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

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your centennial Vyasa-puja. Today is the celebration of your appearance within this world, and it is a time of great rejoicing.

Maharaj this year will be very much etched in my memory as your dream project of Shri Shri Radha Neel Madhav dham got manifested in Rajkot. Their Lordships are standing in majestic splendour as the glory of Saurashtra was inaugurated on Ram Navami day - 14th April 2019.

Thanks to HG Devakinandan Prabhu and HG Vaishnav Seva Prabhu for their guidance and inspiration and engaging us in Srila Gurudev's transcendental services.

On this occasion, HG Devakinandan Prabhu shared your instructions for all of us to imbibe – "Our connection and relationship with Srila Gurudev will continue to grow as long as we are not attached to the fruits of our activities and that includes the temple as well. It did not matter to Maharaj whether we had a temple or not ultimately. The temple is his offering to Srila Prabhupada and our attachment is eternally at his lotus feet and his instructions, and not the temple. Maharaj explained this to me patiently many times. He assured me if we could catch this subtle point then we will not be caught by the enemy known as an expectation but be liberated by the friend known as acceptance and detachment. This will keep us blissful, free of pride, envy and anger and all-embracing and wide hearted in nature."

Pearls of Wisdom is a humble beginning to spread the legacy and mood of our beloved Maharaj. I started sending Pearls of Wisdom in September 2018 in our Apartments group in Bangalore only to make them aware of Maharaj's mood. Within a few days the pearls started shining and many of them wanted it to be sent to them as well for them to share with their groups. They are all very pleased and inspired by the daily Vani of Maharaj. They say it is a real boost we need as the first thing in the morning. Pray that I be able to continue this service and Always remember Krishna and Never Forget Krishna and be only an instrument in spreading the legacy of our beloved Maharaj.

Maharaj, you have always maintained "not to worry about the number of people coming for programs. Wherever you are and in any situation or condition just sit and chant and read Bhagavatam. Krishna is very much present there and all sincere souls will come in due course. SB verse 4.30.35 very aptly reveals your above instruction :

*yatreḍyante kathā mṛṣṭās / tṛṣṇāyāḥ praśamo yataḥ
nirvairam yatra bhūteṣu / nodvego yatra kaścana*

"Whenever pure topics of the transcendental world are discussed, the members of the audience forget all kinds of material hankerings, at least for the time being. Not only that, but they are no longer envious of one another, nor do they suffer from anxiety or fear."

In the Purport Srila Prabhupada explains so wonderfully how a place can become Vaikuntha :
Vaikuṅṭha means "without anxiety," and the material world means full of anxiety. As stated by Prahāda Mahārāja, *sadā samudvigna-dhiyām asad-grahāt*: the living entities who have accepted this material world as a residence are full of anxiety. A place immediately becomes Vaikuṅṭha whenever the holy topics of the Personality of Godhead are discussed by pure devotees. This is the process of *śravaṇam kīrtanam viṣṇoḥ*, chanting and hearing about the Supreme Lord, Viṣṇu. As the Supreme Lord Himself confirms:

*nāhaṁ tiṣṭhāmi vaikuṅṭhe / yoginām hṛdayeṣu vā
tatra tiṣṭhāmi nārada / yatra gāyanti mad-bhaktāḥ*

"My dear Nārada, actually I do not reside in My abode, Vaikuṅṭha, nor do I reside within the hearts of the yogīs, but I reside in that place where My pure devotees chant My holy name and discuss My form, pastimes and qualities."

Because of the presence of the Lord in the form of the transcendental vibration, the Vaikuṅṭha atmosphere is evoked. This atmosphere is without fear and anxiety. To the question of our sadhana, Maharaj you would always say, "It is very important to chant the holy names and recitation of scriptures daily because our consciousness gets polluted every day and therefore in order to clear the consciousness from this pollution we have to chant the holy name and the scriptures daily (nityam). There is no way out."

"The material contaminations in our mind and intelligence is polluted because of the bodily conception of life for so many millions of births and therefore the only way to clear this rust is by soaking ourselves in the constant chanting of holy names and the revealed scriptures of the Lord."

Maharaj, you have often repeated umpteen times in most of your lectures that Bhagavatam means Behaviour. The way to improve our behaviour and keep ourselves fixed in bhakti is very nicely mentioned in Bhagavatam verse 6.11.24 where Vritraasura, offers a wonderful prayer. He says

*ahaṁ hare tava pādaika-mūla-
dāsānudāso bhavitāsmi bhūyaḥ
manaḥ smaretāsu-pater guṇāṁs te
gṛṇīta vāk karma karotu kāyaḥ*

"O my Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, will I again be; able to be a servant of Your eternal servants who find shelter only at Your lotus feet? O Lord of my life, may I

again become their servant so that my mind may always think of Your transcendental attributes, my words always glorify those attributes, and my body always engage in the loving service of Your Lordship?"

In his purport to the above verse, Srila Prabhupada mentions that "This verse gives the sum and substance of devotional life." The word "daasaanudaasa" in the above verse is worth meditating because that is the secret for progress in bhakti. But in this material world, we want to become "BossanuBoss" and so we always dive deep and keep drowning in the whirlpool of miseries.

Maharaj, you would always insist that all our habits must be free from the modes of passion and ignorance. Srimad Bhagavatam states in 1.2.19:

*tadā rajas-tamo-bhāvāḥ / kāma-lobhādayaś ca ye
ceta etair anāviddham / sthitam sattve prasīdati*

"As soon as irrevocable loving service is established in the heart, the effects of nature's modes of passion and ignorance, such as lust, desire and hankering, disappear from the heart. Then the devotee is established in goodness, and he becomes completely happy."

Maharaj, you have said "Our contamination is because of the lower modes and we will be completely pure once we get out of the modes. We have to think about these things again and again and Krishna helps us to get out of the contamination. Then all mental anguish and fatigue goes away. Because of contamination, anguish is there. Otherwise, there is no fatigue or anguish. We have to take a bath in Srimad Bhagavatam. The dirty body can be cleansed by water. Dirty consciousness cannot be cleansed by water. So wash your consciousness always. Nourish your eagerness that in this life time, today only we should be liberated. That is how we should be eager. Try to spend as much time as possible with Srimad Bhagavatam, Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Chaitanya Caritamrita.

Srila Prabhupada has given us everything in toto and if we lose touch with his literature, we are doomed. With fixed and one-pointed intelligence we have to go to him and there is no necessity of any other literature. To that extent, we should be fanatical about him. Any time we feel low, we just have to open a small book by Srila Prabhupada and we become completely free from all fatigue and anguish and we feel peaceful and refreshed."

Srila Prabhupada says in his purport to SB 1.1.8 : "*The secret of success in spiritual life is in satisfying the spiritual master and thereby getting his sincere blessings.*"

I am grateful to Lord Krishna for sending an empowered representative like your good self.

Maharaj, please guide me to follow all of your above instructions sincerely and effectively by burying myself in the Srimad Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam.

I along with my better half Sindhu, sons Siddharth and Pranataatma Bandhu and daughter-in-law Sinduja seek your mercy to always remain fixed in discharging our duties and following your instructions uninterruptedly and unmotivated.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !!

Please allow me to continue serving you despite my numerous faults. You remain my only hope, inspiration and shelter. All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Thank you, Maharaj, for the wonderful gift of devotional service. Please allow me to remain

Your humble servant,

Sri Ramchandra das

Bangalore



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--Sriveda

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswamin iti nāmine

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus feet.

You are a living embodiment of love and devotion, whose humility amazes me. Your will power and determination in spreading the glories of the all-merciful Lord, Sri Krishna inspires me, teaches me to be Krishna-centred and serves to be the panacea for all difficulties in life.

I have personally met you only once and have always kept in mind your instructions of always glorifying the Lord (kirtanam) and memorizing the translations of the shlokas. Your daily quotes are very practical and have deeply changed my perspective towards everything.

Dear Gurumaharaj, as you always state SB 2.8.4 :

*śrīvataḥ śraddhayā nityam grṇataś ca sva-ceṣṭitam
kālena nātidīrghena bhagavān viśate hṛdi*

"Persons who hear Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam regularly and are always taking the matter very seriously will have the Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa manifested in their hearts within a short time."

I am trying to practice shraavanam regularly and sincerely, implement the instructions learnt. I meditate on the above instruction even for my academic studies.

As you have rightly said, 'wherever there is bhakti, there are always good qualities and good behaviour' ; Krishna has blessed me with wonderful parents and your divine Holiness unto whom I will forever be indebted. Please shower on this unqualified soul, your gracious mercy which enables me to improve and advance in my devotional service to the lord.

Unfortunately, I did not have the sukṛthi to attend the temple inauguration ceremony and hope that by the causeless mercy of the Lordships Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhava, Jagannath Baladev Subhadra Mayi, Prahlada Narasimha and Ram Parivaar, I get the strength to perform all my duties and be a recipient of your compassion.

Tava kinkari

Sriveda

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--Vaishnavi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswamin iti nāmine

Dear Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet.

Though I have never seen you in real, I feel your presence when I hear to your audio lectures.
Even till today, I use your remedy of ginger-lemon to treat my throat ache.

I am trying to follow your definition of 'GOOD' Kids :

- G- Good
- O- Obedient
- O- Orderly
- D- Discipline

Following your instructions, I have glorified Lord Krishna with kirtan during the Maha-abhishek on Janmashtami.

Every year, I participate in the Bhagavad-Gita abhiyan in my school, we recite the first 10 slokas of a particular chapter.

I was even blessed to attend the inauguration of your dream project this year - Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav temple.

Maharaj, I request you to shower your mercy unto me so that I may become a GOOD kid.

Tava kinkari
Vaishnavi



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--Vrndavani T V

Dear Maharaj,

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

Feeling very fortunate to offer this offering on the account of centenary year. Your mercy is acting in every field of my life! By your Mercy on this centenary year, we welcomed beautiful Gaura Nitai deities from Vrindavan last month. Please bless me to please Them by serving very very nicely!

This year is special because it is your centenary year. Also in my life, this is a little special because it is going to decide my future academics. My future academics has become very special by your grace since you have told that "Masala box in kitchen is the medicine." You have always recommended to take up Ayurved for any disease. This instruction has helped me to take up Ayurveda course for my further academics. This can only happen through your mercy.

Seeking your blessings always,

Your servant,

Vrndavani (Age 16 years)

Mysore.



India - Delhi



“If at any point of time we feel weak in devotional service, we should take the shelter of Srila Prabhupada very sincerely. He has given us a lot of spiritual infrastructure in the form of so many vedic literatures, conversations, lectures and letters. Our lifetime is not enough to finish studying them.”

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--Dheeraj Krishna das

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lotus Feet of my Guru Maharaj, HH Mahavishnuji Goswami Maharaj. He was always so humble and smiling.

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your Lotus Feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Maharaj,

On the auspicious occasion I humbly offer my following obeisances unto your Lotus Feet. Please give your mercy to me a fallen disciple of yours. I remember one of your classes in Abu Dhabi in which you explained that There is only one verse in Bhagavat Gita in which Lord give his complete mercy and then you disclosed Sloka No. BG 2.64:

रागद्वेषविमुक्तैस्तु विषयनिन्द्रियैश्चरन् ।
आत्मवश्यैर्विधेयात्मा प्रसादमधिगच्छति ॥ ६४ ॥

*rāga-dveṣa-vimuktais tu
viṣayān indriyaiś caran
ātma-vaśyair vidheyātmā
prasādam adhigacchati*

But a person free from all attachment and aversion and able to control his senses through regulative principles of freedom can obtain the complete mercy of the Lord.

Purport:

It is already explained that one may externally control the senses by some artificial process, but unless the senses are engaged in the transcendental service of the Lord, there is every chance of a fall. Although the person in full Kṛṣṇa consciousness may apparently be on the sensual plane, because of his being Kṛṣṇa conscious he has no attachment to sensual activities. The Kṛṣṇa conscious person is concerned only with the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa, and nothing else. Therefore, he is transcendental to all attachment and detachment. If Kṛṣṇa wants, the devotee can do anything which is ordinarily undesirable; and if Kṛṣṇa does not want, he shall not do that which he would have ordinarily done for his own satisfaction. Therefore, to act or not to act is within his control because he acts only under the direction of Kṛṣṇa. This consciousness is the causeless mercy of the Lord, which the devotee can achieve in spite of his being attached to the sensual platform.

Maharaj further explained that Krishna is always so merciful to His devotees, "Like Krishna Karuna Sindhu, Deenbandhu Jagatpate".

Maharaj further said that to get the complete mercy we need to remember the formula said by the Lord as below:



1. Free from All attachment:

One should be more attached to the Lord but we always more attached to our families. For it we need to understand BG 2.59:

विषया विनिवर्तन्ते निराहारस्य देहिनः ।
रसवर्जं रसोऽप्यस्य परं दृष्ट्वा निवर्तते ॥ ५९ ॥

*viṣayā vinivartante
nirāhārasya dehinaḥ
rasa-varjaṁ raso 'py asya
paraṁ dṛṣṭvā nivartate*

Though the embodied soul may be restricted from sense enjoyment, the taste for sense objects remains. But, ceasing such engagements by experiencing a higher taste, he is fixed in consciousness.

After receiving better & higher taste, we start attached more to the Lord. Once we start getting more enjoyment in Krishna devotion then certainly we start our complete attachment towards Him.

2. To Control the Senses:

One can only control his senses once he attaches more towards Krishna. All desires can be curtailed by chanting the names of Krishna more seriously. Hence Chant Chant & Chant and that is only the formula to obtain the complete mercy of the Lord.

Thank you, Maharaj, for your humble mercy,

Your Humble Fallen Servant,
Dheeraj Krishna das



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--Swarnangi devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

When I was a kid, I used to visit DELHI ISKCON during day and evening just for playing and passing my timeout. But the real meaning of Krishna consciousness came into the existence when we came under your shelter. Visiting RAJKOT and DWARKA still feels the same as you are there Maharaj and will always be. I still remember the time when I met with an accident, you asked me to learn **Narsimha kavach** even before it happened, that really helped me when I felt pain. At that time, no painkiller really worked. It was yours and Krishna's blessings that time passed away.

"Gagan saurashtra bhoomi paad sprashnam
gaggan garjayanti ambodh varshanam"

Everything including land rejoices only by your touch Maharaaj. Please keep blessing us Maharaj so that we can always be on the right path. Although, we are not regularly practising what you have preached, do give us the shelter of your lotus feet so that Krishna has His eyes on us.

keshav keshav kuukiye
naa kuukiye asaar
raat divas ke kuukte
kabhi toh sune pukaar.

Krishna will definitely listen to us if we will have you here with us, guiding us all the time, blessing us all the time. You have taught us learn to stay tolerant and humble in every situation, with every living being. No matter how hard the situation is, Krishna will always protect us.

I remember one doha which we have always studied in our hindi vyakaran text books :

"guru govind dau khade , kaake laagu paye,
balihaari guru aapne jin govind diyo bataye"

From the time we were kids, even books taught us or explained to us the importance of guru. It was you Maharaj, who made us believe in Krishna consciousness. It was you Maharaj who made us know about Lord **Govinda**.

If we have you, Maharaj, we have Krishna with us. As child stays really anxious, crossing red light with all the cars coming in speed. The child calms down as soon as his or her parents hold his or her hand. The same way Maharaj, we will always be safe under your lotus feet.

As you have always said that we all are a family. Keep blessing all your family members Maharaaj.



Nowadays, I am doing my Masters in psychology (final year). Keep blessing me so that I can study well and do well in my studies

Your aspiring servant,
Swarnangi devi dasi



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--Krishna devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja, Hare Krishna.

Please accept our koti koti dandavat pranams at your lotus feet on your 100th appearance day.

We feel very fortunate to have an opportunity to glorify you although we are not capable to do so.

We were not blessed enough to get any association with you in person. So, we don't have any specific instance where we could observe your hand. However we believe the following two points were made clear to us by your blessings and Jagannath Ji's mercy. This has helped us in our personal and spiritual growth.

Those two points are:

1. We always have Jagannath ji and you looking after us, be it a minor discomfort or a major accident. You are not in the business of sheltering us from all the problems, instead when an uncomfortable situation befalls, you help and guide us through your vani to be better versions of ourselves and improve as a person and as a devotee.

2. We also understand through your vani and your disciple that we need to be kind to ourselves and only by having kindness, we can exhibit unconditional empathy for all souls around us. If we don't have kindness, how can we share the same with the world as charity begins from home?

We also understand that you are not talking about procrastination and being easy on oneself, true kindness with the intent of improving and aware of our shortcomings is the key here.

So often we find ourselves doing Jagannath Ji's sewa as ritual. When we become aware of this, instead of being harsh on ourselves or maybe have a mini panic attack thinking we are straying away from His mercy, if we are able to practice being kind to ourselves, reminding us that it's okay to falter as long as we are able to notice it and get back to His sewa with love, we are not in trouble. Maharaj and Jagannath ji will love us no matter what, but as devotees, it is our duty to make sure we notice our flaws, practice kindness and improve on a steady pace with your mercy.

We beg your forgiveness for our faults.

Your humble servants,
Radha devi dasi, Krishna devi dasi and Sarita devi dasi

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--Mahindra das

Hare Krishna, Hari Bol,
I am very Greatful to Maharaj ji for his divine and devotional services.

Although the brāhmaṇa friend of Lord Kṛṣṇa, Sudama, was a householder, he was not busy accumulating wealth for very comfortable living; therefore he was satisfied by the income which automatically came to him according to his destiny. This is the sign of perfect knowledge. A man in perfect knowledge knows that one cannot be happier than he is destined to be.

Very thankful to Gurumaharaj and his devotional team.

Hare Krishna! Hari Bol.

Your servant,
Mahindra das



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--Manjari devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji,

Please accept my anant koti dandavat pranams at your lotus feet. All glories to you and all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, by the arrangements of Krishna I was born in a family where there was no Krishna bhakti but our parents took us to Gurudwara where we learned to respect Guru.

Years back, Maharaj, when you blessed us with your lotus feet at our home, by your darshan only I got the seed of bhakti. Now with your blessings somehow or other, I am able to chant my rounds and perform deity worship at our home. Also get opportunity of devotees' association. Though my prabhujii and children are favorable to me , they have not started chanting.

Maharaj, I am a simple hearted person and from the core of my heart, I request you to please bless our family so that every one in my family follow your instructions and come under your shelter.

Maharaj, neglecting my inebreities, please keep showering your merciful glance on me and my family.

Your most fallen servant,
Manjari devi dasi



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--Nirmla devi dasi

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परम दयालु महाराज श्री के चरणों में सहस्रनमन प्रणाम।

महाराज, मैं पूर्णतः असमर्थ हूँ कि आपके बारे में कुछ कह सकूँ या लिख सकूँ। ना तो शब्द हैं, न बुद्धि ही है, पर यह विश्वास अवश्य है कि आपकी कृपा सदैव मुझ पर है। मैं सब प्रकार से असमर्थ हूँ और आप सभी प्रकार से समर्थ है, तभी मुझ जैसे पतित आत्मा को आपने अपनाया और कृपा प्रदान की। आपकी भरपूर कृपा मेरे बच्चों पर दिखाई देती है, जो मेरे बिना प्रयास के ही भगवान के चरणों में प्रेम प्राप्त कर रहे हैं। मुझ जैसे पतित में यह सामर्थ नहीं है कि इन दोनों शुद्ध आत्माओं को कुछ सिखा सकूँ, मेरा पावर बैंक आप हैं जो मुझे शक्ति प्रदान करते हैं। मेरी बेटियाँ श्रीजी (१२) और रागात्मिका (७) आपकी कृपा से कुछ भक्ति, सेवा और जप कर रही है। श्रीजी मुझसे शिकायत करती है कि मैंने उसको आपके दर्शन नहीं कराये जिसके लिए मैं क्षमा प्रार्थी हूँ। मैं एक निम्न कोटि की शिष्या होते हुए भी अपने आप को भाग्यशाली मानती हूँ कि अपने मुझे अपने चरणों में स्थान दिया और मेरे जीवन को मार्गदर्शन प्रदान किया।

आपकी बेटी,
निर्मला देवी दासी

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

My hundreds of obeisances unto the lotus feet of my most merciful spiritual master.
Maharaj,

I am complete incapable of writing or speaking something about you. I don't have any words nor intelligence but this faith is certainly there that your merciful blessings are always upon me. I am incapable in all ways and you are capable in all ways, that's why you have accepted a fallen soul like me and bestowed your mercy. Your complete mercy is visible upon my daughters because they are offering loving service unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord without my endeavor. A fallen soul like me does not have the capability to teach these two pure souls. You are my powerbank who is giving me all power. My daughters Sriji (12) and Ragatmika (7) are doing devotion, service and chanting by your mercy. Sriji is complaining that I have not given your darshan to her and for that I sincerely apologize to you. Even though I am your most fallen disciple, I consider myself most fortunate that you gave me shelter at your lotus feet and gave direction to my life.

Your daughter,
Nirmala devi dasi.

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--Shyamcaran das & Kripa siddhi devi dasi

Param pujya Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krishna, please accept our koti dandvata pranams at your lotus feet.

Thank you, Maharaja, for giving us the opportunity of taking your shelter, though we are not at all qualified. As your divine grace once mentioned, "*Shyam, your god brothers are very intelligent.*" This clearly indicates that I am not up to the standard of being your disciple. Please, Maharaja, bless us so that we can also be your true disciples.

Thank you, Maharaja, for giving us the opportunity of being a part of glorious opening of the beautiful stone temple of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadhishji at Dwarka dham and a magnificent marble temple "**Glory of Saurashtra**" at Sri Sri Radha Neelamadhav Dham, Rajkot.

Thank you, Maharaja, for giving us the opportunity of being a part of centennial Vyasa puja Mahotasava which is once in a lifetime opportunity.

Maharaja, for your glorification we can only repeat the words of Shastras and acharyas. In SB 7:13:21 qualities of pure devotees are given. Any verse describing the qualities of pure devotee, your divine grace is the embodiment of that.

*श्रीब्राह्मण उवाच
वेदेदमसुरश्रेष्ठ भवान् नन्वार्यसम्मतः
ईहोपरमयोर्नृणां पदान्यध्यात्मचक्षुषा*

*śrī-brāhmaṇa uvāca
vededam asura-śreṣṭha / bhavān nanv ārya-sammataḥ
īhōparamayor nṛṇāṃ / padāny adhyātma-cakṣuṣā*

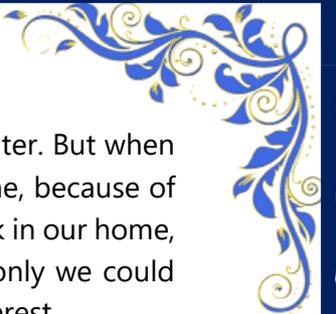
"The saintly brāhmaṇa said: O best of the asuras, Prahlāda Mahārāja, who are recognized by advanced and civilized men, you are aware of the different stages of life because of your inherent transcendental eyes, with which you can see a man's character and thus know clearly the results of acceptance and rejection of things as they are."

In a very concise purport, Srila Prabhupada highlighted two sublime qualities of a pure devotee.

1. A pure devotee like Prahlāda Mahārāja can understand the minds of others because of his pure vision in devotional service.

Maharaja, at numbers of occasions it happened that we were carrying a thought while coming to Dwarka/Rajkot, to inquire from you. But before we could express ourselves, we got the answer. Because of your pure vision in devotional service, you can read our minds.

2. A devotee like Prahlāda Mahārāja can study another man's character without difficulty.



Maharaja, you remember, once an elderly Mataji came with us to take your shelter. But when she requested for your permission, you asked her to wait for one year. That time, because of our impure intelligence we felt sorry for that Mataji. But later, when we were back in our home, we came to know that Mataji's behavior was not good with her family. Then only we could understand the reason of your instruction. After that, she never showed any interest.

And Maharaja, it is not that we only have such kind of experience, all most all our god siblings share similar experiences.

Maharaja, please accept us in the dust of your lotus feet so that we can come out of our abominable and duplicitous character and can become a sincere disciple.

Your insincere and unintelligent servants,
Shyam charan das, Kripasiddhi devi dasi



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--Shyamsundar das

To, Sri Srimad His divine grace Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev,

Hare Krishna, please accept sincere dandavat pranam unto your lotus feet from this fallen soul.
All glories to Guru Maharaj.

Guru Maharaj, before meeting you in person or through your vani, I use to think myself as very intelligent. Also due to so called modern teachings of management, I was trained to be aggressive and I thought that this is the only way to achieve success in life.

So I developed bad habits and became self centered. Always running after setting goal followed by "P warg" which was leading me nowhere in my life.

But the cause for existence of life changed after meeting you and our god brothers and sisters.
You drove

1. Our existence in this material world is to serve Krishna under your guidance.
2. Defined that our only goal is to keep Krishna in center of all our activity.
3. Your life is a living example of teachings of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam which helped me understand that how we can serve vaishnavas.
4. Helped in re coining the meaning of aggression. You advised us to be fully enthusiastic in serving Krishna, Guru and Vaishnavas. And now we realise that how material aggression can be converted in to spiritual aggression by serving with full enthusiasm.
5. Helped to know that in order to take shelter of lotus feet of Krishna, we need to servant of the servant of lord.
6. How to cut pride

As our Guru, you solved our all confusion and we are very fortunate to have you as our Spiritual father. As our Guru Maharaj you are kind enough to give all of the fallen soul a proper direction under the authority of vedic injunctions and setting an example by your simple living and high spiritual thinking.

We take a leaf out of engagement in unalloyed devotional service to Krishna and sometimes I feel that there are so many things to learn from living Bhagwat even without going in to pages of vedic scriptures.

I know that I am struggling to invibe all the qualities that you thought us due to our weakness but we realise that you have laid down the foundation for us.

Oh Maharaj, we the fallen soul can not move on the spiritual without your cause less mercy. So we bow down to your lotus feet and pray for your mercy. You know the spiritual science perfectly well and you descended for our benefit.



Please please help us to attach our mind to your teachings and try to fulfill your mission.

Your fallen souls has the desire to be your servant and constantly follow your teachings.

Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai.

Your servant,

Shyamsundar das



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--Swayam prakash das and Swayam Prabha devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj please accept my humble obeisances.

In Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.24 translation and purport by srila prabhupada

Translation

Lord Brahma said my dear demigods the human form of life is of such importance that we are also desire to have such life, for in the human form one can attain perfect religious truth and knowledge. If one in this human form of live does not understand the supreme personality of the godhead and his abode, it is to be understood that is very much affected by the influence of external nature.

PURPORT

Brahmaji condemns very vehemently the condition of the human being who does not take interest in the personality of godhead and his transcendental abode ,vaikuntha .The human form of life is desired even by Brahma ji.Brahma and other demigods have much better material bodies than human beings ,yet the demigods ,including Brahma, nevertheless desire to attend the human form of life because it is specifically meant for the living entity who can attain transcendental knowledge and religious perfection .It is not possible to go back to godhead in one life , but in the human form, one should at least understand the goal of life and begin Krishna consciousness.It is said that the human form is a great boon because it is the most suitable boat for crossing over the nescience ocean. The spiritual master is considered to be the most able captain in that boat, and the information from the scriptures is the favourable wind for floating over the ocean of nescience. The human being who does not take advantage of all these facilities in this life is committing suicide. Therefore one who does not begin Krishna consciousness in the human form of life loses his life to the influence of the illusory energy.Brahma regrets the situation of such a human being.

Regarding this purport

Guru Maharaj ji, you are a captain of one of the boat of Krishna consciousness. Myself your disciple, sitting inside the boat means (I am following the simple instructions and sadhana). By your mercy, I can cross hurdles of material life and cross over the nescience ocean. Please give me your mercy so that I can follow your instructions regularly.

Your disciples

Swayam prakash das and swayam Prabha devi dasi

New Delhi

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--Vasudev Krsna das

Dear Guru Maharaja

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Special Vyasa Puja. The great festival of *śrī vyāsa-pūjā*, or *śrī guru-pūjā*, commemorating the appearance day of *nitya-līlā-praviṣṭa* His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Although all the Vyas pujas are special for a disciple but this being Centennial Vyasa Puja this year which falls on 11th Dec 2019, On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja kindly accept the following submission at your lotus feet.

SB 11.3.21 it is said

*tasmād gurum prapadyeta / jñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātām / brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam*

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

In one of the paragraph of the purport of the above verse it is stated that According to Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura, if a spiritual master cannot destroy his disciple's doubts by superior knowledge, the disciple will gradually become despondent in spiritual life. Because a bogus *guru* cannot actually give Kṛṣṇa to the disciple according to the principle of *rasa-varjam raso 'py asya*, the disciple will again become attracted to material happiness, not having achieved the bliss of Kṛṣṇa's association. Such a weak disciple of a weak spiritual master will gradually become hopeless and discouraged in his attempt at self-realization and will again become fascinated by the temptations of illusion, such as women, money and so-called intellectuality based on speculation and imagination.

Further symptoms of the bona fide spiritual master are given in the *Upadeśāmṛta* (1) as follows:

*vāco vegam manasaḥ krodha-vegam
jihvā-vegam udaropastha-vegam
etān vegān yo viśaheta dhīraḥ
sarvām apīmām pṛthivīm sa śīśyāt*

"A sober person who can tolerate the urge to speak, the mind's demands, the actions of anger and the urges of the tongue, belly and genitals is qualified to make disciples all over the world." Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura has stated, *upaśamāśrayaṁ krodha-lobhādy-avaśī-bhūtam*: a bona fide spiritual master cannot be under the control of ordinary anger, greed and lust."

Maharaj, you were able to made disciples in each and every corner of the world and it was possible because you lived according to above verse, honestly speaking you were personification of the above verse

Maharaj, you could relate even the most ordinary event to the scriptures and for even a seemingly ordinary subject matter; and you could offer a spiritual perspective. You were a genuine guide in our struggle to carry on the material life, as well as for understanding the transcendence. Your presentation of the scriptures and especially Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam which is your life and soul.

Maharaj, you spoke and lived the essence of the scriptures and made everyone understand that the scriptures are not in the sky but very much on the ground, intimately related to our day-to-day life. That way you were a practical *Maha Bhagavata* and a down to earth *Paramahansa*. The humility which you exhibited is a conclusive proof of your greatness.

By your mercy we were able to have darshan of Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav, Sri Ram Parivar and Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra mai in their Brand new gorgeous temple in Rajkot which coincides in the same year.

On this Great day of Centennial Vyas puja which shall not come in our present life again, we bow our head and offer obeisance on the Lotus feet of our most exalted spiritual master. His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai.

Your insignificant servants but most fortunate souls
Vasudev Krsna das & Krsna Preeti devi dasi
Dwarka, New Delhi, India.

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--Yashoda Nandan Krishna das

हरे कृष्ण गुरु महाराज,
आपके चरणों में कोटि दंडवत पुणाम। गुरु महाराज की सौवीं व्यास पूजा महोत्सव की जयश्रील पुभूपद की जय
वर्ष 2003 मे, पहली बार श्याम चरण पुभू के साथ ,पवित्र धाम द्वारका तथा राजकोट मे रथ यात्रा उत्सव मे जाने का
सौभाग्य मिला। यद्यपि मैं पहली बार गुरु महाराज के दर्शन कर रहा था ,फिर भी महाराज ने ,पतित जीवों पर,
अपने दयालु स्वभाव के कारण ,मुझे अपनी शरण देना स्वीकार किया।

मुझमे गुरु महाराज के गुणगान करने की कोई योग्यता नहीं है। मुझे एक बात याद आ रही है, जिससे पता चलता है
कि महाराज कितनी सावधानी से दानराशी व्यय करते थे।

प्रातःकालीन भागवत कथा का समय था,महाराज जी कथा कर रहे थे।उसी समय एक टुक, उदयपुर से भगवान श्री
श्री नाथजी का विशाल चित्र लेकर राजकोट मंदिर पहुँचा। टुक का जोभी किराया था दे दिया गया। उसके बाद भी
डाइवर किसी बहाने से ज्यादा किराए की मांग कर रहा था। भक्तों और डाइवर के बीच बहस हो रही थी। इसी बीच
महाराज ने हस्तक्षेप करते हुए दृढ़ स्वर में डाइवर से कहा, " **यह कृष्ण की धनराशी है, ऐसे ही बरबाद करने के
लिये नहीं है एक-एक रुपया भक्तों की मेहनत की कमाई का है।**" महाराज अपने अद्भुत और निराले ढंग
से हमें सिखाते हैं कि अपनी मेहनत की कमाई को कृष्ण की सेवा में कैसे खर्च करना चाहिए। महाराज
अकसर कहते थे, " **जो धन कृष्ण की सेवा में लगता है वह लक्ष्मी स्वरूप होता है, नहीं तो वो दुर्गा स्वरूप में
विनाश का कारण होता है।**"

गुरु महाराज के आर्शिवाद से उनके आदेश का पालन करने का पुयास करता हूँ और उनकी तथा भगवान श्री कृष्ण
की अहेतुकि कृपा से सभी काम सुचारू रूप से चलता रहता है।

गुरु महाराज के चरणों में प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि मुझे एवं परिवार को आर्शिवाद पुदान करे कि हम, जैसे भी बन पड़े,
सेवा में लगे रहें।

आपका अयोग्य दास,
यशोदा नंदन कृष्ण दास

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my koti dandvat pranams at your lotus feet. Guru Maharaj's 100th vyasa puja ki
jai. Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

In the year 2003, first time I got the opportunity to visit the holy dham of Dwarka and Rajkot
during Ratha yatra festivals with Shyam charan Prabhu. Though it was my first darshan of Guru
Maharaj, Maharaj ,with his compassion towards the fallen soul like me, allow to take his shelter.

I have no qualifications to glorify Guru Maharaj, but I remember one past time which proves
how much Maharaj is careful in spending donated money.

It was the time of morning Bhagavata class and Maharaj was giving the class. At the same time
a truck arrived, carrying a big painting of Sri Srinathji from Udaipur. The transportation charges
were paid but on some plea, the driver was insisting for some extra money. An argument was
going on between devotees and driver. Then Guru Maharaj interrupted and in a firm voice told
the driver, "*This money belongs to Krishna, it can not be wasted just like this. Every rupee is*

earned by devotees with hard labor." This is the wonderful way of Maharaj to teach us how to spend our hard earned money in the service of Krishna. Maharaj used to say, "***The money which is used in the service of Krishna is Lukshmi otherwise it is Durga, the cause of destruction.***"

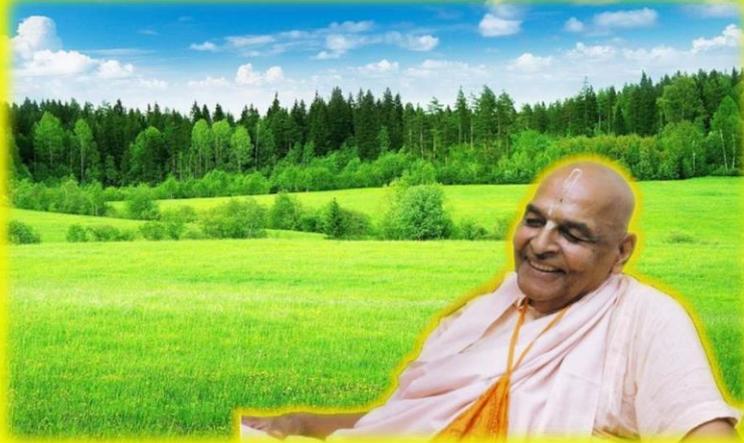
With the blessings of Guru Maharaj I am trying to follow his instructions and by his and Lord Sri Krishna's causless mercy in all walks of life things falls in place.

I pray at the lotus feet of Maharaj to bless me and my family to be engaged in whatever little service we can.

Your insignificant servant,
Yashoda Nandan Krishna das



India - Dwarka



“Our lifestyle at home should change by complete absorption in the Nectarian topics of Krishna. This way the younger generation is also saved.”

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--Vaikunthapati Krishna das

Our most revered and beloved spiritual master His holiness Mahavishnu Gosvami maharaj.

Please accept our dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev. All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on your 100th Vyasa Puja. All glories to disciples and well-wishers of Dear Guru Maharaj.

"Maharaj said, "Vaishnava means, every time we approach a devotee, we approach the devotee with a clean slate. How are you going to write something if there is no clean slate?" It is a fact. We need the clean slate. Otherwise it is very difficult to write anything. So this point we should not forget. On Maharaj's Vyasa Puja in Rajkot on 13th December 2008, Maharaj gave us this message, "Learn to write the hurts in the sand. Learn to carve our benefits on the stone. Sand will be swept away easily. So let our hurt be put in the sand, so that we forget those who hurt us, forgive those who hurt us, very quickly. But anything that is helping us in Krishna consciousness that one we must carve it into the stone and those who live this way can never be touched by envy. This is the royal road to come out of envy." If we are touched by envy, that means we don't know how to forgive and forget.

*HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE
HARE RAM HARE RAM RAM RAM HARE HARE*

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Gosvami Maharaj 100th Vyasa Puja Mahotsav ki jai!

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

Your aspiring son,
Vaikunthapati Krsna das.



India – Malampuzha



“Without Krishna in the waning age, the life really becomes a burden. Krishna’s strength never deteriorates so if we are connected to Him we deteriorate slowly with time. In this world everything changes, even our body. We try to stop the deterioration with money and medicines but that makes our condition still worse.”

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--Namasmaraṇ Krishna das

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisance at your Lotus feet!
All glories to Your Divine Grace!!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupad!!

On the auspicious occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja, please accept our below offering at your lotus feet:

*naivāvidan kṣīyamāṇam
jalam gādha-jale-carāḥ
yathāyur anv-aham kṣayyam
narā mūdhāḥ kuṭumbinaḥ*

"The fish swimming in the increasingly shallow water did not at all understand that the water was diminishing, just as foolish family men cannot see how the time they have left to live is diminishing with every passing day." (Sb 10.20.37)

By the mercy of Guru and Kṛṣṇa, we the fallen souls like the fish remain ignorant of the real problems of life met great Vaishnava like you in this late time of life. We are struggling to follow your instructions to experience real happiness.

*Dhyana Moolam Guru Murti
Puja Moolam Gurur Padam,
Mantra Moolam Gurur Vakyam,
Moksha Moolam Guru Kripa*

Dialogue between Lord Shiva and Uma (Shakti) in *Guru Gita Skandapurana*

**The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship;
the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation.**

Guru Maharaj, we are dearly missing your physical presence in our life. Please bless us so that we will remain your menial servants forever and not leave you even for a moment.

Your aspiring humble servants,
Namasmaraṇ Krishna das, Janani devi dasi, Padmavathy dasi, Chitrarupini dasi,
Malampuzha & Palakkad

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--Param Purush Krishna das

Hare Krishna beloved Guru Maharaj
Dandavat Pranam
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupad

Beloved Maharaj a warm birthday wishes and a happy Vyasa Puja

On this auspicious occasion I have to offer nothing but I recall your beautiful smile. When several occasions we met I tried to seek advices to get rid of material miseries, the moment I saw you all the questions vanishes and completely forgets everything when I see your wonderful smile.

As stated in Srimad Bhagavatam : 1.3.38

*sa veda dhātuḥ padavīm parasya
duranta-vīryasya rathāṅga-pāṇeḥ
yo 'māyayā santatayānuvṛtṭyā
bhajeta tat-pāda-saroja-gandham*

Only those who render unreserved, uninterrupted, favorable service unto the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa, who carries the wheel of the chariot in His hand, can know the creator of the universe in His full glory, power and transcendence.

Maharaj, the transcendental smile is so attractive and wins so many admirers. You're an ocean of mercy; there is no end even after your material absence

Maharaj kindly shower your blessing and please forgive my mistakes.

Your servant
Param Purush Krishna das
Trichur - Kerala



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--Raghavendu Rama das

Hare Krishna Maharaj ... Sathakoti pranaams to your lotus feet ..
Happy 100 th birthday wishes my beloved maharaj ..

I am Very much grateful to you by accepting me as your desciple and give me a chance to serve
you and prabhupada by mercy of Lord Krishna. Because of your blessings I have risen from a
rotten soul and got blessings from your mercyful devotees too;
As stated in Srimad bhagavatam 1.8.36

*śṛṅvanti gāyanti ṛṇanty abhīkṣaśaḥ
smaranti nandanti tavehitam janāḥ
ta eva paśyanty acireṇa tāvakam
bhava-pravāhoparamam padāmbujam*

**O Kṛṣṇa, those who continuously hear, chant and repeat Your transcendental activities, or
take pleasure in others' doing so, certainly see Your lotus feet, which alone can stop the
repetition of birth and death.**

Maharaj because of your mercy I am withstanding all problems of my life . Your specific words I
remember .."tolerance ,tolerance, tolerance.." as such I am able to tolerate and keep my mind
peaceful against arguments .. it always giving me pleasure and tranquil whenever I remember you
and leading to Loving devotional service to the Lord.

Thank you thank you Maharaj please accept my sathakoti pranaams

Your humble servant

Ragavendu Ramdas
Trissur



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--Surendranathan and Jayalakshmi

Our Dear Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

Kindly accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Wish you a happy 100th Krsna conscious birthday Maharaj. Even though we could not directly see Maharaj, we are regularly hearing your teachings through Granthraj, your lectures and lecture of your disciples like Devakinandan prabhu, Kalacakra prabhu etc.

We are very grateful to Maharaj for showing us the correct path to devotion. Through your teachings, you showed the right way of bhakti and you are inspiring us to perform bhakti in all circumstances. By your grace, we are getting the chance to attend the Satsang programs in Malampuzha organized by your loving disciples.

We pray Maharaj to give health and strength to us to perform devotional service more rigorously.

Your servants,
Surendranathan and Jayalakshmy
Palakkad, Kerala



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--Yedhusreshta Krishna das

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Cakshur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai ! AC Bhakthivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai !

ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ ഞാൻ യുഹയിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കാലം ആദ്യമായി സത്സംഗത്തിൽ പോകുന്നു പ്രോഗ്രാം കഴിഞ്ഞ പ്രസാദം കഴിച്ചു പിരിയുന്നു അന്ന് കാര്യമായിലൊന്നും തോന്നിയില്ല രണ്ടുനാൾ കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ അന്നുകഴിച്ച പ്രസാദത്തിന്റെ മണവും രുചിയും വീണ്ടും സത്സംഗത്തിനു പോകാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചു അങ്ങനെ ആയിരുന്നു എന്റെ തുടക്കം (സ്വയം സ്തുരധി പ്രഭുവിന്റെ വീട്ടിൽ). ഒരിക്കൽ പ്രഭു എന്നെ വിളിച്ചിട്ടുപറഞ്ഞു ഇന്ന് രാത്രി നമ്മുടെ വീട്ടിൽ ഒരു സാധു സന്യാസി വരുന്നുണ്ട് കുറച്ച് നേരത്തെ സേവാ ആവിശ്യമുണ്ട് ആയതിനാൽ എട്ടുമണിക്ക് (പിഎം) എത്തിച്ചേരാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുക. അന്ന് ജോലി ഉള്ള ദിവസമായിരുന്നു എന്നാലും ഞാൻ അവിടെ എത്തി. അന്ന് മലയാളമല്ലാതെ മാറ്റുന്നു ഭാഷകൾ ഒന്നും എനിക്ക് വഴങ്ങുകയുമില്ല അതുകൊണ്ട് തന്നെ ചെറിയ ചമ്മലും പേടിയുമായിത്തന്നെ ആണ് പോയതു . അവിടെ എത്തിയപ്പോൾ പ്രഭു എന്നെ അകത്തെ മുറിയിലേക്ക് കൊണ്ട് പോയി അവിടെ ഒരു കസേരയിൽ ഗാമ്പിര്യത്തോടെ പ്രൗഢിയോടെ ആരെയും ആകർഷിക്കുന്ന പുഞ്ചിരിയോടെ..... എന്നെ കണ്ടതും പുഞ്ചിരി ചിരിയായി അതോടെ എന്റെ പേടി ഇല്ലാതായി. ഞാൻ എന്റെ ആരുടെയോ അടുത്തെത്തിയ പ്രതീതി (ഒരു അഭയസ്ഥാനത്തു എത്തിയതുപോലെ). ഞാൻ ആ മഹാത്മാവിനെ തൊഴുതു വണങ്ങി നമസ്കരിച്ചു. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ആ പ്രഭാവം ഞാൻ പോലും അറിയാതെ എന്നെകൊണ്ട് അതെല്ലാം ചെയ്യാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചു. കൃഷ്ണൻ കൗരവ സഭയിൽ ചെന്നതുപോലെ, അന്നത്തെ സേവകഴിഞ്ഞു തിരിച്ചു പോകാൻ നേരം മഹാരാജ് ശെരിക്കും അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചു തന്നെ യാനാണ് അയച്ചത്. കാലങ്ങൾ കഴിഞ്ഞു, ഞാൻ ആ മഹാത്മാവിന്റെ ശിഷ്യനായി അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ആ മഹാത്മാവ എന്നെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ശിഷ്യനാക്കി അനുഗ്രഹിച്ചു. ഞാൻ എന്റെ ഗുരുദേവനെ ഫോണിൽ വിളിക്കാനില്ല, കാരണം മറ്റൊന്നുമല്ല ഭാഷ തന്നെ പ്രശ്നം. വിവാഹം കഴിഞ്ഞു ഒൻപതു കൊല്ലം കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടും സന്താന ഭാഗ്യം ഇല്ലാത്ത സങ്കടം ഉള്ളിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഒരുക്കൽ വൈജയത്തി മാതാജിയുടെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകാരം ഗുരുമഹാരാജിനെ വിളിച്ചു സംസാരിക്കാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു അതും ഫോണിൽ. ഞാൻ ആകെ അസ്വസ്ഥമായ മനസോടെ എന്ത് വേണം എന്നറിയാതെ, ദിവസങ്ങൾ തള്ളിനീക്കി. മാതാജിയുടെ നിർബന്ധ പ്രകാരം അവസാനം വിളിക്കേണ്ടി വന്നു. എന്തായാലും മഹാരാജിന് കാര്യം മനസിലായി. അന്ന് എനിക്ക് മഹാരാജ് തന്ന മറുപടി "കൃഷ്ണന്റെ ലാബിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ ആ കുഞ്ഞിന്റെ പ്രോസസിങ് നടന്നു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ് ഇനി അധികം വൈകാതെ ആ ഭാഗ്യം കൈവരും" നാളെ കഴിഞ്ഞില്ല അടുത്ത വർഷം തന്നെ ആ ഭാഗ്യം എനിക്കുണ്ടായി നാമകരണവും മഹാരാജ് തന്നെ നടത്തി. ഒരു സാധാരണ ഭൗതിക

ലോകമായയിലായിരുന്ന എന്നെ കരകയറ്റാൻ കൈ തന്നു രക്ഷിക്കാൻ മഹാരാജ് കാണിച്ച സന്മനസിന്റെ ആഴം ഇപ്പോഴാണ് എനിക്ക് മനസിലാകുന്നത്. ഒരുപക്ഷെ എനിക്ക് ബുദ്ധി കുറെ മുൻപ് ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ എനിക്കെന്റെ ഗുരുമഹാരാജിനെ കുറച്ചുകൂടി സേവാ ചെയ്യാമായിരുന്നുവെന്നു

തോന്നി പോകുന്നു. ഗുരുമഹാരാജിന്റെ ഇഹലോകലീല ലീലകൾ തീർത്തു തിരിച്ചു പോകുന്നതിനു മുൻപ് എല്ലാപേരെയും കാണാൻവേണ്ടി രാജ് കോട്ടിലെ എത്താനുള്ള സന്ദേശം യു എ ഇ ലും കിട്ടി, ഞാനും അറിഞ്ഞു എന്നാൽ എനിക്ക് പോകാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞില്ല, അതോർക്കുമ്പോൾ ഇപ്പോഴും കണ്ണു നന്നയും. എന്റെ ഈ ജന്മത്തെ, ഏറ്റവും വലിയ നഷ്ടമായ ആ സംഭവം എനിക്ക് ഓർക്കാൻ കൂടി ഈഷ്ടമല്ല. അഹങ്കാരമാണ് ഓരോമനുഷ്യന്റെയും നാശത്തിന്റെ തുടക്കം എന്ന അറിയുമെങ്കിലും ഞാൻ സ്വകാര്യമായി അഹങ്കരിക്കാറുണ്ട്, ഹിസ് ഹോളിനെസ് മഹാവിഷ്ണു ഗോസ്വാമി മഹാരാജിന്റെ ശിഷ്യ ഗാനങ്ങളിൽ ഒരാളാണ് ഞാനും എന്ന് ഓർക്കുമ്പോൾ. മഹാരാജിന്റെ ശിഷ്യ ഗാനങ്ങളിൽ പലരും ശ്രീമദ് ഭഗവത് ഗീതയിലും ശ്രീമദ് ഭഗവതത്തിലും അഗത പാണ്ഡിത്യമുള്ള സിംഹങ്ങൾ തന്നെ, സിംഹത്തിന്റെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ എന്തായാലും സിംഹത്തിന്റെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ തന്നെ ആയിരിക്കുമല്ലോ. പ്രായത്തിന്റെ ഏറ്റ കുറച്ചിലുകൾ അനുസരിച്ചു ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന ബാലാരിഷ്ടം പോലുള്ള ചില ചപലതകൾ. അതെല്ലാം താൽക്കാലികം മാത്രം. എന്റെ ഗുരുമഹാരാജിന്റെ നൂറാമത്തെ വ്യാസപൂജയിൽ സമർപ്പിക്കാൻ എഴുതുന്ന ഈവാക്കുകൾ ദയവായി സ്വീകരിച്ചാലും. ഞാൻ ഇത് മഹാരാജിന്റെ പാദാരവിന്ദങ്ങളിൽ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

SB 1.13.10

*bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatās
tīrtha-bhūtāḥ svayaṁ vibho
tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni
svāntaḥ-sthena gadābhṛtā*

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

Yedhusreshta Krishna das

*Om ajnaana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai ! AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai !

Hare Krishna. When I was working in the UAE, I went to satsanga in the first time, I had prasad and left, on that day I didn't feel anything special. Because of that prasada's smell and taste it motivated me to go to the programs again, that was my beginning (program conducted at Swayamspurudhi prabhu's house). One day prabhujji called me and informed me about a

sadhu is coming to his house on that night and requested me to do little bit seva, and to be there by 8pm.

I had work on that day but still I managed to make it. Those time I only knew Malayalam and other language was not known to me, because of this I was shy as well as afraid. When I reached there, prabhuji brought me to the room, There I saw in a chair Maharaj was sitting very elegantly, his smile was attracting everyone. When he saw me, his smile turned into laugh, at that very moment, my fear got disappeared. I felt like I reached near to some one very dear to me (felt like I reached a shelter home). With my folded hand and bowed down to that great spirit. Or else Maharaj's presence inspired me to do so, its like Krishna went to the Kaurava Sabha. When I went back after doing the seva, Maharaj really blessed me. The time passed, and I have become Maharaj's disciple, or I can say Maharaj blessed me by accepting me as his disciple. Because of my language problem I could not make phone calls to my Gurudev.

Even after nine years of marriage, the sadness of having no children left within. According to Vaijayanti Mataji, it was decided to call Guru Maharaj on the phone. Not knowing what I wanted to do with my wholehearted mind, I set aside days to arrive. At the insistence of Mataji, at last call was made. However, Maharaj understood this. Maharaj replied to me, "The baby is now in Krishnan's lab. Very soon it will come.". It didn't take much time. Next year itself I have been blessed with a baby and then Maharaj had given the name too.

Now I understand the depth of Maharaj's mercy, I was in the clutches of maya and Maharaj given his hand to pull me up from the maya. I felt, if I had good intelligence then I could have done more service to my Maharaj. When Maharaj was planning to leave his material body we all got the message to visit Rajkot to take darsan of Maharaj. But I couldn't make it, when I remember it, still my eyes are flooded with tears. I don't like to remember this incident, This incident is like unforgettable thing in this life time, I don't even like to remember this incident.

Though I know that pride is the beginning of every person's destruction, I also feel pride secretly when I think I am one of the disciples of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. Many of Maharaj's disciples are like lions who have good knowledge in the Srimad Bhagavad Gita and the Srimad Bhagavatam. What to say lion's cubs should always be like lion. There some small small things like problems affecting for a child in the child hood. With certain vagaries, such as childishness, can be attributed to age-related deficits. It's all just temporary.

Please accept my Vyasa Puja offering for Maharaj's 100th birthday. I am offering this unto your lotus feet. ŚB 1.13.10

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

Your servant,
Yedhusreshta Krishna das



India - Baroda



“Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita insist on chanting and any other method will be short always to achieve our goal. All these eternal values must be put into practice for our health while we are alive and for our comfortable death. Do unflinching devotional service always till your last breath. Only then, there is some chance that at the end you may remember Krishna.”

*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Govindang Krishna das, Tungabhadra devi dasi, Parikshit
Krsna das

Param Puja Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisance and koti koti dandvat pranam at your lotus feet.

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

This is our greatest fortune, that on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa puja day of our beloved eternal father, we are given a chance to express our deep gratitude towards him.

Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.8 (Mother Devhuti to Lord Kapil dev)

*tasya tvam tamaso 'ndhasya / duṣpārasyaḍya pāragam
sac-cakṣur janmanām ante / labdham me tvad-anugrahāt*

"Your Lordship is my only means of getting out of this darkest region of ignorance because You are my transcendental eye, which, by Your mercy only, I have attained after many, many births."

We have no qualification to glorify you Puja Gurudev. Because of our irregularity in study and laziness every time we struggle to write offering. However with our bleak devotion and love we shall try to glorify Gurudev.

It is stated in Srimad Bhagavatam (11.17.27) – "*aacaaryam maam vijaaniyaan naavamanyeta karhicit* – One should know the acarya as Myself (Krishna) and never disrespect him in any way" and also in Guruvastakam "*saakshaad harithvena samasta shastrair* – The spiritual master is to be honored as much as supreme lord Hari.." Hence like Supreme Lord Krishna we cannot measure the unlimited magnanimity of Puja Gurudev.

Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.21 (Lord Kapila instructs mother Devhuti and explains the quality of Sadhu)

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ / suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ / sādavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

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

Maharaj, you are the reservoir of unlimited elevated qualities which you always imbibe in your excellent behavior and exhibited in so many pastimes which our god siblings and other devotees who associated with you kindly shared with us.

With our limited capacity, we would like to meditate on few of these qualities.

Tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities:

in this verse Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport "A sādhu, as described above, is a devotee of the Lord. His concern therefore is to enlighten people in devotional service to the Lord. That is his mercy. He knows that without devotional service to the Lord, human life is spoiled. A devotee travels all over the country, from door to door, preaching "Be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Be a devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Don't spoil your life in simply fulfilling your animal propensities. Human life is meant for self-realization, or Kṛṣṇa consciousness." These are the preachings of a sādhu. He is not satisfied with his own liberation. He always thinks about others. He is the most compassionate personality towards all the fallen souls. "

Gurudev, for distribution of pure love of lord Krishna and his instructions to fools like us you took lots of trouble to visit us and travel extensively all over the globe in spite of your bodily discomfort due to advance age (although you are transcendental to any bodily suffering). Out of many occasions few can be remembered with great respect – Your Abu Dhabi visit at night 2 am after a tiring flight journey, immediately after reaching at your ashram, reciting BG chapter 2 and 3 fully with great respect and zeal, scolding all of us to be more serious in remembering these verses and showing us the importance of each and every minute of our breath. And then performing the Mangala Aarti after this recitation!!

We also remember H G Swayam Prabhuji shared this episode which shows how much genuinely you love us and care for us. In the initial years of your visit to Abu Dhabi you just waited alone in an outside shop from morning till evening without taking any prasadam waiting for HG Swayam Prabhuji to come from office, just not to disturb HG Swayam Prabhuji during his office hours!! Thus, you taught us to do our material duty expertly. Who can be so much tolerant for us to distribute the message and love of Godhead to fully unqualified souls like us.

Even while you perform your last pastime during 2009 end and 2010 in Bhakti Vedanta hospital you welcome each and everyone who approached you for your blessings, with big smile and appropriate instruction, completely neglecting the bodily pains. Even during this time, you also took lots of pain and visited Panvel and spread message of Krishna for hours.

Your dealing with all category and classes of person – let it be KG going kid or an elderly scholar, was very loving and without duplicity. Whoever met you one felt so much of love and compassion. Whoever met you felt you are the best friend to be talk with, share one's problems/happiness with. One feels so much of bliss and resting place while they approach you at your Samadhi. Gurudev you are reservoir of love and mercy. Gurudev you welcome everyone with your big, innocent smile. Gurudev we have never seen anyone else in our life more merciful than you. In SB 4.3.22 – "...those who are elevated to the transcendental platform, being intelligent, offer such respects to the Supersoul, who is sitting within the body, not to the person who identifies with the body". Also one may meditate upon SB 3.29.27 – "Therefore, through charitable gifts and attention, as well as through friendly behaviour and by viewing all to be alike, one should propitiate Me, who abide in all creatures as their very Self". Gurudev you always see the Supersoul inside any living entity who comes to you. You always humbly say Hare Krishna and give respect to those souls, without any discrimination –

be a small kid or the elderly person or a menial worker. Gurudev insisted that real daya is Harinam. You quoted "All those who hear Harinam sankirtan will definitely be liberated. Suppose you are unable to protect the cows or maintain the cows, suppose you don't have Lakshmi for these things, don't worry. Just do Harinam. This Harinam is real daya." BG 5.18 states – "The humble sages, by virtue of true knowledge, see with equal vision a learned and gentle brāhmana, a cow, an elephant, a dog and a dog-eater [outcaste]."

Just to let workers (who were constructing the temple) hear the transcendental names, you got the large speaker installed all over the ground in the Neelamadhav Dham. Also, to engrave this transcendental message in the mind of younger generation you started Sri Prahlada School in the temple premises.

You always tolerate our misbehaviors, disqualifications and always reciprocated with great fatherly love.

You instructed us through your own example, not to misuse the energy of Krishna be it material (usage of pen, paper, Lakshmi, etc.) or marginal (we the disciple, devotees and all souls). Gurudev, you washed the cloths with great simplicity and care so that cloth will remain intact and last for longer duration. Also, while washing the cloths in river you used to be careful to wash the clothes in the flow of the river not to disturb its natural flow.

Peaceful, Abides by the scriptures, All his characteristics are sublime:

Gurudev your life from childhood was as per the scriptural norms. You were born in the Vaishnav family since many generations. From childhood you learnt to offer each and everything to Krishna before utilizing it – say for example dhoti... From childhood you learnt to recite BG 12th and 15th chapter with great love and care. Also reciting the Ram naam during the difficult time. You performed your family duties expertly. You worked very hard for family - extended hours of hard work, tuition, etc. to take care of your dependents. You took enough care and measures for well being of your dependents before taking sannyasa. We heard from HG Devakinandan Prabhuji that you took sannyasa while your plate was full (means materially you had no worry or incomplete task and had all opulence at home).

Srila Prabhupada says in purport to BG 12.16 "A devotee is always expert because he fully knows the essence of all activities of life and he is convinced of the authoritative scriptures". You have taught us that the devotee means very expert, not only in executing devotional service but while executing our material duties also we shall be very much meticulous. You have always taught us not to run away from our duties but to perform it so nicely that it shall never bother you in executing devotional service. You have taught us the importance of time and some Lakshmi.

Gurudev you are the purest. Your purity in your words, actions and thoughts attracts and encourages living entity everywhere. Your tongue is always busy in glorifying the lord. Your actions are always as per the Vedic culture – from daily menial activity like washing the clothes to the big activity like constructing a temple. You see everywhere the energy of the load, respect it and utilize with great care. You are always absorbed in reading Srimad Bhagavatam and think deeply on each verse about its practical application. How your thoughts can move

a little from the purity? You never attached to any material possession. You used all the material energy in the service of the Lord. You used bare minimum clothes for your own usage. Even many occasions you stitched the clothes if it is torn. You never desired to use any sophisticated material paraphernalia for your own usage. At the same time, you encouraged to use material energy generously in spreading Krishna Consciousness – like usage of Lakshmi for Building the temple. Because of your purity, love and devotion whenever we go, devotees (who had associated with you) would remember you with great reverence and glorify you. Because of your purity and blessings, the Rajkot temple inaugurated in grand manner this year and it is real "Glory of Saurashtra".

Gurudev you are 24 hours absorbed in the glorifying the supreme lord Krishna. Your pastime performed while you were in this material world in each facet of life (childhood, youth, house hold, sannyasa stage) or while you are in Goloka, is all as per the scriptural injunctions. You always followed the injunction of scripture in your life and taught us by your own example – be it in following instructions of Srila Prabhupada, remain clean from outside as well as from inside, behavior as per scripture recommendations, austerity – waking up for Mangala aarti, cleaning cloths, study and apply SB & BG verses in our day to day life, etc. Gurudev you completely dependent on Krishna and you always practice this quote "Hu Hari no, Hari maro Rashak, E Bharoso jay nahi. Hari Kare te mara Hitnu te Vishvas visray nahi."

Because of your constant association with Lord Krishna you always remain peaceful in any situation. You accepted Krishna's plan as it is. You did all worldly formalities very expertly to perform devotional service peacefully. You emphasized on us that we must do our duty expertly so that whatever remaining time we have we can devote to Krishna peacefully. You taught us If we accept Krsna's plan our whole life become prasadam. You always insisted that we should close our material accounts daily; hence we can relive from burden the other day and remain peaceful. In one of the Gujarati lecture on BG 2.56 you have explained how to become steady minded? You explained "If you make your life very much simple than only this is possible. If you make your life complicated by your endless desires than you will not be peaceful. Steadiness will come with simplicity and cleanliness." You have always taught us to have faces like Watermelon – round & nice innocent and not like Banana – morose in any circumstances of life.

You teach and remind us how to behave and serve our parents and parent in-laws. You teach us the obedience to the elders.

Maharaj you have always seen good in everyone. Even when devotees complained about some temple activities in Iskcon you said "I don't see any problem" there. In purport to BG 12. 15 Prabhupada says "No one is put into difficulty, anxiety, fearfulness or dissatisfaction by such a devotee. Since a devotee is kind to everyone, he does not act in such a way as to put others into anxiety. At the same time, if others try to put a devotee into anxiety, he is not disturbed. It is by the grace of the Lord that he is so practiced that he is not disturbed by any outward disturbance." Maharaj at so many places you extended this quality by solving any problem among devotees and well-wishers. Gurudev used to tell us – hate the sin and not the sinner. Gurudev you never criticize any one. You see the good quality of others and magnify

them. You glorify and encourage the living entity for any small endeavor. (SB 4.4.12 describes quality of great Vaishnava Lord Shiva – "Lord Śiva, however, not only finds no faults with others' qualities, but if someone has a little good quality, he magnifies it greatly"). You always instruct us not to see bad in anything. "Seeing bad is – asatsang. And seeing good is – satsang".

You have taught us to seriously study the scriptures – Shrimad Bhagavad Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam. For any verse you have always taught us to go word to word meaning first and then recite lovingly. You have asked us to do Shrunwan, Supathan and then Vicharan paro. You are teaching us by your own example. In Soho temple you used to read Srimad Bhagavatam 12 hours a day continuously sitting on the side of one pillar there. This pillar is now respectfully named as Srila MahaVishnu Goswami pillar. We heard many devotees all around the world who bows down to you as one of the greatest and respectful saint - who has very thoroughly studied and distributed the learning of Srimad Bhagavatam. Also many a times in devotee community when we introduce ourselves as disciple of Param Pujya Mahavishnu Goswami maharaj we are also being given very much respect (for which we are not at all eligible). All over the world we heard from devotee community who refer you to be distributing fatherly love, practical instructions, problem solver, big big smiling face, etc. etc.

That is how association of pure devotee is very much inspiring and his loving guidance helps us to progress spiritually.

Similarly, we feel association of each and every god brother and sister are so much inspiring, as maharaj is guiding us, through that source, by kindly sharing maharaj's instructions.

In Abu Dhabi we were so fortunate to have so many god brothers and sisters around that we really miss that loving care and guidance here in India.

We are very thankful to H G Kalchakra Prabhuji and HG Sudarshana Mataji who very mercifully initiated one Skype study group - Gurudev Amritvani, where we hear and discuss your divine instruction every week. This weekly program gives us so much push to carry over further with your instructions.

This year was a very challenging year to progress on the path shown by you. The main reason is we are lacking in following your instructions sincerely. However every now and then, when we remember you sincerely during any difficult situation we have always got some direction and push to proceed in correct way.

Although we have not much devotees' association here in Baroda, your way of performing devotional service which we learnt while we were in Abu Dhabi and your divine blessings help us in bringing up our son Parikshit Kṛṣṇa das in Krishna conscious environment. By your special blessings he has started learning quite a few verses (krsnay vasudevay, namah pankaj nabhay, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa mahbho, pahi pahi mahayogin, chaturshloki BG and subsequent verse by Arjuna, yada yada hi dharmasya, paritranya sadhunam, nainam chindanti shastrani, sankirta mano, ashesh shaklesh, narayanam namaskrutyam, nastha prayeshu abhadreshu, jayte jayte devaki nandanay cha, Brahma Samhita first verse) , Narsimha aarti full and om namo bhagavate

narsimhaya verse, 1st verse of Samsara dava, some verses of damodar asthakam. Sometimes his progress encourages us in proceed further in devotional service

Your transcendental presence is always felt while we talk to H G Devakinandan Prabhuji, H G Vaishnav Seva Prabhuji and always gets a fresh new enthusiasm to proceed further. We are very much thankful to you to guide and protect us through this transparent medium of our respected and loving elder god brother H G Devakinandan Prabhuji. Your divine instruction through him is only ray of hope for us.

We would also like to express our thanks to you for making easily available your true representatives – H G Devakinandan Prabhuji, H G Vaishnav Seva Prabhuji, H G Kalchakra Prabhuji, H G Swayam Sphurti Krishna Prabhuji, H G Sajjan Priya Krishna Prabhuji, H G Vaijantimala Mataji, H G Sudarshana Mataji and many other senior God Brothers and God Sisters for guiding us, encouraging us & sharing your instructions.

Finally, we would like to conclude with following verse (SB 4.24.58 – Prayers by Lord Shiva):

*athānaghāṅghres tava kīrti-tīrthayor
antar-bahiḥ-snāna-vidhūta-pāpmanām
bhūteṣv anukrośa-susattva-śīlinām
syāt saṅgamo 'nugraha eṣa nas tava*

"My dear Lord, Your lotus feet are the cause of all auspicious things and the destroyer of all the contamination of sin. I therefore beg Your Lordship to bless me by the association of Your devotees, who are completely purified by worshipping Your lotus feet and who are so merciful upon the conditioned souls. I think that Your real benediction will be to allow me to associate with such devotees."

We are so contaminated that we cannot approach Lord without the mercy & association of the pure devotees. By **following your instructions strictly and sincerely** only we can assure your association. We seek for your blessings to always follow your instruction and beg for your mercy to become your obedient children. We seek your blessings to let Parikshit Krishna das also grows in nice Krishna consciousness environment and he becomes a nice devotee.

Your most fallen children,
Govindang Krishna das, Tungabhadra devi dasi & Parikshit Krishna das

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
Srila Prabhupada ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay*

India - Calicut



“Pay attention to one thing – sayyam. Sayyam means controlling, this is one word to summarise Gita. And that is what Bhagavatam is all about. Control your senses, your eating, sleeping and mating habits.”

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--Achyutha Priya devi dasi

Satakoti dandavat pranams maharaj,
Hare Krsna.
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your divine grace.

I offer my humble obeisances unto His divine grace Mahavishnu Goswami, who is very dear to Lord krsna having taken shelter at his lotus feet.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*jaya sri krishna caitanya prabhu nityaananda
sri advaita gadadara srivaasaadi gaura bhakta vrnda*

*hare krsna hare krsna krsna krsna hare hare
hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare.*

SB-7-6-1

*śrī-prahrāda uvāca
kaumāra ācaret prājño / dharmān bhāgavatān iha
durlabham mānuṣam janma / tad apy adhruvam arthadam*

"Prahāda Mahārāja said: One who is sufficiently intelligent should use the human form of body from the very beginning of life — in other words, from the tender age of childhood — to practice the activities of devotional service, giving up all other engagements. The human body is most rarely achieved, and although temporary like other bodies, it is meaningful because in human life one can perform devotional service. Even a slight amount of sincere devotional service can give one complete perfection."

MAHARAJ according to this verse you shown us how to practice devotional services by physically and mentally. Maharaj you dedicated your life to KRISHNA AND PRABHUPADA . Maharaj you are the right example for each one of us. while taking your this inspiration our devotees started JAGANNATH MANDIR constructions in trivandrum. maharaj please bless each one of us to fulfill the dream project of trivandrum.

H H MAHAVISHNU GOSWAMI MAHARAJ KI JAI

SRILA PRABHUPADA KI JAI

Your servant

Achyutapriya devi dasi

CALICUT

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--Sankarshan Krishna das

Happy Vyasa puja to you dear Gurudev

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*jaya śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

*hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare
hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare*

Dear Gurudev Hare Krishna,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet...!! All glories to Sri Guru and Sir Gauranga!! All glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada...!!

This is your 100th divine appearance day. On the auspicious occasion of your holiness's Vyasa puja, we offer you our most humble homages. Gurudev's Vyasa-puja day is very important for disciples as your appearance in this mortal world was actually for our spiritual welfare.

On this special occasion, I am glorifying you though sri sri guru astakam.

(1)

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(2)

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca -kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(3)

*śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā
śṛṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau
yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato 'pi
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(4)

catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda

*svādvanna-trptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān
kṛtvaiva trptim bhajataḥ sadaiva
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(5)

*śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra
mādhurya-līlā guṇa-rūpa-nāmnām
prati-kṣaṇāsvādana-lolupasya
ande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(6)

*nikuñja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai
yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā
tatrāti-dākṣyād ati-vallabhasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(7)

*saksad-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

(8)

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvamś tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

TRANSLATION

1) 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.

2) Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the saṅkīrtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. 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.

3) The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. 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.

4) The spiritual master is always offering Kṛṣṇa 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-prasāda, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

5) The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhikā and Mādhava, 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.

6) The spiritual master is very dear because he is expert in assisting the gopīs, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vṛndāvana. I offer my (9) ISKCON desire tree most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

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

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

Your Servant
Sankarshan Krishna das
Calicut, Kerala



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--Sravana Kirtan Krishna das

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj pranams

Happy 100th Vyasa Puja to you Maharaj ji

On this special occasion I would like to dedicate very nice slokas from Srimad Bhagavad Gita.

BG- 15-1

*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
ūrdhva-mūlam adhaḥ-śākhā / aśvattham prāhur avyayam
chandāṁsi yasya parṇāni / yas taṁ veda sa veda-vit*

BG-15-2

*adhaś cordhvaṁ prasṛtās tasya śākhā
guṇa-pravṛddhā viśaya-pravālāḥ
adhaś ca mūlāny anusantatāni
karmānubandhīni manuṣya-loke*

BG-15-3

*na rūpam asyeha tathopalabhyate
nānto na cādir na ca sampratiṣṭhā
aśvattham enaṁ su-virūḍha-mūlam
asaṅga-śastreṇa dṛḍhena chittvā*

BG-15-4

*tataḥ padaṁ tat parimārgitavyaṁ
yasmīn gatā na nivartanti bhūyaḥ
tam eva cādyam puruṣam prapadye
yataḥ pravṛttiḥ prasṛtā purāṇī*

Thank you dear Guru Maharaj

HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai

Srila Prabhupada ki jai

Your Servant

Sravana Kirtan Krishna das

India - Hyderabad



“Santhosh-this will always protect you. Be satisfied in your condition. Others may have anything or everything, but we have our things. There is no need for hankering. Be satisfied and this can be possible only by adding Krishna into our life.”

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--Akshara Anish

Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace. Please accept my offering at your lotus feet on the occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja. Last year, I went to temple inauguration in Rajkot. Everyday I used to attend Mangala Arati there and also did chanting. I was captivated by the beauty of the newly build temple. I am eagerly waiting to make a visit to the great Rajkot temple again.

Please bless me that I can do chanting regularly and learn slokas too. This year I learnt 1-15 slokas from Chapter 9 of Bhagavad Gita.

Dandavat Pranam,

Akshara

Age (8 years)



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--Antaryami Krishna das

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Special Vyasa Puja.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

On this auspicious occasion of special Vyasa Puja kindly accept the following submission at your lotus feet.

This is your 100th divine appearance day. On the auspicious occasion of your holiness's Vyasa puja, we offer you our most humble homages. Gurudev's Vyasa Puja day is very important for disciples as your appearance in this material world was actually for our spiritual welfare.

Gurudeva, we are still bewildered and are under the modes of material nature but your mercy alone is the only hope for us in this material world.

Every day reading your quote is motivating to conduct uninterrupted sadhana.

All your instructions are very practical and solutions to all our material problems. By these instructions, we are increasing our faith in Bhagavatama and on Krishna.

Thank you maharaj for being a perfect example to show us how a perfect devotee should lead life.

As Krishna said in BG 18.66

*sarva-dharmān parityajya / mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja
ahaṁ tvām sarva-pāpebhyo / mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ*

Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.

One day with your causeless mercy we fully surrender to you and Krishna.

Your servant of servant,
Antaryami Krishna das.

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--Dhanalakshmi Anish

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
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Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Thank you for this opportunity to write to you on this most auspicious occasion of the centenary year of your appearance Maharaj. Rajkot temple visit was an unforgettable moment for me as I dedicated myself totally to Mangal Arati, Kirtans, chanting and other pious activities.

I did not want to go back to Hyderabad's material life. In Rajkot, I got a deep desire to learn many prayers. One such prayer is from SB 1.8.9,

*paahi paahi mahaayogin
deva deva jagatpate
naanyam tvat abhayam pashye
yatra mrtyu parasparam*

Without your mercy, I would not have attended the temple inauguration and these changes would not have taken place in me. We have a table calendar which is a compilation of all the sayings of Maharaj and we learn one teaching per day which enriches our lives.

What I learnt from your teachings and Rajkot visit was that I should not waste even a single minute. I was determined to render service to the lord and the devotees as much as I could. I am slowly inculcating Krishna conscious thoughts in my children. I have to keep improving myself and so I want to chant with more "shraddha" and complete reading Srimad Bhagavatham.

Hare Krishna.

Dandavath pranams Maharaj

Dhanalakshmi

***Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019***

--Harshita

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to your Divine Grace.

This is my humble offering to your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your centenary year's Vyasa Puja.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I always meditate on your divine instructions, for developing character, change of habits and to always put Krsna in the center. I pray to your Divine Grace and Srila Prabhupada to guide me and increase my faith in service to Lord.

As you have said that "Breathing keeps our body alive, Bhagavad Gita keeps our soul alive." That Bhagavad Gita is not simply an ordinary book but it answers all our questions and gives solutions to our problems. It is the divine knowledge given by Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself to all the conditioned souls.

As Krsna says in Bhagavad Gita 2.12,

*na tv evāhaṁ jātu nāsam / na tvaṁ neme janādhipāḥ
na caiva na bhaviṣyāmaḥ / sarve vayam ataḥ param*

"Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be."

As mentioned in the above verse, Krsna says, everyone exists eternally and should engage in his devotional service. This is the eternal position of the soul. By reading this verse, I realized that we all are spirit souls and that we are eternal servants of Krishna but we consider ourselves to be this body.

I am understanding the importance of reading Bhagavad Gita from the purports and I am trying to develop faith to be fixed in the Lord's service.

On the auspicious day of Sri Rama Navami Glory Of Saurashtra was inaugurated by your mercy. We all had a wonderful darshan of Sri Ram Parivar, Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav, Sri Prahlada Narasimhadev, Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai on this occasion.

Maharaj, I seek your blessings to give me faith, courage and determination to make me remain fixed forever in the path of devotional service.

Thank You,
Your humble servant,
Harshita.

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--Hrishikesh

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace. Thank you for this opportunity to write to you on this most auspicious occasion of the centenary year of your appearance Maharaj.

With your divine blessings, I was fortunate enough to attend the temple inauguration of Shri Shri Radha Neelamadhav Dham in Rajkot. The trip to Rajkot during April cleansed my soul to a very big extent. I developed a very good habit of chanting at least 4 rounds in a day. In fact, when the trip was going on I chanted 16 rounds every day. Those three days in Rajkot were really very special to me. Waking up early in the morning and attending Mangal Aarti was also very special, something I had not done in my entire life. The glorious bhajans to the lord and the ringing bells were very nice to hear. I really felt permanently settling in Rajkot just for this temple and just to attend Mangal Aarti each and every day.

I seek your divine blessings so that I can proceed in my spiritual path. I want to learn all the slokas in Bhagavad Gita and start attending Bhagavatam classes along with my mother. I also want to gain more knowledge of Lord Krishna and his pastimes. I am eagerly waiting to go to Rajkot ISKCON.

Hare Krishna

Dandavat pranams Maharaj

Hrishikesh (15 years)



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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Malini Chandrasekaran

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada & H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharajji!!

Koti Koti Pranam Maharaj on this occasion of your centenary.

We are listening to so many lectures of HH Mahavishnu Goswami in our daily class. Each and every sentence is a valuable advice to everybody. Recently, I read one of his lectures under the title, 'Effect of Association'. In that, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj always used to say to take association of the Supreme Pure. We must find a pure devotee like Srila Prabhupada. He is not here at the moment, but he is very much alive in his books. Even now, if you get in touch with his scriptures, you will be completely saved.

For that, I would like to have your blessings for further studies of great Acharyas' writings.

I am Malini, servant of servant of servant of all great Acharyas.



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--Mayukha

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. Please accept my humble offering at your Lotus feet on the occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja.

Srila Prabhupada tells in his lectures that the appearance and disappearance of the Spiritual Master, although it appears to be ordinary, it is transcendental. Even though it may appear that the spiritual master is leaving his body, our relationship with him is not lost. The spiritual master will always continue to inspire us from within the heart and through loving devotees.

Maharaj, you have also been very merciful to me and inspired me from within my heart and also instructed me through many devotees. But I am still not able to follow your instructions completely. I also feel very fortunate to be in the association of loving devotees who always guide me in every step. I am able to realize that proper devotional service can be executed only in the association of pure devotees. I am very thankful to Krishna for giving me this opportunity to do devotional service. Although I never met you personally, I am feeling your presence in devotees and I am taking the instructions given by them as your personal instructions to me.

I am very inspired by the sloka SB 10.14.3

*jñāne prayāsam udapāsyā namanta eva
jīvanti san-mukharitām bhavadīya-vārtām
sthāne sthitāḥ śruti-gatām tanu-vān-manobhir
ye prāyaśo 'jita jito 'py asi tais tri-lokyām*

"Those who, even while remaining situated in their established social positions, throw away the process of speculative knowledge and with their body, words and mind offer all respects to descriptions of Your personality and activities, dedicating their lives to these narrations, which are vibrated by You personally and by Your pure devotees, certainly conquer Your Lordship, although You are otherwise unconquerable by anyone within the three worlds."

In this verse, Lord Brahma says that pure devotees remain in their own positions and abandon all kinds of speculative thinking. They completely absorb themselves in hearing and chanting the glories of the Supreme Lord. By doing this, they conquer Krishna and Krishna also becomes eager to serve such a pure devotee. Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport that such pure devotees engage their body, words and mind in the service of Krishna and thereby conquer Krishna's body, words and mind. I am trying to realize the meaning of this sloka and I am trying to be situated in my own position and hear the glories of the Lord.

Gurudev, this year we were fortunate to attend the opening of the Glory of Saurashtra and to take darshan of Their Lordships. I will never forget that wonderful experience in my life. The temple was built only because of your strong desire and prayers to the Lord. You were never dependent upon others for Lakshmi. You strongly believed that Krishna will certainly help to build the temple.

Maharaj, please bless me that I will be able to do my material duties perfectly and also advance in spiritual life. Thank you very much for your causeless mercy upon me.

Your humble servant,
Mayukha.



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--Nimisha

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, the savior of the world, and to HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. Please accept my humble obeisances and this humble offering by this fallen soul on the occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja.

This year 2019 has been really motivational and inspirational for me. By your mercy, Lord Krishna has been taking care of me constantly, guiding me through the successes and failures in my life. The temple opening of Shri Shri Radha Neelamadhav Dham, Rajkot has blessed me to progress on the spiritual path. The visit to Rajkot has been an eye opener for me. It motivated me to chant 16 rounds daily, from then on. The Kirtan, the prasadam, the deities, the way devotees from all over the world interact, the services they render to the Lord, their eagerness to serve, their love for everyone was really blissful, divine and enchanting.

When I was 6 years old, we were living in Bangalore, and my parents attended satsangs nearby. There, I made friends with another devotee's daughter. When we shifted later, we lost touch. By your grace, I met her again after 8 years, at the temple opening this year. I also made new devotee friends from the place I live. This year has made me realize that we must see Krishna's hand in everything. I have felt it many a times. The past year, I was given the service to upload all the Granthraj mails to the website. I am extremely thankful for such a service. It has made me realize that there is so much water in the ocean of knowledge. No all of it can be consumed at once. However, we can consume it fully, little by little, taking small sips.

With your blessings, I have learnt to play the keyboard and have been able to play many bhajans on it. I owe whatever little that I have learnt to You Maharaj, to Lord Krishna, to my parents, to my grandparents and to Kalchakra Prabhu and Sudarshana Mataji for guiding me on the right path since my birth. I shall remain eternally indebted to you Maharaj and to lord Krishna for everything and for taking care of me so much. Everything that happens, happens due to Krishna's plan and we must go with it. We cannot alter it in any way. Everything happens only when the Lord sanctions it.

One verse from the Gita has really strengthened my faith in the Lord's actions. Bg 9.22

*ananyāś cintayanto mām / ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣāṃ nityābhīyuktānām / yoga-kṣemaṃ vahāmy aham*

In this verse, Lord Krishna says that **those who always worship him with exclusive devotion, meditating on his transcendental form, to them he carries what they lack, and preserves what they have.**

HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!! Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!!

So I sincerely pray at the lotus feet of Lord Krishna to please bless me and help me progress spiritually,

Your insignificant fallen soul,
Nimisha
(14 yrs)



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--Sankarshan

Hare Krishna Maharaj my humble obeisances to you.

This year, I learnt a few headings of Pearls of wisdom like **Service Means Movement, Kali Yuga Peeps Out,**

I also learnt few acronyms like TEAMWORK, HOW TO BECOME A DEVOTEE ETC.

I learnt about you in the website. I like you because you teach everyone good things. Last year as part of my sankalpa to you, I memorized the slokas of 15th chapter of Bhagavad Gita.

This year I got an opportunity to recite the 15th chapter in Bhakti TV program.

Thank you Maharaj!

Sankarshan

(Age 7)



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--Shirisha Vijendran

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru and Gauranga. All glories to HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

I am Shirisha Vijendran from Hyderabad. Practising Krishna Consciousness for the last 6 years. Through my husband the first time, I came to know about HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. My husband bought a little calendar from his senior devotee HG Hrishkesh Krishna das where Maharaj lotus words are given every day. My first inspiration for Maharaj was sprouted when I read 9th April in calendar saying **"Ginger and honey is the best medicine to use. It is also known as Vishva baishjan. Vishva means universe, if it can cleanse the entire universe, why not us?"** When my husband, me and mother in law was suffering from full cold, I took this medicine as guidance and felt the effect. From that day onwards inclusion of ginger has been increased in my day to day cooking.

