

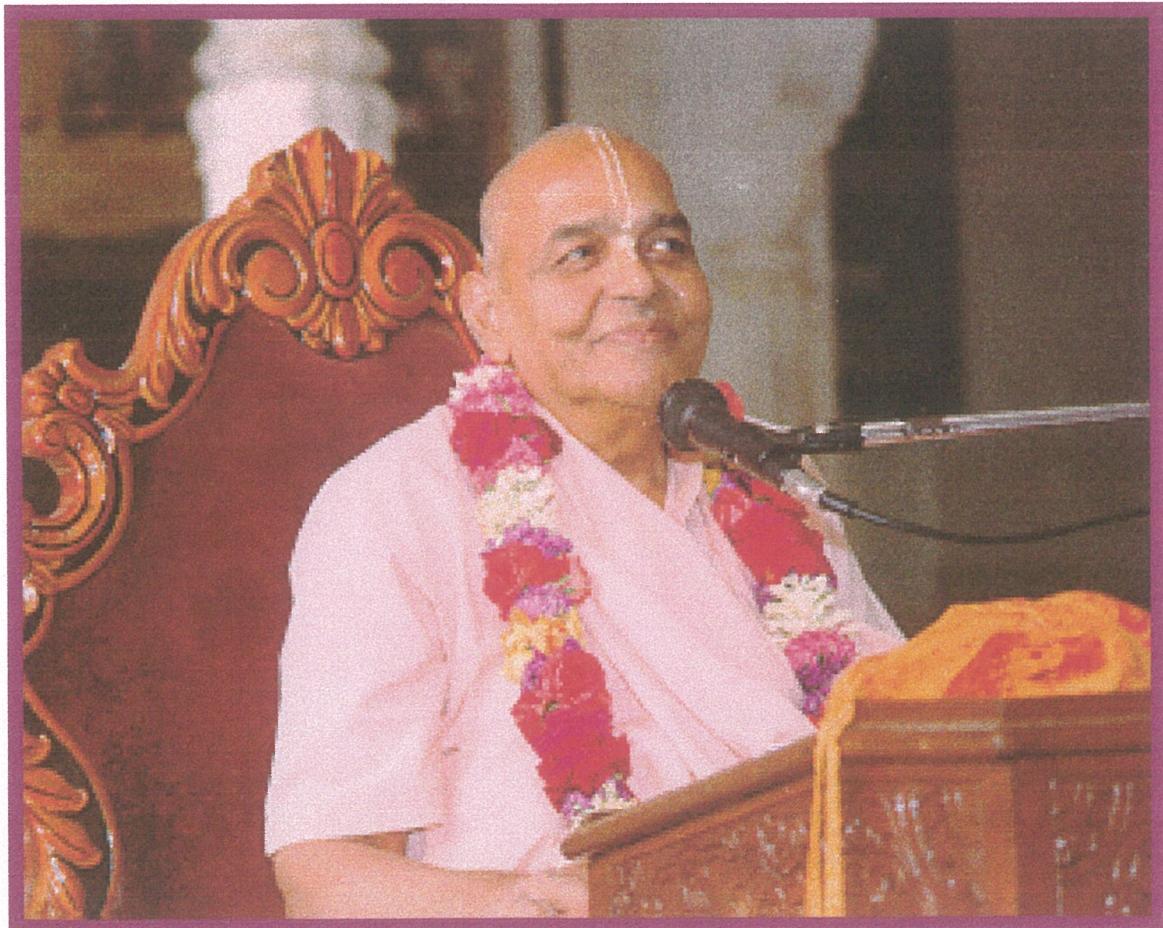
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*THE MOST BLESSED EVENT -  
DECEMBER 3, 1998*

*The appearance day of our beloved spiritual master,  
His Divine Grace Om Visnupada Paramahamsa  
Parivrajakacarya Astottara-sata Sri Srimad*

*MAHAVISNU GOSWAMI GURUDEV*



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# MEANING OF VYASA-PUJA

## THE MEANING OF VYASA-PUJA

Srila Vyasa is an empowered incarnation of Krishna, and by the power of his transcendental intelligence he wrote down the *Vedas* to benefit future generations. Down to the present day, a bona fide guru is considered the representative of Vyasa, and the anniversary of his appearance day is thus called Vyasa-Puja, or “worship of Vyasa”.