Also in that calendar dated 12th July, Maharaj said: **"if you don't expect you are peaceful"**. This has touched my heart at the core because I am a person of more expectation and will be hurt so much when expectations don't happen. After reading this I am gradually trying to stop my expectation and feeling the result. Like this here are many in the calendar. Considering the word limit, I want to move and share from the glories of **"Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice"**. The same senior devotee has given that book. I felt how Srimad Bhagavatam is important in our life after reading this passage. Maharaj clearly said, **"if we reject the Bhagavatam then Bhagavatam will reject us"**. Not only I was amazed at Maharaj view on Srimad Bhagavatam but also laughed with tears when Maharaj said **"you doctor is going to kill me before death kills me"** Maharaj is telling that Srimad Bhagavatam is the best medicine then the so-called pharmacy medicine.

One time I heard that a person from Kerala who met with a major accident and his lower part of his body stopped functioning. He left with no hope for being survived. When Maharaj heard this he said "Krishna did not take his soul because of some reasons" After that Maharaj advised him to start translating Srimad Bhagavatam in Malayalam and the person did translate first 2 Cantos and left the body. When I am listening this goose bumps came on my body. On that day onwards I am so much aspired to Maharaj which I am unable to put it in words. When I know about Maharaj and aspired for him I didn't know that He left to the spiritual world. Unknowingly I told my husband that I will take initiation from Maharaj. Then he said that Maharaj left long back. I want to conclude that I am so fortunate as well as so unfortunate. So fortunate to know about the glories of Maharaj and his lotus words. So unfortunate that I did not have a chance to meet Him. All glories to Maha Bhagavata HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj and all glories to Maharaj's disciples who are carrying His glories by implementing Srimad Bhagavatam in your lives.

Your servant,
Shirisha Vijendran

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--Sravaniya devi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to your Divine Grace. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to write an offering on the auspicious occasion of your centenary years' Vyasa Puja.

This year I am very fortunate to attend the inauguration of Glory of Saurashtra and have darshan of Their Lordships. I realized how Krishna passes on His mercy through His pure devotees, to enlighten the living entities and bring them to their real position of serving Him. The temple was built only by your strong determination and unflinching faith on the Supreme Lord, for glorifying the Lord by all the generations to come.

In SB 1.9.23, Bhismadeva says

*bhaktyāveśya mano yasmin / vācā yan-nāma kīrtayan
tyajan kalevaram / mucyate kāma-karmabhiḥ*

"The Personality of Godhead, who appears in the mind of the devotee by attentive devotion and meditation and by chanting of the holy name, releases the devotee from the bondage of fruitive activities at the time of his quitting the material body."

In this verse, Bhismadeva is emphasizing that the Lord recognizes a devotee who is always engaged in His service and enables him to concentrate his mind upon the Lord with a perfect sense of consciousness. The Lord releases the devotee from all material conditions and gives him eternal association. I seek blessings from your Divine Grace and Srila Prabhupada to always engage me in devotional service of the Lord by remembering Him all the time.

I beg for your mercy upon this conditioned soul to perform devotional service with the concentration of mind and be fixed in the spiritual path.

Thank you very much.
Your humble servant,
Sravaniya devi dasi.

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--Srividya Chandrasekaran

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

Dandavat pranam Maharaj.

You have guided me in every step. Whenever I was stuck, not knowing what to do, you guided me in the right direction. Whatever I do, it is possible only because of the strength you give me. By tapping into your power, I think nothing is impossible for me. Thank you Maharaj.

I don't ask anything from you as you are already taking care of me very well, without asking. There is so much to do from my side. Maharaj, I didn't take up any sankalpa this year. Last year's sankalpa of our family took a good shape. Thank you Maharaj.

I am not following your instructions sincerely, but I try to. You say that even if we stick to one sloka of Bhagavatam, we can achieve perfection. I came across such a sloka this year. Thank you Maharaj.

SB 1.7.6

*anarthopaśamaṁ sāksād / bhakti-yogam adhokṣaje
lokasyājānato vidvāṁś / cakre sātṛvata-saṁhitām*

"The material miseries of the living entity, which are superfluous to him, can be directly mitigated by the linking process of devotional service. But the mass of people do not know this, and therefore the learned Vyāsadeva compiled this Vedic literature, which is in relation to the Supreme Truth."

In his lecture for this sloka on April 18th 1975, Vrindavan, Srila Prabhupada has explained the entire philosophy of Krishna Consciousness. He explains what is knowledge, who is the original source of everything, how Vyasadev made His life perfect, what is meditation, how we can see the Lord within ourselves.

I think I should meditate on this sloka more.

This year, I came to know a little bit more about you and your teachings through Pearls of wisdom and videos. I realize that, whatever I have learnt is very insignificant, next to nothing. There is an ocean of learning left.

Recently due to unexpected circumstances, it seemed like our trip to Rajkot this year may not happen as planned. The thought of not visiting you this year at your Vyasa Puja, gave me a saddening feeling. It seemed to come from within. The last time I had such a big blow was when I visited Srirangam. My sad feeling went to an extent where I began wondering whether soul can have sorrows. But soul is sat chit ananda. This kept me thinking and I got some more direction. My attachments to material things might have gone down a bit but my attachment

to Krishna and guru has not become firm. So, I am just lost/stuck in between, like a *cat on the wall*. You then reminded me of Srimad Bhagavatam.

This year, I want to study Bhagavatam as sincerely as possible. "Bury your head in Bhagavatam" was the message I read at Rajkot last year.

Maharaj, I have started learning a bit of Sanskrit. Maharaj, you are a Sanskrit scholar. I would like to communicate with you in Sanskrit. Please guide me (if you think it is good for me to learn Sanskrit). I have a very bad habit of doing everything half-baked. I should do "nityam seva" whichever service it may be.

अहं संस्कृतेन अभ्यासं करोमि । श्रीमद् भागवतं पठामि । यथा भवान् इच्छति तथा अहं करोमि । कृपया शुद्धिं कुर्वन्तु । धन्यवादः महाराज् ।

सर्वेभ्यः हरे कृष्ण ।

Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam ki jai.

His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai!

Your insignificant instrument,
Srividya Chandrasekaran
Hyderabad



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--Subrahmanya Sharma

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble pranams at your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja, 2019.

Maharaj, I am not at all qualified to glorify you, but I can say that our family has been deeply inspired by your teachings and by getting some association of your disciples. By your mercy, I got opportunities for more service at the temple. With your blessings, am able to regularly attend Mangal Arati at the temple. I had the good fortune of listening to quite a few of your lectures (Thanks to HG Kalcakra Prabhuji for the same) and reading Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice.

One common thread that comes across all your lectures is your Kind, Friendly and Jovial interaction with everybody around you - without ever compromising on the intensity and gravity of Divine Instructions related to Lord Sri Krishna. Some of the points that constantly keep ringing in my mind are "Please take to chanting, very seriously...", "Cleanliness of the surroundings leads to a cleaner mind which improves the quality of devotional service...", "Healthy living by taking prasadam and devoid of medicines...", "Bury yourself in Bhagavatam....", "The final goal is to go back to Krishna..." etc.

Krishna willing and by your mercy, this will be my 4th visit to Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav Dham in the last 18 months and am very excited to be in the company of your wonderful disciples, whom you have personally instructed and inspired.

Sri Gurvastakam teaches us that "**yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi**" - Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. I pray that you shower your grace in showing us the way forward.

Thank You so much Maharaj.

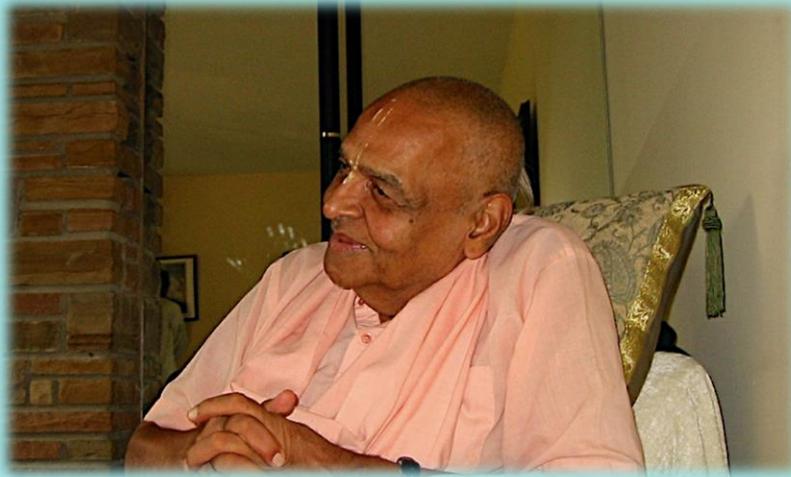
*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai , Srila Gurudev ki Jai.

HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj's Vyasa Puja Mahotsav ki Jai.

Your Servant
Subrahmanya Sharma

India - Chennai



“Material existence can never make you happy. Please try to depend on Krishna. He is our guardian. He guards and He is not a material guardian. Still with all this knowledge, our faith dwindles. We put our faith somewhere else other than Him. That is our mistake. And because of this we never win.”

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--Ananda Murthy Krishna das

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

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

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

As puny conditioned soul, we don't have any qualification to write about transcendental qualities of beloved Gurudev, we pray at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and writing this offering. We have made humble attempt to describe how Maharaj lived as "Person Bhagavata" throughout the life.

Appearance: Human form is rare to obtain and to be a Krishna devotee is very rare. The rarest is becoming a pure devotee and spreading Krishna consciousness for the upliftment of human beings. As a Mahatma you appeared as gem among humans, in the family of Vaishnavas for eight generations. From the childhood you had inquisitiveness to know about the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The answer to your search was fulfilled only after meeting Srila Prabhupada.

Serious study of Srimad Bhagavatam:

SB (2.8.4) says:

*śṛṅvataḥ śraddhayā nityaṁ / grṇataś ca sva-ceṣṭitam
kālena nātidīrghena / bhagavān viśate hr̥di*

"Persons who hear Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam regularly and are always taking the matter very seriously will have the Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa manifested in their hearts within a short time."

During the Vanaprastha Ashram, in the Soho Street temple you lived as per the sloka. Near a pillar in the temple you nearly spent 10 hours daily studying and researching on Srimad Bhagavatam. During such time, you also helped devotees who came with personal problems by giving solutions from Srimad Bhagavatam. Because of which The Lord was pleased and stayed in temple of your heart.

Srimad Bhagavatam Preaching:

SB (4.31.19) says:

*dayayā sarva-bhūteṣu / santuṣṭyā yena kena vā
sarvendriyopasāntyā ca / tuṣyaty āśu janārdanaḥ*

"By showing mercy to all living entities, being satisfied somehow or other and controlling the senses from sense enjoyment, one can very quickly satisfy the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Janārdana."

In Sannyasa order of life you lived according to above sloka. To shower the mercy of Krishna you travelled the world. In doing so, you accepted difficulties due to different climatic conditions, long journey and health issues with complete control of mind and were satisfied in all conditions. Therefore, Krishna was satisfied, and your lectures on Srimad Bhagavatam created huge impact in the hearts of the devotees. Maharaj very often you had emphasized the fact that, "Reading Srimad Bhagavatam is to improve the behavior. If there is no significant changes to habits, and our character then reading Bhagavatam is simply an exercise for name and fame".

Devotees who completely forgotten the Vedic culture which is most favorable for devotion, you had given the practical instructions to follow the Vedic culture from each Bhagavatam Sloka and made them healthy, happy and progress in devotion as well. By seeing the plight of dull headed people of kali-yuga, you had taught them to remember the meaning of Bhagavatam slokas through acronyms. For example, the acronym "KRISHNA'S HAPPY WORLD VEDA SASTRA GROUPS" for verses of SB (2.7.26 – 34) contains 32 past times of Lord Sri Krishna. This way of studying is kindling our eagerness to study more Srimad Bhagavatam and try to understand His supremacy. Maharaj you used to say when we know His supremacy we will obey His orders.

Going Back Home and Glory of Saurashtra:

SB (1.8.36) says:

*śṛṅvanti gāyanti grṇanty abhīkṣṇāśaḥ
smaranti nandanti tavehitaṁ janāḥ
ta eva paśyanty acireṇa tāvakaṁ
bhava-pravāhoparamaṁ padāmbujam*

"O Kṛṣṇa, those who continuously hear, chant and repeat Your transcendental activities, or take pleasure in others' doing so, certainly see Your lotus feet, which alone can stop the repetition of birth and death."

Maharaj you had followed all these principles diligently throughout the life. The great quality you possess is "nandati" which is "taking pleasure in others doing devotional service". Despite having so many bodily discomforts you had followed this great quality "nandati" by distributing Krishna Katha throughout the world, inspiring devotees to write in Granthraj forum, building temple in saurashtra region.

Maharaj you had deeply desired that devotees should develop regular habit of Srimad Bhagavatam Study and share their realizations. So, you had asked H.G.Kalacakra prabhujī to start online forum Granthraj so that devotees throughout the world can do serious study of Srimad Bhagavatam and share their realizations. You had relished each article published in Granthraj, appreciated devotees who wrote it sincerely and corrected the mistakes.

Maharaj you had further deeply desired to develop temples in saurashtra regions so that the common masses in those regions can become devotees. In Dwaraka, you had developed first stone temple of ISKCON. Once it was inaugurated very next day you had moved to Rajkot. In Rajkot, you had lived in small Bhajan Kutir, conducted regular Harinaams, Prasadam and book distribution. Common people saw your great devotion, loving affection and voluntarily submit to your service. Initially, you had started small temple, Prahalad School. You took very much pleasure in training young ones in chanting slokas, bhajans and good behavior. With indomitable spirit to serve Srila Prabhupada, you wished to create big palace for Sri Sri Radha Madhava where thousands devotees can hear Srimad Bhagavatam, Krishna Kirtana and honour Prasadam. You had called this temple as "Glory of Saurashtra" and deeply desired to offer it to Srila Prabhupada. You had created the plan for the temple, instructed senior disciples regarding temple construction and engaged all the disciples in temple service.

Maharaj as you had followed SB (1.8.36) throughout life, you were able to attain service at lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krishna in His abode on 25 Jan 2010. Devotees around you performing Kirtana, you have remembered and chanted the holy name as stated by SBG(8.5) while leaving the body to His abode. Though you had left physical body, like loving father you had inspired and guided the senior disciples to complete "Glory Of Saurashtra". On auspicious occasion of Sri Rama Navami, Maha Kumababishek performed for "Glory Of Saurashtra" and your offering the temple to Srila Prabhupada gloriously happened.

Beloved Guru Maharaj, throughout life, in all ashram you have lived as "Person Bhagavatam". We fall at the dust of your lotus feet so that we will develop drop of faith you had for Srimad Bhagavatam and humbly engage in sincere study of Bhagavatam and improving behavior.

Your servants,
Ananda Murthi Krishna das
Savitha devi dasi
Chennai



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--Arisudana das & Godavari devi dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,

We offer our respectful humble obeisance unto your lotus feet, Gurudev,

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

In SB 5.12.12 it is stated as *mahat pada rajobhishekam*, which means one can attain perfection in devotional service only when one is blessed by the holy dust of the lotus feet of a great devotee. It is our great fortune to be your insignificant disciples and only by your causeless mercy we have got an opportunity to chant the holy name of the Lord. However, the real mercy will be showered when we keep your instruction in our heart and genuinely follow them without any deviation.

As stated in SB 3.25.21

*titikṣavaḥ kārūṇikāḥ / suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ / sādavaḥ ssādhu-bhūṣaṇā*

As a real sadhu, your concern is to enlighten people like us who are in darkness of this material world.

Krishna also says in 10.80.24

*nāham iḥyā-prajātibhyām / tapasopāśamena vā
tuṣyeyam sarva-bhūtātmā / guru-śuśrūṣayā yathā*

He is satisfied only when one faithfully serves his spiritual master. So, on this auspicious day, Gurudev, we sincerely pray at your lotus feet to be merciful as always so that we can follow your instructions and help you in fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Always aspiring for your causeless mercy,

Your humble servants,
Godavari devi dasi and Arisudana das
Chennai

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--Artabandhu Krishna das & Kaveri devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva.

We are really fortunate to be able to send our offerings on the 100th Vyasa Puja of our dear Guru Maharaj. As we were in the process of sending the offering midst of moving to a different house. This was the 20th change of residence for us since 2006. We were wondering how painful it is to change home. This brought us to a realization of changing our bodies...we have undergone repeated birth and deaths and as Bhagavatam points out that birth and death are very painful experiences which we forget as we get our new bodies.

Maharaj had repeatedly instructed us to finish our material accounts in this very birth itself by carrying out sincere devotional service. Maharaj has enlightened us on how to carry out devotional service in a simple and sincere manner. We are presenting a shloka (3.33.11) for the above instructions from Bhagavatam for Maharaj's pleasure as well as for us to get out of the miseries of birth and death.

*śraddhatsvaitan mataṁ mahyaṁ / juṣṭaṁ yad brahma-vādibhiḥ
yena mām abhayaṁ yāyā / mṛtyum ṛcchanty atad-vidaḥ*

"My dear Mother, those who are actually transcendentalists certainly follow My instructions as I have given them to you. You may rest assured that if you traverse this path of self-realization perfectly, surely you shall be freed from fearful material contamination and shall ultimately reach me. Mother, persons who are not conversant with this method of devotional service certainly cannot get out of the cycle of birth and death."

Shrila Praphupada mentions – Material existence is full of anxiety and therefore it is fearful

One who gets out of this material existence automatically becomes free from all anxieties and fear. One who follows the path of devotional service enunciated by Lord Kapila is very easily liberated.

Guru Maharaj has provided us with the necessary knowledge and simple secrets of devotional service to avoid repeated material miseries. It is for me as individual to take devotional service seriously and perform in a simple manner to please Maharaj and Krishna. Service is to be rendered **constantly** and **lovingly** as these were the trademark of Maharaj which attracted us to him in spite of our impurities.

What happens if we are not sincere in our devotional service is provided in a beautiful shloka from **BG 9.3:**

*aśraddadhānāḥ puruṣā
dharmasyāsyā paran-tapa*

*aprāpya mām nivartante
mr̥tyu-saṁsāra-vartmani*

"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."

Srila Praphupada mentions: The faithless cannot accomplish this process of devotional service, that is the purport of this verse. Faith is created by association with devotees. Unfortunately, people even after hearing all the evidence of Vedic literature from great personalities still have no faith in God. They are hesitant and cannot stay fixed in devotional service of the Lord.

Dear Guru Maharaj we are trying to carry out some devotional service to the best of our ability. We have approached our retirement in terms of material activities and hence all the more seriousness needs to creep in our mood to perform devotional service.

We pray at your lotus feet and Lord Sri Krishna so that we always can perform simple devotional service to you forever by follow your instructions sincerely to the best of our ability and seek your blessings on the occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja which will enable us to perform uninterrupted bhakti.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada,
Aarta Bandu Krishna das & Kaveri devi dasi
Mukunda Krishna das & Bala Krishna das



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--Balabhadra Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dear Maharaj, I wish for your 100th Vyasa Puja.

Maharaj I daily chant 3 rounds, please bless me.

Maharaj I like your mercy and smiling face.

Maharaj I heard you always like to teach children slokas with translation. I have by hearted Bhagavat Gita catur sloki and Vritasura prayers. Kindly bless me so that I will learn more and more slokas.

Maharaj you are so courageous. Once in Dwaraka earthquake happened devotees came running out of rooms because of fear. But you courageously chanted the holy names. Maharaj bless me to be courageous in danger times.

We are willing to come to Rajkot

Your servant,
Balabhadra Krishna das.



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--Deenadayal

ஹரே கிருஷ்ண மஹராஜ். என்னுடைய பணிவான நமஸ்காரத்தை தயவு செய்து ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளுங்கள்.

மஹராஜ், அடியேன் கிருஷ்ண பக்திக்கு வந்து மூன்று வருடங்கள் ஆகின்றன. அடியேன் தங்களைப் பற்றியும் தங்களுடைய சீடர்கள் பற்றியும் கேட்டு வியப்புறுகின்றேன். தங்கள் சீடர்களுள் ஒருவரான திரு. தேவகி நந்தன் பிரபு அவரை பற்றியும் கண்டு வியப்புறுகின்றேன். ராஜ்கோட் தாங்கள் அன்று ராஜ்கோட் கோவில் திறப்பு விழாவிற்கு வருகின்ற பக்தர்களிடம் தங்குவதற்கும், பிரசாதத்திற்கும் பணம் வாங்க கூடாது என்று தாங்கள் அன்று கூறியதை உங்களுடைய சீடர்கள் யாரிடமும் பணம் வாங்காமல் உங்கள் வாக்கை இன்று நிறைவேற்றிவிட்டார்கள். இதிலிருந்து நான் கற்று கொண்டது என்னவென்றால் குரு கூறியதை அவர்கள் நிறைவேற்றியது, ஸ்ரீல பிரபுபாதரின் சீடர்கள் அவரை பின்பற்றுவது போல உங்கள் சீடர்கள் உங்களை அப்படியே பின்தொடர்கின்றனர்.

மஹராஜ் உங்களுடைய வயதான காலத்தில் உடல் ரீதியாக எவ்வளவோ துன்பப்பட்டுள்ளீர்கள். இயற்கை உபாதைகளை கழிப்பதற்கு கூட ஐந்து கிலோமீட்டர் செல்ல வேண்டியிருந்தது. அந்த தள்ளாத முதுமையிலும் நீங்கள் தனியாக கிருஷ்ண பக்தியை பிரச்சாரம் செய்ய தங்குவதற்கு கூட இடமில்லாமல் ஒவ்வொரு தர்மசாலையிலும் கிடைத்த இடத்தில் தங்கி, உண்டு கிருஷ்ணரை நினைத்தபடியே உங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் பயணித்துள்ளீர்கள். ஒரு சில நாட்களில் நாள் முழுவதும் யாகம் நடந்த சூடான தரையில் படுக்க வேண்டியிருந்த போதும் குறை ஏதும் சொல்லாமல் பொறுத்துக்கொண்டீர்கள். எவ்வளவு நம்பிக்கை தான் உங்களுக்கு கிருஷ்ணர் மீது. இவ்வளவிற்கு பிறகு கிருஷ்ணருக்காக ஓர் கோவிலையில் துவாரகையில் கட்டினீர்கள்.

இதே போன்று நீங்கள் விருப்பப்பட்ட ராஜ்கோட் கோவிலை உங்களுடைய சீடர்கள் கொஞ்சம் கொஞ்சமாக தங்களிடம் இருந்த லக்ஷியை கொண்டே கட்டி முடித்துவிட்டனர். இன்னும் எவ்வளவோ இருக்கின்றது மஹராஜ் உங்களைப் பற்றி கூற. அடியேன் உங்களுடைய சீடர்களுடைய ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவத உபந்யாசத்தில் மிகவும் ஈர்க்கப்படுகின்றேன். தங்கள் புதல்வர்கள் மிக நேர்த்தியாக விளக்கம் தருகிறார்கள். அது மிக புரிந்து கொள்வதற்கு எளிமையாக உள்ளது. இதிலிருந்தே உங்களுடைய மேன்மை தெரிகின்றது மஹராஜ். அவர்கள் உங்களைப் போன்றே பாகவத பிரியர்களாக இருக்கின்றனர். அதுமட்டுமல்ல மஹராஜ், அவர்கள் ஸ்லோகங்கள் பாடும் விதம் என்னை கவர்கின்றது.

மஹராஜ் உங்களை பற்றி பேச கூட அடியேனுக்கு தகுதி இல்லை. ஆனால் உங்களுடைய சீடர்கள் மூலமாக உங்களைப் பற்றி சிறிதளவு தெரிந்து கொண்டதால் உங்களை பற்றி பேச விருப்பம் கொண்டேன். ஏதேனும் பிழை இருந்தால் மன்னிக்கவும் மஹராஜ்.

நான் கிருஷ்ண பக்தியில் முன்னேற உங்கள் ஆசிகளை வேண்டும் உங்கள் சேவகன்,

தாச தாச தாசனு தாசன்
தீனதயாளன்
சூரகாபுரம்.

Hare Krishna Maharaj.
Please accept my humble obeisance.

Maharaj, it has been three years I came to Krishna consciousness. I have been wondering after hearing about your glories and your disciples. I also wondered after seeing one of your disciple H G Devakinandan prabhu. Your holiness instructed your disciples not to get money from any devotees for their accommodation, prasadam, who are coming for Rajkot temple inauguration. Your disciples followed the same and not deviated from that instruction and never got money from anyone but provided first class facilities. I learnt from this that the way your disciples are following your instructions as it is, is similar to how Srila Prabhupada's disciples are following his instructions. Maharaj, in your old age you suffered a lot due to bodily problems. You have to travel 5kms to pass natural calls. In such a condition, being struggling with your body, you lead a Krishna conscious life of austerity, of stayed not in one fixed place but wherever you were allowed by different darmashala, ate whatever provided by them. At times you have to lay down on the hot floor which was used for Yajna throughout the day. but you never complained to anyone rather tolerated everything. How much faith you would have had on Krishna. You also built a beautiful temple made up of stone for Krishna in Dwaraka. Similarly, your desire to construct a beautiful temple in Rajkot was accomplished by your disciples by spending their own money. There are so much to glorify about you Maharaj. I am too much attracted towards the Srimad Bhagavatam classes given by your disciples. they are taking the classes elegantly. It is very easy to understand. Maharaj, from this I could see your greatness. Not only this, their recitation of sloka also attracted me, Maharaj.

Maharaj, I don't have any qualification to speak about you but because I came to know little bit of your glories through your disciples, I desired to speak. Maharaj, please forgive my offenses.

I am begging your mercy to improve in Krishna consciousness.

Your Servant
dasadasa dasanu das

Deenadayal
Soorakapuram

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--Divya Ratna Krsna das & Divya Vidhya devi dasi

H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev Centennial Vyasa Puja Maha Utsav ki Jai!

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

With your mercy, we got the opportunity to go to Bangladesh to take darshan of acharya's and seek forgiveness for the all the Vaishnava offences we have committed. I am very stunned after seeing the humbleness, service attitude of the devotees in Bangladesh. They are very down to earth. I can remember what Lord Krishna mentioned in BG 10.10 :

*teṣāṁ satata-yuktānāṁ / bhajatāṁ prīti-pūrvakam
dadāmi buddhi-yogaṁ taṁ / yena mām upayānti te*

"To those who are constantly devoted to serving Me with love, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me."

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada mentions that: When he knows the goal and seeks Kṛṣṇa completely in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and devotional service, he is acting in *bhakti-yoga*, or *buddhi-yoga*, which is the complete *yoga*. This complete *yoga* is the highest perfectional stage of life. **The qualification is that a person always engage himself in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and with love and devotion render all kinds of services.**

Devotees in Bangladesh were humble and they are ready to do all kinds of services with smiling faces to all the devotees without anything in return. This attitude comes very naturally for them. They are very blessed to have that attitude. My take away notes from Bangladesh is at least I should try to be humble and kind so that one day that quality will be imbibed in me. Maharaj, please help me to improve. Krishna Priya is doing well and she is growing up. Learning Carnatic music and my only intention to teach music is that Krishna willing, she should serve Lord Krishna with her voice. As a mother, I am trying to teach good qualities whatever I can, rest is in your hands, Maharaj. Please take care of her and be with her always.

Thank you Maharaj for giving us the opportunity to write Vyasa Puja offering to you on your Centennial Vyasa Puja. **Happy Birthday Maharaj!!!**

Your humble servants,

Divya Ratna Krishna das & Divya Vidhya devi dasi

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--Haripriya

Dear Maharaj,

Happy Vyasa Puja! We are very eager to come to Rajkot for the centenary Vyasa Puja celebrations.

I liked the big temple you have constructed for Krishna.

This year we have studied Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.16 to 21 slokas and Bhagavad gita 2.54 to 72 slokas and we have the written the slokas.

Will I get guru like you Maharaj when I grow up?

I started chanting 3 rounds bless me Maharaj so that I continue this and increase in future.

Your servant,
Haripriya



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--Hrishiksha Krishna das

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Oh my beloved Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

Om Vishnupada Paramahansa Parivrajacharya Astothra Sata Sri Srimad His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Gurumaharaj centennial Vyasa puja mahotsav ki Jai!!!

Dear most Gurudeva, this moment of celebrating your centennial Vyasa puja is life and soul for me because with the unsteady, troublesome and unconquerable mind I am unable to bear the troubles which increase year on year. The only solution is available at your lotus feet and this is the day am connecting with your lotus feet at Rajkot.

One can argue that a sincere disciple can follow the instruction of his spiritual master wherever he is and through that always connected with lotus feet of gurumaharaj. Yes! This is a fact but when it is pursued from the angle of people in dwaraka, it seems to be different. They themselves felt relieved when they surrendered to the supreme personality of godhead Krishna in his presence. What to speak of me, an insignificant and unworthy disciple. I need your holiness lotus feet to share and surrender everything.

The people of Dwaraka might have realized that they could not manage anything without the lord's mercy or presence. This they might have realized when the lord was out of Dwaraka.

In Srimad Bhagavatam 1.11.8, the people in dwaraka prayed to the lord,

*aho sanāthā bhavatā sma yad vyaṁ
traiviṣṭapānām api dūra-darśanam
prema-smīta-sniḡdha-nirīkṣaṇānanam
paśyema rūpam tava sarva-saubhagam*

"Oh, it is our good luck that we have come again today under Your protection by Your presence, for Your Lordship rarely visits even the denizens of heaven. Now it is possible for us to look into Your smiling face, which is full of affectionate glances. We can now see Your transcendental form, full of all auspiciousness."

Oh my beloved Gurudeva, your holiness is a perfect expansion of the supreme personality of godhead. Without your presence I could not survive in this material world. It is your causeless mercy that you have accepted me as your disciple.

It is not good luck but your holiness causeless mercy and the supreme personality's causeless mercy, I am brought back to your holiness lotus feet, and those are the only shelter for me. But out of ignorance I am not still realized this causeless mercy and dwelling in material desires.

In this verse, Srila Prabhupada has given the word '**again**' in his transcendental translation. This is so important because disciples like me brought into your lotus feet **again and again**. Because whenever I deviate, immediately your holiness brought me back to your lotus feet.

There are so many incidents where your holiness protects me by providing **knowledge, mercy, service and bliss**. But my mind drags me into lusty desires **again and again**. Your holiness protects me **again and again**.

I was injured recently and felt bad about my life and the intensity of my sorrow made me to forget to surrender or pray to your holiness. One of the devotees who read the glories of your holiness through '**Srimad Bhagavatam In Practice Volume 2**' called me and shared how glorious your holiness is. I felt that you were saving me **again** through him. So I started reading the same book and felt relieved.

It is not so easy to do devotional service alone but also very very difficult to do the same along with many devotees because of different opinions or understandings. Being an always disturbed mind person, I could not understand what to follow or how to follow or whom to follow. Your holiness **again** saved me from this trouble through the instructions/knowledge coming to us in the form of '**Pearls of Wisdom**'. Now I could try to serve the lord along with many devotees by taking their criticism, comments etc with looking good things alone from them.

Unable to balance material and spiritual life, your holiness **again** protects me by proving knowledge and association through my god siblings. Dear Gurudev, after all this, still am continuing my consciousness without changing according to your desire. Without expecting anything your holiness protects me **again and again**.

Your holiness is the perfect example of how one should follow Srila Prabhupada and his teachings in life. Otherwise how could have you tolerated and executed your duties in this material world full of troubles, spiritual institutions full of politics.

Your holiness not only practised but inspired others to practice the same without running away from any kind of responsibilities. Your holiness is the '**Living Bhagavata**'

Dear Gurudeva, what a magnanimous quality you have that attracts everyone like how different people are attracted towards lord Krishna when he enters into dwaraka.

Your holiness vyasa puja is such a festival that everyone will come eagerly to sing your glories. How prostitutes have come along with dignitary persons to glorify Lord Krishna, same way, your holiness kindly allowing me to sit and associate with other great disciples of yours to hear and sing your glories. This is the only way for me to purify myself and I could see no other means.

Once you jokingly made a remarkable statement that your holiness is the spiritual master of rejected cases. Yes! I have experienced many devotees within this short during and except your holiness none will accept me and even I could not find any shelter than your lotus feet where I am getting solace.

Your holiness vyasa puja celebration is most important for us where we will look into Your smiling face, which is full of affectionate glances. We can now see Your transcendental form, full of all auspiciousness.

Dear Gurudeva, when the day will come where, by your causeless mercy, I could glorify you from the heart? When I could follow your instructions properly? When I could spread your glories by spreading Srimad Bhagavatam to all? When I could have your desire as mine?

I pray again to your holiness to bless us to serve the lordships by constructing a new temple in mappedu village, where many devotees got inspiration to read Srimad Bhagavatam from your holiness.

Please gurudeva, I bow down to your lotus feet and beg your causeless mercy again and again to hold your lotus feet in my heart. Whatever small things are done by me in Krishna consciousness is only by the mercy of your holiness.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Gurumaharaj Centennial Vyasa Puja Mahotsav Ki Jai!!!

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Gurumaharaj transcendental association ki Jai!!!

Your unworthy servant|
Hrishikesha Krishna das
Chennai.



*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Jyesta devi dasi

Satakoti dandavat pranams maharaj,

On the occasion of your 100th birth anniversary by your causeless mercy I have been blessed to glorify you with my limited capacity. Please bear with me for short comings maharaj.

*om ajnāna-timirāndhasya / jnānānjana-śalākayā
chakṣur unmilitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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

In srimad bhagavatam 6.1.17 Sukhadev Goswami says,

*sadhricino hy ayam loka / panthāḥ kṣemo 'kuto-bhayaḥ
suśilāḥ sādhave yatra / nārāyaṇa-parāyaṇāḥ*

"The path followed by pure devotees, who are well behaved and fully endowed with the best qualifications, is certainly the most auspicious path in this material world. It is free from fear, and it is authorized by the śāstras."

You personally followed this path and are lovingly guiding us also through your teachings and instructions to take up this. Prabhupada says pure devotees are su-shiilaah [well behaved] saadhavaah [saintly persons]and naaraayana paraaynaah, those who have taken the path of Narayana, devotional service as their life and soul. One should fearlessly follow the 12 mahajanas and their line of discipic succession and thus be liberated from the clutches of maya. The beautiful and gorgeous marble temple at Rajkot is standing on the foundation of the above mentioned qualities of yours. Seeing the temple, the disciples are reminded of you and all your exalted qualities. The little bit of devotional service that I am able to perform everyday is all because of your causeless mercy. Please bless us so that we may continue to run the house programs nicely and associate with nice devotees. Please help and guide my both sons with all your causeless mercy. Please also bless my daughter-in-law and my little grand daughter. Bhagavatam says that without your mercy we cannot move an inch forward in both our spiritual and material activities.

SB 5.12.12.

*rahūgaṇaitat tapasā na yāti
na cejyayā nirvapaṇād grhād vā
na cchandasā naiva jalāgni-sūryair
vinā mahat-pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekam*

"My dear King Rahūgaṇa, unless one has the opportunity to smear his entire body with the dust of the lotus feet of great devotees, one cannot realize the Absolute Truth. One cannot realize the Absolute Truth simply by observing celibacy [brahmacharya], strictly

following the rules and regulations of householder life, leaving home as a vānaprastha, accepting sannyāsa, or undergoing severe penances in winter by keeping oneself submerged in water or surrounding oneself in summer by fire and the scorching heat of the sun. There are many other processes to understand the Absolute Truth, but the Absolute Truth is only revealed to one who has attained the mercy of a great devotee."

Prabhupada says there are many processes to understand the Absolute Truth but the Absolute Truth is only revealed to one who has attained the mercy of a great devotee. In the purport Srila Prabhupada says actual knowledge of transcendental bliss can be bestowed upon anyone by a pure devotee. Please continue to bestow upon us and the family your causeless mercy Maharaj. It is by your grace such an insignificant disciple that I am able to do the small level devotional service and a little bit of taste to read the Bhagavatam.

Your humble servant,
Jyesta devi dasi
Chennai.



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--K. Chandra

ஹரே கிருஷ்ண

மஹாவிஷ்ணு கோஸ்வாமி மஹராஜ் அவர்களுக்கு என்னுடைய பணிவான நமஸ்காரங்கள்.

மஹராஜ் அவர்களே என் மகன் ஞா. செந்தில் சரவணன் தங்களை தரிசனம் செய்துவிட்டு வந்த போது நீங்கள் கூறிய கிருஷ்ண பக்தியை பற்றியும் பாகவதத்தை பற்றியும் கூறினான். கேட்பதற்கே இனிமையாகவும், பக்தி பரவசத்துடனும் இருந்தது. தங்களுடைய வகுப்புகளை சிடியில் பார்த்தேன் அதில் நீங்கள் கலகலப்பாக சிரித்துக்கொண்டே எடுத்ததை பார்த்த போது மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருந்தது. ஆனால் தங்களை நேரில் பார்க்கும் பாக்கியம் எனக்கு கிடைக்கவில்லை.

ஸ்ரீ பெருமந்தூர்அருகில் உள்ள எங்களுடைய சொந்த கிராமமான மப்பேடு கிராமத்தில் சிறிய ஹரே கிருஷ்ண ஹரே ராம பஜனை குடில் உள்ளது. திரு. காலச்சக்கர பிரபு அவர்கள் அடிக்கடி பாகவத வகுப்பு எடுக்க வருவார். அவர் கூறும்போது மஹராஜ் அவர்கள் "தன்னை பாகவதத்தில் உணர் முடியும்" என்று நீங்கள் கூறியதை கூறினார். அதனால் நீங்கள் எங்களுடனே இருக்கிறீர்கள் என்று கூறினார்.

பூர்ண பிரக்கு பிரபு அவர்கள், காலச்சக்கர பிரபு அவர்கள், அனந்தமூர்த்தி பிரபு அவர்கள் இன்னும் பல பக்தர்கள் வகுப்பு எடுக்கும் போது மஹராஜ் இவ்வாறெல்லாம் கூறுவார் என்று இவர்கள் கூறியவற்றில் இருந்து உங்களை எங்களால் பார்க்கவும், கேட்கவும் முடிந்தது. இன்னும் இன்னும் தங்களைப்பற்றி தெரிந்துகொள்ள வேண்டும் என்ற ஆவலும் ஏற்படும்.

ஒரு முறை என் மகன் வியாச பூஜைக்கு ராஜ் கோட்டிற்கு அழைத்து வந்திருந்தான். உங்களை கோவிலின் உள்ளே இருந்து அழைத்துக்கொண்டு உங்களுடைய அலுவலகம் மற்றும் நீங்கள் தங்கிய இடம் மற்றும் புதிய கோவில் என்று ஹரே கிருஷ்ண கீர்த்தனையோடு சென்றபோது என்னையும் அறியாமல் மனம் நெகிழ்ந்து கண்ணீர் வந்துவிட்டது. ஏனெனில் நீங்கள் இவ்விடங்களில் எல்லாம் நடந்து சென்றவர் ஆயிற்றே என்று நினைத்து மனம் கலங்கி விட்டது.

மஹராஜ் நீங்கள் புது கோவில் கட்டுவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்து இருந்தீர்கள் அவை கிருஷ்ணரின் ஆசீர்வாதத்தால் பெரிய கோயிலாக அமைந்திருக்கின்றது. 2019 ஏப்ரல் மாதம் 14ஆம் தேதி கோவில் கும்பாபிஷேகம் செய்தார்கள். அந்த விழாவின்போது கோலோக விருந்தாவனத்தில் இருப்பதை போன்ற உணர்வு ஏற்பட்டது. அன்றைக்கு ஏற்பட்ட மகிழ்ச்சியை அளவிட இயலாது. அப்படிப்பட்ட ஆனந்தம்.

எங்கள் கிராமத்தை சுற்றியுள்ள இடங்களில் இருந்தும் பிரபுக்களும் மாதாஜிக்களும் வந்திருந்தார்கள். திரும்பிய பக்கமெல்லாம் மஹராஜ்க்களும், பிரபுக்களும், மாதாஜிக்களும், குழந்தைகளும், மக்களும் விழாக் கொண்டாட்டத்தில் இருந்தனர். பழைய கோயிலிருந்து ஹரே கிருஷ்ண பஜனையோடு நீல மாதவர், ஜெகன்நாதர், பலதேவர் மற்றும் சுபத்திரை, நரசிம்ம மூர்த்தியையும், பிரபுபாதரையும் அழைத்துவந்து புதிய கோவிலில் அமர்த்தினார்கள். அழைத்து வருவதற்கு உரிய சேவை எங்கள் ஊர் பக்தர்களுக்கும் கிடைத்ததால் எல்லோரும் மிக மிக மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்தோம். ராமர் சீதாதேவி லட்சுமணன் ஆஞ்சநேயர் அனைவரையும் பார்ப்பதற்கு இருகண்கள் போதாதென்று தோன்றுவது போலவும் இருந்தது

இந்த புதிய கோயில் கும்பாபிஷேகத்தின் போது நீங்கள் உடன் இருந்து நடத்தி வைத்த கும்பாபிஷேகம் தான் என்றும் உங்களுடைய ஆசீர்வாதத்தால் தான் இவ்வளவு பெரிய விழா சிறப்பாக நடந்துகொண்டு இருக்கின்றது என்றும் எல்லோருடைய கண்களிலும் கண்ணீர் மல்கியது. திரு. தேவகி நந்தன் பிரபு அவர்களும் திரு. வைஷ்ணவ சேவா பிரபு அவர்களும் இன்னும் பல பேருடைய சேவையும் மகத்தானது. ஏனெனில் அவர்கள் சிறிதுகூட சோர்வடையாமல் எல்லா இடங்களிலும் வியாபித்து இருந்தார்கள். கிருஷ்ணருக்கு சேவை செய்வதை இவர்களைப் பார்த்து நாங்கள் புரிந்து கொள்கிறோம்.

நீல மாதவரை தரிசனம் செய்ய மக்கள் வெள்ளம் போல வந்தார்கள். கோவிலின் உள்ளேயும் வெளியேயும் மக்கள் வெள்ளம். சிலர் புத்தகங்களை வாங்கிக் கொண்டும், சிலர் சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டும் இன்னும் பலர் பல செயல்களை செய்துகொண்டிருந்தது பார்க்க கோலோக விருந்தாவனம் போல காட்சியளித்தது. குழந்தைகளும் மகிழ்ச்சியோடு விளையாடிக் கொண்டிருந்தனர். நாங்கள் அனைவரும் ஊருக்கு கிளம்ப மனமில்லாமல் நீங்கள் இருக்கும் சமாதி இடத்தில் அமர்ந்து கொண்டு இருந்தோம் அப்போது தேவகி நந்தன் பிரபு அவர்களும் தங்களை தரிசிக்க வந்திருந்தார் அப்போது எங்களிடம் வந்தவர் இரவுவிமானம் மூலமாக சிங்கப்பூர் செல்ல இருப்பதாக கூறினார். அப்போது நாங்களும் அன்றிரவே கிளம்ப போவதை பற்றிக் கூறி இங்கிருந்து செல்ல மனமே வரவில்லை என்று கூறும்போது எல்லோருடைய கண்களில் இருந்து கண்ணீர் மல்கியது. நீல மாதவரையும் உங்களையும் பார்த்துக்கொண்டே அங்கேயே தங்கி விடலாமா என்று எல்லோருடைய மனதிலும் தோன்றியது. வானளாவ வளர்ந்து இருக்கும் கோவிலையும் உங்களையும் விட்டுவர மனமில்லாமல் இருப்பினும் உங்களை மனதிலும் நினைவிலும் சுமந்துகொண்டு கிளம்பினோம்.

நாங்கள் ரயிலில் கிளம்பி வரும்போது அங்குள்ள வாய்ப்புகளை பேசி கொண்டு வந்தோம். நீங்கள் எங்களுக்கு நல்ல பாதையை காட்டுவீர்கள் என்று எங்களை உங்களுடைய பாத கமலங்களில் சமர்ப்பித்தோம். வைஷ்ணவ சேவா பிரபு அவர்கள் என் மகனிற்கு போன் செய்து குழந்தைகளும் மற்றவர்களும் நல்ல முறையில் சென்று கொண்டிருக்கிறீர்களா என்று பல வேலைகளுக்கு மத்தியிலும் எங்களை கேட்டது மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியை கொடுத்தது. கிருஷ்ணருடைய அருளால் சென்னை வந்த பிறகும் அங்குள்ள

நினைவலைகள் தான் எங்கள் உள்ளங்களில் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றது. கிருஷ்ணருடைய கருணையால் எப்போதும் எங்கள் உள்ளங்களில் நினைவலைகள் இருக்கும்.

ஒரு முறை நீங்கள் சென்னை வந்தபோது திரு. இரங்க கிருஷ்ண பிரபு வீட்டிற்கு வந்துள்ளீர்கள் என்பதை அறிந்து என் தம்பி சண்முகம் கூறியதால் என்னுடைய அம்மா, என்னுடைய தம்பி மனைவி விஜயலட்சுமி, என் பெரிய மகன் அருண் மொழி தங்களை தரிசனம் செய்யும் பாக்கியம் அவர்களுக்கு கிடைத்தது. இளைய மகன் செந்தில் சரவணனுக்கு தீக்ஷை கிடைத்தபோது (ரிஷிகேஷ கிருஷ்ணதாஸ்) எனது நடுமகன் ஜெயகரன், "மஹராஜ் அவர்களின் மிகப்பெரிய அருள் உனக்கு கிடைத்திருக்கின்றது" என்று அவனிடம்கூறினான்.

எனக்கு மனக்கவலை மற்றும் கஷ்டம் வரும்போது உங்களைப் பார்த்தால் நீங்கள் கையை தூக்கி ஆசீர்வாதம் செய்வதைப் போல் "மகளை பயப்படாதே நான் இருக்கிறேன்" என்று கூறுவது போல் தோன்றும் என்னுடைய கவலையும் மறையும். நீங்கள் இவ்வுடலை விட்டு கிளம்பும்போது உங்களிடம் இருந்து கொண்டு வந்திருந்த பூக்கள் எங்களிடம் இருக்கின்றது. அவற்றை தலையில் வைத்துக்க கொள்வேன். உங்களுடைய அருளால் என் மனம் அமைதி அடையும்.

என்னையும் என் குடும்பத்தையும் பக்தி மார்க்கத்தில் வழிநடத்தி நல்லருள் புரிய வேண்டும் என்று கிருஷ்ணரையும் உங்களையும் பிரார்த்தித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

ஹரே கிருஷ்ண மஹராஜ்.
தங்கள் பாதம் பணிந்த மகள்
கே. சந்திரா

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

When I saw devotees carrying you around from the ashram, to temple hall, new temple singing kirtans, there were tears in my eyes. Maharaj you had made all the arrangements for building the new temple and by your mercy the grand kumbabhishhekam of new temple happened in April 2019. It happened in such a grand manner that we felt like we were in Vrindavan. It was a day of great joy. Devotees from our village had also come for the temple opening. There were so many Sannyasis devotees and children participating in that great ceremony. Deities of Sri Sri Radha Neelamadhava , Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra, Sri Sri Narasimha were carried from old temple to new temple along with kirtans. Devotees from our village felt very happy and blessed to be part of this service. The new deities of Sri Sri Sitaram Lakshman Hanuman are looking so beautiful, that two eyes are not enough for their darshan. Everyone felt that this grand opening is happening successfully only because of your presence with us. The service rendered by HG Devakinandan prabhuj and HG Vaishnav seva prabhuj are greatly appreciated. Many other devotees also tirelessly rendered service. Seeing them we could understand what it meant to serve Lord Krishna. People flooded the temple to take darshan

of the deities. Many were buying books, many were having Prasadam. It appeared like we were in Goloka. Children also played happily. We never felt like leaving the temple and so were sitting with you at your Samadhi. At that HG Devakinandan prabhuji also came to meet you. He also told that he was about to leave for Singapore that night. All of us expressed with tears in eyes as to how we didn't feel like leaving you or the wonderful temple and Sri Sri Radha Neelamadhava. Throughout the train journey we were fondly recollecting the wonderful events that happened during temple opening. We were also touched by the caring phone call made by HG Vaishnav seva prabhuji enquiring all our well-being when we were returning in train amidst so many duties. We pray at your lotus feet to show us the right path in our lives always.

Even after reaching Chennai we were recollecting fond memories of temple opening ceremony. By Krishna's grace these memories will remain in our heart forever. Many years ago when you had visited HG Ranga Krishna Prabhuji's house in Chennai few of my relatives like my brother, his wife, my elder son were blessed with your transcendental darshan. When my youngest son Senthil Saravanan was initiated by you as Hrishikesh Krishna Das, my second son told him that he has got your greatest blessing. In times of trouble when I look at your smiling face with raised hands i feel like you saying, "don't worry, daughter. I will take care of everything," Soon the troubles also disappear. Whenever there is trouble, I touch my forehead with the flowers which we brought from your samadhi in 2010. That gives me great solace. My prayers to you and Lord Krishna to guide me and my family in the path of devotion.

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

Surrendering unto your lotus feet, your daughter,
K. Chandra.



*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Kalacakra Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

This year being the centennial Vyasa Puja, it is very special for all of us to celebrate your appearance day in "The Glory of Saurashtra" that you lovingly offered to Srila Prabhupada this year.

I am just recalling the functions during 6th-9th Dec 2003, when you offered the most beautiful traditional stone temple of Sri Sri Rukhmini Dwarkadish to Srila Prabhupada's movement. Almost all the devotees who came to attend the function, came not because they were attached to Dwarka dham or Lord Dwarkadish, but they were attracted by the unmotivated and unflinching love that you showered upon them. It was witnessed through all their loving offerings during the temple opening as well as during the Vyasa Puja celebrations. Not only that you had opened ISKCON Dwarka, but you also opened ISKCON Rajkot that year, installing the most beautiful deities of Sri Sri Radha-Neelmadhav and Sri Prahlad Nrsimhaddev. We remember later in the morning on 8th Dec 2003, when the big Pandal program was organized in Rajkot after the Bhumi Puja, you sat in the middle on the stage with all other senior leaders, Sannyasis and GBCs and Political leaders. You looked regal like a royal king surrounded by other delegates. At that time, a thought ran through my mind that this same event should repeat for the main temple opening as well. And in fact, it happened when all the sannyasis and senior vaishnavas were invited to be part of the Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Smaranotsava. This was only possible because of the stubborn dedication of Vaishnava seva Prabhu. He has held your flag flying high all these years in Rajkot and Dwarka. In spite of so many challenges, difficulties and personal health issues he held fort for you. My thanks to you for giving me an elder brother like him who inspires by his complete surrender to you.

Even though you opened ISKCON Rajkot with a nice temple hall and guest house in 2003, you were not satisfied with just that service to Srila Prabhupada. You wanted a huge marble temple for Their Lordships and would often explain to us about the Char dham concept, toy train for a campus tour, Ayurvedic Hospital, Sanskrit college, Siddheshwar Hanuman deity and so many ideas. We often wondered how is that all possible, but the last 10 years of events culminating in the grand opening of The Glory of Saurashtra proved that your words come true for sure. If we have complete faith in you, we will be part of that journey and if not, you will get it done through anyone else who has it.

Maharaj you had so lovingly cultivated so many sincere souls all over the world and built a loving closely knit family of devotees (In fact, many visiting devotees who came for the temple opening were amazed to see the loving dealings between our godsiblings that they remarked, "You people are so lovingly dealing with each other like family members. Never we have seen this in any other temple.") Keeping all the yatras together in the devotional mood that you

have instilled in us is a humungous challenge. Devakinandan Prabhu being bestowed upon that role by you has made it possible that everyone feels connected to each other and to you by his inspiring association, guidance, troubleshooting, care and concern. By his expert management and Vaishnava seva Prabhu's uncompromising hard work, so many senior Vaishnavas took part in the Glory of Saurashtra temple inauguration, expressing their love and gratitude for the hospitality given to them. Managing an event participated by 50,000 guests is no mean task and it was done with very less man power that made the visiting devotees speechless. I thank you again for giving us a love-based system led by Devakinandan Prabhu instead of a corporate organization.

Maharaj this is your centennial Vyasa Puja. 100 is just a number as others would say, but there is some significance too. It is almost impossible for a disciple to be alive to observe this rare occasion because for that to happen, the disciple should have been initiated in a very young age, and the spiritual master must have lived long enough so that the disciple is alive, hale and healthy (both devotionally and physically) to celebrate this rarest festival. From that point of view, we are transcendently proud that after Srila Prabhupada, it is only your divine grace who has bestowed upon us that rarest of rare opportunity to celebrate your Centennial Vyasa Puja, that too within 10 years of winding up your pastimes in this world.

I came in touch with ISKCON in the year 1995 and the entire year of 1996, the centennial Vyasa Puja of Srila Prabhupada, we witnessed so many wonderful ways ISKCON expanded with innumerable programs and festivals. It marked a golden year in the history of ISKCON with so many devotees who left the movement returning to the fold, friendly loving relations filled with enthusiasm, energy and exuberance, hundreds of programs happening around the world, so many new centers being opened etc. We could witness the inauguration of The Glory of Saurashtra as a launching pad for such an explosion in our family too. We seek your blessings so that we could continue to be a witness to your miracles for the rest of our life.

Maharaj you had allowed us to witness so many of your great qualities. We have observed with great joy and respect - Your fearlessness, courage, compassion, tolerance, unflinching devotion, complete surrender, unmotivated love, wit, chastisements... the list is endless. But this year, I have been trying to meditate on one often understated quality that you possess naturally and no one else has it, nor can cultivate it through any amount of practice. That quality is your **child-like innocence** Maharaj. In every one of your dealings it was present as an under-current. You have often repeated these statements, "*Innocent people are close to Krishna*", "*Innocent souls are always protected by Krishna*". And to some devotees you mentioned, "*We cherish your innocence.*" Innocent souls are never disturbed nor disturb others. Just like a child is loved for its innocence, your divine grace always enthralled us with your pure innocence. I would like to recall a few incidents which I could recall by your mercy.

1. Once you were not happy with an offering of a devotee I approved in Granthraj. In a call, you told me that it is not correct. I immediately apologized for it. Then a few days later when we spoke, again you chastised me for that same mistake. Again I apologized for it and felt bad for dissatisfying you. And the third time we spoke after a few days, again you pointed out the same mistake. I lost patience and responded, "Maharaj, I

already apologized to you, why do you keep chastising me again?" You replied innocently to my dismay, "Kaal, I don't keep anything in my mind you know. As soon as the discussion is over, I forget about it." I initially thought that it is indeed because you remembered it that you keep going back to it, but later realized that you wanted to point it out till I correct the mistake from its root, not because you gain anything by chastising me. Maharaj, your purity is the foundation of this innocence and thank you for allowing me to be a witness to it.

2. Once when we were in Nasik, you asked me to take you around in that transcendental saffron colored car. You showed me all your childhood places, your home, Godavari river, Kalaram Mandir and everything. On our return as I was changing gear, the car was switching off and I remarked, "I think something is wrong with the car." You immediately retorted, "*There is nothing wrong with the car. But everything is wrong with you.*" You always tolerated my imperfections and disqualifications. I was shivering upon your remark and eventually we reached home. I had still not come out of that shock and in the night you asked me to tie the mosquito net in the platform outside the home, I accidentally stepped upon your well-known London spectacles you got from London and you often wore. You were busy reading a book at that time and was not aware of it. Looking at the broken glass, I felt my life is finished. Already I had received a very strong scolding from you and you would burn me alive if you come to know of it. If a paddle was there, I would have dug a hole and buried myself in it before you see the glass. I somehow gathered courage and with hands shivering, showed you the glass, "Maharaj, I am extremely sorry, I made a big mistake. I accidentally stepped on the glass and it broke." To my surprise, you looked at it innocently and said, "Oh, this is broken! We cannot fix it. Let us buy another one tomorrow from the market." "Relieved" is the lowest degree word I can use to express my state of mind then. I witnessed your innocence that day both while chastising me and while forgiving me Maharaj. Thank you for allowing this completely disqualified son of yours to experience a glimpse of your transcendental innocence.
3. The next day after this glass-breaking incident, we went shopping to the city in Nasik. First we went to an opticals shop and you patiently looked at various glasses. You seemed to have liked everything but eventually did not buy anything. You would look at every glass with the curiosity of a child. In the process, the shop-keeper got some merciful chastisement from you for not showing the glasses of your liking. Then we went to a grocery shop to buy bhoga. The child-like innocence with which you would look at every item as if you were going to buy it, only to eventually put it back in the shelf, was a sight to behold. As we were passing near the payment counter, they gave us a coupon saying that you will get a lucky prize if you fill in the address. I told you, "Maharaj, these are fake. They will not give any prize." Your childish innocence was fully visible when you replied, "Just write the address Kaal. Who knows?! If we are lucky, we will get the prize. If not, we have nothing to lose." Then with all childish enthusiasm you dictated me with all punctuations the complete address of your brother Mathura

das patiently as I wrote. Thank you again for making me a part of your transcendental innocence.

4. Maharaj, no one can laugh like you. Your laughter was so full of joy from the heart. Many times you would repeat the same jokes, but laugh with the same intensity every time. We would sometime think, "Oh, we have heard this joke already" and not laugh much but you would laugh the same way every time, the way you laughed the first time. In fact, we derived a lot of pleasure sharing some jokes with you and enjoying your hearty laughter. You would even laugh for those jokes which do not qualify as jokes (in slang Tamil we call them mokka jokes Maharaj). You laughed so heartily that sometimes your dentures will slip in its place and you would deftly adjust it. One cannot laugh so whole-heartedly without being innocent like a child and Maharaj you are a personification of that child-like innocence. You allowed me so much liberty in your life Maharaj that I was never qualified for. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that benediction.
5. When the plan for the marble temple was going on, you originally wanted the entire temple to be made of marble only, no RCC at all. The architects who came to do the design were bewildered at your expectation. They said, "We cannot build such a huge temple in marble. We can only build it in RCC and then clad it with marble." You would never budge. You were so adamant in your desire for Krishna. Then Vaishnava seva Prabhu came in and said, "Maharaj, Juhu me bhi aise hi kiya hai." (Vaishnav Prabhu always had a way to convince you by taking the example of Juhu temple). Maharaj you expressed your surprise with a child-like innocence, "Is it?!". Then you reluctantly agreed with Vaishnav Prabhu and the architect to go ahead with the plan. Now this beautiful temple is a manifestation of your transcendental innocence Maharaj, because nobody knew how it came into existence, but only you knew that it would come up simply by devotion practiced with an innocent heart as you showed us.
6. During the temple opening ceremony in Rajkot earlier this year, they were doing abhishek for the deities. And I observed that the eyebrow for Radharani had come off. That moment reminded me of another incident. Once in the old temple after darshan arati, you wanted to climb up the stairs and see the deities closer. You went close to Radha-Neelmadhav and noticed that the eyebrows for Radha and Neelmadhav had come off a bit. You were upset that it has come off and mentioned it to Vaishnav Prabhu. You were probably thinking that it is part of the deity carving and it should never come off. But Vaishnav Prabhu said, "*Maharaj, woh vaisa hi hai. Sab jagah pe aisa hi hota hai.*" You wouldn't accept it. You said it should never happen. Of course you couldn't accept it because you were seeing sakshad Radha Krishna there, but for people like me who only see murtis, it was a normal thing. Then Vaishnav Prabhu as usual had his brahmastra to convince you, "*Juhu me bhi aisa hi hota hai Maharaj. Wahan bhi har baar deities ko paint karte hai.*" You expressed your amazement and disappointment) with a look full of innocence. Maharaj you have come down from the spiritual world where there is no tinge of imperfection, crookedness, dishonesty, cheating, lies or whatever, to this kali yuga filled with only these things. You did this

only to save incorrigible souls like me, simply with your innocent love. Thank you Maharaj!

7. You were never an electronics person. You hated anything electronic, especially laptops. But unfortunately half of my life is occupied with laptop. You always wanted to read from the book and write the notes in a diary. However, when the two boys Hanuman and Krishna das traveled with you, along with a computer, during the class whenever you asked us to look for a verse referring to a word or two from it, you would teach us to use the search facility in Folio, "Press F2, Press F2" and you would spell the word to be searched. It was so joyful to watch you say that, so full of child-like innocence and enthusiasm. When will we get those days again Maharaj to peep into your world full of innocence?
8. So many times you innocently revealed your heart to even neophytes like me, keeping so much trust that we will honor the confidentiality. You would talk to us as if we are your family members. We were always made to feel so by you because you always addressed us lovingly, "Son", "Daughter", "Dikhra", "Dikhri" and so on. You would also encourage us to do the same with you – to talk to you like a father. It was never difficult for us to do that because you always took the first step in breaking the ice in building that unbreakable relationship. Even if we were to deviate away, you would still pull us back to your fold. With everyone you expressed the same love and that is why even now so many thousands of souls (devotees and non-devotees included) remember you fondly – one, for you being a maha-bhagavata and two, for your unprecedented innocent love. Maharaj how can we ever repay you for all that innocent love you showered upon us?
9. Maharaj, the childlike enthusiasm with which you will narrate the innocent nature of your parents and grandparents through various incidents from your childhood days were so joyful to hear and relish. You gave us a window to view your glorious childhood days were it about your curiosity to know the tooth replacement of a wealthy man in your village, or about the 17th Laddu Gopal missing from your grandfather's puja one day. How many ever times we hear these pastimes, we never get tired of hearing. You had mentioned once which is quoted in "Pearls of Wisdom", "*To achieve success in this path, we have to be truly very innocent in our devotion, just like a small child - unconditional devotional service.*" How true is this statement about your life Maharaj! You lived every moment in the consciousness of an innocent child and we long for those moments again and again Maharaj!

There are so many more instances I can keep recollecting, but I know you would want me to put these learnings into action. I would like to conclude with one point Maharaj. The beauty of your innocence is that unlike normal cases where innocent means someone who is unaware of things going around him, your innocence is transcendental. You knew everything, you knew our hearts, you knew what we were thinking, what we are thinking when we are saying something else, what we are intending to do, what will happen to us, what are our anarthas, when the temples will come, what will happen to the yatras, what will happen to the programs

and everything else. And you were not acting as if you do not know about these things. You simply ignored our ineptitudes and prayed to Krishna for each one of us irrespective of whether we were (striving to be) devotees or rascals. This is an inconceivable combination Maharaj and it can be possible only because of your unalloyed loving devotion at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna.

Thank you so much Maharaj for entering in our lives and also making us feel we are part of your life. I can never get that innocent heart in hundreds of life times. But I know Krishna will accept me because you have accepted me with all my anarthas. My only desire is to serve you in whatever way you want me to and leave this body.

Your son,
Kalacakra Krishna das



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--Krishnanandha Pradhayini devi dasi

H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jay!

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

I am very happy and excited to write this offering to you, as this is my first offering unto you that too on your 100th Birthday.

You know Maharaj, when I was small I used to call you as **London Thatha**. On your Birthday, we altogether share and do the services as a group and I will see all my friends from different parts of the world, play with them, recite sloka together. This is will always remain in my mind as sweet memories.

I want to share with you an incident that made me proud of you Maharaj. I have joined the youth kirtan mela which is conducted once in a month. In that, they asked me to recite Vrutasura Prayers and I recited. Everyone said I have recited well. The Mathaji whom I knew was saying to other Mathaji that I am your disciple. After hearing your name, that Mathaji said that you are known for **Srimad Bhagavatam and Slokas** and she asked me to recite more. I was very happy that she glorified you. That day will always be in me forever. The slokas which I recited were because of your mercy Maharaj.

Maharaj, I am learning Carnatic music. In that, I am learning Panja Ratna Keertans. My teacher started with the song which glorifies Guru. That goes like this

Guruleka Etuvanti Guniki Teliyaga Bodu

No matter how much meritorious or virtuous one is, without a preceptor guru, it would not be possible to know the truth by oneself.

I will remember you a lot, whenever I sing this song, I am very **happy and proud** to have you as my Guru.

Happy 100th Birthday Maharaj!

Your's loving grand-daughter

Krishna

(Krishnanandha Pradhayini devi dasi)

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--Lakshmi Priya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavat pranams at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

This is a great fortune for me to write offering in the centennial year of your Holiness.

This year I came across the challenging situation to serve my father who gave me this body, in his last days (for around 2 months). That time, my spiritual father (Gurudev's) instructions about the Supreme Father(Krishna) were the backbone for my mental strength.

In BG 2.17 Lord Krishna states

*jaatasya hi dhruvo mrityur/dhruvam janma mritasya cha
tasmaad tvam apariharyaasthe / na tvam sochitum arhasi*

"One who has taken birth is sure to die and after death one is sure to take birth again. Therefore, in the unavoidable discharge of your duty, you should not lament".

Maharaj, you always insisted strongly about serving the parents By your mercy only, I got the chance to serve my father during his last days.

Maharaj, also by your mercy and inspiration of my god siblings, I got the opportunity to organize Damodar Arthi programs. I pray for your blessings to do more such programs in the next year. Please shower your mercy on me to increase my spiritual strength and sincerity.

Praying for your mercy,
Lakshmi Priya devi dasi



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--Manmohan Krsna das

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It is a great fortune to participate in the centenary celebrations of your Vyasa Puja at Rajkot on 11th of December 2019 and it is a blessed event for all us, Maharaj.

Whenever I hear you addressing your god siblings as 'my son', 'my daughter' and 'matha', it echoes your down to earth intimacy and care for the spiritual well being of us, Maharaj.

Your words are surcharged with your loving glances and I realize this as the most wonderful medicine to the ills of material pangs, Maharaj.

Your legacy is inimitable, and it is the unparallel highway to spiritual perfection if correctly understood and imbibed by way of serious devotional service as instructed by you, Srila Gurudev!

It is incumbent on all your disciples to carry forward your legacy for the future generations. This is possible only by a change in behaviour that confirm to your instructions, Maharaj!

You are demonstrating the way of life dedicated to the Absolute Truth, Lord Sri Krsna, and your causeless mercy is always flowing to sustain our efforts in obediently following your instructions, Maharaj!

You have your faith in Prabhupada's words as the ultimate source of knowledge that enlighten all in devotional service. Through your instructions, you are broadcasting Prabhupada's intent in thought, word and deed.

My godbrothers and god sisters are my source of inspiration whenever they lovingly recall the conversations, instructions and orders they received from your mercy at various time, place and circumstances. Each time they recall the relationship with you, Maharaj I am elated and happier just like them.

It is essential that your legacy must be preserved and broadcast by way of a sincere change in behaviour which is the only step in the right direction for all of us, Srila Gurudev!

You have instructed us that we must have duster in one hand and Srimad Bhagavatam in the other.

The following portion taken from the speech your beloved disciple HG Devakinandan Prabhuji is an apt replica of the power of your instructions, Maharaj!

King Prataparudra chanted Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 10.31.9) while massaging the lotus feet of Mahaprabhu's feet

*tava kathāmṛtaṁ tapta-jīvanam
kavibhir ṛḍitam kalmaṣāpaham
sravana-mangalam sriimad aatatam
bhuvī grnanti ye bhuri-daa janah*

"My Lord, the nectar of Your words and the descriptions of Your activities are the life and soul of those who are always aggrieved in this material world. These narrations are transmitted by exalted personalities, and they eradicate all sinful reactions. Whoever hear these narrations attains all good fortune. These narrations are broadcast all over the world and are filled with spiritual power. Those who spread the message of Godhead are certainly the most munificent welfare workers."

The moment Mahaprabhu heard this, combined with the service of Prataparudra, Mahaprabhu then gave him full mercy and He embraced Prataparudra and that is the perfection of one's existence.

Devakinandan Prabhuji added to this passage a great narration which is as described below.

"So if you want Srimad Bhagavatam to embrace you, then you become attentive to your service, become attentive to Srimad Bhagavatam and become very diligent to study and leave everything else to Krsna and be chaste to Srimad Bhagavatam. No one and nothing else should occupy the core of our hearts but Srimad Bhagavatam"

You are always living Srimad Bhagavatam and showering us your unlimited mercy. Your 'vani' and the loving narrations by your disciples reverberates the Srimad Bhagavatam in the core of our hearts, Maharaj.

I pray at this auspicious moment to your mercy, Maharaj that my efforts are directed in improving the quality of my service each moment.

Your loving servant,
Manmohan Krsna das



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--Mukunda Krishna das

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

We are at a loss of words today, to share with you the gravity of your presence and how it has turned around each of our lives.

You taught us to live simple. You showered us all with immense love, care and the affection. You ensured everyone took shelter under the Lord's feet, and never let go of anyone. Even to us kids, you made the Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam easy to understand with all the kathas you narrated. The little time that we got to spend with you will always be cherished, and won't be able to forget.

I'd like to recall one such incident on this auspicious occasion which till date, brings tears to my eyes. On a hot Rajkot afternoon, myself and Balakrishna das were seated in the temple in front of Radha-Neelamadhav. As kids, we took up the harmonium and kartal and started playing them innocently. Little did we realise, you were walking in right behind us to catch us red-handed. Startled, we immediately stopped, not knowing what to do. You had a hearty laugh and asked us to continue playing. However, you didn't stop with that.

Slowly, you held onto your stick and sat down **on the floor** beside us!! My only question till date is "How did you do it?!!" All those who saw were shocked, to see you seated on the floor teaching us to chant the holy name of the Lord. I learnt to play the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra as sung by Srila Prabhupada on the harmonium from you that day. Everyone calls us as the "millennials" or those who are currently reaching young adulthood. We're all caught up in the Internet, preparing to go for higher studies or trying to be that all round employee which every corporate requires. Heading deeper into the age of Kali, we are afraid that we're slowly moving away from the instructions that you had given us. Is this fear of ours irrational?

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

"In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy the only means of deliverance is chanting of the holy name of ONLY Lord Hari. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way."

Maharaj, just as you taught us to chant the Maha Mantra, I kindly request we be humble and sincere enough to chant the holy name of the Lord throughout this age of Kali, unconditionally. I offer my respectful obeisance's unto your Lotus Feet.

Lovingly,
Mukunda Krishna das

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--Nandini & Swayam Jyothi

HARE KRISHNA!

Dear Maharaj!

All glories to Srila Prabhupad! All glories to Guru and Gauranga! Please accept our humble obeissances!

We are indeed happy and excited to wish you **Happy Birthday** on this 100th year Vyaja Puja. We have heard that you like children learning slokas and memorizing them. We are also trying to learn them Maharaj but sometimes we feel lazy. We need your blessings so that we can learn more. We are also sometimes engaged in little services like book distribution, doing kirtan and hope that it will please you. On this auspicious day we pray humbly at your lotus feet to be kind to us and bless us so that we can overcome laziness and perform devotional service nicely.

Thank You so much Maharaj.
Swayam Jyothi(15), Nandini(13)



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--Narahari das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. It is by your causeless mercy that I am able to write this offering for the centennial Vyasa puja maharaj. Actually I have booked the tickets for me and Harini to come for Vyasa Puja but as my UK stay is getting extended I am not able to come there in person. Many times I have heard from HG Kalachakra prabhu that 'You cannot meet your spiritual master by just booking a ticket' and it again proves to be true. May be my desire was not sincere and intense and that's why I am unable to come.

Maharaj this year 2019 was mixture of good and bad memories for me. The good one being the opening of the Rajkot temple which was a great miracle. There was no major fund raising program and no big popular donors. It was a team effort of devotees who are struggling grihasthas who squeezed themselves to contribute their best for this great cause. It all was possible by your causeless mercy and personal supervision which is happening all the time since your samadhi is close to the temple.

I thought I will not make it to Rajkot temple opening since I was supposed to travel to UK and I shared it with Vaishnava seva prabhu. He told me "Pray to Maharaj. If Maharaj can make this temple come up, why can't he bring you here for the function?". Things at office front changed very much and finally I could come for the opening program along with the family. This proves that your causeless mercy continues to flow through sincere devotees like Vaishnava Seva prabhu.

And as for as bad memories, this year on Feb 19th My father in law passed away due to lung cancer. It was really unexpected and everything got over in 2 months. It was not only a rude shock for me, but his memories continue to haunt me as I was with him during the last days and could see his health sinking gradually. Your holiness has many times highlighted the fatality of death but when I see someone near and dear to us going through it is really heart shattering. I pray for your mercy so that the temporary nature of life will sink into my heart and I will become bit serious in devotional service.

Also Vishnupriya will be going to college next year Maharaj. I remember the days in London in 204 when you played with her and making lot of jokes. The passage of time is quick and imperceptible as your holiness always point out. I pray to you so that she will be in good association wherever she is destined to live.

And I miss all the transcendental humour by which you make fun of me, pull my legs and make me and everyone around to laugh. The thing I really feel bad is that I never wished Diwali to you. I thought that being a sannyasi you will not like these things. But when I heard that you relish our Diwali wishes I felt very bad and almost broke into tears. This is something I will miss eternally. However, this year on Diwali day, I called H.G. Vaishnava Seva prabhu and spoke to him and prayed for his blessings. I will try to do every year and this will give some solace.

And I am struggling to follow your simple and sublime instructions Maharaj, due to my laziness and arrogance. Please shower your blessings so that I will get a taste for following them and also get right punishment from the Supreme Lord in the form of time for all my lapses.

Trying to be your passmark disciple,
Narahari das.



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--Poornaprajna krsna das

Satakoti dandavat pranams maharaj,
Hare Krsna.
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your divine grace.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin itināmine

I offer my humble obeisances unto His divine grace Mahavishnu Goswami, who is very dear to Lord krsna having taken shelter at his lotus feet.

In the early days when there was a talk of taking initiation, I was stubbornly refusing to accept initiation thinking that it will be a burden on me. But you voluntarily came to my house and said will give me shelter. I still remember the day on which you initiated 8 of us in our house and gave me a family of god brothers and sisters. All along I was leading a bachelor life in a foreign country forced by circumstance. But very soon there was a family to take care of me. All the more your infrequent visits made us more joyful and was helping our progress in spiritual life.

SB 3.7.36:

*anuvratānām śiṣyāṇām / putrāṇām ca dvijottama
anāprṣtam api brūyur / guravo dīna-vatsalāḥ*

"O best among the brahmanas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge."

There are many subjects to be known from the bona fide spiritual master. I was so much ignorant to learn Srimad Bhagavatam from you. Now on your leaving the material planet, everyone I meet praise the glory of your Bhagavata knowledge. I feel ashamed. Still to console me your disciples continue to post your vani in the social media.

I must be ever grateful to you for all that you have done to me. Maharaj my only prayer in this 100th Vyasa Puja day of you is that please bestow upon me the strength and enthusiasm to follow and act upon your instructions.

Once again let me offer my satakoti dandavat pranams at your lotus feet.

Your humble servant,
Poornaprajna krsna das
Chennai.

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--Prabhakar Shanmugam

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Maharaj, though I am completely unqualified to glorify you, I would like to express to you the great respect I have for you.

In the year 2009, my uncle who is your disciple now, came to meet you for the first time. And he was constantly pushing me to go along with him. Not knowing the importance of the visit, I refused to do so. Many years went by and materially I was in bad shape and I was looking for peace. By that time my uncle had become a disciple of yours and he told me many things about your glory. I felt I missed the chance to meet you in person. Hence I started to follow the instructions you have given to us.

Although I have tried and failed, I am repeatedly trying to follow, because of the respect I have for you.

Following one instruction of yours will bring perfection in one's life. Maharaj, I am trying to say 'yes' to elders instead of saying 'no'.

Maharaj I have heard how affectionate you are towards everyone and how you have told few young disciples that they can call you grand father and that few older disciples can even call you father. I am now trying to see how great it would have been to be in your association.

I beg your mercy to keep me under your lotus feet.

All glories to the lotus feet of Krishna. All glories to the lotus feet of devotees.

Your servant,

Prabhakar Shanmugam



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--Prasanthatma das

ŚB 10.2.31

स्वयं समुत्तीर्य सुदुस्तरं द्युमन्
भवार्षवं भीममदभ्रसौहृदाः ।
भवत्पदाम्भोरुहनावमत्र ते
निधाय याताः सदनुग्रहो भवान् ॥ ३१ ॥

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

This is one of the prayers offered by Devas headed by Lord Brahma to Lord Krishna when he was in the womb of Srimati Devaki. Here the causeless mercy of Guru dev and Lord Krishna is beautifully described.

I very well remember the first time I met our Guru Dev in Abu Dhabi where I was working. In fact, Guru Dev was the first Iskcon Sanyasi I had the opportunity to meet as I was very new to Iskcon Satsang. In all Satsang programs it was stressed that Lord Krishna is the supreme personality of godhead and we should worship Him, which was contrary to my belief that Lord Shiva and Parvathi are Supreme and Lord Krishna is one of the Gods.

After hearing Guru Dev's enlightening spiritual lecture and his instruction to take shelter of Srila Prabhupada's book and chanting, slowly my doubts started clearing. After the lecture, the announcement made surprised me a lot. Guru Dev was coming from London and about a couple of months back Guru Dev had stroke and was bedridden for past couple of months. He had lost his speech also. The way in which Guru Dev moved around and talked never gave the indication of his sufferings. This doubled my determination to follow Guru Dev's instruction. Next day itself I started chanting 16 rounds in one go. After a couple of months, I could get my own copy of Bhagavad-Gita as it is. After studying that all my doubts got cleared.

As Guru Dev had announced I felt that we are extremely fortunate to have wonderful paramacharya like Srila Prabhupada.

I pray to our Guru Dev and through him to Lord Krishna to give me the strength to follow this wonderful method initiated and practiced by our beloved Guru Dev throughout my life.

Your loving servant,
Prasanth Atma das
Chennai, India

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--Radharaman Krishna das & Anuradha devi dasi

Dear beloved Father,

Please accept our humble Satakoti Dandavat Pranams at your love bonded lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja.

In Bhagavad Gita 3.41, Lord Sri Krsna advises Arjuna to slay the lust from the beginning, which is the destroyer of the *jnana-vijnana* – the knowledge of the pure soul and self realisation. In the purport, Srila Prabhupada says very clearly that Krsna Consciousness is so powerful that even the late beginners can become the lover of God by following the regulative principles – so from any stage of life, one can turn the lust into love of God by regulating the senses in Krsna Consciousness.

Maharaj, following above, you always advise us that it's never too late in Krsna Consciousness. Even you used to pat and encourage the "Mr. Do-littles "and boost their morale up many times to do more and more in devotional service.

You are non-different than our beloved Lord Rama, who lovingly holds the squirrel and caressed its back – for just bringing a very small stone as its contribution to the great cause of building a bridge to Lanka. Elders say "Due to this Love of Lord, even now the squirrels carry the three lines in its back!!".

As a child, we have always wondered on this squirrel and even now, by likening it to us, we are awe struck by your blessings on us. Because, much like the beloved Lord Rama -- you hold us with love, nourish us, protect us and bless us for eternity even for the frail little devotional service we render unto you and the Lord.

The squirrels are a fully surrendered soul, they fully realise their blessings of Lord, are humble and sincerely continuing its supreme service.

It is just because the lines of your Unlimited Blessings is on our back, we are probably not able to see it with our material limitations, therefore, not able to realise it to its full potential – but Maharaj, please please together with your unlimited blessings, also give us the divine eyes to realise your unbounded mercy on us!!!

In Prabhupada's words, *"One can fully remain in intimate connection with the Supreme Lord directly or receive orders from His bona fide representative the spiritual master and execute the orders sincerely when one keeps aloof from the activities of the body."*

The Lord helps us by giving us directions how to act in devotional service and thus advance on the path back home, back to Godhead.

He instructs us outwardly in the form of the spiritual master. Therefore, one should not accept the spiritual master as an ordinary human being.

According to the Vaiṣṇava philosophy, a devotee is as good as Narayana not by becoming Narayana but by becoming the most confidential servant of Narayana. Such great personalities act as spiritual masters for the benefit of the people in general, and as such, a spiritual master who is preaching the glories of Narayana should be accepted as Narayana and be given all respects due Him.

The supreme Vaiṣṇava is the spiritual master, and he is non-different from the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Pujya Gurudev, kindly bless us to fully realise this nectar from Srila Prabhupada.

In stark contrast, in our approach to the karmic duties, we always struggle, suffer, toil just to satisfy our higher officials- with no appreciation at all. Rather only the backlash that "its too little too late" comes back to us as recognition of our efforts.

This situation in our materialistic effort is arising out of the root cause - the basic fault of us of

1) Expecting recognition in return for our efforts -- defying your practical advise - NO EXPECTATION IS THE BEST EXPECTATION

2) Of not dovetailing our every effort to Krsna and trying to satisfy everyone other than Krsna.

"In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 2.8.6 Parikshit Maharaj says,

*dhautaatmaa purusah krsna / paada-mulam na muncati
mukta-sarva-pariklesah / paanthah sva-saranam yathaa*

"A pure devotee of the Lord whose heart has once been cleansed by the process of devotional service never relinquishes the lotus feet of Lord Krishna, for they fully satisfy him, as a traveller is satisfied at home after a troubled journey."

Maharaj, please ingrain the essence of above sayings of Parikshit Maharaj in us, please bring us BACK HOME -- bless us to carry out our devotional duties with utmost sincerity and help us chant very faithfully under any circumstances and give us the understanding that we remain always dependent only on Lord Sri Krsna.

We offer our respectful obeisance to you and pray to bless our family to progress in our spiritual path.

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare!
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!!*

Your humble servants,
Radharaman Krsnadas & Anuradha devi dasi,
Dwaarakesh & Chaarukesh
Chennai.

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--Samanjas Krsna das

Vyasa Puja Offerings-2019

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine
nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-talesrimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharinenirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

*jaya sri-krishna-caitanya prabhu nityananda sri-adwaita gadadhara srivasadi-gaura-bhakta-
vrnda*

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare!

Hare Krsna Maharaj! All glories to you.

If one is fortunate enough to get your association somehow or other either directly or indirectly, his life becomes perfect and definitely he/she becomes Krsna consciousness. If one is krsna conscious, it is considered that he is having everything in this life and future irrespective of his material standard or any limitations. That's why you have given your association to so many people without any discrimination.

We can get your association by following your instructions regularly, by chanting sincerely, hearing your lectures regularly, scrutinizingly studying the Prabhupada's books regularly, and behaving or practicing accordingly, doing our duty sincerely, serving the devotees and common people. In this way by taking your regular association, one can advance in devotional service. Here taking your association is nothing but serving your lotus feet.

SB 1.5.23

*aham purātīta-bhave 'bhavaṁ mune
dāsyās tu kasyāścana veda-vādinām
nirūpito bālaka eva yoginām
uśrūṣaṇe prāvṛṣi nirviviṣatām*

In the earlier birth Narada Muni was born as a son of a maidservant who engaged in the service of pure devotees of the Lord and they were following the principles of Vedanta. When they were living together during the four months of the rainy season, Narada Muni was engaged in their personal service.

In the Purport, Prabhupada explains: *Though Narada was the son of the maidservant and not properly educated, still because his complete energy was engaged in the service of the Lord, he became an immortal sage. Such is the powerful action of devotional service.*

From the personal example of Śrī Nārada Muni in his previous birth, it is clear that the service of the Lord begins with the service of the Lord's bona fide servants. The Lord says that the service of His servants is greater than His personal service. Service of the devotee is more valuable than

the service of the Lord. One should therefore choose a bona fide servant of the Lord constantly engaged in His service, accept such a servant as the spiritual master and engage himself in his (the spiritual master's) service. Such a spiritual master is the transparent medium by which to visualize the Lord, who is beyond the conception of the material senses. By service of the bona fide spiritual master, the Lord consents to reveal Himself in proportion to the service rendered. Utilization of the human energy in the service of the Lord is the progressive path of salvation. The expert spiritual master knows the art of utilizing everything to glorify the Lord, and therefore under his guidance the whole world can be turned into the spiritual abode by the divine grace of the Lord's servant.

This is the power of pure devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Even though Narada Muni was a boy, he was self-controlled, had no attachment for sports, not naughty, and did not speak more than required.

This is the qualification of Narada Muni while being an young boy in the earlier birth.

Without being self-controlled, without being disciplined and without being FULLY obedient, no one can become successful in following the instructions of the spiritual master, and without doing so, no one is able to go back to Godhead.

But by the association of pure devotees all the obstacles are removed. The neophyte devotee becomes practically enriched with the transcendental qualities of the pure devotee, which means attraction for the Personality of Godhead's name, fame, quality, pastimes, etc. Infection of the qualities of the pure devotee means to imbibe the taste of pure devotion always in the transcendental activities of the Personality of Godhead.

This transcendental taste at once makes all material things distasteful. Therefore, a pure devotee is not at all attracted by material activities. After the elimination of all sins or obstacles on the path of devotional service, one can become attracted, one can have steadiness, one can have perfect taste, one can have transcendental emotions, and at last one can be situated on the plane of loving service of the Lord. All these stages develop by the association of pure devotees.

Please bless me to become successful in following your instructions.

Your Servant
Samanjas Krsna das



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--Sarojini Kalindi devi dasi

Dear Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

It is a great opportunity and privilege to write an offering on your auspicious 100th vyasa puja. I would like to express my deep gratitude towards all your disciples who guided me through your lecture transcriptions which enliven and enlighten anyone who reads it. Maharaj, I haven't met you in person but I felt a deep connection with you through your teachings and guidance. I had personally felt many times that you are helping me and guiding me whenever I had encountered problems in life. Your lectures are simple yet very profound which directly touches the heart and are very practical to apply it in daily life with ease.

Please bless me with your causeless mercy so that I will develop a great taste on reading Bhagavatam regularly and render pure devotional service to all the Vaishnavas. Let me always receive your mercy through the wonderful association of devotees and hearing Harikatha from them.

Your's sincerely,
Sarojini Kalindi devi dasi,
Disciple of HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj



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--Shanthakara Krishna das & Shanthi devi dasi

H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev Vyasa Puja Maha Utsav ki Jai!

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

Offering unto your lotus feet by Shanthakara Krishna das and Shanthi Devi dasi:

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

How great and auspicious was this day one hundred years ago when the most merciful form of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu blessed this earth with you, one of His favourite devotees.

You are no one in million but a very rare devotee who is the most sacrificing, detached, inspiring, sincere and perfect devotee of the Lord.

Today is your all auspicious, golden day. One can buy gold by paying a price for it, but your appearance day is so auspicious and priceless that it is beyond the value of gold. On this most auspicious day, we most humbly bow down at your lotus feet.

In Srimad Bhagavatam verse **1.2.7**

*vāsudeve bhagavati / bhakti-yogaḥ prayojitaḥ
janayaty āśu vairāgyaṁ / jñānaṁ ca yad ahaitukam*

"By rendering devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna one immediately acquires causeless knowledge and detachment from the world."

Srimad Bhagavatam says:

Those who consider devotional service to the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa to be something like material emotional affairs may argue that in the revealed scriptures, sacrifice, charity, austerity, knowledge, mystic powers and similar other processes of transcendental realization are recommended. According to them, *bhakti*, or the devotional service of the Lord, is meant for those who cannot perform the high-grade activities. Generally, it is said that the *bhakti* cult is meant for the *sūdras*, *vaiśyas* and the less intelligent woman class. But that is not the actual fact. The *bhakti* cult is the topmost of all transcendental activities, and therefore it is simultaneously sublime and easy. It is sublime for the pure devotees who are serious about getting in contact with the Supreme Lord, and it is easy for the neophytes who are just on the threshold of the house of *bhakti*. To achieve the contact of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, is a great science, and it is open for all living beings, including the *sūdras*, *vaiśyas*, women and even those lower than the lowborn *sūdras*, so what to speak of the high-class men like the qualified *brāhmaṇas* and the great self-realized kings. The other high-grade

activities designated as sacrifice, charity, austerity, etc., are all corollary factors following the pure and scientific *bhakti* cult.

The principles of knowledge and detachment are two important factors on the path of transcendental realization. The whole spiritual process leads to perfect knowledge of everything material and spiritual, and the results of such perfect knowledge are that one becomes detached from material affection and becomes attached to spiritual activities. Becoming detached from material things does not mean becoming inert altogether, as men with a poor fund of knowledge think. *Naiṣkarma* means not undertaking activities that will produce good or bad effects. Negation does not mean the negation of the positive. The negation of the nonessentials does not mean the negation of the essential. Similarly, detachment from material forms does not mean nullifying the positive form. The *bhakti* cult is meant for realization of the positive form. When the positive form is realized, the negative forms are automatically eliminated. Therefore, with the development of the *bhakti* cult, with the application of positive service to the positive form, one naturally becomes detached from inferior things, and he becomes attached to superior things. Similarly, the *bhakti* cult, being the super most occupation of the living being, leads him out of material sense enjoyment. That is the sign of a pure devotee. He is not a fool, nor is he engaged in the inferior energies, nor does he have material values. This is not possible by dry reasoning. It actually happens by the grace of the Almighty. In conclusion, one who is a pure devotee has all other good qualities, namely knowledge, detachment, etc., but one who has only knowledge or detachment is not necessarily well acquainted with the principles of the *bhakti* cult. *Bhakti* is the super most occupation of the human being.

Your quotes have been giving us the clues to live life in such a way that we are not consumed by the miseries which we face in our day-to-day life. We are really feeling your presence even though we are unable to perceive you through our good senses. I am realizing that only by depending on you by following your instruction, our lives can become successful.

Please accept our respectful Dandavats at your lotus feet.

Your humble servants,

Shanthakara Krishna das & Shanthi devi dasi.



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--Sudarshana devi dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace.

Thank you for this opportunity to write to you on this most auspicious occasion of centenary year of your appearance Maharaj. Yesterday Prabhuji shared a nice quote of yours - "**Be happy and spread happiness to all. The best way to be happy is to be with Krishna and to give Krishna to all is the best way to spread happiness.**" And true to your words, you always practised this. Thank you Maharaj for all those happy moments of association you blessed us in life. In January 2019 HG Viraja Krishna prabhuji shared a very nice verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 12.6.2

rājavāca

*siddho 'smy anugr̥hīto 'smi / bhavatā karuṇātmanā
śrāvito yac ca me sākṣād / anādi-nidhano hariḥ*

Maharaja Parikshit said: "I have now achieved the purpose of my life, because a great and merciful soul like you has shown such kindness to me. You have personally spoken to me this narration of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, who is without beginning or end."

Its a verse wherein Parikshit Maharaj is expressing his heartfelt gratitude to Sukadev Goswami for speaking Srimad Bhagavatam to him. Although I have not surrendered whole-heartedly to you and Srimad Bhagavatam yet Maharaj, I can say that by your mercy, I have always experienced great solace and satisfaction whenever I came in touch with that great scripture. Thank you very much Maharaj.

By your mercy, this year we had wonderful darshan of Their Lordships - Sri Panaga Narasimhar, Sri Ananda Narasimhar in Mangalagiri, your beloved Sri Ram Parivaar along with Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav, Sri Prahlad Narasimha, Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra in Rajkot, Athivaradar in Kanchipuram and the wonderful forms of Vishnu Deities in Navatirupathi.

Heartfelt thanks to you Maharaj for blessings us the association of devotees who remind us about your instructions and glorious qualities. Special thanks to HG Sriramchandra Prabhuji for sharing your pearls of wisdom on a daily basis. I seek your blessings Maharaj to give us the strength, courage and determination to be fixed in the path of devotional service.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much,

Praying to be in your service always,

Sudarshana devi dasi.

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--Sumathi

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

First of all, I would like to thank your divine grace for always allowing me to write or speak about you even though I don't have any qualification to do the same. Your divine grace always keeps on giving me an opportunity to do this service. I didn't get an opportunity to have your darshan but I could understand your greatness by associating with your disciples and seeing their devotional service. Since then I got the association of your disciples, I started following few instructions of your's maharaj. Especially whenever I am struggling in my chanting, I could recollect one of your important instructions "Never neglect rounds (chanting). Otherwise rounds will neglect you". Your divine grace always guides me through your disciples.

Some of my experiences with your disciples show how your divine grace guides me through them. I had a doubt of how devotees are always pleasant and active in devotional service and that was cleared in one of the lectures given by H G. Devakinandan prabhu on SB 1.8.31. He said that the devotional service is natural and not artificial and it should be done for the pleasure of Krishna. One has to think how by my activity I can satisfy Krishna.

I could not control my mind in any of the situations. I would like to control my mind and do nice services to Vaishnavas and Lord Krishna but unable to control during troublesome situations. During one of the lectures H G. Kalacakra Prabhu jokingly mentioned a point that let us allow the mind to go wherever it wants but let us sit in a place and chant. After some time if mind forces us to move away from that place then let us inform the mind that since I didn't disturb you from wandering and don't disturb me from sitting in one place for chanting. This seems to be a joke but I could try in this way to control my mind.

By your divine grace mercy only I am getting services like preparing prasadam for Nagar sankirtan and programs given by H.G. Purnapragna Prabhu. Please shower your mercy to continue this service to please your divine grace and Lord Krishna.

Your divine grace always protecting me and my family during all situations but due to poor understanding and realization in Krishna consciousness, I was and am thinking that I could solve all problems by my tiny intelligence. It is only by your divine grace mercy I married Hrishiksha Krishna das who is your disciple. My two daughters Madhavi Priya and Poorna Kushal devi are getting devotees association by your mercy alone. They are chanting few slokas from Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam which is purely your mercy. Thank you again for providing such a life.

I could not repay for your divine grace for your kindness but praying unto your lotus feet that please, please provide me with your mercy to be in the service of your divine grace, Srila

Prabhupada and Lord Krishna. Without your mercy I could not even think of leading a normal life.

Thank you again for your kind and loving care Maharaj.

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Your daughter
Sumathi
Chennai



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--Vishnupriya

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnanjana salakaya|

Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namaha||

Hare Krishna Maharaj, Dandavat pranams.

I am Vishnupriya studying in class 12 and feel blessed to write this offering in the very special, centenary year of His Holiness. I met Maharaj for the first time when I was a year old, in London. During the time I spent with him, I was playing some game where I was giving him some coins and he had to return them to me. While doing so Maharaj remarked, "You're a rich lady of London! Your salary will be in my account". All the while he played with me, I felt I was playing with my grandfather and no different. This incident tells one how Maharaj was a down to earth person and about his compassionate nature. As a young kid, not knowing how to address His Holiness, I began calling him 'London Thaatha (London Grandpa)' and Maharaj all the more enjoyed being called that way. Another incident that I can recollect is in the year 2008, when we had visited Amogh Lila Prabhu's house for a program, I was fortunate and blessed to receive a garland from Maharaj for reciting slokas from the 7th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. In 2008, when we went to Rajkot for Maharaj's Vyas Puja, I wanted to present Maharaj something. I thought of drawing something that Maharaj likes and then presenting it to him. I realized that Maharaj would like Lord Krishna very much but that was very difficult for me to draw. So I drew the simplest thing about the Lord- the symbols of the Shankh, the Chakra and the Thilak in between, along with some clouds in a crumpled paper and gave it to him wondering whether he'll like it or not. However, when Maharaj looked at it he exclaimed, " Oh! It is very beautiful. Thank you very much!" and I was extremely happy that he liked it. Not once, but I gave him the same drawing everyday and without a word Maharaj would accept it with the same smile. After this incident, I was very fond of him and listened to his instructions when he told me to learn certain slokas. I was fortunate to have his association and I pray for his blessings to chant more and become more Krishna conscious. Haribol.

Your grand daughter,
Vishnupriya.



India - Trivandrum



“It is our duty not to waste time. We should be very careful. Continuous devotional service should go on. The main symptom of devotional service is to feel concern for the living entities. ‘How can they go back to Godhead’.”

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--Aadhidev J S & Anantha roopan J S

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Hare Krishna Maharaj

I used to come to Temple with my mom and dad, in temple I pay obeisance to Maharaj and Srila Prabhupad and lord Krishna. I participate sangeerthan with prabhujis, then I listern to Krishna kadha. Maharaj please bless me so that I get good intelligence to study very well.

Happy birth day Maharaj

Yours lovingly Aadidev (2nd std) & Anandarupan

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



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--Abhirami Jayachandran

Hare krishna maharaj

Happy birthday maharaj

My name is Abhirami and I am studying at 6th standard.

I came to Karamana Temple with my uncle Sudarsan Chakradas prabhujī, and I learned about Srimad Bhagavad Geetha and started to understand it. Anand Sagar prabhujī taught me and my brother Bhagavatham sloka

ŚB 1.8.21

*kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya / devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya / govindāya namo namaḥ*

Let me therefore offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lord, who has become the son of Vasudeva, the pleasure of Devakī, the boy of Nanda and the other cowherd men of Vṛndāvana, and the enlivener of the cows and the senses.

Now I have byhearted slokas from Srimad Bhagavat Geetha First chapter and Second chapter slokas up to 10.

Maharaj please bless me so that I can get proper intelligence to continue my studies. Please also bless me so that I can continue my Srimad Bhagavath Geetha and Srimad Bhagavatam Studies.

Hare Krishna Maharaj
Abhirami Jayachandran



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--Abhishek Jayachandran

Hare Maharaj

Happy Birthday Maharaj

Maharaj I am happy that I got the opportunity to attend your last years Vyasa Puja. Thank you Maharaj for sanctioning your last year's Vyasa Puja and visit to Dwaraka. When I came there I have learned so many things.

Maharaj I am praying to you to bless me so that I can go to programs every week or day. When I am attending programs I am getting the opportunity to meet new people and learn so many things about Krishna. Maharaj I would like to do seva whatever I can do for Krishna, please bless me Maharaj.

I am proud that I am a Krishna devotee. Please bless me Maharaj so that I can attend all the classes.

Maharaj please provide special mercy to my Mother so that she can also attend all the programs and she can also be part of ISKCON. By saying all the above I am concluding my words Maharaj.

Hare Krishna

Abhishek Jayachandran



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--Adithiya Biju das

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Happy Birthday Maharaj

My name is Adithiya Biju das studying at 10th Standard.

Maharaj my concentration should not be affected when I am practicing bhakthi, please provide me a great affection towards Bhagavan, you and the whole world.

Maharaj Currently I am reached reading Bhagavat Geehta 9th chapter Rajavidya Rajaguyam. Maharaj please bless me so that I can do my school studies very well. Please also bless me so that people will not underestimate me.

Hare Krishna

Adithiya Biju das



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--Aishvarya devi dasi

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

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Hare krishna Maharaj, Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. It's a very very awesome chance that I got to wish my beloved Spiritual father 100th Happy Birthday. I am feeling so lucky to wish u happy birthday Maharaj. This year is really very important year for me, because You have given me a second birth to serve Krishna and You Maharaj. Thank you so much Maharaj. I personally experienced your spiritual touch in my life when you give me the chance to study B. Ed and now I think that you have given me life back to execute the duty you have given to me. I hereby promising you Maharaj that I will try my level best to do it.

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

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

So in the rest of my life with the mercy of you Gurudev i will try my level best to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Please bless this menial soul to do devotional service, engage in satsanga, read Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita and fulfil the duties you have given to me.

Your servant always
Aishvarya devi dasi

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--Anand sagar Krishna das

Hare Krishna Beloved GuruMaharaj
Dandavat pranam
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Neela Madhav

Beloved Maharaj - 100th birthday wishes and happy Vyasa Puja!
On this auspicious occasion, I have to offer nothing but some prayers to your good self.

Beloved Maharaj, we have never seen your Holiness but you accepted us as your disciples. For that, we expressed our indebtedness and gratitude to your Holiness.

Beloved Maharaj, when a crisis arises, you give us valuable advice. Maharaj the devotional services carried out by your disciples as and when your Holy soul is alive in this material world is entirely different from the devotional services to be carried out by your disciples after you depart from this material world. We know this fact. In spite of all this, we can't do anything worthwhile or we did not do anything significant. That is the real fact. We kindly forgive us, Maharaj.

As stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 6.1.42

*sūryo 'gniḥ khaṁ marud devaḥ / somaḥ sandhyāhanī diśaḥ
kaṁ kuḥ svayaṁ dharma iti / hy ete daihyasya sākṣiṇaḥ*

"The sun, fire, sky, air, demigods, moon, evening, day, night, directions, water, land and Supersoul Himself all witness the activities of the living entity."

As stated above, so many elements are watching our day to day activities. But under the mercy of Lord Krishna Maharaj also with them. If all the above elements will judge against us, we sure, Your Holiness will rescue us from all the disasters as a redeemer.

As stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.7.1

*śaunaka uvāca
nirgate nārade sūta / bhagavān bādarāyaṇaḥ
śrutavāṁś tad-abhipretāṁ / tataḥ kim akarod vibhuḥ*

"Ṛṣi Śaunaka asked: O Sūta, the great and transcendently powerful Vyāsadeva heard everything from Śrī Nārada Muni. So after Nārada's departure, what did Vyāsadeva do?"

This question is very relevant. Because of the material absence Your Holiness, the Bhagavatam asks the said question to us, we think. Despite this, we submit we can't do anything Maharaj. As You say (BBB) BHAGAVATAM BHAGAVAD GITA AND BEHAVE. When we study these too nothing favourable sign happens in our manners and behaviour, it is the fact that there are lots of problems in our method of learning.

Maharaj, please shower Your gracious blessings to all of us to study Srimad Bhagavatam and lead a life in accordance with the preachings of the Bhagavatam till our last breath.

Our beloved Maharaj happy birthday.

Your servant

Anand Sagar Krishna das, Mayoor Krishna das & Rathanga paani Krishna das



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--Anandha Krishnan

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

*Nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Maharaj,

All glories to Sreela Prabhupa and Gurudev.

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

On occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration, please accept the following offerings of your grand son.

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

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

I am externally fortunate to have touched with my head the blessed dust of your lotus feet. Maharaj please protect and guide me. Please bless me so that I continue to be in Krishna Consciousness and study the scriptures and recite the verses.

Your humble servant
Anandha Krishnan
Trivandrum



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--Anantha das

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Dandavat pranam. Please accept my humble obeisance unto Your Lotus Feet.

Jai Srila Prabhupad ki...Jai.

Happy 100th Birthday to our Beloved spiritual master.

Approaching a spiritual master is not just a fashion but is a necessity for one who is seriously conscious of the material miseries and who wants to be free of them. It is the duty of such a person to approach a spiritual master.

Kṛṣṇa is situated in everyone's heart, and the spiritual master is His direct external representative. Thus Kṛṣṇa is situated antar-bahiḥ, within and without.

The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life. Anyone who disobeys the order of the spiritual master immediately becomes useless.

My only association with maharaj was on my little age (aprox..8 months).Maharaj came to our home,at that time maharaj took me on his hands and blessed me and told to my mother that he will become a good servant of Lord.

Maharaj had gifted us a very precious diamond (HG. Devakinandan Prabhu). We have 100% faith that he will guide us in the right path to improve our devotional service with Maharaj's presence in his heart....

Your servant,
Anantha das



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--Anjaneya das

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams.
Please accept my humble obeisances
Jai Radha neelmadhav ki jai.

Dear Maharaj - happy 100th Vyasa Puja wishes.

Maharaj in last April your dream project Rajkot iskcon temple was fulfilled. It was a wonderful marble palace. With your mercy I had attended in the inauguration program. Through that I got association with so many senior sanyasies and senior devoties. I got so many sevas. I got a chance to take part in Harinamsankirtan....

Maharaj with your mercy I got full A+ in my SSLC EXAMINATION. With your blessings I can do better in my academic and spiritual life...

Maharaj here in Trivandrum Purushotham prabhu and Anand Sagar prabhu were guiding us in right way and Anand Sagar prabhu is teaching us prayer in Bhagavatham and Bhagavat Gita. Now we started studying Prthu Maharaj's prayer....

Maharaj with your mercy I can definitely do many things to your next dream stone temple in Trivandrum "THE RADHA MADAN MOHAN TEMPLE"... This is my offering to you in this auspicious occasion.

Once again Hare Krishna Maharaj please bless all of us to do well in our spritual life and study Bhagavatham very well.

Our beloved spiritual master Happy Birthday.

Your Eternal Servitors,
Anjaneyadas, Ananthadas & Naradamuni das



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--Bhagavad Prapanna Krishna das

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to H.H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj.

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Srila Gurudev please accept my humble obeisances. I am wishing you 100th Vyasa puja.

Maharaj with your mercy I am able to attend weekly Friday and Sunday Srimad Bhagavatam thrippadapuram classes. Last one year I was continuously attending Srimad Bhagavatam Classes and I am able to understand and realize more and more knowledge from Srimad Bhagavatam. This helped to implement the knowledge in my daily life. With your mercy this year we got the opportunity to attend Kalachakra Prabhuji's three days of Srimad Bhagavatam classes and learn how to find questions and answers from Srimad Bhagavatam. It was really new and I enjoyed it a lot.

Thank you Maharaj for giving permission to come to Rajkot for attending the 100th Vyasa Puja. Thank you for your causeless mercy.

Maharaj recently I have been encountered some personal problem and I was able to overcome those because I learned from the Friday Bhagavatam Class that all the problems are Krishna's mercy, Kunti maharani saw all the problem as Krishna's mercy (Krishnas form).

*vipadaḥ santu tāḥ śāśvat tatra tatra jagad-guro
bhavato darśanam yat syād apunar bhava-darśanam*

"I wish that all those calamities would happen again and again so that we could see You again and again, for seeing You means that we will no longer see repeated births and deaths."

Maharaj Whatever happens in my life, please bless me not to lose my devotional life. Please bless me so that my situations can change to favor my devotional life so that I can do a better devotional service.

Your humble servant,
Bhagavad Prapanna Krishna das
Trivandrum.

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--Bhakthi latha beej Krishna das

എത്രയും പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട മഹാരാജ്,

അങ്ങയുടെ കാരുണ്യം ഒന്നുകൊണ്ടുമാത്രമാണ് ഒരു യോഗ്യതയും ഇല്ലാത്ത എനിക്ക് അങ്ങയെ ഗുരുവായി ലഭിച്ചത്. നന്ദി മഹാരാജ്. പലപ്പോഴും അങ്ങയുടെ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ എനിക്ക് പാലിക്കാൻ പറ്റാതെ വന്നു ക്ഷമിക്കണമെ മഹാരാജ്.

എല്ലാ ഭക്തന്മാരോടും സ്നേഹത്തോടും സഹകരണത്തോടും ഭക്തിയുടെ സേവനവും ഭഗവത് ഗീതയും ഭാഗവതവും നിത്യ ജീവിതത്തിൽ പ്രാവർത്തികമാക്കാനും എന്ന് അനുഗ്രഹിക്കേണമേ മഹാരാജ്.

അവസാനമായി മഹാരാജ്, എനിക്ക് കിട്ടിയ മാനിക്കമാണ് അങ്ങ്. അതുപോലെ എന്റെ അഞ്ജുവിനും നയനക്കും അങ്ങയുടെ പാദാരവിന്ദങ്ങളിൽ ശരണം നൽകി അവരെയും അങ്ങ് സ്വീകരിച്ച നേർവഴിക്കു നയിക്കേണമേ.

അങ്ങയുടെ സേവകൻ
ഭക്തിലതബീജ് കൃഷ്ണ ദാസ്

My Beloved Guru Maharaj ...by the grace of You a spiritually illiterate person like me got an Almighty Guru ... sincere gratitude.

Often I can't comply with your instructions.

Kindly be excused.

Kindly give blessings to me to do devotional services with much love and respect like all other devotees and give me blessings to concentrate on my sadhana and learn **Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam** so as to practice that sublime preachings in my daily life.

Beloved Maharaj ... At last I got You like a precious sapphire. Kindly give shelter to my wife Anju and my daughter Nayana on your lotus feet and lead them to a glorious path

Your servant
Bhakthi latha beej
Trivandrum



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--Damodar Krishna das

Hare Krishna,

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

All glories to Sri Guru & Gouranga. All glories to srila Prabhupad. Please accept my humble obeisance unto the lotus feet.

Dear Maharaj,

Happy 100th birthday dear Maharaj,

Maharaj your dream project was fulfilled in last year. And it was amazing inauguration we had take part in it.

There we saw Lokanath swami maharaj's kirtan. Then association with Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaj. It was amazing and marvellous Marble temple. The special name of Lordship is " Rema Rama Ramanuja Hanuman".

Maharaj by your mercy Anand Sagar prbu taught us Kunti prayer and Bhishma prayer. Next just started suka prayer.

Maharaj, I am weak in studies and with ur blessing I can study my academic and spiritual progress.

Hare Krishna Maharaj.

With your eternal servant

Damodhar Krishna das & Trivikrama Krishna das.



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--Devaki devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dandavat Pranams. Please accept my humble & respectful obeisances to you, Maharaj.

Please give me your blessings to remember the mercy you have showered on me. Because of your mercy I am trying to chant 20 rounds carefully. But sometimes I am not able to keep my mind properly. Please bless me to do my chanting with proper attention. Because of your mercy, I am trying to do mangal arathi daily. According to my ability I am trying to learn Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita. Since I am a forgetful one I am not able to remember your mercy always. Sorry Maharaj.

Thank you Maharaj for putting me in the merciful shelter of Prabhupada.

Your eternal servant
Devaki devi dasi.



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--Dr. Vijay

Hare krishna Maharaj, Dandavat pranams. All glories to Guru and Gauranga. All glories to srila Prabhupada. All glories to HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

I pray to your lotus feet that by your divine mercy and guidance that i can understand Bhagavatam from your followers. Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet

Happy Vyasa Puja Maharaj

Your servant

Dr. Vijay, thirunelveli



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--Dwaraka vasini devi dasi

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

To my greatest and dearest father, my dearest Gurudev my humble obeisance to your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your 100th Vyasa puja celebration. It is always to me very difficult to glorify you because no words are ever sufficient to express your unlimited transcendental qualities. Maharaj, you are always giving your mercy in the form of transcendental instructions through Vani (Lectures). Maharaj, you gave all the instructions to us to follow until our breath. please make me to follow the same as much.

Maharaj, I don't know whether it is right or wrong to write this here..

I seek your blessings and guidance for my current situation.

From the last 2 years, I am working very far from my hometown daily need 4hrs travelling and 6hr working so during my travelling I do my chanting, reading, hearing the lectures. But I know this is not the way of doing perfect sadhana. But right now I have no other options. But I really want to do my sadhana in a better way with the blessings of yourself. Please bless me to engage in your service more and more.

Maharaj this the happiest and most auspicious moment for all of us because this is the 100th Vyasa Puja of yourself. And first the Vyasa puja after the accomplishment of Your Dream project of Giving a Place to the Lordships Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav. Once again I pay obeisance to your Divine Feet. Haribol

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

Your servant,
Dwaraka Vasini devi dasi
Trivandrum

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--Gokul Krishna

Hare Krishan Maharaj

Maharaj Happy Birthday.

I have learned the below sloka and I am now reciting for you.

Bhagavath Gita, Chapter 12, bhakti yoga

*arjuna uvācha
evam satata-yuktā ye bhaktās tvām paryupāsate
ye chāpy akṣharam avyaktam teṣām ke yoga-vittamāḥ*

Please accept my humble dandavat pranam

Gokul Krishna



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--Govardhan

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Guru Maharaj

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
chakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Maharaj **Happy Birthday**. I had studied some shlokas am reciting for you.

Bhagavad Gita Chapter 12 Bhakti Yoga

arjuna uvācha

*evaṁ satata-yuktā ye / bhaktās tvāṁ paryupāsate
ye chāpy akṣharam avyaktaṁ / teṣhāṁ ke yoga-vittamāḥ*

śhrī-bhagavān uvācha

*mayy āveśhya mano ye mām / nitya-yuktā upāsate
śhraddhayā parayopetās / te me yuktatamā matāḥ*

*ye tv akṣharam anirdeśhyam / avyaktaṁ paryupāsate
sarvatra-gam achintyañcha / kūṭa-stham achalandhruvam
sanniyamyendriya-grāmaṁ / sarvatra sama-buddhayaḥ
te prāpnuvanti mām eva / sarva-bhūta-hite ratāḥ*

Maharaj, please bless me to chant and study more.

Your servant

Govardhan



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--Jai Lalitha devi dasi

Hare Krishna dear maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

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

All glories to Sreela Prabhupa and Gurudev.

On occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration, please accept the following offerings of your daughter.

SB.1.18.13:

"The value of a moment's association with the devotee of the Lord cannot even be compared to the attainment of heavenly planets or liberation from matter, and what to speak of worldly benedictions in the form of material prosperity, which are for those who are meant for death."

Because of your mercy you given good association to me and my family. Please lead us in the path of devotion and allow us to serve you eternally.

*HARE KRISHNA dear maharaj
Your servant always
Jai Lalitha devi dasi
Trivandrum.*



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--Kathamrita Krishna das

To

My dear Gurudev H.H. MAHAVISHNU GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

HARE KRISHNA Dear maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to your Divine Grace.

HAPPY BIRTH DAY to you maharaj. Happy birthday on your 100th birth day 11.12.2019.

SB.7.9.28

"My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Narada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service?"

SB.3.7.36

"O best among the brahmanas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge".

SB.11.2.28

"King Videha said: I think that you must be direct associates of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is famous as the enemy of the demon Madhu. Indeed, the pure devotees of Lord Visnu wander throughout the universe not for their personal, selfish interest, but to purify all the conditioned souls."

SB.10.80.34

"I, the Soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or self-discipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master".

Dear Gurudeva, I am not ready to accept that you are disappeared, I am getting your divine association through your divine instructions in day today life through Maharaj Calander, Pearls of Wisdom message and daily Granthraj e-mail by which daily feeling your presence in my life Gurudeva. Your disciples continuing your mood of devotion by daily circulating your words of instructions through modern social medias. You told that you are with us through the pages of Srimad Bhagavatham, you shown by your own example as how to study Srimad Bhagavatham by sitting in one place, sitting alone with Bhagavatham.

In 2003, as you desired and advised us to translate Srimad Bhagavatham in Malayalam, it is now available in Malayalam which your disciple H.G. Anadhi Nithinam Krishna das started

translation and completed first and second cantos, which he started as per Your Divine Instruction. After his divine departure it is completed by a Team of devotees. By reading Srimad Bagavatham especially Malayalam Bagavatham we are feeling your presence like anadhi nidhinam. Whenever Srimad Bhagavatham is there in this material world YOUR DIVINE presence also there in this material world Gurudeva.

Dear Gurudeva, I seen and associated with you by your mercy, you are the Seventh Goswami made all place as Vrindhavan by your divine presence, you not went to Vrindhavan for your final past times, there by you giving us the message by Achar/ Action that we should make the place where we reside same as Vrindhavan atmosphere.

Being a Bhagavatha panditha and Double Post Graduate in Sanskrit, you not written a single book, there by you are giving the message to the world that Sreela prabhupad given us every thing nothing we need extra beyond that. You glorified Sreela Prabhupad by this way. You are a Acharya, Your mind, word and action all are same and Krishna conscious. So with Your mercy and blessings I want to circulate your divine instructions to Malayalam speaking devotees by translating all your instructions, lectures, messages which all are already in English format in Granthraj daily Email, there by all my God Brothers and Sisters and our well wishers also know MY GURU MAHARAJ'S MOOD OF DEVOTION, 'Srimad Bagavatham in practice'.

In this auspicious day of my Gurumaharaj's 100th Vyasa Puja day we Trivandrum devotees offering Maharaj Calander in Malayalam in Book format. H.G. Devaki Devi dasi mathaji translated and H.G. Patheethapavan prabhu and H.G. Aishwarya devi dasi assisted to make it in final format. All glories to your Devine Grace Gurudeva....

Gurudev you given us tips and points from Bhagavatham as reminder in some short forms; all of them are unique, some of them are I am listing here for Your Glorification and as a remembrance of Your Divine Grace: -

1. Krishna conscious PEPSI [SB.4.12.37] = Peaceful, Equiposed, Purified, Satisfying all living entities, Intimate relationship with the devotees of the Lord.
2. LL. B = Live Like Bagavatham.
3. MSc = Merciful attitude, Satisfaction, Control of the senses.
4. 3Cs = Cool, Calm, Composed.
5. BBC = Bagavath Geetha, Bagavatham and Chanting.
6. No Counteraction is the Best Counteraction.
7. LOVE X ENVY

LOVE = Shanta, Dasya, Sakya, Vatsalya and Madhurya x

ENVY= Defame, Disrespect, Curse, Neglect amd Kill.

1. Material LIFE [vs] Spiritual LIFE

Material LIFE = Lamentation, Illusion, Fear and Envy

Spiritual LIFE= Love, Inspiration, Freedom and Enthusiasm.

1. WORLD = Walk or Run - Loss Definitely... Nothing is permanent.
2. Better to forgive and forget.
3. Those who give, will get.
4. A.C.= Austerity, Cleanness
5. COWBC = Cows, Old people, Women, Brahmnas, Children
6. Art of living and Art of leaving
7. Mu-Ra-Li =

Mu= Mumumursoh; wr are all 'about to die'

Ra= Ratih; so if we let our attraction be towards Krishna, we can achieve

LI= Life's goal; our original SVARUPAM.

1. Write means smaranam
2. Be a SAGE= Be Simple Austere Grave[sober] and Energetic.
3. I am TIME = There -Is -Myself- Everywhere
4. NETWORK = Nothing Except The Words Of Real Knowledge
5. Srimad Bhagavatham in one hand, duster in the other
6. CDEFG = Cleanliness Disciplined life Education For God.
7. For our own health we should stop criticizing
8. Whatever we own, owns us
9. REAL -isation
10. Peas- Pride, Envy and Anger
11. What has come, will eventually go away.
12. Because we don't have patience, we become patients.
13. SSPPW [SB.10.52.33] = Satisfied with their lot, Saintly, Peaceful, Pride less Well-wisher of all living entities.
14. APKP [SB.6.1.15] = Austerities, Penance, Knowledge-cultivation and Pious activities.
15. ICU = I See You - Yamaraj
16. WE MAKE S[ri] N[athji] FAN

W = Without false ego



E= Equal in both happiness and distress

M= Mind and intelligence fixed on me

A= Always satisfied

K= Kind friend to all living entities

E= Engaged in devotional service with determination

S=Self-controlled

N= Non – envious

F= Forgiving

A= Always engaged in devotion

N=No sense of proprietorship

1. SAT = Supreme Absolute Truth
2. I's [eyes] of Kali = Illicit relations, Illegal money making, Intoxication habits, Innocent animal food.
3. Ginger is the King of Medicines.

Dear Guru Maharaj You lead a life as per SB.10.31.9. You have given this sloka as the base sloka for Youth Forum in Trivandrum [Tava Kathamritam Youth Forum. TKYF]. Your Devine Grace life itself is an example to how to live this soka in our life. So you are the Acharya of each sloka in Srimad Bagavatham. So you are very famous among devotees in ISKCON as BHAGAVATHAM MAHARAJ.

SB 10.31.9 Gopika geetham;

*Tava kathamrtam tapta-jivanam
Kavibhir iditam kalmasapaham
sravana-mangalam srimad atatam
Bhuvi grnanti ye bhuri-da janah*

"The nectar of Your words [Srimad Bagavath geetha] and the descriptions of Your activities [Srimad Bhagavatam] are the life and soul of those suffering in this material world. These narrations, transmitted by learned sages, eradicate one's sinful reactions and bestow good fortune upon whoever hears them. These narrations are broadcast all over the world and are filled with spiritual power. Certainly those who spread the message of Godhead are most munificent."

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

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

I know dear maharaj I am not doing anything what you expected from me to do in Devotional Service either in spiritual or material. You have given me life time Services. I wasted many more times..... Sorry Maharaj, please excuse me and continue to bless me for doing more Service as you like and co-operate with devotees Hare Krishna..... dear Maharaj.

Your servant always
Kathamrita Krishna das



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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Kishori devi dasi

Dear Gurumaharaj,

Hare Krishna Dear maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

On occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebration, please accept the following offerings of your daughter.

SB.5.3.14

*ko vā iha te 'parājīto 'parājītayā
māyayānavasita-padavyānāvṛta-matir
viśaya-viśa-rayānāvṛta-prakṛtir
anupāsita-mahac-caraṇaḥ*

"Dear Lord, unless one worships the lotus feet of great devotees, one will be conquered by the illusory energy, and his intelligence will be bewildered. Indeed, who has not been carried away by the waves of material enjoyment, which are like poison? Your illusory energy is unconquerable. No one can see the path of this material energy or tell how it is working."

This verse is personification of you Gurudev. Maharaj, you always told us how difficult to overcome illusory energy of the Lord and you also practically showed us how this energy can be conquered by constant and sincere service to our beloved acharya Srila Prabhupada. I am very proud to see how wonderful my god brothers and god sisters are serving you around the world, how dedicated and committed they are to the devotional service. I only wish that I can take some dust from their feet and try to follow their footsteps.

SB.3.22.6

*diṣṭyā me bhagavān dṛṣṭo / durdarśo yo 'kṛtātmanām
diṣṭyā pāda-rajāḥ spṛṣṭam / śīrṣṇā me bhavataḥ śivam*

"It is my good fortune that I have been able to see you, for you cannot easily be seen by persons who have not subdued the mind or controlled the senses. I am all the more fortunate to have touched with my head the blessed dust of your feet."

Thanking you Maharaj for giving me this opportunity to be in Krishna consciousness. You have given darshan of Your Divine Grace in my life you cannot be easily seen, but some unknown fortunes of me has made it possible for having the darshan of Your Divine Grace.

I am externally fortunate to have touched with my head the blessed dust of your lotus feet. Maharaj please protect and guide me so that I can travel without deviating from the spiritual

path. Please bless me so that I continue to be in Krishna Consciousness and study the scriptures and recite the verses.

SB.7.9.24

*tasmād amūs tanu-bhṛtām aham āśiṣo 'jña
āyuh śriyaṁ vibhavam aindriyam āviriñcyāt
necchāmi te vilulitān uruvikrameṇa
kālātmanopanaya mām nija-bhṛtya-pārśvam*

"My dear Lord, now I have complete experience concerning the worldly opulence, mystic power, longevity and other material pleasures enjoyed by all living entities, from Lord Brahma down to the ant. As powerful time, You destroy them all. Therefore, because of my experience, I do not wish to possess them. My dear Lord, I request You to place me in touch with Your pure devotee and let me serve him as a sincere servant."

I am thankful to Krishna that Krishna gave the golden chance to service His pure devotee in your form. Maharaj you are so kind that you have allowed me to be in your service. I humbly request you to keep me in your shelter and enable me to follow your instructions to be your true disciple. Maharaj kindly allow me to continue in your service, because without your mercy and sanction, I have no capacity. Since we are in the world where we are struggling very hard due to our sense and material difficulties because of that we are unable to do constant devotional service. Maharaj, I am begging unto your lotus feet to protect my bhakthi and help me to do consistent devotional service with mind attached to it and help me to face all the situations with courage and strength.

On this auspicious day, I pray to your lotus feet to grant me the boon of doing more devotional service.

Your servant
Kishori devi dasi
Thiruvananthapuram



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--Krishnasrayadas & Archana sidhi devi dasi

Hare Krishna.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance unto the lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of 100th Vyasa puja.

All glories to Sri Guru & Gouranga

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*yasya prasada bhagavat prasado
yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto pi*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the supreme personality of godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Krishna consciousness."

Maharaj with your mercy your dream project Trivandrum temple construction is going on. With your mercy the temple project complete as early as we can. Some devotees are dedicated to doing this Seva Maharaj.

Maharaj please grant me your mercy to overcome all obstacles in our devotional service and be firmly attached to your lotus feet and instructions.

Maharaj to kindly keep us on the right track in our journey back to godhead.

Wish you a 100th happy birthday dear Maharaj.

Your eternal servants ,

Krishnasraya das, Archana sidhi devi dasi, Damodhar Krishnadas & Trivikrama Krishnadas.

Trivandrum.



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--Lekshmipriya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj.

*Hare krishna Hare krishna Krishna Krishna hare hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

*namami moorthana charanaravinde
sreemad bhagavatha pada sumedhase
pracharine lokadharine sree
Mahavishnu Gosvami ithi namne.*

Respected Gurumaharaj,

My humble offerings at the lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja. I offer my humble obeisances at the lotus feet of Prabhupada and Bhagavan to give me such a guru who is known as walking Bhagavatam. Because of your mercy, maharaj, I am able to do a little seva daily. Because of your mercy, I am studying Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam daily.

Krishnaya vasudevaya Devaki nandanaya cha Nandagopakumaraya Govindaya namo namaḥ.

Your eternal servant
Lakshmipriya devi dasi.



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--Madanmohan das & Apurva Shakti devi dasi

Hare Krishna,

We offer our most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of *BHAAGAVATHOTHAMA His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami*.

In memories, we have noticed that while introducing a person to Maharaj or talking about a good thing he would always utter "Jai" in reply. The word "Jai" was his masterpiece. And he was telling everyone he met, "You chant Hare Krishna and read Srimad Bhagavatham". It was His wisdom. Thanking him for the creation of a row of wonderful devotees to fulfill the mission of Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada.

Moreover, on this special occasion, we thank HG Krishna Kinkar das from Singapore who directed us to such a wonderful spiritual master initially.

We are so proud to be the disciples of both materially and spiritually highly qualified spiritual master.

Wishing a very happy Vyasa puja!

With great devotion,
Madanmohan das & Apurva Sakthidevi devi dasi
Thiruvananthapuram, India.



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--Manjusha (Sunilmadhav das)

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ŚB 1.8.43

kunty uvaca

*śrī-kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa-sakha vṛṣṇy-ṛṣabhāvani-dhrug-
rājanya-varṁśa-dahanānapavarga-vīrya
govinda go-dvija-surārti-harāvatāra
yogeśvarākhila-guro bhagavan namas te*

O Kṛṣṇa, O friend of Arjuna, O chief amongst the descendants of Vṛṣṇi, You are the destroyer of those political parties which are disturbing elements on this earth. Your prowess never deteriorates. You are the proprietor of the transcendental abode, and You descend to relieve the distresses of the cows, the brāhmaṇas and the devotees. You possess all mystic powers, and You are the preceptor of the entire universe. You are the almighty God, and I offer You my respectful obeisances

Manjusha (Sunil Madhav das)

Sri Sri Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai. Please accept my humble obeisance to your lotus feet Please accept my heartfelt wishes for your 100th Vyasa Puja.

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--Mayur Krishna das

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

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

Hare krishna Maharaj,

Happy birthday to you maharaj. I am very happy to celebrate this auspicious occasion with my
God brothers and sisters.

Spiritual master is the mercy personification of Lord, and I get special mercy from Krishna that
I get such a wonderful, loving spiritual master like you Maharaj. Maharaj, you caring me like a
father who always likes a well-wisher of his son. Here I remember on sloka from Srimad
Bhagavatam 4.8.17. In this sloka mother, suniti told her son to don't wish anything
inauspicious for others. When I read this I think that maharaj told this point to me because on
so many occasion I want to do inauspicious to others because of my poor knowledge. After
initiation from you, maharaj, your mercy my bad behaviour almost destroyed.

Now we start friday srimad Bhagavatam discussion program in thripadapuram at Sunil Madhav
prabhu's house and Sunday evening program in devotee's house. I wish all these program will
success with your mercy. I hope mercy from your lotus feet in my material and spiritual
progress.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Vyasa Puja maha mahotsav ki jay
Your servant mayoor krishna das



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--Nandanandan Krishna das

Hare Krishna Guru Dev "**Happy 100th Birthday**"

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

Thank you, Maharaj, for accepting me as your disciple. I know am not qualified for that. Still, you gave me your protection... I couldn't follow anything that you have told bcoz of some personal problems. But I am still trying to do... and I tried to come there, but I couldn't ... sorry for every faults that I have done Maharaj... Please be with me, Maharaj. Last few years there were so many changes in my spiritual and material life. that's why my spiritual life is going on neutral. There's no improvement. All my godbrothers gave me advice and inspired me a lot ..I am able to realize Krishna's hand in all situation.

I only want your blessings and my godbrothers blessings. Nowadays am depressed by some material problem. I have to overcome that with your mercy... Next year I will be there Maharaj if my body conditions are good it's my promise. I usually chant Uttara prayers -

*pāhi pāhi mahā-yogin / deva-deva jagat-pate
nānyarṁ tvad abhayarṁ paśye / yatra mṛtyuḥ parasparam*

Once again please forgive my faults Maharaj love you...

Your servant

Nandanandan Krishna das



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--Nandarupini devi dasi

ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா

நம ஓம் விஷ்ணு பாதாய கிருஷ்ண ப்ரஷ்டாய பூதலே ஸ்ரீமதே மஹாவிஷ்ணு
கோஸ்வாமினிதி நாமினே

ரொம்ப சந்தோஷம் மஹராஜ் உங்களை பற்றி பேச வாய்ப்பு
கிடைச்சதற்கு. அது மட்டும் இல்லாம இது ரொம்ப ரொம்ப சந்தோசமான
நாள் - எங்க மஹாராஜோட 100 -வது பிறந்த நாள். இனிய பிறந்த
நாள் மஹராஜ். நாங்கள் செய்யும் இந்த காணிக்கை நிச்சயம்
போதாது. உங்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு செய்தாலும் போதாது. அதனால் நான்
உங்களுக்கு ஒரு ஷலோகத்தை சமர்ப்பிக்க விரும்புகிறேன்

கிருஷ்ணாய வாசுதேவாய தேவகி நந்தனாய ச
நந்தகோப குமாராய கோவிந்தாய நமோ நமஹ

ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மஹராஜ். மஹராஜ், உங்களுடைய தாமரை திருவடிகளும்,
நீங்க சொன்ன வார்த்தைகளும் எப்பவும் எங்க மனசில்
இருக்கும் மஹராஜ். அதனால் உங்களுடைய ஆசீர்வாதத்தால பகவானுக்கு
நல்ல முறையில் சேவை செய்வோம் என்று வாக்கு கொடுக்கிறோம் மஹராஜ்.
என்னால் முடிந்த வரைக்கும் மற்றவர்களுக்கு கிருஷ்ணரை பற்றி சொல்ல
முயற்சி செய்யறேன். மஹராஜ் எங்க வாழ்க்கைக்கு நீங்களே முன்னோடி
மஹராஜ். எங்களுக்கு மேலும் மேலும் உங்களுடைய ஆசீர்வாதம் வேண்டும்
மஹராஜ். நடமாடும் பாகவதமான எங்கள் மஹாராஜுக்கு என்னுடைய சிரம்
தாழ்ந்த வணக்கங்கள். மீண்டும் ஒரு முறை எங்கள் இனிய மஹாராஜுக்கு
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நந்த ரூபிணி தேவி தாசி

Hare Krishna.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vānī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

I feel very happy to be blessed with this opportunity to speak about you Maharaj. And its a
very very happy day - 100th birthday of my dear Maharaj. Happy Birthday to you Maharaj. I
think this offering is not enough for you. Whatever we would give, will never be enough for
you Maharaj. So I would like to offer one shloka to you Maharaj.

*kr̥ṣṇāya vāsudevāya / devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya / govindāya namo namaḥ*

Hare Krishna Maharaj. Your lotus feet and instructions will always remain in our hearts. And I promise that by your blessings we would serve the Lord nicely. And I will try my best to tell about Krishna to others. You are the example for our life Maharaj. Please continue to bless us Maharaj. Dandavat pranams to our Moving Bhagavata - Maharaj. Once again like to say - "Happy Birthday to you dear Maharaj".

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Your servant,
Nanda roopini devi dasi



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--Narada muni das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dantavat Pranams.

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
Jai Radha Neel Madhav ki Jai. Happy 100th birthday Maharaj.

I like Maharaj so much. I haven't see my dear Maharaj in my life but Maharaj named me "Naradamunidas". As Krishna's mercy my uncle (H G Krishna Kinkar das, Singapore) had met Maharaj and he directed my father to our Maharaj's lotus feet.

Maharaj I saw your dream project Rajkot ISKCON temple. It is very beautiful temple. I like the names of Lordships Rema, Rama, Ramanuja, Hanuman.

Maharaj please bless me, my family and all of us to study Bhagavatham very well.

Maharaj I asked my teacher to grant me leave to attend your Vyasa Puja program but he denied my leave because of my Christmas examination. Maharaj please allow me to come to Rajkot please Maharaj please....

Hare Krishna Maharaj happy birthday Maharaj

Your servant
Narada muni das



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--Nayana Krishna

ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ മഹാരാജ്

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ഞാൻ കൃഷ്ണായ വാസുദേവായ ശ്ലോകം പഠിച്ചു .

നയന കൃഷ്ണ

Hare Krishna

I am Nayana Krishna, I am studying LKG. Happy Birthday Maharaj. I have learned Krishnaya
Vasudeva sloka.

Nayana Krishna



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--Paramanand Krishna das & Sandra

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cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

**"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master who has opened my eyes,
blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge."**

Maharaj, Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This year is so special for us as a disciple. Its centenary year. Happy birthday Maharaj.

Maharaj this year had been very eventful one - both spiritually and materially. Maharaj we started our temple construction. Now the basement work is going on. Maharaj, we need your immense mercy to complete this small project. Maharaj last April was our Rajkot temple inauguration was held. By your mercy, we all could attend the beautiful inauguration ceremony. Maharaj, true to the name given by your Divine Grace - "The Glory of Saurashtra", our temple is indeed the glory of Saurashtra. Maharaj, but we missed you very much...your physical presence. But we can feel your immense presence there. Our Devakinandhan prabhujī and Vaishnavseva prabhujī are the main pillars behind this beautiful temple and the efforts by each and every God siblings are also equally appreciated, especially our Rajkot devotees.

Maharaj Krishna's mercy, May 1st I got married. Her name is Sandra. She is a very simple and pious lady. Maharaj, we are daily chanting together and started learning Srimad Bhagavatam. We started with Maharaj's 108 slokas. Maharaj, by your mercy only, she can understand Krishna and the beauty of this movement. Maharaj by your mercy, we are almost completing two years of sadhana chart and devotees are regularly updating and monthly we analyse the progress in chanting. We update our monthly details to Kalacakra Prabhu and Prabhu guides us in the matter.

Maharaj..., please bless us that we should follow the principles of Krishna consciousness without any obstacles on its way. Please bless us that we should never lose taste in chanting the holy names of the Lord. We should never give up the association of the devotees by Your mercy. Maharaj please always keep us at your lotus feet, which is our only shelter.

Your servants,
Paramanand Krishna das and Sandra
Trivandrum

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--Pathitha Pavan das

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,

This year Your 100th Appearance day, We are so lucky to part of this great Maha Bhagavatha's Vyasa Puja celebration. I am so lucky and fortunate to get You as my Spiritual Master. Maharaja Your life is the greatest example for all of us how to live in Krishna consciousness in every angle of life. maharaj i am not all qualify to glorify your Grace. but i try to Glorify the Pure Devotee of the Lord, that make us Krishna happier of Glorifying his Pure devotee.

This year is more special for all of us because your Dream Project of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav, Sri Sri Sita Ram Lakshman, Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev, Subhadra offered New temple for the Lordship opened in this year April 14th. It's a Great offering to Srila Prabhupada \Founder Acharya of Iskcon. I feel this the 2nd large temple in ISKCON in India. Because of your Dedication and unflinching Faith in Srila Prabhupada and Krishna, the whole world appreciated the temple and HG Devaki Nandan Prabhu and HG Vaishnava Seva Prabhu for their tireless service of full filling your (Gurudev) desire. This whole project is a great inspiration for those who want to serve Spiritual master even after his material departure. Really, Maharaj, you inspired Many lives to help this one-time opportunity of constructing a temple for the Lordships.

Maharaj you have Unlimited Potency and Qualities that shows your pure devotion to the Lord. You taught how to live in a simple life. Maharaj your dedication to Bhagavatam is beyond our words. You are well known for your Bhagavatam understanding. and you practised Srimad Bhagavatam in your life as a dedication to Srila Prabhupad. Maharaj everyone likes your simplicity and loving nature. Maharaj forever disciple you always say father you instructed and guided in many ways to understand the importance of practising Krishna consciousness.

Maharaj, you touched my life from the touch of Yamaraj. still, I am not capable to serve you in a better manner to make you happier. from that incident I understand the potency of the spiritual master. He can do any extend to protect his disciple until he is in the right way. and also I understand the potency of the name. In shikashta 2nd verse, *naam naam akari* Krishna invested all his energies in the holy name. dead bodies truly applicable is life because tasted the holy name. Through this, it's a great message always takes the shelter of the holy name

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam many verses glorifying the spiritual Master importance in our life and how to Serve and follow the Gurudev.

SB 7.15.26

*yasya sakshad bhagavati / jnana-dipa-prade gurau
martyasad-diih srutam tasya / sarvam kunjara-shaucavat*

The spiritual master should be considered to be directly the Supreme Lord because he gives transcendental knowledge for enlightenment. Consequently, for one who maintains the material conception that the spiritual master is an ordinary human being, everything is frustrated. His enlightenment and his Vedic studies and knowledge are like the bathing of an elephant.

ŚB 5.11.17

*bhrātrvyam enam tad adabhra-vīryam
upekṣayādhyedhitam apramattah
guror hareś caraṇopāsanāstro
jahi vyalikam svayam ātma-moṣam*

This uncontrolled mind is the greatest enemy of the living entity. If one neglects it or gives it a chance, it will grow more and more powerful and will become victorious. Although it is not factual, it is very strong. It covers the constitutional position of the soul. O King, please try to conquer this mind by the weapon of service to the lotus feet of the spiritual master and of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Do this with great care.

CC Madhya 22.51)

*mahat krpa vina karme "bhakti naya
krsna-bhakti dure rahu, samsare nahre ksaya*

"Unless one is favoured by a pure devotee, one cannot attain the platform of devotional service. To say nothing of krsna-bhakti, one cannot be relieved from the bondage of material existence"

*Saksad-dharitvena Samasta Sastrair
Uktas thatha bhavyata eva sadbhihi
Kintu Prabhoryah priya eva tasya
Vande Guroh Sri Caranaravindam*

"In the revealed scriptures it is declared that the Spiritual Master should be worshipped like the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and this injunction is obeyed by pure devotees of the Lord. The Spiritual Master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Thus, we should offer our respectful obeisances unto the Lotus Feet of our Spiritual Master".

Hare Krishna Maharaj this year with your blessings in our Trivandrum centre also started constructing a centre for our Lordship Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev, Subhadra. It happening after so many years waiting. Maharaj, you are always with us in your divine instructions. We seek your blessings to always stick your divine shelter without any deviation. Kindly bless us always to take shelter in Srimad Bhagavatam. Once again, Maharaj, I pray to you to always engage me to serve the devotees and Lordship until my last moment.

Your Most fallen servent
Patheethapavan das
Trivandrum.



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--Prshni devi dasi

என்னுடைய குருவின் தாமரை பாதங்களுக்கு அனந்த கோடி நமஸ்காரத்தை சமர்ப்பிக்கிறேன். குருவின் கிருபையால் ஸ்ரீ கிருஷ்ணர் முழுமுதல் கடவுள் என்பதை அறிந்து கொண்டேன். குருவின் கிருபையால் நாம ஜெபம் மற்றும் மங்கள ஆரத்தியின் மகத்துவத்தை தெரிந்து கொண்டேன். பகவத் கீதை ஜந்தாம் அத்யாயம் பதினாறாம் ஸ்லோகத்தில் குருவின் மகத்துவத்தை பற்றி குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. குரு ஒரு போதும் தன்னை கடவுள் என்று கூற மாட்டார். கடவுளை பற்றி அவர் அறிந்திருப்பதால் கடவுளுக்கு கொடுக்கும் மதிப்புக்களை அவருக்கு கொடுத்தாலும் தன்னை ஒரு போதும் கடவுள் என்று கூறி கொள்ள மாட்டார். ஆத்மாவையும் பரமாத்மவையும் பற்றி சொல்லி கொடுப்பார்.

குரு என்பவர் சிஷ்யர்களுக்கு முன் உதாரணமாக இருப்பவர். 91 வயதிலும் மங்கள ஆரத்திக்கு குளிரிலும் எழுந்து செல்வார். குருவிடம் இருந்து கற்று கொள்ள வேண்டியவை நிறைய உள்ளன. குருவின் கிருபையால் ஒருவர் பகவான் லோகத்திற்கு செல்ல முடியும். அவர் தயாசீலர். பொறுமை உடையவர். நம்முடைய குரு, சிஷ்யர்கள் இரவு பகல் எப்பொது கூப்பிட்டு பகவானை பற்றி கேட்டாலும் சொல்லி தருவார். இப்படிப்பட்ட குரு கிடைக்க நான் மிகவும் பாக்கியம் செய்துள்ளேன். எத்தனை ஜென்மம் எடுத்தாலும் இப்படிப்பட்ட குரு கிடைக்காது. தினமும் படிக்க முடியவில்லை. சில சமயங்களில் என்னால் ஜெபம் பூர்த்தி செய்ய முடியவில்லை. என்னுடைய செயல்களை குரு பார்த்து கொண்டு இருக்கிறார். என்னுடைய தவறுகளை திருத்தி நல்வழிக்கு கொண்டு வர குருவின் தாமரை பாதங்களை தாழ்மையுடன் யாசிக்கிறேன்.

அடுத்த ஜென்மத்தில் மனித பிறவியில் ஆணாக பிறந்து குருவின் கையால் அடி வாங்கி நன்றாக குருவிற்கு முழு நேர சேவை செய்யணும். கண்ணை இமை காப்பது போல குருவிற்கு சேவை செய்யணும். நிறைய பாகவத ஸ்லோகங்கள் படிக்கணும்.

குருவின் தாமரை பாதங்களுக்கு பணிவிடை செய்ய வேண்டும் என்று எனக்கு ஆசை நடக்குமா நடக்காதா என்று எனக்கு தெரியாது. பகவானை பிராத்திக்கிறேன். முதன் முதலாக குருவினிடமிருந்து கற்று கொண்ட பாகவத ஸ்லோகம்

கிருஷ்ணாய வாசுதேவாய தேவகி நந்தனாய ச
நந்தகோப குமாராய கோவிந்தாய நமோ நமஹ

இதை மறக்கவே முடியாது. இதை தினமும் சொல்கிறேன் குருதேவா. பாகவத ஸ்லோகத்தின் மூலம் உங்களை காணலாம். குருவின் புன்சிரிப்பு எனக்கு மிகவும் பிடித்தது. குருவை போற்ற எனக்கு தகுதி இல்லை. பக்தி மார்கத்தை பற்றி நான் அறிய என்னை சிஷ்யையாக ஏற்று கொண்ட குருவின் தாமரை பாதங்களுக்கு அனந்த கோடி நமஸ்காரத்தை தாழ்மையுடன்

சமர்ப்பிக்கிறேன். கதிரவன் இருளை களைவது போல ஆன்மிக குரு அறியாமையை களைவார். ஆன்மிக பாதையில் முதல் அடி வைப்பது குருவின் காருண்யமே. கலி யுகத்தில் நாம ஜெபம் மட்டுமே போதும் என்று குருவின் கருணையால் புரிந்து கொண்டேன்.

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ப்ரிஷ்ணி தேவி தாசி

I offer my humble obeisances crores of times at the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master. By your mercy Gurudev, I could understand that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. By your mercy I have understood the importance of chanting and Mangala arati. In Bhagavad Gita Chapter 5 verse 16 purport Srila Prabhupada says about the greatness of spiritual master. "A representative of God never claims that he is God, although he is paid all the respect ordinarily paid to God because he has knowledge of God." Guru teaches us about soul and Supersoul.

By his personal example, he teaches his disciples. Even at the age of 91, Gurudev gets up and goes for mangala arati sharp at 4:30 am even on cold days. There is lot to learn from you Gurudev. By your mercy one can go to Krishna loka. You are personification of mercy and patience. When disciples call you to inquiring about Krishna, you always teach them - be it day or night.

How fortunate am I to get such a glorious spiritual master? I will not get such a spiritual master even if I take many many births again. Am unable to study scriptures daily or to complete chanting my rounds on some day. I know Gurudev, you are watching all these things. I pray at your lotus feet to please correct me and take me in the right path. I wish that in my next birth I would be born as human and as a male disciple of yours so that I could get nice slaps from you and also serve you very nicely. Just like how eyelashes protect the eyes,

I would like to serve Srila Gurudev. I wish to learn lot of Bhagavatam shlokas and I wish to serve Gurudev's lotus feet. I don't know whether my wish would be fulfilled, but I am praying to Lord for the same. The first Bhagavatam shloka that I learnt from you is 1.8.18. I can never forget that.

*kr̥ṣṇāya vāsudevāya / devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya / govindāya namo namaḥ*

I am reciting this shloka daily Gurudev. We can see you through Bhagavatam shlokas. I like your smile very much Gurudev. I don't have any qualification to glorify you Gurudev. I offer my crores of obeisances to the lotus feet of Gurudev for accepting me as your disciple and teaching me the path of devotional service. Just like how sunlight removes the darkness, Gurudev dispels the darkness of ignorance. It is only by the mercy of Guru one can even take the first step in devotional path.

By your mercy I understood that in Kali yuga Holy Name alone is enough.

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

Your servant,
Prshni devi dasi



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--Purushothama Krishna das

ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ

H.H. മഹാവിഷ്ണു ഗോസ്വാമി

മഹാരാജ് എന്റെ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ പകർന്നു തന്ന അറിവ് ഞാൻ ഭക്തന്മാരുമായി ഇവിടെ പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കുന്നു.

(മഹാരാജിന് എന്റെ ഒരായിരം ഭണ്ഡവത് പ്രണാമം)

1. കലിയുഗത്തിൽ മനുഷ്യൻ എങ്ങനെ ഉള്ളവരാണ്? അല്പായുസുള്ളവർ, മന്ദബുദ്ധികൾ, മടിയുള്ളവർ, വാഴക്കാളികളാണ്, നിർഭാഗ്യവാന്മാരാണ്, അശാന്തരാണ്. (S.B.1.1.10)

2. കലിയുഗത്തിൽ ഭക്തർ എങ്ങനെയുള്ളവരായിരിക്കണം? അപകൃതിപ്പെടുത്തിയാലും, വഞ്ചിച്ചാലും, അവഗണിച്ചാലും, അപമാനിച്ചാലും, ശല്യപ്പെടുത്തിയാലും, നമ്മെ വധിച്ചൽ പോലും പ്രതികാരബദ്ധരാകാത്തവിധം സഹനശക്തിയുള്ളവരാണ് കൃഷ്ണ ഭക്തർ. (S.B.1.18.48)

3. ഗൃഹസ്ഥാശ്രമത്തിൽ സന്താനങ്ങളെ എങ്ങനെ പഠിപ്പിക്കണം? ഭഗതിയുഗസേവനത്തിന്റെ ദിവ്യ പദവി നേടാൻ വേണ്ടി തപശ്ചര്യകളും , സുഖഭോഗനിഷേധവും സ്വീകരിക്കണം . ഭക്തി എവിടെയുണ്ടോ അവിടെ എപ്പോഴും നല്ല ഗുണങ്ങളും നല്ല സ്വഭാവങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. (S.B.5.5.1)

4. ഭഗവാന്റെ ഭക്തി സേവനത്തിനുള്ള പ്രതേകത എന്താണ്? സ്വധർമ്മൻ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചു ഒരാൾ കൃഷ്ണാവബോധ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ ഏർപ്പെടുകയും അധ്വർത്തിയാക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്ത വരികയും ചെയ്തുവെന്നിരിക്കട്ടെ, അയാൾക്ക് എന്ന് നഷ്ടമാണുള്ളതു. നേരെ മറിച്ചു ഭൗതിക പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ ഭംഗിയായി അനുഷ്ടിച്ചാൽ അയാൾക്ക് എന്ന് നേടാൻ കഴിയും. ഈ ലോകം മുഴുവൻ കൈവന്നാലും സ്വന്തം ആത്മാവ് നഷ്ടപ്പെടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ എന്ന് ലാഭമാണുള്ളതു. (S.B. 1.5.17)

5. ഭഗവാന്റെ ദിവ്യനാമം എങ്ങനെ ജപിക്കണം? വീഥിയിലെ തൃണത്തേക്കാൾ എളിയനായി ചിന്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ട്, വൃക്ഷത്തെക്കാൾ സഹനശക്തിയോടെ സർവ മിഥ്യാവബോധവും വെടിഞ്ഞ്, മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക് എല്ലാ ആദരങ്ങളും സമർപ്പിക്കാൻ തയ്യാറായി, വിനീതമായ മാനസിക അവസ്ഥയോടെയേ ഒരാൾ ഭഗവാന്റെ ദിവ്യനാമം ജപിക്കണം. (Shishtakshakam -3)

6. ഭഗവാനെ മനസിലാക്കാൻ ശ്രമം നടത്തുന്നവർ ആരെല്ലാമാണ്? ദുഃഖിദ്ദർ, ധാനകാംക്ഷി, ജിജ്ഞാസു, പരമസത്യത്തെ അന്വേഷിക്കുന്ന ജ്ഞാനി. (B.G.7.16)

7. ഭഗവാനെ മനസിലാക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കാത്തവർ ആരെല്ലാമാണ്? ശുദ്ധ മൂഢന്മാർ, മനുഷ്യാധമന്മാർ, നിരീശ്വരവാദികൾ, മായയിൽ അപകരിക്കപ്പെട്ട ജ്ഞാനത്തോട് കൂടിയവർ. (B.G.7.15)

8. കാലം നമ്മളിൽ നിന്നും എന്താണ് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്? അഹങ്കാരഗർവ്വിലായിരുന്നതും, മത്സരബുദ്ധിയിലായിരുന്നതും. (S.B.1.6.26)

9. ഭഗവാനെ സംപ്രീതനാക്കാൻ എന്ത് ചെയ്യണം? സർവജീവജാലകളോടും ക്ഷമ, കരുണ, സൗഹൃദം, തുല്യത എന്നിവ ഉള്ളവർക്ക് ഭഗവാനെ പ്രീതിപ്പെടുത്താം. (S.B.4.11.13)

10. ഭഗവാൻ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവനാക്കാൻ എന്ത് ചെയ്യേണ്ടതു? മത്സരം കൂടാതെ സർവ്വ ജീവസത്തകൾക്കും സുഹൃത്തായി ഒന്നിലും അവകാശബോധവും, മിഥ്യാഹങ്കാരവും ഇല്ലാതെ സുഖദുഃഖകളിൽ സമനില കൈക്കൊണ്ട് ക്ഷമാശാലിയായും സദാസംതൃപ്തനായും നിയദ്യതാത്മാവായും മനസും ബുദ്ധിയും കൃഷ്ണനിൽ ഉറപ്പിച്ചു ദൃഢനിശ്ചയത്തോടെ ഭക്തിയുഗം സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുന്ന എന്റെ ഭക്തൻ എന്നിങ്ങനെയും പ്രിയങ്കരനാണു. (B.G.12.13,14)

കലിയുഗ മോചന മഹാമന്ത്രം

'ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ കൃഷ്ണ കൃഷ്ണ ഹരേ ഹരേ ഹരേ രാമ ഹരേ രാമ രാമ രാമ ഹരേ ഹരേ'

ദയവായി ഈ മന്ത്രം ജപിക്കു ആനന്ദവും സംതൃപ്തിയും സ്വന്തമാക്കൂ.

"വിഷ്ണുസഹസ്രനാമം = രാമ

രാമ, രാമ, നാനാമ= കൃഷ്ണ"

മറ്റു വഴികൾ ഇല്ലാത്ത ഒരേ ഒരു മന്ത്രം ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ നാമജപം മാത്രമാണ്.

നിങ്ങളുടെ സേവകൻ ,

പുരുഷോത്തമ കൃഷ്ണദാസ്

ശുഭം

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dandavat pranam. Happy 100th birthday Maharaj. I offer the things which Maharaj imparted in my heart.... My Beloved Maharaj I don't know how to express my humble offerings on your lotus feet. However, all my words are coming from my inner heart where Maharaj dwells ...

1. What kind of people in kaliyuga? Sb 1.1.10

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.

2. What kind of devotees in kaliyuga? Sb 1.18.48

The devotees of the Lord are so forbearing that even though they are defamed, cheated, cursed, disturbed, neglected or even killed, they are never inclined to avenge themselves.

3. How will teach our children in grihastasram? Sb 5.5.1

Lord R̥ṣabhadeva told His sons: My dear boys, of all the living entities who have accepted material bodies in this world, one who has been awarded this human form should not work hard day and night simply for sense gratification, which is available even for dogs and hogs that eat stool. One should engage in penance and austerity to attain the divine position of devotional service. By such activity, one's heart is purified, and when one attains this position, he attains eternal, blissful life, which is transcendental to material happiness and which continues forever.

4. What are the significance of Loving devotional service? Sb 1.5.17

One who has forsaken his material occupations to engage in the devotional service of the Lord may sometimes fall down while in an immature stage, yet there is no danger of his being unsuccessful. On the other hand, a nondevotee, though fully engaged in occupational duties, does not gain anything.

5. How to chant the holy name of the Lord? Sikhashtakam 3

One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

6. Who are the people try to understand the Lord? Bg 7.16

O best among the Bhāratas, four kinds of pious men begin to render devotional service unto Me — the distressed, the desirer of wealth, the inquisitive, and he who is searching for knowledge of the Absolute.

7. Who are the people not to understand the Lord? Bg 7.15

Those miscreants who are grossly foolish, who are lowest among mankind, whose knowledge is stolen by illusion, and who partake of the atheistic nature of demons do not surrender unto Me.

8. What did the Time expect from us? Sb 1.6.26

Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I traveled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble and unenvious

9. What will we do to propitiate the Lord? Sb 4.11.13

The Lord is very satisfied with His devotee when the devotee greets other people with tolerance, mercy, friendship and equality.

10. What will we do to obtain the love of the Lord? Bg 12.13-14

One who is not envious but is a kind friend to all living entities, who does not think himself a proprietor and is free from false ego, who is equal in both happiness and distress, who is

tolerant, always satisfied, self-controlled, and engaged in devotional service with determination, his mind and intelligence fixed on Me — such a devotee of Mine is very dear to Me.

In this auspicious moment I express my sincere heart felt gratitude on your lotus feet. It is unique and incomparable are the teachings, instructions, love and care imparted You to me . I indebted to you forever Maharaj.... Forever!

Your eternal servant
Purushotham Krishna das
Trivandrum



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--Radha Neelmadhav das & Neema

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhutale
srimate Mahavishnu goswamin iti namine

To my beloved Guru Maharaj, His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj
All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Gurudev.
Please accept our humble obeisances unto Your Lotus Feet.

Dear Maharaj

Please forgive my inability to glorify you. My only desire is to obey your instructions in
whichever possible way. please give me the strength to do so. Surrendering to you is
surrendering to Self realization, as You embodies or represent the All Pervasive Omnipotent
ONE Supreme Self, the Light of Awareness which is Light of All.

This year I feel very happy that Thiruvananthapuram devotees had managed to buy land for
your pleasure, I pay my humble obeisance to all Thiruvananthapuram devotees and very
thankful to all devotees that they have taken great effort for the fulfilment of your glory.

Maharaj, I started reading Srimad Bhagavatam but it is going in a slow phase. In SB 1.11.14
Where the residents of Dwaraka decorate the road street and market place for welcoming the
Lord. They were showing their love for the supreme Lord Krishna.

*sammārjita-mahā-mārga-
rathyāpaṇaka-catvarām
siktām gandha-jalair uptām
phala-puṣpākṣatāṅkuraiḥ*

**The highways, subways, lanes, markets and public meeting places were all thoroughly
cleansed and then moistened with scented water. And to welcome the Lord, fruits,
flowers and unbroken seeds were strewn everywhere.**

Mahavishnu Goswami maharaj Vyasa Puja mahotsav ki jai !!!

Your insignificant servants,
Radha Neelmadhav das
Neema

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--Radhangapani Krishna das

ഹിസ് ഹോളിൻസ് മഹാവിഷ്ണുഗോസ്വാമി മഹാരാജ് കി ജയ്.

ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ മഹാരാജ്. ഹാപ്പി ബർത്ഥ്ഡേ മഹാരാജ്

മഹാരാജ് അങ്ങയുടെ അനുഗ്രഹ പ്രകാരം എനിക്കും എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനും ഒരു ഫുൾ സെറ്റ് ഭാഗവതം മലയാളം വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നവനും അത് വായിച്ചു പഠിച്ചുതുടങ്ങാനും സാധിച്ചു.

മഹാരാജ് ഒരുപാടു പ്രേമങ്ങൾ ഞാൻ ഇതിനോടകംതന്നെ അഭിമുഖീകരിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞു. ഇപ്പോഴും പ്രെസ്സനങ്ങൾ വന്നുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. അപ്പോഴും സത്യത്തിനും ധർമ്മത്തിനും വേണ്ടി നിലകൊള്ളാനും ഉള്ള മനോധൈര്യം മഹാരാജിന്റെ കൃപ കൊണ്ടാണ് എനിക്ക് ലഭിക്കുന്നത്. അടുത്ത നിമിഷം എന്താണ് എന്ന് അറിയത്തില്ല, ആ യാഥാർത്ഥ്യം ഉൾക്കൊള്ളാൻ എന്റെ അനുഭവങ്ങൾ എന്നെ പഠിപ്പിച്ചു. അതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെ ഭാവിയെ കുറിച്ച് ഒരു ആശങ്കയും ഇല്ലാതെ തന്നെ ജീവിക്കുവാനാണ് എന്റെ അനുഭവങ്ങൾ എന്നെ പ്രാപ്തമാക്കിയത്.

ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ മഹാരാജ് ഇതാണ് ഈ വർഷം എനിക്ക് ഉണ്ടായ തിരിച്ചറിവ്. മഹാരാജ്, ഞാൻ മനസിലാക്കിയത് ഭാവിയെക്കുറിച്ച് ചിന്തിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് ഇരിക്കാതെ എന്താണോ നമുക്ക് വന്നു ചേരുന്നത് അത് സഹിഷ്ണുതയോട് കൂടി അനുഭവിക്കാനാണ് ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ സ്രെമിക്കുന്ന

ഹാപ്പി ബർത്ഥ്ഡേ മഹാരാജ്
ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ ഡണ്ടാവത്ത പ്രണാമം.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai.

Hare Krishna Maharaj. Happy Birthday Maharaj

With your blessing, Maharaj, I and my family have been able to buy a full set of Bhagavatam Malayalam and start reading it.

Maharaj I have already faced a lot of problems and still have problems. With the grace of Maharaj, I have the courage to stand up for what is right and true. These problems taught me the reality of accepting the next thing in life. My experience of facing these problems made me live without worried about the future.

Hare Krishna Maharaj This is the realization I have had this year. Maharaj, I have come to realize that what is coming to us is not to be thinking about the future but to experience it with endurance.

Happy Birthday Maharaj Hare Krishna Dandavatha prostration.

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--Rasika Nanda devi dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

Hare Krishna my dear Maharaj,

I am very happy and excited for coming to Rajkot for your 100th Birthday celebration. Maharaj this year I like to offer a Birthday gift to you. I know that Maharaj you always like very much to hear the slokas from Srimad Bhagavatam, from Kids like me. so with your Blessings, I learned Sukha Dev Goswami prayer and Maharaj Ashtakam. If possible I wish to recite these slokas in front of you, Maharaj.

My dear Maharaj, please bless me to learn and study more slokas and translation. This year we had Damodhar Rath Yatra in our Place and I also got the opportunity to disturb Srila Prabhupad's Book. Really it makes me happier to give. Please give inspiration to me to do more and more in the coming days. Once again I wish you Happy Birthday to you from the core of my heart. Please Maharaj always with me and guide me. Hare Krishna.

Your grand daughter and servant
Rasika Nandha devi dasi
Trivandrum



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--Rukmini devi dasi

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru Maharaj.....

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

My most respected Guru Maharaj by your causeless mercy am surviving in Krishna conscious movement. you are the only saviour in my life. you opened my eyes when i was in ignorance and put the seed of bhakthi in my heart. Maharaj you are "karunavatara" with out seeing any qualification, you accepted me as your disciple. That's the greatest mercy of yours on me. There is no end to your glorification.

Maharaj, you have been so merciful to me and my family. we fall again and again at your holy lotus feet begging to keep us in the service of lord and devotees averting from committing any offences.

As Srila Prabhupada said,

"If we take shelter of the lotus feet of spiritual master, one can become free from illusion, fear and distress. if one whole heartedly beg for his mercy without any deceit then the spiritual master bestows all auspiciousness upon."

In SB 3.4.13

*etāvaty eva śuśrūṣā / kāryā pitari putrakaiḥ
bāḍham ity anumanyeta / gauraveṇa guror vacaḥ*

"Sons ought to render service to their father exactly to this extent. One should obey the command of his father or spiritual master with due deference, saying, "Yes, sir.""

In the purport, Prabhupada says, "The father and the spiritual master are on the same platform because a spiritual master is the second father whatever the father and the spiritual master's order should be taken without argument: yes".

The Vedic knowledge is given to everyone because Krishna is in everyone's heart

In BG (15.15)

Sarvasya chaham hridi sannivishtaḥ

"He is sitting in everyone's heart. but one must be qualified to receive the knowledge. Krishna is helping us from within. He is giving us knowledge from within. without also. So without he is spiritual master and within he is Supersoul, chaitya-guru .in this way we are getting knowledge."

(Srila Prabhupada lecture at Los Angeles on April 26, 1973)

Dear Gurudev,

Krishna is yours. you have the power to give him to us. we are simply your servant running behind you shouting Krishna Krishna!!! Maharaj, please bless me and my family to do more devotional service. Maharaj by your causeless mercy we have started studying Srimad Bhagavatam every Friday. We have started sunday evening study classes at devotee's houses. its all because of your endless mercy Maharaj. Maharaj please bless me to chant more rounds and to study the scriptures with a sincere heart. Maharaj please bless my husband and my son Govardhan to do more devotional service and to end up this life full of devotion

Yours fallen lowly servant

Rukmini devi dasi



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--Saragrahi Janardhan das

Hare Krishna Maharaj dandavat pranam please accept my humble obeisances All glories to Sree Guru and Gauranga.

Hare Krishna Maharaj, I think it is the great bliss by receiving initiation from you. with your mercy and Grace upon me I could see you and obtain your kind blessings and I consider this as available treasure in my life

Hare Krishna Maharaj dandavat pranam, Happy Vyasa puja Maharaj

Your eternal servant

Saragrahi janardhan das
Trivandrum



*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Saritha Devi dasi

Dear Gurudev,

HARE KRISHNA

All glories to Sreela Prabhupa and Gurudev.

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

On occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebration, please accept the following offerings of your daughter;

sri guru carana padma, kevala bhakati sadma.

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

SB.2.4.18

"Kirata, Huna, Āndhra, Pulinda, Pulkasa, Ābhira, Sumbha, Yavana, members of the Khasa races and even others addicted to sinful acts can be purified by taking shelter of the devotees of the Lord, due to His being the supreme power. I beg to offer my respectful obeisances unto Him."

SB.3.25.21

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

Dear Maharaj, I humbly request you to keep me in your shelter and enable me to follow your instructions to be your true disciple. Maharaj kindly allow me to continue in your service, because without your mercy and sanction, I have no capacity.

Hare Krishna

Your Eternal Servant

Saritha Devi dasi

Thiruvananthapuram

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--Sarva Dhukha Hari Krishna das

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I want to express my gratitude to you today for your 100 birth day **Vyasa Puja Mahotsav** and very determined and steady effort to preach Srila Prabhupada's mission.

BG.4.34: Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.

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

SB.1.1.3: O expert and thoughtful men, relish Srimad-Bhagavatam, the mature fruit of the desire tree of Vedic literatures. It emanated from the lips of Sri Sukadeva Goswami. Therefore this fruit has become even more tasteful, although its nectarean juice was already relishable for all, including liberated souls.

Dear Maharaj, You are like Sukadeva Goswami, by Your mouth Srimad Bhagavatham is more tasty. Thank you for giving me the association of devotees and the opportunity to engage in devotional service. Please allow me to always take shelter of your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Sarva Dhukha Hari Krishna das
Trivandrum



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--Sarva Siddhi devi dasi

Hare Krishna.
Dandavat Pranams.

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Auspicious Occasion of 100th Vyasa Puja.

With your mercy, I am able to get the association of few devotees here. Please bless me to
lead Krishna conscious life without any fail. Also please be merciful to have my husband and
kid choose Krishna consciousness.

Thanks for including me in the shelter of Prabhupada.
Your eternal servant,
Sarva Siddhi devi dasi



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--Sikshashtakam krishna das

நம ஓம் விஷ்ணு பாதாய கிருஷ்ண ப்ரஷ்டாய பூதலே
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ஸ்ரீமதே பக்திவேதாந்தஸ்வாமின் இதி நாமினே
நமஸ்தே ஸாரஸ்வதே தேவே கௌர வாணி பிரச்சாரினே
நிர்விசேஷ ஸுன்னியவாதி பாஷ்சாய தேச தாரினே
ஓம் அஞான திமிரான்தஸ்ய ஞானாஞ்சன ஷலாகயா
சக்ஷுர் உன்மீலிதம் யென தஸ்மை ஸ்ரீ குரவே நமஹ

ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவதம் 7.5.32

நைஸாம் மதிஸ் தாவத் உருக்ரமாங்கரீம்
ஸ்பிருஷதி அனர்த்தாபகமோ யத் அர்த்தஹ
மஹியசாம் பாத ரஜோபிஷேகம்
நிஷ்கிஞ்சனானாம் ந வ்ரந்த யாவத்

பௌதீக வாழ்வில் மூழ்கி இருக்கும் ஒருவரால், அமானுஷ்யமான
லீலைகளுக்காக போற்றப்படும் பகவானின் தாமரை திருவடிகள் மேல்
பற்று கொள்ள முடியாது! பௌதீக கலங்கங்களில் இருந்து முற்றிலும்
விடுபட்ட ஒரு தூய வைஷ்ணவரின் பாத தூளியால் யாரொருவர் தன
உடல் மீது பூசி கொள்கிறாரோ, பகவானின் திருவடிகளில் சரணடைந்து,
கிருஷ்ண உணர்வை ஏற்று கொள்வதன் மூலமாகவே ஒருவர் தன்னை
பௌதீக கலங்கங்களில் இருந்து விடுபடுத்தி கொள்ள முடியும்.

கருணை கடலே, அன்பின் வடிவமே, எளிமையின் உறைவிடமே, காலம்
தவறாமல் கடமைகளை செய்து தன்னடக்கத்தை தன்னில் கொண்டவரே,
ராஜ்கோட்டில் ராஜா மாளிகை கட்டி பாரதத்திற்கு பெருமை தேடி தந்தவரே,
பாகவதத்தை உயிர் மூச்சாக கொண்டுள்ள உங்களால் பாகவதத்திற்கு
பெருமை. நீங்கள் இந்த பௌதீக உலகை விட்டு சென்றாலும், அறியாமை
என்ற கடலை கடக்க, பார் முழுவதும் பாகவதத்தை பறை சாற்ற, பல
பக்தர்களை இங்கு விட்டு சென்று இருக்கீர்கள்.