The representative of Srila Vyasa is a qualified guru because he has understood and realized the essence of Vedic knowledge and is strongly determined to deliver the fallen souls rotting in this material world. Therefore he is worthy of the same respect and adoration we accord Lord himself:

**SB.11.17.27**

*Acaryam mam vijaniyan  
Navamanyeta karhicit  
Na martya-buddhyasuyeta  
Sarva-deva-mayo guruh*

*Translation:*

*One should know the acarya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods.*

(Lord Krsna instructs Uddhava)

Srila Prabhupada comments on this verse in Caitanya-Caritamrta (Adi 1.46) which appears in SB 11.17.27 purport. This verse was spoken by Lord Krsna when He was questioned by uddhava regarding the four spiritual orders of society.

A spiritual master is not an enjoyer of facilities offered by his disciples. He is like a parent. Without the attentive service of his parents, a child cannot grow to manhood: similarly without the care of the spiritual master one cannot rise to the plane of transcendental service.

The spiritual master is also called acarya, or a transcendental professor of spiritual science. Manu-Samhita (2.140) explains the duties of acarya, describing that a bona fide spiritual master accepts charge of disciples, teaches them the Vedic knowledge with all its intricacies, and gives them their second birth.

Only out of His immense compassion does the Personality of Godhead reveal himself as the spiritual master. Therefore in the dealings of an acarya there are not activities but those of transcendental loving service to the Lord. He is the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead. It is worthwhile to take shelter of such a devotee, who is called *asraya-vigraha*, or the manifestation or form of the Lord of whom one must take shelter.

The real Vedic philosophy is acintya-bhedabhedata-tattva, which establishes everything to be simultaneously one with and different from the Personality of Godhead. Srila Raghunatha dasa Goswami confirms that this is the real position of a bona fide spiritual master and says that one should always think of the spiritual master in terms of his intimate relationship with Mukunda (Sri krsna). In his prayers to the spiritual master, Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura confirms that all the revealed scriptures accept the spiritual master to be identical with the Personality of Godhead because he is a very dear and confidential servant of the Lord.

Gaudiya Vaisnavas therefore worship Srila Gurudeva (the Spiritual Master) in the light of his being the servitor of the Personality of Godhead. In all the ancient literatures of devotional service and in the more recent songs of Srila Narottama dasa Thakura, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and other unalloyed Vaisnavas, the spiritual master is always considered to be either one of the confidential associates of Srimati Radharani or a manifested representation of Srila Nityananda Prabhu.

*“extracted from SB 11.17.27”*

We have all experienced and seen how His Divine Grace Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Gurudev has shown, and continues to show us the example of an acarya by strictly following to the letter the scriptural injunctions himself, energetically preaching Krsna Consciousness and transforming the lives of whoever has been blessed to gain Gurudev's association. Despite His travelling and tight schedule, He is always there for us in our trials and tribulations, having great compassion and incredible love for all of us who are so fallen. He has established a personal relationship with each and every one of us and has personally guided us in our life, transcendently transmitting to us the strength to somehow follow His toughest instructions which are based on the highest and unadulterated Vedic standards that Maharaj himself follows. That truly, is the hallmark of a *Paramahamsa*, a pure devotee of Krsna whose association we in Singapore (“SIN-ga-pur”) are so incredibly fortunate to have.

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Gurudev's Vyasa-Puja is thus an event to be revered by all souls throughout the universe. Indeed, we are sure that this most auspicious day is celebrated even by Krishna Himself in the spiritual world. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to celebrate our Most Beloved Gurudev's Vyasa-Puja and beg forgiveness for any offence committed in our feeble attempt at glorifying Our Beloved Gurudev.

**HIS DIVINE GRACE  
SRILA MAHAVISNU GOSWAMI GURUDEV'S  
TRANSCENDENTAL APPEARANCE DAY KI JAI!!!!**

# SRI GURU-VANDANA



**THE LOTUS FEET OF HIS DIVINE GRACE  
SRILA MAHAVISNU GOSWAMI GURUDEV**

## *SRI GURU - VANDANA* *THE WORSHIP OF SRI GURU*

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

*guru-mukha-padma vakya, cittete koriya aikya,  
ar na korihō mane asa  
sri-guru-carane rati, ei se uttama-gati,  
je prasade pure sarva asa*

*cakhu-dan dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei,  
divya-jnan hrde prokasito  
prema-bhakti jaha hoite, avidya vinasa jate,  
vede gay jahara carito*

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

### *Translation:*

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

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

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

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

# VYASA-PUJA HOMAGES

## AUSPICIOUS INVOCATION MANTRAS

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

*vande ham sri-guroh sri yuta-pada-kamalam sri gurun vaisnavams ca  
sri-rupam sagrajatam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa-jivam  
sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krsna-caitanya-devam  
sri-radha-krsna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams ca*