100-வது பிறந்த நாளை காணும் உங்களை வாழ்த்த வயதில்லை. அதனால்
உங்கள் தாமரை திரு வடிகளுக்கு என்னுடைய வந்தனங்களை
தெரிவிக்கிறேன்.

உங்கள் தாசானுதாசன்
ஷிக்ஷாஷ்டகம் கிருஷ்ண தாஸ்

nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*naiṣām matis tāvad urukramāṅghrim
spṛśaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthaḥ
mahīyasām pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekaṁ
niṣkiñcanānām na vṛñīta yāvat*

SB 7.5.32 **"Unless they smear upon their bodies the dust of the lotus feet of a Vaiṣṇava completely freed from material contamination, persons very much inclined toward materialistic life cannot be attached to the lotus feet of the Lord, who is glorified for His uncommon activities. Only by becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious and taking shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord in this way can one be freed from material contamination."**

Hare krishna Maharaj, dandavat pranams, you are the ocean of mercy. Your heart is full of love for others. Maharaj you have spread the glory of Srimad Bhagavatam. On this most wonderful day of your 100th birthday, I don't have the age maturity to wish you, so I take the shelter of your lotus feet Maharaj. Happy birthday Gurudev. Please bless me to chant the holy name and read the scriptures.

Your servant of the servant
Sikshashtakam Krishna das



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--Sripada devi dasi

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*uttarovāca
pāhi pāhi mahā-yogin
deva-deva jagat-pate
nānyam tvad abhayam paśye
yatra mṛtyuḥ parasparam*

"Uttarā said: O Lord of lords, Lord of the universe! You are the greatest of mystics. Please protect me, protect me, for there is no one else who can save me from the clutches of death in this world of duality."

ശ്രീല പ്രഭുപാടിന്റെ കാര്യം കൊണ്ട് പറയാൻ ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ സർ സംഗത്തിൽ വരൻ സാധിക്കുകയും അതിലൂടെ മഹാരാജിന്റെ കാര്യം കൊണ്ട് അങ്ങയുടെ ശിഷ്യത്വം സ്വീകരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയും ഉണ്ടായി. അതിനു ശേഷം ഭഗവത് ഗീത ഭാഗവതം ഹരിനാമജപവും ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അങ്ങയുടെ കാര്യം കൊണ്ട് ദ്വാരകയിൽ വരുകയും രാജ്കോട്ട് സന്ദർശിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുകയും ഉണ്ടായി.

അതിലൂടെ വീട്ടിൽ ലഘു ഗോപാലിനെ വെച്ചു പുജിക്കുവാനും ഭഗവാൻ നിവേദിക്കുവാനും പിന്നെ പ്രസാദം കഴിക്കുവാനും സാധിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. മഹാരാജ് അങ്ങയുടെ ക്രിയാപ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാത്രമേ എനിക്കും എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനും ശ്രീമദ് ഭഗവതം പഠിക്കുവാനും അതിലൂടെ ഭഗവാനെ അറിയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. അതിനാൽ മഹാരാജ് അങ്ങയുടെ കാര്യം എനിക്കും എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനും കാര്യം ഉണ്ടാകേണമേ.

എന്റെയും ആദി ദേവിന്റെയും അനന്തരൂപന്റെയും ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ നൂറാമത് ജന്മദിനാശംസകൾ

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With the Mercy of Srila Prabhupada, I was able to come to Parasala Hare Krishna asrama and through the mercy of Maharaj, your discipleship was made possible. After that, I was able to chant harinam and read Bhagavad-Gita and Bhagavatam. At your mercy, we were able to visit Dwarka and Rajkot.

Through this, we were able to worship Lord Laddu Gopal at home, we were able to offer bhoga to bhagavan and we were able to take prasadam. Maharaj with your mercy only we will be able to study Srimad Bhagavatam by this I can understand Krishna, therefore I request your mercy to me and my family.

Happy 100th Birthday to me, Adi Dev and Anantha Rupa

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

Maharaj myself Aadidev & Anantharoop wishing you our heartfelt 100th Birthday wishes.

Sripada devi dasi

Trivandrum



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--Subhangi lekshmi

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

*bhavāya nas tvaṁ bhava viśva-bhāvāna
tvam eva mātātha suhṛt-patiḥ pitā
tvaṁ sad-gurur naḥ paramaṁ ca daivataṁ
yasyānuvṛtyā kṛtino babhūvima*

(SB 1.11.7) "O creator of the universe, You are our mother, well-wisher, Lord, father, spiritual master, and worshipable Deity. By following in Your footsteps we have become successful in every respect. We pray, therefore, that You continue to bless us with Your mercy."

Hare krishna Dear grandfather please accept my humble obeisance. I am so excited dear grandfather to wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY on your 100th birthday. I think I am so lucky to wish you on this most auspicious day. I have studied Maharaj ashtakam this year and some more slokas. I am so lazy to study slokas so please bless me to study slokas. As I promised you last year I am chanting daily. On last Damodara rathyatra in our congregation, we, children distributed books. It gave me so much happiness and enthusiasm, so bless me Maharaj to continue that. Please shower your blessing upon me to improve my spiritual knowledge and studies. Thank you Maharaj and once more I wish you a **Happy Birthday Dear Grandfather.**

Yours servant always
Subhangi lekshmi



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--Sudarsan Chakra das

Hare Krishna Gurudev "**Happy 100th Birthday**"

Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet.

Thank you, Maharaj, for sustaining me and giving me all the strength to overcome all the material problems. Thank you, Maharaj, for providing us Devakinandan prabhu in our life, prabhuji's instruction is really inspiring us in our day to day life. Maharaj, last one year my life got changed a lot, spiritually and materially, by the instruction of Devakinandan Prabhuji I have started accepting everything rather than thinking about the same issues. I am able to realize Krishna's hand in all situation.

Maharaj by your daily instruction through the daily quotes is really helping me a lot in my behavior, I have started continuously reciting Bhagavat Gita 12th and 15th chapter every day. With your mercy, I can see improvement in my chanting, reading, and behaviour. We are discussing Srimad Bhagavatam every Friday at Sunilmadav Prabhuji's house and every Sunday evening at Thrippadapuram Devotees' houses.

As soon as we have started reading, reciting and meditating on Srimad Bhagavatam all of our life got changed. Maharaj we all know that we are not at all qualified for anything, yet you have chosen us as your disciple. Day by day, I am seeing your mercy Maharaj, I still remember that day I call you, you picked the phone and I told you that I call from Trivandrum the first question you asked me was, "Son everything is ok, do you need any money?" At that time, I was really in trouble and I was not able to express that to you, I thought I will not disturb you Maharaj. From that day onwards my material problems started reducing Maharaj because you ask me to read Srimad Bhagavatam.

Maharaj, I had days in my life where I was not getting proper food, after coming under your shelter things got changed Maharaj, thank you for your unlimited mercy Maharaj. By listening and obeying your words through Devakinandan prabhuji, I have started progressing in my material and spiritual life. Withing a year now my employer promoted me from project manager to program manager and from there to Head of Production. I clearly understand Maharaj I am not qualified for any of these, but because of your causeless mercy, I am getting all this material opulence. Before these changes, I was thinking, how I am going to contribute to the Trivandrum temple construction, now with your mercy, I am getting additional Lakshmi which I can contribute to the temple construction. Thank you Maharaj for your causeless mercy.

With your mercy this year August, His Grace Kalachakra prabhuji came to Thrippadapuram for three days Srimad Bhagavatam class, that change our view to study Bhagavatam. Before this program Maharaj I was just reading Srimad Bhagavatam, after Prabhuji's three days of class we learnt how to see Krishna in every page of Srimad Bhagavatham, how to enjoy Bhagavatam, how to see technically each word in Bhagavatham, I have started thinking why Srila Prabhupad

used particular words in Srimad Bhagavatam. Now we are enjoying a lot when we read Bhagavatam and discussing Srila Prabhupada Purport. Thank you so much, Maharaj, for your special mercy by providing Kalachakra prabhuji's three days of Srimad Bhagavatam.

Maharaj whenever we had issues or problems within the congregation, Vaishnavseva Prabhuji is coming here and giving us a solution through Srimad Bhagavatam by the instruction of Devakinandan Prabhuji, like you always say, we want everyone and we should always keep a loving relationship with everyone. I was always missing your physical presence but Maharaj, but Maharaj with Devakinandan prabhuji we are safe and secure in our Devotional life, with Kalachakra Prabhuji we are enjoying Srimad Bhagavatam every day and with Vaishnavseva prabhuji we are learning how to solve our problem in our life through Bhagavatam way. Whenever I call Devaki Prabhuji, Kalacakra Prabhuji and Vaishnav Seva prabhuji I really feel you Maharaj. Thank you so much Maharaj for proving such a wonderful Bhagavathas in my life.

Thank you, Maharaj for blessing us to proceed with my married life, Swathy is really helping me in all my devotional activities, with her help I am able to provide prasadam to my family. Daily we recite Srimad Bhagavatam. She is always reminding me about my daily chanting rounds and offering seva to Rukmini Dwarakadheesh Ji. Thank you Maharaj for providing me a devotee's support in my grahastasrama.

Dear Guru Gurudev please bless me to practice the below sloka in my life so that I can serve you better and to learn to deal properly with all living beings.

SB 11:3:23

*sarvato manaso 'saṅgam / ādau saṅgaṁ ca sādhuṣu
dayāṁ maitrīṁ praśrayaṁ ca / bhūteṣv addhā yathocitam*

A sincere disciple should learn to dissociate the mind from everything material and positively cultivate association with his spiritual master and other saintly devotees. He should be merciful to those in an inferior position to him, cultivate friendship with those on an equal level and meekly serve those in a higher spiritual position. Thus he should learn to deal properly with all living beings.

Thank you so much, Guru Maharaj, for all the opportunity in my life to learn Srimad Bhagavatam and implement the learning of Bhagavatham in my life.

All ways your loving Disciple,
Sudarsan Chakra das
Trivandrum

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--Sunil Madhav das

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മഹാരാജിന് സാഷ്ട്ടങ്ങ പ്രണാമങ്ങൾ

മഹർജിനെ എന്റെ ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ നൂറാമത് ജന്മദിന ആശംസകൾ.

മഹാരാജിന്റെ കാരൂണ്യത്താൽ ഭാഗവതം ക്ലാസും സൺഡേ പ്രോഗ്രാമും ഉത്സാഹമായി തന്നെ മുന്നോട്ട് പോകുന്നു. എപ്പോഴും മഹാരാജിന്റെ കാരൂണ്യത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

എന് സന്മേഹപൂർവ്വം സുനിൽമാധവദാസ്

Sri Sri Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai

Please accept my humble obeisance to your lotus feet

Please accept my heartfelt wishes for your 100th Vyasa Puja.

With your mercy Maharaj, the Bhagavatam class and the Sunday program are going forward enthusiastically. I always pray for your mercy Maharaj please bless us.

Lovingly your disciple

Sunil Madhavadas



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--Svayam Prakash Krishna das

என் அன்பான குரு மஹாராஜுக்கு ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா.

மஹராஜ் - உங்களுடைய தாமரை திருவடிகளுக்கு என்னுடைய கோடி நமஸ்காரங்கள். ஸ்ரீ சைதன்ய மஹாபிரபு இந்த உலகில் வீழ்ந்த ஆத்மாக்களை மாயையின் பிடியில் இருந்து காப்பாற்றி ஸ்ரீ கிருஷ்ணரின் தாமரை திருவடிகளில் நித்ய சரணாகதி கொடுக்க தான் தோன்றினார். அது மாதிரி தான் மஹாராஜும் எனக்கு கிருஷ்ணரிடம் நித்ய சரணாகதி கொடுப்பதற்காக இந்த பூமியில் வந்தது, அவரோட பரம காருண்யம். மஹராஜ் மாதிரி ஒருவர் எனக்கு குருவாக கிடைத்ததற்கு என்னோட கோடி கோடி ஜென்மங்களோட புண்ணியம். மஹராஜ் நான் உங்கள் திருவடிகளுக்கு சேவை செய்து கொண்டு இருக்கிறேன். ஆனால் அதிலும் நிறைய தப்புகளும் அபராதங்களும் தெரிஞ்சும் தெரியாமயும் வருது. எல்லாமே மஹாராஜோட கருணையால் சரி பண்ணி கொடுத்து சுத்தமான கிருஷ்ண பிரேமை எனக்கு கொடுக்கணும் என்று கேட்டு கொள்கிறேன்.

அன்பான மஹராஜ் எவ்வளோ ஜென்மங்கள் எடுத்தாலும் மஹாராஜோட திருவடி சேவை செய்யறதுக்கு எனக்கு வாய்ப்பு கிடைக்கணும் என்று கேட்டு கொள்கிறேன். அன்பான மஹராஜுக்கு இனிய பிறந்த நாள். என்னோட மனசிலும், வார்த்தையிலும், கிருஷ்ணரோட சேவைகளிலும் மஹாராஜோட கருணையான உபதேசங்கள் இருக்கணும் என்று மனமார வேண்டிக்கிறேன். என்னோட குரு மஹாராஜுக்கு வ்யாஸ பூஜை பரிசாக இதை சமர்ப்பிக்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

1 மஹராஜ் கொடுத்த உபதேசங்களை பின்பற்றுவது,
2 பாகவதம் இன்னும் நல்லா படிப்பது,
3 மஹாராஜுக்கும் ஸ்ரீ கிருஷ்ணருக்கும் மனசாலும் உடம்பாலும் சேவை செய்ய விரும்புகிறேன்.

என் அன்பான குரு மஹாராஜுக்கு என்னுடைய நமஸ்காரம். ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா.

Hare Krishna my dear Guru Maharaj,

I offer my crores of obeisances unto the lotus feet of Maharaj. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared to liberate the fallen souls from the world of maya and to deliver them eternal shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Krishna. Like that Maharaj has appeared in this world to give me eternal shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Krishna. It's only because of crores and crores of births pious acts, I could get Your grace as my spiritual master. Maharaj I am trying to serve your lotus feet. But knowingly or unknowingly I am committing some mistakes or offences in that process. I pray to you Maharaj to correct so that O get pure love for Krishna.

Dear Maharaj - No matter how many births I take, I pray that you give the chance to be always engaged in the service of your lotus feet. Happy Birthday to dear Maharaj. ☐☐ My heartfelt prayers unto you Maharaj that may your merciful instructions always be in my mind, words and whatever service I do for Krishna. As a Vyasa puja gift for my beloved spiritual master I would like to offer the following.

- 1) To follow the instruction of Maharaj
- 2) To study Bhagavatam more sincerely
- 3) To serve Maharaj and Sri Krishna using my body and mind.

Dandavat pranams to my dear Guru Maharaj. Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Svayam Prakash Krishna das.



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--Swathy Sudarshan Chakra das

Hare Krishna Maharaj
Wishing wholehearted birthday wishes Maharaj.
Please accept my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet

After the last Vyasa Puja in December 2018 we (me and Sudarshan Chakra das) were eagerly waiting to come again back to Rajkot and Dwaraka. With Bhagavan's and your blessings we again got the opportunity to come to Rajkot on April 2019 for our temple inauguration. It was really wonderful experience - seeing such a big and beautiful temple, meeting a lot of devotees from different part of the world, engaged in devotional services.....

All devotees were engaged in one or the other devotional services. I was engaged in prasadam making service. I really enjoyed that. I was not able to understand the language (Gujarati), so they showed me what to do. I just followed them. They corrected me when I was wrong. I was really happy in this service. Thank you, Maharaj, for giving me this opportunity. There was also one incident that hurted me a lot. I know nothing will happen without Krishna's will, so that's ok :) :). After reaching back we got another opportunity to engage in Bhagavan's service, Trivandrum Jagannath Ratha Yatra. We were engaged in decorating Jagannath's ratham and in book distribution. It was our 1st wedding anniversary on 29th April, we celebrated it by keeping a photo of Rukmini-Dwarakadhish in the alter as instructed by Devaki Prabhu and started offering. We also got blessings directly from Vaishnav Seva Prabhu and Mathaji as they were there in Trivandrum. Now we offer fruits and nuts. Hope one day with your all blessings we will have prasadam all the time.

From May we started to have Bhagavad Gita classes taken by different devotees on Sunday and Bhagavatam classes on Friday in Tripadapuram. On August we had a wonderful three days' class by Kalacakra Prabhu, as there were long discussions he was not able to complete the whole session. He has promised to continue this session itself next time :). On September we all were happy as we laid the foundation as the first step for building our Trivandrum temple. We hope that with Bhagavan's, yours and all other devotee's blessings we will be able to complete the construction within one or two years of time.

Lastly this year we had Damodara Ratha Yatra in November, it was a great success. We were able to participate 500+ people in offering lamp to Bhagavan. I'm going to miss the Vyasa Puja this year and I'm also badly missing Dwarakadhish. Praying to reach there as soon as possible with our new devotee :) :) :).

Your Servant,
Swathy Sudarshan Chakra das

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--Swayam Jyothi Krishna das

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-sālākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*prāyeṇālpāyusaḥ sabhya
kalāv asmin yuge janāḥ
mandāḥ sumanda-matayo
manda-bhāgyā hy upadrutāḥ*

"O learned one, in this iron Age of Kali men almost always have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed."

മഹാരാജ് ശ്രീമദ് ഭഗവതത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള ഈ ശ്ലോകം മഹാരാജിന്റെ നൂറ്റിയെട്ട് ശ്ലോകത്തിൽ വെച്ച് എനിക്ക് ഏറ്റവും ഇഷ്ടമുള്ള ശ്ലോകമാണ്. കാരണം ഭഗവൻ ഒരു മനുഷ്യന് വേണ്ടി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

ശ്രീല പ്രഭുപാടിന്റെ കാരൂണ്യം കൊണ്ട് ഹരേ കൃഷ്ണ പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വരുവാനും എനിക്ക് 21.02.2002 പാറശാലയിൽ, എനിക്ക് യോഗ്യത ഇല്ലങ്കിലും അങ്ങയുടെ ശിഷ്യൻ ആകാൻ സാധിച്ചത് മഹാ ഭാഗ്യം ആണ്.

മഹാരാജിന്റെ വാണി ആയ ബിബിസി (ഭഗവത് ഗീത, ഭഗവതം ആൻഡ് ചാൻഡിങ് 16 റൗണ്ട്) ഏറെക്കുറെ അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

ഒരു ആളിയെ ഗുരു എങ്ങനെ ആയിരിക്കണമെന്ന് അങ്ങയുടെ സത് സംഗം കൊണ്ട് മനസിലാക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചു (അങ്ങയുടെ വിനയം, എളിമ, ഭഗവാന്റെ മുന്നിലെ ദണ്ഡ നമസ്കാരം ഇന്നും ഓർമ്മയിൽ ഉണ്ട്) മഹാരാജ് പറഞ്ഞ ഒരു മെയിൻ കാര്യം ഇന്നും ഞാൻ ഓർക്കുന്നു, ഒരു നല്ല വ്യക്തിയുടെ ഗുണം എന്ന് പറയുന്നത് അയാളുടെ പണമിടപാടും പിന്നെ സ്ത്രീകളുമായിട്ടുള്ള ഇടപിടൽ, മറ്റു എന്ത് പോരായിരുകൾ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഈ രണ്ടുകാര്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അയാൾ നല്ല വ്യക്തിയാണ്.

മഹാരാജിന്റെ കാരൂണ്യം കൊണ്ട് രാജ്കോട്ടിലെ ദ്വാരകയിലും വലിയ വേത്രങ്ങൾ വരുകയും അത് സന്ദർശിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.

അങ്ങയുടെ കാരൂണ്യം കൊണ്ട് തിരുവന്തപുരത്തു ജഗന്നാഥ് മന്ദിർ ക്ഷേത്ര നിർമ്മാണത്തിന്റെ പണി തുടങ്ങുവാൻ സാധിച്ചു.

മഹാരാജ് അങ്ങയുടെ കാരൂണ്യം ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാത്രമേ എനിക്കും എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനും ആത്മീയ പുരോഗതിയിലൂടെ ഭഗവൻ കൃഷ്ണനെ മനസിലാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കൂ.

മഹാരാജ് ദയവായി എന്നെയും എന്റെ കുടുംബത്തെയും അനുഗ്രഹിക്കുക,
എന്തെന്നാൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ദിവസവും ഭാഗവതവും ഭഗവത് ഗീതയും ജപവും
ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുമാറാകട്ടെ.

എന്നെയും ശ്രീപാദ ദേവിദാസിയുടെയും ആദി ദേവിനെയും
അന്നന്തരൂപനെയും ഹൃദയം നിറഞ്ഞ നൂറാമത് ജന്മദിനാശംസകൾ

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--Trivikrama krishnadas

Hare Krishna,

All glories to Sri Guru & Gouranga. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sāravate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Please accept my humble obeisance unto the lotus feet dear guru Maharaj.

Happy birthday Gurudev

Guru Maharaj by your mercy I learnt Kunti prayer , Bhishma prayer, chatur sloka bhagavath Gita and bhagavatham. Now just started Suka prayer. (Under the guidance of Anand Sagar prabhu)

Maharaj please bless me to learn more Slokas and translation in Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

Hare Krishna...

Wish you a Krishna consciousness 100th Happy Birthday dear Gurudev...

Your eternal servant
Trivikrama krishnadas
Trivandrum.



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--Vasanthi Devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you on your auspicious vyasa-puja.

In the Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya-lila 22.54, the Supreme Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself broadcasts the glories of His devotees.

sadhu-sanga, sadhu-sanga, sarva-sastre kaya, lava-matra sadhu-sange sarva-siddhi haya.

"The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment's association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success".

A wonderful one-line purport follows this verse to emphasize the electrifying potency of a pure devotee: '*According to astronomical calculations, a lava is one eleventh of a second*'.

SB.1.1.22

"We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of Kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being. "

On this day I beg for a drop of your mercy, that I may somehow maintain some connection, be allowed some shelter, despite my insubordination, my disregard, my lack of trust and faith, the offenses I have made.

You are an ocean of auspicious qualities, receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. I offer my respectful obeisances unto you Guru-maharaja, and beg to remain your aspiring servant and disciple.

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Your Humble Servant

Vasanthi devi dasi

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--Vasudeva Parayana Krishna das & Geetha Vasudevan

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru Maharaj.

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

Maharaj by your limitless mercy me and my wife Geetha got the chance to do Seva to the Lord and devotees. Please give us more bhakthi, please engage us. even with all our worthlessness, in your service by attentively chanting Japa, studying Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and Srila Prabhupada books. Kindly bless us to make your instructions the goal of our life and to realise the value of the spiritual master in this very life.

Your humble servant

Vasudeva Parayana Krishna das & Geetha Vasudevan



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--Vishnu Smaran Krishna das

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cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

**"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my Spiritual Master who has opened my eyes,
blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge."**

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All glories to you on this auspicious day of your 100th Vyasa-puja.

I'm grateful for getting an opportunity to glorify you on this occasion and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for accepting me as your disciple and providing a family who would always there to help me in advancing in the devotional service.

Currently, I'm going through some difficulties in life. Still I'm able to do my sadhana daily only because of your unlimited mercy upon me. Please give me the strength and courage to overcome the hindrances and practice Krishna consciousness and follow the instructions that you have given us. And I'm also thanking Vaishnavas who would always there to support me when I'm in need.

Your servant,
Vishnu Smaran Krishna das



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--Vrindavaneswari Vilasini devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj pranams,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Guru Maharaj.

Hare Krishna Maharaj Happy Birthday and Happy 100th Vyasa puja, many many pranams
Maharaj.

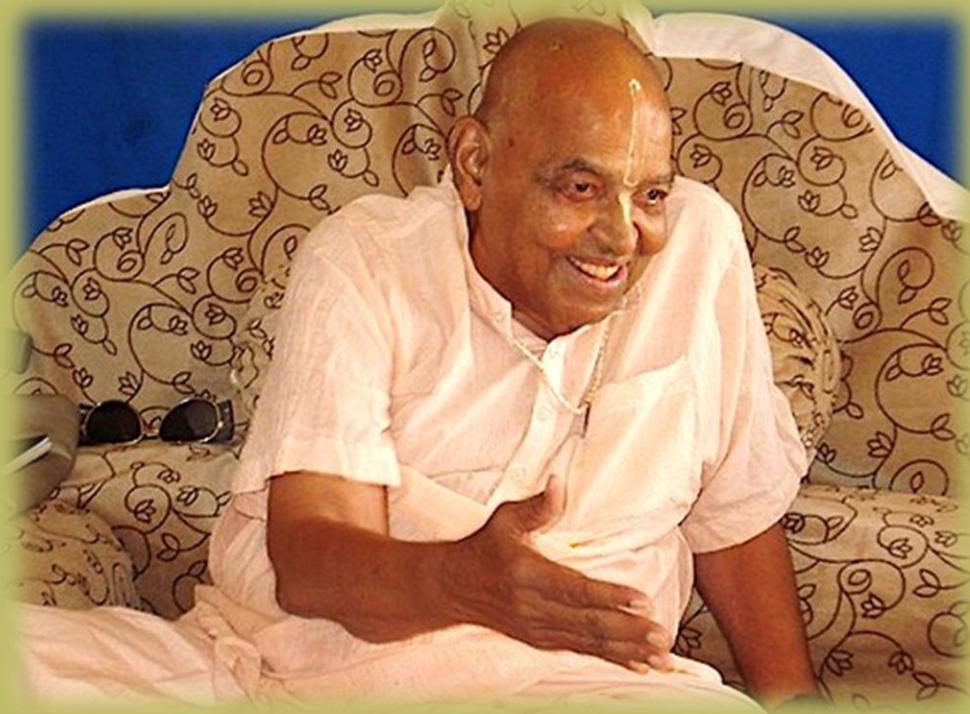
Another Vyasa Puja is coming with full of blessings of love and peace. Everybody is preparing
for the celebration. I hope You give us wisdom and blessings of devotion filled with heart felt
pleasure. Kindly excuse our faults we commit in our daily life as a father forgive his children.
With the hope that you protect me forever by giving much rapture and bliss I conclude my
humble offerings.

Hare Krishna Maharaj dandavat pranam.

Your servant
Vridhaveswari Vilasini devi dasi
Trivandrum



India - Mumbai



“Everybdoy’s got millions of engagements and keep moving around hither and thither – but no time to chant. People should be trained to perform mangala arati at their own homes daily instead o f running around. Movement means pleasing attitude. Temple should have this pleasing mood.”

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--Purnananda Krishna das & Lakshmi devi dasi

শ্রী শ্রী রাধানীল মাধব কি জয়

পরম পূজ্যগুরুদেব, HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, আমি লক্ষ্মীদেবী দাসী, প্রভু পূর্ণআনন্দ কৃষ্ণ দাস, আমার বড় ছেলে প্রবীণ দাস, ছোটো ছেলে রাকেশ দাস, আমরা সবাই জানাই আপনার দিব্যচরনে অনন্তকোটি প্রণাম, গুরু মহারাজ আপনাকে কিছু লেখার মতো জ্ঞান আমার নেই, আমি অজ্ঞানী, এই আপনার মহানতা, আপনার কোমল হৃদয়, আমাদের মতো অধমদের রশ্মিছটা দিয়ে আপনার চরণে স্থান দিয়েছেন। লিখতে মন চায় তাই লিখছি, ভুল ত্রুটি আপনার ক্ষমার দৃষ্টি দিয়ে দেখবেন। গুরু মহারাজ, আবুধাবিতে আমার দীক্ষা হবার এক বছর পর আমি মুম্বাই চলে এসেছি। আপনি আবুধাবিতে অনেকবার যাওয়া আসা করতেন, পরম পূজ্য গুরুদেব আমার মন্দভাগ্য আমি আপনার বেশী দর্শন পাইনি, আমি প্রভু কে বারবার বলতাম গুরু মহারাজের দর্শন আমি পাচ্ছি না, প্রভু একদিন প্রবীণ,রাকেশ আমাদের সবাইকে নিয়ে নাসিক নিয়ে গিয়েছিল, আমার জীবনের স্বর্ণীয় দিন ছিল। আপনার দর্শন, আপনার সাথে বসে একমালা জপ করেছিলাম এখনও আমার চোখে সেই স্মৃতি ভাসে, আসার সময় অনেক গুলো জলের বোতল দিয়ে বলেছিলেন নাও নাও গোদাবরীর জল অনেক ভালো, পূজ্য গুরুদেব আপনি বাচ্চাদের নিয়ে অনেক চিন্তা করতেন, বাচ্চাদের স্কুল ছুটি হলে আপনার কাছে পাঠিয়ে দিতে বলেছিলেন। বলেছিলেন বাচ্চাদের গাড়িতে বসিয়ে দাও সেবারাম নামিয়ে নেবে, গুরু মহারাজ আপনার চিন্তা বাচ্চাদের উপর আশীর্বাদ হয়ে বর্ষণ করছে। গুরু মহারাজ প্রবীণ এখন পূনা মন্দিরের পুরো টাইম সেবাতে আছে আর রাকেশ জপ দেখছে, প্রভু রিটার্ড হয়েছেন, জুহু মন্দিরের সাথে জড়িত আছি। গুরু মহারাজ আপনার আশীর্বাদে রাজকোটে খুব সুন্দর মন্দির হয়েছে, আমরা সবাই মন্দির উদ্বোধনে গিয়েছিলাম, খুব সুন্দর পোগ্রাম হয়েছে, হাজার হাজার দর্শনার্থী এসেছিল, সত্যি এইসব দেখে আপনি আনন্দিত হতেন। সব আপনার কৃপাতে হচ্ছে, গুরু মহারাজ প্রার্থনা করে আপনার দিব্যচরনে আশ্রয় গ্রহণ করে, বিরাম দিলাম।

লক্ষ্মীদেবী দাসী এবং পরিবারের সবাই।

Lakshmi devi dasi and family from Mumbai.

Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav Ki Jay!

Dear beloved Gurudev,

Myself Lakshmi Devi dasi, my Prabhu Purnananda das, my elder son Praveen, and my younger son Rakesh we all pay our millions of obeisances at your transcendental lotus feet. Guru Maharaj, I do not have any knowledge to write anything to glorify you. I am ignorant foolish but by your greatness, by your softness of heart, by the ray of your causeless mercy, you have given us shelter at your transcendental lotus feet.

My mind always wants to glorify your qualities that's why I am writing, kindly forgive us for any mistakes and offences through your merciful glances.

Guru Maharaj after one year of my initiation at Abu Dhabi I came back to Mumbai. You used to come to Abu Dhabi at that time frequently. But I am so unfortunate that I not used to have your darshan. I used to tell repeatedly to my Prabhu that I am not getting darshan of Guru Maharaj. One day my Prabhu took all of us including myself, Praveen & Rakesh to Nashik, that

day was a memorable day of my life, still, I can remember! We had your nice Darshan, chanted one round of Japa with you, still that memory is live to me! When we were returning from Nashik you gave me many water bottles lovingly saying me "take ...take... this is the water of the holy Godavari river...very auspicious!"

Dear Guru Maharaj, you used to think a lot about our kids. You told us that when school vacation starts we should send our kids to Rajkot. Maharaj you also advised that we only need to make them sit in the Train at Mumbai and then Sevaram will receive them at Rajkot...Maharaj, you were so kind!!! Guru Maharaj your concern about our kids is like showering of your mercy and blessings on them.

Guru Maharaj, now Praveen is involved in fulltime service of ISCON Puna Temple, Rakesh is looking for job and my Prabhu retired from his job. We are now connected with ISKCON Juhu temple. Maharaj by the mercy and blessings of you such a nice temple came up in Rajkot. The inauguration of the Rajkot Temple was very grand, great and successful, we all attended the celebration, thousands of devotees came in the inauguration function, seeing all these you might be very happy!!! All these are happening by your mercy only Maharaj.

Guru Maharaj, by praying and taking shelter to your lotus feet we conclude our humble offerings to you.

Yours humble servants,
Purnananda Krishna das, Lakshmi devi dasi & Family



India - Pune



“Be self-satisfied with serious devotional service. We don’t understand because we don’t study at all and completely waste our time hankering for so many things. Why can’t we be atmarama in devotional service?”

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--Neelmadhav Krishna das & Pramila

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavats and pranams.

Wishing you a happy and blessed 100th appearance day.

Maharaj, I am deeply moved by your mercy in giving me your protection and shelter. Even before taking me under your shelter you used to answer my phone calls and speak to me patiently. As I age, my health fluctuates often and it is difficult for me to perform my sadhana. However, I humbly request you to pardon me for the wrongs that I have committed and shower your mercy so that I can perform my sadhana sincerely, as well as follow all your instructions.

I thought that Pramila and I would not be able to come to Rajkot this year to take your darshan and the darshan of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav in their new temple. However, only with your mercy have we been able to gather the courage to book our tickets to Rajkot, and are eagerly waiting to visit Rajkot Dham. We hope that you would be kind enough to allow us to take your darshan, and the darshan of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav.

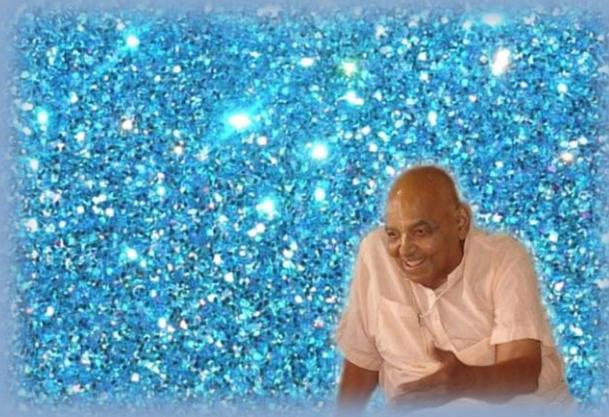
I humbly request and pray at your lotus feet for you to give us the strength and understanding to perform our spiritual duties in the proper way.

Your servants,

Neel Madhav Krishna das & Pramila



India - Lucknow



“There is no need of running away from the responsibilities, but there is a need of waking up don’t run away, but wake up in your own situations. And know that all situaions however good or bad, are temporary by nature.”

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--Haripriya

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. I offer my respects unto your lotus feet. Maharaj on the occasion of your 100th birth anniversary.

*yasyāsti bhaktir bhagavaty akiñcanā
sarvair guṇais tatra samāsate surāḥ
harāv abhaktasya kuto mahad-guṇā
manorathenāsati dhāvato bahiḥ*

"All the demigods and their exalted qualities, such as religion, knowledge and renunciation, become manifest in the body of one who has developed unalloyed devotion for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Vāsudeva. On the other hand, a person devoid of devotional service and engaged in material activities has no good qualities. Even if he is adept at the practice of mystic yoga or the honest endeavor of maintaining his family and relatives, he must be driven by his own mental speculations and must engage in the service of the Lord's external energy. How can there be any good qualities in such a man?"

The purport to this shloka enlists the qualities of a Vaishnava. I feel grateful to Krishna, for providing me with the shelter of the lotus feet of you Maharaj, an embodiment of all these qualities. I am trying hard to inculcate good qualities in me to make my way back to godhead. I have increased, my readings of the Bhagavatam as well as, the assimilation of the good and valuable instructions laid out in its holy verses.

Besides reading the Bhagavatam, I also make sure to complete my sixteen rounds chanting, despite my college timings. I still pray to you to help me in improving the quality and persistence of my Japa, that are the prerequisites for a strong cleansing of this fallen conditioned soul. This shloka in the Bhagavatam (1.1.14) instills in me the urge to never compromise with my chanting.

*āpannaḥ saṁsṛtiṁ ghorāṁ / yan-nāma vivaśo gr̥ṇan
tataḥ sadyo vimucyeta / yad bibheti svayam bhayam*

"Living beings who are entangled in the complicated meshes of birth and death can be freed immediately by even unconsciously chanting the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, which is feared by fear personified."

Though I have not started book distribution as a regular service, I sometimes gift a Bhagavad Gita to interested people and also urge them to utter the Lord's holy name, even though

unconsciously. I, therefore, seek your mercy, to enable me to spread the glories of Lord Krishna, as much as I can.

I am also not quite adept in preaching. I sometimes glorify Krishna in front of other people or make them utter the name of Krishna. Since the last 1 year, however, I have been cultivating 4 girls of my age. Every Sunday we have a Bhagavatam class and 1 round of group chanting. With your and Krishna's blessings, I am elated to receive a quite positive result. I, still, plead of you to help me in spreading your message of Krishna consciousness, more and more.

O Maharaja, I am very grateful to you for your persistent inspiration, from within my heart and also, through the instructions and association of all the great devotees.

O Maharaja, I beg for your causeless mercy. I beg for your forgiveness for all mistakes this insignificant fallen entity has committed so far. I beg your blessings to become a better devotee and advance well in spiritual realization of the Absolute Truth, using my abilities. I willingly desire to engage my mind, body and soul in the service of the Lord and his pure devotees. Maharaja, please provide me the faith and courage to stick to path of bhakti or devotional service, come what may. Kindly provide me with the strength, to avoid the glamour of the Lord's external energy, Maya and, to devote my senses in the service of the lord.

Your eternal lowly servant,
Haripriya(18)



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--Krishnapriya

Hare Krishna

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate maha viṣṇu goswamin iti nāmine*

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prapupada and Srila Gurudev.

I don't remember you properly as I was very small, when I met you. But I get a lot to hear about you from my parents and other senior devotees, I have met so far. By listening to your lectures, I have increased my readings of the Bhagvad Gita. I make sure to read one shloka of Bhagvad Gita daily before going to school. By the reading and shraavan of the Bhagavatam, I have started experiencing a little change in my personality. I am trying my best to gain good qualities, that might prove useful in enhancing my Krishna consciousness. I still want to increase my study of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam. I thus seek your help in achieving the same. I try my best to complete my japa before going to school. If not possible before school, I make sure to complete it throughout the whole day. I still, request you sincerely Maharaj to help me in removing all intricacies and hurdles which, sometimes make it difficult for me to complete my daily rounds. The Supreme Lord advises in Bhagavad-gītā (9.27):

*yat karoṣi yad aśnāsi
yaj juhoṣi dadāsi yat
yat tapasyasi kaunteya
tat kuruṣva mad-arpaṇam*

"O son of Kuntī, all that you do, all that you eat, all that you offer and give away, as well as all austerities that you may perform, should be done as an offering unto Me."

"This is bhakti. Unless one is devoted, he cannot give everything to the Supreme Lord."

(Prabhupada says this in the Purport)

I, thus pray to you to help me in achieving Bhakti as the way describec. Maharaj, I beg of you to maintain your mercy on me .Kindly provide me the spiritual strength ,to overcome my shortcomings and, to pave my way back to Godhead.

Yours eternally ,
Krishnapriya (13)

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--Manya

हरे कृष्ण महाराज ,

मेरा विनम्र दंडवत प्रणाम स्वीकार कीजिये । जय श्रील प्रभुपाद । जय श्रील गुरुदेव ।

मैं लखनऊ पढ़ने के लिए आयी हूँ और एक दिन जगन्नाथ रथयात्रा के दौरान मेरी भेंट संगीता माताजी और उनके दो बेटियों से हुआ। उनकी कृष्णा भक्ति से प्रेरित होके हम हर रविवार को जगन्नाथ मंदिर जाने लगे। वहाँ हम माताजी, प्रभुजी, और हरिप्रिया, कृष्णा प्रिया के साथ एक माला महामंत्र जाप करते हैं। भगवद गीता के एक श्लोक पढ़ते हैं और समझते हैं और उसको अपने जीवन में उतारने की कोशिश करते हैं। इस संग के भक्ति भाव से प्रेरित होकर मैं एकादशी का व्रत भी अब रखती हूँ और हरे कृष्ण महामंत्र का दो माला प्रतिदिन जाप करती हूँ। इस भक्ति भाव से प्रेरित होकर मैं संकल्प लेती हूँ कि मैं हर दिन भगवद गीता का एक श्लोक पढ़ूंगी और उसको समझकर अपने जीवन में उतारने की कोशिश करूंगी और अगर कोई श्लोक समाज में नहीं आता है तो उसे कृष्णाप्रिया और हरिप्रिया से पूछ कर अपना संशय दूर करूंगी।

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आपका सेविका
मनया

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, Maharaj. Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

I came to Lucknow for studies and one day during Jagannath Rathayatra I had the good fortune of meeting Sangeeta Mataji, Prasanna vadan Prabhuji, Haripriya and Krishnapriya. Inspired by their devotion I have started going to Jagannath temple every Sunday. There all of us together chant one round of Mahamantra and then read one shloka from Bhagavad Gita. We try to understand the meaning of shloka and how to apply it in our life. Inspired by their association, I am observing ekadasi vrata and also chanting 2 malas of Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily. Inspired by their devotion, I would like to promise you that daily I will study one shloka of Bhagavad Gita, try to understand it's meaning and see how I can apply it in my life. If I have any doubts, I shall ask Haripriya and Krishnapriya and get it clarified.

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

Your servant,
Manya

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--Prasanna Vadan das and Sangeeta devi dasi

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sāravate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Our Dearest Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, please accept our sashtagna dandawat to you on the auspicious occasion of your appearance day.

Our heart is filled with gratitude for reinforcing your Holiness in our lives through the manifestation of the magnificent and beautiful Rajkot Dhama temple

You are so wonderful that your mercy continues to work wonders even when you are not visible to bare eyes but you can be heard in your instructions. These are ever-present in your recorded transmissions and Smriti (स्मृति) collection made by your disciples.

Just like Krishna you may be unseen by eyes (except to be seen in form of vigraha) but can be heard and thus you are fully present with us (evidence from the Shloka and Purport so endearingly taught by you to us – From the purport of the Bhagavatam-1.6.25 - ***That the Personality of Godhead was not seen but only heard does not make any difference.***

We could observe (with our small intelligence) that despite the grandeur of the temple, your personal presence is experienced everywhere in Rajkot Dham temple and the temple Inauguration was completely in line with principles set by you during Dwarka temple Inauguration (which was directly conducted by you).

Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita that there is nothing in this universe that is not attainable by him and yet he works, He says

- ***O son of Prtha, there is no work prescribed for Me within all the three planetary systems. Nor am I in want of anything, nor have I need to obtain anything—and yet I am engaged in work.***

Similarly you - at a highly advanced age and with glory and credit of Dwarka temple construction behind you, ***you still created the Rajkot Dham project for the benefit of fallen souls and saints alike. In this process you tirelessly strived to serve Prabhupada's mission, completely ignoring your age and your previous achievements.***

From the example set by you – we need to learn to become servants of Guru and Krishna – tirelessly striving irrespective of time, place, circumstance or apparent impediments such as age, financial conditions etc. arranged by Lord's external energy.

With your blessings and the assistance and inspiration of your senior disciples – HG Devakinandan das, HG Purnendu Krishna das and HG Anusuya Mataji – I could witness the Deity installation and participate in Yagyas for new temple Inauguration in Rajkot. We are unable to express our gratitude in words for this mercy by you and these senior disciples.

In addition to the above, your able disciple HG Manohar Krishna das Prabhuji has assisted me in various ways and collaboration with him has been very fruitful in multifarious ways.

The way forward for us

Though- a lot of obstacles on our material and spiritual front are still to be resolved – we have determined that

we will try to serve Prabhupada's mission with greater vigour.

This year the Sadhana and our programs have been somewhat improved in comparison to the previous year. We are hoping and trying that those attending our Nama Hatta quickly make it to the level of initiation.

Area of improvement

We need to become more cognizant of your presence in our life and present your teachings of Bhagavatam in Practice far and wide. Also, we need to bring in our activities the urgency and priority that your mission needs.

Sankalpa for next year: You are an ocean of mercy and love- but now we need to reciprocate to you in whichever insignificant way possible for us.

As we mentioned in the previous year, we are convinced that you will help us being useful to you in your mission and reciprocating to your ocean of love just as the mighty Garuda bird comes to help the little sparrow.

In the next couple of years, we aspire to create a small Bhakta Prahlad school for kids with a small preaching centre. We also plan to re-launch our Seva of Prasad distribution and preaching from this new base.

We wish to take your blessings so that you and Krishna provide resources for building this School and preaching centre.

We also commit to seeking the guidance of senior Vaishnavas of your mission especially, HG Devakinandan Prabhu and HG Vaishnava Seva Prabhuji in addition to our guides for Lucknow yatra.

Please bless us that your lotus feet be our only shelter eternally and we manage to fulfil your mission.

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jay. Prabhupada ki jaya. All glories to Gurudev's appearance day.

From your humble servants eternally,
Prasanna Vadan das and Sangeeta devi dasi

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--Rani

हरे कृष्ण महाराज ,

मेरा विनम्र दंडवत प्रणाम स्वीकार कीजिये । जय श्रील प्रभुपाद । जय श्रील गुरुदेव ।

मैं लखनऊ पढ़ने के लिए आयी हूँ और एक दिन जगन्नाथ रथयात्रा के दौरान मेरी भेंट संगीता माताजी और उनके दो बेटियों से हुआ। उनकी कृष्णा भक्ति से प्रेरित होके हम हर रविवार को जगन्नाथ मंदिर जाने लगे। वहाँ हम माताजी, प्रभुजी और हरिप्रिया, कृष्णा प्रिया के साथ एक माला महामंत्र जाप करते हैं। एक श्लोक पढ़ते हैं और समझते हैं और उसको अपने जीवन में उतारने की कोशिश करते हैं । कृष्ण प्रिया और हरिप्रिया के भक्ति भाव से प्रेरित होके मैं संकल्प लेती हूँ कि मैं हर दिन हरे कृष्ण महामंत्र का एक माला जाप करूंगी।

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हरे राम हरे राम राम राम हरे हरे

आपका सेविका
रानी

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, Maharaj. Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

I came to Lucknow for studies and one day during Jagannath Rathayatra I had the good fortune of meeting Sangeeta Mataji, Prasanna vadan Prabhujji, Haripriya and Krishnapriya. Inspired by their devotion I have started going to Jagannath temple every Sunday. There all of us together chant one round of Mahamantra and then read one shloka. We try to understand the meaning of shloka and how to apply it in our life. Inspired by the devotion of Haripriya and Krishnapriya I would like to promise you that daily I will chant one round of Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily.

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

Your servant
Rani,
Lucknow

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--Ranjana

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, Maharaj. Dandavat pranam. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

I am Ranjana, from Lucknow. Only a few days back, I experienced the fortune of meeting Sangeeta Mataji, Prasanna Vadan Prabhuji, Haripriya and Krishnapriya. I am enclosing my offering unto the feet of Maharaj.

I am currently a follower of ISKCON. I have been doing 16 rounds chanting, since 2016. I have come to Lucknow for preparing for competitive examinations, after completing my schooling. I met Mataji, Prabhuji, Haripriya and Krishnapriya during the Jagannath Rath Yatra. Since then, we have been doing 1 round of group chanting and a Bhagavatam class, every Sunday.

Inspired by Mataji, Prabhuji and their two daughters, I wish to -

- i. Improve the quality of my chanting,
- ii. Wear the Tulasi Mala around my neck, following all the rules and regulations, &
- iii. preach Bhakti to people around me, more and more.

Kindly help me in all my efforts towards the fulfillment of these wishes.

Your servant,
Ranjana.



India -Kurnool



“If we follow all these things, be in association of devotees and hear the Lord’s glories and always see the wonderful form of the ord in the temple, then our mind wil always be fixed on the Lord. In Srimad Bhagavatam, this is called shruta-ikshita ie, seeing by hearing.”

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--Jahnvi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Happy Birthday to you Maharaj.

I learned lot of things this year.

I learned how to put tilak myself.

I learned tulasi aarathi.

I can recite damodharashtakam by seeing.

I remember Krishna when I get little difficulty.

Maharaj when I see your picture I like looking at your feet.

I am learning 12th chapter verses and translations.

Please bless me Maharaj.

Yours loving grand daughter

Jahnvi



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--Savita devi dasi

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Gurudev with your permission, Happy 100th Krishna Conscious appearance day to you Gurudev.

By your permission, I have attended the grand ceremony of temple opening in our Rajkot dham. I was very Happy to see the temple and devotees and I enjoyed the Prasadam packing Seva with sisters.

With your mercy, I learnt 12th chapter of Bhagavad Gita and I am currently learning 9th and 16th chapters. Please forgive me that I am not regular in my chanting.

Mother had taught Samsaradavanala this year and I almost learnt Damodarashtakam this year. Maharaj whenever I think of you when mother says anything about you I remember your beautiful smile which makes all the difficulties run away.

I humbly request you to keep me under your shelter always even though I am not sincere in my devotional service.,

Your loving grand daughter,
Savita devi dasi.



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--Sruta Ikshita Krsna das

Dear Gurudev,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Please accept our humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet Srila Gurudev.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to You on this auspicious day of Your 100th Vyasa Puja.

We wish You a very Happy Appearance Day dear beloved Gurudev

I don't have any qualification to glorify You Gurudev. It is by your causeless mercy making an attempt to Glorify You for my purification.

SB 7.1.4-5

*śrī-rṣir uvāca
sādhu prṣṭam mahārāja / hareś caritam adbhutam
yad bhāgavata-māhātmyam / bhagavad-bhakti-varadhanam
gīyate paramam puṇyam / rṣibhir nāradādibhiḥ
natvā kṛṣṇāya munaye / kathayisyē hareḥ kathām*

"The great sage Śukadeva Gosvāmī said: My dear King, you have put before me an excellent question. Discourses concerning the activities of the Lord, in which the glories of His devotees are also found, are extremely pleasing to devotees. Such wonderful topics always counteract the miseries of the materialistic way of life. Therefore, great sages like Nārada always speak upon Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam because it gives one the facility to hear and chant about the wonderful activities of the Lord. Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrīla Vyāsadeva and then begin describing topics concerning the activities of Lord Hari."

Gurudev, as mentioned here in translation – Therefore great sages like Narada always speak upon Srimad-Bhagavatam because it gives one the facility to hear and chant about the wonderful activities of the Lord.

Gurudev, this is what You have done exactly throughout Your life and nothing else. Gurudev You practiced and shown everyone that the only occupation we have is to study Bhagavatam. You encouraged everyone to do the same.

Read Bhagavatam, Write Notes on Bhagavatam and Speak on Bhagavatam.

You always mentioned



Bhagavatam should be in one hand and duster in the other hand. Study of Bhagavatam and Service should go in parallel.

To Bury our heads in Bhagavatam.

Reading Bhagavatam, we are actually touching Krishna, because these verses are non-different from Krishna."

Steal time to take shelter of scriptures

Just touch Srimad Bhagavatam. That also has a purifying effect. At least carry the book with you always. This touch also has a magical impact.

Gurudev, some years back I got an opportunity to scan few of Your dairies. Found so many verses written along with Translation and Purport and Realizations.

The world glorifies You Srila Gurudev for Your intense love towards Srimad Bhagavatam. Jay Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Gurudev, In terms of our updates on the sadhana we are doing,

By Your blessing Savita and Jahnavi are learning verses and translations. They help us in Deity worship seva. Gurudev, the Sunday Bhagavatam discussions with our Godsiblings are very enlightening and so pleasing to hear the glorification of your divine grace. We are nowhere even one percent surrendered as they are. Hearing your instructions in the association of your sincere and loving disciples makes me also come one step ahead in my devotional service and put my sincerest efforts to serve you. Gurudev, your causeless mercy flowing through the pearls of wisdom everyday by HG Sriramchandra prabhu in our Gurudev Amrtavani group is benefitting and enlightening many of my friends and family. I have got a little break in my transcription seva because of my materially entangled things. Please I humbly request you to help me cut those entanglements.

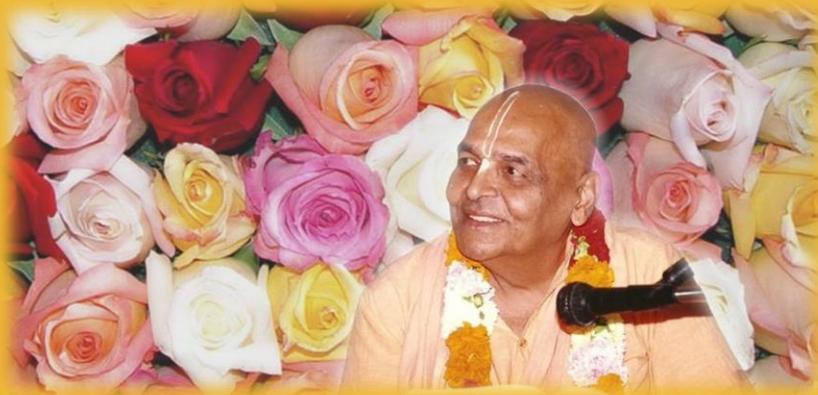
Gurudev, some questions asked by your grand disciples Savita and Jahnavi even though looks silly for me are very nicely and well answered by HG Sudarshana mataji. Gurudev you are always there for this insignificant soul at all the times protecting and guiding us in the right path. On this gracious occasion of your centenary appearance day we humbly show our heartfelt gratitude for accepting all of us even though I am not a worthy disciple and please please shower your causeless mercy and please guide me by all means to fully surrender to You in this lifetime itself.

Gurudev, As a Kind Father, Please bless us so that we improve in our Devotional Service day by day.

Jay Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki Jay.

Your unworthy servant,
Sruta Ikshita Krsna das
Srilakshmi devi dasi

India - Jammu



“So these places are the gift of Srila Prabhupada and we are eternally indebted to him. By giving these practical methods, Prabhupada has completely purified millions of generations to come. These commentaries and purports of Srila Prabhupada are here to stay for at least 10000 years and I would request you to come to these places and make your life successful.”

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--Nandapriya devi dasi

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Vaishnava devotee HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj very dear devotee of the Lord. He is just like desire tree and can fulfill the desires of everyone, and He is full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

Hare Krishna My dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you O' glorious Vaishnava Acarya!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

It's an auspicious day for all of us, the day you chose to descend on this material world only to shower your mercy and show your compassion to the fallen soul in the mood of Vasudeva dutta and to deliver them from the ocean of material pangs. Appearance day of Vaishnava is very auspicious and we should take the opportunity to submit our humble offerings so have their mercy divine, what power do I have to glorify you, your glories know no bound. But out of my ignorance and un-mitigating pride, I do so anyway, thinking myself so qualified. Please do accept my humble offering at your lotus feet.

I was somehow in touch with your teachings from the very initial stage of my Krishna Consciousness year 2012, don't know how but I used to receive some emails in which some portion of your transcribed lecture I used to receive from devotees via Google group. And I really liked them a lot, as they always pierced my heart deeply. I never saw a single Picture of yours but desire remained in my heart that one day I will meet you and have your *darshan* and *sanga*, not knowing that you have already finished your pastimes here in this material world and went back to Godhead. My great misfortune.

Recently this year by Krishna's arrangement got in touch with your two wonderful disciples HG Sumedha Krishna Prabhu and HG Vinayasheel Mataji. It is said disciples are the separated part of the Guru like the expansions of the Guru. So Gurudev is present through his disciples and it's true I am associating with you through your disciples and only through them and seeing them I can get some glimpse of the seed of bhakti you have sowed in many souls who got your shelter. Truly representing Krishna Consciousness as taught by Srila Prabhupada. You are a true Prabhupadanuga Maharaj.

I received your book **Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice Vol 2** as a gift from them. That was through the book and through mataji, I got to know more about your glories. I must say I have never read a book like this fully realized, as am fond of reading books by Vaishnavas, their realizations but this one was fully realised and practical. I got so much of peace from within as o keep reading this and many of my own questions I got answer to them. And I remember it was just 2 days I started reading this book, and one day while doing Mangla aarti I Suddenly started crying and intense hankering for your sanga in my heart arose, feeling of separation

was there and I started lamenting alas what a misfortune of mine I never got to meet you such a realized Vaishnava, and I started praying to you, and I realised you are my Shiksha guru because it's by your teachings I have now started digging deep into my heart looking for my spiritual practices to get more intense. Be always be there for me to guide, and may the taste for Srimad Bhagavatam as you had may I also develop and realise it.

Maharaj, it is said Vaishnava don't have to do anything externally to attract people but their behaviour becomes their glory and that's what attracts this humble soul to you. By your actions and dealings, you have attracted many souls to Krishna consciousness expertly and many came under your shelter seeking guidance. I am also one of many. Though you are not present physically but by your teachings, you are always there and really a great solace I found in your sanga through your books that your disciples have kindly worked on and brought it out for the benefit of struggling souls like me. As an humble service to your lotus feet I am trying to distribute your books, your teachings and instructions that are so practical and realized that they truly carry the potency to transform anyone. As I have heard the glorification in the Vedas and Puranas, which proclaim that each one of Mahaprabhu's devotees has the Shakti to deliver an entire universe. No doubt I can say by your realizations and instructions.

At such an advanced age, without paying much attention to your body, you worked hard for the deliverance of souls in the material world. Your pastime in the hospital where despite struggling with your bodily diseases you went for a program, and very enthusiastically spoke Srimad Bhagavatam for many hours, these are not the ordinary course of action, these are evident that you are a great acarya, paramahansa Mahabhagavat Vaishnava.

Your instruction that We must have someplace to assemble. And there is nothing wrong in it. Don't think that the temple is there, why should we assemble on another side. That is not needed. Temple is temple. Programs are going on there, but we have our own ashramas. Whenever Vyasa Bhagavan wanted to write, he also had Samyapras Ashram. So we need to have some preaching centres wherein you may organize some nice library or develop devotional activities. Please try to find out something. This is again the sign of maturity. I really took this to my heart, and hopefully by your and Krsna's desire would be able to implement it fully.

And another thing that you said was - If you neglect the pages of Bhagavatam, then pages of Bhagavatam will neglect you. If you neglect your chanting, then chanting will neglect you. It is not the fault of chanting or Bhagavatam. It is that you are lacking attention. So chastity in devotional service is the key for Srimad Bhagavatam and once we have chastity, then there is automatically attention and when there is attention, attraction follows.

I have implemented it and its really helping me a lot . Thank you so much, Maharaj, may your mercy and blessings be always there on me, **you are like a fresh new spring that comes around, the fragrance of your soul you left behind.**

Without the association of advanced devotees and hearing from them about Krishna and His pastimes, the various illusions that pain the heart of the inquisitive devotee will not leave Him. He will fail to achieve love of Krishna. I realised this and grateful to Krishna that I got your sanga through your vani.

I always pray,

My dear Lord, I want to associate with the devotees because when they talk about You, the love which they have in the core of their hearts come out through their mouths. I seek the blessings to Have millions of ears in the presence of millions of Your devotees. So that I may simply listen to them and imbibe their love

Your glories has no bound Maharaj you are the loving embodiment of Srimad Bhagavatam, as Srimad Bhagavatam is Amalapuram, like that your teachings are spotless straight from Srimad Bhagavatam . *A Vaishnava exists eternally packed up with the Lord in transcendental sound vibration.* For 9 years you were like that engrossed in study Srimad Bhagavatam and hari katha and then came out fully realized to deliver all the fallen souls. ***You can award the perfection of all desires, including freedom from death, and even that rarest treasure not found in this world – prema!***

Even though I am dumb and unable to express your greatness, still my heart is joyful due to my great good fortune (that the Vaisnavas have accepted me as their own and Sri Gurudeva has given me harinama full of blissful pastimes). Forgive the faults of this fallen soul and make me your servant.

Your unworthy servant,

Nandapriya devi dasi

(Disciple of HG Sriman Sankarshan das Adhikari)



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--Sumedh Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Koti Koti Dandavat Pranams to you

This year was a year of many ups and downs. It's only by your mercy that i could sail through them smoothly. Maharaj, My Father was not in good condition this year as he had lost both his kidneys in Nov 18. He was on dialysis twice a week. By your mercy and mere instructions, I got the encouragement to serve my father to the fullest. In the start of this year, I lost my Buaji also who was a very noble soul and helped my parents throughout her life. After a month I got my knee operated for muscle tear and I was given 4 weeks of rest. But in the midst, Pulwama attack in Srinagar happened followed by Balakot strike in Pakistan so I had to join immediately. As my knee was still recovering, we were detailed for a 2 months Army exercise post-attack. The condition of my father went from worse to severe and critical. On 15th June 2019, he got 2 cardiac arrests and was no more. I was in dark not knowing what to do, but your instructions gave me the strength to take over all the responsibilities. After a month Vinayasheel had an infection on her feet and she couldn't move for 3 months from the bed. She follows you blindly Maharaj. I kept on telling her to take allopathy medicines but she refused and suffered for 3 months and recovered by Ayurvedic medicine only (as per your instructions). By your mercy, we planned to go to Vrindavan and could actually feel Krishna's pastimes of various places like Gokul, Mathura, Rawal and Vrindavan.

I am very sure that no turbulence in life can shake your disciple. We keep reading your diaries and lectures whenever possible. A human being without discipline is like flower without fragrance Maharaj. And I am really grateful to you for bringing discipline in our life through timely mangal arati and daily reading habit. For the first time, I have been able to complete Bhagavadgita reading. I have now started reading Srimad Bhagavatam, Kindly bless me to understand the same. Once again thank you so much for making us part of your family.

Maharaj, this year Vinayasheel started "This day that year" seva in Amrtvani group and she regularly posts old mails from granthraj so they remain in memories of all the disciples. She has been doing it in the midst of internet connection being banned in J & K. She is using whatever least bandwidth she gets to post this service. It is my humble prayer at your lotus feet to keep our family under your umbrella of instructions and blessings. We have given Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice Vol 2 to BBT Vrindavan and a shop in Vrindavan. Maharaj please show your mercy and bless the book so that it reaches as many people possible around the world. We have also kept it for sale on Amazon. If you shower your mercy on book, we wish to spread your teachings everywhere, where people are suffering due to enormous responsibilities on their shoulder. I am sure many devotees will get benefited by this book.

Your servant

Sumedh Krishna das



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--Vinayasheel devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Koti Koti Dandavat Pranams from me and my two kids (Vrinda and Veda)

Vrinda turned 7 this year and Veda turned 4. They are very beautiful souls Maharaj. If you were here, you would have loved to interact with them. Vrinda is a parrot who can instantly repeat and recite and memorise verses from Bhagavadgita and Srimad Bhagavatam. And one thing she does fondly is listening to Bhagavatam stories and tell them in school to her teachers and students around. Her teachers also have grown fond of her stories and inquisitively listen to her Vedic stories and ask her questions too. She is called in various classes throughout the day to speak Bhagavatam stories. This year Vrinda won a Sanskrit recitation competition that was held at an interschool level in KV among 357 children aged above 13 years. Vrinda was 6 and a half, yet she was allowed to participate and she sang entire Bhakti Yoga from Bhagavadgita and won the competition. According to your instructions Maharaj, we have managed to learn entire bhakti yoga and now we are in midway with 15th Chapter. Krishna willing next year Vrinda will offer 15th Chapter on your appearance day.

Veda is one innocent soul that we are blessed to have in the family. She is still learning to speak well and construct entire sentences. And yet she has managed to learn 10 Bhagavadgita verses and all pranam mantras. Veda is born with an inherent interest in Singing and listening to Kirtans and immediately learns all kirtans well. She also composes many poetries and sings them while playing with Gopal and while putting them to sleep. She sings stories in melodious manner which we get to relish every single day. And Maharaj, as it's said that kids pick up some qualities from grandparents too. So Veda has picked up your sense of humour and singing ability while Vrinda has picked up your Sanskrit sloka recitation and Bhagavatam Katha quality. The way you used to make everybody laugh by turning everyone's banana faces into pumpkin faces, similarly Veda makes us laugh all the time.

I had no devotee association since 2010 but now I feel I have the best devotee association at home itself where I keep preaching from morning 5:00 am to Night 8:00 pm in one form or other to Veda and Vrinda. You made me realise Grihast Ashram can be so beautiful if you are patient enough. I don't think I would have ever got such eager listeners for Harikatha for 14 hours in a day if I wouldn't have had these two small Kids. Your instructions have helped me become Krishna consciousness more and more. It is impossible for anyone to be sad and upset and agitated if they follow your instructions as it is. It's like whenever we are faced with some mental health problem we always have a backup plan or you can say a responsive system in place.

Thanks for being our Father Maharaj. We couldn't have asked for anything more in this life. You are the kind of father that every child in this world would like to have. Your wisdom is

unparalleled in this universe. The things that you teach cannot be learnt anywhere else other than being at your lotus feet. Honestly Maharaj, we really don't feel you have gone anywhere. Our every action reminds us of your instructions. Throughout the day, when I teach Kirtan, Slokas, deity worship, or even cook bhoga for Krishna I remember you. I still have the look on your face very much fresh in my mind when I had seen you for the first time in Bhaktivedanta Hospital. I still remember your lotus feet which you allowed me to touch so mercifully even when I belonged to the most abominable body of a woman. Who would do that these days? Nobody will allow a woman to touch their lotus feet. You didn't even question my sudden presence and spoke to me kindly. How can I ever repay this debt? Even while leaving your body you saved 4 souls in this material world. What would me, my prabhu and Vrinda Veda do if you had not been there for us? Who would have taught us all the sanskaras and Family Values? It is only because of you that I started respecting Grihast Ashram so much. All glories to you Maharaj for teaching us how to bring up children and be together all the time. I would have ran away long back immediately after marriage, if your instructions of "being in the marriage no matter what" were not there.

As per your instructions, we also have introduced Kids to deity worship at home and they have their own set of Gaur Nitai and laddoo Gopal with whom they play in free time. They dress them up, put them to sleep while singing to them and also wake them up. They sometimes give mitti, makhan, dahi too to Gopal.

Now the most important realisation of this year Maharaj. As per your instructions Maharaj, Sumedh Prabhu and me, served Sumedh Prabhu's father until his last breath. By your Mercy Maharaj, we got our posting in Jammu this time and we also got the opportunity to serve his father. I saw Sumedh Prabhu working very hard in office, border and at the same time giving time to his father too. His father first lost one kidney then the another until he was on dialysis and later on he got 2 cardiac arrests back to back and he lost his life. All this continued for last 1 and half years. We both poured everything we had to serve him. Right from taking him to hospital and staying there as and when was required. Maharaj, if you wouldn't have been there, I don't think we would have taken so much efforts to serve our parents or I would have taken so much efforts to serve father - in - law. Just because you gave instructions, we followed your instructions blindly. I used the word "blindly" deliberately because I really didn't know then that what happens by serving parents neither do I know now. I haven't gone much into philosophical details on this matter. I have been doing this for 10 years just to please you. And Maharaj if you are pleased by us serving our parents or parents-in-law, then please please bless us and give us Shuddha Bhakta Sanga.

I have copy of your few diaries, Granthraj mails and the best thing I have Maharaj is book **Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice Vol 1 and 2**. This year Volume 2 got published and it is such a wonderful book Maharaj. I read it in 4 days and those 4 days were the most sublime days I had spent in the last 10 years. The book has come out so good Maharaj that I gave it for free to 10 different people in the Army and among devotees in Jammu. They loved this book so much that Maharaj, they are distributing 100 books of Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice in various places. Maharaj, I am so happy that your instructions and your books are going to save 100 more lives and if they have a spouse and 2 kids like us then 400 lives would be saved. All

are going to be happy in Grihastha Ashram and they all are going to come to know about how to live life Bhagavatam Style.

We had been to Vrindavan Maharaj and we managed to give some books in Vrindavan temple. Few devotees from Delhi who already knew you were very happy to receive the book. Thank you, Maharaj, for creating the platform called Granthraj. If Granthraj wasn't there, I wouldn't have got the opportunity to know about you and your instructions, meet you and follow you. And if these 2 books of your grace weren't there then I wouldn't have had the transcendental experience of feeling you sitting right beside me and associating with you for such long hours.

As per your instructions Maharaj, Mangal Aarti is performed daily in the house. When kids were small, Prabhu did his aarti separately and I did separately. Now Veda is bit grown up, so now Me and Prabhu have started again doing Mangal Aarti together and kids join us too. Me and kids, we go to sleep at 8:00pm in the night and then I wake up at 2:00am in the night and finish my chanting. Then I wake up Vrinda and Veda at 5:00am and take her studies for one hour. Then I make them ready for school and we all do Mangal Aarti together. This is how we are following the routine these days. Going ahead when they both learn to get ready on their own, we will manage to prepone mangal aarti timings. In the day, I practice Kirtan on the harmonium for one hour, and study scriptures for 4 hours. I wish you were here Maharaj to witness all these things. I am sure you would have reprimanded me for asking devotee association even when I have 3 devotees at home. I can actually sense you scolding me whenever I come in front of altar and asking for devotee association. I can sense you saying me that "Look you have got a good husband and 2 kids, why are you asking for more?" And then I offer my dandavat to you and come back. So this cycle is going on since 10 years.

Our Efforts would be futile if we don't have your blessings. So kindly bless Vrinda and Veda to make right choices in life so that Bhakti mein Vriddhi ho. Also, bless me and yes keep scolding me. "*Yatha tatha va vidadhato lampato - Matprana nathastu sa eva na para*". You can do whatever you wish to with our lives and we promise to follow your instructions and lead a life that will please you. Our only goal of life is to please you. If tolerance, Patience, kindness and compassion makes you happy then we are going to do the same. If doing Krishna Bhakti "yena kena prakaarena" pleases you then we will do it without questioning. You have all the right being father to make decisions for us and we will follow you blindly. I promise you Maharaj, I will give my 200% and follow your instructions.

Yours servant eternally
Vinayasheel devi dasi



India - Newzealand



“If we are attached till the end of life, your death will be very horrible, because we don’t want to die and we have to die. The struggle goes on.”

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--Ambarisa das

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*Jai Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu Nityananda
Sri Adavaita Gadadhar Srivas adi Gaura bhaktavrinda.*

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Centennial Vyasa Puja 2019 Mahotsava ki jai!

Srila Gurudeva, one more year has passed since the departure of Srila Gurudeva from our vision from this mortal world. And we have one more year of intense realisations, as to how a Pure Devotee of Kṛṣṇa never leaves His dependents. In fact, a Pure Devotee of the Lord is always with His sincere follower/s who are completely dependent on Him for their existence and well being. Every year we experience Srila Gurudeva's protection and this year was no exception. In fact, this year we felt the protection so intensely that it leaves us with no doubt that whatever has to happen in our lives, has first to be sanctioned by Srila Gurudeva and our Dear Lordships Sri Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa are only too happy to bestow Their mercy on us, although, I have to acknowledge that I am certainly the most unqualified soul in Their creation. My only qualification is that I have received the extreme causeless mercy of Srila Gurudeva and nothing else.

Guru-Maharaj makes us happy each year when we see that whatever we had planned in our preaching endeavours at the start of the year bears fruits and we see some degree of success. Maharaj blesses this success of the outreach plans so that we can carry on with our activities and in turn it helps us to realise Maharaj's instruction regarding preaching; "We are preaching to help ourselves, not others, if others are benefited then that is well and good". Our secret of success lies in only making sure that with our every breath we pray the prayer of total surrender unto the Divine Lotus Feet of Srila Gurudeva.

Just as Lord Krishna has promised in His Bhagavad Gita that He carry's what His devotees lack and preserve what they have. Similarly, Srila Gurudeva being a true transparent representative

of Lord Sri Krishna have demonstrated this assurance of the Lord in our lives. Bhagavad Gita 9.22:

*ananyāś cintayanto mām / ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣām nityābhīyuktānām / yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham*

"But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form – to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have."

Normally, people are accustomed to worshipping and singing the glories of the Lord for their purification and enhancing their Bhakti. But those who understand the real purpose of glorifying the Lord, they glorify the Lord because it enhances the glories of His True Devotees. Kapila Muni instructs in the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.28.18:

*kīrtanya-tīrtha-yaśasaṁ / puṇya-śloka-yaśaskaram
dhyāyed devaṁ samagrāṅgaṁ / yāvan na cyavate manaḥ*

"The glory of the Lord is always worth singing, for His glories enhance the glories of His devotees. One should therefore meditate upon the Supreme Personality of Godhead and upon His devotees. One should meditate on the eternal form of the Lord until the mind becomes fixed."

Therefore, Srila Gurudeva on this very special day which has a very special significance to the world, please bless me so that from now on I can glorify the Lord with the stated translation and meaning. This would be my perfection of life in the service to Srila Gurudeva and Sri Krishna.

Srila Gurudeva has in true sense followed in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada and before, of the six Goswamis of Vrindavana who left all material comforts on the instructions of Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, who Himself left home and all material pleasures to accept sannyasa order of life just to elevate all living beings to the exalted stage of Krishna Bhakti. Srila Gurudeva accepted the sannyasa order of life and took all the troubles of the world just to save us and bring us under the shelter of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. Srila Gurudeva exemplified the instructions of Srimad Bhagavatam 6.10.8 (Battle Between the Demigods and Vṛtrasura).

*yo 'dhruveṇātmanā nāthā / na dharmam na yaśaḥ pumān
īheta bhūta-dayayā / sa śocyāḥ sthāvarair api*

"O demigods, one who has no compassion for humanity in its suffering and does not sacrifice his impermanent body for the higher causes of religious principles or eternal glory is certainly pitied even by the immovable beings."

In the Purport Srila Prabhupada instructs that, *bhūta-dayayā* (in this verse), *māyā-mrgaṁ dayitayepsitam* in SB 11.5.34 (Concerning Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu) and *dīna-gaṇeśakau karuṇayā* (in Prayers to the Six Goswamis of Vrindavana by Srinivas Acharya) all convey the same sense. These are very significant words for those interested in elevating human society to a proper understanding of life.

We can see how Srila Gurudeva have exemplified this instruction of Srila Prabhupada. Following it in totality by sacrificing one's whole life for the spiritual upliftment of all humanity by giving them Krishna Bhakti. Srila Gurudeva has set an example for the whole world to follow, and especially for us, the followers and disciples of Maharaj.

On this most auspicious occasion my only prayer unto the Divine Lotus Feet of Srila Gurudeva is to become a sincere disciple of Srila Gurudeva and the litmus test of my achieving this prayer comes from Lord Brahma when He accepts and praises His disciple, Kardama Muni by the following words in SB 3.24.12:

brahmovāca
tvayā me 'pacitis tāta / kalpitā nirvyalikataḥ
yan me sañjagṛhe vākyam / bhavān mānada mānayan

"Lord Brahmā said: My dear son Kardama, since you have completely accepted my instructions without duplicity, showing them proper respect, you have worshiped me properly. Whatever instructions you took from me you have carried out, and thereby you have honoured me."

Before finishing, I would like to acknowledge that in this year 2019 we saw Srila Gurudeva's Transcendental Dream of the grand ISKCON - Sri Sri Radha Neel-Madhav Temple (Glory of Saurashtra Project) completed and inaugurated. This was possible by the collective efforts of all the sincere surrendered souls of Srila Gurudeva who have dedicated their life savings in fulfilling Srila Gurudeva's Offering to Srila Prabhupada. Especially the service of HG Devakinandan Prabhu and HG Vaishnava Seva Prabhu. My Dandavat Pranams at the Lotus Feet of all the Devotees.

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Srila Gurudeva's Transcendental Vyasa Puja Mahotsava ki jai!

Srila Prabhupada ki jai! Nitai Gaurachandra Premanande. Hari Hari bol!!

Your son,

Ambarisa das



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--Avinash Krishna das

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Hare Krishna Maharaj.

Please accept my dandavat pranams and Happy Vyaspuja.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Gurudeva and all glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet and accept my Birthday greetings. Maharaj, I am eternally grateful and extremely fortunate to be your disciple.

Maharaj, thank you very much for coming in my life and enabling me to understand a little bit about Krishna Consciousness.

I have a very limited qualification and practically no intelligence to be able to write anything as Offering as I am still very materially conditioned. Please ignore my mistakes in the offerings as you always have. Maharaj, I have been writing Offerings to Maharaj and attending Vyaspujas for 12 years, and in those offerings, I have been pretending to be a devotee due to my nature. That is why there is no tangible progress in my realization and change in my behaviour.

Maharaj, I have always felt your mercy and blessings due to my uninterrupted participation in the activities of WECAN Namhatta group here in Auckland. Maharaj I am begging you to continue to shower Your causeless mercy and blessings so that I can utilize rare opportunity to serve You and Srila Prabhupada and spend rest of my life to purify and intensify my devotional service. As Srila Suta Goswami says while answering the questions of sages in S.B. 1.2.7

*vāsudeve bhagavati bhakti-yogaḥ prayojitaḥ
janayaty āśu vairāgyaṁ jñānaṁ ca yad ahaitukam*

"By rendering devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, one immediately acquires causeless knowledge and detachment from the world."

In the purport as below Srila Prabhupada explains full process of using existing occupational life to realise self and acquire full spiritual knowledge. This is the only way for me to keep trying and remain engaged as explained by Srila Prabhupada in the purport as below:

"The principles of knowledge and detachment are two important factors on the path of transcendental realization. The whole spiritual process leads to perfect knowledge of everything material and spiritual, and the results of such perfect knowledge are that one becomes detached from material affection and becomes attached to spiritual activities.

Becoming detached from material things does not mean becoming inert altogether, as men with a poor fund of knowledge think. Naiṣkarma means not undertaking activities that will produce good or bad effects. Negation does not mean negation of the positive. Negation of the nonessentials does not mean negation of the essential. Similarly, detachment from material forms does not mean nullifying the positive form. The bhakticult is meant for realization of the positive form. When the positive form is realized, the negative forms are automatically eliminated. Therefore, with the development of the bhakticult, with the application of positive service to the positive form, one naturally becomes detached from inferior things, and he becomes attached to superior things. Similarly, the bhakti cult, being the super most occupation of the living being, leads him out of material sense enjoyment. That is the sign of a pure devotee. He is not a fool, nor is he engaged in the inferior energies, nor does he have material values. This is not possible by dry reasoning. It actually happens by the grace of the Almighty. In conclusion, one who is a pure devotee has all other good qualities, namely knowledge, detachment, etc., but one who has only knowledge or detachment is not necessarily well acquainted with the principles of the bhakticult. Bhakti is the super most occupation of the human being."

This particular verse is very close to my heart and source of inspiration for my efforts for advancement in Spiritual life.

Maharaj, I would like to offer one more verse as below. This is another critical element important in my devotional life, as I am still engaged in fruitive activities, is being satisfied with in as mentioned in S.B.4.20.9

*yaḥ sva-dharmeṇa mām nityam / nirāśiḥ śraddhayānvitaḥ
bhajate śanakais tasya / mano rājan prasīdati*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Viṣṇu, continued: My dear King Pṛthu, when one situated in his occupational duty engages in My loving service without motive for material gain, he gradually becomes very satisfied within.

In the purport Srila Prabhupada explains "If one works according to the varṇāśrama-dharma system and does not desire fruitive results, he gets satisfaction gradually. Discharging one's occupational duty as a means of rendering devotional service unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the ultimate goal of life. Bhagavad-gītā confirms this as the process of karma-yoga. In other words, we should act only for the satisfaction and service of the Lord; otherwise we will be entangled by the resultant actions."

Maharaj I would keep following the process as mentioned by Srila Prabhupada in his very concise purport for being satisfied.

Maharaj I would also like to offer one more verse which is again very critical for my devotional life. This particular verse S.B.4.21.41 is talking about being grateful as below:

*gunāyanam śīla-dhanam kṛta-jñam
vṛddhāśrayam sarṁvṛṇate 'nu sampadaḥ
prasīdatām brahma-kulam gavām ca
janārdanaḥ sānucaraś ca mahyam.*

"Whoever acquires the brahminical qualifications — whose only wealth is good behaviour, who is grateful, and who takes shelter of experienced persons — gets all the opulence of the world. I therefore wish that the Supreme Personality of Godhead and His associates be pleased with the brāhmaṇa class, with the cows and with me."

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada very nicely writes at the end that "When one actually attains good qualities, becomes grateful for the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and takes shelter of a bona fide spiritual master, he is endowed with all opulence. Such a person is a brāhmaṇa or Vaiṣṇava. Therefore, Prthu Mahārāja invokes the blessings and mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, with His associates, devotees, Vaiṣṇavas, brāhmaṇas and cows."

In the purport Srila Prabhupada is very clearly mentioning that being grateful is very important for our lasting and pure devotional service.

Maharaj please do not give up on me so that I can keep myself engaged in the service of Srila Prabhupada under the guidance of H.G. Ambarisha Prabhu, H.G. Purnpagya Mataji and his loving son H.G. Krishna Samarpan Krishna das as they are holding your flag and giving us lot of time and attention. I do want to remain engaged in glorifying Krishna and his pure devotees to general mass of people.

My promise to you on your Vyas Puja is to continue to acquire more Spiritual knowledge by engaging in devotional service, learning to be satisfied and most importantly being grateful for getting your shelter.

Maharaj I would again like to wish you Happy Vyas Puja.

Your eternal and most fallen servant
Avinash Krishna das



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--Dolly Saini

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cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

All glories to Srila Gurudev.

I am so thankful and grateful to Srila Gurudev for this beautiful opportunity given to me to become part of Krishna Consciousness and progress in my devotional service to serve Srila Prabupada to please Krishna. I feel so fortunate while doing any small service for Krishna. Each service is so beautiful that makes me feel very satisfied. I am trying to improve my devotional service each day but I have so many impurities, which makes my process slow. There are always so many things going around to divert me from my devotional service but I am so glad to see that I always try to come back on my path to improve my bhakti. Everyday I have great enthusiasm, just because of your mercy on me. Thank you Srila Gurudev for your mercy and for coming in this world. I am very thankful to HG Ambarish Prabhu and HG purna prajani mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna das prabhu for engaging us in your service.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai
Srila Gurudev ki jai

Your most fallen servant
Dolly Saini



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--Gitanjali devi dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krshna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate mahavishnu-goswami iti namine
nama om vishnu-padaya krshna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

Param Pujya Guru Maharaj,

On this auspicious day of your 100th Vyaspuja, please accept my most respectful and humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Jagad-Guru, Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you Guru Maharaj. I feel very fortunate to be present in Rajkot today to take blessings of yourself and all my God brothers and sisters.

This year has been a year of spiritual wonders in our life and feels that your mercy is flowing straight through. HG Devaki Nandan Prabhu visited Auckland which gave us so much solace. We are getting HG Vaishnava Seva Prabhu's regular guidance. We are learning Bhakti-Shastri course under the guidance of HG Suhrit Krsna Prabhu and HG Vishnupadi Mataji, Bhagavatam class under the guidance of HG Gopal Krsna Prabhu and Prasanna Lakshmi Mataji. And devotees in Auckland temple are keeping us engaged in various services in the temple. Maharaj I am not at all qualified for all these engagements however because of your mercy all my God brothers, sisters and devotees are giving us shelter. As per text 3 of Sri Isopanisad, we have been given all facilities such as Vedic scriptures, Acaryas like yourself and saintly teachers and if I do not use these facilities for self-realisation, I will be atma-ha.

Maharaj, you always liked us learning new verses in Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita. For your pleasure I would like to recite following verse learnt in Bhagavatam Class.

SB 12.13.18

*śrīmad-bhāgavatam purāṇam amalāṁ yad vaiṣṇavānām priyam
yasmin pāramahāṁsyam ekam amalāṁ jñānaṁ paraṁ gīyate
tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitam naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtam
tac chr̥ṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen narah*

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the spotless Purāṇa. It is most dear to the Vaiṣṇavas because it describes the pure and supreme knowledge of the paramahāṁsas. This Bhāgavatam reveals the means for becoming free from all material work, together with the processes of transcendental knowledge, renunciation and devotion. Anyone who seriously tries to understand Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, who properly hears and chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated.

This verse always reminds me yourself since we all know how much you loved Bhagavatam.

Maharaj, on this auspicious day please bless me that I can become more focus, determine in my devotional service. I can increase the taste in chanting and reading scriptures. I can serve all the Vaishnava's nicely and mustn't misuse the facilities that you have given.

I pray to you that I remain surrendered and dedicated in my service to you and make worthwhile the countless sacrifices you had done for us. Maharaj please forgive me for any offences that I may have committed knowingly or unknowingly towards the lotus feet of any Vaishnava's or any living beings.

Your humble insignificant servant,
Gitanjali devi dasi



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--Gopal Krishna das & Prasannalakshmi devi dasi

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Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your centennial Vyasa puja celebrations.

On this glorious occasion, we are really grateful to you for giving us this opportunity to glorify your unlimited transcendental qualities with our very limited abilities.

Whenever we meditate on your transcendental pastimes on this mortal planet there is one quality that always shines through and immediately draws a big smile on our faces. That is the quality of friendliness.

When I visited Vrindavan in the year 2006, I met a devotee who was serving as a cashier at Krishna Balaram Mandir restaurant. During the conversation he asked me who's disciple I was. When he heard your name, his face lit up and he immediately narrated one incident that happened with him.

It was the time when he was serving at Mumbai, Juhu Temple, when he fell very sick and was unable to come to the temple. That day Maharaj, you happened to be at the temple. When you could not find the devotee at the temple, you enquired about the devotee, only to find out that he was very sick and was recovering in his room in an Apartment nearby.

Maharaj you immediately went to his room and met him. The devotee was astonished by your visit to his room, but could not get up due to his poor health. You sat besides him for quite some time and engaged in very friendly conversations, making him feel better. As you were leaving you gave him some money to take care of his necessities in the difficult days.

He was shocked and mentioned to me that normally devotees and disciples give money to sannyasis, but here was your Guru Maharaj who was giving me money. Though he took it reluctantly he was very thankful to you for your kind gesture and felt that you helped him just as a good friend would do i.e. a friend in need is a friend indeed.

This reminds me of the following shloka in Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 4 Chapter 9 Verse 47:

*yasya prasanno bhagavān / guṇair maitry-ādibhir hariḥ
tasmai namanti bhūtāni / nimnam āpa iva svayam*

In his wonderful translation Srila Prabhupada mentions:

"Unto one who has transcendental qualities due to friendly behavior with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, all living entities offer honor, just as water automatically flows down by nature."

Srila Prabhupada further mentions in his purport that "Since Dhruva Mahārāja was blessed by the Lord, due to his transcendental qualities everyone was bound to offer him all respects and benediction, just as water, by its nature, flows downward. A devotee of the Lord does not demand respect from anyone, but wherever he goes he is honored by everyone throughout the whole world with all respect."

In the same way Maharaj, you were very friendly with everyone, whether disciple or non-disciple, devotees within or outside ISKCON, persons favorable or unfavorable and members of general public. I still remember how like a friend you came down to the level of my father and discussed with him the topics he liked, even though it had nothing to do with Krishna.

It is for this reason you attract all living entities and you continue to be fondly remembered and honored by everyone even till this day.

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for all that you have done and continue to do for our family. And in the same breath we hope we will one day be able to imbibe your mood of friendliness with all living entities.

Your insignificant servants.

Gopalkrishna das, Prasannalakshmi devi dasi



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--Krsna Samarpan Krsna das

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"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."

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*Jai Sri Krsna Caitanya Prabhu Nityananda
Sri Adavaita Gadadhar Srivas adi Gaura bhaktavrinda*

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

*Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!
Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!*

Dear Srila Gurudeva, please forgive me for the offences I will cause while writing this offering at Your lotus feet.

Maharaja, as a young child I used to take the annual trip with my parents to Rajkot to engage in Maharaja's association. We would stay for a few weeks at a time. I remember Maharaja always used to encourage me to sing verses, particularly that of the Sri Bhagavad Gita As It Is seed verses, Chapter 12 and Chapter 15 as well as Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 Chapter 2. Maharaja emphasised the point that, as a young child, it becomes easier to learn. Due to Maharaja's mercy I was able to memorise these verses and sing them for Maharaja, and the ability to learn verses has helped me to this day both materially and spiritually. Back then, I did not realise how fortunate I was to be in the association of my Guru Maharaja, and despite me being young back then, it is still something I deeply regret to have not cherished. I wish I was mature enough to comprehend the importance and magnitude of the association of Maharaja when I could, instead of being more interested in childish activities. This lack of maturity is something I'm still dealing with now Maharaja, and Maharaja knows my flaws very well. Please forgive me Srila Gurudev for my continued immaturity.

Despite these self-inflicted obstacles, I can see that Maharaja is giving me every opportunity to follow the correct path towards taking the shelter at Maharaja's lotus feet. By Maharaja's mercy, my parents were very earnest in me getting initiated by Maharaja, and I am eternally grateful to Maharaja and to them for giving me this opportunity. I will never be qualified to be a disciple of Maharaja but I am so fortunate to have Maharaja's mercy. I find myself in a situation now where every day I understand how lucky I am that Maharaj accepted me, and

certainly I would have ended up questioning my spiritual identity and belonging had Maharaja not bestowed such mercy. Maharaja, according to my imperfect senses and cognitions, was the perfect entity. Someone who was always pure and genuine, unconditionally loving, and the living embodiment of Srimad Bhagavatam in practice. The emphasis and teachings of Maharaja to put Srila Prabhupada's message into an implementable lifestyle is unique and extremely necessary for a fallen soul like me to not become sceptical and uninterested towards the concepts of Krishna consciousness. This is why I am so grateful to be initiated by Maharaja, and it will always mean so much to me.

Maharaja I am about to turn 21 years old now, living in a western country surrounded by karmi friends and activities. I humbly pray to Maharaja to give me the strength to continue on this path of Krishna consciousness, and, as Maharaja used to always say, live a material and spiritually balanced life. As someone who requires a lot of effort to not be consumed by worldly desires, I humbly beg Maharaja to allow me to always remember Maharaja's teachings and mood. Through the Hare Krishna WECAN Namahatta, expertly conducted under the auspice of Maharaja, my parents are leading me on the right path, and so I sincerely pray I have the strength to make full use of this opportunity and mercy.

Maharaja, I really feel that I have not properly conveyed the impact Maharaja continues to have on my life, but Maharaja knows my heart. Please forgive me for my continued offences at Maharaja's lotus feet, and I humbly beg to never forget, and always remain in Maharaja's association.

Jai Srila Gurudev Ki Jai!

Your insignificant disciple,
Krsna Samarpan Krsna das



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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Namrata Patil

Hare Krishna all Prabhujis and Matajis,
Please accept my humble dandavat pranams.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Srila Gurudeva. All Glories to Sri Sri Gauranga.

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
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*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

"I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of Knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisance's unto him."

I am the most fallen person and do not have any qualification to write an offering to His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. I am very grateful to HG Ambarisa prabhu that I have given this opportunity to share my realizations on such an auspicious occasion.

Dear Maharaj

Please kindly accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyas puja. (SB 3.7.36).

*anuvratānām śiṣyāṇām / putrāṇām ca dvijottama
anāpṛṣṭam api brūyur / guravo dīna-vatsalāḥ*

"O best among the brāhmaṇas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge."

Guru Maharaj, I have quoted above verse in glorification of you. We have received all your instructions / spiritual knowledge through HG Ambarisa Prabhu without being asked. Thank you very much to You and HG Ambarisa prabhu for your extreme causeless mercy.

Guru Maharaj, only because of your causeless mercy and kindness unto my family, we have been following the namahatta program which is conducted by HG Ambarisa Prabhu and his family. I am grateful to you for taking us under your divine shelter.

*ye me bhakta-janāḥ pārtha / na me bhaktās ca te janāḥ
mad-bhaktānām ca ye bhaktās / te me bhakta-tamā matāḥ*

"[Lord Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna:] 'Those who are My direct devotees are actually not My devotees, but those who are the devotees of My servant are factually My devotees.'" (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta Madhya 11.28).

Guru Maharaj, I am so fortunate that I am getting an opportunity to serve you through HG Ambarisa Prabhu and his family. I am eternally indebted to HG Ambarisa Prabhu for always keeping us engaged through namahatta programs, all festival services, emails & transcendental mellows, Hare Krishna - WECAN Food Festival, Wednesdays Bhagavad Gita class. He is very kindly training and guiding us to become a good Krishna Conscious devotee.

Guru Maharaj this year I got a service to take a children's Namahatta class under the guidance of HG Ambarisa prabhu. Guru Maharaj when I take the class, I expect from children that they should remember and recite the verses, and same time I realise I am expecting from children to be a good student but how about myself? Am I putting any efforts to be a good student of HG Ambarisa Prabhu? He is tirelessly studying and teaching us. from this, I realised I must do my scripture study sincerely and seriously which will be not only helpful to my devotional service but also to our children. From this, I remember your quote in calendar dated on 14th October.

"Those who read, they do not understand Those who preach only understand."

I will be always grateful to HG Purnaprajna Mataji for engaging me in cooking service. Her invaluable guidance is really helping me to progress on this Krishna conscious path and resolving a lot of our material difficulties as well.

I will always be thankful to HG Ambarisa prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu for everything that they have done to help us progress in our devotional service and allowing and accepting me as one of our Namahatta family members.

I will be always grateful to all the Mataji's for all the love, care and guidance they are providing to my family. They always look after my daughter during Namahatta and festival services so I can get the opportunity to do the service. I am also thankful to all the namahatta devotees for helping us to progress in this path of Krishna Consciousness and I am eternally indebted to you Guru Maharaj for giving me such a precious namahatta family.

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisance's unto him, my spiritual master."

Thus, on this auspicious occasion, I sincerely pray at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev to give me the strength to follow the instructions sincerely and kindly pardon all my offences. I beg for your mercy so that I can always stay with this WECAN-MVG namahatta family and fulfil my responsibility as a family member. Guru Maharaj, please bless our Namahatta family so that

every year we will be able to do more and more services and thus we would be able to please you, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radha Giridhari and purify our soul.

I also beg all the devotees for their forgiveness for all the offences that I have committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Thank you very much for this opportunity.
Your most fallen and unqualified Servant,
Namrata Patil.



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--Nandini Banerjee

Offering for Maharaj

Dear Maharaj,

I first of all offer my humble obeisance's unto you. I would like to thank you for all that you have done for us, from scrutinizingly studying Srimad Bhagavatam and presenting it to us in a practical way, to affectionately guiding us to improve and perfect our devotional service.

*iti guhya-tamaṁ śāstram
idam uktam mayānagha
etad buddhvā buddhimān syāt
kṛta-kṛtyaś ca bhārata*

This is the most confidential part of the Vedic scriptures, O sinless one, and it is disclosed now by Me. Whoever understands this will become wise, and his endeavours will know perfection.

Just like Krishna says in Bhagavat-Gita, chapter 15, text 20, you have given us the ultimate knowledge from which we can obtain Krishna for our own benefit. You have inspired me to chant every day and read Srila Prabhupad's books. Every time I come to Rajkot, I am filled with renewed enthusiasm, seeing everybody sincerely serving you.

There is a picture at our place in Auckland of you holding me in your lap and playing with me when we came to visit you in 2009. Every time I look at the picture, it reminds me of how caring you are towards your disciples. You have never let anyone feel neglected. I am very grateful for the time that you spent with each and every one of your disciples.

It is your 100th Vyasa puja this year and I pray that we are able to serve you better

Your beloved granddaughter,

Nandini

(daughter of Suhrit Krishna das and Vishnupadi Devi dasi)

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--Pradhan Gopika devi dasi

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this glorious occasion of Maharaj's Vyas Puja.

Maharaj, please bless me as I start my grihastha life, getting married next month. New relationships bring new responsibilities and it becomes harder to maintain old relationships. However please bless me so that I may continue to practice my bhakti and raise a Krishna Conscious family.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for all that you have provided me with and please forgive me for any offences I may have committed at the Lotus Feet of Maharaj.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai!

Your most fallen servant,
Pradhan Gopika devi dasi
Sydney



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--Purna Prajna devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
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*Jai Sri Krsna Caitanya Prabhu Nityananda
Sri Adavaita Gadadhar Srivas adi Gaura bhaktavrinda*

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!
Srila Gurudeva's transcendental 100th Vyaspuja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet. In the past few months and over the years, we had the fortune of hearing about Srila Gurudev's glories from different devotees who have met Srila Gurudev. They have shared their experiences and realisations about Srila Gurudev. Some were remembering Srila Gurudev's wisdom and intelligence and instructions on practical implementation of Srimad Bhagavatam in our lives. Some emphasized on the honesty which is rare in this age and some remembered the humbleness and approachable nature. Some realisations were about Srila Gurudev's loving nature and ability to have a conversation with any person on any level. Some remembered how they were given basic advice and some received serious lifesaving instructions. There were many who experienced Srila Gurudev's kindness at heart and compassion for all living beings. Also, very striking is Srila Gurudev's love for Srila Prabhupada and spreading the message of Krishna consciousness. Srila Gurudev always emphasized on going to the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita for finding any solutions to any problems. I am absolutely incapable of listing all the qualities and the list goes on. When I was reflecting upon these qualities, there was one quality that was underlying and common factor which struck me was genuineness. I realised that this was a quality that we should try to cultivate to perfection.

The following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam gives the key to achieving perfection in spiritual life.

Srimad Bhagavatam 4.8.71



*tatrābhiṣiktaḥ prayatas / tām upoṣya vibhāvarīm
samāhitāḥ paryacarad / ṛṣy-ādeśena pūruṣam*

Translation by Srila Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

"Elsewhere, Dhruva Mahārāja, having arrived at Madhuvana, took his bath in the river Yamunā and observed fasting in the night with great care and attention. After that, as advised by the great sage Nārada, he engaged himself in worshiping the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

Purport by Srila Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

The significance of this particular verse is that Dhruva Mahārāja acted exactly according to the advice of his spiritual master, the great sage Nārada. Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī also advises that if we want to be successful in our attempt to go back to Godhead, we must very seriously act according to the instruction of the spiritual master. That is the way of perfection. There need be no anxiety over attaining perfection because if one follows the instruction given by the spiritual master he is sure to attain perfection. Our only concern should be how to execute the order of the spiritual master. A spiritual master is expert in giving special instructions to each of his disciples, and if the disciple executes the order of the spiritual master, that is the way of his perfection.

It is very clear from the above verse that one must act exactly according to the advice of the spiritual master and not change the instruction to suit oneself because in doing so we are only cheating ourselves and restricting the pure causeless mercy to follow. I pray at Srila Gurudev's lotus feet that I perform unmotivated and uninterrupted devotional service as stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.6

*sa vai puṁsām paro dharmo
yato bhaktir adhokṣaje
ahaituky apratihātā
yayātmā suprasīdati*

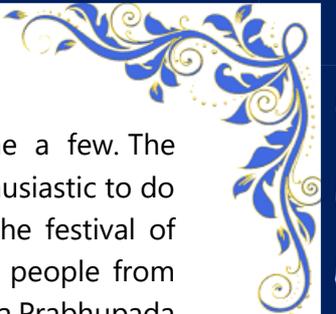
Translation by Srila Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

"The supreme occupation [dharma] for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord. Such devotional service must be unmotivated and uninterrupted to completely satisfy the self."

We consider ourselves to be very fortunate and eternally grateful to have taken shelter at Srila Gurudev's lotus feet.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for giving us shelter and we pray that we can eternally be connected with you by serving your lotus feet in trying to preach Srila Prabhupada's message across the world.

The Wecan Namahatta devotees are very enthusiastic and tirelessly serving Srila Gurudev's Namahatta here in Auckland. They are progressing very nicely and supporting and participating in the various activities like preaching, prasada distribution, book distribution,



home programs, online preaching, temple festivities and decoration to name a few. The Matajis are taking up lots of additional services and yet always smiling and enthusiastic to do more. Even the young children are participating in the preaching activities. The festival of Krishna programs have taken Srila Gurudev's preaching to another level and people from different walks of life, religion, country and beliefs feel the love and shelter of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

His Grace Ambarisa prabhu is keeping us constantly engaged and focussed with new programs and activities in Srila Gurudev's Hare Krishna – WECAN programmes. Krishna Samarpan Krishna prabhu is also taking up more responsibilities.

On this auspicious Vyasa puja day, we pray that we get the opportunity in this life to serve and spread the glories of Krishna and Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada more and more. We are eternally indebted and grateful for allowing us to serve and take shelter at your lotus feet.

Your most fallen daughter
Purnaprajna devi dasi.



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--Sanjeev Saini

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Srila Gurudev. All Glories to Sri Sri Gauranga.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

Srila Gurudev please accept my koti koti pranams unto you. Although I wasn't fortunate enough to get physical darshan of you, but because of your causeless mercy and mercy of HG Ambarisha das prabhu, HG Purna prajna mataji and HG Krishna samarpan Krishna das prabhu I am engaged in devotional service. I have been given shelter of HARE KRISHNA WECAN, in this shelter I feel your presence every moment. My life has changed because of you Maharaj. Because of Your instructions and encouragement from HG Ambarisha Prabhu I have started studying Srimad Bhagavatam. In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.2.3

*yaḥ svānubhāvam akhila-śruti-sāram ekam
adhyātma-dīpam atitīrṣatām tamo 'ndham
saṁsāriṇām karuṇayāha purāṇa-guhyam
taṁ vyāsa-sūnum upayāmi gururṁ munīnām*

"Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto him [Śuka], the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyāsadeva, who, out of his great compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential supplement to the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience."

Maharaj, you showed us Srimad Bhagavatam in practice because you assimilated this knowledge. All I need is to follow your instructions sincerely and study Srimad Bhagavatam daily. Thank you, Maharaj.

Thank you very much for the opportunities.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Srila Gurudev ki jai.

Your most insignificant servant,

Sanjeev Saini

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--Sarva Siddhi devi dasi

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All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Gurudev and All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Sri Gauranga

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Gurudev's lotus feet.

Maharaj, please accept my offering on the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.15.24

*ye 'bhyarthitām api ca no nṛ-gatiṁ prapannā
jñānaṁ ca tattva-viśayaṁ saha-dharmaṁ yatra
nārādhanaṁ bhagavato vitaranty amuṣya
sammohitā vitatayā bata māyayā te*

"Lord Brahmā said: My dear demigods, the human form of life is of such importance that we also desire to have such life, for in the human form one can attain perfect religious truth and knowledge. If one in this human form of life does not understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead and His abode, it is to be understood that he is very much affected by the influence of external nature."

In the purport Srila Prabhupada has explained as follows-

"It is said that the human form is a great boon because it is the most suitable boat for crossing over the nescience ocean. The spiritual master is considered to be the most able captain in that boat, and the information from the scriptures is the favorable wind for floating over the ocean of nescience. The human being who does not take advantage of all these facilities in this life is committing suicide. Therefore one who does not begin Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the human form of life loses his life to the influence of the illusory energy. Brahmā regrets the situation of such a human being."

Human life is very precious, even the very powerful demigods yearn for it. Maharaj, I realised this when I received mercy of Srila Gurudev, otherwise my life is just 'spent' not 'utilised'. Utilising our life in service of Krishna & His devotees is the best way to come out of bad bargain. It is almost impossible to overcome the material energy of Krishna as He says in B.G 7.14

*daivī hy eṣā guṇa-mayī / mama māyā duratyayā
mām eva ye prapadyante / māyām etām taranti te*

"This divine energy of Mine, consisting of the three modes of material nature, is difficult to overcome. But those who have surrendered unto Me can easily cross beyond it."

Srila Gurudev has very mercifully taken charge of the boat of our life & will not let us sink. This is our firm faith.

Maharaj, with my limited capacity I try to do some service but it is like a grain of sand. The deep-rooted lust, anger & laziness doesn't go easily, but with surrender & sincerity I can overcome these defects one day that's my wish.

Maharaj, I feel the time is going very fast and although I try hard but can't do much towards my devotional service.

This year we are having Wednesday online classes which includes serious discussions on Bhagavad Gita verses. All the devotees' realisations are wonderful & very helpful in understanding Bhagavad Gita & how to put into practice. H. G. Ambarish Prabhuji is very mercifully trying to teach us how we can practically implement the teachings of B.G in our life.

If Srila Gurudev thinks I can be of any use please engage me in your service.

I'm very fortunate to have association of H.G. Ambarish Prabhu, H.G. Purnapragna, Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu & other nice devotees in Wecan group. Prabhuji & Mataji very carefully & enthusiastically engage me in the service of Srila Gurudev, for which I'm very thankful to them.

Maharaj please ignore my mistakes as I do not find myself worthy of writing offering to Maharaj. Maharaj please bless me so that I can learn to utilise my human birth in Loving service of Krishna .

Your most fallen servant
Sarva Siddhi devi dasi
Auckland



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--Shital Patil

Hare Krishna Dear Devotees,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Srila Gurudeva. All Glories to Sri Sri Gauranga.

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nama-shreshtham manum api shachi-putram atra svarupam
rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim goshtavatim
radha-kundam giri-varam aho radhika-madhavasham
prapto yasya prathita-kripaya shri-gurum tam nato 'smi

I bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of my spiritual master, by whose causeless mercy I have obtained the supreme holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of Shachimata [Lord Caitanya], the association of Shrla Svarupa Damodara, Rupa Goswami, and his older brother Sanatana Goswami, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrindavana, the divine Radha Kunda and Govardhana Hill, and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Sri Radhika and Madhava [Krishna] in Vrindavana.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Gauranga.

All glories to you Guru-Maharaj on this Most Auspicious day of your Vyas-puja."

First of all, I want to offer my sincere gratitude to HG Ambarisa Prabhu & his family for offering us your divine shelter and guiding us on this path of perfection. I am eternally indebted to both of you. Guru Maharaj, I am feeling very insignificant as I have no qualification to write an offering to such a great and elevated soul like you. So please kindly allow me to do so and forgive my offenses.

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

(CC Madhya 19.151)

"According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service."

We feel very fortunate to receive the association of you through HG Ambarisa Prabhu who has taught us A B C's of devotional service and planted the seed of devotional service in our hearts. Its been almost 10 years since I started attending Hare Krishna - WECAN-MVG programs and we are slowly trying to progress on this path of perfection under the guidance of your instructions.

Guru Maharaj, HG Ambarisa Prabhu and Family have protected our tender creeper of devotional service very nicely all these years and have helped us progress our devotional service. I am eternally thankful to them for training, guiding and protecting us (my family) on this path of Krishna Consciousness.

Guru Maharaj, your firm faith in Srimad Bhagavatam has always inspired us. As per your instructions, HG Ambarisa Prabhu always instructed us to recite, remember and practically implement Bhagavatam scriptures in our lives so that we learn to be satisfied with what we have and focus on our devotional service. This has greatly helped me to eradicate some of my flaws over the years as it is stated in following Verse (SB 1.2.18).

*naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu / nityam bhāgavata-sevayā
bhagavaty uttama-śloke / bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī*

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

Guru Maharaj, You are walking Bhagavatam and I am always inspired by your lectures, books and transcendental mellows which has truly helped to reduce our material engagement and providing impetus to me to study the scriptures and try to realise / implement in our daily lives. We always feel sheltered and feel your presence through your instructions. We have known you through your Vani and your godly qualities can be nicely described by following verse (SB Verse 3.25.21).

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ / suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ / sādavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

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

Now I feel like I am beginning to understand your instruction "Reading between the lines" when we study scriptures. All credit goes to HG Ambarisa Prabhu who is tirelessly working to teach us how to study and implement the scriptures. All the devotees are now presenting very nice realisations in Serious /Intermediate devotee class.

There is lot of emphasis now on implementing the instructions in our daily lives. Currently I am going through some challenging situation and I really don't want this to affect our devotional service in any way. I need to maintain my composure and work on to resolve this in best possible way. I found Bhagavad Gita Verse 2.15 very inspirational in this connection.

*yam hi na vyathayanty ete / puruṣam puruṣarṣabha
sama-duḥkha-sukham dhīram / so 'mṛtatvāya kalpate*

"O best among men Arjuna, the person who is not disturbed by happiness and distress and is steady in both is certainly eligible for liberation."

Guru Maharaj, this is the time for me to use all the spiritual training and remain focused in our devotional service. I am confident that with your blessings and firm conviction in Krishna Consciousness, things will fall in place. The shelter of Hare Krishna – WECAN program is valuable for us and we always want to remain under this shelter.

I realised that I have missed a great opportunity to receive the initiation from you. We really wish we would have come in contact with Hare Krishna – WECAN program bit earlier. However, due to the causeless mercy of HG Ambarisa Prabhu, you have accepted us under your shelter and helping us to progress on this path. Please bless us so that we can able to find our Diksha Guru soon who will allow us to keep doing our services under Hare Krishna – WECAN program and who will also guide us like you to go back to godhead.

All my family members are nicely engaged in Krishna Conscious activities and are slowly progressing on this path. All Credit goes to HG Ambarisa Prabhu and his family and Hare Krishna – WECAN program. They have kept us engaged all the time through their Namahatta programs, Krishna Fest, emails and transcendental mellows, Sankirtan festivals, Prasad distribution / food relief, website updates and all the service opportunities & special programmes.

Guru Maharaj, I beg for your extreme causeless mercy, please give me strength to fight against my material tendencies and help me detach from sense gratificatory activities so that I can able to implement your and Srila Prabhupada's instructions and purify my devotional service.

Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura instructs us, in his famous prayers for the spiritual master, as follows:

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvamś tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master."

Thus, I sincerely pray unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada and all the Acaryas in our disciplic succession for their extreme causeless mercy to help me and my family to become Krishna Conscious and to serve the mission of Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada.

We are eternally indebted and grateful to HG Ambarisa Prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krsna Samarpan Krsna Prabhu for their extreme causeless mercy, for guiding, training and taking care of us and for everything that they have done to help us progress in our devotional service.

I once again express my gratitude to you Guru Maharaj for giving us the shelter of HG Ambarish Prabhu and family and Hare Krishna – WECAN program. Without them, we would have completely wasted our precious human life.

I would also like to thank HG Avinash Prabhu & family, HG Sanjeev Prabhu & Family, HG Anish prabhu & his family and all the nice devotees who are helping us to progress on this path of Krishna Consciousness.

I beg all the devotees for their forgiveness for all the offences that I have committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Thank you very much for all the opportunities!!!

Your most fallen and unqualified Servant.

Shital Patil.



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--Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi

Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupad and all glories unto your lotus feet.

Kemcho Maharaj?

This is my first Vyasa puja offering to you Maharaj, and I felt like greeting you the same way as I greeted you when I was five years old.

Wishing you a very Happy Centennial Birthday Maharaj!! Unfortunately, we won't be able to take Darshan of you and wish you face to face this year. Like every other year. you have been a source of my daily inspiration Maharaj.

Although I've not had much association with you, I feel your gracious presence by my side at all times. At times when I laze around in my room, I can hear you condemning me, and when I look at the photo of you, Maharaj, sitting on a sofa with your eyes pointed downwards, I feel you showing clear signs of disapproval. Immediately the line, "if something's due today, do it now and don't delay" plays in my head and I immediately go take my chanting bag and sit to complete my rounds. Even though I see that picture every day, I never feel so, unless I haven't done something that needs to be done.

One of the few instructions that you gave me was reciting shlokas. And by your mercy I've been able to chant them on a daily basis. You were very kind to me Maharaj, as you said it was okay to recite them just during the weekends, as I had expressed my difficulty to chant them regularly, every day. I also recall how you called out my name, when I walked out of your room in the Bhaktivedanta Hospital and Maharaj, you asked me to memorize the prayers of the unborn child, with the translation. Until then, I had never practised memorizing the translation. I always used to wonder as to why you specified so and I never understood its significance until recently, in Srimad Bhagavatam class, where we read the 18th shloka of the 12th Canto, 13th chapter:

*śrīmad-bhāgavatam purāṇam amalāṁ yad vaiṣṇavānām priyaṁ
yasmin pāramahāṁsyam ekam amalāṁ jñānam param gīyate*

*tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitaṁ naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtaṁ
tac chr̥ṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen naraḥ*

which Srila Prabhupad beautifully translates as,

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the spotless Purāṇa. It is most dear to the Vaiṣṇavas because it describes the pure and supreme knowledge of the paramahaṁsas. This Bhāgavatam reveals the means for becoming free from all material work, together with the processes of transcendental knowledge, renunciation and devotion. Anyone who seriously tries to understand Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, who properly hears and chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated.

I especially liked the word *vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā* which Srila Prabhupada explains as "*one who is serious about understanding (this spotless scripture) with devotion*". This is when I realised that we must understand the shlokas, and not mechanically recite or memorize them. You keep insisting in many lectures to study the shloka along with the transliteration and translation.

*You also an emphasis on singing the shlokas in a very nice manner, as mentioned in the above shloka as **gīyate**. Every time I recite shlokas, I think of you Maharaj, the way you sang shlokas and the way you stretched every line.*

Thank you, Maharaj, for helping me now and then, chastising me when needed, and guiding me in studies, in practical life and devotional service. You're my ever well-wisher.

*Your granddaughter servant,
Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi.*



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--Suhrit Krishna das & Vishnupadi devi dasi

*bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatās / tīrtha-bhūtāḥ svayaṁ vibho
tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni / svāntaḥ-sthena gadābhṛtā*

"My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage." ŚB 1.13.10

Hare Krishna H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Gurudeva,

It is indeed a momentous occasion for all your children to celebrate your centennial Vyas Puja. It is rare for the disciples of a spiritual master to be a part of such a historic event. **You are the personification of a holy place since you always carry Krishna in your heart and constantly give Krishna to others in the form of Srimad Bhagavatam.** You had mentioned that when you give up the confines your body, you will be able to be closer with your children and continue to guide them as long as they are connected to Srimad Bhagavatam.

1. This is special year for all of us and it is a special year of your glories. **The biggest acknowledgement of this being special is the opening of a huge marble temple in front of your bhajan kutir in such a short time with no steady funds nor any efforts at fundraising.** Resources were limited and so was the manpower. However, you took charge and made the impossible possible with precision. Being an architect by profession, I can understand the funds & resources required and amount of work involved in the marble carvings, the trellis work in the windows and the ornamental work in the temple ceiling. This could have only happened with your mercy. In the battle of Kurukshetra, Krishna arranged the war and decided the outcome of the battle but chose to give Arjuna the credit. Just like Krishna, we have realised that you arranged the completion of the temple but chose to give Vaishnavaseva prabhu and Devakinandan prabhu the credit, which they fully deserve as your foremost disciples.

2. We have personally experienced your presence through the flow of your mercy in this special year. I wanted to come to Rajkot for the temple opening in April this year and we booked our tickets with an airline that had very long transits to save some money on the ticket. 3 days before the journey, the airline went bankrupt and closed operations completely, which is unusual for a reputed airline. When the agent called me to convey this, the natural reaction for me was to cancel the trip since it is practically impossible to get tickets in a good airline in such a short notice at a good price. I was feeling extremely dejected lamenting my misfortune. However, you somehow inspired me to react differently and instantly to tell the agent – "I need to be in Rajkot in 3 days – arrange a ticket by whatever means". Although I said this, I did not have much hope. To my utter astonishment, the agent called me in 30 minutes with a flight that had lesser transit times, that would get me to Rajkot earlier than my previous booking and was almost the same price as my previous booking. Impossible to comprehend!! Another

impossible event by material calculation was made possible in our lives. In no time my lamentation and hankering turned into jubilation just as the autumnal rains acts upon pools of muddy water.

In ŚB 2.8.5, it is said

*praviṣṭaḥ karṇa-randhreṇa / svānām bhāva-saroruham
dhunoti śamalam kṛṣṇaḥ / salilasya yathā śarat*

"The sound incarnation of Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Soul [i.e., Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam], enters into the heart of a self-realized devotee, sits on the lotus flower of his loving relationship, and thus cleanses the dust of material association, such as lust, anger and hankering. Thus it acts like autumnal rains upon pools of muddy water."

As the personification of Srimad Bhagavatam, you inspire us to associate with the literary incarnation of the Supreme Lord daily. It helps us react appropriately to all the challenging situations in our life by cleaning (dhunoti) all our material hankerings (samalam) and makes us lovingly depend on Krishna.

3. For god siblings in Auckland, it was momentous year as well. We have been hankering for Devakinandan Prabhu's visit for many years to glorify you and engage our ears (karna) to drink the nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam to please you. Finally, you heard our prayers and arranged for Prabhuji to visit us in Auckland last weekend. It was an amazing experience whereby we realized your presence again through the practical instructions, classes in the temple, Nama Hatta and Bhakti Sastri. All your well wishers and devotees who attended were so inspired by your message through Prabhuji that they wanted him to visit Auckland every year. We pray that you will make suitable arrangements for this to happen

On this momentous occasion, Maharaj, please continue to shower your mercy on us, guide us and enable us to work cooperatively with other god siblings to fulfill your desires in the mission of Srila Prabhupada

Your wayward and struggling servants and children

Suhrit Krishna das, Vishnupadi devi dasi, Nandini, Revant & Kishoriradhika



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--Surya Chandra Krsna das

Nama om Vishnu-padaya krshna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate Mahavishnu-goswami iti namine
Om Vishnu-padaya krshna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine

My Dear and My most beloved Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your
centennial Vyasa Puja celebration.

Its almost ten years before Srila Gurudeva gave me shelter at his lotus feet by giving harinam
initiation. Ten precious years of my human life have gone since then but I could not do any
progress in my spiritual endeavors. I feel very guilty that I could not follow your instructions
sincerely. Your transcendental mellows are like panel beating to my body and soul. In spite of
my such short comings, all my god brothers are so kind to me that they not only guide me
time to time but also engage me and my family in the transcendental services of Srila Gurudeva
and Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, the most happy moments of my life were doing a little service during the opening
ceremony of Maharajis dream project – Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav dham temple. I was very
fortunate to get association of the devotees that time and was very inspired to see their tireless
transcendental services and devotion to Gurudeva.

I am so indebted to HG Devakinandan prabhu and HG Vaishnava seva prabhu for engaging
me in various temple services even though I know I am so unqualified.

I am very grateful to you gurudeva for sending recently HG Devakinandan prabhuji to our
home in Auckland. We felt maharaji came to our home to remind and instruct us on our
responsibilities towards our spiritual master and the Lordship. We were really high in air during
all his wonderful nectarean Bhagavatam classes. Maharaj please !! please !! send HG
Devakinandan prabhuji to New Zealand regularly.

Gurudeva, you always instructed us to be with Bhagavatam and I never followed your
instruction that seriously. Even though I am now fifty eight years old person, I am still taking
baby steps in my spiritual interests. Maharaj, I am reading Srimad Bhagvatam regularly except
during my traveling period and I started feeling the difference.

Recently HG Vaishnavaseva prabhuji asked me to give an evening Bhagavad Gita class on 4th
December at Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav temple. This was a big surprise to me as my initial
mental reaction was that I am not qualified to discuss Bhagavad Gita to the wonderful and
elevated devotees. I expressed my refusal to HG Vaishnavaseva prabhuji humbly but it did not
work. I surrendered at your lotus feet and I prayed to you to give me strength and some little
intelligence so that this unqualified person can discuss verse BG 2.25 to the qualified audience.
Maharaj thank you and Vaishnavaseva prabhuji for giving me this opportunity to study the
scriptures sincerely and scrutinizingly.

I am very grateful to you for giving me an association of so many wonderful devotees in Auckland like Ambarisa prabhu, Gopal Krishna prabhu, Suhrtkrishna das prabhu and Shyam Sundar prabhu who are constantly guiding me in my little efforts in my devotional services and doing those things which would please maharaji the most.

Me and Gitanjali devi dasi cannot express our very sincere gratitude adequately towards the temple management of Iskcon Auckland who always encouraged us in our devotional services. In spite of my so many deficiencies, HG Tilkini mataji who served Maharaji in Fiji is so kind to us by engaging us in various services in the deity kitchen.

I beg for your guidance through your wonderful disciples and through your books and lectures so that I can remain on this glorious devotional path that you and Srila Prabhupada shown us.

Maharaj, I am very eternally grateful to you for accepting this unqualified person as your disciple and giving shelter at your lotus feet. I beg for your forgiveness for not following your instructions and for any offences that I might have committed knowingly or unknowingly towards the devotees or my god siblings.

Your insignificant servant of the servant
Surya Candra Krsna das



Newzealand - Wellington



“Always keep a small book written by Srila Prabhupada in your purse and whenever you get anytime in bus or wherever, please open and go through one paragraph and it will guide you.”

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--Nrtya Gopal Krsna das

Dear Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

*vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca / kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo / vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

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

Due to Your causeless mercy, this year I was fortunate to be able to attend the grand opening of ISKCON Rajkot. I remember how you stayed in the small room at the front of the compound for years as the temple construction was coming up, tolerating minimum facilities, basic prasadam and mosquito bites. This year, we became the recipients of all Your sacrifice and now after the magnificent temple is open, more and more people are also getting the mercy. By visiting the temple, they're able to get the blessings of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav. This is all due to Your causeless mercy. Even at such an advanced age and the many difficulties posed including due to health, You preserved, not giving up for a single moment!

During this year's temple opening, I was also fortunate to be able to associate with all my senior God Brothers and Sisters. Each one of them worked so hard to please You and make the temple opening a grand success. I wish I could have been even slightly as dedicated as they were in serving so nicely. They worked tirelessly, with very little sleep and prasadam before and during the entire opening festival.

Thank you Maharaj for being a perfect example of Lord Krishna's pure devotee. I pray that I may be able to serve You, even for a fraction. As confirmed by Srila Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakura, there is no other way of pleasing the Lord.

*yasya prasadaḥ 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."

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jaya! Hare Krishna.

Your most unworthy disciple and endeavouring servant,
Nrtya Gopal Krsna das

Singapore



“The religious systems started by men are impure, temporary and full of irreligion. We should remember that Srimad Bhagavatam is the root of everything – including all religious systems.”

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--Aradhitah

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Hare Krishna Maharaj

All Glories unto you and Srila Prabhupada.

On this special occasion of your 100th birthday, I convey my heartfelt wishes to you!

Although you are not present physically today, your presence is felt at every step in life. I am forever indebted and grateful to you for keeping me under your shelter. This year, Grade 12, has been really hectic with exams, and college applications. I have tried my best to come for the weekend programmes though, as it is the only respite from the material world we are faced with every day. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it for the wonderful temple opening nor will I be able to come for the centenary Vyasa puja to take your darshan due to exams and school. I know that my duty as a student is to study to the best of my ability and through some of the hard times this year too, I have tried my best to remember yours and Krishna's hand in it. I have received acceptances from universities and I have full faith that you will choose what is best for me. Please give me the strength Maharaj to become more confident and always be cheerful no matter the circumstances as I move on to the next step in my life next year in university. I pray to you that my devotion for Krishna and my bhakti in Krishna consciousness increases every day. I will certainly make a sincere effort to increase the number of quality rounds I chant. In Bhagavad Gita verse 2.47, Krishna says: Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty. I will constantly try to keep this in mind and always give my best. I am grateful for the constant and unconditional guidance my parents and sister have provided me with through their actions and words.

Happy Birthday, Maharaj!

Your humble servant,
Aradhitah



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--Arjun

Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

jaya shri krishna chaitanya prabhu nityananda shri advaita gadhadhara shrivasa adi gaura
bhakta vrinda

All glories to HH Mahavishnu Gowsami Gurudev

This humble servant would like to ask the permission of all the devotees to glorify our Gurudev on the auspicious occasion of his 100th appearance day. In advance please forgive me for any mistakes made while glorifying His Holiness.

Although I haven't been properly initiated as such, Maharaj gave me his special mercy at this one time my family and I got to spend some time with him at Bhaktivedanta Hospital Mumbai. We had been speaking to Maharaj for a while when he asked what my name was. My parents spoke for me as I was a small child of 3 years. They replied saying that my name was Arjun and Maharaj smiled with a twinkle in his beautiful eyes and called me Balaram, my parents said again that my name was Arjun and Maharaj mercifully called me Balaram again. After a while, my parents gave in and Maharaj smiled at us with so much love in his eyes. I still remember this incident vividly and always look back at how Maharaj was so wonderful and caring just like a grandfather guiding us through our mistakes. He was there with us through thick and thin. Thus Maharaj will always be a guru and a grandfather to me and all others who have been blessed with his association.

I pray to Maharaj on this auspicious day that I may not divert from the path shown by Maharaj and pray for Maharaj's mercy to be able to follow his instructions always in my life.

Your humble servant,

Arjun

Singapore

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--Bal Krsna das & Prathah Darshini devi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

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

Hare Krsna dear Gurudev. Please accept our humble obeisances. All glory to Srila Prabhupada and all glory to your divine grace.

Wish you a very happy 100th appearance day!

Gurudev, it is with great pleasure that we are taking part in this momentous occasion of 100th year of your divine grace's appearance in this world! We don't know what we have done in our past lives to be part of this family of great Vaishnavas and call ourselves your son! Indeed, we believe it became possible only by your causeless mercy and nothing else. Though we keep saying that we are fortunate to be your disciples, we don't actually value it nor do we even realize what it means. We simply pay lip service every time we say it. Because, if we really valued it, we would follow each and every instruction of yours without duplicity. But, we choose to follow what we like and leave the rest as 'not-for-me' or 'I'm-not-ready' or other such excuses.

Gurudev, we came across a verse in SB that aptly describes your qualities-

SB 11.7.44

*svacchaḥ prakṛtitaḥ snigdho / mādhyas tūrtha-bhūr nr̥ṇām
muniḥ punāty apāṁ mitram / īkṣopasparśa-kīrtanaīḥ*

"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."

We find all these qualities you Maharaj-

Free from all contamination: Right from your birth you led a sinless life. You took birth in a pure Vaishnava family and grew up in a vedic community where everyone was god-fearing/loving. The so-called 4 regulative principles were your natural way of life unlike for us. Your thoughts were always pure without any contamination. You were always meditating on Bhagavad Gita and even while in grihastha life you always had a corner in your house to read the scriptures. Your body was also very pure- so much so that the devotee who touched your body after your left said that it is so similar to the way Srila Prabhupada's body was when he left. You were totally pure in thoughts, words and deeds.

Gentle by nature: This needs no elaboration at all! You were the hallmark of this quality. You were as soft as a rose in your dealings with others (and also like a thunderbolt when required- a unique quality of a true Guru).

By speaking creates a beautiful vibration like that of flowing water: Your voice was like thunder, but was soothing to the hearts and ears of those who came to you with problems. With your pleasant countenance, you made everyone and anyone who approached you, feel at home and you always enquired them about their well-being before talking SB or BG. This quality of yours has touched the hearts of almost all of your disciples and attracted them to you helplessly. The love you showed was so genuine and real that everyone could feel it. And we know when someone is faking an emotion or is truly expressing it. With you, it was always 100% real. The proof of it is that you displayed this quality even when your body was so sick and did not have any food for many days when we came to take your darshan the last time in the Bhakti Vedanta Hospital in Dec 2009. Someone who is faking could not have displayed the same warmth as you did during that difficult time.

Just by seeing, touching or hearing such a saintly person, the living entity is purified: We are the best proofs of this! This rascal who was full of sins is now calling himself a chief pujari, what more proof does anyone need!! Just by seeing you only two times, touching you only a few times and hearing from you only a few times we have become elevated in this very lifetime. And hundreds of other living entities who came in contact with you became purified like us. How fortunate are those who served you personally for many years! If there is any regret in this life for us, it is that we could not massage your lotus feet one day when we were with your divine grace all alone in Rajkot while Gurudev was sitting outside and reading something. All the while we kept looking at those lotus feet wanting to massage them but could not muster the courage to request you to allow us to massage them! Fie on our shyness!

A saintly person, just like a holy place, purifies all those who contact him because he always chants the glories of the Lord: You always chanted the glories of the Lord by talking, walking and living Srimad Bhagavatam! You also chanted the glories of Srila Prabhupada in every single lecture of yours. Long before ISKCON woke up to the fact that Srila Prabhupada needs to be glorified and should be made a focal point, you were already doing it! It is very hard to find a lecture of yours where you did not glorify Srila Prabhupada's contribution to mankind. Because you glorified the Lord and his pure devotee, you also naturally purified every one of us who came in touch with you.

Like this we can see how you are a living example of a pure devotee as described in Srimad Bhagavatam.

Gurudev, we have understood at least at a theoretical level that when our minds are focused on sense gratification, the resolute determination to perform devotional service with one-pointed attention does not arise in our hearts-

BG 2.44

*bhogaishvarya-prasaktānām / tayāpahṛta-cetasām
vyavasāyātmikā buddhiḥ / samādhau na vidhiyate*

"In the minds of those who are too attached to sense enjoyment and material opulence, and who are bewildered by such things, the resolute determination for devotional service to the Supreme Lord does not take place."

Because our intelligence has been kidnapped by the desires for sense gratification, devotional service does not become priority #1. We fail to analyze and observe that the pleasure derived from the senses is only for that moment and it is usually followed by misery- "dukha yonaya yevate". Your divine grace has instructed us to make Srimad Bhagavatam our way of living i.e. living a simple life and spending as much time as possible with the scriptures. But because we do not give full attention to your instruction, it is only us who will suffer in the end. To the extent we follow your instructions, to that extent we remain safe at the shade of your lotus feet. Please bless us that we will be able to realize these things permanently and not only in theory.

Dear Gurudev, in the year gone by we, had to undergo eye surgery to repay for our sinful actions. We could understand the power of devotees' prayers during that time and from then on, we are making it a point to submit a plea to the Lord when someone is in difficulty. By your mercy, we also completed memorizing all chapters of Bhagavad Gita. Coincidentally, it took us 18 months to complete it though we did not plan it like that. Unfortunately, we forgot many after the first round and we started revising again. Very interestingly, just when we were thinking that 'we have arrived' after we completed all the chapters, the very next day there was a posting in Gurudev Amritavani group-

PEARLS OF WISDOM

A grain of putting Bhagavad-Gita into practice is more important than tons of knowledge of Bhagavad-Gita.

HH Mahavishnu Gosvami Maharaj

So, it showed us our place and put us on track! Wonderful are the ways by which you reach us Gurudev!

Gurudev, by your mercy HG Devaki Prabhu has ordered us to lead the pujari seva in the centre. Though we are doing a very inadequate job, by his guidance we are somehow carrying on the service. This year we did refresher courses for most of the pujaris, implemented new facilities for the betterment of service and for the pleasure of Their Lordships and also changed certain procedures to be in line with overall ISKCON method of worship. By the Lord's arrangement, we also had HG Narasimha Kavaca Pr visiting Singapore and we did a session with him. We humbly seek your blessings Gurudev to perform this important duty with great attention and responsibly for the pleasure of Their Lordships Sri Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra.

Offering from Prathah Darshini:

Maharaj, when I put down MY pen to write this offering the first thing that came to my mind is your mercy on us throughout this year Maharaj. This year, in the beginning, Prabhu underwent major eye surgery, Maharaj. For almost two to three months he shouldn't do anything. I was taking care of all the services at home. You know people like me will only take

up anything by force. But, while doing all of them not even a single day I felt tired Maharaj. Instead, I was very much inspired. Also, Maharaj this year by your causeless mercy my faith on holy names increased a little bit Maharaj. You always told us to take shelter of the holy names always, this year I am doing that Maharaj and I am slowly like a snail getting better in my chanting Maharaj.

Also Maharaj, this year during Prabhupada's appearance day when I was reading about Prabhupada I felt you are exactly similar to Prabhupada. When Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur Maharaj asked SP to take sannyasa and preach to the western world. Prabhupada being a responsible Grihasta too finished his responsibilities soonest he can and followed the instructions of his spiritual master. You did the same when Srila Prabhupada asked you to take up Sannyas and Preach. This showed me how you are always living what you say. How responsible you are even as a grihasta by not artificially renouncing immediately.

Gurudev, kindly bless us that we will somehow or the other continue to serve the Deities and devotees and everyone else around us. Please bless us that we give up false pride and become humble in our dealings with everyone around us. Please bless us with the realization that sense gratification has no place in the life of a practising devotee. Please allow us to do whatever little we can to please your dear servants and there by please you. Because, by pleasing you, everything is possible- "yasya prasadat bhagavat prasado"!

Your useless servants,
Bal Krsna das, & Prathah Darshini devi dasi



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--Bharatagraja das & Sunayana devi dasi

To our most beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Gosvami Gurudev.

Please accept our dandavats of your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this, most auspicious day of your 100 years Vyasa Puja we try to remember your glories, Your life and your instructions, which are our guide to progress our spiritual life for you to Take use back to wherever you are to serve you.

Whenever there are problems, we are remembering your instructions any circumstances in life. Remembering gives us more confidence & courage to face any situation.

In Srimad Bhāgvatam 6.1.16 says

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

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

Prabhupada said in his purport last paragraph

The word *kṛṣṇa-arpita-prāṇaḥ* refers to a devotee who dedicates his life to serving Kṛṣṇa, not to being saved from the path to hellish life. A devotee is *nārāyaṇa-parāyaṇa*, or *vāsudeva-parāyaṇa*, which means that the path of Vāsudeva, or the devotional path, is his life and soul. *Nārāyaṇa-parāḥ sarve na kutaścana bibhyati (SB 6.17.28)*: such a devotee is not afraid of going anywhere. There is a path toward liberation in the higher planetary systems and a path toward the hellish planets, but a *nārāyaṇa-para* devotee is unafraid wherever he is sent; he simply wants to remember Kṛṣṇa, wherever he may be. Such a devotee is unconcerned with hell and heaven; he is simply attached to rendering service to Kṛṣṇa. When a devotee is put into hellish conditions, he accepts them as Kṛṣṇa's mercy: *tat te 'nukampām susamīkṣamāṇaḥ (SB 10.14.8)* He does not protest, "Oh, I am such a great devotee of Kṛṣṇa. Why have I been put into this misery?" Instead he thinks, "This is Kṛṣṇa's mercy." Such an attitude is possible for a devotee who engages in the service of Kṛṣṇa's representative. This is the secret of success.

Srila Gurudev you are so kind that in spite of our inability you have allowed us to be in your service.

Srila Gurudev please forgive us for all our sinful acts done knowingly & unknowingly and bestow your unlimited mercy upon us to engage and dedicate ourselves more sincerely in the service of the Lord.

We find connected to you through your lectures. We get guidance in our daily life through Srila Gurudev valuable quotes. It helps us in many situation and make us think and act accordingly in our life.

Srila Gurudev, you are so merciful. You will know what is best for our spiritual welfare. Please give us the intelligence and humility to enable us to serve and please you.

By your mercy completed Canto 6 of Srimad Bhagavatam, how much I have understood I am not sure, but likewise You said "even if you don't understand just by hearing you will get the benefit".

Srila Gurudev sincerely pray to you that you give us the intelligence and your mercy to understand this beautiful scripture before end of our life as our time is clicking.

Your servants,
Bharatagraja das & Sunayana devi dasi



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--Devakinandan das & Radhika devi dasi

To: Our most revered and beloved spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev.

Please accept our dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev. All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this most significant centenary year of your blessed appearance, we offer our gratitude and commitment to you as our eternal spiritual master life after life. No amount of words or eloquent writing can describe nor even begin to scratch the ocean of mercy that you have bestowed upon us all these years since we had the fortune of coming in contact with a pure devotee as Your Holiness.

For an entire year since the last Vyasa Puja, we have been meditating on the transcendental qualities of Gurudev – courage, fearlessness and complete dependence on the Supreme Lord.

We saw, heard and experienced, your displays of courage and dependence on the Supreme Lord many times and in many forms when you were with us physically.

1. When you were young, your father unexpectedly retired early in life and would spend long hours in Kaalaram Mandir in Nasik. There was no income for the large family. You told us that it was a precarious situation, yet, you were fearless because you depended on the Supreme Lord and took up a job to be equal to the task of feeding and clothing your siblings and ensuring they completed their education and got married. When I asked you how you developed this courage, you told me that you thought... "*If father were to sit in Lord Ram's sanctuary, how bad can it be? That means Lord Ram's hand is in this situation.*" You instructed that when the Lord's hand is seen in any situation, then He grants us fearlessness and dependence on Him!

2. When you decided that you had to travel abroad to work and supplement income for the family, you were the first person in your village to think that way! Everyone was afraid of leaving their comfort zones to enter uncharted territory, but because you were dependent on the Lord, you were courageous and fearless and so travelled all the way to London, where you had nothing and you knew no one.

3. When you spent so many months looking for a proper job in London and were at your wits' end because no jobs were available, you sat one day at the train station and pondered over what Krishna's plans were for you. As you recited slokas from the Gita, you thought "*definitely He has some plan for me. We just have to be patient and await the unfolding of His plans...*". A few minutes later, a gentleman walked past you and enquired why you were thoughtful. When you replied that you were looking for a job, he alerted you to a notice in the station asking for applications to join the train service in London. You smiled when you told me this and said, "*Now I saw the hand of Krishna in the form of this gentleman*" and you took

the job and could then bring the family over to start a new chapter of life in London. From this, we understand that when we depend on Krishna with patience and faith, the by-product is He grants us fearlessness and courage to withstand the vagaries of this material world.

4. When you took up sannyasa, you were already a liberated soul, and a pure devotee. There was no need for you to renounce the world. Yet, at the age of 70, you decided, despite your ill health and comforts of your life in London, to push your body, mind and senses to embark on 10 world tours in 12 years – a stupendous feat – only because of your genuine courage and fearlessness that Krishna would care for you and you simply had to discharge sincere unflinching devotional service.

5. You said once that the word 'unflinching' implies courage. When we perform devotional service with mixed motives and intentions, then when maya slaps us, we flinch – meaning to say – we react in fear, pain or surprise. But when we perform devotional service without any intentions and motives EXCEPT to please Krishna and the spiritual master and serve the devotees, without expectation of rewards, praise or encouragement, then our devotional service strengthens us to be unflinching such that when maya strikes, we do not react in fear, but with courage and strength to push on the devotional service with full velocity!

6. In Singapore, when the temple president turned rogue and forbade you to enter the temple to take classes, you did not even flinch when we informed you of the same! You simply and gravely heard the news and then smiled and assured us not to worry – this is also Krishna's hand. You said, *"It does not matter if we are in the temple or not. What does matter is whether the temple is in us or not!"*. We were amazed with your deep realization and your fearlessness amidst adversities and challenges!

7. When you left London to start preaching and travelling, and you came to Dwaraka, you had no money, no contacts, no network and no support. You only had a handful of devotees and Srimad Bhagavatam with you and your chanting beads. You stayed out in open land for the day and took shelter of a dharamshala in the nights. This is the pinnacle of fearlessness, courage and unflinching faith in Krishna. When you related this to us, you said, *"I was prepared to simply chant and study Bhagavatam. It did not cross my mind that the Lord would not reciprocate because I had depended on no material circumstance to make events occur... I simply depended on Krishna. There was nothing to fear and nothing to be afraid. What is the loss if we don't get any place to preach? This land is enough to sit down and glorify the Lord. If we get something, well and good, if we don't get something, that means Krishna does not want. And what Krishna does not want, we also do not want."* Due to your unflinching faith and courage in the Lord, ISKCON Dwaraka was gifted to you from nowhere, and thus you started a temple in the holy dham of Dwaraka.

8. When I had the fortune of travelling with you on the local buses in the Saurashtra areas, you were fearless in protecting me – knowing it was a new experience in the early 1990s for me, you would board the bus and push your way through and ensure I had a seat, even if you had to stand! Till today, I cannot believe the depth of your courage and fearlessness.

9. In our lowest moments, when life seem bewildering or inexplicable, you would use 2 magical words for us time and time and again – *"Be courageous daughter, Be courageous son. As it is, the problem is there. If you lose courage, then you have just added another problem to this problem! So don't lose courage. Krishna is very powerful. He can do anything. Just depend on Him. All of these problems they will come to pass. And if they don't then we are prepared to face them courageously. So don't lose courage."*

10. When you began winding up your pastimes in this world in October 2009, we asked you many times to see a doctor or go to the hospital. We were worried and you saw that worry in our faces. In a classic reversal of roles, you, like Bhishmadev, the grandsire of your dynasty, comforted and instilled courage in us. When I tried feebly to assure you that you will return to Rajkot when you were leaving for Mumbai, you quietly but courageously told me, "Now I will not return to Rajkot...".

11. When the time came for your departure, at 3.25 pm on the 25th January 2010, surrounded by chanting, tulsi maharani, chanting of Bhagavatam, and in the association of your disciples and devotees, you displayed such mercy and such fearlessness in your demeanor, in your expression, looking at us all with strength, kindness and mercy. As you held our hands in a tight grip, we felt your courage and fearlessness, your unflinching faith and devotion, course through you and touch us. Even in the moment of your departure, when the material body is bereft of strength, your spiritual purity became the foundation of your strength. You showed us, in our appearance and your disappearance, that we have nothing to fear when we are firmly under the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord and His pure devotee.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for giving us invaluable treasures of devotional qualities through your life. Our separation from you is unbearable every day of our lives, and we simply immerse ourselves in spiritual activities in the hope of somehow or other pleasing you, for that is the perfection of our existence. We pray to have the strength and the conviction and the determination to simply meditate and act upon each of these transcendental qualities you enacted during your sojourn in this material world, and we pray you will be kind to bestow on us the benediction of serving you life after life, even as we remain most unqualified to do so.

Your servants many, many times removed,
Devakinandan das & Radhika devi dasi



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--Dinavatsala Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavats at your lotus feet.

All Glories, All Glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā celebration, the 100th anniversary of your appearance in this world.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

The second verse of Srimad-Bhāgavatam says: "The highest truth is reality distinguished from illusion for the welfare of all." That, to me, seems the essence of your mission—which you executed in extraordinary fashion to a remarkable degree. And your love for Srimad Bhagavatam continues to spread to so many who come in touch with you through your loving disciples and recorded classes and books.

Your loving nature is your magnum opus, of course, and your main vehicle for saving us. Maharaj always repeatedly urged us to take advantage of the study of Srimad Bhagavatam: Maharaj often repeated Srila Prabhupada words on the reason of our misery: You are restless because you don't read. I am laboring so hard for you, but you don't take advantage. . . . Take advantage of these books! Then your life will be successful. My duty—I have given you so valuable things, day and night trying to convince you, each word to word. And if you don't take advantage of this, then what can I do for you?

To think that Maharaj is not personally with us is a material conception. Maharaj has always been present in the lives of your disciples. Maharaj, you give inspiration, you give meaning, you give life, you give spiritual emotion, you give vigor, you give enthusiasm, you give direction always provided we want to follow your instructions.

Maharaj often said that that the goal of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is to be happy. Indeed, that goal is always in all your instructions and Maharaj was always in bliss of Krishna Consciousness. Maharaj often told me that you just need to follow my instructions in order to be happy. Maharaj once said "I shall remain your personal guide, whether I am physically present or not. You do not require to worry, as I shall never leave you. You are my disciple, and I am your spiritual master, so there is no question, as long as you follow my instructions, that I shall ever leave you.

Srimad Bhagavatam 7.5.32.

*naiṣāṁ matīṣṭvā tāvad urukramāṅghriṁ
spr̥ṣaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthaḥ
mahīyasāṁ pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekam
niṣkiñcanānām na vṛñīta yāvat*

"Unless they smear upon their bodies the dust of the lotus feet of a Vaiṣṇava completely freed from material contamination, persons very much inclined toward materialistic life cannot be attached to the lotus feet of the Lord, who is glorified for His uncommon activities. Only by becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious and taking shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord in this way can one be freed from material contamination."

In the purport Srila Prabhupada writes: One cannot understand Kṛṣṇa unless one is graced by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Only one who has surrendered to a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa and taken the dust of his lotus feet can understand Kṛṣṇa. First one must understand how to get out of the clutches of māyā. The only means is to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. And to become Kṛṣṇa conscious very easily, one must take shelter of a realized soul — a mahat, or mahātmā — whose only interest is to engage in the service of the Supreme Lord.

Srila Prabhupada says in one lecture: What is surrendering? "Krishna, I forgot you for so many births, from time immemorial. Now I surrender unto You. Please accept." This simple method. This simple method will make you liberated if you do it sincerely, without any . . . reservation.

I have heard that ācāryas are very merciful on their divine and happy appearance days. Today I stand before you—a disciple who is not always good—and beg you: Please remain kind to me. Please know that I am sincerely looking for a bigger container to catch more of your mercy and for a way to leave, once and for all, my habitual place in the shadows. Please give me the strength to follow up on your open invitation to surrender with my entire being.

Aspiring to be your servant,
Dinavatsala krishna das



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--Drutha Hari Krishna das

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj!

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace.

Thank you for the great opportunity to write on this most auspicious occasion of the centenary year of your appearance Maharaj.

With your causeless mercy, we Fortunate able to attend the grand opening ceremony of ISKCON Rajkot Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav Dham during Lord Sri Rama Navami. Maharaj with your great causeless mercy and intensive prayer of lord it was a grand success. We know Initial days you are staying with bare minimum facilities and at that it was big challenge, you have taken very seriously to build a very nice Marble temple for Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav, Sri Sri Sita Rama Lakshman Hanuman, Sri Sri Jagannath BalaDeva Subhadra, Sri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Prahlad.

This year, we are able to take part in your service to the Lordships, with all Your great sacrifice and now the glorious Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav is open, many fallen souls are able to get the mercy by taking darshan of Lordships and your blessing Guru dev.

I am such a fallen and conditioned soul that I do not qualify to sing your glories. I thank Lord Sri Krishna and HDG Srila Prabhupada for delivering me unto your lotus feet.

I humbly beg you Gurudev please keep me under the safe shelter of your lotus feet so that I do not get influenced by the glitters of maya and from material entanglement. Please shower forever grateful for your causeless mercy upon us, so that we can enrich our service to you and srila prabhupada.

Your unworthy servant,
Drutha Hari Krsna das.

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--Go-Palak Krsna das

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

In Srimad Bhagavatam, 7th Canto, Chp 9, Text 28, Prahlad Maharaj prays as follows:

*evam janam nipatitam prabhavahi-kupe
kamābhikāmam anu yaḥ prapatan prasaṅgāt
kṛtvātmasāt surarṣiṇā bhagavan grhītaḥ
so 'ham katham nu visrje tava bhṛtya-sevām*

"My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Nārada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service?"

In the purport to this verse, Srila Prabhupada explains, it is said, "even though Prahlāda Mahārāja was directly offered all the benedictions he might have desired, he refused to accept such offerings from the Supreme Personality of Godhead. On the contrary, he asked the Lord to engage him in the service of His servant Nārada Muni". He further goes on to say "One should not be anxious to offer direct service to the Lord. This is the process for approaching the Supreme Lord. The first service should be rendered to the spiritual master so that by his mercy one can approach the Supreme Personality of Godhead to render service. While teaching Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu said, guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-lāṭā-bīja: (CC Madhya 19.151) one can achieve the seed of devotional service by the mercy of the guru, the spiritual master, and then by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. This is the secret of success"

By your causeless mercy, you have accepted me as a disciple. By constant association with Bhagavatam, we are trying our best in serving Your Divine Grace and feel comforted with your presence. You have provided all that is required for our spiritual sustenance, and we just have to be faithful in following them. Only in such faithful obedience can I have any hope in overcoming the modes.

I always pray at your lotus feet that I am able to always keep on serving Your Divine Grace. I beg that you would accept my humble attempts at devotional service to please you just as a loving father always accepts the kind offerings and attempts by his children.

Your unworthy servant
Go-palak krsna das

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--Gopal

Dear Maharaj,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviṣeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your Divine Grace.

On this glories occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I want to thank you, Guru Maharaj, for blessing and looking over me for the past year. In this year, I have improved significantly in my knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. I have also chanted more consistently and have started to put my studies as my number one priority and this is all thanks to your blessings Maharaj. Although I did not have the opportunity to meet you I have learnt a lot from your teachings and your disciples. Out of the many things I have learnt one thing that really struck me was your soft corner for your disciples. I learnt that being a good leader doesn't mean you need to be harsh, you just need to lead by example which is what you did Guru Maharaj.

Please give me the strength and ability to put my faith in Krishna as I begin my preparation for my 'O' level examinations. Guru Maharaj, please allow me to chant and read more verses from the Bhagavad Gita and please allow me to have a closer relationship with Krishna and to put all my faith in him always. I also want to keep to my task which was to read and understand one verse from Bhagavad Gita every day I also want to chant more for the pleasure of the Lord. Maharaj please continue to look after me and guide me throughout the next year.

Your humble servant,
Gopal das



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--Govardhan das

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

My dear Maharaj,

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

On this very special occasion, the 100th anniversary of your appearance, Maharaj, we pray that Krishna's blessings are always upon you and that we are always in the safe sanctuary of your lotus feet. We are very happy to be here with you along with our god siblings, in getting their association and opportunity to serve the devotees and Their Lordships. This year has been very special as we got the opportunity twice to do so - once for the temple inauguration and once for this Vyasa Puja. It is not a coincidence that the temple inauguration happened on the 100th anniversary of your appearance, Maharaj. It is Krishna's arrangement to glorify His pure devotee. The new temple is so grand and beautiful, Maharaj. We really wished you were physically with us to witness the opening. All your disciples, other devotees and even other people, including workers belonging to different religions were very enthusiastic, sincere and hard working in this service of temple construction. It was a joyous task and the temple opening was a very nice experience. All the disciples did their service, always remember you and your instructions, Maharaj. It was so inspiring. We learnt a lot from our god siblings on how we should be doing our service. Gurudev, please bless us with constant service at your Lotus feet and that we serve in the right mood at all times.

I still remember the first time I met you at Laxmi Narayan temple and then the managalarti programme at Devakinandan Prabhu's house next morning. Maharaj, you gave a class on the second verse of Shikshashtakam after the mangalarti. Maharaj, you were so particular that we should take notes and you asked us to repeat what you had spoken, which was possible only if we took down notes. From that time, I have always tried to sit for a class with a notebook and a pen in hand. Then at home we discuss the points which we write down. This practice is very useful for us and also to share the learnings with others. Then we all chanted together which was very blissful. Then when I was sitting with you, Maharaj, you made me read a verse three times and asked me to recite without looking at the verse. I remember you had mentioned that we should try to memorize the verse in three readings. Almost all the shlokas which I know, I have learnt from your classes, Maharaj. We are really grateful to you for all your teachings and guidance. It is only my lack of sincerity and dedication which is holding me back from making any progress even after so many years with you Maharaj. Please bless us Maharaj with your mercy so that all these obstacles in our service are kicked out from our lives.

Maharaj, your love for Bhagavatam is so great. Whenever I used to call you and quote a verse from Bhagavatam, you used to become so ecstatic and say, "Ho Ho Ho Govardhan..." and lovingly explain the verse and give references. Please bless us Maharaj that we get the same taste for Bhagavatam, give more time for studying Bhagavatam and put it into practice in our lives. Gurudev, the first time I had to give class on a BG verse from Chapt. 11, in Laxmi Narayan Mandir, I was so lost. I called you up so many times to discuss the verse with you. And each time you patiently explained the verse and guided me on how to give class. You were so encouraging, Maharaj. You told me, "Actually you are not speaking when you give class, it is Krishna speaking". And then Maharaj, you asked me to give you a call after the class to tell how it went. You were so happy to hear from me. I am very grateful Maharaj. I still remember your instructions each time I give class. Maharaj, your last instruction to me was to preach. Please bless us Maharaj that we always speak based on your instructions and teachings, follow in your footsteps and thus bring glory to you, Srila Prabhupada, all the Vaishnava acharyas and to Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav. I pray, let me become a perfect instrument in your service, Gurudev. I have no other desire.

Gurudev, you are a perfect teacher and all your advice and instructions are always based on Bhagavatam. It is my own shortcoming that I am not following your instructions perfectly. Maharaj, when you were with us, I did not realize the value of your association, nor the gravity of your words. I am really sorry Maharaj. It is my immaturity and lack of sincerity. I wish I could relive all those moments with you and get your association once again. Please forgive me for my unlimited sins and offences and please grant us your mercy so that we may serve eternally in your association. Srila Prabhupada said that Bhaktivinode Thakur could have achieved what Prabhupada had done, but he left the service for Prabhupada and his disciples. In the same way Maharaj, you could have alone constructed the new temple, but left it for your disciples to keep them engaged. Thank you for the service Maharaj. We pray to be forever engaged in your service.

Maharaj, you will be happy to know that we are having weekly Bhagavatam discussions in Surabaya with the Indian community and they requested us to start children's classes which we is going on now on a weekly basis. But still, I pray at your lotus feet, if you so wish, that I return back to Singapore in the loving association of my god siblings.

We requested one devotee from Surabaya, Gusti Prabhu, to translate the first volume of Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice into Bahasa Indonesia, which the devotee has just completed few days back. The devotee is very sincere and has done the translation from his heart. Kindly accept his offering, Maharaj and bless us that we can translate Srimad Bahgavatam in many languages so that many living entities can benefit from your instructions.

Please continue to guide us Maharaj in our everyday lives, so that our lives in devotional service are exemplary for the future generations to come.

Your servant,
Govardhan das

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--Gusti Nyoman Ambara

Vyasa Puja – His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami - 2019

Humble Offering for Srila Gurudeva Mahavishnu Goswami

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you.

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

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

Srila Gurudeva, in this auspicious moment of your Vyas Puja 2019, I would like to humbly take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you. I would like to also humbly ask your forgiveness for my inappropriate manner by writing this offering to you impudently.

I am nobody but a low and insignificant Indonesian wretch. But by your mercy, somehow or other I have met one of your kind disciple in Indonesia, Govardhan das Prabhujji, who have helped me in recognizing, realizing and walking this path of Krishna consciousness, which is so wonderful. He introduced and connected me to some seva in translating Srila Prabhupada's lectures at Vanipedia. A couple of month ago Govardhan Prabhujji also gave his mercy by associating me in translating your Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice into Indonesian (my native language). That was the time I started to know you. It was so wonderful that I cannot stop relishing it while translating it, and I know for sure that only by your blessings and mercies that I can finish translating it now.

Srila Gurudeva, I humbly offer my millions obeisances along with the Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice – Indonesian version unto your lotus feet. I am speechless. Thank you so much for giving me such an auspicious opportunity. Thank you so much for bringing Krishna into my life for good. Please kindly always shower your mercy for this low soul.

Your insignificant servants,

Gusti Nyoman Ambara

Banjarmasin - Indonesia

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--Kasthuri Vikiraman

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Maharaj, please accept our humble obeisance and all glories to your Blessed Vyasa-Puja.

Maharaj, I just learned that it is your centennial Vyasa-Puja this year and I feel blessed to be penning down my maiden Vyasa-Puja offering.

I learned about the existence of Krsna Consciousness when I was about 8 years old. My mother would bring my sisters and myself to house programs at a Mataji's residence in our neighborhood. We would sing, sit through classes and head back home with an elated tummy filled with delectable prasadam. We stopped attending house programs when the Mataji moved out.

My life went about as per it's fate. I was once again, far, far away from the world of Krsna Consciousness. Up until I met my husband, Shakti Dara Krsna das. It felt like a second chance in adopting the Krsna Conscious lifestyle, only this time when I am much older with the ability to understand better and make decisions about my life.

When I learned that you will be my Guru Maharaj, because I was marrying your child, Shakti Dara, the idea of it was extremely bizarre for me. How would one accept someone as their disciple when they have never met before? Have never interacted before? It was much later that I realized that the relationship between a Guru and his disciple is beyond this material world and not limited to when both parties are physically present.

Ever since that realization, I could see only the hands of Maharaj in every aspect of my life. I was immensely afraid of getting myself administered with epidural, even more than going through labor to deliver Purna Kirtana. Having heard stories of lengthy hours of labor, my labor episode lasted no more than 10 hours and I did not have to deal with needles piercing through my spine. If not for Maharaj's mercy, I am certain I would have most definitely given up midway.

I have been in my current profession with the same organization for the past 6 years. I have constantly felt that I am not adequate to qualify for promotions despite, trying my best. I always pacified myself with the one thing that Maharaj preached perpetually - not to expect the fruits of our labor. When I least expected, it happened.

Repeatedly, Maharaj, you have always showed that you have taken me under your care but I have unfortunately, not reciprocated it. The second chance to adopt Krsna Consciousness went futile.

For the third time, Maharaj, you gave me the opportunity to embrace the Krsna Conscious lifestyle by blessing me with a daughter. I, just like any Mother, would want to give her the best in everything. Why toil hard to provide the best when they are temporary and leave out

the most important aspect of maintaining this human form, the Spiritual life? It is time to get my act together.

Thus, Maharaj, I pray that you will bless me with immense discipline and laser-focus to build my spiritual life with Purna Kirtana as my source of motivation. Though I will not be the perfect living example of a devotee to Purna Kirtana, I hope to do my best for I am convinced that children practice what they see and not what they hear.

Lastly, Maharaj, I want to say Thank you.

Thank you for blessing me with a husband who can still deal with my unglamorous qualities.

Thank you for blessing me with a beautiful daughter who will be my source of daily reminder to work on my spiritual life.

Thank you for blessing my family, my parents and myself to come and see the magnificent Palace Temple that you have built. (I am very much in awe till today)

Thank you for giving me the various roles to play in this life – as a daughter, as a wife, as a mother, as a working professional, as a devotee (though I have been failing at this miserably).

Thank you for helping us detect Riley's health situation in time to save her.

Thank you for the year 2019!

Jai His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev centennial Vyasa-Puja Ki Jai!

Your Child and Grandchild

Bhaktin Kasthuri & Purna Kirtana Sanjeevan



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--Krishnachandra das

Hare Krishna my dearest Gurudev.

Please accept my humble dandavat at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your divine self. Wish you a happy 100th Vyasa puja celebrations Maharaj.

SB 2.3.17

*āyur harati vai puṁsām
udyann astam ca yann asau
tasyarte yat-kṣaṇo nīta
uttama-śloka-vārtayā*

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

Your life is nothing but Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice. You have also guided us in the practical applications of Srimad Bhagavatam. No one could have stressed on Srimad Bhagavatam as much as you have done in this present age. Any devotees who walk into our restaurant, who see your portrait, immediately remember you in relation to Srimad Bhagavatam. The following verse in Srimad Bhagavatam not only spoke on Narada Muni, but it also reminds one of your Divine self.

SB 1.6.26

*nāmāny anantasya hata-trapaḥ paṭhan
guhyāni bhadrāṇi kṛtāni ca smaran
gām paryaṭams tuṣṭa-manā gata-sprḥaḥ
kālam pratīkṣan vimado vimatsaraḥ*

"Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I traveled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble and unenvious."

I remember once, back in 1998 or so, when you were in Singapore, we were all busy serving you and attending programs organized on a daily basis. We were so busy that we could not complete our 16 rounds of chanting. When you realized this situation, the next day morning at 4.30 am, you stopped samsara dava prayers and insisted all chant our rounds. You established the gravity of the importance of chanting the Holy name. Your action highlighted to all of us present on that morning that every aspect of devotional service is subservient to the chanting of the Holy name. Simply by chanting we can serve our spiritual master because the chanting process gives us such strength to serve.

You have never failed to leave a lasting impression in anyone's life. In the end you left this material world in the most perfect fashion anyone can aspire. Just like Srimad Bhagavatam your life is 'amala puraanam', devoid of any fault.

SB 2.1.15

*anta-kāle tu puruṣa
āgate gata-sādhvasaḥ
chindyād asaṅga-śastreṇa
sprhām dehe 'nu ye ca tam*

"At the last stage of one's life, one should be bold enough not to be afraid of death. But one must cut off all attachment to the material body and everything pertaining to it and all desires thereof."

Maharaj you are fearless and just like Bhismadev, you left your body in the most admirable way with fearlessness, detachment and in full bliss. You have always walked the talk. No arm-chair philosophy is entertained in your presence.

In one of the morning lecture, you gave a beautiful and thought-provoking insight into the 3rd offence in chanting of the holy name, i.e, "To disobey the order of the spiritual master". You instructed us that the basic order of any spiritual master is for the disciple to engage in pure devotional service. Thus, by not engaging in devotional service, we are, day after day, committing an offence and that is the reason why we cannot not get taste for chanting the holy name blissfully.

SB. 1.2.10

*kāmasya nendriya-prītir
lābho jīveta yāvatā
jīvasya tattva-jjñāsā
nārtho yaś ceha karmabhiḥ*

"Life's desires should never be directed toward sense gratification. One should desire only a healthy life, or self-preservation, since a human being is meant for inquiry about the Absolute Truth. Nothing else should be the goal of one's works."

Many times you have emphasized on the need to lead a healthy life based on Vedic culture. You taught us the importance of black salt, ginger, lime, besan flour, etc. You told us that having a healthy body is very essential for our spiritual progress. You told us to eat naturally, drink desi cow milk, shun fridge defrosted food. Once when I was in Nasik, you pointed me a small mud pot where water was stored in and told me that this is your 'fridge'. The water was cool and tasty. You taught us how to lead a healthy life that will be useful for us to practice Krishna Consciousness joyfully.

You have taught us many lessons in life Gurudev. Like a father who leaves wealth for the child to live peacefully after his departure, you have left the wealth of Srimad Bhagavatam to guide us thru when you are not going to be with us physically. In this day of your appearance day I

would like to beg you for the taste of Srimad Bhagavatam that you have relished so much. I also would like to request that I remain sane in my devotional life and NEVER leave the safe lotus feet of your divine self and Srila Prabhupada.

Once again Happy 100th Vyasa Puja celebration dear Father.

Your humble servant,
Krishnachandra das



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--Krsnamayi devi dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Hare Krishna Maharaj
Dandavat pranam,
All Glories unto to you. All Glories to Srila Prabhupad!!!

Happy Birthday to you Maharaj!!!

Like all other God Siblings, we too miss your physical presence though you are there in your Vani.

Thank you very much, Maharaj, for engaging us in whatever small Seva and giving the strength thereby to perform it. Otherwise, on my own, I am totally incapable of doing any seva.

Prabhuji is still working in Surabaya. We are shuttling up and down from Singapore to Surabaya.

I understand it is Krishna's arrangement and purely by your mercy, we are able to manage our lives.

But this time I pray at your lotus feet that, somehow or the other, if you feel it is right, for prabhuji to come back to Singapore and take up a job here. It will be easier for us to be stationed at one place to perform our devotional service.

I have no one else but only you whom I can pray to.

Thank you once again for everything you have bestowed upon us.

Your humble servant
Krishnamayi devi dasi



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--Lalita devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti
nāmine*

I offer my respectful obeisances at your Divine Grace's lotus feet.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya / jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam yena / tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Please accept this fallen soul's humble obeisances on this most auspicious centennial year of your glorious Vyasa puja, Maharaj.

Dear Gurudev, we so dearly miss your presence. During the Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav temple grand opening in Rajkot this year, I wish you were there with us in physical presence Maharaj. It would have been a totally transcendently joyful experience if you had personally been around. Nevertheless, you have blessed this glorious event, and empowered your disciples by your transcendental touch and mercy, making it a huge success. Your creation is so exquisite, Maharaj. It looks so majestic, right in the middle of Rajkot and it's so peaceful to be inside the temple. Thank you, Maharaj, for giving us such a blissful and beautiful temple, to go to, a place to render some devotional service, and to continue with our sadhana with you right beside us in your Samadhi. Please continue to bless this temple of worship by your mercy and love so that everyone who comes may benefit some devotion from the darshan of their Lordships and by taking the prasada and paying homage at your Samadhi. All glories to you, Gurudev.

Thank you, Maharaj, for allowing me by your kindness and mercy to be able to be part of this amazing glorious grand temple opening. This was also my very first darshan of your Samadhi, Gurudev. My koti koti pranam, Gurudev, that at least once I got to take darshan of you at your Samadhi after such a long time.

And there was so much of Seva to render during the temple opening, Gurudev. And I was able to render some service by my godsister, Radhika's mercy and with your blessing, Gurudev.

Maharaj, I would like to take this opportunity to seek forgiveness for any offences that I may have committed, done knowingly or unknowingly both in deeds, speech, actions and thoughts while in Rajkot doing my Seva and being among devotees, and also while cleaning your Samadhi. Thank you, Maharaj, you gave me the opportunity to clean your Samadhi. I felt so fortunate and blessed. Gurudev, I am sorry while doing this task, I now realize that I may not have gone about it the right way and just followed what everyone else was doing. Though somewhere deep down in my heart I knew it may be wrong. The lesson I learnt here, by your mercy, Maharaj is, I should be more careful and cautious in carrying out my duties and not take them as a simple task. It should be done more thoughtfully. The lesson here is also I should consciously always remember that your divine presence is still very much there,

bestowing upon us all, your mercy, blessings, kindness, devotion, and love every day and your Samadhi should be treated with the utmost respect, awe and reverence, just like as if, YOU, your divine self, are sitting there. I am truly deeply sincerely sorry Gurudev, and I seek your forgiveness and please do give me the strength to face the judgement of my offence. My humble pranams once again, Gurudev.

Also, during this grand event, I met so many of your disciples. I have learnt so much from the Rajkot devotees who so tirelessly and selflessly give their time and service for the Rajkot temple. It was indeed a very joyous event. Thank you, Gurudev, for your kindness and love.

Thank you, maharaj, for all your guidance and for giving me the strength of heart and mind to continue with my devotional service and my daily life. Your guidance and chastisement come through your wonderful devotees through your pearls of wisdom, granthraj offerings, your transcribed lectures and your daily hammering of reading the scriptures. I am not consistent Maharaj, but I am trying to do some reading and working on getting more chanting done. Now it is more necessary so. Thank you for being patient with me. For the lack of interest that I show in my devotional service, you continue to hold me by my hand, always encouraging and always loving. Please continue to let your presence be felt, Gurudev, for without which I will be lost. I still very much need your association, your care and guidance to continue with my onward journey in devotional service, Gurudev.

Srila Gurudev, please bless me that I will always remain your menial servant forever and be able to serve you to the best of my capability and not leave you even for a moment.

Your most fallen menial servant,
Lalita devi dasi



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--Madan Mohan das & Siddhida devi dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Hare Krishna dearest Gurudev,

Please accept our most humble dandavats at Your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Maharaj we beg Your Divine Grace to bless us with sincerity as we write our offering. Our mind ponders over so many considerations to sound scholarly and eloquent that we forget we are glorifying the spiritual master – the personality who sees through every corner of his disciple's mind. Frankly, we theoretically write to glorify Maharaj, but practically desire others to appreciate our lies. We beg you with everything we have Maharaj, please bless us to be sincere

This year we felt very privileged to have Maharaj's merciful attention on us. Whenever a disciple was struggling Maharaj would always try His best to help the disciple in so many ways – this we directly continue to experience Maharaj. Your mercy continues to flow in unlimited ways Maharaj.

Mercy is always associated with bliss and joy. It can be so for a pure soul. For souls who are contaminated to the root and fallen beyond help mercy can be a very painful experience. Srila Prabhupada gives the example of a person who is having a tumour removed from his body. The entire experience of having the tumour removed is extremely painful, but the overall result brings the person so much relieve and joy. Maharaj, You are the expert surgeon. In Srimad Bhagavatam 6.17.17 Srila Prabhupada emphatically describes the ultimate mercy of the Lord, which only a fool would consider a reverse,

"Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura comments that Mahārāja Citraketu's being cursed by Pārvatī should be considered the mercy of the Lord. The Lord wanted Citraketu to return to Godhead as soon as possible, and therefore he terminated all the reactions of his past deeds. Acting through the heart of Pārvatī, the Lord, who is situated in everyone's heart, cursed Citraketu in order to end all his material reactions. Thus Citraketu became Vṛtrāsura in his next life and returned home, back to Godhead."