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

*he krsna karuna-sindho dina-bandho jagat-pate  
gopesa gopika-kanta radha-kanta namo 'stu te*

*tapta-kancana-gaurangi radhe vrndavanesvari  
vrsabhanu-sute devi pranamami hari-priye*

*namo maha-vadanyaya krsna-prema-pradaya te  
krsnaya krsna-caitanya-namne gaura-tvise namah*

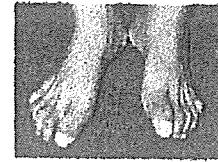
*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale  
srimate mahavisnu goswamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale  
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine  
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine  
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

*vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca krpa-sindhuhbya eva ca  
patitanam pavenebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

*jaya sri-krsna-caitanya prabhu nityananda  
sri-advaita gadadhara srivasadi-gaura-bhakta vrnda*

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



*jihvagre yasya vasati krsna nama nirmalam  
lalate yasya asti jagat gurur pada mulam  
hridaya tu yasya sada purana amala smaranam  
tam vande dina-bandhum mahavisnum gurottamam*

### *Translation*

*On whose tongue the spotless name of Krsna lives,  
On whose forehead, the feet of the Preceptor of the Universe,  
Srila Prabhupada, are there  
In whose heart the spotless Purana Bhagavatam is remembered always,  
I offer my obeisances unto Mahavisnu Maharaj,  
The Best among gurus.*

*Your eternal servant,  
Srinivasa Krsna Das*

*vyasa-prasadac chrutavan  
etad guhyam aham param  
yogam yogesvarat krsnat  
saksat kathayatah svayam*

(BG 18.75)

### *Translation*

*By the mercy of Vyasa, I have heard these most confidential talks directly from the master of all mysticism, Krsna, who was speaking personally to Arjuna.*

### *Purport (extract)*

*Vyasa was the spiritual master of Sanjaya, and Sanjaya admits that it was by his mercy that he could understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead. This means that one has to understand Krsna not directly but through the medium of the spiritual master. The spiritual master is the transparent medium, although it is true that the experience is direct. This is the mystery of disciplic succession. When the spiritual master is bona fide, then one can hear Bhagavad-gita directly, as Arjuna heard it.*



Namah Om Visnupādāya krṣṇai presthā ya bhūtak  
śrīmata mahāviṣṇu gosvāmin iti nāmine

To,

my most beloved spiritual master  
His Divine Grace Srila Nahanīnus Gosvami Gaurdev.

Gaurdev, in my small brain I can see that Gaurdev has given me mercy the likes of which I cannot imagine, and I don't know why, really.

The debt I owe you Gaurdev cannot be repaid and it is eternal.

How much I have offended Gaurdev and brought havoc to my life only Gaurdev knows — as I do in my puny capacity.

I cannot do anything right on my own — but I can do everything right when Gaurdev bestows mercy.

Gaurdev, you tell us to be enthused, confident and enlivened. I pray we do that.

Gaurdev, you tell us to always smile because Kṛṣṇa is always happy. I have never seen anyone smile so much and genuinely as Gaurdev.

Gaurdev, you always tell us that we should be unflinchingly attached to Bhagavatam and Srila Prabhupada. We can only do that if we are attached to Your lotus feet.

Gaurdev, you tell us that we must tolerate all difficulties and people and don't fight. You tell us that you are our father and we your children.

So we pray that we shall always care for one another with devotion and concern that you have, devoid of bias and sentimentalism.

Finally we pray to be attached to Gaurdev and all your activities and dealings.

Please give us mercy even as we thank you ceaselessly with our sinful hearts that we will make devotional service our life and soul and Dharma our aim and mission.

I am always making many mistakes — Gaurdev is very well aware. But I am keeping a small flag of confidence flying that I will serve you to death because you always say that we all have the psychic unity that binds us, even when Death knocks on our door and snatches us away.

[I won't stop working for you, Gaurdev. In any capacity, anywhere.]  
Your servant 1,000 times removed,

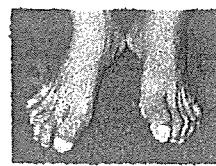
Devalkisandana Das.