Both the Lord and Parvati were always well-wishers of Citraketu Maharaj. Citraketu Maharaj realized this potent point because he was a devotee. One who refuses to recognize the mercy of the Lord is simply an imposter. For us - everything is your mercy, because like the Lord You are all good. Maharaj, for the rest of our lives we simply want to reflect, act on, and realize this point. But even to realize Your mercy, we require Your shelter. Maharaj had requested countless times to many of your disciples, "If you want to be close to me, be with Bhagavatam." Maharaj, this was the final instruction You had given me. At first I was disheartened that I did not get any specific instruction. Now I realize that this is the specific instruction that will guide me for the rest of my life. It's only through this instruction I was able to realize Your mercy.

This is why the past year has been one of the most amazing years in my spiritual journey. It is all Your mercy. It is all You. Simply we see the material causes, but fail to recognize the actual cause – The All Merciful Spiritual Master.

Srila Prabhupada writes in a letter, to Krsna das - Dallas 9 September, 1972,

"You mentioned that your pathway has become filled with stumbling blocks, but there are no stumbling blocks, I can kick out all those stumbling blocks immediately, provided you accept my guidance. With one stroke of my kick I can kick out all stumbling blocks. You are always welcome. All of your doubts will be cleared up either personally face-to-face or by correspondence with me. I am going to Los Angeles, you can come to live with me and all your doubts will be erased. In the beginning there were no doubts, but by bad association you have now got doubts."

Due to the bad association of our own polluted minds we drifted away from Guru. With bad attitude, a duplicitous mind, and disrespectful behaviour a disciple faithfully denies the existence of Guru and Krsna. Simply to keep up the status quo he speaks about Guru and his divine qualities. This is what we are practicing. Maharaj had so powerfully preached to us to cast out motivated devotional service, and that is exactly what we are practicing – motivated devotional service. We beg at your lotus feet, which has the power to kick away the ultimate stumbling block on a devotee's path – material motivation.

With Maharaj's permission, we would like to share and contemplate on HH Gour Govinda Swami's description of his spiritual master,

"With just one speck of dust from the lotus feet of my guru, crores and crores of people of this world will be delivered. You should understand how powerful one little speck of dust of my guru's lotus feet is. There is no such a scholar as my guru. I will never accept anyone else as a scholar. There is no such teachings as those that my guru has imparted, to be found in any human being, or in any demigod. I know it very well. No one else can give such teachings. There is nothing in this world that is as heavy as a tiny speck of dust from the lotus feet of my guru. This is the follower of true parampara, I am following such parampara. This is the teaching, one should understand it very well."

Maharaj to apply Your mercy right to the core of our lives we seek Your blessings and mercy to share and contemplate on words of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur on relating with Guru,

1. Merely maintaining the arrogance that one has received the mercy of suddha-bhaktas does not actually award that mercy or the position of being their disciple.
2. One cannot charm Sri Gurudeva with a display of external emotions, gestures and formalities. If one becomes a disciple without sincerely surrendering oneself at Sri Gurudeva's lotus feet, it is like trying to cheat a blacksmith regarding iron, and one is bound to be cheated of his own welfare.

Please let us not fall prey to these Maharaj. We are already being pierced by our motivated service. If our devotion toward You is tainted with such stool-like motivations, we can be at peace with the whole world, but we will never achieve the goal of life. Without unmotivated



devotion to Guru every other thought, word, or deed is simply a reflection of one's false ego. Let us not live in our own world created on the platform of the false ego, but live in the world created by your divine instructions.

Begging for Your mercy,

Your servants,
Madan Mohan das & Siddhida devi dasi



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--Manjari devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavats at your lotus feet. All Glories, All Glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious 100th occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā celebration.

Maharaj, Your appearance day is a day for us to reflect on how surrendered we are to you. As Lord Kṛṣṇa says in the Bhagavadgītā, ye yathā māṁ prapadyante tāṁs tathaiva bhajāmy aham. Kṛṣṇa reciprocates with us according to our degree of surrender. Our surrender may sometimes be partial, conditional, or artificial, but our goal should be complete surrender. Today is the day we are compelled to meditate upon Your Divine Grace and assess the inconceivable gifts we received from you

Maharaj we are extremely Bhāgyavān means "fortunate" or "supremely fortunate." That is our situation. Because we have come in contact with Your Divine Grace with the loving God Brothers and Sisters, we are supremely fortunate.

Maharaj has many times mentioned that association and hearing is very important in Krishna Consciousness and in this aspect is the story of the hunter which Maharaj had repeated many times to emphasize the effect of associating with a pure devotee.

Mṛgāri was a hunter who relished wounding animals and then watching them die slowly in pain. Struck with compassion for both the animals and their assassin, Nārada explained to Mṛgāri the horrible fate awaiting him and requested that he at least kill the animals completely. However, by just a few moments of Nārada's association, the hunter was a little convinced of his sinful activity. He therefore became somewhat afraid due to his offenses.

When Mṛgāri asked Nārada how he could be delivered, Nārada instructed him to break his bow, distribute his stock of riches, construct a cottage by the river, chant Kṛṣṇa-nāma and worship Tulasī Devī, and be assured that his maintenance would be arranged for.

1.19.36

*anyathā te 'vyakta-gater / darśanam naḥ katham nṛṇām
nitarām mriyamāṇānām / sarṁsiddhasya vanīyasaḥ*

"Otherwise [without being inspired by Lord Kṛṣṇa] how is it that you have voluntarily appeared here, though you are moving incognito to the common man and are not visible to us who are on the verge of death?"

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada explains that, "One can achieve the nucleus of the devotional service of the Lord by the mercy of the spiritual master and the Personality of Godhead. The spiritual master is the manifested representative of the Lord to help one achieve ultimate success.

One can achieve the ultimate success of going back to Godhead if he is favored by the Lord's sending His true representative. As soon as a true representative of the Lord is met by a devotee of the Lord, the devotee is assured a guarantee for going back to Godhead just after leaving the present body. This, however, depends on the sincerity of the devotee himself. The Lord is seated in the heart of all living beings, and thus he knows very well the movements of all individual persons. As soon as the Lord finds that a particular soul is very eager to go back to Godhead, the Lord at once sends His bona fide representative. The sincere devotee is thus assured by the Lord of going back to Godhead. The conclusion is that to get the assistance and help of a bona fide spiritual master means *to receive the direct help of the Lord Himself.*"

In this way, if we completely just simply follow Maharaj instructions we would always be at peace. Although Maharaj taught me that Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I still feel that I do not know Him. However, I know you, and you are my everything. All I want is to be with you, life after life." Without saying anything, you smiled in a way that conveyed everything to me. I offered obeisances to you with a voice ringing with gratitude, "Maharaj although I am totally unqualified, please let me stay at your lotus feet forever, engaging my entire existence in your service."

Your daughters,
Ganga devi dasi & Manjari devi dasi



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--Nayanranjani devi dasi

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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dearest Maharaj,

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to your divine grace!

This year is very monumental in that:

1. It witnessed the opening of the beautiful and palatial Rajkot temple, bringing great joy to all our hearts. This was only possible because of your purity, compassion and the hard work of all god siblings and other well-wishers whom you kept motivating and continue to inspire from within. Please let me learn from my god siblings to imbibe the quality of servitorship and strict obedience to your divine instructions;

2. It marks the centennial year of your Vyasa Puja; 100 years of your presence in this world, leaving your mark on the thousands of people you met when you were physically present and continuing to touch many more through your eternal teachings and sincere disciples, even after your physical departure.

Maharaj, this year, there was one verse which resonated strongly with me: **S.B. 1.2.6**

*sa vai puṁsāṁ paro dharmo / yato bhaktir adhokṣaje
ahaituky apratihātā / yayātmā suprasīdati*

The essence of this verse is coming to the realisation that everything in this world is merely illusory, and thereafter, naturally accepting and living one's life in loving devotional service to the Lord. What is so strikingly beautiful about this verse is that it ties in very neatly with your perfect description of devotional service being the *means and the end*, **i.e.** we perform devotional service without any motivation and interruption, and when we finally achieve perfect Krishna consciousness, we continue with loving devotional service because after all, it is our constitutional position to serve the Lord, and it is the only standing truth in this transient world.

In this day and age, it is difficult to balance material pursuits and spiritual life together, especially in the twenties when people try hard to settle in their careers by focusing on material pursuits. However, I always try to remember your instructions that one shouldn't differentiate between the two and must arrange one's material life in such a manner that it constantly reminds one of Krishna.

My main goals for this year would be to live and follow S.B. 1.2.6 by regularising my reading of the Srimad Bhagavatam and improving the quality of my chanting. Please bless me so that

I may achieve them. In this ever-changing and unpredictable world, the sole constant factor of life which gives much respite is that you have accepted me as your disciple. Thank you, Maharaj, for constantly guiding me in all my endeavours. I pray that you bless me with the intelligence and enthusiasm to closely follow your instructions, and always execute my devotional service seriously and sincerely.

Your humble servant,
Nayanranjani devi dasi



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--Paramanand Krishna das

Hare Krishna Gurudev,
Dandavat Pranams,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

This year is very memorable due to your 100th appearance day. With great efforts of your sincere disciples like HG Vaishnav Seva Prabhuj, HG Devakinandan Prabhuj, HG Kalachakra Prabhuj, the temple could be completed and also inaugurated on the auspicious day of Ram Navami. By the mercy of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhavji and you, we could attend the ceremony in Rajkot. It was so pleasing to see that all god siblings were working in harmony just for your pleasure. I missed you quite a lot on that occasion. The solace was that I was able to sit next to you on that day and spend time with you. These three days are far more important in our life than all other days in the year.

By your mercy, the Lordships in Singapore have kept us in their service. Whenever possible, I have participated in Abhishek team in Singapore. During that service, I can feel you around and watching us with your loving sight.

By the mercy of my siblings, I can have the pearls of your wisdom daily which are just eternal and also get your darshan on the calendar. We still experience your shelter when we see the right message for the day in the calendar exactly applicable for the situation in life demanding the solution. It really gives us the feeling of the baby bird under the warm wings of the mother bird. In the eyes of the world, we are well capable of handling all difficult situations in life but I know from inside that we will not be able to stand the pressure and continue to serve Krishna if your blessings and support is not there.

This year we were able to visit Jagannath Puri. We never had the opportunity to visit the Dhams with you and hear from you but we take the opportunity to read your teachings whilst in the Dham as recommended by Srila Prabhupad.

As you say, the material problems are the part of the life. We are able to bear the heat and keep the smile on the face only due to your shelter and teachings which you have left behind. While hearing your recorded classes, it appears as if you are sitting among us and speaking directly to us. Some times it is really striking that some of the points are just for me as guidance to face the situations at that time in life. As in your another favourite verse SB 1.7.7, you talk of nothing but Krishna and by your mercy we get the nectar.

यस्यां वै श्रूयमाणायां कृष्णे परमपूरुषेभक्तिरुत्पद्यते पुंसः शोकमोहभयापहा

Simply by giving aural reception to this Vedic literature, the feeling for loving devotional service to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, sprouts up at once to extinguish the fire of lamentation, illusion and fearfulness.

By your causeless mercy, the health of all of us is good. Purva has completed her education and joined an advertising firm as a trainee. Mahika has successfully entered year 3 of her B Pharm course.

By keeping head on your lotus feet we pray you to keep us in Krishna's service with no material motives in mind.

Your humble servants

Paramanand Krishna das & Laxmi devi dasi



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--Radhika

Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

jaya shri krishna chaitanya prabhu nityananda shri advaita gadhadhara shrivasa adi gaura
bhakta vrinda

Dear Maharaj,

On the blessed occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja ceremony I would like to wish you a very Happy Krishna conscious appearance day. Although I was only able to associate with you for a short period of time owing to my naivety as a young child, I nevertheless treasure all the memories I have of your divine grace.

Maharaj, one of my fondest memories of you was when you would come down to the level of everyone you spoke to and reciprocated with them in the most perfect and transcendental way. Your interaction with everyone was different and you radiated happiness and joy in everyone you met. Instead of directly giving us instruction based on the Shastras that you are a master of, you made each and every one of us feel safe and comfortable in our lives, exactly like a great grandfather would care for his grandchildren.

Maharaj, your love for children was unconditional and not bound by any rules and norms. With wonderful initiatives that you came up with like the Prahlad International School, not only the students but other children around the world have benefited from the simple devotional values and teachings you have imbibed in us. These values were beautifully captured into a jingle or a rhyme, which showed your compassion and understanding for the children, who found it more exciting to sing along to songs than listen to lectures. These poems and rhymes are so beautifully crafted and will remain etched in my memory always.

Maharaj, you always emphasized on the fact that children had to be disciplined and corrected if they were going in the wrong way. You made the acronym GOOD KIDS (Good Orderly Obedient Disciplined Kids in this Divine School) which made children realize the qualities that they needed to cultivate in order to become good kids. If not for your grace, both parents and children would be suffering in this complicated mesh or relationships in the world today. I am extremely grateful for each and every moment I spent with your divine grace and I truly miss you a lot.

I would like to ask for forgiveness from your grace for my naivety as I am not understanding your transcendental position as Gurudev to all of us and hence might have committed many unknowing mistakes in my innocence. However, not once did I feel uncomfortable, scared or intimidated by you in the short interactions we shared. I hope to carry these beautiful experiences in my heart always and never wish to part with them or your divine lotus feet.

Thank you for everything and wishing you a happy Vyasa Puja again.

Your humble servant,
Radhika
Singapore



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--Raghunandan das

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances onto your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories your Divine Grace.

We had finally, after a decade, fulfilled Maharaj's dream and instructions, with the opening of Iskcon Rajkot, in April this year. With this, we have flown Maharaj's flag around the world with your name and fame spreading everywhere. Thank you for allowing me a very small part of this tremendously huge dream and I pray at your lotus feet to continue to allow me to be part of you in any capacity, Maharaj. We have also been working hard to enable the continuation of Maharaj's legacy in Iskcon. While we were concentrating very hard to push this through, this work allowed me to reflect on qualities that made much so famous around the world and how everyone was attracted to Maharaj.

The first thing that came to mind, is Maharaj "Humility". This is a word so overused in our movement. But Maharaj gives a whole new meaning to the word, "Humble". In one of my visits to Rajkot, I had asked Maharaj how to conquer Pride, Anger and Envy. Immediately, Maharaj told me to take out the 7th Canto of Bhagavatam and told me to open the 15th Chapter. In Maharaj's unique way of teaching his disciples, he made me write every single line word for word the purport in my diary. Once completed verse 24. I turned to verse 25 but Maharaj told me "Stop, that's enough" I felt enlightened and left Rajkot recharged. The next day, in Mumbai, I shared my experience with Maharaj with Devakinandan Prabhu. After sharing my experience, I told him about how Maharaj told me to stop when I was about to turn to verse 25 of the chapter. He simply said, "Now, turn and look at the verse". I turn the page and read the verse out loud.

*rajas tamaś ca sattvena / sattvaṁ copaśamena ca
etat sarvaṁ gurau bhaktyā / puruṣo hy añjasā jayet*

"One must conquer the modes of passion and ignorance by developing the mode of goodness, and then one must become detached from the mode of goodness by promoting oneself to the platform of śuddha-sattva. All this can be automatically done if one engages in the service of the spiritual master with faith and devotion. In this way, one can conquer the influence of the modes of nature."

This hit me hard in two ways. First, we are chasing everything everywhere in devotional service sometimes without any success but just by simple surrender and following Maharaj's instructions with faith and devotion, everything is conquered, and everything is taken care of. Second, as spiritual master, Maharaj could have told me directly to read the last verse but Maharaj's humility towards his own disciple provides the word "humility" a whole new meaning which attracts the whole universe to be at Maharaj's Lotus feet.

Second is Maharaj's "Determination". Maharaj was determined in every aspect of devotional but what's stands out, is Maharaj's determination in carrying out his daily routine in the old age. Maharaj would wake up every day before Mangala Arati. Even if Maharaj could not make it to the temple hall due to bodily pains, Maharaj would be sitting in his room flipping through Bhagavatam at 4.30 in the morning. This is actually mind-boggling to us because, at our current age, we know that it is so hard to wake up at 4 am but at 80 plus years of age, Maharaj would sometimes be giving Bhagavatam class at immediately after Mangala Arati for a full hour. This kind of determination is out of this world and we can only dream to be following in Maharaj's footsteps.

Third, "Friendly" with everyone. Maharaj is always friendly to everyone. From a young child to an elder person, Maharaj is equally friendly with everyone. This friendliness attracts anyone to Maharaj a magnet. People who come to see Maharaj, always leave with a smile in their face or they leave feeling that their life is going to be better. Maharaj "caring" nature knows no bounds. Maharaj always enquires about others, their well-being and problems. This allows everyone to open up to Maharaj with a belief that a pure devotee like Maharaj can protect and save us in any situation. Humility, Determination, Friendly and Caring. Maharaj's exemplary nature is in line with Bhagavatam and you are Bhagavatam. Maharaj, you always say that "If you have a problem in life or you need anything in life, turn to Bhagavatam and it will never cheat you". In our life, you are who we turn to because you are the personification of Bhagavatam for us and we know that you will never neglect us. I am most unfortunate not to be able to come to Rajkot for Maharaj's Vyasa Puja, which is the most auspicious day of the year. Surely, it is because of my flawed devotional service and my misgivings that I am not allowed to be there with you at your Samadhi. I sincerely pray to Srila Prabhupada and our Dear Lord Krishna, to please allow me to come to you Samadhi soonest and I know that I need to work hard in devotional service to come to Rajkot.

This life is so unbearable Maharaj and it is so much more after you left. Last 10 years have been a tormenting time without you and I do not wish to continue here anymore. With all the material wantings and my material processions and designations, it has made me realize that material life becomes more unbearable and with increased suffering. My only solace is your instructions, devotional service, Bhagavatam and the shelter that you left behind for us to be under and told us that as long as we are under this shelter, we will be fine. Kindly, please remove me before you take back this shelter to be with you Maharaj, as I do not know what to do alone in this world and will not survive. Kindly please forgive me for any offences committed at your lotus feet, Maharaj. I pray that Kavim Krishna will become a devotee and take shelter of Maharaj's legacy and be always protected by you. Finally, please allow me to work very hard in your service and I humbly beg you to please consider to take me back to your abode as I am not able to continue here without you and want to be with you.

Your Servants Always,
Raghunandan das, Smita Pathare & Kavim Krishna Rajram

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--Rajagopal & Santha

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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Maharaja,

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj, we are indeed very fortunate to have had Maharaja's spiritual association in this lifetime. Maharaj, you have so kindly guided our children and their children in this Krishna Conscious Movement and today with your blessings they are doing their very best. Maharaja though you have bodily left us, your memory is still fresh in our minds. We cannot forget your kind, caring fatherly nature and especially Maharaja's sense of humour during your inspiring lectures. Please continue to bless us and our family.

Your humble servants,
Rajagopal and Santha



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--Sangeeta devi dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your Divine Grace.

Even though I did not have the opportunity to have face-to-face conversations with Maharaj, your presence in our lives is felt through the process of devotional service every day. Maharaj, your calendar and wise words make me feel even closer to you and I always get a warm feeling inside me whenever I read them. Whenever I am in doubt or in a difficult situation, I always pray to you and it never fails to help me.

Through listening to your lectures monthly, I have learnt so much that I feel as if I know you personally. I only wish that I got to experience your warmth and 'soft corner' for me. However, through the many pastimes, devotees have narrated, I understand that you have helped bring Krishna consciousness into so many people's lives and I hope and pray that I will be able to grow as a devotee similarly like them in the future too. Coming to Rajkot every year and sitting at your samadhi, I feel a sense of calm and peace. Maharaj, only you can put such feelings into my heart, and I thank you so much for that.

Maharaj, in the upcoming year, I would like to start doing kirtans for the Lord. I would like to memorize some of the chapters in Bhagavad Gita and read Krsna Book diligently. I would like to maintain my chanting and be regular. I would like to start doing simple services in the temple too. Please continue to guide and nurture me.

Maharaj, I hope that you will continue to bless me through your presence and my parents. I pray that I will always remain in your service and continue to build my devotional service foundation. I pray that you will help me focus on my Krishna consciousness and let me always find opportunities to serve the lord.

Your humble servant,
Sangeeta devi dasi



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--Sarangan, Sumithra and Sharanya

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Our most humble and respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva

My dear Gurudeva, Though born and brought up as a Vaishnava by my wonderful parents, I lost the purpose of my existence due to the ever-powerful influence of Karma and Time. However, with the little association of you (through your wonderful disciples Devakinandan Prabhujji, Kalachakra Prabhujji and many other devotees in Singapore), we were forced to be put on the right track of my real destination, to do service, to attain pure krishna-bhakti in our lives.

We can see very clearly through my life the greatness of association of pure devotees and our life's trajectory would be completely different if not in contact with you in this life. Though we have a very long way to go to clear all our misdeeds and become pure devotees, with your blessings and protection, we are sure to cross this ocean of material existence

As there is a saying, "Once bitten twice shy", we will make every effort to progress in this spiritual path by following your instructions.

With no real qualifications for us in this life, I don't why you have showered so much mercy upon us. We are most grateful to you and ever indebted to you

On this great occasion, please bless us and all other disciples to always to be with your association and serve the Lord to the best of our abilities

Your menial Servants

Sarangan, Sumithra, & Sharanya



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--Shakti Dhara Krsna das

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Gurudev please accept our humble obeisance and all glories to your Blessed Vyasa-Puja.

Gurudev it is that auspicious time of the year, your vyasa-puja. The day that we are able to constantly remember all your glorious pastimes in the midst of all our loving godsiblings. This year it is made even more special as it is your centennial Vyasa-Puja.

In these 100yrs, you have taught us so many valuable lessons with your tolerance, humility, humor and your loving nature. Anybody who came into your association they would never leave your presence feeling dejected. Even now when you are no longer physically present, when people hear of Gurudev's pastimes, they get so enlivened. Whenever, we attend the Godsiblings gathering Kasthuri would always leave with warmness in her heart. She would always lament that she did not get the chance to see you but takes comfort realizing that she gets to see parts of You in each of our Godsiblings.

It was very difficult a task to fully describe Gurudev. There are so many aspects to your Personality. Yes one can go on to speak about you but due to the limitations of the listener some will be lost in translation. However, this past April it has become much easier to describe Gurudev. It is said a picture paints a thousand words, this rings true for you Gurudev. We now just need to show the many pictures of Radha Neelmadhav Dham and one will be able to relish and understand your opulence, your eye for details, your vision, your taste for the Lord and your strength of renunciation.

The Palace temple that Gurudev has built is phenomenal. The specific instructions that you had for all the details in the temple shows how much scrutiny Gurudev placed on Studying Bhagavatam. The ambience in the temple reflects the genuine welcoming Nature that Gurudev's famous for. The magnanimity of the building dwarfs everything around it for miles, just like how in your presence, Gurudev, everyone else dwarfs in comparison. The greatest take away for me Gurudev, is the fact that you built this Gorgeous Palace temple without incurring a single cent of debt. Thus, practicing what you have always preached that "the source of our income is not the source of our Maintenance, if Krsna wants he will build". It is relevant to me Gurudev because here we are trying ways and means of making more money thinking that if we slog now we will have more money to rest later and we can concentrate more on service. But Truth be told financially we are ZERO no difference after all that slogging and Spiritually we are also ZERO. I give up Gurudev, I surrender. I am giving up this mentality. It will take me about 2yrs to clear the financial mess that I have created but we will start immediately to once again put our spiritual lives as a priority. This is my one and only goal for 2020.

Gurudev, we remember when we had the good fortune to spend some time serving you in Rajkot, you brought our attention to look at a group of visitors in the temple ground and you

pointed out how that children were so engrossed in the activities but the adults were languishing behind and that is why you choose to emphasize so much on the children as they are the future. This moment came across my mind a few backs and that was when I realized that my ideas have failed. More than not being able to afford the best clothes or toys or experience that I want to give Purna Kirtana, I cannot afford to give her the impression that spiritual life can take a backseat. We need to show that we can be busy with our duties but we should never miss our Appointments with the lord.

We may or may not be able to give her wealth when we leave but we definitely must give her Krsna Consciousness. Krsna Consciousness is the only thing that has kept me sane all these years and I realized it would be most selfish of me to keep her from experiencing it.

Gurudev, her smile reminds me of how you would smile. She is a child now, pure and innocent, that is why she has that smile. You had it till the very last time we saw you, How pure were you to be able to do that!? Simply Amazing.

Please Please Please give me the strength with intelligence to be able to practice my sadhana so that we can set a good example for Purna Kirtana to follow so that at least when times are dark, she will have the shelter of your lotus feet guiding her in the way of Srila Prabhupada teachings.

Jai Srila Gurudev!

Jai His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev centennial Vyasa-Puja Ki Jai!

Your Lowly Children and GrandChild,
Shakti Dhara Krsna das, Bhaktin Kasthuri & Purna Kirtana Sanjeevan



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--Svayam Prakash Krsna das

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept our prostrated humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your divine grace.

Wish your divine grace a very happy 100th Krsna conscious appearance day. This year also marked the opening of the Glory of Saurashtra – the most glorious Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav Dham on 14th April 2019 on the auspicious occasion of Sri Rama Navami. The beautiful forms of Sri Sri Sita Rama Ramanuja Hanuman were also installed that day in the new temple.

On this most glorious day of your divine grace's appearance day, we would like to make a humble Vyasa Puja offering at Gurudev's lotus feet. On your divine grace's appearance day, we wish to meditate on the appearance of Lord Krsna that your divine grace so wonderfully narrated in a Mangal Arati lecture at the residence of HG Radha Jivan Prabhuji at Alachua on 8th June 2003. This lecture is so nectarean that our humble selves would have heard it at least 50 times and every time we hear it we feel so ecstatic.

We pray at your divine grace's lotus feet to kindly allow us to share some wonderful points that Gurudev shared in the lecture on how to practically realize the appearance of Krsna daily in our lives.

Gurudev spoke on the verse SB 10.3.1-2:

śrī-śuka uvāca

*atha sarva-guṇopetaḥ / kālaḥ parama-śobhanaḥ
yarhy evājana-janmarkṣaṁ / śāntarkṣa-graha-tāraḥ*

*dīśaḥ prasedur gaganam / nirmaloḍu-gaṇodayam
mahī maṅgala-bhūyiṣṭha / pura-grāma-vrajākārā*

śrī-śukaḥ uvāca — Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī said; *atha* — on the occasion of the Lord's appearance; *sarva* — all around; *guṇa-upetaḥ* — endowed with material attributes or facilities; *kālaḥ* — a favorable time; *parama-śobhanaḥ* — all-auspicious and very favorable from all points of view; *yarhi* — when; *eva* — certainly; *ajana janma-rkṣam* — the constellation of stars known as Rohiṇī; *śānta-rkṣa* — none of the constellations were fierce (all of them were peaceful); *graha-tāraḥ* — and the planets and stars like Aśvinī; *dīśaḥ* — all directions; *praseduḥ* — appeared very auspicious and peaceful; *gaganam* — all of outer space or the sky; *nirmala-uḍu-gaṇa-udayam* — in which all the auspicious stars were visible (in the

upper strata of the universe); *mahī* — the earth; *maṅgala-bhūyiṣṭha-pura-grāma-vraja-ākarāḥ* — whose many cities, towns, pasturing grounds and mines became auspicious and very neat and clean;

"Thereafter, at the auspicious time for the appearance of the Lord, the entire universe was surcharged with all the qualities of goodness, beauty and peace. The constellation Rohiṇī appeared, as did stars like Aśvinī. The sun, the moon and the other stars and planets were very peaceful. All directions appeared extremely pleasing, and the beautiful stars twinkled in the cloudless sky. Decorated with towns, villages, mines and pasturing grounds, the earth seemed all-auspicious."

Maharaj went through the below word by word meanings of this beautiful verse and gave some practical insights as follows:

1. *guna-upetaḥ* – endowed with material attributes and facilities. On the day of this lecture it rained heavily in the morning so Maharaj said that if we had missed Mangal Arati we would have been snoring on our beds but instead we all assembled for Mangal Arati and everything became automatically endowed with good qualities. Maharaj said that whether we like it or not Mangal Arati instills the mode of goodness in us and this is manifested in all misunderstandings between living entities completely going away. Mangal Arati surely helps us spiritually but it daily helps in our material lives. Otherwise we would have been on the bed and woken up late and just spoken about the weather the whole day and been completely in ignorance. We have to speak about something (nṛnam santi sahaśraśah – SB 2.1.2), so we better come to Mangal Arati and speak about Kṛṣṇa.
2. *kalah parama śobanaḥ*– favorable time and all favorable and auspicious from all points of view. Because we came to Mangal Arati, the whole time has become so auspicious. This is the result of coming to Kṛṣṇa, just by chanting His names all the time automatically becomes favorable otherwise for our saṁskaras we have to select the favorable time but for devotees this is completely debarred and according to Śrīla Prabhupada it is foolish to check the favorable time with the astrologer. Śrīla Prabhupada said that by clapping our hands in Mangal Arati our lines change so what is the use going to the astrologer or palmist.
3. *santa-rkṣa grha-tarakam* – none of the constellations were fierce and all the planets are stars were peaceful. It is important to note that Kṛṣṇa didn't choose the favorable time to appear, He appeared by His sweet will and automatically the stars and planets arranged themselves in a favorable and auspicious way. Maharaj said that the practical point from this is that every time Kṛṣṇa has to appear in our lives and for that we have to be absorbed in His devotional service. Maharaj narrated the pastime in Dvārka where Kṛṣṇa was profusely granting all material benedictions to people who had come to see Him in His palace and those who wanted His devotional service had to wait by the side. So Narada muni was surprised why the Lord was doing this. Lord Kṛṣṇa said that once a person becomes His devotee then the Lord is sold out to him and becomes his slave so He wanted to check whose slave He is going to become. Maharaj said that

if we don't have anyone else other than Krsna in our hearts, then Krsna also has no one else but us in His heart. This is how Krsna lovingly reciprocates with His devotees. Maharaj said that pure devotees can control Krsna and Krsna also means His weapon in the form of eternal time and this is the meaning of the lines in the hands changing on clapping in Mangal Arati. Krsna says in BG 10.8 that all spiritual and material worlds emanate from Him so the stars and planets are all in His control and by the strength of a pure devotee's devotional service the stars and planets become favorable to the devotee.

Maharaj also said that one of the reasons we are not peaceful with ourselves is our absorption in our bodies, especially aches and pains. There are laborers working in the construction sites and ladies who are working there who are doing hard physical labor the whole day and they are completely fine, we don't do any labor and we are always sick. The reason is because we have idle time and there is someone to listen to us and care for us so we take advantage. If we are alone and even if there is headache, we don't worry and just ignore. This is how we have to find some alternative to this sickness and meditation on sickness and this is Krsna consciousness and Krsna's appearance for us.

Maharaj then spoke the below points in the lecture which can be related to the qualities described in the verse above in the most practical way.

- **Importance of Mangal Arati – Create Auspiciousness**

Maharaj repeatedly mentioned in this lecture on the importance of Mangal Arati in our devotional lives. Maharaj said that Krsna talks to us at 4:30 am in the morning and if we are sleeping that time we miss this chance to associate with Krsna. After 4:30 am, Krsna stops talking and that is when we slowly get up. Maharaj kindly said that even if we are not able to do Mangal Arati at 4:30 am, we should do it by 6 am which is not that early. He went to the extent that even if we are not able to do it, then whatever time we get during the day we should perform mangal Arati. Somehow or the other Mangal Arati should be part of our lives. Our humble self once missed Mangal Arati at Rajkot temple in the pretext of a service performed the previous night and by his purity Maharaj knew it and told us that our nature in kali yuga is to welcome amangal (inauspicious) things in life and ignore mangal (auspicious) things. Mangal Arati is the most auspicious activity and we should never miss it. By Maharaj's mercy, we are trying our best not to miss this service ever since and we continue to pray for his mercy that we continue this eternally despite our bodily conditions.

- **Seeing Krsna in His deity form – All Time Becomes Favorable**

Maharaj narrated the wonderful appearance of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadishji in Dwarka Dham and how Maharaj saw the appearance of Krsna in the form of His deity and how it was a personification of this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam.

In 2001, when Maharaj got the land in Dwarka to build the temple, Maharaj visited the site with HG Yasomatinandan prabhuji and the local corporator came to threaten Maharaj that he better vacate the place if Maharaj was interested in the safety of his life. Maharaj told him, "As far as dying in Dwaraka is concerned, it is most auspicious, who will get this fortune. But Krsna

wants to come here and it is between Him and you and He never loses." The purity and strong faith of Maharaj in Krsna stopped that person from saying anything else and he left. Then the local municipal tax collector came and started demanding tax of 3 lakh rupees else he will lock the place and keep the key with him. Maharaj asked how come within 2 days of getting the land the tax can go upto 3 lakhs and he said that no one has paid tax since the land has been bought and since Maharaj seems to have the money he should pay for it. Maharaj asked him, "Were you sleeping all this while? Just because we have money doesn't mean we should pay the tax from beginning, we can pay the tax for 2 days which is fair." Then Maharaj decided to get a local solicitor and by Krsna's mercy one solicitor who was expert in fighting cases with the municipality came to Maharaj's help. Then he told that just to settle the matter for now Maharaj should pay around 10,000 rupees and then the solicitor can file a case against the municipality. Maharaj recounts that this incident happened two years ago and till now the court is deciding whether to file this case or not. And in the meantime the municipality keeps sending letters that the tax is now 3 lakhs, 3.5 lakhs, 4 lakhs but Maharaj has never paid and they also never demanded.

In addition, the local pandas and brahmanas became very envious of Maharaj because for 40-50 years they have been staying there and struggling to find a place for their ashram but here Maharaj just came and got a 5 storey building with 25 rooms and they could come and ask Maharaj, "Till yesterday you were on the road and now suddenly you have a place!" Maharaj told them he didn't do anything, just that we are simply chanting Krsna's names and He is reciprocating.

Maharaj says that the material world is full of miseries, the 3 types of tapa are constantly harassing us and the only solace is Krsna. So Maharaj decided that he should get the deities there which will settle everything. And by Maharaj's desire, one businessman got the wonderful marble deities of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadishji from Jaipur. And ever since They appeared, there is no trouble at all and Maharaj kept emphasizing that this is the appearance of Krsna which we can practically realize in our lives.

Maharaj spoke about the importance of deity worship, how we have to respect Krsna and then He will respect us. We should be careful in what dress we wear while going in front of the deities. Men should wear clean dhotis, preferably silk as silk is considered pure and never gets contaminated and similarly ladies should also wear silk sarees. Maharaj further emphasized that we should keep deity worship simple and he insisted that we worship Sri Sri Radha Krsna deities at home by observing the simple process of Mangal Arati daily during brahma-muhurta, offering whatever we cook, chanting the holy names and some bhajans daily in front of Their Lordships and changing Their dress weekly. By this simple process of deity worship, we can feel the appearance of Krsna in our lives. When the devotees in the lecture heard this they were pleasantly surprised that how could one worship Sri Sri Radha Krsna so simply and their general understanding was that only brahmacaris or devotees in the temple could worship Sri Sri Radha Krsna but Maharaj so lovingly explained that it is simple devotion that Krsna is looking for but at the same time we have to follow the principles listed above very seriously and sincerely.

Ever since the Lord appeared in the form of His deity there were no difficulties at all. Maharaj went to the same municipal tax collector asking him to keep the papers ready for legal occupation of the land in the name of ISKCON. Previously he was so antagonistic and now when Maharaj went he said, "Don't worry, you are sitting on the land, you are the owner". This same person first came with the lock and key and now he completely changed. When Maharaj asked about the tax, he said since Maharaj was building the temple there is no tax. Krsna completely turned the whole thing around. This is how the whole kala became favorable and this is the appearance of Krsna.

Then the municipal case had to be settled so the solicitor sent a notice to the municipality via the court that if there is any objection to the temple construction they should get a stop order from the court within 3 months. Now it was two years since this happened and there is no objection at all. This is how with the appearance of Krsna all the obstacles were removed.

Another problem that Maharaj faced when he arrived in Dwaraka was from the municipal president. This person was considered president for life but somehow or the other his time changed in 2001 and he lost the elections and with that he lost his respect also. But when Maharaj went first to Dwaraka he didn't know that this person was no more the president so he arranged for welcoming him to the land and garlanded him. That person told Maharaj that Maharaj didn't know anything about how things are to be managed in Dwaraka which was a fact as Maharaj had just come into Dwaraka. So this person volunteered to send this brother-in-law as an advisor to help Maharaj to maneuver the municipality and other difficulties. The next day this person came there along with his wife, father and seven children to stay in the temple. Just now Maharaj had somehow or the other settled the tax matter and the construction hurdles and now this new difficulty came. Maharaj somehow or the other told him that the advisor can stay but the family cannot stay as this is an ashram and hence family stay is not allowed. Maharaj had to do this very politely as otherwise this person could create more difficulties.

But ever since the deities appeared, all difficulties automatically stopped and Maharaj predicted that *once Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadishji move into the temple altar after the construction is complete, whole of Dwaraka will be surprised and there will be no more difficulties ever. This prophecy of Maharaj has come true and to this day not only Dwaraka temple is being managed wonderfully by the devotees under the leadership of HG Vaishnavaseva Prabhuji but a new guest house was constructed 2 years ago and the temple is flourishing with devotees visiting from all over the world and taking the darshan of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadishji.*

Maharaj then humorously recounted the experience of worshipping Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadishji. Maharaj had only very few devotees to assist him at Dwaraka and only HG Sundargopal prabhuji knew how to dress Their Lordships but Krsna had to go to his room on the 5th floor and ask him, "Please change My dress" and then he would come down and change. The devotees were so lazy that most times they would be just sleeping or lazing around so Maharaj just told them, "Anyway you are just staying here, why don't you go out and collect 10 Rs every day?" And they asked, "You want us to collect?" Maharaj thought that it was a big mistake to ask them to collect and Maharaj couldn't say anything thinking that if

he says yes, maybe they will go away and the service will stop. This way Maharaj just tolerated and was getting inspiration by reading Srila Prabhupada's Lilamrta on how much Srila Prabhupada exercised his tolerance to grow this Krsna consciousness movement.

- **Vedic Culture – All Directions Become Pleasing**

Maharaj then spoke about how Vedic culture infiltrates the whole of this universe and this is how we can see Krsna everywhere as He is the originator of this culture. It is natural for the eastern people like Indians, Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Indonesians etc to follow this culture and even in the West Greece is quite Vedic. Maharaj also said that in Spain they have ratha yatra for Mother Mary which is derived from the Vedic culture. The name England originated from the Sanskrit word angla-desh as the island was in the form of a thumb (Sanskrit word for thumb is angla). Then Ireland originated from arya-land as the Aryans who migrated from Bharata varsha found an island which was suitable for their habitation. Maharaj said that Irish people are so Vedic that they welcome even strangers at their home and provide all the necessities. Then the canal that connects France to England has a gate in-between called Ramsgate, if Lord Ram had not gone there how come it is named after Him?

Rest of Europe is now contaminated but if we move further up towards North America, there is Grand Canyon where there are three big mountains which are considered the forms of Lord Visnu, Shiva and Brahma.

If we move the other side towards Australia, there is Fiji which is rich in Vedic culture and Kaliya lila is very famous there. Everyone knows about this lila and there is worship of Kaliya Krsna everywhere. There is one famous temple there where the deity of Kaliya Krsna grows bigger in size and the temple authorities had to take off the roof to allow for the deity to grow. And it is believed that Kaliya is still there, he was banished by Krsna to stay in Fiji (Ramanadvipa) forever. It is believed that there is a lake there which goes out to the sea and where Kaliya stays during summer to cool himself. During winter he goes back to the lake and there is a tunnel with gold on both sides so that Kaliya doesn't have a scratch on his body while moving. It is said that if anyone goes there he will be killed. In this way Maharaj told us that the remnants of Vedic culture can be seen if we keep our eyes and ears open and in this way we can be convinced that Krsna is the Lord of the entire universe.

Then Indonesia has so much rich culture even now despite the invasion by Muslims. Even the Muslims there study Ramayana and Mahabharata and both these scriptures are an integral part of their lives. The temples in Java and Sumatra islands are much more reminiscent of the Vedic culture than the temples in India.

- **Pass on this culture – Twinkling Stars Shine**

Since this culture is fast vanishing now with material advancement, it is our duty as elders to pass this culture to the younger generation otherwise they will become royal edition of animals and we will lose this culture. Maharaj encouraged youngsters like Hanuman and Krsna das to take up responsibilities and connect with other similar youngsters like the children of HG Radha Jivan Prabhujii (Nitai and Balaram) and together they should preach to their generation. Maharaj emphasized that the younger ones should have clean lives and there should be

nothing but devotional service. And it is the responsibility of parents to do this and also ensure they empower the youth to take accountability.

We are eternally grateful to Maharaj for giving us wonderful practical instructions of seeing Krsna's appearance in our lives daily which is the way to protect ourselves from the material miseries, progress in our devotional service by taking shelter of the Supreme Lord and instill this in the younger generation so that this treasure can be passed on.

We only pray at the divine lotus feet of Gurudev that by his mercy we can follow his instructions and be eternally engaged in the loving devotional service of Sri Sri Radha Krsna and Their dear devotees Srila Prabhupada, Srila Gurudeva and all vaishnavas.

Your divine grace's most fallen disciples,
Svayam Prakash Krsna das and Krsna Rati devi dasi
Singapore



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--Vishal

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Thank you for giving me the guidance of your dear disciple Devakinandan prabhu. I have not met you but I can imagine what an embodiment of love and compassion you would have been seeing your son.

I have been reading the Churning of the Milk ocean as asked by prabhuji. In that just yesterday, I came across 2 verses (SB 8.7.39) which go as following

*prāṇaiḥ svaiḥ prāṇināḥ pānti / sādavaḥ kṣaṇa-bhaṅguraiḥ
baddha-vaireṣu bhūteṣu / mohiteṣv ātma-māyayā*

"People in general, being bewildered by the illusory energy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, are always engaged in animosity toward one another. But devotees, even at the risk of their own temporary lives, try to save them."

You stretched yourself always to give Krishna consciousness to others. At ripe old age, you could have rested well in some nice corner of ISKCON after all you were an old sanyasi. You could have just finished Dwarka and retired or taken a break at least. But you rather came to Rajkot and started preaching to save the living entities

This is the characteristic of a Vaiṣṇava. *Para-duḥkha-duḥkhī*: a Vaiṣṇava is always unhappy to see the conditioned souls unhappy. Otherwise, he would have no business teaching them how to become happy. (SB 8.7.39).

You were always concerned about the welfare of everyone- not just your disciples but every living entity. And same is your son - para dukha dukhi - always genuinely concerned about my welfare and stretching to give us solace and the shelter of Srimad Bhagavatam in all our distresses. Your real business all the time was to teach people how to be happy. When we come to Krishna Consciousness after some time we wonder - "Chant and be Happy" - really? So easy? But you give us the foundation of Srimad Bhagavatam which reveals this "Chant and be Happy" to the extent we follow your instructions of putting our heads in Srimad Bhagavatam.

*puṁsaḥ kṛpayato bhadre / sarvātmā prīyate hariḥ
prīte harau bhagavati / prīye 'harīḥ sacarācaraḥ
tasmād idaṁ garaṁ bhuñje / prajānāṁ svastir astu me*

My dear gentle wife Bhavānī, when one performs benevolent activities for others, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, is very pleased. And when the Lord is pleased, I am also pleased, along with all other living creatures. Therefore, let me drink this poison, for all the living entities may thus become happy because of me.

For the pleasure of Krishna and out of compassion for our sufferings you preached day and night BG and SB. What is poison really? It's something undesirable. Nobody likes to move the body when the body is paining or not fit. Nobody likes too much heat and too much cold. But for you whether the situation was desirable or undesirable, whether it body was healthy or paining, whether your throat was clear or full of cough, whether it was very hot or very cold - Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam, Chanting, Mangala arati and caring for your disciples never stopped.

Crossing this material ocean is next to impossible. Material mind concocts so many desires for enjoyment, settlement and accomplishment within this material world. This world actually looks like a nice place maharaj until I get slaps of material life. It is very difficult. But by the mercy of pure devotee everything is possible. I have no birthday gift that I can offer to you because you possess Krishna. I am sometimes very much overwhelmed by my mind and senses and feel how will I be able to be of service to you and prabhuji. Please give me the benediction that even if in this life and many lives if I may not be able to reach perfection, I may have the opportunity and intense desire for serving prabhuji and Krishna, always

Your servant
Vishal



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--Vrindavaneswari devi dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

On this auspicious day your appearance day, despite my frailties and limitation, I offer this meagre attempt to say something in order to glorify you.

Guru Maharaj, I am so weak at heart and dull headed that in spite of remembering your instructions that penetrate my mind regularly and are indeed for my ultimate benefit, I have been a failure by not taking any concrete action on them. Material energy is smashing me from left and right and I am still attached to it

In one of the lectures, Srila Prabhupada has mentioned that you get mother and father and their care in each form of life. But Krishna and Guru do not come in every birth. Guru Maharaj, please bless me so that I can become some small instrument in your magnanimous mission.

Guru Maharaj please kindly keep me under your divine shelter always.

S.B .4.30.37

*teṣāṁ vicaratāṁ padbhyāṁ / tīrthānāṁ pāvanecchayā
bhītasya kiṁ na roceta / tāvakānāṁ samāgamah*

"Dear Lord, Your personal associates, devotees, wander all over the world to purify even the holy places of pilgrims. Is not such activity pleasing to those who are actually afraid of material existence?"

PURPORT

There are two kinds of devotees. One is called *goṣṭhānandī* and the other *bhajanānandī*. The word *bhajanānandī* refers to the devotee who does not move, but remains in one place. Such a devotee is always engaged in the devotional service of the Lord. He chants the *mahā-mantra* as taught by many *ācāryas* and sometimes goes out for preaching work. The *goṣṭhānandī* is one who desires to increase the number of devotees all over the world. He travels all over the world just to purify the world and the people residing in it. Caitanya Mahāprabhu advised:

*prthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma
sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma*

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu wanted His followers to move all over the world to preach in every town and village. In the Caitanya-sampradāya those who strictly follow the principles of Lord Caitanya must travel all over the world to preach the message of Lord Caitanya, which is the same as preaching the words of Kṛṣṇa—Bhagavad-gītā—and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. The more

the devotees preach the principles of kṛṣṇa-kathā, the more people throughout the world will benefit.

Devotees like the great sage Nārada, who travel all over to preach, are called goṣṭhānandī. Nārada Muni is always wandering throughout the universe just to create different types of devotees. Nārada even made a hunter a devotee. He also made Dhruva Mahārāja and Prahlāda devotees. Actually, all devotees are indebted to the great sage Nārada, for he has wandered both in heaven and in hell. A devotee of the Lord is not even afraid of hell. He goes to preach the glories of the Lord everywhere—even in hell—because there is no distinction between heaven and hell for a devotee.

To Krishna sent you to us, you out of your unlimited compassion and mercy took this unfortunate soul and took her under your shelter , I have no hope to develop good qualities, nor do a stand chance in surrendering my false ego, but you see something in me that can be engaged in Krishna Consciousness you are the foremost expert in seeing my nature just like a doctor who can tell what disease a patient has and prescribes a suitable medicine.

O, Guru Maharaj, I wish to offer my heartfelt gratitude, I hope I can become a genuine spiritual daughter one day.

Your Daughter

Vrndavesvari devi dasi



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--Yadunandan Krishna

Hare Krsna dear Maharaj. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glory to your Divine grace!
Maharaj, Wish you a very happy 100th Appearance day!

My mother told me that I was in her womb when you left this world. So, you are 91 years older than me! Though I could not see you in person, by your mercy, I was able to know you through your disciples like HG Devakinandan Prabhu and others. Also, my parents told me that Devaki Prabhu selected my name from the list of names you gave. So, I feel blessed that I have some direct connection with you.

Maharaj, I heard in your lectures that you said many times that we should always be cheerful and our face should be like a water melon and not like a rotten banana. And whenever I hear your lecture I always hear you laughing and making others laugh. Maharaj, I'm so shy that I never smile or talk when others try to talk to me. I'm very sorry Maharaj about this. Please forgive me and bless me that one day I'll come out of my shyness and always greet others with a smile.

Maharaj, Devaki Prabhu always says that you always insisted on Mangal Arati, Bhagavata Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. Unfortunately, I'm not able to wake up for Mangal Arati. In a lecture Devaki Prabhuji narrated how you did Mangal Arati even there was an earthquake in Dwaraka. It showed to me how important Mangal Arati is for you.

Recently, when HH Kavichandra Swami Maharaj stayed with us, he also instructed me the same thing. When Maharaj came late after a class I was still playing. Maharaj told me that I should sleep early and wake up for Mangal Arati. Maharaj, please forgive me for my mistakes and please give me the capacity to follow your instructions.

Maharaj, I'm happy to tell you that I learnt the seed verses of BG and SB and also prayers of Vritrasura. By your mercy I hope to learn more verses to please you.

Recently, when we heard your lecture, Devakinandan Prabhu was mentioning that you always have a soft corner for everyone personally. When Radhika Akka was mentioning about your soft corner for her, I felt I'm so unfortunate that I did not have the opportunity to meet you in person. But today, I feel extremely happy to be part of your 100th Appearance day celebrations!

Thank you, Maharaj, for giving me this opportunity to talk to you.

Your grandson,
Yadunandan Krishna.

UAE - Abudhabi



“When we start taking Krishna’s names, the first effect is that all anxieties go away because we know that ‘ishavasyam idam sarvam’, the supreme lord controls the entire universe. We cannot do anything on our own. If we realize this, there is complete peace and in this peaceful situation only can we practice devotional service.”

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--Abhirakanya devi dasi

Dear Gurudev,

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness."

S.B.3.5.3

*janasya kṛṣṇād vimukhasya daivād
adharmā-śīlasya suduḥkhitasya
anugrahāyeha caranti nūnam
bhūtāni bhavyāni janārdanasya*

"O my lord, great philanthropic souls travel on the earth on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead to show compassion to the fallen souls who are averse to the sense of subordination to the Lord."

In the purport of the above verse Prabhupada mentions, 'Great unalloyed devotees of the Lord are compassionate towards the fallen, and therefore they travel all over the world with the mission of bringing souls back to Godhead, back to home.' Unless your great self had travelled so much incessantly, I couldn't have been in your shelter.

Maharaj, last year you heard our prayers and our mother HG Laxmi devi dasi left this planet very peacefully. That too after the temple inauguration in Bharat Bhumi. Thus our faith that your good self is always having a kataksh on us is confirmed. Maharaj, I have not seen Krishna. So we beg your mercy to show the right path, right directions all the times and may the right words come at the right time.

Maharaj, since last few years we have been losing so many devotees association in Avataridesh. But this time we are losing association and guidance of Hrishikesh prabhujī, Kaushalya Mataji, Sajjan Priya prabhujī and Vaijayantimala mataji. I have been under the shelter of Vaijayantimala matji since I landed this country. Its seems impossible for me to continue here without them. I feel broken hearted. Bhagavatam says we all come together like straws to depart again. But this is very difficult to accept. I am really feeling very dejected. Please bless me with some courage and intelligence to continue here till the will of providence.

Krishna kinkar das anudas is trying to cope up with his studies and job. Please keep him in your shelter always.

Maharaj, this foolish daughter begs your mercy again and again. Please guide me always and forgive me.

SB 10.14.12

*utkṣepaṇaṁ garbha-gatasya pādayoḥ
kiṁ kalpate mātur adhokṣajāgase
kim asti-nāsti-vyapadeśa-bhūṣitaṁ
tavāsti kukṣeḥ kiyad apy anantaḥ*

"Lord Adhokṣaja, does a mother take offense when the child within her womb kicks with his legs? And is there anything in existence—whether designated by various philosophers as real or as unreal—that is actually outside Your abdomen?"

Your unworthy daughter,
Abhira kanya devi dasi

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
Srila Prabhupada ki Jai , Srila Gurudev ki Jai**



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--Anubha Arora

Hare Krishna Prabhu Jis and Mata Jis. Remembering Gurudev Ji brings to me memories of my association with ISKCON. His charming humble and attractive personality was unforgettable. His constant encouragement was to chant and surrender to Krishna. Praying to Krishna to keep him in his precious fold always.

Anubha Arora



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--Chaitanya Bhagaban das & Bhagabati Priya devi dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Maharaj, we sincerely seek your blessings and mercy for improvement of our devotional service on the auspicious occasion of your centennial Vyasa puja tithi.

Maharaj, because of your will and your pleasure Lord will ensure the continuation of the congregation program everywhere including Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi is losing many congregational devotees for the past few years, but because of your mercy and blessings programs are going on nicely. Maharaj. please empower us so that we can become an insignificant instrument in expanding the Abu Dhabi congregation preaching and connecting as many as people in Shrila Prabhupad's mission.

Let our Vyasa puja offering be through our sustained and sincere devotional service by daily attending Mangalarati, sincerely chanting, daily reading Shrimad Bhagavatam, preaching and connecting as many as people to the Krishna Consciousness movement by co-operating with each other.

With millions of prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet,

Yours humble servants
Chaitanya Bhagaban Das, Bhagabati Priya Devi Dasi
Nidhi & Debarshi



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--Girivardhari das

Dear Gurudev,

Gurudev

*kripa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase / trinapekha ati hina
sakala sahane bala diya koro' / nija-mane spriha-hina*

Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

I personally think I do not have qualification to glorify you. I offer the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 7.9.44

*prāyeṇa deva munayaḥ sva-vimukti-kāmā
maunaṁ caranti vijane na parārtha-niṣṭhāḥ
naitān vihāya kṛpaṇān vimumukṣa eko
nānyaṁ tvad asya śaraṇaṁ bhramato 'nupaśye*

"My dear Lord Nṛsimhadeva, I see that there are many saintly persons indeed, but they are interested only in their own deliverance. Not caring for the big cities and towns, they go to the Himalayas or the forest to meditate with vows of silence [mauna-vrata]. They are not interested in delivering others. As for me, however, I do not wish to be liberated alone, leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore I wish to bring them back to shelter at Your lotus feet."

Maharaj, you were so particular in delivering the fallen souls like me. I still remember that you came all the way from Nasik and arrived in Abu Dhabi at around 1 am and made us recite the Bhagavad Gita. You were eagerly asking each one of us to recite verses. In the purport of the above verse Prabhupada mentions, "*I know that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy.*" *One wanders within the universe, life afterlife, but by the grace of a devotee, a servant of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, one can get the clue to Kṛṣṇa consciousness and then not only become happy in this world but also return home, back to Godhead. That is the real target in life.* Your whole intentions in all your trips were to enlighten us and make us Krishna consciousness. Please always keep me in your shelter and guide me

Maharaj, I beg your mercy again and again. Please forgive me.

Your's lost case forever
Girivaradhari das

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--Hrshikesh Krishna das & Kaushalya devi dasi

Om ajnana-timirandhaysa jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur unmilitum yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Sri Sri Neelmadhav Ji ki Jay!!
Sri Sri Rukmani Dwarikadhish Ji ki Jay!!
Sri Sri Radhika Raman Ji ki Jay!!
Srila Prabhupad ki Jay!!
Srila Gurudev ki Jay!!

All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev.

Dear Maharaj kindly accept our Koti koti dandvat pranams at your lotus feet.

Maharaj, first of all, I seek your forgiveness as I am very lazy and very late in submitting my offerings at your lotus feet. This is very special a special centennial year. The 11th Dec 2019 will never come back in our lives and still knowing this we are so late our offerings. Maharaj kindly forgives us.

Maharaj, you are the ultimate shelter for us as you have been so merciful that although we have no qualification still you accepted these rotten souls loitering in this material world. We have no capacity and capability to glorify you and this attempt is like showing the lamp to Sun. However, you are magnanimous that you will accept our insignificant attempt.

Maharaj by your mercy this year long-awaited decision has been taken to take early retirement from official works. Krishna willing, we will return to India on 5th Dec 2019 and will come to Rajkot to take shelter of lotus feet.

We are so extremely fortunate to be under your kind protection under your lotus feet. There is no other shelter for us other than Your lotus feet. Our whole life would have been a complete waste without your shelter and mercy. We feel fully secured and protected under your lotus feet.

Srimad Bhagwatam SB 1.7.22 Srila Prabhupad in his transcendental purport says: -

The spiritual master is the mercy representative of the Lord. Therefore, a person burning in the flames of material existence may receive the rains of mercy of the Lord through the transparent medium of the self-realized spiritual master. The spiritual master, by his words, can penetrate into the heart of the suffering person and inject knowledge transcendental, which alone can extinguish the fire of material existence.

Maharaj, you have made us to realize that this place is not permanent. I remember your saying that one good thing in Abu Dhabi is that you do not get permanent residence visa and you have to get out once your employment term is finished. You always reminded us of your slogan "Mujhe Jaana hai". Following your such glorious instructions, we could take a decision to move



early from Abudhani. Maharaj, we need your guidance to post early retirement life. Kindly guide us so that we could serve you lotus feet and be a tiny servant in your mission of fulfilling Srila Prabhupad mission.

Maharaj, you are personified Srimad Bhagavatam and lived although your life following Srimad Bhagavatam.

You taught us that Srimad Bhagavatam is the behaviour and by your behaviour through your stay on this planet you showed us how to behave. But we are so useless that we still not bale to follow your instructions. Maharaj please please please guide us to mould our behaviour in line with your instructions.

Maharaj, we are not qualified as we were not inquisitive at all. You used to say ask questions but we were mostly silent as we are not qualified But we request you to be merciful on us and impart all we lack to follow your instructions.

The following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam instructs us:

SB 2.8.24

*sarvam etac ca bhagavan
prcchato me 'nupuurvasah
tattvato 'rhasy udaahartum
prapannaaya mahaa-mune*

O great sage, representative of the Lord, kindly satisfy my inquisitiveness in all that I have inquired from you and all that I may not have inquired from you from the very beginning of my questionings. Since I am a soul surrendered unto you, please impart full knowledge in this connection.

Srila Prabhupad writes very nicely following in the purport:

The spiritual master is always prepared to impart knowledge to the disciple and specifically when the disciple is not inquisitive. Inquisitiveness on the part of a disciple is greatly necessary for the progress in disciple's life.

Prahalad Maharaj prays to Lord Narsindev as following:

SB 7.10.6

*aham tv akaamas tvad-bhaktas
tvam ca svaamy anapaasrayah
naanyathehaavayor artho
raaja-sevakayor iva*

O, my Lord, I am Your unmotivated servant, and You are my eternal master. There is no need of our being anything other than master and servant. You are naturally my master, and I am naturally Your servant. We have no other relationship.

Maharaj, you are our natural and eternal master. we were totally ignorant and undeserving. We request you to please give us your direction and order to serve you to the best of our ability and allow us to be your menial servant.

Maharaj kindly allows us to continue in your service for the rest of our lives. Please bestow your mercy on us so that we can be your servants in your mission according to your desire and plan.

Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav Ji ki Jay!!
Sri Sri Rukmani Dwarikadhish Ji ki Jay!!
Sri Sri Radhika Raman Ji ki Jay!!
Srila Prabhupad ki Jay!!



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--Jai Keshav das

Dear and Respected Maharaj,

We offer our most humble obeisance's at your lotus feet on the most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja. All glories to Srilla Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

We are so insignificant servants; we do not have any capacity to glorify about your divine qualities. But still we are trying to write this offering by your mercy for your Vyasa-puja.

From SB 3.25.21

*titikṣavaḥkāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥsarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥsāntāḥ
sādhavaḥsādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

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

All these characteristics are prominent in a pure devotee, like you.

Although you have entered to the eternal pastimes with Krsna and physically not present here, still we realize your presence thru your vani.

Srila Prabhupada said:- "Spiritual master always present with disciple, if the disciple try to follow the instruction".

So, even though in our material mind we may think that maharaj is not physically present, but Maharaj, you are always with us in association through your vani / transcendental instruction and thru following those instructions.

Srila Bhakti Siddhant Saraswati Thakur told:- "One should always realize that his spiritual master is present in front of him."

By following the instruction of maharaj, we can always realize that he is always with us.

Maharaja used to say:-" Mujhe jaana Hai". One should always remember it. This instruction will strengthen the devotional service.

So, one should try to follow the instruction of spiritual master, that means he is always in association with spiritual master.

H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj said - "The basic cause for all miseries is our failing to understand the truth that we don't deserve anything that we have been blessed so far."

Dear Maharaj, you have made the wonderful temple in Rajkot, of course you made your disciples as instrument to make this temple. We were fortunate to attend the temple inaguaration program this year 2019 on Sri Ram Namami Utsava day by your causeless mercy.

We fall at your lotus feet and beg for forgiveness for our offenses.

On this auspicious day, we would like to beg for your causeless mercy and blessings upon us, so that we can try to develop a little true taste in devotional service and also can try to serve the Vaisnavas.

Our humble request on your lotus feet that kindly let us remain in the shelter of your protection, association and blessings.

Begging to always remain a useless servant of your servants,

Jai Keshav das, Champaklata Devi dasi and Sudevi
Abu Dhabi



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--Krishna Kinkar dasanudas

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki Jai!

Dear Gurudev,

On this auspicious occasion I would like to remember one of your instructions that stuck with me.

You would often tell us that if we live our life by following just one verse of Bhagavatam our life would be successful.

For the past year I have been meditating on this one verse and trying to put it into practice whenever I'm faced with any difficulty. The verse was instructed to Uddhava by Lord Krishna and it goes as follows: **SB 11.7.37**

*bhūtair ākramyamāṇo 'pi / dhīro daiva-vaśānugaiḥ
tad vidvān na calen mārḡād / anvaśīkṣaṁ kṣīter vratam*

"A sober person, even when harassed by other living beings, should understand that his aggressors are acting helplessly under the control of God, and thus he should never be distracted from progress on his own path. This rule I have learned from the earth."

Dear Gurudev, please enlighten me to be able to better live by this simple instruction and please bring me back on track whenever you notice me stray away.

Your Grandson,
Krishna Kinkar dasanudas
Abu Dhabi



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--Mangala Arti devi dasi

Hare krishna,

Please accept my humble obscene unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

On your 100th appearance day, I seek your blessings.

Maharaj, one of the many things that I loved about you is that you always spoke with a smiling, glowing face which would automatically put a smile on others. Your lectures always had some sort of humorous stories which most of us could relate to and would burst into laughter.

Furthermore, I would like to recite the following poem which I remember hearing from His Grace Atma Prasad Prabhu when you were in Abu Dhabi.

Maharaj Maharaj please hear us;
We have all learnt some real good stuff;
Maharaj we have learnt some things;
So today for you we will sing

If our room is clean, then our mind is clean;
If our mind is clean, we can do anything;
If our room is dirty, then so are we;
And if we are dirty, we're unhappy

Wasting time is the greatest crime;
Wasted time is a wasted mind;
So lets use your time while you're in your prime;
And your whole of life will be sublime

If your wealth is gone, then there's nothing wrong;
If your health is gone, it's a different song
If your character dies, the whole world cries;
Because only saintly behavior makes humanity thrive.

Maharaj, I would also like to write a few points which I noted from one of your lecture

- Peaceful life requires regulation in life
- If you disobey the laws of god then you become sinful
- Because we have the material body and material life, we have so many miseries that can never make us happy
- The supreme living force attracts the human entities
- Everybody has to take birth. Everybody has to die. Everybody has to get old.

- If you don't crowd in satsangs then you have to crowd in mental hospitals.
- Time is always running. Use it or lose it
- If you are interested in the topics of Krishna then time will not go anywhere
- Mangala aarti is krishna himself, Tulsi puja krishna himself, chanting is krishna himself. If you want to attain Krishna, you have to get attracted to these things
- Since we are not getting attracted to Krishnas topics, that's why we are getting rotten in this material life.

Thank you Maharaj for your love and blessings.

Your kind daughter,
Mangala Aarti Devi dasi



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--Meenakshi Ramesh Nair

Hare Krishna Maharaj, please accept my humble obeisances on your lotus feet.

Even though I do not recollect the physical association I had with you Gurudev, as I was very small at that time, still I feel I am so blessed that I am a part of your family. I am so fortunate that my name Meenakshi has been given by you and you had blessed me. I have heard a lot of you from my parents, brother and other devotees. I use to watch many Video lectures of you Gurudev and has been always inspired by your teachings. Your classes are so humorous that we would burst out of laughter and would continue hearing non-stop. You always recite the verses so loving and make us follow the verses in same tune.

I recollect those time when I was very small and I use to return back from school, my father use to keep a chocolate, behind your calendar and make me read the daily quotes and all of sudden he will take the chocolate and give me saying that Maharaj is pleased with me and he has gifted me this chocolate magically.

I would like to offer below two of my favorite verses from Srimad Bhagvatam to your lotus feet which I use to always recite since my tender age and my initial verses I had byhearted.

SB 10.21.5

*barhāpīḍaṁ naṭa-vara-vapuḥ karṇayoḥ karṇikāraṁ
bibhrad vāsaḥ kanaka-kapīsaṁ vajayantīm ca mālām
randhrān veṅor adhara-sudhayāpūrayan gopa-vṛndair
vṛndāraṇyaṁ sva-pada-ramaṇaṁ prāviśad gīta-kīrtiḥ*

Wearing a peacock-feather ornament upon His head, blue karnikara flowers on His ears, a yellow garment as brilliant as gold, and the Vaijayanti garland, Lord Krishna exhibited His transcendental form as the greatest of dancers as He entered the forest of Vrindavana, beautifying it with the marks of His footprints. He filled the holes of His flute with the nectar of His lips, and the cowherd boys sang His glories.

SB 1.8.9

*pāhi pāhi mahā-yogin deva-deva jagat-pate
nānyaṁ tvad abhayaṁ paśye yatra mṛtyuḥ parasparam*

After the battle of Kuruksettra, Lord Krsna seated Himself on His chariot to start for Dvaraka. Then He saw Uttara hurrying toward Him in fear. She cried out, "O Lord of Lords, Lord of the universe! O greatest of the mystics! Please protect me, for there is no one else who can save me from the clutches of death in this world of duality."

Also I would like to offer below few points I had noted down from your classes and quotes:

1. There is nothing to be lamented when the mater is beyond our control.

2. Sincerity is more important than seriousness.
3. Exploitation of each other should be stopped.
4. We can never be satisfied unless we satisfy the supreme whole (Lord Krishna).
5. We must be fully organized and expertized in our material activities, then only we can come to devotional service.
6. Material body is a gift from the material nature, technically called as Illusion.
7. We should never be merciful to ourselves but be always merciful to others.
8. Before Knowledge can be achieved, there should be devotional service
9. Sense gratification must be stopped or else distraction will follow.
10. We must always remember our last day and chant I have to go – Muje Jana hein, then one becomes more humble.
11. Duplicity must be avoided. If you are duplicate, it will not harm others but yourself.

Maharaj you had given us so many wonderful Instructions and had thought us so many things, how to progress in spiritual life, how to go back to God head our eternal home. On this very auspicious day, I seek your blessings so that I always be protected under your shelter, by following your instructions and guidance and never leave Krishna at any point of time.

Your's loving grand daughter,
Meenakshi Ramesh Nair



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--Murli Manohar Krishna das

Dear Beloved Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble sata-koti obeisances at Your Lotus Feet as this joyous and auspicious occasion of your 100th appearance.

Maharaj, I feel extremely fortunate to be able to offer you something on your 100th anniversary which is truly such a momentous occasion for all of us who have been touched by your presence. It is very interesting that we are celebrating your 100th anniversary in such style, even when you are no longer physically present with us. As we know, a pure devotee such as yourself lives on in his words, instructions and teachings. This was extremely evident in the manner in which the great unveiling of the Rajkot temple was conducted last year. Maharaj, I was able to feel your power emanating from all the activities being held in this period, right from the welcoming of devotees from around the world, to the daily sevas, aartis, offerings, to the departure of those blessed enough to witness this occasion.

I would like to share some notes from your lectures in regards to the temple construction that seem so much relevant and true now:

- "Please be courageous for this Rajkot project"
- Budget is not within the reach of us but nothing is out of reach of Krsna
- Money is nothing, give your strength to the temple
- Rajkot is the ideal monument for Krsna
- Krsna has fulfilled all our dreams so why wouldn't he continue to fulfill them (Rajkot temple) now?
- Most of the construction is being done by hand so as to utilize them in Krsna's service

Maharaj, I feel completely inadequate to write something on such a great personality as yourself and I would leave that to better qualified people. However, I would like to recall some things I distinctly remember during the time I was able to spend with you.

One of my key remembrances of you is the way you tapped and blessed all of us on our heads, and especially the children every time we came forward to meet you. To me, it represented two things – one, a show of affection to us as your spiritual grandchildren and second, a gentle reminder to set ourselves straight and follow your instructions. Sure enough, I remember that every time I found out you were coming to visit us, my devotional activities would increase that much more in intensity.

Another remembrance I have of you Maharaj, is the time when we had dropped you off at the Abu Dhabi Airport and we were all seated around you listening to your instructions. Alongside us, there was another similar group wherein their Guru was also preaching to his disciples.

What amazed me as a kid was that these disciples ended up coming to our side and listening to your preaching and left having been inspired by you. Maharaj, you were always able to touch anyone and everyone around you. To this date, every time I am at Abu Dhabi airport, I think of you and this pastime.

We had also recently watched a video wherein you had heard me play the harmonium for the first time. Right after that, you tapped me on my head and laughingly remarked, "*I thought you were useless*". You then proceeded to teach everyone how exactly to play the instrument, how there should not be any sound of the keys touching the base, how to place your fingers and maneuver them. Maharaj, you were always an expert in the art of kirtan and this video is very testament to that. My ability to play this instrument is also all your Mercy as it was always your intense desire that the children are able to perform kirtan.

Maharaj, you always very much loved us children and as such I thought I would just share some instructions given by you in relation to children:

- Best preaching method is to start something for children – "If you cooperate on this, I will be very happy"
- Prahlad School is an infection – it is spreading so quickly everywhere
- The children must be given eternal education. Spiritual schools should go on otherwise we risk losing our younger generations
- We must try to give our children the best, and then leave it to Krsna / destiny
- Krsna is very merciful to children so the more they chant, the faster the temple gets built

Maharaj, next year is a momentous year where I move from being a child to starting my own family with a life partner, Muthulakshmi. Being no longer under the direct guidance and shelter of your devoted disciples, my parents, everything we do now is our karma to bear and we may get lost or are already lost in this process. Therefore, more than ever, we are in need of your instructions and guidance. We would have loved to have you physically here to witness this occasion but I know you are always present with us, in one way or another. We humbly request you to bless us and keep us in your Shelter.

Maharaj, you have always been so merciful to children, so please look at us as your children and please give us the strength that we are able to follow at least an iota of your instructions sincerely and wholeheartedly.

Begging for your mercy at your lotus feet,
Your aspiring grandchild,
Murli Manohar Krishna das

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--Nimai Ramesh Nair

Please accept my satakoti dandavats on your lotus feet Maharaj.

Srila Prabhupad Ki Jai, Srila Gurudev Ki Jai

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

It's almost going to be a decade that maharaj has left us physically but every day maharaj has guided me and has been with me in the way of his teachings that he has inculcated with in me and all of his children. Maharaj has always been the torch in our lives and always has guided us.

When ever I met maharaj we used to have one on one sessions and he would ask my parents to wait outside the room, for sometime so he could talk to me alone, because my mother used to go with a huge list of complaints that I had done over the time and maharaj used to ask me that how was school and was I troubling parents and I would stay quite as I knew I was. Whenever maharaj visited Abu Dhabi I used to recite a few verses, I always thought I should recite these as it would make maharaj happy but the main purpose was that I would need these verses so it would help in different times of life. I also recollect when I was small and I use to recite Bhagvat Gita verses and after completing the recitation, Maharaj use to ask who is your Father and I use to point my finger on my father and Maharaj use to chastise him and all use to have a good laugh. Maharaj has the unique quality of laughter and he will make all others laugh in his classes. Maharaj always says our faces should be like water melon and not banana face.

For me the most important teachings in life given by maharaj is that we should always keep Lord Krishna in the centre of our life and always be caring and respectful towards our parents, always treat other living entities with compassion, love, great respect and care. We should always use the three golden words such as please, thank you and sorry without any miser.

Maharaj you had given us so many Instructions and guidance and had thought us how to live our life simple. I seek your blessings so that I follow your instructions seriously and try to live my life in the mosthumble manner.

Your's loving grandson

Nimai

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--Omkara das and Jadurani dasi

Namo Om Vishnupadaya Krishnaprishtaya bhutale Srimate Mahavishnu Goswami iti namune!

Dear Maharaj: Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, we would like to offer you our most humble, best wishes in your continuing eternal service at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and the Divine Couple.

Even though we have not had much fortune to have had your direct association (*vapu*) but we have had the fortune of hearing a lot of your *vani* through your disciples. We also feel that we have really got to know you much better over the years through your disciples, who very nicely and strictly follow you through their words and deeds.

Maharaj, you are the embodiment of the description of a pure devotee given in *Sri Caitanya Caritamrita*. According to the scriptural description you are:

- most merciful
- not defiant
- truthful
- equal to everyone
- faultless
- magnanimous
- clean
- aware that everything belongs to Krishna
- a performer of welfare work for everyone
- peaceful
- surrendered to Krishna
- desireless
- indifferent to material acquisitions
- fixed in Krishna consciousness
- completely in control of bad qualities
- moderate in eating

- not obsessed with material things
- respectful
- without false prestige
- grave
- compassionate
- a friend to all
- poetic
- expert
- silent (speaks only about spiritual topics)

Maharaj, please bless us so that we may imbibe some of these qualities from your disciples, who strive to embody your qualities.

Your most fallen servants
Omkara das and Jadurani dasi
Abu Dhabi



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--Parashurama das adhikari (parameshwaran)

Hare Krishna,

My Dandavat pranam at the lotus feet of HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

It was my great fortune to have had a personal meeting with HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj for a short minute in Abu Dhabi (I guess in early 2008). One of the disciples of Maharaj took me to introduce me personally to Maharaj. At that time, I was a bit reluctant mentally because I had never in my life met a renounced person personally. Also I was coming to programs mainly for prasadam and getting some knowledge about Bhagavad Gita. I thought that Maharaj would ask me to chant properly or increase chanting to 16 rounds. But to my surprise, he blessed me to get married soon. And it did happen. My marriage was arranged within a single meeting with the first girl my parents had seen for me. I then realised that this saints blessing is really powerful. But I couldn't understand why he didn't bless me to progress in Krishna consciousness. Having experience of more than a decade of marriage and two kids, I now realise that the family life and the outside world have made me realise lot of Bhagvatam than Bhagavatam study itself. I realised in married life that its not easy to be in family life without having the quality of patience, mercy, adjustment, anger control, etc. Thanks to the blessings of Maharaj. I'm developing these qualities which are essential to progress in Krishna consciousness. Hardly few seconds of association with a saintly personality, but I'm sure my life will become successful on the strength of this association and blessing.

*'sādhu-saṅga', 'sādhu-saṅga' — sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya*

The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment's association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success

Your humble servant,
Parashurama dasa adhikari.

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--Prabhupadananda das

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupad ki jai. Jai Gurudev.
Hare Krishna,

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

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

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate Mahavishnu Goswami iti namine "I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet."

Please accept our humble shata koti Dandavat Pranams at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja. This is our humble offering to our beloved Guru Dev on the eve of Vyasa Puja day.

On this auspicious day of your Vyas Puja celebration, we offer our dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet. Lord Krishna says that one should approach a bonafide Spiritual Master for becoming self-realized. But, you approached us in our life while we were searching for a Guru. It is all because of the unlimited compassion that you had over a fallen conditioned soul like us. We could clearly see face to face how you elevated thousands of souls by giving them Krishna Consciousness. We took one step towards you and you took 100 steps towards us and helped us come out of our difficulties in Krishna Consciousness. You give constant guidance to any question we asked you.

Sometimes we feel, "we don't deserve this special mercy". Now that we are trapped by your mercy, we pray at to the dust of your lotus feet, that we become a good instrument in your hands and become a sold out slave of your Divine Grace. Your mercy is most important to us than anything else, "How can we understand Krishna or Srila Prabhupada, without your blessings and guidance? You always stress about **"Pure Devotional Service"** and that sound vibration has imprinted in our heart. It is now our duty to strive for pure devotion and serve you in your mission of spreading the message of Lord Krishna.

Krishna is always thinking of the fallen souls -- when they will return to Him -- and the spiritual master, who is fully fulfilling the desire of the Lord that they be awakened from their darkness and be put on the path of back to Him, is dearest to Him. He declares that worship of such devotee spiritual master is more pleasing to Him than worship of Himself. No one who considers himself a devotee should remain in the company of persons who neglect and

disrespect such a pure devotee spiritual master. Whatever spiritual assets such negligent, disrespectful persons possess, very soon is lost and they go to ruin and it is a spiritual injunction that no one should remain in the presence of one who is about to fall into the abyss such as that to which offenders of such pure devotee spiritual master go.

Gurudeva, You are always kind and spiritual and loving. Thank you from the core of our heart for accepting us as your disciple and been our spiritual Master. We are humbled and full of gratitude that you have accepted us as your disciples and pray that our service is pleasing to you in some way. Life has no meaning if it is not connected to you and Lord Caitanya's devotional service.

SB 7.5.11, Purport: "By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kṛiṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement."

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"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."

It is by Lord Krishna's causeless mercy that we have an opportunity to have You as our spiritual master. Guru Maharaj, we do not have the words to appropriately describe Your affectionate and loving attitude towards our whole family. As the above prayers testify, it is indeed by Your blessings and guidance that we have any hope of crossing this miserable ocean and mountain of birth and death.

We are very fortunate to be your disciples having received your merciful glance. Had it not been for your mercy we would have been completely engrossed in the material world. You have very kindly, always guided us and in our moments of weakness, put our feet back on the right path...the path of Krishna Consciousness. We are just puppets in your hand and you give us the direction. 'Srimad Bhagavatam' 2.5.1 says:

*kālam karma svabhāvaṁ ca / māyeśo māyayā svayā
ātman yadr̥cchayā prāptam / vibubhūsur upādade*

"The Lord, who is the controller of all energies, thus creates, by His own potency, eternal time, the fate of all living entities, and their particular nature, for which they were created, and He again merges them independently."

Purport of this verse says: The creation of the material world, wherein the conditioned souls are allowed to act subordinately by the Supreme Lord, takes place again and again after being repeatedly annihilated. The material creation is something like a cloud in the unlimited sky. The real sky is the spiritual sky, eternally filled with the rays of the *brahmajyoti*, and a portion of this unlimited sky is covered by the *mahat-tattva* cloud of the material creation, in which the conditioned souls, who want to lord it against the will of the Lord, are put into play as they

desire, under the control of the Lord by the agency of His external energy. As the rainy season appears and disappears regularly, the creation takes place and is again annihilated under the control of the Lord, as confirmed in the *Bhagavad-gītā* (8.19).

Guru Maharaja, You are the knower of the truth and you have selflessly guided and inspired us from the innermost core of your being. In your presence we experience happiness and peacefulness. In your company, and by your words, the doubts in our mind are automatically removed, even without inquiring. In prayers we sing every morning the spiritual master is compared to a rain cloud who pours water, extinguishing the fire of repeated birth and death. And if we think back, we can clearly see how your wonderful Thoughts for the Day and association are gradually healing us from material disease, gradually extinguishing the fire of fear, lamentation and anxiety in our heart. Our life seems to be full of most complicated difficulties. But you make everything so very simple. You just say that we should chant Hare Krishna and be happy, serve Krishna with love and always remember how wonderful is Krishna and be happy. The more we try to do that the more wonderful becomes our life.

It never ceases to amaze us the level of enthusiasm you are able to constantly maintain throughout all sorts of situations/ circumstances, how you can factually see everything as the mercy of Krishna. You are truly a 'great acharya', teaching all of your disciples and students by the example you are setting for us, as to what it really means to be a pure devotee. You have such great compassion and love for each and every one of us, no matter what our circumstances or hang ups may be you treat us all like your beloved children.

We know no matter how much service we try to do we can never even come close to repaying you for all you have done for us, at every moment you are saving me from the darkness of ignorance. Our service is so insignificant anyway, we could be doing much more. Our attempts are not enough, not just in the case of personal service, but cultivating our Krishna consciousness. You have led us to the water but, we know its up to us to take the drink.

There is nothing we can actually offer you that has any worth as you already possess pure Krishna-bhakti which is the only thing that is of any real value anyway. We can however, make a humble attempt to try to wholeheartedly take this process of Krishna consciousness that you have given us, as seriously as possible, working towards trying to make my every, thought, word and deed, one that is pleasing to you.

Although, therein we are pauper as well as, we know that any progress we make is solely the result of your causeless mercy and blessings.

*yadyapi āmāra guru caitanyera dāsa
tathāpi jāniye āmi tānhāra prakāśa*

"Although I know that my spiritual master is a servitor of Sri Caitanya, I know him also as a plenary manifestation of the Lord."

We are the most fortunate to have found shelter at the lotus feet of a bonafide spiritual master. Krishna has kindly manifested Himself to us in the form of boundless, fathomless, dizzying mercy. Although we are fool and a rascal we have been blessed with the essential advantage

of Sri Guru whom we must serve. It is the perfect system -- service to Sri Guru will bring spiritual advancement but more important is the attachment to His lotus feet which is a sweet, loving relationship. Sweet, loving personal relationships is the natural food of the soul and help to get it unhooked from the poison of sense gratification. Thank you, Srila Gurudeva. By your grace we are understanding so many things and are able to share it with others despite our disqualifications. And we see the real love flowing. If you forever keep us as your humble instrument, we will never have anything else to ask for.

We meditate on the instructions of Lord Kapildeva to his mother. SB 3.25.21

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ / suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ /sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

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

Srila Prabhupada further clarifies in the purport that, a sadhu is a devotee of the Lord, his concern is to enlighten people in devotional service to the Lord, and without devotional service human life is spoiled. Such a Sadhu travels everywhere, door to door, preaching **'Be Krishna Conscious, Be A Devotee** of the Lord Krishna, Don't spoil your life in simply fulfilling animal propensities. A sadhu is not worried for his own liberation but he always thinks of others, he is the most compassionate-(KARUNIKAH) towards Fallen souls (like us).

The above qualities are the best befitting to our Most Merciful Gurudev; you have been so merciful to all of us. We do realize that you are slowly cutting the rope of our material entanglement.

Guru Maharaj because of your causeless mercy we the most fallen soul are also learning the science of Krishna consciousness. It is the great pleasure for us as your disciple to glorify you on your Vyasa Puja day. You are truly a bonafide spiritual master.

Your glories are inconceivable and we are not able to describe them. Guru Maharaj we beg you for your mercy, so that we never stop making efforts in devotional service to your lotus feet, despite all our material problems and impurities.

The following verse in Srimad Bhagavatam well applies to you. SB 2.2.2

*śābdasya hi brahmaṇa eṣa panthā
yan nāmabhir dhyāyati dhīr apārthaiḥ
paribhramāns tatra na vindate 'rthān
māyāmaye vāsanayā śayānaḥ*

"The way of presentation of the Vedic sounds is so bewildering that it directs the intelligence of the people to meaningless things like the heavenly kingdoms. The conditioned souls hover in dreams of such heavenly illusory pleasures, but actually they do not relish any tangible happiness in such places."

Purport to the verse says: Conditioned souls are strictly under the laws of fruitive activities, and as such they sometimes go up to Brahmaloaka and again come down to Pātālaloaka, as if they were unintelligent children on a merry-go-round. The real happiness is in the kingdom of God, where no one has to undergo the pangs of material existence. Therefore, the Vedic ways of fruitive activities for the living entities are misleading. One thinks of a superior way of life in this country or that, or on this planet or another, but nowhere in the material world can he fulfill his real desire of life, namely eternal life, full intelligence and complete bliss.

It is our spiritual master who inspires us, and gives us knowledge of how to perform our services properly for the Lords satisfaction.

You have opened up my heart and my mind to knowing about the Absolute Truth. Gurudev, I pray that I may have the privilege and delight of serving Your lotus feet for many years to come.

Maharaj please bless us that we realize the 'importance of reading Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita regularly' and taking it very seriously. Krishna Consciousness cannot arouse simply by our mental speculation. **The scriptures also say that a Guru is not only important, but is essential which means that there is no choice.** If one wants to head towards self-realization, then one has to have a Guru and there is no allowance to this rule.

Maharaj, please give us strength to follow your instructions. We feel all vacant without you. It is stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 7.5.32 -

*naiṣāṁ matis tāvad urukramāṅghriṁ
spṛśaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthaḥ
mahīyasāṁ pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekam
niṣkiñcanānām na vṛñīta yāvat*

"Unless they smear upon their bodies the dust of the lotus feet of a Vaiṣṇava completely freed from material contamination, persons very much inclined toward materialistic life cannot be attached to the lotus feet of the Lord, who is glorified for His uncommon activities. Only by becoming Kṛiṣṇa conscious and taking shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord in this way can one be freed from material contamination."

Srimad Bhāgvataṁ 6.1.16 says -

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

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

Maharaj please forgive us for all our sinful acts done knowingly & unknowingly and bestow your unlimited mercy upon us to engage and dedicate ourselves more sincerely in the service

of the Lord. Maharaj, you have been so merciful to all of us despite the fact that most of the time we forget your instructions.SB 7.5.30:

*śrī-prahlāda uvāca
matir na kṛṣṇe parataḥ svato vā
mitho 'bhipadyeta gr̥ha-vratānām
adānta-gobhir viśatām tamisram
punaḥ punaś carvita-carvaṇānām*

Prahlāda Mahārāja replied: Because of their uncontrolled senses, persons too addicted to materialistic life make progress toward hellish conditions and repeatedly chew that which has already been chewed. Their inclinations toward Kṛṣṇa are never aroused, either by the instructions of others, by their own efforts, or by a combination of both.

Guru Maharaj, you gave us a shelter and protected us in many difficulties but we have no qualities to repay you except to try and to be a good devotee and practice all that you have taught us.

Dear Maharaj, by just taking shelter of your lotus feet, we feel that we have achieved all the purpose of our lives. It is your causeless mercy upon us that you have given us the shelter of your lotus feet. We are so fallen, but still you have always shown that tender love & affection to us, just like our father.

Guru Maharaj, we would like to deeply thank you for all your guidance, support, you have shown much kindness and attention to our family. We pray, please continue to guide us. With your guidance our ambitions and goals would be rightly directed. Guru Maharaj, we feel very much protected under your shelter, you are a very kind and caring father with much tolerance, insight and sensitivity. We have no qualities to repay you except to try and be a good devotee and practice all that you have taught us.

Fallen and foolish souls like us are at an absolute loss of words to glorify your Divine Grace. Glorifying you is like showing a lamp to the Sun. We Love you so much with all out heart for ever and ever... On this most auspicious day of your divine appearance in this material world we fall thousands and thousands of times at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy and blessings. On this most auspicious day, we pray to please bestow further your causeless mercy upon us so that we can develop some taste for devotional service. We are eternally indebted to your divine grace for giving us shelter at your lotus feet.

Thank you for being my very very special father, we Love you.

Srila Prabhupad ki Jai , Srila Gurudev ki Jai!

Your humble servants,

Prabhupadananda das, Pratibha Mataji, Prabhupadpriya Krishna das, & Prahlad prabhu

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--Radha Damodar das

Please accept my satakoti dandavat pranams s on your lotus feet Maharaj.

Srila Prabhupad ki jai, Srila Gurudev ki jai

On this very special occasion of your Vyasa Puja I would like to offer the below verse:

SB 4.9.6

dhruva uvāca

*yo 'ntaḥ praviśya mama vācam imāṁ prasuptāṁ
sañjīvayaty akhīla-śakti-dharaḥ sva-dhāmnā
anyāṁś ca hasta-caraṇa-śravaṇa-tvag-ādīn
prāṇān namo bhagavate puruṣāya tubhyam*

Dhruva Maharaj said: **My dear Lord, You are all-powerful. After entering within me, You have enlivened all my sleeping senses—my hands, legs, ears, touch sensation, life force and especially my power of speech. Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto You.**

This verse is very much related to me personally. Maharaj after getting the touch (sparsh) of yours and following your path, I had progressed in my spiritual life to some extent. Initially I was so fearful in reciting any of the verses fearing I would commit mistakes and blunders and never recited in front of others, but now with all your mercy and blessings I had practiced to study Srimad Bhagvatam and Bhagvad Gita thoroughly. Now I am also able to take Bhagvad Gita and Srimad Bhagvatam classes confidently in order to purify myself. When I recite the verses fluently I feel some magic had happened to me. I had got the taste of reading the scriptures scrutinizingly with great seriousness. Once you had given your autograph in my Bhagvad Gita book 1st page which is more dear to me and I always keep in my car and read. You had written "**Please Read This Scripture Scrutinizingly**". Thereafter I made the practice to read daily one slokha, with the translation and purport before starting my day and thus I had read the whole Bhgvd gita 4 times. I feel so blessed and fortunate to have shelter under you Gurudev. I would like to sincerely thank HG Svyam Spruthy Krishna das Prabhujī and HG Radha Charan Devi dasī matajī to introduce you to my life and from there I got Krishna bhakthi and I would be highly obliged through out my life to them.

Gurudev, I always remember one thing, when I visited Rajkot and you were sitting close to the temple. You asked me few general questions, one of the questions was when did I arrive to Mumbai, I said 45 days before, Then, you asked where did I go, I gave a big list then you said when am I going back to Abudhabi, I said just in few days. You, said OH. Then I told tomorrow afternoon I will be going back, you laughed and said at least, now you got time to come to see me, so nice of you and Laughter. Sorry Gurudev let me honestly tell you now, by fearing you thinking that you will ask me to recite slokas I did not come close to you.

Gurudev, you are the reservoir of Humbleness, Simplicity, Compassion, Steadiness and unlimited Mercy. You had showered all your love and mercy to anyone who had approached you.

Gurudev, it is very painful to be separated from you for years now, still we are connected with you through your valuable instructions and from the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam, chanting and through your vani seva.

On this very special occasion we beg your esteemed mercy and blessings to be showered upon us always and keep us under your shelter always protecting and guiding us.

Please bless us and forgive us for all our sins/offences committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai!!!!

**Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

Thank you very much.

Your's humble and insignificant Servant

Radha damodar das

Abu dhabi.



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--Sadashiv Krsna das & Family

Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhavji ki Jai, Sri Sri LadduGopalji ki Jai
Srila Prabhupad ki Jai, Srila Gurudev ki jai

Pujyasri Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble Ananta Koti Dandavat Pranams at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja.

Maharaj,

We do not realize how fortunate we are that you have appeared in our lives. You came in our lives and fulfilled all our needs. We were so ignorant that we actually never knew what we were lacking and what we needed. Like an infant child doesn't know his needs and without asking he gets everything from his father. You gave us all that can be described as knowledge. **SB 3.7.36** correctly glorifies the Spiritual Masters - His Holiness in this regard.

***anuvratānām śiṣyānām, putrāṇām ca dvijottama
anāpṛṣṭam api brūyur, guravo dīna-vatsalāḥ***

"O best among the brāhmaṇas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge."

Maharaj,

You gave us all the knowledge hidden in Srimad Bhagavat Gita and Bhagavatam, because you strongly believed and stated in your lectures that "Bhakti must be performed in the foreground of knowledge." Without knowledge and detachment, bhakti can not get matured. You extended your shelter to all of us through your vaani and vapu so that we realize the importance of Knowledge and detachment while you were mercifully accepting fools and fallen souls like us as your follower, your sisya and your putra. Without your mercy, we could never get the taste of bhakti. **SB 3.7.39** states that without the help of **Spotless devotees-anagha-sūribhiḥ** like His Holiness, one can not get knowledge of bhakti and detachment.

***nimittāni ca tasyeha, proktāny anagha-sūribhiḥ
svato jñānaṁ kutaḥ puṁsām, bhaktir vairāgyam eva vā***

"Spotless devotees of the Lord have mentioned the source of such knowledge. How could one have knowledge of devotional service and detachment without the help of such devotees?"

I could never become a worthy son (putra), a obedient disciple (sisya) and a staunch follower (anuvrata) of my Guru Maharaj, but you kindly appeared in our lives, our homes and bestowed

all your causeless mercy on neophytes like us and doing our poshanam even today as your own kinsmen. Krsna Himself has declared in Srimad Bhagawatam that Guru is nondifferent from Him, the Bhagavaan. Hence I wish to offer below verse to you Maharaj which was actually offered by Kardama Muni to Lord Kapila.

ŚB 3.24.29

***sa eva bhagavān adya, helanaṁ na gaṇayya naḥ
gr̥heṣu jāto grāmyāṇāṁ , yaḥ svānāṁ pakṣa-poṣaṇaḥ***

"Not considering the negligence of ordinary householders like us, that very same Supreme Personality of Godhead appears in our homes just to support His devotees."

In this verse "***helanaṁ na gaṇayya naḥ***" is described as a unique quality of Krsna. And Guru Maharaj, you have perfectly inherited this quality of Krsna in you and that too in abundance. You have always neglected our negligence - ***helanaṁ na gaṇayya naḥ*** and continued travelling ***gr̥heṣu jāto grāmyāṇāṁ***, to the homes of all your putra, disciples and followers in general and continued to shower your knowledge, detachment and Bhakti on us, always considering all of us your ***svānāṁ*** -your own kinsmen and kept ensuring our ***poṣaṇaḥ***.

This year has been so testing for me. Earlier this year, My father and my mother-in-law left their bodies and went to param-dhama. We pray to Krsna and Prabhupad that they remain in your shelter and association in service unto lotus feet of Krsna.

Further towards the end of the year, all our beloved Sikshagurus HG Rishikesh Prabhuji & H.G Kaushalya Mataji, HG Sajjan Prabhuji & HG Vaijayanti mataji, they are all going back to India. They are all following your instruction and timely heading to retirement from material life. And this is all good for them and happening as per your desire. But we who are left behind in Abudhabi are very much aggrieved by their separation. With all the vacuum that is being created in Abudhabi congregation, we are very much short of guidance and support, we all were getting from them. Please Maharaj, please protect and guide us in this situation and inspire all of us that we do not lose our enthusiasm in performing bhakti. We were all energized by them but with their absence in Abudhabi, Abudhabi should not lose its energy. Please Maharaj, please help us in this difficult situation.

Maharaj, if you so desire, please inspire us to purify our hearts from all other priorities in life so that we can develop courage and strength to render **uninterrupted service attitude** unto your lotus feet.

Your ungrateful servants,
Sadashiv Krishna das, Anju, Anshit & Geeta

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
Srila Prabhupad ki Jay Srila Gurudev ki Jay.
Shri Shri Radha-Neelmadhavji ki Jai, Shri Shri Laddu Gopalji ki Jai

*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2019*

--Sajjana Priya Krishna das

**Humble Offering at the lotus feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on the
auspicious occasion of centennial**

Our most beloved and respected Maharaj

Hare Krishna!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On the occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebrations, please accept the following offering of your son.

This year we have seen one of the good things in our life and that is the manifestation of Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav Mandir which was your dream to offer to Srila Prabhupada. The temple has been completed by your mercy.

I wish to place on record our heartfelt appreciation for HG Devakinandan prabhuji who has spear headed the whole inauguration without an iota of sleep. HG vaishnava sevak prabhuji has dedicated the whole of his life for the manifestation of your dreams, which has become a reality. It has created an indelible impression for Rajkot. Glory of Saurashtra has become manifested because of your pure devotional service.

The amount of dedication of your disciples was impeccable and without any extra manpower, the whole program went off wonderfully for four days. It was a great festival for the mind-manaso mahotsavam. HG Vaisnav Sevak prabhuji has arranged for all the devotees stay and transportation without any charge to them. It is one of the unique temple inaugurations in the history of ISKCON.

This year being the centennial Vyasa puja, it is very special for all your disciples and followers.

It is nearly 9 years since you have left us physically, but still, you are very much accessible to your pure disciples. I am one of the most careless disciples engaged fully in the material mire, and you have become inaccessible because of my own fault. I don't feel the separation at all by the force of time. No tears are flowing from my eyes for your association. Of late I don't have much taste in Krishna consciousness and more taste in material consciousness. I think the main reason for this is because of Vaishnava aparadh to your sincere disciples. I, therefore, pray at the feet of all your disciples and ask for forgiveness. Also, I request the dust of your Divine Grace's lotus feet to pick me up from this ocean of material rotten condition to devotional service. You have been giving unadulterated love of godhead to us, but my rascal mind is not accepting this nectar and naturally wants to drink the poison of the material world again and again.

Frankly speaking, I neither have the qualification nor I deserve to glorify your Divine Grace because of my being completely engulfed in material activities. I have forgotten the word transcendence because I am unable to comprehend or realise it.

However, for my own purification, I offer this wonderful verse at your lotus feet. Please please be merciful for this errant disciple and accept this insignificant offering.

Srimad Bhagavatam 4.22.16

***vyaktam ātmavatām ātmā
bhagavān ātma-bhāvanah
svānām anugrahāyemām
siddha-rūpī caraty ajaḥ***

Word for word:

vyaktam — clear; ātma-vatām — of the transcendentalists; ātmā — the goal of life; bhagavān — the Supreme Personality of Godhead; ātma-bhāvanah — always wishing to elevate the living entities; svānām — whose own devotees; anugrahāya — just to show mercy; imām — this way; siddha-rūpī — perfectly self-realized; carati — travels; ajaḥ — Nārāyaṇa.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead is always anxious to elevate the living entities, who are His parts and parcels, and for their special benefit, the Lord travels all over the world in the form of self-realized persons like you.

Maharaj, you are the personification of this verse and especially the word aatma bhaavanah – always wishing to elevate the living entities.

Aatma bhaavanah - Your Divine Grace has always been wishing to elevate the living entities so wonderfully and lovingly. Your encouragement to our son HG Krpanavatsala infact encouraged us in devotional service.

Aatma vataam – transcendentalists

Your Divine Grace was always situated in the transcendental platform, even though we may talk to you so many material things. In fact, I can feel that you were so compassionate that you come down to our level and encourage us to come out of the material platform.

In one of the lectures, you were so much encouraging one devotee to chant the Srimad Bhagavatham verse and you were emphatically suggesting to that devotee to learn the verse correctly and understand the meaning of the verse. You are one of the few acaryas that emphasised on reading a word to word meaning of Srimad Bhagavatham and Srimad Bhagavad Gita which is being ignored nowadays.

Anugrahayema – just to show mercy

I never dreamt in my life that I will ever touch this transcendental book Srimad Bhagavad Gita and also speak on it. It is all possible because of your extreme mercy on this most fallen soul.

Your Divine Grace appeared in my life without asking for it. That is to show just special mercy on me and my family as mentioned by Parikshit Maharaj in Srimad Bhagavatham 1.19.36

*anyathā te 'vyakta-gater
darśanam naḥ katham nṛṇām*

*nitarām mriyamāṇānām
sāmsiddhasya vanīyasaḥ*

Word for word:

anyathā — otherwise; te — your; avyakta-gateḥ — of one whose movements are invisible; darśanam — meeting; naḥ — for us; katham — how; nṛṇām — of the people; nitarām — specifically; mriyamāṇānām — of those who are about to die; sāmsiddhasya — of one who is all-perfect; vanīyasaḥ — voluntary appearance.

Otherwise [without being inspired by Lord Kṛṣṇa] how is it that you have voluntarily appeared here, though you are moving incognito to the common man and are not visible to us who are on the verge of death?

Maharaj, you are the personification of this verse. Every verse of Srimad Bhagavatham makes us feel that you lived in each of those verses as it is and therefore you were completely transcendental in nature even though you were dealing with so many living entities like me who are completely absorbed in material thoughts.

Anyatha – otherwise without being inspired by Lord Krishna

I don't know how to thank the Supreme Lord who has inspired your Divine Grace to come to Abudhabi. You could have gone to Sharjah, Alain, Dubai and so many other Emirates in United Arab emirates. And also the timing was also perfect that you started coming to Abudhabi from 1996 and give your divine darshan to us. In fact, I landed in Abudhabi in Dec 1996 and within two years I was able to have your darshan even though I don't deserve a bit of it.

Avyakta gateh : Of one whose movements are invisible

Prabhupada used the word moving "incognito to the common man. "Your Divine Grace is a pure devotee but you were moving with us as if like a fatherly figure. In the beginning of our association, we were just happy to be associated with you for your loving glances and encouragement on my family and we did not understand your exalted position of a pure devotee. Even today I am like the common man not able to recognize the Supreme Divine potency of your pure devotion.

Vaniyasah – Voluntary appearance.

Your appearance in Abudhabi is voluntary and was to show special mercy on the devotees of Abudhabi. We were so fortunate that every time you have to travel to London you made a point to drop in Abudhabi regularly. You could have chosen to fly directly from India to London, but because of your special compassion and mercy on the fallen souls like me that you decided to have a break in the journey in Abudhabi. Your Divine Grace has appeared in Abudhabi about 20 times in 11 years which means atleast two times in a year, you were merciful to put your lotus feet in the land of Abudhabi which is parched with the scarcity of Bhakti.

Nitaram – specifically

Maharaj, you have specifically chosen the most fallen souls like us in Abudhabi and it is your own specific choice and that means it is definitely your compassion and Krishna's causeless mercy. This clearly shows your Divine Grace's Causeless mercy on us without even asking for it.

Samsiddhasya- of one who is all perfect.

Your divine grace is always perfect in all respects. Maharaj that on one occasion you were giving Brahminical initiation to HGVaijyanthi mala, that you did not take the food till 2 pm in order to ensure that all the disciples for Gayatri have memorised the mantra. You were so meticulous that you wrote the mantra with your Divine Lotus hand and gave it to Vaijyanthi to copy the same mantra for all the disciples who have come for Brahminical initiation. But Vaijyanthi was a little lazy and you immediately told her that she has to make the copies immediately and give it to all the disciples and that they should memorise the mantra before leaving. One time your Divine Grace was walking with your lotus feet in Neel Madhav Dham and you saw a rubber band in the road and you immediately bent down to take it and keep it for future use.

Srila Prabhupad writes in the purport the way to utilise the causeless mercy

1. One can achieve the nucleus of the devotional service of the Lord by the mercy of the spiritual master and the Personality of Godhead. (Nucleus is sincere loving devotional service to the Lord)
2. The Spiritual master is the manifested representative of the Personality of Godhead to help one to achieve ultimate success.
3. One can achieve the ultimate success of going back to Godhead if he is favoured by the Lord's sending His true representative.
4. As soon as a true representative of the Lord is met by a devotee of the Lord, the devotee has assured a guarantee for going back to Godhead just after leaving the present body.

Prabhupada concludes that only two qualifications are required for a disciple to become successful after obtaining the causeless mercy of a pure devotee.

1. To become a real devotee of the Lord.
2. To become sincere in Devotional service.

In order to become a real devotee also requires special mercy of the Spiritual Master and the Lord and therefore I pray at the lotus feet of Your Divine grace to remove all the contamination in my heart and place only devotional service to you as the goal of my life.

Maharaj, I am completely insincere in Devotional service and I am lacking so much on my side. I really feel that I want to improve myself in Devotional service, but my mind is always carried away by the lustful desires of material happiness and completely submerged in that realm without even thinking of the transcendental realm which is going to give eternal happiness and bliss.

I have the highest hope and confidence in your confidential disciple His Grace Devakinandan Prabhu Ji who is following your legacy 100% and is guiding us in every step of our life and I am very much indebted to him and of course, I am indebted to your Divine Grace indebted eternally. Your disciple has acquired all the qualities of yours because of your unlimited mercy showered on this deserving disciple.

In spite of knowing your divine Grace exalted qualities, I am yet to develop faith in your divine grace instructions and follow it word by word. I am still struggling with my body, mind and senses which are dragging away from your shelter and always giving valid reasons for not taking shelter of your safe lotus feet.

Maharaj, I am yet to come to the level of your disciple of becoming Krishna conscious in every walk of my life and translate Srimad Bhagavatham into my behaviour. I am struggling to work on applying the principles of Srimad Bhagavatam in my day to day duties. Please show your drop of mercy so that I can really be your obedient student. As you said that I am still crude in behaviour and yet to refine myself as a disciple of yours.

Therefore I pray at your lotus feet with this verse sung by His Divine Grace Srila Bhakthi Vinod Thakura in his Saranagati and pray from the core of my heart that I should become really a disciple of Your divine Grace one day and serve your lotus feet life after life even though I am unable to do it.

*Jogyataa vicaare . kichu naahi paai, tomaara karunaa saara
Karunaa naa hoile, Kaandiyaa kaandiyaa, praana naa raakhibo aara*

When I examine myself, I find nothing of good value. Your mercy is therefore essential to me. If you are not merciful, I will constantly weep. Please make me your beloved servant.

Maharaj this year a mixture of good and bad news

Good news

Our Krpana vatsala Krishna das was able to get the job on his own without any endeavour in Houston and also because of your mercy that he was able to get the H1b visa also in the first attempt. We are praying to your mercy so that he gets a good girl so that he can materially settle in the US. Please give him mercy so that he takes up the devotional process seriously and uses his life for preaching your invaluable transcendental gems to the world.

Bad news – This year my father in law passed away suddenly without any illness. Maharaj by your sheer mercy Vijayanthi was near his final passing time and was able to chant the holy names and he left his body peacefully. Without your mercy, it is not possible. It is because of your mercy that she was able to come out of this sudden loss of her material father.

Maharaj because of my use of my freewill I decided to leave Abu Dhabi and I don't know whether this decision to resign is correct or not. Vijayanthi was very happy in Abudhabi. She does not want to go to Chennai. But circumstances in office forced me to take this decision. Maharaj, I have lost composure, confidence, self-esteem and courage and I have become

fearful for everything in life. I am completely surcharged with negativity. Last two years I have to go through so many miseries in life which I never faced before. I do not know how to encounter this misery and tolerate it. I am not able to do preaching because of my guilty feeling of being not a blissful personality. I remember that your Divine grace told me that in 2002 in my whole body there is not even an iota of moroseness but presently I am fully morose and depressed. Please give me your mercy which is very much needed to become completely blissfully disposed of. Let me enthusiastically preach your way of Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita. I am submitting this verse which is just befitting my position .

*kārpaṇya-doṣopahata-svabhāvaḥ
pṛcchāmi tvām dharma-sammūḍha-cetāḥ
yac chreyaḥ syān niścitaṁ brūhi tan me
śiṣyas te 'haṁ śādhi mām tvām prapannam*

Synonyms

kārpaṇya — of miserliness; doṣa — by the weakness; upahata — being afflicted; svabhāvaḥ — characteristics; pṛcchāmi — I am asking; tvām — unto You; dharma — religion; sammūḍha — bewildered; cetāḥ — in heart; yat — what; śreyaḥ — all-good; syāt — may be; niścitaṁ — confidently; brūhi — tell; tat — that; me — unto me; śiṣyaḥ — disciple; te — Your; aham — I am; śādhi — just instruct; mām — me; tvām — unto You; prapannam — surrendered.

Now I am confused about my duty and have lost all composure because of miserly weakness. In this condition I am asking You to tell me for certain what is best for me. Now I am Your disciple, and a soul surrendered unto You. Please instruct me.

Purport

By nature's own way the complete system of material activities is a source of perplexity for everyone. In every step there is perplexity, and therefore it behoves one to approach a bona fide spiritual master who can give one proper guidance for executing the purpose of life.

Please, therefore, guide me in this unknown and fearful journey of old age for me and vaijyanthi. We are in the darkness of ignorance and please give us the transcendental torch of Krishna consciousness.

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

Your disobedient son
Sajjanapriya Krishna das
Abu Dhabi.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare
Srila Prabhupad ki Jay
Srila Gurudev ki Jay

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--Sarva Mangala devi dasi

Please accept our satakoti dandavat pranams at your Lotus feet Maharaj.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai

Srila Gurudev ki jai

Gurudev! On this very auspicious occasion, we would like to offer below verse from Srimad Bhagavatam to purify ourselves.

Below verse reminds us of our condition, although we are not at all qualified to be your disciple, we are so worthless, struggling in this material existence, such a fallen souls we are and still you being so kind enough and merciful that you had given us shelter under your divine lotus feet. No words to express our sincere gratitude. We will be obliged life after life for choosing us, as your disciples and giving us strength to withstand in such a precarious conditions of Material world, where we find only padam padam yad vipadam.

SB : 5.19.7

*na janma nūnaṁ mahato na saubhagaṁ
na vān na buddhir nākṛtis toṣa-hetuḥ
tair yad viśṛṣṭān api no vanaukaśāś
cakāra sakhye bata lakṣmaṇāgrajāḥ*

"One cannot establish a friendship with the Supreme Lord Ramachandra on the basis of material qualities such as one's birth in an aristocratic family, one's personal beauty, one's eloquence, one's sharp intelligence or one's superior race or nation. None of these qualifications is actually a prerequisite for friendship with Lord Śrī Ramachandra . Otherwise how is it possible that although we uncivilized inhabitants of the forest have not taken noble births, although we have no physical beauty and although we cannot speak like gentlemen, Lord Ramachandra has nevertheless accepted us as friends?"

*anyābhilāṣitā-śūnyaṁ / jñāna-karmādy-anāvṛtam
ānukūlyena kṛṣṇānu / śīlanam bhaktir uttamā*

"One should render transcendental loving service to the Supreme Lord Krsna favorably and without desire for material profit or gain through fruitive activities or philosophical speculation. That is called pure devotional service."

SB 7.15.45

*yāvan nr-kāya-ratham ātma-vaśopakalpaṁ
dhatte gariṣṭha-caraṇārcanayā niśātam
jñānāsim acyuta-balo dadhad asta-śatruḥ
svānanda-tuṣṭa upasānta idaṁ vijahyāt*

"As long as one has to accept a material body, with its different parts and paraphernalia, which are not fully under one's control, one must have the lotus feet of his superiors, namely his spiritual master and the spiritual master's predecessors. By their mercy, one can sharpen the sword of knowledge, and with the power of the Supreme Personality of Godhead's mercy one must then conquer the enemies mentioned above. In this way, the devotee should be able to merge into his own transcendental bliss, and then he may give up his body and resume his spiritual identity."

This human form of body is a most valuable boat, and the spiritual master is the captain, guru-karṇadhāram, to guide the boat in plying across the ocean of nescience. The instruction of Kṛṣṇa is a favorable breeze. One must use all these facilities to cross over the ocean of nescience. Since the spiritual master is the captain, one must serve the spiritual master, very sincerely so that by his g mercy one will be able to get the mercy of the Supreme Lord. If one seriously desires to return home, back to Godhead, one must therefore become strong enough by pleasing the spiritual master, for thus one gets the weapon with which to conquer the enemy, and one also gets the grace of Kṛṣṇa. Simply getting the weapon of jñāna is insufficient. One must sharpen the weapon by serving the Spiritual master and adhering to his instructions. Then the candidate will get the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Gurudev! We would also like to offer the below Song Name: Sariram Surupam Tatha Va Kalatram Gurorastakam written by Swami Adi Sankaracarya to your lotus feet as our sincere offering.

(1)

śarīram surūpam tathā vā kalatram
yaśāścāru citram dhanam merutulyam
guroraṅghripadme mānaścenna lagnaṁ
tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ

(2)

kalatram dhanam putrapoutrādi sarvaṁ
grham bāndhavāḥ sarvametaddhi jātam
guroraṅghripadme mānaścenna lagnaṁ
tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ

(3)

ṣaḍaṅgādivedo mukhe śastravidyā
kavitcādi gadyam supadyam karoti
guroraṅghripadme mānaścenna lagnaṁ
tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ tataḥ kiṁ

(4)

videśeṣu mānyaḥ svadeśeṣu dhanyaḥ
sadācāravṛtteṣu matto na cānyaḥ

*guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

(5)

*kᅅamāmaᅅdale bhūpabhūpālabᅁndaiᅅ
sadā sevitaᅁ yasya pādāravindam
guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

(6)

*yaśo me gataᅁ dikᅅu dānaptratāpāj-
jagadvastu sarvaᅁ kare yatprasādāt
guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

(7)

*na bhoge na yoge na vā vājirājau
na kāntāmukhe naiva vitteᅅu cittam
guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

(8)

*araᅅye na vā svasya gehe na kārye
na dehe mano vartate me tvanarghye
guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

(9)

*anarghyāᅁi ratnāᅁi muktāᅁi saᅁyak
samāliᅅgatā kāminī yaminīᅅu
guroraᅅghripadme mᅁnaścenna lagnaᅁ
tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ tataᅅ kiᅁ*

TRANSLATION:

1) The body is handsome, the wife is attractive, the fame is spread far and wide, the wealth is enormous and stable like mount Meru; but of what consequence are all these, if the mind is not fixed in devotion to the lotus feet of Guru? Really of what use is all this, what use, what use?

2) Wife, wealth, son, grandson, and the like, house, relations, even if all these are there fate is certain, of what consequence is one's life if his mind is not devoted to the feet of Guru? Ascertain, what use is any possession, person or object? Of what use, of what use, of what use indeed?

3) All the Vedas are mastered and ever present on the lips; likewise, knowledge of all the sciences is well gained. The ability to write prose or verse is also present. Even then, of what ultimate benefit is all this, if one's mind does not devoutly rest on the feet of Guru? By whose grace along can one's soul be liberated? Of what use, of what use, of what use indeed?

4) I am honored well even in far off places, held in high esteem in my own locality; in good conduct and noble deeds there is no one to excel me. If one has occasion to think like this, of what avail is it if the mind is not steeped in devotion and humility towards the feet of the Guru from whom alone can flow wisdom and immortality?

5) Your feet may be worshipped constantly even by the great kings and emperors of the world for reason of your greatness and scholarship; but of what real consequence is that if the mind is not graced by the blessing of unflinching devotion to the Guru, by whose loving 'touch' alone can redemption and peace be realized?

6) Of what avail if one has enough merits to think my fame has already spread in several places due to my unique generosity and a result, all things of the world stand within my easy reach? For, the virtue and quality that count ultimately is only one's unflinching loyalty and devotion towards the Guru whose blessings are the ultimate factor for realization of Truth by a devoted seeker.

7) The mind may have turned away from external delights through dispassion and from attainments like Yogic concentration, possessions like horses and the like, the enchanting face of the beloved, in short, the entire wealth of the earth; yet it will be of no real merit if the mind is not absorbed in piety and devotion to the feet of Guru. Bereft of this devotion, of what benefit is anything, of what benefit, of what benefit?

8) The mind may have lost its charm to live in forests, and likewise in the house; may have lost all desire to achieve whatever; even the concern for the body's welfare may have been outlived; the most invaluable treasure of the world may not hold any allurements. Even then, of what avail are all these if the supreme devotion to the Guru is not held by the aspirant? Determine, of what use? Of what use?

9) Even if I find in my possession precious stones or pearls and well decorated and dressed lovable bride, yet if my mind is not absorbed in devotion to the lotus feet of the Guru, of what use is any other possession?

Gurudev, it is very painful to be separated from you for years now, still we are connected with you through the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam, chanting and through your vani seva. Your Instructions alone gives us the strength to face the difficulties we overcome in our daily life and are able to handle the precarious conditions of material nature.

On this very special occasion we beg your esteemed mercy and blessings to be showered upon us always and keep us under your shelter always protecting and guiding us. Maharaj we sincerely seek your mercy and your blessings upon us always so that, we may learn perfect lessons from Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita and purify our existence and return back

to your lotus feet our eternal Home. Please bless us and forgive us for all our sins/offences committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai !!

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Thank you very much.

Your's humble and insignificant Servant's
Radha Dhamodhar Prabhu, Sarva Mangala devi dasi, Nimai & Meenakshi
Abu Dhabi



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--Stitha Pragnya Krishna das

My Dearest Gurudeva/ Maharaji,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.

We would like to offer following verse from Narsimha Kavach Stotram on this auspicious Vyas
Puja day

*garjantaṁ garjayantaṁ nija-bhuja-patalaṁ sphoṭayantaṁ hatantaṁ
dīpyantaṁ tāpayantaṁ divi bhuvī ditijaṁ kṣepayantaṁ kṣipantaṁ
krandantaṁ roṣayantaṁ diśi diśi satataṁ saṁharantaṁ bharantaṁ
vīkṣantaṁ ghūrṇayantaṁ kara-nikara-śataiḥ divya-siṁhaṁ namāmi*

"Lord Narasimha roars loudly and causes others to roar. With His multitudes of arms He tears the demons asunder and kills them in this way. He is always seeking out and tormenting the demoniac descendants of Diti, both on this earth planet and in the higher planets, and He throws them down and scatters them. He cries with great anger as He destroys the demons in all directions, yet with His unlimited hands He sustains, protects, and nourishes the cosmic manifestation. I offer my respectful obeisances to the Lord, who has assumed the form of a transcendental lion."

Maharaj you have given the most important injunction in my life to follow and sing glories of the Lord Narsimha. Shri Narsimha Kavacham is one of the most important part of my life. Without chanting Narsimha Stotram my day becomes very hectic and restless. By your transcendent mercy only i am able to chant the mantra regularly. Your instructions have led me to practice Krishna Conciousness more seriously and practically. Day by day i am becoming more and more fearless in this material world due to Hari Nama . Without your mercy nothing could have moved out in my life. I offer my respectful humble obiecances unto your lotus feet.

Your instructions on self introspection has really changed my life. Only a pure pure devotee of the Lord a pure Bhagvata like you can do this. Infact following your instructions have changed many material souls life and my family members and close friends have started reading Srimad Bhagavatam regularly. I cannot exactly write my feeling for you, however i can only say without your darshan my day does not start Maharaj. I would also like to offer following verse

As it is truly said in Bhagavad Gita verse no 2.63

*krodhād bhavati sammohaḥ sammohāt smṛti-vibhramah
smṛti-bhraṁśād buddhi-nāśo buddhi-nāśāt praṇaśyati*

From anger, delusion arises, and from delusion bewilderment of memory. When memory is bewildered, intelligence is lost, and when intelligence is lost, one falls down again into the material pool.

O Gurudeva you have already conquered your material senses and have seen Krishna and Goloka Dhama physically. O Maharaja kindly shower your mercy and teach this dasanu das to atleast remember you sincerely. Since remembrance of a pure devotee of Krishna is non different from remembering Krishna, because Krishna is always in thoughts and life of a pure devotee.

Please forgive us for any offences in this offering on Vyas Puja Day my Gurudeva.

Maharajji, Hare Krishna to you..Hare Krishna to you... Hare Krishna to you Gurudeva!!! Hare Krishna to you!!!!

Happy Birthday Gurudeva...

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!!! Srila Gurudev ki Jai!!!

Special Notes:

1. Vrindavan Chandra want to meet you and see you. As he is growing older he is very very inquisitive to see you and meet you. He says father why cant we go to meet Krishna and Maharaj at Krishna's Palace. Does Krishna and Maharaj Eat what ever we offer to them. Maharaj I am spell bounded by little child's questions. He has also started singing Hare Krishna Mantra tunes (he listens to any bollywood and holly wood songs and then converts that tune to Hare Krishna Mantra. Without singing Hare Krishna Mantra the child doesn't go to sleep. This is nothing but your consistent mercy flowing on me and my family)
2. Kishore Chandra has started playing harmonium and plays narsimha kavach, damodar ashtakam and hare krishna tunes and slowly developing his skills. When ever he plays this tunes my brain immediately connects to you and thinks Maharaj will be pleased by seeing and listening to hsi devotional tunes on harmonium.

Yours Humble Servants forever,

Stiha pragnya Krishna das, Vasundhara devi dasi, Kishore Chandra das and Little Vrindavan Chandra

Abu Dhabi.



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--Suresh Gajendran

Hare Krishna Prabhujis and Mathajis

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,

By the grace of Lord Sri Sri Radha Govind and Guru Maharaja, I had been given an opportunity to glorify Guru Maharaja Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj during his Centennial Vyasa Puja celebration.

Our Guru Maharaj dedicated his life for the preaching of Krishna Consciousness travelling extensively many countries which he had been instructed by his Guru A.C Bakthi Vedanta Srila Prabhupada, his genuine attachment to the service of Sri Guru and Vaiṣṇavas, and his exceptional expertise in delivering the truths of scriptures according to Śrīla Prabhupāda's current of thoughts made him popularly known as walking Bhagavatam. He had fulfilled Śrīla Prabhupada desires by building two nice temples one in Dwaraka and another one in Rajkot (Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav temple) and brought many people under the shelter of Krishna consciousness across the world.

I would like to dedicate this verse from BG 6.4 to Our Guru Maharaja.

yadā hi nendriyārtheṣu
na karmasv anuṣajjate
sarva-saṅkalpa-sannyāsī
yogārūḍhas tadocyate

A person is said to be elevated in yoga when, having renounced all material desires, he neither acts for sense gratification nor engages in fruitive activities.

Purport

When a person is fully engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord, he is pleased in himself, and thus he is no longer engaged in sense gratification or in fruitive activities. Otherwise, one must be engaged in sense gratification, since one cannot live without engagement. Without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, one must be always seeking self-centred or extended selfish activities. But a Kṛṣṇa conscious person can do everything for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa and thereby be perfectly detached from sense gratification. One who has no such realization must mechanically try to escape material desires before being elevated to the top rung of the yoga ladder.

When one becomes the first-class yogi or when one is considered to be elevated in the highest yogic platform or sannyāsa platform, yadā, at that time, when, na indriyārtheṣu, a person works not for sense gratification... That's all. Everyone works for sense gratification. In the material world, everyone is working for sense gratification. Everyone works here to get some reward, some remuneration, for wages, and that is utilized for sense gratification. Now here it said,

yogārūḍha. "When one is perfect yogi..." That is explained here that yadā hi na indriyārtheṣu. "When one does not work for sense gratification," na karmasv anuṣajjate, "he does not engage himself in the work simply for sense gratification." And sarva-saṅkalpa-sannyāsī, "And he has no desire to get any fruit." Because his desired thing, Kṛṣṇa, is already there. So he has no other desire.

Our Guru Maharaj dedicated his life for Lord Krishna and showed us a perfect example of *sarva-saṅkalpa-sannyāsī yogārūḍhas tadocyate*.

I humbly pray at the lotus feet of Guru Maharaj that he may forgive me and rectify any offences, mistakes or oversights I may have committed either knowingly or unknowingly. Also, I submit my prayer at lotus feet of guru and Krishna to bestow me and my family for a long, healthy and happy life dedicating quality time in Krishna Consciousness.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai.

Your Humble servant,
Suresh Gajendran
Abu Dhabi.



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--Svayam Sphuraty Krishnadas & Family

Dear Guru Maharaja, Hare Krishna.

Please accept our sat koti dandavat pranams at your lotus feet on your 100th appearance day.

We are feeling very fortunate to have an opportunity to glorify you on your centennial appearance day - another lifetime event after witnessing the grand opening ceremony of Shri Shri Radha Neel Madhav temple last year.

Maharaja, you are full of unlimited transcendental qualities. One of those qualities you have been exhibiting since I met you 23 years ago is your unflinching 100% faith in Krishna. Due to you having unflinching faith in Krishna, you were able to inject this faith in your well-wishers and disciples very swiftly without them making any conscious efforts to do so. During our limited interactions with you, we have witnessed that even the slightest deviation from our attention to Krishna was intolerable for you. Another transcendental quality you have exhibited is to see Krishna's hand in any and every condition of life. We have not only heard but also witnessed that even when faced with so many trying circumstances - be it your own health, be it temple construction or be it managing temple construction, you continued to maintain your 100% unflinching faith in Krishna. This had really helped us in facing the never-ending trying circumstances of our life.

Today is the day to meditate upon invaluable instructions which you gave us through your own examples, or otherwise verbally or in writing. One of those instructions is that 'one should not shirk from his/her work or other material duties in the name of devotional services'. I distinctly remember that whole day you patiently remained seated in an unknown office, which was just a few metres away from my house - just because you did not want me to leave my office early. In Abu Dhabi and Rajkot, we have witnessed that you won't stop anyone leaving Bhagavatam Class for the sake of going to the office. Once I was feeling very dejected due to overloaded with office work, you instantly mentioned over that the phone that our office work is non-different from devotional service. Another instruction you imparted through your own example is to have a fiery spirit for preaching even if one is on deathbed like Bhishma Pitamah - just to deliver the people who are not Krishna Conscious. You are the personification of what Srila Prabhupada has mentioned in his Purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 7.9.42. By your pure bhakti, you did not want to benefit alone. Rather, you prayed to the Lord that fallen souls in this material world may, by the grace of the Lord, engage in the service of His servant and thus be delivered. Like Prahlada Maharaja, you were so passionate and compassionate to save the whole world by spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness that you continued to preach until you departed to Goloka Dham.

In SB 7.9.44, Prahlada Maharaj prays to the Lord -

*prāyeṇa deva munayaḥ sva-vimukti-kāmā
maunaṁ caranti vijane na parārtha-niṣṭhāḥ*

*naitān vihāya kṛpaṇān vimumuksa eko
nānyam tvad asya śaraṇam bhramato 'nupaśye*

My dear Lord Nṛsimhadeva, I see that there are many saintly persons indeed, but they are interested only in their own deliverance. Not caring for the big cities and towns, they go to the Himālayas or the forest to meditate with vows of silence [mauna-vrata]. They are not interested in delivering others. As for me, however, I do not wish to be liberated alone, leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore, I wish to bring them back to shelter at Your lotus feet.

Purport "...devotee is not interested in so-called meditation in the Himālayas or the forest. Rather, his interest is in the busiest part of the world, where he teaches people Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement was started for this purpose. We do not teach one to meditate in a secluded place just so that one may show that he has become very much advanced and may be proud of his so-called transcendental meditation, although he engages in all sorts of foolish materialistic activity. A Vaiṣṇava like Prahlāda Mahārāja is not interested in such a bluff of spiritual advancement. Rather, he is interested in enlightening people in Kṛṣṇa consciousness because that is the only way for them to become happy. Prahlāda Mahārāja says clearly, *nānyam tvad asya śaraṇam bhramato 'nupaśye*: "I know that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy."

"...Rather, every member of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is interested in going door to door to try to convince people about the teachings of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is, the teachings of Lord Caitanya. That is the purpose of the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. The members of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement must be fully convinced that without Kṛṣṇa one cannot be happy..."

You are also the personification of what Srila Prabhupada mentioned in the above purport. We remember that despite your old age, you were always eager to visit different countries, cities and houses for giving Srimad Bhagavatam classes. You always had full faith and conviction that without 'Krishna' one cannot be happy. While you took so much pain to give us life-changing instructions, we have been very miser in following those instructions and performing our devotional activities. However, we pray to you that despite our ineberieties, please continue to keep us under the shadow of your lotus feet. We thank you very much, Maharaj, for taking care of us and giving us more than what we deserve. By your mercy, your Murli Manohar Krsnadas will be getting married to Muthu Lakshmi next year on 26th April 2020, Sunday, Akshaya Tiritiya Day. Please bless them so that they continue to remember you, and have a healthy and happy married life in all the years to come.

Begging forgiveness for all the offences and not following all your instructions as it is,

Your humble servants,

Svayam Sphuraty Krsnadas, Radhacharan devi dasi, Murli Manohar Krsnadas, Vasudev Krsnadas & Mangala Aarti devi dasi

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--Uma Prathap & Prathap

Hare Krishna my dearest Maharaj,

My humblest obeisances at your lotus feet on this your centennial Vyasa Puja day.

Maharaj, this year I have so, so much to thank you for. Shall I start one by one? I know I cannot describe all of them as you are taking care of me every moment of my life, ways I may not even realize or be aware of. But let me pen down a few of whatever I have noticed and have felt very grateful for, this year. This year my Gopalji has been given a name by Devaki Nandan Prabhujji, on the day of the inauguration of Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav Temple, Rajkot, in spite of it being a very, very busy day for him. And do you know what name he gave my Gopalji - Bala Mukund Gopal. If it is not coming from you, how else would Prabhujji know that I sing Bala Mukundashtakam to my Gopalji after the morning arati? Sorry, Maharaj, I say morning arati, not mangalarati, because I do not do the arati very early in the morning. Though I get up early, I complete my rounds before I bathe and do the morning arati.

Now I do not keep my chanting pending. All my backlog of chanting I completed and I see to it that I complete my rounds each day first thing in the morning. If at all, I keep four rounds which I complete during the day. Some days I am able to chant more than sixteen rounds. If for some reason, my chanting spills over to the next day, I am very particular to complete the pending rounds the next day itself, not counting the extra rounds I might have done previously. So regularizing my chanting is one gift that you have given me this year. Otherwise it was always a struggle, especially when I go to India for vacation, I come back with a huge burden of chanting backlog and by the time I rigorously strive and get them over, it is my next vacation time again! This has been going on for years. Now hopefully, it is streamlined by completing it early morning itself before the daily chores.

The most important and precious gift from you this year, Maharaj, is the opportunity to preach full swing. I am so very grateful to you, for all my lifetimes, for consolidating what I study by preaching to others. Maharaj, the circumstances that led me to preach, with all the senior devotees of our evening BG program and Devaki Nandan Prabhujji giving me permission, itself shows that it is your wish that I preach, after I have been studying the scriptures for ten years. Maharaj, of course there is absolutely no comparison, but I love to remember that you also started preaching, after intense study of the scriptures for ten years, sitting under a pillar in Soho temple. That pillar has become famous as the pillar where you studied the scriptures. It has always been in my mind, whenever I read Prabhupada's or your words that stress the importance of preaching, that unfortunately, being a woman and the circumstances, I am unable to preach and I cannot retain in my mind all what I study. Even now, Maharaj, I cannot speak the Sanskrit verses in my class, because I cannot retain them in my memory well enough to speak them out fluently. Last class, I learnt some verses to quote, but ended up quoting the English translations instead. I am working on them, I have to master them still.

Maharaj, I am afraid I will have to leave Abu Dhabi soon, because my Prabhu is alone in Trivandrum. Though you are taking care of him and me, I have to go back because we have to visit so many pilgrim centers in India before we are too old to travel. But I do not see many opportunities to preach in Trivandrum. Here, I am forcing my colleagues in office, in a way, you can say, I am bullying them, to come to class. I do not leave people alone. They would be glad when I retire. Unless I am able to create interest in the scriptures before I go. But in Trivandrum, it is so different. I don't know anyone. I told my Prabhu to get me some opportunity in Kendriya Vidyalaya, where he is very active as alumni office bearer. I have asked him to check with the principal to allow some BG sessions for students on a regular basis as extra-curricular activity. But it seems religious preaching is not allowed in Kendriya Vidyalayas. Maharaj, please help me to find opportunities there to preach. You have taken so much care to give me opportunity in Abu Dhabi, I am sure, you will give me chance in India as well and not let my preaching die away before it has completed even one year.

Maharaj, in fact, this opportunity to preach, has at last made me believe, in my heart of hearts, that you have accepted me as your disciple. Until now, I was waiting for some future lifetime, to become your disciple, and I was serving your disciples, in whatever small ways I can, to make me eligible for it. But you are extremely merciful, I bow down humbly to you, when I realize how merciful you are to me, your allowing me to preach, I know in my heart of hearts, is your acceptance of me as your disciple. I used to feel a comradeship with King Prataparudra whom Chaitanya Mahaprabhu took so long to accept. So Maharaj, I thank you so, so, so very much, from the bottom of my heart, for bringing me up so lovingly. You are taking so great care of me, in no way less than how you take care of your initiated disciples.

Maharaj, it is in my mind, that I post the memories of your disciples that they have written in their Vyasa Puja offerings to you over the years. I love reading all of them. I am sure you would love to read them too, over and over again, and reminiscence those days with your disciples. I will discuss with Devaki Nandan Prabhuji and Kalchakra Prabhuji, when I meet them in Rajkot for your centennial Vyasa Puja, if it is too private to share and in which platform I can do so - in Granthraj or in Gurudev Amritavani. That will bring back pleasant memories in their hearts and you will be glowing in all our hearts every day. Maharaj, if this idea pleases you, please let it come true.

And Maharaj, I wish to offer the English translations and purports of Jnanapana, the Song of Wisdom, composed in Malayalam, by the greatest devotee of Lord Guruvayoorappan, Sri Poontanam Namboodiri, in book form, at your lotus feet this centennial year of your Vyasa Puja, if Devaki Nandan Prabhuji sanctions it. It is still in crude form, I have just compiled what I used to send by Whatsapp to few devotees and friends. I have sent the soft file to Devaki Nandan Prabhuji to check if he feels it worthy to be dedicated at your lotus feet. He has not come back yet. Perhaps he is busy, or has given it to someone else to check. If you and Krishna will, I wish to publish it one day followed by others I have already started compiling, like "Pastimes of the Lord with His devotees". Translations of Adhyatma Ramayana by Thunjathu Ezhuthachan is ongoing and I hope to translate Harinama Keerthanam, Narayaneeyam and Sri Krishna Karnamritam someday. Please bless me Maharaj that I can do them taking me closer and closer to Krishna.

And as a very small token of my gratitude to you, Maharaj, I wish to post the Vyasa Puja offerings of your disciples, so that everyone can read them daily and you also can read them daily in Goloka Vrindavan, along with Krishna and relive your memories with each one of your disciples.

Maharaj, sorry for making this Vyasa Puja offering too long and too personal. This year, for sure, you will have too many offerings to read. This year, the idea is to break last year's record of 175 Vyasa Puja offerings to you. If each one writes such long stories like me, how long it is going to take you to read! Oh dear, I have not quoted even a single verse from Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita! I know how pleased you will be when we quote verses from the scriptures. So let me end with quoting one. This is SB 2.4.5 where Maharaj Parikshit is glorifying his spiritual master Sukadeva Goswami before he inquires from him how the Supreme Personality of Godhead creates, maintains and destroys the universes.

*rājavāca
samīcīnaṁ vaco brahman
sarva-jñasya tavānagha
tamo viśṛyate mahyaṁ
hareḥ kathayataḥ kathām*

"Mahārāja Parikṣit said: O learned brāhmaṇa, you know everything because you are without material contamination. Therefore whatever you have spoken to me (through your vani), appears perfectly right. Your speeches are gradually destroying the darkness of my ignorance, for you are narrating the topics of the Lord."

Thank you my dearest Maharaj. I love you so very much. My love for you is increasing over the years. Please continue to bless me with your merciful glances even though I am the most fallen, even more than Jagai and Madhai. That is why I am most eligible to receive your mercy. I thank Lord Krishna for bringing you to my fallen life and I am grateful to all your disciples for nurturing me so lovingly and patiently either directly or indirectly through their postings in Granthraj and Gurudev Amritavani.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai! Anekakodi Vaishnava Vrind ki Jai!

You most humble servants,
Prathap and Uma Prathap

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--Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Dearest Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev!

Maharaj, today is the most auspicious day of your centennial appearance day celebrations and it is our greatest good fortune that we are in this planet when it is being celebrated. This is a blessing conferred on all of us by your causeless mercy Maharaj.

Maharaj, when I am writing this offering, I am on the verge of leaving Abu Dhabi and it is very painful to leave this place and congregation of loving devotees. All this has been your gift to us Maharaj. We had your darshan in Abudhabi and for that single reason this is the most glorious place in our lives. Every time you visited Abudhabi, it was a great festival of joy and celebration and we were completely transported to a different world with you around Maharaj. I remember that day in the residence of HG Svayam Sphurathy prabhujii that you were asking if someone can read from the paper wherein Harer Namaiva kevalam verses were printed. I offered to read and after I read it, and after I finished reciting, I could see how you were looking at me with a fully bloomed face and showered me with so much of appreciation though I had not read it very perfectly. You blessed me and encouraged me to read Sanskrit verses that day and to utilize the throat only for this purpose. Actually those were the days when I was feeling that I had no identity or no special capacity to do anything and you sensed it all with your dirgha darshan and pulled me to your shelter by these kind words of encouragement. I have not put in any sincere efforts to transform myself Maharaj and for this I am to be blamed. In spite of all this, Maharaj you have kindly allowed me to make audio recording of all the verses of Srimad Bhagavatam with English Translations of Srila Prabhupada. This you did through Smt Uma prathap mataji in Abudhabi who is a very sincere devotee. Maharaj this is not done with great sincerity, but still I humbly request you Maahraj out of your causeless mercy to please accept this offering which I was praying to finish before I leave Abudhabi. You were kind enough to allow this. I shall offer the USB with the recordings at your lotus feet in Shri Radha Neelmadhav dham. Uma Mataji inspired me to record Srimad Bhagavatam full for her to hear and learn and somehow I started this. But many times in between I became very insincere and had no hope of finishing the recording. But Smt Uma mataji was very persistent and somehow or the other pushed me back into this service and today we can see only your mercy behind all this. As the days passed and Sajjan prabhu was keeping on telling me that we may have to leave Abudhabi very soon, then I realized how much time I had wasted in this place which is extremely conducive for performance of devotional service. You had always repeated that Abudhabi is the best place to study the scriptures. Here the material situations are comparatively comfortable and Krishna has given enough time to focus on the study of scriptures.

The scriptures therefore shout at the topmost voice insisting us that a sober human being should quickly endeavor for the ultimate perfection of life as long as his body, which is always subject to death, has not fallen down and died. The first verse we heard from your lotus mouth Maharaj is turnam yateta na patet anumrtyu yaavat. (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.9.29). The Vairaagya satakam text 38 wonders,

*vyaaghreeva tishtati jaraa paritarjayanti
rogaascha shatrava iva praharanti deham
aayuh parisravati bhinna ghathaadivaambho
lokastathaapy ahitam aacharatiti chitram*

"Old age and senility stalk us like a ferocious tiger; diseases lie in wait for us at every step and the body troubles us verily like a sworn enemy; Time and with it life too slips away slowly but surely much like water leaking from a cracked pot. Oblivious to all these afflictions, people continue to be wayward and errant. How strange and what a pity!"

The Vairaagya satakam again advises us on what should be done before it is too late in Text 75.

*yaavat svastham idam sariram arujam yaavat jaraa doorato
yaavat ca indriya saktir apratihataa yaavat kshayo naayushah
atma sreyasi taavadeva vidushaa kaaryah prayatno mahaan
sandepte bhavane tu kupakhananam pratyudyamah keedrshah*

"As long as this body is free from disease and decrepitude, as long as senility is far off, as long as the powers of the senses are unaffected and life is not decaying, so long, wise persons should put forth mighty exertions for the sake of the supreme good for the soul, for when the house is on fire what avail setting about digging a well for water?"

These verses I am telling to myself loudly now that I am leaving Abudhabi. Maharaj please help me to go thru this phase of life. Now I try to remember all the verses which are very dear to your heart and I heard you quoting regarding meetings and partings and this is the only way to pacify myself. Pacification is possible only with Srimad Bhagavatam and that too only when it flows from your lotus mouth Maharaj. I offer all you spoke on meetings and partings at your lotus feet as I remember you once telling, after reading the transcription of your lecture, in great humility " it is so nice to read whatever I spoke in the form of this transcription. This is actually better than what I spoke." And then you laughed.

1. **Glorify Krishna whenever you meet each other:** (Welcoming a devotee who entered the class, Maharaj said) "I was remembering you. How are you? But we lost your phone number. It was very nice that somebody gave you the message. Its really we are lucky to see you. Because, it is very difficult in this world to see each other. Even in one house we cannot see each other. Sometimes people keep staying in one house, he will not talk to you she will not talk to you, you know. So if you really see the living entities, you should be happy like rebirth.

After Krishna's appearance, when Nanda Maharaj comes to Mathura to pay tax to Kamsa and later secretly meets Vasudev, Vasudev says in Srimad Bhagavatam verse 10.5.24

*dishtyaa samsaara cakre 'smin / vartamaanah punar bhavah
upalabdho bhavaan adya / durlabham priya darshanam*

"It is also by good fortune that I am seeing you. Having obtained this opportunity, I feel as if I have taken birth again. Even though one is present in this world, to meet with intimate friends and dear relatives in this material world is extremely difficult."

It is very difficult to see each other and even if you see, without talking we part. That's our experience. And there is no reason. But kali yuga is very powerful. And we are here now, we assembled here in sankirtan. But frankly speaking we have our own circle, we are completely entangled in those circle. We have a family, we have our businesses, we have this and that. We have just come here accidentally to chant Krishna's names and that is helping us. But as soon as we leave this, then we go back to our circles. We have our own circle. Then we don't have any time to look at others. That circle causes issues. So this is how, **when we see the living entities, again we must chant loud.**

2.Be happy to see each other: Living entities hardly come together. By Krishna's arrangement, we may come together. Nanda Maharaj after celebrating the birth ceremony of Krishna, he wanted to please Kamsa also. He was giving gold, cows and so many other things in charity to brahmanas and everybody who came. He was profusely giving things in charity to everybody. So he said that, "I must please Kamsa also because Krishna is very kind to have come to me as my son." So he went to Mathura and he wanted to clear the tax balance and everything. If we were there, we will hide the taxes. We will not pay at all. But Nanda Maharaj was very pleased and he equally tried to please Kamsa also. So he went to Mathura and Vasudeva was there. Vasudev wanted to see him and he came there and he said a very nice thing - Again from shastras - all these saintly living entities were just behaving by the dictates of the shastras and he said this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 10.5.24

dishtyaa samsaara cakre asmin - In samsaara cakra nobody's life is guaranteed. We have crossed the ocean and come here. Who knows whether the machine in plane will work while going back? At the risk of life, we have come here. And we are very sure that we will go back. But nobody knows if it will happen for sure. This is samsaara cakra. asmin and then he says, 'vartamaanah punar bhava' - if you see each other, we should be happy as if it is a rebirth. This is really correct. Somebody comes from Australia, some from Kuala Lumpur. There is so many possibilities of disaster. But by Krishna's arrangement, no disaster was there and the living entity is standing in front of us. But as soon as the living entity comes in front of us, either we hate or like. This is completely obnoxious behaviour - against the shastras. Please don't do it. In the end hate will kill you. If you hate anybody, you will disturb your own system. The system is working in a certain rhythm and because of that rhythm we are alive. When something will go wrong, we don't know. And we will call it heart-attack or whatever. **Please, please understand this precarious condition and whenever living entities come together, think that it is Krishna's arrangement. We should be equal to everybody; we should be very happy that it is rebirth. Why? This is again shastras. Because we cannot trust this**

breath. His/her breath may stop and our breath may also stop. So this shastra gives us the sanity and that is the result of following the tenets of the shastras.

1. **Concoction must stop:** "Our whole life should have the foundation of the principles of Srimad Bhagavad gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. It should become our lifestyle. The whole life should be organized in such a way that one or the other principle we are following. We should not waste time. We should not concoct anything. **Things are happening according to the Lord's plans. That we are definite. We cannot change His plans. If my desires do not work, why should I concoct about my desires? Concoction must stop. Concoction is concoction. There is no value in it. You just stop concocting and you save half your life time.** Otherwise we concoct so many things and why are you concocting? We think that I have to stay here for 50 years more. The reality is, we are sitting here is a fact now. Tomorrow it will be a dream. We are sitting and talking is a fact now. But this fact never remains a fact. It becomes a dream. So every material thing has a definite inclination to be converted to dream and for dream, we do not worry. I may be killed in a dream. I may be in difficulty. As soon as I wake up, I find I am not in difficulty. Dreams - we do not worry about. So gate shoko na karavyo - so please forget the past. Do not worry about the past. Those who remember past and work according to past, they are known as bhutas – ghosts, because past is bhutkaal.

We may have so many bad or good experiences with the people. Do not presuppose. No presuppositions. Every time the living entity comes, it is a new page. Because, after so many days we are coming together. We are flying, we are alive. Your purse permits you to come here. How many things have to be arranged and then I presuppose. Oh! This man is like this! Like that! No!!! Our presuppositions are completely wrong because they are based on the past. Every time the living entity comes in front of us, it is a rebirth. In India, to cross the road is a rebirth. That amount of risk we are carrying and we see the living entity and we presuppose. So how the living entity will feel? That presupposition has no value. Everything in the world changes, so the man will also change for good or for bad or worse. We do not worry. We see only the good. We do not see the bad side. If I see good, good, good, eventually I become good. If I see bad, bad, bad, I'll become bad. Why should we become bad?

4. **Pass life in the vedic mould:** This is the way to pass the life in the Vedic mould. Otherwise a vedic mould is there. Our mould must be nice and then the figure will be nice. If the mould is clear, the figure will be very fine. Our vedic mould is very fine and we should really try to have nice mould according to Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam. It is really like a rebirth that we are coming together. Either I die or you die or you may be consumed with some chronic disease or I may be. So many things are going on. Even then we are seeing each other. So how much more He must be merciful on us that all the difficulties He has saved us from and we are together. We come together and we are kicking each other. In Hindi there is a nice saying

jnaani se jnaani mile huye do do baath
gade se gade mile huye do do laath

"A knowledgeable person meets another knowledgeable person and they nicely talk with each other. A donkey meets another donkey and they kick with their legs." Do not be gada (donkey). Gada is not our mould. Jnaani is our mould and we prefer gada mould. (Maharaj laughs.) Now what to do? Eventually we become like gada. Srila Prabhupada has improved our mould. Otherwise always we like to be in gada mould. Some bad point we take out and then we grind it. It is a waste of energy in human existence and to improve the mould, we have to go to Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam regularly. Nityam bhaagavata sevayaa. **We should never think, I know Bhagavad gita, I have read so many times. No. Every time you go, it is a mine of nice moulds. It will always give you the insight of the moulds and that mould will correct your life and it will help you all around. As soon as your mould is improving, your figure will improve, as soon as your figure improves, your whole atmosphere improves."**

5. Krishna's appearance must be there in our life. Those who follow Bhagavatam are called bhagavadiya. Bhagavadiya people are always peaceful. Because they practice the verse SB 1.13.41

*maa kancana shuco raajan / yad ishvara vasham jagat
lokaah sapaala yasyeme / vahanti balim ishituh
sa samyunakti bhutaani / sa eva viyunakti ca*

"Sri Narada said: O pious King, do not lament for anyone, for everyone is under the control of the Supreme Lord. Therefore all living beings and their leaders carry on worship to be well protected. It is He only who brings them together and disperses them."

6. Realize the force of time:

In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 6.15.3 Angira Muni gives a very beautiful instruction to Maharaj Citraketu, when Citraketu laments for the death of his son. Angira Muni says,

*yathaa prayaanti samyaanti / sroto vegena baalukaah
samyujyante viyujyante / tathaa kaalena dehinah*

"O King, as small particles of sand sometimes come together and are sometimes separated due to the force of the waves, the living entities who have accepted material bodies sometimes come together and are sometimes separated by the force of time."

In his wonderful purport to the above verse His Divine Grace says, "Like small particles of sand, bodies come together and are separated by the force of time, and people falsely lament for unification and separation. Unless one knows this, there is no question of happiness."

7. Krishna arranges the meetings and partings: In verse 7.2.21 of Srimad Bhagavatam Hiranyakashipu says

*bhutaanaam iha samvaasah / prapaayaam iva suvrate
daivenaiktra neetaanaam / unneetaanaam sva karmabhih*

"My dear mother, in a restaurant or place for drinking cold water, many travelers are brought together, and after drinking water they continue to their respective destinations. Similarly, living entities join together in a family, and later, as a result of their own actions, they are led apart to their destinations."

This is a great consolation. In so many ways, unknowingly the living entities come together. Here he gives the idea of the drinking places. In India they are very popular. But in foreign countries we have restaurants. Srila Prabhupada translates it as restaurants. So the living entities come together to take some refreshments and for a while they are together and then again according to the destination, according to their different activities they have to disperse. This is the truth. So this explains our own conditions. And because this sinks in our mind very nicely, putra dhaaraapta bandhunaam - It is very nicely described by Krishna to Uddhava in 11th Canto that, "Please Uddhav, you do not lament because you are being separated from Me". Uddhav wanted to accompany with the Lord. He said, "Without You I cannot survive." Lord explains to him very nicely in Srimad Bhagavatam 11.17.53

*putra daaraapta bandhunaam / sangamah paantha sangamah
anu deham viyanty ete / svapno nidraanugo yathaa*

putra means children, daara means wife or husband and bandhunaam means relations etc, sangamah means coming together, this sangamah is paantha sangamah. As the travelers come together in aeroplane, may be there 100 or 200 passengers, they are just together for a while, may be 6 hours journey or 8 hours journey or 12 hours journey. They are just together for a while and nobody has anything to do with anybody. And once we arrive at the destination everyone disperses and may be we never see them again. This is the truth and it explains our own situation. And this is more true in these countries where the living entities don't stay together, however hard you try. They have different karmas at their disposal. And they come together and just get apart. It is a nice way to pacify our own selves.

Maharaj I don't know how to express my gratitude for all these realizations from scriptures. I know that you will only be pleased if I try to imbibe at least a few of these lines in my life.

Maharaj this being your centennial year I desired to offer a few words in the form of a song at your lotus feet in your glorification. My mind being completely overwhelmed with the changing situations happening around me, I could not focus on anything, Still Maharaj please accept this song just as a father accepts any clumsy gift offered by the child.

*apaara karunaa sudhanidhe / patita paavana priya vrate
traahi traahi maam taponidhe / sri mahavishnu goswami guru deva*

Dear Maharaj, you're the nectarean ocean of unlimited compassion. The vow which is very dear to you is to uplift all the fallen souls. Oh ocean of austerities, please please save me and protect me from being drowned in the ocean of material existence.

*bhaagavatah kathaa hrdis stithe
|sadaa aardra krsna naamamrte
charane sharanam dehi te
ri mahavishnu goswami guru deva*

Srimad Bhagavatam is always situated in your heart. Your heart is softened and wet with compassion because of always being immersed in the nectar of the holy names of Krishna. Dear Maharaj please give me shelter at your lotus feet.

*sri neela madhava padaantike
ramaa raama raamaanuja chitte
krpa kataaksham dehi te
sri mahavishnu goswami guru deva*

Dear Maharaj, you are situated at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Neel madhavji and your heart is full with Their Lordships Shri Shri Rama Raama Raamanuja. Please bless us with your merciful glance.

*devaki nandana aatmaarpite
vaishnava seva priya praana te
jayatu jayatu karunaakrte
shataabdhi naayaka namostu te*

Dear Maharaj, You offered yourself fully to Devaki nandana Krishna. Also our dear God brother HG Devaki Nandan prabhu has fully offered himself at your lotus feet. Serving the devotees is so dear to your heart that it is your life force. Also Our dear God brother HG Vaishnava seva prabhu is as dear as life force or prana to you. All Glories, all glories to you Maharaj who are the personification of compassion. you are our dearest hero celebrating your hundred years and on this auspicious occasion we offer our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Maharaj please please help me to live the way which will please you and that will be ultimate perfection of existence. Please forgive me Maharaj for all my blunders in behaviour and thoughts. I have no words to thank you for the gift of the congregation of devotees in Abu Dhabi and we are completely overwhelmed by the shower of love and affection, care and concern and we see no way in which we can contribute back to them for all this. Please allow me to be of some service to them in one way or the other. Please help me to see these happenings and changes in my life as the way to mature and become refined in a way that pleases you Maharaj.

All Glories to Srila Gurudev!
Striving to be your worthy daughter
Vaijayanti mala devi dasi
Abu Dhabi.

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--Vijay and Suchithra

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

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj !

We are truly fortunate to offer our second Vyasa Puja offering this year at your lotus feet which is your centennial year. Maharaj, so many blissful events happened rather still happening this year which I shall share with you.

The topmost being our very first visit to Rajkot, that too for the temple inauguration. In spite of planning our dates and booking well in advance there came so many obstacles due to which we were not sure if we would make it till the time we left. But you made everything disappear and made it possible for us to take darshan of you and be in total bliss at Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav dham for couple of days Maharaj. One of my foremost wishes was to sweep the floor of the temple as i always feel I'm not fit to do even that what to speak of any other service . But to my surprise on the day of inauguration you gave that opportunity also to me Maharaj ! Being amidst devotees from around the world, especially our Abu Dhabi god brothers and sisters ...the feeling was beyond words Maharaj. We never felt like coming back from Rajkot. But by your mercy we met them all again in Abu Dhabi and it was wonderful to relive the weeks packed with programs, kirtans, classes and **prasadam!**

Back here in Mumbai Maharaj, during the month of Kartik myself and my neighbor devotee invited people for Damodar arati and that way we have started reading Srimad Bhagavad Gita together. By your mercy we are able to sit together twice a week Maharaj. Your most favorite children's classes have also started with about a minimum of 25 to 30 kids every week. I keep admiring the smile on your face in the altar as the class keeps going on. I pray at your lotus feet to guide me in every inch I move in this Maharaj.

Your repeated hammering about quality chanting through your calendar quotes especially on the days I cheat on chanting has made me wake up early in the morning to chant most of my rounds, Maharaj . When i heard that many devotees in Abu Dhabi and also chennai all chant early in the morning, I got inspired and that also pushed me to take it up, Maharaj. Please bless me to continue with this very small service , Maharaj . Shamelessly I beg you to teach me overcome those "japkis" in-between my chanting , Maharaj .

*shri-guru karuna-sindhu, adhama janara bandhu
lokanath lokera jivana*

*ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya
ebe jasha ghushuk tribhavana*

"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. We take shelter of your lotus feet. You are the friend of the most fallen."

With these sincere words from the bottom of our hearts we would conclude this offering ,
Maharaj .

Vijay and Suchithra



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--Yogeshwar krishna das

**Please accept our humble Sata Koti Dandavat Pranams at the dust of your lotus feet on
the auspicious occasion of VYAS PUJA.**

It is now almost a decade on ...without our Guru Maharaj physical presence. but he is always there with us through his practical instructions, guidance. to help us, both in our spiritual life and material life.

It is stated in Srimad Bhagvatam in 3.25.8

Devahuti, desiring to free herself from the material condition of life, spoke to the Lord Kapila that she is tired of disturbances caused by material senses and because of her engagement in sense gratification she has fallen into the darkness of ignorance. She further says

*tasya tvam tamso andhasya
dusparasyadya paragam
sac-caksur janmanam ante
labdham me tvad-anugrahat*

**Your lordship is the only means of getting out of this darkest region of ignorance, for
You are my transcendental eye that I have received after many many births.**

Prabhupada says in the purport - this verse is very instructive since it indicates the relationship between the spiritual master and the disciple. The word *paragam* is very significant. Paragam refers to the one who takes the disciple to the other side. This side is a conditioned life, the other side is the life of freedom. The spiritual master takes the disciple to the other side by opening his eyes with knowledge.

We are suffering simply because of our ignorance. By the instruction of the spiritual master the darkness of ignorance is removed, and it enables the disciple to go the other side of freedom. It is also stated in Bhagavad –Gita that after many, many births one surrenders to the Supreme Lord. Similarly, if after many many births one is able to find a bona fide spiritual master and surrender to such a bona fide representative of Krishna, one can be taken to the side of light. We are very fortunate that we have taken shelter of a pure devotee like our Guru Maharaj.

Maharaj way of performing devotional service is very unique, always says make devotional service simple, its easy. Don't complicate it. Devotional service should not become burdensome.

Whatever little taste of Bhagavatam I have that is because of Maharaj mercy. Maharaj unique way of sloka recitation is just amazing.

It is our prime duty to try to follow sincerely our Guru Maharaj nectarine instructions in our practical life which will help us to cross over this ocean of material miseries and we simply pray at Guru Maharaj lotus feet for his causeless mercy.

We again submit humbly our sata koti dandavat pranams unto his lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Gurudev!

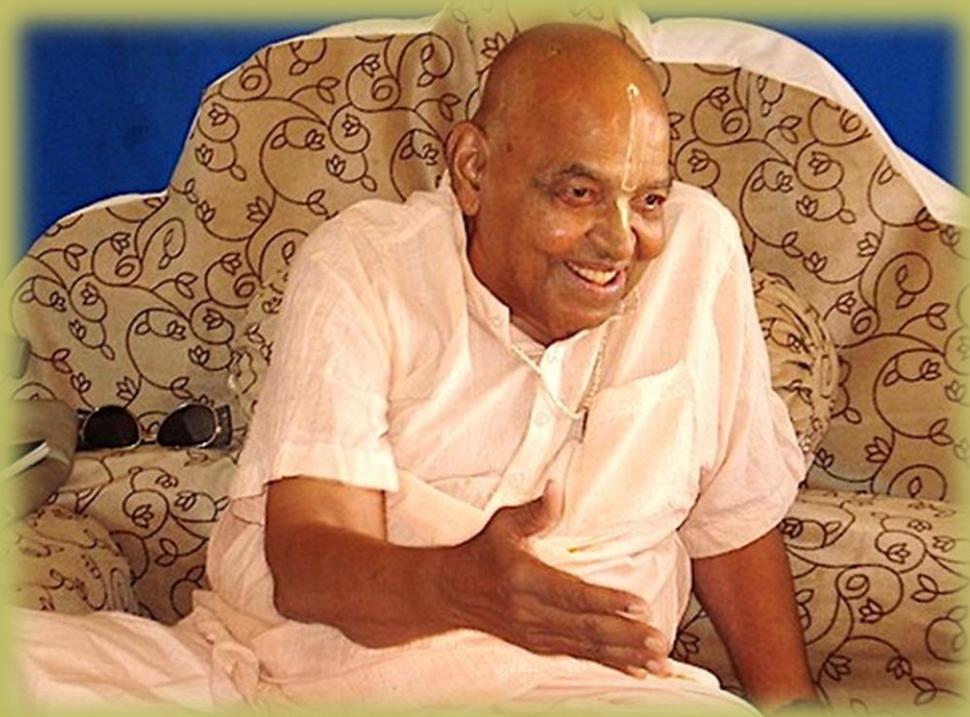
All glories to Srila Prabhupad!

Your humble servants

Yogesvara Krishna das, Svarnangi devi dasi, Aditya & Madhav



UAE - Dubai



“A grain of practice is more valuable than tons of knowledge. By not criticizing anybody, we are observing the austerity of speech. Speaking is a very easy activity and that is why we criticize. Our body is so formed, that we can see only other’s face and we cannot see our own face. We are not aware of our own defects and we talk about others. By always performing the religious principles we avoid this pitfall..”

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--Raghuvir Krishna das & Sita Rani devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Please accept our humble obeisances and dandavats.

Its not possible to express our gratitude in words. Even for our initiation you came to our dream and inspired us. The introduction to Prabhupada family is by you and for this we are eternally grateful to you

we can't forget your kindness for taking our telephone calls when you did not even know us .Being selfish we humbly request you to kindly use us in Krishna and your service as you deem fit so that we can simply please Krishna and you

Our dandavats to you Maharaj . We are your junior most disciples and hope you will accept our prayer and will bless us so that we can please Yourself and Krishna

Koti Koti dandwats and Pranams.

Hare Krishna

Your servants

Raghuveer Krishna das & Sita Rani devi dasi



Oman - Muscat



“If we change our lifestyle according to the scriptures, we have a healthy life. Otherwise we are always sick. If we are not at ease, we are diseased, and these are the places where you can have this ease. Sit silent and meditate on Krishna, perform kirtana, chant and hear and this gives us the ease.”.

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--Anantha Shakthi Krishna das & Divya Rupa devi dasi

Hare Krishna our most beloved Gurudev,

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

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

On this Blessed day of your auspicious appearance in this material world, that too on this Centenary celebration day, with deep heartfelt gratitude, we offer our humble obeisances at your Divine Lotus feet.

Where would we be today without you? You have given us the most matchless and priceless gift anyone has ever given to us. You have given us Krsna, the supreme personality of Godhead, who is full of six opulences and who is the source of the entire creation. You have explained the path of Bhakti Yoga, the path of love and devotion, the path that can free us from the cycle of repeated births and deaths, and leads one back home back to Godhead.

In SB 1.1.22, the sages at Naimisaranya humbly spoke to the respected Sri Suta Goswami,

*tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā
dustaraṁ nistitīṣatām
kalim sattva-haraṁ puṁsām
karṇa-dhāra ivārṇavam*

"We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of Kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being."

Gurudev, you are our eternal captain of the lotus ship of Krishna Bhakti. We were so fortunate that you picked us up from the ocean of this Kaliyuga and gave us the shelter to board your ship. You are so compassionate to the fallen souls like us. We are eternally grateful for your kindness to accept us as your disciples.

Maharaj, We humbly offer the following verse to you, from Srimad Bhagavatam, 3.7.36

*anuvratānām śiṣyāṇām / putrāṇām ca dvijottama
anāpṛṣtam apī brūyur / guravo dīna-vatsalāḥ*

"O best among the brāhmaṇas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge."

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada explains that "There are many subjects to be known from the bonafide spiritual master. The followers, disciples and sons are all on one level for the bona

fide spiritual master, and he is always kind to them and always speaks to them on transcendental subjects, even though he is not asked by them. That is the nature of the bona fide spiritual master".

Gurudev, Your good self is the manifested compassion of the supreme lord Sri Krishna. Because, only by the mercy of the spiritual master, one receives the mercy of Krishna. Without your grace, it is not possible for us to reach the treasure of Krishna bhakti. We took our spiritual birth in Abu Dhabi, and we very well remember that how by your loving, smiling and merciful divine appearance, by your powerful teachings, by your constant encouragements and motivations and by your special attention to the younger generations, your good self, attracted many living entities including us (these poor souls).

In the purport of SB 2.4.1, Srila Prabhupada very nicely states that "to become a pure devotee of Lord Krishna, two things are very much essential, namely having a chance to be born in the family of a devotee and having the blessings of a bona fide spiritual master."

Gurudev, by your blessings, You have given us the golden chance to become a true devotee of Krishna. By simply following your unlimited practical instructions, we can purify our existence by performing loving devotional service unto the Lord.

To really please you and to really honour you, is just to obey you. Gurudev, Please shower your causeless mercy on us to always be obedient children of you so that we will be able to carry your valuable instructions to our heart by which we can please you.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai !!!

Srila Gurudev ki Jai !!!

Your unworthy children,
Anantha Shakti Krishna das, Divya Rupa devi dasi, Arvind & Darshan
Muscat, Oman.



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--Haribaskar Punacheri

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.

Dear Maharaj,

On this most significant centenary year of your blessed appearance, please accept our dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev. All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Due to Your causeless mercy, early this year, we were fortunate to attend the grand opening of Shri Radha Neelmadhav Temple, Rajkot. The temple is a showcase of Your magnanimous, endearing qualities and Your greatness. Our Rajkot visit was a blissful and rare opportunity to personally associate with your special and esteemed disciples (from all around the globe). Although, we never met You in person (missed by 3 months in year 2009, Abu Dhabi), we felt that we had made our first contact when we took shelter of your lotus feet, at your Samadhi inside the Rajkot temple premises.

Maharaj, You always remind us "Simply, see the hand of Krishna in everything we do and in everyone we meet."

Sri Govinda Damodara Stotram by Sri Bilvamangalacarya,

*Samsaare Kuupe patito 'tyaghaade
Mohaandha puurne vishayaabhitapte
Karaavalambham mama dehi vishno
Govinda Daamodara maadhaveti*

"I am fallen into the deep, dark well of material life, which is full of illusion and blind ignorance , and I'm tormented by sensual existence. O My Lord, Vishnu, Govinda, Damodara, Madhava, please grant me Your supporting hand to uplift me."

Like stated above, Maharaj, please grant Your supporting hand to uplift us.

Maharaj, You answered our prayers by connecting us to your (ever) sincere disciples, HG Swayam Sidha Krishna das (& family) and HG Anantha Shakthi Krishna das (& family) after our move to Muscat. We always are indebted to them for their guidance and support. Maharaj, hearing your nectar pastimes from your disciples (at Muscat) keeps our attraction towards yourself fixed.

Maharaj, Your presence can be sensed in the early morning hours while the wake up calls ring with your "PEARLS OF WISDOM - instructions".

Maharaj, please bless us that we will always be in your service and help us in becoming more serious and sincere in the path of BHAKTI.

Maharaj, our sincere apologies for not making to your centenary birth day celebrations at Rajkot this December.

Thank you Maharaj for giving us this opportunity to connect with you through this VP offering.

Your insignificant servants,

Haribaskar, Sunitha, Harshita & Madhav



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--Swayam Sidha Krishna das

Most beloved Gurudeva, Hare Krishna,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet...!! All glories to Sri Guru and Sir Gauranga...!! All glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada...!!

This is your 100th divine appearance day. On the auspicious occasion of your holiness's Vyasa puja, we offer you our most humble homages. Gurudev's Vyasa Puja day is very important for disciples as your appearance in this mortal world was actually for our spiritual welfare. In a conversation between Yudhishtira Maharaj and Sri Vidura in Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 Chapter 13 Text 10, it is said that a Pure Devotee of the Lord himself is holy place personified. We remember your holiness travelling to Abu Dhabi several times although in your advanced age and gave us the wonderful gifts of Lord Hari's Holy Names, Srimad Bhagavad Gita and the most magnanimous Srimad Bhagavatam. Up until meeting your divine grace, we didn't have any clue about these wonderful objects thru which Lord Sri Krishna is prevalent in this material world.

Gurudeva, we are still bewildered and are under the modes of material nature but your mercy alone is the only hope for us in this material world. SB 1.13.10 is a very beautiful verse which gives us a lot of hope and feel about your presence in this mortal world:

*bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatās / tīrtha-bhūtāḥ svayaṁ vibho
tīrthī-kurvanti tīrthāni / svāntaḥ-sthena gadābhṛtā*

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

Srila Prabhupada explains in his unique purport that The Personality of Godhead is omnipresent by His diverse potencies everywhere, just as the power of electricity is distributed everywhere within space. Similarly, the Lord's omnipresence is perceived and manifested by His unalloyed devotees like Vidura, just as electricity is manifested in an electric bulb. A pure devotee like Vidura always feels the presence of the Lord everywhere. He sees everything in the potency of the Lord and the Lord in everything. *The holy places all over the earth are meant for purifying the polluted consciousness of the human being by an atmosphere surcharged with the presence of the Lord's unalloyed devotees. If anyone visits a holy place, he must search out the pure devotees residing in such holy places, take lessons from them, try to apply such instructions in practical life and thus gradually prepare oneself for the ultimate salvation, going back to Godhead. To go to some holy place of pilgrimage does not mean only to take a bath in the Ganges or Yamunā or to visit the temples situated in those places. One should also find representatives of Vidura who have no desire in life save and except to serve the Personality of Godhead. The Personality of Godhead is always with such pure devotees because of their unalloyed service, which is without any tinge of fruitive action or utopian speculation. They are*

in the actual service of the Lord, specifically by the process of hearing and chanting. The pure devotees hear from the authorities and chant, sing and write of the glories of the Lord. Mahāmuni Vyāsadeva heard from Nārada, and then he chanted in writing; Śukadeva Gosvāmī studied from his father, and he described it to Parīkṣit; that is the way of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. So by their actions the pure devotees of the Lord can render any place into a place of pilgrimage, and the holy places are worth the name only on their account. Such pure devotees are able to rectify the polluted atmosphere of any place, and what to speak of a holy place rendered unholy by the questionable actions of interested persons who try to adopt a professional life at the cost of the reputation of a holy place. The entire purport showcases the divine qualities your divine grace possesses.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport to SB 3.5.3 that Great unalloyed devotees of the Lord are compassionate towards the fallen, and therefore they travel all over the world with the mission of bringing souls back to Godhead, back to home. Such pure devotees of the Lord carry the message of Godhead in order to deliver the fallen souls, and therefore the common man who is bewildered by the influence of the external energy of the Lord should avail himself of their association. The beautiful verse is as follows:

*janasya kṛṣṇād vimukhasya daivād / adharmā-śīlasya suduḥkhitasya
anugrahāyeha caranti nūnaṁ / bhūtāni bhavyāni janārdanasya*

"O my lord, great philanthropic souls travel on the earth on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead to show compassion to the fallen souls who are averse to the sense of subordination to the Lord."