*brahmanda bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva  
guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija  
tate krsna bhaje, kare gurura sevana  
maya-jala chute, paya krsnera carana*

*(Cc. Mad, 19.151, 22.25)*

### *Translation*

*“Wandering throughout the universe, by the mercy of Krsna, the living entity who is fortunate meets a bona fide spiritual master. By the mercy of the spiritual master, he gets the seed of the bhakti-lata. By worshipping Krsna and rendering service to the spiritual master, one is liberated from the illusory world of maya, and attains the lotus feet of the Lord”.*



- om ajñāne timirāndhaṣya jñānāñjana śatākya  
cakṣur unmīlītam yena tasme Śrī gurave nāmah
- mūkam karoti vāčālam pāṇīm kāṅghāyate gīrīm  
yat kṛpā tam aham vande Śrī gurum dīna tāraṇam
- nāmeh om visṇupāṭīya kṛṣṇa preṣṭhāya hūtak  
Śrīmāde mathe viṣṇu gosvāmin iti nāmne
- jihvāgre yasya vasati kṛṣṇa nāma nirmalām  
lalāte yasya asti jagat̄ gurur pāṭa mūlām  
hrdaya tu yasya sada purāṇa anala smarayām  
tam vande dīna - bandhuṁ mahāviṣṇuṁ gurottanam

To, jaya om visṇupāṭa paramahāinśa parivṛājaka cārya astotara - sata  
Śrī Śrīmad His Divine Grace Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmī Gurudeva.

Dearest Gurudev,

Hare Kṛṣṇa! Please accept this most fallen soul's dandavats again and again at the dust of Gurudev's most blessed lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most blessed occasion of Gurudev's Vyāsa Pūjā. I beg Gurudev's mercy so that this fool will be able to properly glorify Gurudev on this day, in this Vyāsa Pūjā homage, as well as in every other day of this fool's life.

Gurudev has been so merciful to this rogue. Again and again I have brought nothing but problems, disappointment and pain to Gurudev, yet Gurudev is constantly and so patiently pushing me to go on, in this transcendental path. Gurudev is non-different from Kṛṣṇa, as Kṛṣṇa's manifestation. Gurudev is sad-guru but this rascal is not sad-sīya. There is no shortage of kṛpā emanating from even a particle of dust from Gurudev's lotus feet, yet as a receptacle, this fool has so many faults and without any buckthi, to be able to encapture that kṛpā within the core of this filthy heart.

brahmānda brahmīte bhagavān jīva

guru kṛṣṇa prasāde bhakti latā bija

In this miserable rut of samsāra, I have again and again gone through crores and crores of bodies, rejecting Kṛṣṇa and Gurudev. Finally with Guru and Gaurāṅga's kṛpā I have attained the human form of life. Gurudev has so mercifully picked this sinful rascal up from the ocean of death and given me shelter at Gurudev's most blessed lotus feet, accepting me as disciple. Just as Śrīla Ṭrāṭaṇḍapāda had said to his disciples, that he has created their good fortune, similarly, Gurudev has created my good fortune, not that I did anything to deserve Gurudev's mercy. Indeed it is causeless mercy. Yet after all this good fortune, I am cultivating avaras of kāma, krodha, lobha, moha, mada, mātārya and therefore suffer soka, mohā, kṣut, pupasa, jarā and martyu.



Dearest Gurudev, on this blessed day of Your Vyasa Puja, I repeatedly beg Gurudev that I become a proper receptacle for your mercy. Let me please have cent per cent obedience & devotion to Gurudev's instructions which are non-different from Gurudev. Please give me 100% faith in Gurudev's lotus feet and full determination to ALWAYS execute Gurudev's orders, and hence be able to properly glorify Gurudev. Please give me the ability to always chant my 16 rounds very nicely and follow the four regulative principles <sup>daily</sup> till I leave this material body. Please give me the ability to make Gurudev's instructions as the guiding principle throughout my entire life and for all eternity. Finally I beg Gurudev that I ALWAYS, ALWAY, ALWAYS feel Gurudev's transcendental presence and factually hear & see Gurudev within the core of my filthy heart, for all eternity.

Gurudev, once again please accept my dandavats at Gurudev's lotus feet and I pray very hard on this blessed day to Sri Ugra Narasimha Deva Bhagavan, to please give Gurudev good health and long life. Please forgive this rascal for all the offenses in the course of this Vyasa Puja homage. Gurudev, below is a short extract of Sri Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Prabhupada's prayer to His spiritual master. I have written it below and pray that one day I will have that same devotion to Gurudev's lotus feet.