The underlying causes for a conditioned soul's rebellious nature is indicated here in this verse viz. 'adharmā-śīlasya' one who is engaged in irreligion and the pure devotees who are by nature compassionate to such conditioned souls travel all over the world to bring them back home back to godhead. Srila Gurudev came to Abu Dhabi to uplift us from the fallen condition of life.

We owe our lives at your lotus feet for kindly accepting us as your disciples although we have full of flaws. On this auspicious day of Your Divine appearance, we offer our most humble pranams at your lotus feet. We also express our gratitude to your holiness for all the blessings poured on us. Kindly bless us to improve in devotional service, study of Bhagavatam and service to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga always.

Vande Guroḥ Śrī-caraṇāravindam.

Your unworthy servants,

Swayam Sidha Krishna das, Sidhita devi dasi, Krtajna Krishna das & Gowri.

UAE- Sharjah



“Srimad Bhagavatam should be daily contacted. Because we are missing this, we are missing everything. Early to bed and early to rise is important for this. By hook or crook, we should be early to bed and early to rise. Bhagavatam should be daily contacted. Because we are missing this, we are missing everything.”

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--Radha Madan Mohan das

Hare Krishna

Dear Gurudeva,

Kindly Accept my heartfelt sat koti dandvat pranams at your lotus feet. You are my only hope and shelter where I feel eternal happiness.

So much harassed by material nature (Maya) and by my disturbed mind and senses, I see no hope other than your fearless lotus feet. Some poet from Vrndavan quoted this:

जो भय कृष्ण चरण मन अर्पित I
तो वय नवग्रह करि का रंका II

Means, If One's mind has taken refuge at the lotus feet of Lord Krsna, What the navgrah's can harm him. And without taking shelter at the lotus feet of Spiritual master, Lord Krsna does not give any place at His lotus feet.

Lord Krsna has made many arrangements how a conditioned soul can get attached to the service of Supreme Lord, And out of all arrangements, the best arrangement is Guru Tattva. If Lord Krsna wants to give mercy to jiva, He himself comes down in the form of spiritual master.

Guru means one who brings us out from the darkness of ignorance. In the darkness one can not understand anything what to do, where to go, how to achieve perfection etc. But by causeless mercy of Guru, a disciple achieves all perfection.

तद विज्ञानार्थं स गुरुम एवाभिगच्छेत्।

One can't understand spiritual science simply by study of scriptures. To understand the import of scriptures one has to get the sincere blessings of spiritual master.

Gurudev, You are a perfect master and you have solutions to all problems be it material or spiritual. You are fully ब्रह्म निष्ठ, perfect and very dear to Lord Krsna, a perfect acharya. In this age of Kali, to get a spiritual master like yourself is very very rare, By your unlimited mercy on jiva, you have very kindly accepted me. I am ever grateful to your kindness.

यस्य देवे परा भक्तिर यथा देवे तथा गुरौ I
तस्यैते कथिता ही अर्थाः प्रकाशन्ते महात्मनः II

Just by the transcendental touch of the spiritual master, the whole essence of all scriptures enter into the heart of a disciple, you are such a master. The vedas have come down in the form of spiritual master. But due to the trick of maya, sometimes one thinks of spiritual master as a normal person. My dear Lord you are none other than Supreme Personality of Godhead. As a conditioned soul I can't catch guru tattva, bhagvad tattva, I can only catch them or understand them if my Gurudeva comes down and rescue me.

वः वः गुरुवो सन्ति शिष्यस्वितताप हारकः ।
सद्गुरुम दुर्लभं देवी शिष्यसंताप हारकम ॥

In the Kaliyuga there will be many many guru's who will be expert in taking away the wealth of the disciple But it's very rare to find a sadguru (an acharya) who is expert in taking away the material miseries of disciples. Lord Siva to Parvati in Padma Puran. And there is a famous verses in Srimad Bhagavatam, for the glorification of Sadguru :

भवद-विधा भगवतास तीर्थ भूताः स्वयं विभो ।
तीर्थी कुर्वन्ति तीर्थानि स्वान्तःस्थेन गदाभृत ॥

SB 1.13.10: My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage.

जनस्य कृष्णाद विमुखस्य दैवात अधर्म शीलस्य सुदुःखितस्य ।

अनुग्रहाये चरन्ति नूनं भूतानि भव्यानी जनार्दनस्य ॥ SB 3.5.3

This is your potency. But I could not understand. O my Lord, Great philanthropic souls like your good self, travel on earth on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead to show compassion to the fallen souls like me who are averse to the sense of subordination to the lord.

Dear Gurudeva, Even though I continue to glorify your qualities, whole of my life time is small for it, because you have unlimited qualities.

On the occasion of 100th Vyas Puja , I wish to offer all above prayers at your lotus feet. Kindly protect me from external energy of Lord Krsna and guide me to engage in your service, in service of Sri Sri Radha Krsna.

Your Insignificant servant,

Radha Madan Mohan das. Satya Priya Devi dasi, BalMukund, Avani
Sharjah , UAE.



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--Sanmati devi dasi

Koti Koti Dandvat Pranaam in the Lotus feet of Lord Hari!

Koti Koti Pranaan to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev!

Humble Pranam to All Vaishnav Vrinda!

Very Fortunate to be the part of H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Vaishnava family and having special mercy of my guru unto me.

Mercy is feeling which you can FEEL, and i am always feeling it Guru Maharaj that i have special mercy of yours unto me. As a mother i know that a mother is always more worried about her one child who is not sharp, intelligent and fit to society. i am, same like that child of yours who is always busy in nonsense things and not attentive and active in yours vaishnava family and society, always having excuses not to do spiritual responsibilities and commitment but still YOU are always there with your mercy.

**"The Spiritual Master is the mercy representative of the Lord" Srimad Bhagvatam 1.7.22,
Srila Prabhupada**

My offering is not well decorated with verses of scriptures but yes its true feelings which today i am offering YOU Guru Maharaj. In the journey of my life, I went through many faces of time good and bad both. There was a time when I had a beautiful big house and big altar with beautiful deities and association of devotees and Today also is a time when I have a small house with very small altar and my deities are in someone else house. This roller coaster of my life shows me many faces of this world and people but while the ride of this roller coaster of life only one thing which is fixed till now is YOURS MERCY UNTO ME. I feel you more near to me during these days and fixing my faith in Lord Hari with some or other way. Its YOU only who is holding me in this odd time and always smiling in my dreams and answering me through verses whenever I am upset. Thanks to be with me always even I am not deserving candidate.

I remember a phone call instruction of yours, when you instruct me that "*Mata apna dil bada rakhna whenever Sadhu or devotee is on your door*" From that day I am only praying with all my heart in front of my altar, begging Lord Hari to grant me some opportunity to serve amazing devotees and YOU know better then others that whenever I am getting this chance I am doing it with more and more passion and humbleness. I am happy that you are giving me opportunity of serving some or other way.

Guru Maharaj, I am praying to YOU with my folded hands that please please always be merciful unto me. Please hold my hand tightly and never leave me alone. Please forgive me for all my nonsense actions and habits. Please always give me chance to serve Lord Hari and Vaishnava.

It's My Punya Karma that I am having humble and loving father like YOU. Thanks for everything!

Yours daughter,
Sanmati Devi Dasi

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--Satbuddhi Krishna das

Dandvat Pranaam in the Lotus feet of Lord Krishna and Shrimati RadhRani

Dandvat Pranaam to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev

My Humble Pranaam to All Vaishnava

Dear Gurudev! Please accept my offering in your lotus feets.

I have surely done some good karmas in my past life due to which I received your association and mercy. In this life I cant see myself as a deserving candidate of your lotus feet. My material life is always on jig-jag path where there is ups and downs but its only yours mercy that I am still standing and having a complete faith in you and Lord Hari that any difficult situation will not brake me rather its making me more strong and I am accepting it as Krishna's Prasad. I must admit that the current situation has effecting my spiritual life and my association with devotees but Gurudev you are always in my heart, your smiling face always gives me strength. whenever I am closing my eyes I can feel your presence with smiling face.

I would like to offer the verse from kunti prayers

Text 1.8.21:

*Krshnaya vasudevya, devaki-nandanaya ca
nanda-gopa-kumaraya, govindaya namo namah*

Translation

Let me therefore offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lord. who has become the son of Vasudeva, the pleasure of Devaki, the boy of Nanda and the other Cowherd men of Vrndavana, and the enlivener of the cows and the senses.

Please help me to be fixed in the bhakti of Lord Krishna. Please shower your flawless mercy unto me so I can try my best to be in association of devotees.

Koti Koti pranaam to your lotus feet and praying in your lotus feet for your kripa unto me and my family. Please showers your special mercy on my both sons Sparsh and Akshat.

On this special occasion, I would like to thanks to Radhmadan Mohan Prabhuj and Vaikunth Prabhu for their continuous support through messages and calls. We are very thankful to all Vaishnavas supporting us and guiding us.

Yours Servant
Satbuddhi Krishna Das

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--Satyapriya devi dasi

*Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave
namah*

*titikṣavaḥ kārūṇikāḥ suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ sādavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ*

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

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

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your *Vyasa Puja*."

I cannot find the words to express our gratitude for your loving encouragement ,compassion and tolerance.i am proud of myself as you have accepted me as your daughter.You always taught us how to face the challenes Thank you for so expertly giving bhagwatam classes, guidance and facilities to make every thing easy for us to grow and develop in Krishna consciousness.

This Year BalMukund is writing Grade 12 Exams, And I was busy in fully supporting him. Please bless him so that he is successful in his attempts.

Thank you for being so patient and tolerant.

Gurudeva,

We pray only to serve at your lotus feet birth after birth. Please grant us the benediction that this may be so.

Your insignificant disciple

Satyapriya devi dasi

Sharjah, UAE

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--Tushta Krishna das

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories, all glories, all glories to you on this blessed day of your 100th Vyasa Puja!

Dear Gurudev,

I offer my sincere obeisances at your lotus feet. You magnanimously bestowed on us Krishna consciousness with a 'lifetime warranty.' Just as during your manifest presence on earth, so now after your external disappearance, you continue to make Krishna consciousness work for a burgeoning global community of Vaishnavas. You are the perpetual reference point of purity, determination, fearlessness, and devotion to Krishna.

Bhagavad-gita 11.33, where Krishna tells Arjuna to "just be the instrument for actions that I have already performed."

Dramatically playing the part of Krishna, you said, "Arjuna, do not think that any of these soldiers will go home to their families. I have already slain them. Now if you like, you be the instrument and I will give you the credit. Otherwise, someone else will get the credit, for it will be done by My arrangement."

Dear Guru Dev above statements falls 100 percent true in my case I got my End of service at UAE in the month of April this year and due to busy schedule with my office settlement, Vacating House, Clearance from house owner, Electricity, Telecom and many other different authorities, Credit card ,Visa cancelation for self and family and many other clearance I could not attend Sri Radha Neelmadhav temple inauguration ceremony and very much worried how will get my transfer residence, container shipment at my Home at Pune in India what will happen to much anxiety but just because of your causeless mercy without any trouble everything got settle including Port clearance in India Everything got smoothly done even I did not require to go to Port for clearance and got all belongings door to door service really this is miracle. I consider this as your subtle power worked everything done already and made me an instrument and gave me the credit. This is the subtle art of Krishna consciousness. As Lord Krishna, and you, warn us, we should not think that we are the doers. And, yet, you and Krishna encouraged us to "take the credit," and in Krishna's words "gain the glory," by enthusiastically acting as Krishna's instrument.

Dear Guru Dev you have proved your unrelenting natural spontaneity in devotion to fulfil the mission of Srila Prabhupada and the equivalent transcendental distinction and eminence of love for Lord Sri Krishna, by building Sri Rukmini Dwarkadhish Temple at Dwarka & Sri Sri Radha Neel-Madhav Temple Pride of Saurashtra at Rajkot.

Dear Guru Maharaj your all instructions are very much practical and heart touching and useful which reminds me as a daily medicine helps me to keep stable in devotional service.

Bhakti is the only way to get out of materialistic behaviour and material modes. Anti-septic potency of devotional service is so great that it removes the material infection, even in this life. We have to be always convinced that whatever situation Krishna puts us in, is suitable for us to perform bhakti. If this full trust is there, then Krishna will never cheat us.

On the occasion of our dear spiritual master's 100th Vyasa puja, along with our expressions of gratitude, we congratulate you on your sublime descent to this world, your inimitable glorious deeds, and your immaculate departure. Kindly empower us more than ever to do your work in this baffling world. It is the best chance for all of us to redeem ourselves from all the difficulties and reenergize spiritually to serve the lotus feet of our spiritual master eternally.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai. His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai.

Your most insignificant servants,
Tusta Krishna das & Suniti devi dasi
Sharjah.



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--Vaikunthanath das

Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories unto you and his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj! Very kindly you are managing our lives. Otherwise in this life which is full of anxieties, it is not possible to be steady on devotional path. You have given me shelter by name Vaikuntha nath das and I always remember that this is your sublime instruction to me, to become vikuntha by overcoming anxieties. I struggle everyday but you guide me everyday like a loving father.

I am really thankful to you Maharaj for hammering our consciousness daily thru your vani. And special thanks to Devaki Nandan prabhu ji, Kalacakra prabhu ji, Ramchander prabhu Ji, Sudarshna mata ji, Vinayasheel mataji and others to continually distributing your mercy thru different mediums and keep us engaging in your service.

Maharaj! By your kind guidance and mercy, we are able to continue Bhagwat Seva. Just concluded today Chapter 23 from fourth canto "Mahārāja Pṛthu's Going Back Home". I would like to offer you one verse from the same chapter. You are true **Vaishnava**, who have dedicated his life for well being of others as per Srimad Bhagavatam and encouraged all of us to do the same.

(In this verse Maitreya muni advising Vidura Maharaj to read and hear about Pṛthu maharaj who is shaktyavesh avtar of Supreme Lord)

SB 4.23.31

य इदं सुमहत्पुण्यं श्रद्धयावहितः पठेत् ।
श्रावयेच्छृणुयाद्वापि स पृथोः पदवीमियात् ॥ ३१ ॥

*ya idaṁ sumahat puṇyaṁ / śraddhayāvahitaḥ paṭhet
śrāvayec chr̥ṇuyād vāpi / sa pṛthoḥ padavīm iyāt*

"Any person who describes the great characteristics of King Pṛthu with faith and determination — whether he reads or hears of them himself or helps others to hear of them — is certain to attain the very planet which Mahārāja Pṛthu attained. In other words, such a person also returns home to the Vaikuṅṭha planets, back to Godhead."

Srila Prabhupada mentions in purport:

There is no duality between Viṣṇu and the Vaiṣṇava, and this is called advaya-jñāna. A Vaiṣṇava is as important as Viṣṇu, and therefore Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura wrote in his Gurv-aṣṭaka:

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"The spiritual master is 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 is followed by all authorities. Therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari."

The supreme Vaiṣṇava is the spiritual master, and he is non-different from the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thank you Maharaj for being in our life, please forgive us for our mistakes and keep on guiding us to achieve the purpose of life.

Your humble servant
Vaikuntha Nath das & Sarita devi dasi



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--Yashika Jamwal

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

I still recall the day when I had first met you. It was a tiring day for a child like me, after all a short attention span accompanied with my restless nature didn't permit me to fully understand what was going on in the class. I still remember my parents dragging me to meet you and my frustration regarding the matter was prominent. But upon entering and seeing you, the first thing you had said was "I like her smile." Your demeanor was vibrant and it made me feel at ease. Though I cannot recall the aftermath of the event, your comment had made a child like me happy. One of the things which you had always focused on was making children devotees of the lord, be it in your lectures or through your personal instructions given to your disciples. That is something which Prabhupada had always wanted and you carried on the duty of doing so.

Even during a dire time in my life, you had talked to me through the phone. The instruction which you had given me was to always chant Krishna's name and to have complete faith in him. Though at the time I did not heed to your instruction, later on I realized the importance of this instruction and incorporated it into my life. Thank you Maharaj for your valuable instruction and for having had taken your time for some like me.

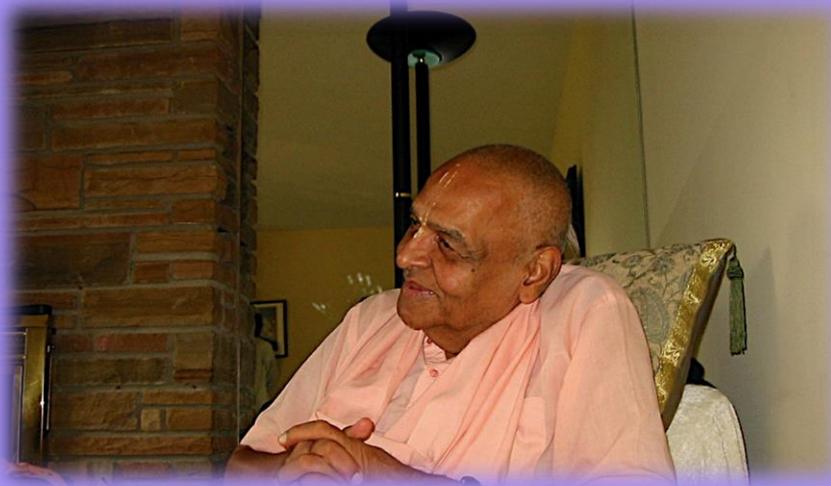
Though you had gone back to godhead shortly after my parents had taken Diksha from you, it didn't mean you weren't there to guide us. Whenever I want to sit and relax with spirituality, I listen to your lectures once in a while and find one thing to be the most striking; your ability to put across a serious topic with humor. Doing transcriptions helped me in listening to your lectures as well. Bhajans are another thing which captivate me and the one which I like the most is

*Keshav keshav kokiye na kookiye asar
raat divas ke kukute kabhi to sune pukar*

Though a simple verse, it really resonates with me. Even though your presence is missed by most of us, in the end it is through your instructions that we connect to you. Thank you for everything Maharaj, we are forever indebted to you and I hope through your guidance we can progress in our spiritual life.

Your humble servant
Yashika

UK - London



“When we are Krishna conscious, even in the midst of difficulties, the difficulties will not touch us. Ups and downs keep coming. Try to always chant Krishna’s name and read 12th and 15th chapter of Bhagavad Gita. All problems will be solved.”

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--Jagannivas Krsna das

*Namo Om Visnu Padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale,
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswamin iti namane.*

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Hare Krishna Dear Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

Maharaja, I am remembering you and your instructions through Srimad Bhagavatam, service and devotee association. This year has been a year of gratitude, I would like to sincerely thank you for all that you have given - your words, your love, your attention and most of all your causeless mercy in allowing me to be connected with you, Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna. This year was the inauguration of the Glory of Saurashtra which was many years in the making and a great tribute to your mission in Gujarat. Many god brothers and sister led the way on this project and I am thankful for their dedication to the service and their faith. This is truly inspirational and I hope I can one day also follow in their tracks on other projects. This year also marks the 50th Anniversary of ISKCON London and many festivities were covered over nine days. I am thankful to be a part of this and grateful to have a place of worship, opportunity serve Sri Sri Londonishvar and learn about devotional service in the heart of London. It has been a meaningful experience to gain a appreciation of your time in London and the service you did in London especially in the face of a very fast life and materialist environment. I am grateful for the example you have set and your teachings about how to live in a modern society and practice devotional service.

For the coming year, I fall at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy that I can become more attentive in my reading, chanting and service.

Your servant,
Jagannivas Krsna das
London, United Kingdom

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--Svayam Jyoti Krsna das

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nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca
kripa-sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo
vaishnavebhyo namo namah

Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on your 100th Vyasa Puja. All glories to disciples and well-wishers of Dear Guru Maharaj

Only last week we celebrated 50 yrs of ISKCON in the UK [actual tithi was Mon 2nd Dec 2019 flower abhishek] installation of Sri Sri Radha Londonisvara deities.

It was a great pleasure associating with and hearing from the exalted, selfless, totally surrendered and completely dedicated pioneers. These were the first deities in Iskcon installed personally by His Divine grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada in the world. I was sitting in exactly the same place you were studying in Soho Street temple where the celebrations took place for 9 days.[The actual place for installation as you are aware were 7 Bury Place Bloomsbury, London WC1A 2LA. near British Museum.[now a dental surgery].

You had the honour to meet Srila Prabhupada and he also wanted to Initiate you but on grounds of Grahastha ashram you said will take later, setting a great example for everyone in following the varna ashram system practically. Srila Prabhupada was given instruction when he had small children and later on in his mature age took up the mission of His Guru Maharaj and Lord Chaityna Mahaprabhu.-To spread Krishna Consciousness in every town and village and to preach the glories of Lord Krishna and Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam to the Western world in The English language. Both Srila Prabhupada and your kind self spent a long time preparing for the launch of preaching.

How great compassion you have shown for lifting us from hellish world to glorious spiritual world full of bliss, knowledge and eternity. most of the elevated devotees present either knew you personally or have heard about your Bhagavatam classes in particular and full of praise.

I do not understand how you picked me up from the crowd -I am not qualified at all and yet you showed me special mercy I can only presume Lord Krishna arranged through the Supersoul for your holiness to be my spiritual master to guide me to loving Lord Krishna.

The two songs "Vaishnava janato and He Karuna na karana ra"apply to you both great personalities after hearing from the pioneers. You both tolerated our shortcomings and always magnified and glorified any small good quality an aspiring devotee had. [SB 4.4.12]

Srila Prabhupada taught mother Yamuna how to cook, sow and dress the Deities, look after guests, distribute books, incense, btg magazines, keep accounts and through this learning experience you also kindly taught me personally how to cook etc apart from Sewing.You have been so tolerant and compassionate to all of us and we have no clue how to repay our debt to you.

This year is your special 100th Vyasa Puja, Iskcon UK 50yrs, My son, Shyam 25yrs old !![on 23 rd Dec]and started work as a dental surgeon and serving exalted Maharaj's as a personal servant. I do not know where mercy is flowing from but am sure Srila Prabhupada and Yourself are compassionate towards my family [my wife Arca Vighraha dd is still Sri Sri Radha Gokulanda's favourite cook and good in dressing their lordships]

Please continue showering your extraordinary mercy on this ignorant fool immersed in bodily comforts and sense gratification!!!

Your servant,

Svayamjyoti Krsna das, Wife: Arcavigraha devi dasi & Son: Shyamsundar das



USA - Alachua



“Till our body forces us to lie down, we should be active. More so in mangala arati, chanting, reading especially Srila Prabhupada’s books, singing. These are needed for the free passage of life force in our veins. If we are really merciful in this way to ourselves, in old age also the consciousness will not leave till death. Body will definitely decay, but our consciousness should not be touched by the body’s dharma. This is Srimad Bhagavatam..”

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--Jai Sri Krishna das

Dear Guru Maharaj and respected God Brothers/Sisters:

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

It is with a very joyful heart I offer my respects at your lotus feet. I have been so blessed in my life materially and spiritually and this is all due to the mercy of Vaishnavas. I had the good fortune of Maharaj's association about 19 years ago and then a couple of more times in 2001 and 2002. And the last time I saw Maharaj was in 2006. These moments to association were very short, but spiritually they still beam bright on my journey back to Godhead. Being young and immature at the time when I met Guru Maharaj, I didn't fully appreciate his instructions and had to learn a few lessons hard way. But, I'm glad to let Maharaj and the world know that Maharaj's mercy never left me stranded. All difficulties and miseries of life that I face are instantly vanquished by simple remembrance of Maharaj's gracious and child like smile! My mind still remembers his smile and his lotus feet very well and this is only because of Maharaj's causeless mercy. My memories of Maharaj always inspire me to do more to be a better person, father, friend and above all a better devotee. I continue my journey back to Godhead with a joyful and enthusiastic heart knowing very well that Guru Maharaj is always watching me and guiding me. I pray to his lotus feet and to all my God Brothers/Sisters to keep his legacy alive by following his instruction and molding my life and life of those who I can help in the ways of BBC (Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam and Chaitanya Charitamrita).

Srila Guru Maharaj ki Jai.

Your Servant,

Jai Sri Krishna das.



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--Sarvaishvarya Krishna das

श्रीगुरु-वन्दना

(नित्य स्मरणीय परमपूज्य अष्टोत्तरशत श्री श्रीमद श्रील महाविष्णु गोस्वामी महाराज के परम पावन श्रीव्यास-
पूजा स्वर्ण-जयन्ती के आध्यात्मिक सुअवसर दिसम्बर ११, २०१९ पर सविनय समर्पण)

परम मुदित मन आनन्दित तन दिव्य व्यास-पूजा पल आऊ ।
श्रीगुरु पदपंकज पर सञ्चित नतवत श्रद्धा सुमन चढ़ाऊँ ॥
कुछ शब्द उभरते हैं मन में, पर स्वर में पिरो न पाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥

मुझ ज्ञानहीन सांसारिक को भूलेभटके लावारिस को ।
श्रीकरकमलों से स्नेहासिक्त उज्ज्वलित किये जीवन लौ को ॥
हम धन्य हुए श्रीचरण-कमलरज धारण कर निज मस्तक पर ।
हे कृपासिन्धु हम बड़भागे तव कृपा अपार अकिञ्चन पर ॥

इस प्रीतिरीति के छाँव तले तव शीतल रूप निहार जुड़ाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥
असहाय निराश्रित निरुपाय निरलम्ब अनाश्रित नष्टप्राय ।
भौतिकता में उलझे जन को देते जीवन का अभिप्राय ॥

तव निर्मलहृदय शान्त ममतामय दिव्यस्वरूप सुहावन की ।
दास करत शाष्टांग दण्डवत श्रीगुरुवर मनभावन की ॥
कृपादृष्टि की वृष्टि करें जस मरु-हिय भक्ति-लता पनपाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥

जिस श्रीमुख से सुन हरिगाथा जीवन की खोयी निधि पाया ।
उस दिव्य अलौकिक दिव्यशक्तिमय मूर्ति को लखि चित सरसाया ॥
जो परपीड़ा में पीड़ित हो दुःख को ले सुख दान करें ।
उन पुण्य पतितपावन गुरु प्रति यह दास सतत अभिमान करे ॥

तव गुणगाथा को करूँ उज्ज्वलित ऐसा दीप कहाँ से लाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥
तव सुयश असीमित हे भगमन मेरी क्षमता से परे चली ।
तव प्रेमासक्ति भागवत की महिमा गुञ्जित है कुञ्जगली ॥

निरत कर रहा तव निर्देशित सोइ पुराण अनुवादन की ।
भगवान कृष्ण की पावन गाथा चारिहुँ दिग विस्तारन की ॥
हे परमपूज्य हे परमहंस तव चरणन आपनि प्रीति लगाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥

मैं विनयबद्ध, नतमस्तक हूँ तव कृपादृष्टि का आभारी ।
भागवत पुराण अनुवाद पूर्ण हो दें आशीष अभय वरदारी ॥

राधाकृष्ण पदाम्बुज प्रति रति अनुकम्पा हो वैष्णवजन की ।
सन्तन प्रति सेवा हिय जागे मानव बनि मानवता की ॥

अगणित त्रुटिमय जीवन मेरा क्षमा-याचना आस लगाऊँ ।
जिनकी महिमा वेद उचारत उनकी महिमा मैं क्या गाऊँ ॥

दासानुदास –

सर्वैश्वर्य कृष्ण दास
अलाचुआ, फ्लोरिडा, अमेरिका

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

PRAYER UNTO SRILA GURUDEVA

Today, the most eagerly awaited transcendental moment of 100th anniversary of Sri Vyas-Puja of our beloved Srila Gurudeva has arrived. My heart and body is extremely full with bliss and happiness. I bow down my head unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva and offer my carefully collected flowers of faith and surrender. Some words are sprouting in my heart, but I am unable to arrange them in lyrics, because whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him.

Srila Gurudeva, you illuminated the fire-of-life with your affectionate lotus hands of a person, like me, who is ignorant, bewildered in material life and roaming without shelter. I became the most fortunate by applying the dust of your lotus feet on my head. Oh Gurudeva! You are the ocean of mercy, and I, the most measurable and unfortunate person find extremely lucky to receive your mercy. While sitting under the shadow of your caring love, I wish to constantly gaze at your sublime-cool face and quench the burning fire of material desires rooted in my heart. I have no qualifications to glorify you, because whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him.

Srila Gurudeva, you provide the meaning of life to those who are helpless, unprotected, clueless, without shelter, destitute, destroyed and entangled in materialism. Oh! the most pious hearted, peaceful, affectionate and divine Srila Gurudeva, the enchanter on my mind, this servant is offering his obeisances unto your lotus feet. Please shower the glance of your mercy on my deserted heart so that I can grow there the creeper of bhakti. I can try to glorify your mercy, but whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him.

By looking at the divine-transcendental form of such Srila Gurudeva, my mind became completely blissful, and by hearing Sri Krishna-Katha from the lotus mouth of such Srila Gurudeva, I found the lost treasure of my life. This servant feels very proud of such a spiritual master who delivers the fallen souls, feels pain with the pain of others, and gives joy and takes their sorrows in exchange. I do not know from where I can find a lamp of wisdom which can illuminate the glories of such Srila Gurudeva. However, I can certainly try to illuminate his glories, but whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him.

Oh my dear Gurudeva! Your glories are unlimited. They are beyond the reach of my capacity. Your glory about the love of Srimad Bhagavatam is spread all around. I am trying to follow your instructions for the poetic composition of the same Maha-Puran in Hindi to spread all around the most pious and purifying glories of Lord Sri Krishna. Oh most worshipable! Oh ascetic of the highest order! Please bless me so that I can achieve the eternal love to your lotus feet. Sometimes I desire to glorify such transcendental personality, but whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him.

Oh the bestower of the boon of fearlessness! I, with folded hands bowing down unto your lotus feet and hankering for the glance of your merciful blessings so that I can complete the translation work of Srimad Bhagavatam, as you desired. Srila Gurudeva, my life is full of shortcomings and mistakes. I beg the forgiveness for these faults. I also beg your mercy so that I can develop affection to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha-Neelmadhav, and receive the mercy of all the Vaishnavas. Srila Gurudeva, please bless me so that I can develop a service attitude towards saintly persons, myself become a human being, and then within my capacity serve the humanity. Srila Gurudeva, still did not find words to glorify you, because whose glories are sung by the Vedas, what more I can sing about him. Srila Gurudeva Maharaj Ki Jai.

Servant of servants

Sarvaishvarya Krishna das

Alachua, Florida, America



USA- Minneapolis



“Complete faith in the Supreme gives us the psychological shelter. The child becomes peaceful, as soon as it has full faith in the parents. Unmanifested faith doesn’t work. In our Vedic culture, we do not lack anything. We should first improve ourselves as soon as possible by utilizing the gift of Srila Prabhupada in the form of so much paraphernalia and thus invoke faith in others also.”

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--Akshara

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

I have learned so many things about you through your disciples here Maharaj.

Maharaj always says that we should never leave our job and always be perfect at our jobs.

We shouldn't be greedy and we should always limit our needs.

Spiritual life is never separated from material life.

We should never miss Mangala Arati

Your Loving Servant,
Akshara
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--Ananta Vijaya Krishna das

Dear Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and to your holy lotus feet.

I'm not the only one who is missing your association, and all the wisdom you shared with us so freely. You actually practiced what you preached and you gave us many insights into the lifestyles of saintly families that many would not know, coming from such wretched countries. I'm not quite sure how I had the good fortune to meet you but I am feeling very blessed, although I'm quite embarrassed when I see how little I am implementing of what I could be.

Srimad Bhagavatam 1.1.10 states, "**O learned one, in this iron Age of Kali men almost always have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed.**"

Why does it have to be so?!?

I remember when we were in London you quoted this verse and being the expert teacher you are you said the way to remember this verse is SLMUD for Short Lived, Misguided, Unlucky and Disturbed.

The only way to not get touched by this mud is to take shelter of Krishna and His devotees, yet I still waste so much time in so many useless endeavors.

While remembering you saying that I looked it up and I found there is a website SLMUD.org "San Leon Municipal Utility District" in the state of Texas. I thought you might get a laugh out that.

S.B. 1.1.16 states: "**Who is there, desiring deliverance from the vices of the age of quarrel, who is not willing to hear the virtuous glories of the Lord?**"

I pray that this year, by your mercy I will hear less of the British Broadcasting BBC and more of the Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita and Chanting BBC.

I can see and feel the benefits of following your instructions but there is an old saying that human beings do more to promote their own suffering than any other creature! I hope to become an actual devotee of the Lord and not just a pretender. So under the weight of the lowest modes of material nature, I fall at your lotus feet, begging for your mercy.

Your lowly servant,

Ananta Vijaya Krishna das

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--Anasuya devi dasi

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

Maharaj, so much is bombarding my psyche that it's hard to communicate on paper which limits a conversation to a single thread.

My mother's passing away, then my father in law's passing away, Your passing away and now my father's passing away. Hind sight after each passing left me sorry, repentant, somewhat more aware of the truths of life and attempting to correct my ways. But change in me is much like the dogs tail.

Overall, it feels like life is like draupadi's chīr-haran. Whatever my status, awareness, I keep trying and trying and trying to protect, survive, secure my own mental constructs with practices that appear like (like you said in one of the lectures), just a lot of blah blah blah. Only philosophy.

I don't know in which lifetime I may surrender like draupadi, give you the charge and let go in perfect acceptance. I don't observe any heart-felt repentance so I can only presume it's a long way away! So through the long journey to this surrender...Till then I pray that you keep me securely at Your lotus feet however faulty I may be and second that I may dig my head in bhagavatam as may please you even as I perform expected duties and activities so as not to be a shirker as expected by you.

Your servant,
Anasuya devi dasi.



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--Apparao

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

I like Maharaj's emphasis on simple living and cleanliness.
Live life with detachment but do your duty with utmost perfection.
Grihastha plays an important role and key for all other ashrams. Hence one should perform
grihastha role with utmost dedication and devotion.
Emphasis on Mangala Arati every day no matter what happens the previous day.
After following the three ashrams reading BBC, prepare for Sansyas Ashram.

Your Loving Servant,
Apparao



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--Badri

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

Maharaj is always practical and he always teaches how to implement Bhagavadgita in our day to day life.

Maharaj always has a reference for Prabhupad's books and because of Maharaj's teachings, we are reading Prabhupad's lilamrita .

I like how Maharaj keeps everything simple just like his simple way of living.

I like how Maharaj is always sincere towards Mangala Arati and it inspired me to wake up for Mangala Arati.

I try to maintain cleanliness because Maharaj always emphasizes on cleanliness.

Your Loving Servant,

Badri

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--Balaram das

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

Srila Gurudev,

This year is very special for Minneapolis yatra as the community started to purchase land and start temple project and started fundraising for the same.

We humbly offer our obeisances from the whole Minneapolis Yatra for your blessings Gurudev. This is a big project and please help us to follow your instructions throughout the project.

By your mercy, We were able to conduct many programs here in Minneapolis during Damodara Masa, many new devotees were interested to attend the programs.

Personally, as every year Maharaj, I commit not to become angry with anyone and speak softly which was first instruction to me given by you, I am still not able to implement this 100%. Please, please give your blessings Srila Gurudev to implement this one instruction in my life and become a qualified disciple of yours.

As for a study of Srimad Bhagavatham and Bhagavad Gita, I improved little, but a lot more way to go. I humbly seek your blessings Srila Gurudev.

Your Insignificant Servant,
Balaram das



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--Chetan

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

I always like Maharaj's practicality, he uses this to connect with many people.
Maharaj is always strict with himself and others so that they can increase the devotional service.
Maharaj is always very inspiring and never gives up on his duties.
Maharaj is always living towards everyone regardless of race, gender, etc.

Your Loving Servant,
Chetan
GFS School Minneapolis



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--Gargi

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

I like Maharaj's quote, "What we don't have, we don't need. What we don't need, we don't want.

Maharaj always says that we should never miss Mangala Arati.

We should always have the kindness to every living entity.

As soon as our attention is diverted to spiritual reality, our existence is eternal and beyond conception.

Your Loving Servant,
Gargi
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--Gopika devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaja,

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine

In classic form, I started this offering very early, but am late for the final deadline... I started writing soon after the temple opening because I wanted to capture the awe that I experienced being around all the godbrothers and godsisters. I hope you were happy with our service... For me, I realised that in have so many insufficiencies in devotional qualities, organization, and planning. At the same time, by your mercy, I was able to experience the generosity, calmness, flexibility, and organization of so many godbrothers and resisters that I was quite in awe and appreciation! Prabhu and mataji from Delhi took care of procuring items for Sannyasa seva and consistently were in the kitchen washing the plates for Sannyasa and vips late into the night after the devotees finished prasadam, they were so cheerful and determined in this service in spite of having their own family also there and being up since manual earth Suyacandra prabhu and mataji were also there for every serve out and were wonderfully peaceful and optimistic and encouraging of the devotees in the service although the situation was often chaotic!

A group of prabhu from Singapore took charge of one particular serve out and they worked so well together and were so conscientious of completing the service through cleaning of the space and the plates and utensils Also 3-4 mataji from different visiting tetras were eager to cook and accommodate the special diets of any visiting Maharajas and vips although it often meant cooking at odds times and/or missing some of the functions. Also the Minneapolis godbrothers came to offer their service one day also, even though we generally don't see eye to eye. And on one day when I was completely exhausted, many devotees were departing and the serving area had all the dirty dishes, one prabhu from Singapore gently reminded me of your instruction to "accept and adjust" The Gujarati mataji team was also so calm and ready to serve even when they were trying to complete the chappan bhoga for the installation. And when they saw that too much was going on in the new kitchen and yet they had cooking service to do, they simply moved to the old kitchen without any big fuss or agitation

I was so amazed Dollar prabhu also kindly arranged at the last minute all the utensils and plates and pitchers for serving the VIPs and when the kitchen was still busy, he simply adjusted and made the abhishek preparations practically over the night time... It was amazing to see the mystical qualities of all these devotees. Thank you for giving me some service by which I could be witness to such wonderful qualities in action. I also had a new perspective on the descriptions in Srimad Bhagavatam and how the glories of the pastimes of the devotees with the Lord are unlimited! I also felt I understood how natural it is for the description of events in the Bhagavatam recall the most prominent personalities and moments and yet how many glorious moments must have been there for all the devotees present.

If all were mentioned for sure all the paper in the world wouldn't be enough! In beginning the offering after the event, I had the question whether such glorification was correct or mundane...and you guided me to Srila Prabhupada's lecture on BG 1.4-5: "Mmm. So all these heroes are mentioned not only in this verse, in several other verses also. So people may ask, 'By mentioning these great fighter what spiritual progress we make? Because we are meant for chanting Hare Krishna Maha mantra, so by chanting the names of these great fighter, what do we gain?' The question may be raised there. But the thing is nirbandhah krsna-sambandhe whenever there is connection with Krsna that also becomes Krsna.... Krsna being center, whatever in connection with Krsna is there, that becomes also Krsna" On service trips to a couple other temple communities in the US, I have also felt blessed to be under your shelter and happy to share your sweetness and love of Srimad Bhagavatam with various devotees.

Anyone who remembers meeting you remembers your love of Srimad Bhagavatam and mangal arati. And fortunately by the efforts of all the devotees who contributed to the notes of your lectures and the printing of Srimad Bhagavatam in practice, they are able to relish the gems of your study.... Such appreciation for you also encourages me to strive to be a better devotee and become a better example by putting your instructions into practice more seriously.

I pray that somehow all the remaining inebriated will get cleared up and you will be happy with my understanding, practical and service,

Your servant,
Gopika devi dasi



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--Jagan Mohini devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji,

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

I am writing this offering to you in glorification of your centennial appearance day in this world solely for the purpose of uplifting fallen souls like me. Maharaj ji, I am completely indebted to you for accepting me as your disciple though I am totally disqualified and insignificant. I pray to you to please continue your loving glance of mercy and blessing so that I have the strength to serve and follow your guidelines. I humbly beg you to bless our tiny congregation here to increase our devotional service and please extend your Radha NeelMadhav Dham here so that everyone can be established in your teachings and mood of surrender. I wish to express to you my gratitude to our group of devotees here for unknowingly providing me support and strength towards my spiritual journey. I would end by concluding with a prayer to help me stay devoted and focused, please forgive my past and new mistakes at every step, help me understand your directions, please preserve and protect me always.

With longingness for your presence,
Jaganmohini devi dasi



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--Jayasri

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

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

Although our family never met you in person but got to know you and Prabhupada through the minneapolis community. I am very grateful that we got introduced to Srila Prabhupada and his books through Purnendu Prabhu, Anu mataji and Gopika Mataji. Also very grateful to Anuradha Devi Dasi mataji for taking time to read BG and Bhagavatam with us every week all the way from Chennai. I am always amused by the vast knowledge that Purnendu Prabhu and Anu mataji has on various subjects and I can't imagine what the wealth of knowledge would be like from their Guru.

I am always indebted to Anu mataji for taking my call(s) whenever and listening to me for several hours on a material situation that I get stuck with. She always gives a spiritual connection to the discussion and leaves me with enough knowledge, direction and strength to handle the situation in a much positive way which otherwise I would have messed up. Gopika Mataji has made devotional service very satisfying and pleasing to my boys which I hope they will carry for the rest of their lives. The tidbits that I got from their (Purnendu Prabhu, Anu mataji and Gopika Mataji) association made a big difference in our day to day life. I realized through them what true devotional service is. With their inspiration, I am able to chant 6 rounds per day and 16 rounds on every Ekadashi, read BG weekly and do offerings. My family who were protesting to do any of this earlier are now showing interest (Krishna's Mercy) to participate in the Lord's service. Although we are only making baby steps in this path of Krishna Consciousness, with your blessings, we hope to get more association with your disciples and become true Devotees.

Also Maharaj, please bless me and my family to travel in harmony in this path.

Your servant of the servant

Jayasri



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--Kalpana Sadhana

Hare Krishna Maharaj!
Please accept my humble obeisance!

I haven't met you in person Maharaj, but I am so fortunate to get your disciples association. I started in Krishna consciousness with little hesitation due to my other religious practices, but you showered mercy through your disciples in developing real consciousness. Got the opportunity to hear your lectures, I always felt You like one of my family elders giving me instructions. We read Your quotes every day, which is so inspiring both devotional and material life. Everyday Mangala Arati is from Your inspiration and we pray to give us strength to continue for the rest of our life. I am yet improving my study on Bhagavatam, with Your causeless mercy I can full fill it sooner.

My deepest prayers to your lotus feet Maharaj! to give us the strength to continue devotional service for the rest of our life.

Your servant
Kalpana



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--Lalitha

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

I always like Maharaj's slogan - Mera time Aayega
Maharaj always follows a simple life and went through four ashrams.
Maharaj always refers to Prabhupad's books.
Maharaj always understands devotees' situations and needs and guides them like a father.
Grihastha ashram is always meant for austerity and not for sense gratification.

Your Loving Servant,
Lalitha



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--Mahesh

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

I like Maharaj's quote, "What we don't have, we don't need. What we don't need, we don't want.

Don't give attention to bodily and mental pains. If you give attention, there will bite you.
Always get rid of PACAHI - Pride, Arrogance, Conceit, Anger, Harshness of Speech, Ignorance
I always like Maharaj's quote - Mujhe Jaana hai (I have to go from this world anyway)
I like Maharaj's definition of this WORLD - Walk or Run Lose Definitely

Your Loving Servant,
Mahesh



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--Manasi Ganga devi dasi

प्रिय महाराज,
हरे कृष्ण। गुरुजी के चरणों में हमारा साष्टांग दण्डवत प्रणाम। जय श्रीला प्रभुपाद। जय श्रीला गुरुदेव।

ध्यानमूलं गुरुर्मुर्तिः
पूजामूलं गुरुर्पदम् ।
मन्त्रमूलं गुरुर्वाक्यं
मोक्षमूलं गुरुर्कृपा ॥

रोज सुबह धरती माता को नमस्कार करके ये श्लोक बोलकर मैं आपका ध्यान करती हूँ। भगवान् ने ही हमें गुरु दिया है और रोज सुबह उनको प्रणाम करके मेरा मन प्रफुलित होता है। नंदू पहले पूछता था कि आप यह श्लोक क्यों बोलते हो? थो हम ने उसे समझाया कि जैसे स्कूल में एडमिशन के लिए प्रिंसिपल से माँ-बाप सिफारिश करते हैं, उसी तरह कृष्ण लोक में जाने के लिए गुरुजी का सिफारिश चाहिए। हमें हमेशा गुरु के हाथ पकड़कर जाना है। ये बहुत जरूरी है। गुरुजी के द्वारा हम अपना जीवन कृष्णा के चरणों में समर्पण करते हैं। गुरु के कृपा के बिना हमें कृष्णा के कृपा कैसे मिल सकता है ? यह बात उसके दीमाक में बैठ गया और वो भी रोज आपसे ये प्रार्थना करता है।

गुरुदेव के बिना मेरा कुछ नहीं है। नंदू मानता है कि गुरु ही उसका दादाजी है। इस सोच से उसको बहुत शान्ति और उत्साह मिलता है। जिंदगी में जितने भी कष्ट झेली हूँ आपके कृपा के बिना तो झेल नहीं सकती। रोज आपका याद करने से हमें स्फूर्ति मिलती है और हमें आनंद मिलता है। मुझे हमेशा इच्छा थी कि मुझे ऐसा गुरु मिला जो मेरे जीवन का मार्ग दर्शन दे। नंदू उस समय छोटा था और उसको बे लगा कि हम दोनों के लिए एक ही गुरु होना चाहिए। और आपने हम दोनों को अपना शिष्य बनाकर बहुत कृपा किया। नहीं तो पता नहीं हम इस भौतिक लोक में कैसे जी पाते? आपकी कृपा से हम आज जिंदगी में निडर होकर चल पा रहे हैं।

आपका प्रिय बेटी
मानसी गंगा देवी दासी

Dear Maharaj

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

*dhyaan mulam gurur murthi / pujaa mulam gurur padam
mantra mulam guru vaakyam / moksha mulam guru krpaa*

Daily in the morning while waking up, I offer obeisances to Mother Earth and then I chant this shloka remembering you. Krishna has gifted me with such a wonderful spiritual master and remembering you daily gives me lot of happiness and makes me cheerful.

Nandu asked me why I am chanting this shloka. I explained to him that just like how child gets admitted into a school, based on parent's recommendation to the Principal, similarly we cant enter Krishna loka only when Guru recommends us. We should always catch hold of the hands of spiritual master and walk in our life. Its only through his mercy we can dedicate our life to

the lotus feet of Krishna. Without Guru's mercy how can we ever get Krishna's mercy? Nandu took these words into his heart and from that day he also offers this prayer to you daily.

Without you I am nothing Maharaj. Nandu considers that you are his grandfather and he gets great solace and happiness by this thought. Without you I could not have faced all the difficult moments in my life. By meditating on your mercy, I get great joy and bliss. I always wanted a spiritual master who would give me the right guidance in my life. Nandu was also too small then. But he also felt that both of us should take shelter of same spiritual master. And you mercifully accepted both of us as your disciples. Else we don't know how we both could have survived in this material world. It's only because of your grace we are able to lead our lives without any fear.

Your loving daughter,
Manasi Ganga devi dasi



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--Manohar Krishna das

Respected Maharaj ji,

Please accept my humble obeisance's all glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you and all your disciples,

Looking back into my life where I was before I met HG Purnendu prabhujii and Anasuya mataji in 1997 and where I am now I find that I have gone through a bumpy ride and have not progressed as much in terms of my change in behavior and correction of bad habits as I should. On the positive side I got a vision of life and a clear idea of what I would do after retirement – I know you would say there is no retirement in devotional service and that is exactly I am willing or unwillingly gravitating towards by your mercy. With your blessings and under your protection, I pray that the creeper of my devotional service grows in the association of devotees and I am able to serve the devotees and not offend anyone.

I have had some great association of devotees and met people who are very humble, simple, enthusiastic, responsible, loving and sincere. Things did change radically after I met you and you were extremely kind to accept me in your shelter. After your leaving the planet there was certainly a vacuum created which was filled with the able guidance of HG Devakinandan prabhujii. I initially got the opportunity to do media and transcription services and had nabholingam.com website up and running. With time this service was slowed/broken. I wish to resume your 'media services' in collaboration with HG Kalacakra prabhujii. Thanks to the local devotees in Minneapolis, Balram prabhu, Venkata prabhujii and Yadushresha prabhujii to name few, I have good association of devotees and together we meet and discuss and learn verses of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. HG Prasanna Vadana das prabhujii from Lucknow helped share my heart and collaborate at work.

Just as a patient cannot be cured completely and quickly without following the prescriptions and instructions of the doctor, the disease of material sense enjoyment cannot be cured unless I follow your instructions of spiritual master carefully and strictly. The obstacles that prevent me from doing so are my own lack of determination and attention to your instructions, both of which I plan to improve upon.

Maharajji, in SB 1.16.26, *dayaa* has been beautifully translated as "**intolerance of other's unhappiness**" Maharaj, you are an ocean of mercy and I don't have any mercy in me. Please share your mercy so that I can extend your mercy to those around me. I am ocean of envy (intolerance to others happiness). Since I am faithless, I have uncontrolled mind and senses which leads to lack of self-satisfaction - this disqualifies me to understand and realize the confidential topics of BG/SB - according to BG 9.1-3. I distinguish between material and spiritual activities and as attached householder give more importance to fame, nice food and wealth and give less importance to study of scriptures, *japa* and charity. As a result, I am always dissatisfied and finding faults in others. Reaching Vaikuntha is a lofty goal, I am not even a

good human. Maharajji I pray at your lotus feet and apologize for neglect and bad habits and promise work on being satisfied with *swadhare, bhojane, dhane* and never be satisfied with *swadhyaya, japa and daana*, and thus control my senses and reduce the fever of envy and fault finding tendencies in my heart.

Maharaj as I have understood from you have given lot of instructions some generic and some specific or personal. Some of the general ones like

1. *tat srunvan, su pathan, vicaran paro* – hear, study and introspect – I promise to
 - a. Hear one lecture of your or SP lecture every day for at least 30mins,
 - b. Study of BG/SB: continue taking down two points from translation and four points from purports of at least one BG and SB verse everyday
 - c. Introspect more and bring those teachings into practice in daily life.
2. Deity worship amounts to personal service to the Supreme Person Krishna which leads to automatic control of the senses. An uncontrolled mind is the biggest enemy and shackles the living entity in the prison house of material existence. I wish to serve the deities (Bal Gopal and Gaura Nitai) by waking and bathing them, changing dress (change dress Daily for Bal Gopal and weekly for Gaura Nitai) and doing *mangal aarati* and serving them some *prasadam* daily. I hope to perform deity worship lovingly rather than considering that as a burden. I promise to always offer *prasadam* and sing *sarira avidya jaal* prayers and only then eat *prasadam*.
3. BBC and MA – Reading BG, SB and Chanting along with regular *mangal aarati* before sunrise summarize the above two points. With your blessings, I wish to do MA by 4:30am daily and chant 16+4 rounds daily and remember 108 additional verses from scriptures by next Vyasa puja.
4. Preaching – purity is the force and preaching is the essence - acharya's are always pleased with the sankirtan movement. With your blessings I plan to distribute 108 japa malas and request them to chant on japa malas. With your blessings, I plan to distribute 365 small/medium books, 52 BGs/KBs and 12 SB sets by next Vyasa puja. Bhagavad-saptah lectures delivered in Sidney, was largely transcribed by Minneapolis devotees and compiled in a book form. With your blessings and for the benefit of all, I hope to publish this book by Rama Navami.
5. Good behavior: Bhagavatam mean good behavior. With your blessings, I hope to improve relationship with all devotees as instructed in the NOI verse#3-4 and friendly and loving relationship with all.

Maharajji, thanks for accepting this unworthy worldly minded person in the path of devotional service under your shelter. Under the soothing shade of your loving devotional tree I feel safe and the stormy winds of materialistic life do not disturb me as much as before.

Maharaj you have mercifully, always tried to dig out practical points out of Srimad Bhagavatam so that we can imbibe and improve our live. Practical points like

1. Having a steady source of income will help one perform devotional service peacefully.
2. Always keep duster in one hand and *japa mala* in another, be clean inside out.
3. Be organized – keep your things systematically.
4. Throw yourself out of bed in the morning
5. Make your bed after you get up
6. Body may trouble you – ignore your body
7. Use ginger, turmeric, etc. in prasadam and natural / ayurvedic as medicines.
8. Smile at others– don't show banana face – show watermelon face.
9. Health and fitness - Walk or do pranayama
10. Work honestly
11. Wear dhoti and tilak for *mangal aarati*.

Maharaj with your blessings I wish to create study materials for children based on your teachings and those directly from BG/SB and also contribute to *vani seva* project.

Time is fleeting, I hope and pray at your lotus feet that do not waste any time beside doing devotional service activities. I pray unto your lotus feet so that I take a take a holistic approach to all my activities and mold my life so that always doing loving, uninterrupted, unmotivated, enthusiastic devotional service unto your lotus feet.

BG 9.22 states that the devotee always protects His unalloyed devotee.

*ananyās cintayanto mām / ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣām nityābhiyuktānām / yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham*

"But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form – to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have."

However, Maharaj, since I do not I have exclusive devotion, Lords promise does not hold on me. Maharaj, I am dependent you for shelter against the mighty winds of material existence, please, please, please take me in your shelter and protect me.

Praying for protection unto your lotus feet,
your unworthy servant
Manohar Krishna das

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--Mitaunshu

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

Maharaj you have always taught us that life is equivalent to 0's. Everything we do has a '0'
meaning but once we add Krishna a bit, '1' gets added.
e.g., going to school thinking about Krishna makes it '10' instead of '0'.

Maharaj you also emphasis to never miss Mangala Arati. Maharaj as you always instructed, I
try to wake up early and do chanting before going to school but I am not able to do it always.
I will try this year to do it on regular basis.

Please give your blessings Maharaj so I always remember Krishna.

Your Loving Servant,
Mitaunshu
GFS School Minneapolis



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--Nanda Kishore das

Dear Dadaji,

Dandavat pranams. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Jai Srila Gurudev.

I miss you so much Maharaj. But at every step of my life, I realise that you are with us and guiding us. It's by your mercy that I could stay under the care of my mother throughout my childhood. I used to tell my friends that how kind you are and that by your mercy you can make the impossible thing also possible. Thank you for your kindness Maharaj. You had blessed that I would be able to take up the medical profession. Though I was interested in neuro-science, I never dreamt that I could ever get into this medical college. But by your mercy, I am studying in medical college now. Thank you for guiding me through all the struggles in this material world.

Once when I came to Rajkot, I saw that your legs were swollen and I began to cry. At that time you smilingly said, "**Anything, happens - Krishna will take care of anything. Let me do my work and let Krishna do his work.**" Such was your firm determination in serving Krishna.

Seeking your blessings always,

Your loving grandson,

Nanda kishore das



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--Nikita

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

Maharaj always instructs to never miss Mangala Arati. We are very happy here in Minneapolis to have the Mangala Arathi program every Sunday and I never miss it.

Maharaj has so much love towards all the students so even if he slaps them, he has that much love for them.

Maharaj always says that we should treat every living entity with the same kindness.

Your Loving Servant,
Nikita,
GFS School Minneapolis



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--Padmaja

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

Grihastha ashram is meant for austerity, not for enjoyment.
Maharaj's definition of BBC - Bhagavadgita, Bhagavatam and Chanting.
Maharaj's teachings are always very practical.
Maharaj always says that we should never miss Mangala Arati.
Maharaj organized Prahlad's school for kids.
Maharaj always stresses on simple living and cleanliness.

Your Loving Servant,
Padmaja



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--Parmanand Jagnandan

*vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca krpa-sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord who can fulfill the desires of everyone, just like desire trees, and who are full of compassion for the fallen souls.

I do not think it is appropriate to say much, because after all I am just some nobody, so what can I say to or about a devotee so dear to Radha-Neelmadhava like Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj.

Although I never met Maharaja in person, I feel I got to know him a little through his disciples. So I am grateful that Maharaja made and trained his disciples to continue to work on Maharaja's, Srila Prabhupada's, Rupa Goswami's, and ultimately Shri Caitanya's mission, inspiring future generations to do the same.

Seeing Maharaja's disciples' dedication to Krishna Consciousness, I could not help but feel inspired. I am the type of person that does not like to be around others, I prefer my solitude, but when I meet Maharaja's disciples, I certainly am very pleased with their association. Thinking inwardly, I contemplated, why do I stay in contact with these devotees? Then, I remember, that from the very beginning, Maharaj's disciples Purnendu Prabhu and Anasuya Mataji, always speak with so much love about their Guru Maharaja, and I thought, "How much love must their Guru have shown them?"

It was not long after that I heard an audio recording of one of Maharaja's lectures. The lecture was on "sarvasya dhataram", reminding us that we are maintained by Krishna and that we cannot maintain ourselves. In the lecture, Maharaj gave very practical guidance to those trying to make progress in devotional service, and did it in such a way that I could not help but be captivated. Especially by his infectious laughter. I was reminded of all that Radha-Krishna have and are doing to maintain me, not just externally, but how They have been merciful in establishing a relationship with a fallen soul like myself. Maharaja, in that lecture also reminded everyone that if we surrender to Krishna with shraddha, He will not cheat us.

But a doubt came up as I thought on this and even though I myself do not have any complaints, I nonetheless have a complaint to submit to Maharaja. You said that Krishna will not cheat us, but it seems like He is the greatest cheater and His devotees do not seem any different.

Please Maharaja, listen to all that has occurred. First, Radha-Krishna's devotees are always leaving me behind. As soon as I find one of them, the next thing I know I find out they have gone with Radha-Krishna, and so I am left with feelings of separation from them. You Maharaj are also guilty of this. Is this not cheating?

Then Maharaja, you have your disciples. You need to know what they are up to. After meeting them, let me tell you all that has and is continuing to happen. First, because of your disciples,

almost all of free time is being spent behind Harinaam, prasadam distribution, preaching (though I am a 'super excellent fool'), study/reading about improving devotional service, or chanting Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. It gets so bad sometimes that, it even if it is raining, I take an umbrella and chant while walking and my clothes get soaked. While doing this, I see the looks of others looking at me like I am crazy and my ego feels hurt. Is this not cheating me of my pride Maharaja? Sometimes, I start crying for apparently no reason and I wonder how I will maintain my sanity if this keeps up. My mind has become worried about what might happen in the future.

The second complaint Maharaja, is that by associating with your devotees I ended up giving up 32 years of performing Havan yajna and all the benefits that came with it. Is this not cheating me of praise Maharaja?

All these complaints I submit on behalf of my mind Maharaja. As for myself, I simply offer my humble and sincere thanks that in this life I got an opportunity to know you through your disciples. Hare Krishna!

P.S. Please tell Radha-Krishna that they should mercifully glance my way every once and while and you and the other Vaishnavas please do the same. I am very afraid of what might happen if I am bereft of Their and the mercy of the Vaishnavas.

Sincerely,
Parmanand Jagnandan



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--Poornima devi dasi

Harekrishna Maharaj!

Please accept my humble obeisances, Maharaj!

This year had been special with the new temple opening in Rajkot wherein we could witness the sincerity and purity of your devotional service and faith in Krishna that brought so many souls together lifting us from material modes and filling our hearts with transcendence and bliss.

3.25.20. **"Attachment for the material is the greatest entanglement for the spirit soul. But that same attachment when applied to the self-realized devotees opens the door of liberation."**

I pray for that attachment to you and to your instructions which is the only ray of hope for me. As I struggle to wake up early mornings for Mangala Arati and try to balance material responsibilities and sadhana, I feel hopeless about myself. I remember how much you stress on regulated life, and carrying out material responsibilities with utmost care and sincerity which lead to a peaceful mind. With a regulated life and a satisfied mind only, one can understand transcendental knowledge. I could really connect to this point.

Maharaj! Please give me strength to carry on your instructions. On my own, I don't have any capacity to fight with these lower modes. I am so grateful and thankful for accepting me as your disciple who is so unqualified and today I'll recommit myself for the mercy you have shown by trying to follow your directions.

Your servant,
Poornima devi dasi



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--Prahlad

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

I am really connected to Maharaj because he connects teachings to Bhagavadgita to everyday life. He explains in a very simple way so everyone can understand.

Maharaj is very practical and he always depicts that in his own life.

Maharaj always has reference to Prabhupad.

Maharaj always teaches us to live our lives in the most Krishna Conscious way as possible.

Your Loving Servant,
Prahlad
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--Purnendu Krishna das

namah om vishnu paadaya Krishna prestaya bhutale
Srimate Mahavishnu Goswami iti namine

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you on this most auspicious 100th appearance day. In the spiritual sense the number 100 has no significance because time does not exist in the spiritual realm. Still it is a major milestone in our journey.

Maharaj, since your disappearance we have been regularly hearing from Devakinandan prabhu how the disappearance day of a Vaishnava is more significant than the appearance day because the glories of the devotee are revealed by the time the vaishnav leaves their earthly pastimes. In my experience Maharaj that statement seems to be incomplete. As years goes by after your disappearance, I find the full manifestation of your glories are still to come. And every vyasa puja and tiro bhava observance is an opportunity to reflect on the further revelation of your glorious qualities.... The impact you are continuing to have on living entities' lives {living entities who have not met you in person} is just mind blowing (ofcourse if I said this to you in person you would say "Purnendu, son the mind should be blown, just take that mind of yours and throw it into the sea, tie it with a stone so it does not come back). This understanding makes me very very sad because while in your personal service I did not take any advantage at all of your association and now after your disappearance when vani is the only association I have, I am still not motivated to take advantage of your very practical and sane pearls of wisdom.

Over the years as I am getting older and coming closer to my own death and on some days it feels like my "preaching" days are seemingly a thing of the past, I am finding the truths you planted in my head while in your service are coming to fruition. I feel very alone because during your earthly pastimes whenever we had any difficulty all we had to do was pick up the phone and talk to you or come over to Rajkot and be with you or you sensing our need for your association would call us. Now when I need you I can't just pick up a phone and call you or I don't have you call me and ask me arrange for tickets and travel with you. At the same time, I see that with your multitude of hands you are continuing to more than protect me (and other surrendered souls) in circumstances created by my own craziness, sustain us and inspire us forward in our devotional consciousness.

In this regard besides all the affectionate brothers and sisters you have left behind for support I would not have been able to traverse these years of separation without the tireless protection, guidance and courage building of Devakinandan prabhu and Anasuya. They have been tirelessly looking out for me. In that I see your hand and your quality of extreme mercy flowing upon me. I would not have been able to be upbeat had I not had the affectionate support of Kaalchakra prabhu and Sudharshan mataji, Prasanavadan prabhu Sangeeta mataji and Gopika mataji. They continued to have faith in my love for you especially when at times my alignment to you has been questioned.

Being of a physical service mentality, I have been feeling the loss of your physical presence and this year Vaishnav prabhu put me back on track. He gave me the service of arranging accommodation for the visiting devotees for the temple opening. His trust and faith in my ability to do this service was very encouraging. I was very ably supported by Gopal Krishna prabhu. Infact I became his assistant in the service. All glories to him. At the event itself Vaishnav prabhu gave me the responsibility of looking after visiting VIPs. This service brought life back to me. Vaishnav prabhu took a very big risk by doing that. You sent very sweet devotees to support me in that service. All glories to Vaishnav prabhu for reposing that confidence in me and all the devotees assigned for their support.

In conclusion Maharaj, I miss your physical presence (inspite of the fact that you are more with us than ever before) a lot because while I was massaging your feet, arranging to travel with you, driving you around I was without effort being Krishna Conscious. Today it is a different story.....

Your itinerant but very affectionate son,
Purnendu Krishna Das



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--Reyaansh Dommaraju

Hare Krishna Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, I'm so grateful for guru's like you to help us in the current age and time period. When I was almost 7 or 8 years old I went to a program and was so fascinated by everyone there that I immediately got connected to Krishna consciousness. From that day on I was vegetarian because after realizing the pain that animals go through just so we can satisfy ourself is horrible. I am 13 now and am doing much more service. I am chanting 2 rounds and doing magalarati in morning with my parents. I also go to Krishna consciousness classes on Friday and Sunday with all my friends to learn about Krishna. I also help my dad and mom with cooking prasadam for festivals. We have been affected by gurus like you forever. Even though I was not able to meet you I still learned about you through your disciples. I am so grateful for getting into Krishna consciousness and being able to learn about Krishna. It has affected me and helped me realize that this Life I was lucky to meet a guru associated with Krishna. I have learned that we taken so many births and deaths and always stay on the path of repeated life and death until we liberate ourself. We also learn Bhagavad Gita slokas to share with the public. None of this would have never been possible without Guru like you, your disciples, and my parents. I sincerely Thank you for coming in a form of teacher and helping me.

Sincerely your servant,
Reyaansh Dommaraju
Age: 13



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--Sangeetha Balasubramanyam

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Guru Maharaj!

Even though I wasn't fortunate enough to have your personal association, you have blessed us by sending your dear disciples into our lives. Our family will always be grateful for that. I heard H.G. Balaram prabhu mention many times how you always stress on the importance of doing Mangala Aarathi everyday. We started implementing that after we welcomed our Laddu (Balagopal) into our lives and I want to let you know that how much I value that. Without your mercy we would have never known the true meaning of how to start our day.

I heard you mention about being 'Consistent' in sadhana, which I lack today with my chanting. I humbly ask you to shower your blessings so I am able to keep that up. Also, help me in continuing reading Srimad Bhagavad Gita study. Please guide us in bringing up our son in Krishna Conscious way. Please engage me in more and more devotional service and hammer my ego.

Many times when I heard your disciples talk about you with so much love, I felt that I missed having such a fatherly figure as my Guru. But I have complete faith that you will always be there for me, bless me and guide me in doing my responsibilities to the best of my ability and develop love of Krishna.

Always Indebted.

Sangeetha



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--Shadbhujananda das

Respected HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharajji
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Maharajji,

Maharaj has given the wonderful association of devotees in Minneapolis. Because of Maharaj,
I came to know many devotees in Krishna Consciousness.

Maharaj has always emphasized to organize things in such a way that we remember or serve
Krishna better - even simple things like brush or razor, etc.

He always stressed to read and understand Srimad Bhagavatam. He has given very nice
lectures and Bhagavad-gita recitation to all of us. I listened to his Bhagavad-gita recitation
many times to learn.

I pray to Maharaj to strengthen my devotional service.

Hare Krishna

Yours sincerely
Shadbhujananda das
(Srinivas)
Minneapolis



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--Subba Rao

Hare Krishna

I remember this verse when I consider myself

*nāhaṁ prakāśaḥ sarvasya / yoga-māyā-samāvṛtaḥ
mūḍho 'yaṁ nābhijānāti / loko mām ajam avyayam*

"I am never manifest to the foolish and unintelligent. For them I am covered by My internal potency, and therefore they do not know that I am unborn and infallible."

I have never touched or seriously studied Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam four years before.

Having said this about myself, Whatever little and unsteady Sadhana I practice now is entirely due to divine blessings from Shri Radha Shyam Sundar and association of Maharaj's disciples at Golden Valley, MN

I often heard from Purnendu Prabhu and Anu Mataji that Maharaj trained them in the art of viewing everything thru Srimad Bhagavatam.

*cittasyopaśamo 'yaṁ vai
kavibhiḥ śāstra-cakṣusā
darśitaḥ su-gamo yogo
dharmaś cātma-mud-āvahaḥ*

"Learned authorities who see through the eye of scripture have demonstrated that this is the easiest method of subduing the agitated mind and attaining liberation, and that it is a sacred duty which brings joy to the heart."

SB 10.84.36

Sujatha, myself and Anirudh are fortunate enough to have a set of Srimad Bhagavatam in our house. I often read them if not regularly.

My association with devotees at Golden valley and scrutinizingly studying and discussing Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and Teachings of Lord Caitanya and listening to Maharaj's lectures helped me to solidify my Sadhana now. I am chanting 16 rounds since last two years. I completed reading of Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita as it is back to back once.

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master (Siksha Guru His Holiness Shri Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj and his disciples at GV) opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

I often hear from Maharaj's disciples that Maharaj used to talk about Shraavan SuPatan and Vicarno.

*śrīmad-bhāgavatam purāṇam amalām yad vaiṣṇavānām priyam
yasmin pāramahāṁsyam ekam amalām jñānam param gīyate
tatra jñāna-virāga-bhakti-sahitam naiṣkarmyam āviskṛtam
tac chr̥ṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen narah*

"Srimad-Bhagavatam is the spotless Purana. It is most dear to the Vaishnavas because it describes the pure and supreme knowledge of the Paramahansa. This Bhagavatam reveals the means for becoming free from all material work, together with the processes of transcendental knowledge, renunciation and devotion. Anyone who seriously tries to understand Srimad-Bhagavatam, who properly hears and chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated."

SB 12.13.18

Even though I have not met Maharaj, I have been inspired by his lectures, quotes, instruction and references from his disciples. This inspires me to pray to Lord Shri Radha Shyam Sundar to keep me steady in this path and study Srimad Bhagavatam every day.

*ya etat śrāvayen nityam
yāma-kṣaṇam ananya-dhīḥ
ślokaṁ ekaṁ tad-ardham vā
pādam pādārdham eva vā
śraddhāvān yo 'nuśṛṇuyāt
punāty ātmānam eva saḥ*

"One who with undeviating attention constantly recites this literature at every moment of every hour, as well as one who faithfully hears even one verse or half a verse or a single line or even half a line, certainly purifies his very self."

Your Servant,
Subba Rao

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--Surendra Kolluru

*** Hare Krishna ***

My humble obeisances to MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj

It is a big shift in my life after meeting his disciples and having their association. Had exposure to his vani, always fresh and joyful. Reminds me of BG 9.2. His preachings are very powerful which gives great strength to perform devotional service.

Mangal Aarati every day is my sincere commitment. Got inspired by his disciples and his lectures.

The love and affection shared by his disciples are a great impact on me and my family.

His emphasis on Srimad Bhagavatam to real-life situations has had great impacted my life.

I praying to Maharaj for a joyful life in devotional service.

your servant
Surendra Kolluru
Minneapolis



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--Udai Dommaraju

His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !!!

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

Maharaj, Although I never got an opportunity to meet you directly, you have passed on your best of the best teachings to your disciples in Minneapolis and just by their association, we can feel your direct presence all the time. Training this gross material body out of conditioned life is the hardest thing to do and glories to Srila Prabhupad, you came as a blessing in my life and spell magic that made me realize the true identity i.e., my eternal relationship with Krsna.

I am trying very hard to live up to your expectations in making it to Mangalarthi on time and keeping up with my daily Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam sadhana. But in this process, I am struggling and I beg your mercy to help me improve my sadhana.

I have learnt that how you always recite Srimad Bhagavad Gita slokas while doing your morning chores, one day I would like to follow your footsteps. My only prayer to you today is to help me with this as I am struggling to remember verses. Although I want, I lack sincerity in doing the same. Maharaj, please please help me improve my sincerity and love for Sri Sri Radha NeelMadhav ji.

With your permission, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to your Minneapolis disciples community starting with HG Purnendu Prabhu, HG Anasuya Mataji, HG Atma Prabhu, HG Gopika Mataji, HG Venkat Prabhu, HG Balaram Prabhu, HG Poornima Mataji, HG Manohar Prabhu, HG Yadushrest Prabhu, HG Jaganmohini Mataji etc., and especially His Divine Grace Devakinandan Prabhu for tolerating and cultivating me for the last several years. With Lord Krishna in the centre, my family relationship has improved a lot and we all are nicely serving our Laddu Gopal for his pleasure. But still I think, we need to improve a lot in our services to you and Srila Prabhupad. Whatever service we are doing today, it is only possible because of your's and your disciples' divine association. And now if you please permit, I seek your blessings so that myself and my Krishna given wife Sangeetha can prepare our only son Reyaansh to sincerely serve you, Srila Prabhupad and Lord Nityananda and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Your servant of the servant

Udai Dommaraju

Minneapolis Yatra

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--Venkat Ramana

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

All glories to srila Prabhupad & Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj!

Maharaj, You have set a gold standard on how to study and contemplate on Bhagavatam. In the Gita Krishna says. *yad yad acharati shrestas..* you have set such a high standard in performing devotional service.

At a very advanced age, you have travelled the globe to spread Krishna Bhakti.

It's only due to your mercy we are brought into Krishna consciousness! I am sure that our life would have been useless and directionless without your presence in our lives.

Please bless us Maharaj so that we will be able to perform high standard devotional service by regularly studying Bhagavatam & Bhagavat Gita.

Whatever little bit devotional service we are performing it's all because of you .. Maharaj!

Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for us. We will try our best to be good sons by transferring your practical teachings to the next generation.

Hare Krishna!
Your Loving Servant,
Venkat Ramana



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--Yadushrestha Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to my most merciful master.

Maharaj as you know this is a thanksgiving holiday here in Minneapolis and my son just learned in his school how he should be thankful to what he has. Maharaj, people are normally thankful on a special occasion, but you have taught us to be thankful to the Supreme Lord, thankful to Srila Prabhupada all the time 24/7. You have taught us by your example, you have shown us how to see Krishna's hand in every small thing. I heard that how while at the airport eating the potato chips you mentioned that how Krishna Conscious those chips were because the good quality and crispiness of those chips help us to remember Krishna rather to think of chips if it would have been bad quality. This example taught me how I should be thankful and remember the Lord even while doing my daily chores.

Maharaj most importantly I am deeply thankful to you for showering your causeless mercy on me. Maharaj you remember the time when you came to Minneapolis in 2006 and I took darshan of you and asked for your mercy and you accepted me and gave me the shelter. I didn't even know the meaning of taking shelter except to follow regulative principles and chant the prescribed rounds. Now when I look back then I realize how ignorant I was but you still took me under your shelter, I still have no qualification yet you gave me the opportunity to serve you, I am not at all worthy but you gave me the family of so many wonderful and merciful god brothers and god sisters all over the world who are always encouraging, motivating and helping me to remember you and follow your instructions.

Maharaj with your permission and mercy I would like to recite this shloka

na janma nūnaṁ mahato na saubhagaṁ /
na vān na buddhir nākṛtis toṣa-hetuḥ
tair yad viṣṭān api no vanaukasaś
cakāra sakhye bata lakṣmaṇāgrajaḥ

Translation: One cannot establish a friendship with the Supreme Lord Rāmacandra on the basis of material qualities such as one's birth in an aristocratic family, one's personal beauty, one's eloquence, one's sharp intelligence or one's superior race or nation. None of these qualifications is actually a prerequisite for friendship with Lord Śrī Rāmacandra. Otherwise how is it possible that although we uncivilized inhabitants of the forest have not taken noble births, although we have no physical beauty and although we cannot speak like gentlemen, Lord Rāmacandra has nevertheless accepted us as friends?

Maharaj – I have no qualification of even to become a dust of your lotus feet, yet you have accepted me as your servant and now I pray to Their Lordship Radha Neelmadhav and Srila

Prabhupada that I get the opportunity to serve you birth after birth. Please Maharaj give me the mercy that I will have no other desire.

Hare Krishna!

Your Servant

Yadushrestha Krishna das



USA - Phoenix



“Everything is under the full control of Lord Krishna. We are all like wooden dolls under the complete control of the puppet master. The remembrance of this truth purifies our intelligence.”

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--Krupana Vatsala Krsna das

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the occasion of your 100th Vyasa Puja. It is now nearly ten years since your Divine Grace wound up your pastimes on this earthly planet. Despite so many years passing by, it is appalling that I have no attraction to strictly following your instructions and keeping up the level of service you expect from me.

Last year has been a happening year. By the mercy of your Divine Grace, I transitioned from graduate school to work life. Yet, I have not made good use of this opportunity to get back to quality chanting and reading. I still continue to be lazy and procrastinating. I sincerely pray at your Lotus feet so that I may pick up on chanting and reading. I moved to Houston this year and I am sure you wanted me to be in the city controlled by their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Nila Madhava. This probably is your way of hammering back into me that that I must remember that I must visit and spend time at Sri Sri Radha Nila Madhav Dham in Rajkot, India.

On this occasion of Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatham at your lotus feet:

(SB 10.49.20):

neha chatyanta-samvasah
kasyachit kenachit saha
rajan svenapi dehena
kim yu jayatmajadibhih

Translation: "In this world no one has any permanent relationship with anyone else, O King. We cannot stay forever even with our own body, what to speak of our wife, children and the rest."

I feel that this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam carries a lot of meaning specifically to me. As I was feeling very strange after coming to Houston after leaving Arizona where I had been staying for nearly three years, leaving behind all my room-mates and friends, this verse felt very apt. It is so true and comes right to pointing at reality bluntly with no mincing of words. There is no permanent relationship in this world with anyone. However, in the short time we stay with people/friends/relatives we start getting attached and develop strong feelings, without remembering this final truth. In the story of where the dead child speaks in the palace of King Citraketu, the revived child expresses a similar notion. Though we cannot continue forever with our own body, we continue to maintain strong attachments to live persons and sometimes even inanimate objects such as a house or living place. The nature of the world is to keep changing and only the relations with your Divine Grace, the Supreme Lord and the devotees stay on forever, beyond space, time and physical distance. I pray at your lotus feet

Maharaj, that I keep this verse in mind and accordingly alter my behavior to focus on the only truly eternal relations that the soul can develop and relish.

I pray at your lotus feet to forgive all my offences and keep glancing over me so that I continue to push myself to improving my reading and chanting.

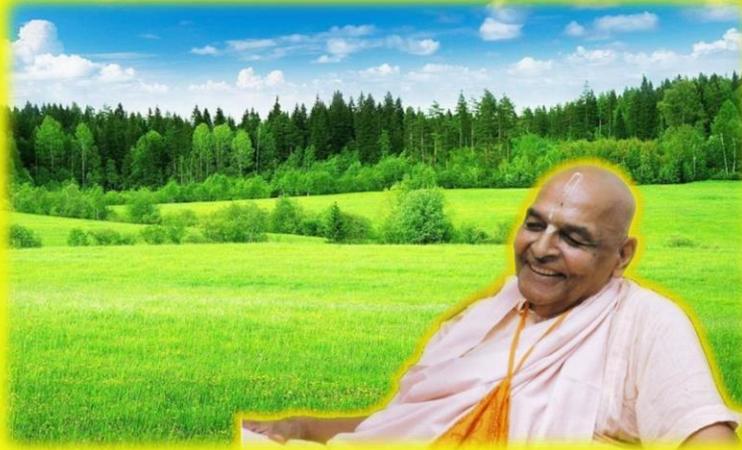
Thank you so much for everything Maharaj. I am very grateful for all the love and grace you showered upon me when I was in graduate school. Though I was not recognizing it, your love and care came to me in various different forms and some amazing experiences. I once again request you to continue blessing me and glancing at me during my work life. I hope and pray I will one day be atleast one percent of what you would have expected from me.

Dandavat Pranams at your lotus feet again!

Your humble servant,
Krupana Vatsala Krsna das
Houston Texas USA



USA - Sandiego



“Make devotional service easy for everybody. Wherever you are, just take japa mālā and chant and you are protected by Krishna. Be sure about Him and be guided by Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita.”

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--Dharnidhar Krishna das

Maharaj

Hare Krishna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Dandavat Pranam

I do not have any complaint because you told me that do not complain just chant your complaints will take care by Krishna's mercy. And that is really true.

Whenever you came to my home or at my office you always asked me to help San Diego temple. Maharaj, I took your advice and keep doing it so I can remember you and ask for your mercy.

You use to call us from the airport and you always ask my daughter to Chant 4 slokas.

One time I came to see you at Rajkot and it was at night around 11 pm and you waited for me how can I forget your true love for me and my family.

You are the one who showed me how to wear dhoti and I use the same method all the time.

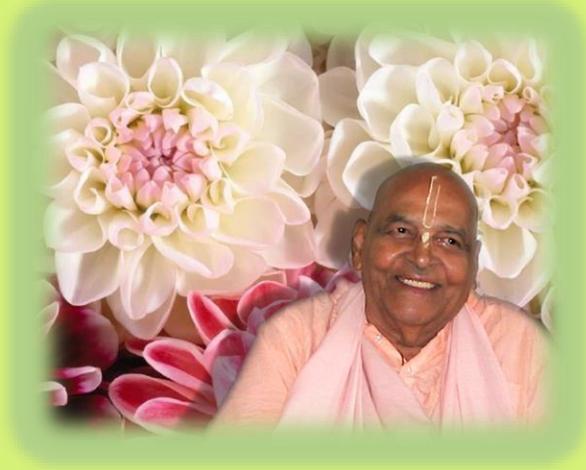
Please have your mercy on us.

Your servant

Dharnidhar Krishna das and family.



USA - Dallas



“Devotees do not criticize anybody. By doing this, we save half our life. When two people meet, we always have the tendency to talk about and criticize the third one and this has to be avoided”

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--Jayanth Krishna das

Hare Krishna Srila Gurudeva,

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

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

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

Happy Centennial appearance day Maharaj! We were happy to be part of the Sri Radha Neelmadhava temple opening at Rajkot this April 2019. Happy to see all the God Brothers and Sisters on that occasion and to be associated with them. HG Vaishnavaseva prabhu and his team and HG Devakinandan Prabhu and others expertly carried out the temple project and completed with splendid program and arrangements. They have taken care of all the devotees, Vaishnavas, Maharaj's and visitors so nicely. So many Maharaj's and Prabhupada's disciples attended the program and glorified your Holiness maharaj. Its very pleasing to hear about you Maharaj. Those 5 days were most memorable days in our life, to see your dream come to true. While leaving Rajkot, we felt as if we are leaving our home and your shelter. Hope that we will visit you Maharaj soon at Rajkot.

On a personal note, I am having a tough year at work as it doubled and taking out lot of my personal time. We just pray at your lotus feet to shower your mercy so that we can continue our sadhana and services with one-pointed focus (including our mind and body).

*tasmād ekena manasā
bhagavān sātvatām patiḥ
śrotavyaḥ kīrtitavyaś ca
dhyeyaḥ pūjyaś ca nityadā*

"Therefore, with one-pointed attention, one should constantly hear about, glorify, remember and worship the Personality of Godhead, who is the protector of the devotees." (SB 1.2.14)

Our kids program (Gopal Fun School) is going on with your blessings and mercy. This year kids performed Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Leela punishing of Hiranyakashipu and protecting the devotee Prahalad. Please bless them that they will continue to remember Krishna in all circumstances. Bhagavad-Gita program for adults is also going on with your blessing for the

last one year. Please shower your blessing so that we can carry out our services for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada and for the pleasure of you Maharaj.

Please bestow your mercy and blessings on us so that we also remember Krishna's lotus feet always and never leave your shelter in all circumstances of life.

Your insignificant servants,
Jayanth Krishna das
Sarvamangala devi dasi