"I shall serve Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga with simplicity and sincerity under the guidance of Gurudeva. My Gurudev has the words of the Supreme Lord, and I will be obedient to that word in the proper way. I will not disrespect my Gurudev with the influence of anyone in this world. If I have to become proud, if I have to become a beast, if I have to go to hell, by carrying out the order of Gurudev who is sent by Krsna, then I want to sign a contract to go to hell for all eternity. I will not listen to anything anybody says, other than the order of my Gurudev. By the power that has come to me from the lotus feet of Gurudev, I will throw out all other currents of consciousness of the world with a punch of my fist. With just a particle of dust from the pollen of the lotus feet of Sri Gurudev, one million of people of this world be delivered. There is no scholarship, there is no good concept in the 14 worlds that is heavier than a particle of dust from the lotus feet of my Gurudev. A true disciple will have this kind of firm faith and determination." Sri Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura Rabb.

Gurudev's eternal wretched dog,

Rohini-madana Dasa

(Lambu Vidyadhar)

*apane acare keha, na kare pracara  
pracara karena keha, na karena acara  
'acara' 'pracara' – namera karaha 'dui' karya  
tumi – sarva-guru, tumi jagatera arya*  
*(Cc. Antya 4.102,103)*

### *Translation*

*Some practice but do not preach, others preach but do not practice,  
but one who is perfect in both preaching and practice is the guru of  
the entire universe. You are a real jagad-guru, for you practice  
what you preach.*



namā ὁṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthaya bhūtale  
Śrīmata Mahāviṣṇu Gostamīn iti nāmine.

namā ὁṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa presthaya bhūtale  
Śrīmata Bhakti Vedānta Svāmin iti nāmine.  
namas te saraswati Deve Guara vāni pracāmine  
nirvikklesa sūria vādi pascayi thya deśa tāmine.

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Gurudev. Please accept my humble  
dandavats at Your lotus feet. On this most auspici-  
ous occasion of my Gurudev's appearance I want  
to steal this opportunity by glorifying Your unlimited  
transcendental qualities.

arjuna uvāca

sthita-prajñasya kā bhāṣā  
sāraṇādi-sthasya keśava  
sthita-dhīḥ kim prabhāseta  
kim āśītā vrajeta kim. BG. CH 2. V. 54

Arjuna said: What are the symptoms of one whose  
consciousness is thus merged ~~with~~ in Transcendence?  
How does he speak, and what is his language?  
How does he sit and how does He walk?

śri bhagavān uvāca  
prajñāti yadā kāmān  
sarvān pārtha mano-gatān  
ātmān evātmānā tu stah  
stita-prajñas tadocaye BG. CH 2. V. 55

The blessed Lord said: O Pārtha, When a man gives  
up all varieties of sense desire which arise from  
mental concoction, and when his mind finds satisfaction  
in the self alone, then he is said to be in pure  
transcendental consciousness.



dūḥkheśv amūḍigne - manāḥ  
sukheśv vigita - spr̄halāḥ  
vīta - rāga - bhaya krodhah  
stha - dhīr - mūr negative BG. CH2. V. 56.

one who is not disturbed in spite of three fold miseries  
who is not elated when there is happiness, and  
who is free from attachment, fear and anger, is  
called a sage of steady mind.

yah sarvatra nābhisehas  
tat tat prāpyu śubhāśubham  
hābhinandati na dvesti  
tasya prajñā pratisthitā BG. CH2. V. 57

He who is without attachment, who does not rejoice  
when he obtains good nor lament when he obtain  
evil, is firmly fixed in perfect knowledge.

#### Purport

There is always some upheaval in the material world  
which may be good or evil. One who is not agitated by  
such material upheavals, who is understood unaffected by  
good and evil is to be understood to be fixed in Kṛṣṇa  
consciousness. As long as one is in the material world  
there is always the possibility of good and bad evil because  
this world is full of duality. But one who is fixed in  
Kṛṣṇa consciousness is not affected by good and evil because  
he is simply concerned with Kṛṣṇa, who is all good.  
Such consciousness in Kṛṣṇa attributes situates one in  
perfect transcendental position called, technically called  
samādhi.

Thus ends the Bhāgavadā  
Purport

These verses describes only a fraction of the unlimited  
potency of my glorious spiritual master, gurudev, if I  
could understand these glorious attributes, I will be the most  
fortunate man in this universe. Nevertheless due to my poor  
fund of knowledge, I do not understand the mercy you are  
bestowing upon me, but I am always feeling this great  
confidence that you have already saved me. Even though  
I am very sinful I am feeling this. From this point of  
view I am gathering that for my deliverance, I cannot be  
any cause because I am bereft of any good qualities

I will take the merciful glance of my supreme, my glorious spiritual master. Not a day in my life goes by without thinking about this fact. Even though I am in the most pathetic condition of material life, I am always feeling this air of confidence, that you have already saved me, so when I reflect upon my sinful life, I am mentally disgusted. Your descripts, & Your great sons and daughters are my only shelter that I keep running to them.

Their love for me is my only spiritual strength and I am eternally their servants, even though I am unable to serve them nicely.

Without You O' glorious spiritual master, I have no hope in this world, with all the kin and kith, I would have been very empty if not for Your merciful glance upon me. Everyday, I thank the supreme Lord Sri Krishna for this fortunate situation. And I pray that may the supreme Lord constantly remind me of this merely earnestly.

And I also pray for the good health, and may the kind Lord let me suffer for my sinful life because I am always giving ~~Him~~ Gaurdev nothing but trouble. O' Lord please let me have this recollection of the glories of my spiritual master in body and spirit, always, for there is nothing beyond for me in service to Your lotus feet, in this life or the next.

O' Lord, I pray that you'll remove this gross & subtle pride that's <sup>been</sup> exhibited while writing this Vraca puja. Again and again please accept my humble dandavats at Your lotus feet my dear Gaurdev. Om Sat. Hare Krishna <sup>servant</sup>  
Your useless <sup>son</sup> <sup>Dad</sup>  
Krishna Kanta Das  
Now 95

*distya tvayanusisto 'ham  
krtas canugraho mahan  
apavrtaih karna-randhrair  
justa distyosatir girah*

*(SB 3.22.7)*

### *Translation*

*I have fortunately been instructed by You, and thus great favor has been bestowed upon me. I thank God that I have listened with open ears to Your pure words.*

*(Manu describing the benefits of listening to the advice and instructions of Kardama Muni).*



Nama om visnu-pādāya krṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
Śrīmata Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmin iti nāmine

Dearest Śrīla Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmi Maharāj Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances! All glories to your Divine Grace!

On this most auspicious day of your divine appearance, I prostrate myself at your lotus feet  
begging forgiveness for all the offenses that I have <sup>committed</sup> at your lotus feet & praying for your grace  
so that I will remain fixed in service at your lotus feet.

sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-sāstrair  
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhīḥ  
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya  
vande guroḥ śri-caranāravindam

"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 allowed 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 Śri Hari (Kṛṣṇa)."

Guru Maharāj, it is not possible for a conditioned soul like myself to glorify you adequately because you are such a glorious & pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa. Yet in a small & insignificant way, I am hoping to glorify you by following you strictly, living according to your divine instructions & fulfilling your transcendental desires.

In the Śrimad-Bhāgavatam (11.23.57) there is this famous verse which Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu recited in ecstasy after accepting the sannyāsa order.

etāṁ sa āsthāya parātmā-niṣṭhām  
adhyāstāṁ pūrvatamair mahadbhiḥ  
aham tarisyāmi duranta-parām  
tamo mukundāṅghri-niṣevayaiva

"I shall cross over the insurmountable ocean of nescience by being firmly fixed in the service of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. This was approved by the previous ācāryas, who were fixed in firm devotion to the Lord, Paramātmā, the Supreme Personality of Godhead."



Guru Maharaj, this verse reminds me of how your life is naturally the very personification of this sublime quality of unflinching determination in executing devotional service to Sri Krsna. By your very personal example you have shown us how to remain fixed in devotional service & maintain the highest standards of purity & character.

I have personally seen how you have shown absolute determination & dedication to Srila Prabhupada & Krsna by travelling & preaching all over the globe despite inconveniences like advanced age & ill-health. In so doing you have reclaimed so many conditioned souls who are struggling in this material world & mercifully shown them the sublime path of Krsna Consciousness. I am witness to the fact that so many people all over the world have become touched by your very personal care, compassion & love. It is only Krsna's Grace that I too was one of those fortunate souls who became attracted to you & took shelter at yours lotus feet. Your unlimited qualities continuously inspire each & every one of us. The invisible force that moves & motivates us in our devotional lives comes only by your divine mercy. Indeed we are very proud to be your disciples.

Now, once again, Guru Maharaj, you are teaching us by example what is the meaning of fixed, unflinching determination in executing devotional service by the tireless efforts you have undertaken to make the mission in Dwarka a resounding success. Indeed every moment you are meditating on how to build a beautiful home for Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Syamsundar & to serve Them with the highest type of worship. Despite all difficulties, you are always pushing on with great determination & dedication which in turn inspires all of us to similarly make your transcendental mission in Dwarka the focus of our lives too. You are tirelessly working for Dwarka & mercifully giving us a legacy to work on too. It is said in the revealed scriptures that the secret of spiritual life is to search out a bona-fide spiritual master, surrender to him, serve him, humbly enquire from him what are his transcendental desires & try to the best of one's ability to satisfy him according to his transcendental desires. We know that your transcendental, ardent desire is to serve Srila Prabhupada & Lord Sri Krsna by making the mission in Dwarka an all-round success.

On this most auspicious day I humbly pray to Lord Sri Krsna that I too will be able to imbibe this most beautiful quality of yours i.e. executing devotional service with fixed, unflinching determination & make your mission in Dwarka & pure seva to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Syamsundar my life and soul, now and forever.

Yours

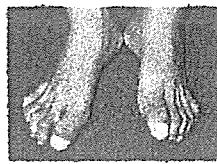
Worthless son & servant,  
Samarjasa Dasa

*mukam karoti vacalam  
pangum langhayate girim  
yat-krpa tam aham vande  
sri gurum dina tarinam*

*(Bhavartha Dipika, Mangala Stotram 1)*

### *Translation*

*"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".*



Hare Krishna Mahārāj,

Please accept this fallen soul's dandavat, Mahārāj.

Nama Om Viṣṇu Pādāya  
Kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tate  
Śrīmata Mahāviṣṇu  
Goswāmī iti nāmine

Mahārāj,

Due to Mahārāj & Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa's mercy & blessings I have achieved all the comfort required in life. Even for my life partner, wife, is also due to Mahārāj and Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa's blessing I have got someone who can suit to my life. But, Mahārāj, there is one thing still lacking in my life.

Mahārāj,

I know I am falling behind in bakti to Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa. Mahārāj, I am useless servant of Mahārāj who could not serve Mahārāj in anyway. I am even lacking in my chartings & reading Śrīla Pāṭhupāda's books.

Mahārāj,

Please do not reject me due to my fallen condition. Please Show me Mahārāj's mercy so that I too can be competent like my sincere godbrothers & godsisters in worshiping Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa and Ācāmī Radhikārāī.

Mahārāj,

I am desiring to be Mahārāj's humble devotee. Will the desire could be fulfilled?

Fallen Servant of Mahārāj

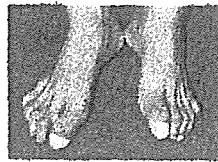
Param Karmīna Dās

Hare Krishna.

*karpanya –dosopahata-svabhavah  
prcchami tvam dharma-sammudha-cetah  
yac chreyah syan niscitam bruhi tan me  
sisyas te ham sadhi mam tvam prapannam*  
(BG 2.7)

### *Translation*

*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.*  
*(Arjuna accepts Krsna as spiritual master).*



Nama om Visnu Padaya Krsna presthanya bhutale

Srimate Maharisnu Gosvami iti namine.

Nama om Visnu Padaya Krsna presthanya bhutale

Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swami iti namine.

Dearest Maharaj,

Maharaj, please accept my humble obeisances  
at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to  
your Divine self!

Maharaj, I keep reminding myself from time to  
time just how fortunate we all are to have  
had our lives touched by Maharaj in one way  
or another. But due to my weakness and  
complacent nature, I have not taken advantage  
of this good fortune - I have not applied Krsna  
Consciousness into my life.

By Maharaj's grace and mercy, I pray that  
I will become more serious in Krsna Consciousness.

On this auspicious occasion, I humbly beg for  
your continued blessing, Maharaj, and pray that  
your mercy will guide us all in the right path.

All glories to your Divine self; Maharaj! All glories  
to Srila Prabhupada!

Pijush.

*tasya tvam tamaso ‘ndhasya  
dusparasyadya paragam  
sac-caksur janmanam ante  
labdham me tvad-anugrahat*  
(SB 3.25.8)

### *Translation*

*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.*  
*(Devahuti speaking to her spiritual master Lord Kapila Dev).*



Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances and  
thankdavas at your lotus feet. All glories to  
Srila Prabhupada and your divine self.

I would like to thank Maharaj and my dearmost  
god brothers for giving me an opportunity to forward  
this nyasa puja offering.

Maharaj, I left my family in India for  
Singapore at the age of 9. That was the last  
I met my father alive. He passed away 9 years  
thereafter. By the mercy of the Lord, I'm glad  
that I was entrusted to a spiritual father  
12 years later. Maharaj, your caring, love, strictness  
and the pleasant and witty disposition reminds  
me of my material father. Ofcourse, Maharaj  
would agree that this son is the most fallen  
and useless of all the children your divine self  
have. I sincerely pray that Maharaj would shower  
more mercy on me so that I might be able  
to be of some service at your lotus feet. In  
this way, my meaningless life would become  
more meaningful.

I also pray, in this auspicious day, that  
the Lord would bestow upon Maharaj a



long and healthy life. In fact, little do we know that it was we, who are getting older daily as indicated by the following verse:

"āyur harati vai pūrṇām  
udyann aotam ca yann asau  
tas yarte yad - Kṣeṇo nīta  
uttama - śloka - vārtaya "

Bog. Canto 2, ch. 3, Text 17

Translation

"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."

Maharaj, I have one small prayer.....

"cakhu - dān dho jei, janme janme prabhu sei,  
divya - jñān hrde prokāśito  
prema - bhakei jāhā hoite, avidyā vināśa jāte....."

I would like to remain your eternal servant forever.  
Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your most fallen and unworthy servant

Kannan

*caitanya lila-amrita-pura, krsna-lila-sukarpura*

*duhe mili'haya sumadhurya*

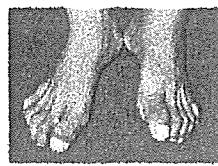
*sadhu-guru-prasade, taha yei asvade*

*sei jane madhurya pracurya*

*(Cc. mad. 25.277)*

### *Translation*

*The pastimes of Sri Caitanya are the abode of nectarean love of Godhead. They are like thick condensed milk. The pastimes of Sri Krsna are like camphor. When these are combined they are very sweet. By the mercy of the guru one can taste the sweetness unlimitedly.*



## HARE KRŚNA !

All Glories to Śrī-Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga !

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda Mahārāja !

All Glories to Śrīla Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmī Mahārāja !

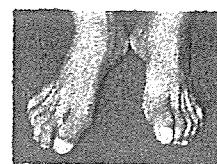
Nama om viṣṇu-pādāya krṣṇa-praṣṭhāya bhūtale  
Śrīmate Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmin-iti-nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace  
Śrīla Mahāviṣṇu Gosvāmī Mahārāja, who is very dear to  
Lord Krṣṇa having taken shelter at his lotus feet.

Hare Krṣṇa Mahārāja, the bona fide representative  
of Śrīla Vyāsadeva ! Please kindly accept my most humble  
obeisances unto the transcendental dust of Your divine feet  
on this most auspicious day of Your Vyāja Pūja ! I beg Your  
divine forgiveness for all my offenses I have committed upto this  
moment. Please kindly protect me from committing anymore offenses.

O Tattva Darśināḥ ! I thank your divine self for  
linking me with the Supreme Lord. Your Divine Grace has saved  
me from the most hellish situation and I am eternally indebted  
to You, Mahārāja. I do not find anything to offer You that  
would match the price of what You have done for me. It's priceless.

O Saviour of the fallen souls ! Your transcendental  
heart is the resting place for the Supreme Lord. This Viśākhā  
is made up of Your compassion. By Your mere audience one's  
all sins go far away. Only due to Your mercy, I am in my  
present situation.



O most perfect Ācārya deva! Attachment to Your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills one's all desires. Your blessings are the motivation to make my hands dance on this paper. Your auspicious qualities can be compared to a vast ocean.

O Confidential servitor of Lord Śrī RādhāŚyāmasundar I honour Your Divine Grace as much as the Supreme Lord. Please kindly help me and give me the power to think of Your transcendental lotus feet all the time and bless me profusely to serve them unconditionally.

nasta - prāyesv abhadresu  
nityam bhāgavata - sevayā  
bhagavaty uttama - śloke  
bhaktir bhavati naisthiki .

- Bhāg 1. 2. 18

Translation: 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.

Thank You. Hare Kṛṣṇa, Śrila Gurudeva.

Your Divine Grace's,  
Humble Servant  
Viśākhā Devi Dāsi .

*yasya deve para bhaktir yatha deve tatha gurau  
tasyaite kathita hy arthah prakasante mahatmanah*

*(Svetasvatara Upanisad 6.23)*

### *Translation*

*Only unto those great souls who serve guru and Krsna with implicit faith is the import of the Vedas fully revealed.*



Hare Krishna!

namo om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale  
Srimate mahavisnu goswamin iti namine

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances  
at your divine lotus feet! All glories to your Divine  
Grace!

Gurudev, you have shown your mercy on this fallen soul who again & again falls into this pit-holes of maya. But Gurudev has shown me through your personal example the solution to these problems - chant and read bhagvatam daily- which will provide the spiritual nourishment for the soul. But yet this is what I am constantly failing to do. I just pray for your mercy so that I may be able to follow these instructions. Gurudev, I pray for the ability to chant my 16 rounds nicely and make bhagvatam a part of my life. On this auspicious day, please give me the ability and mercy so that I may always be engaged in your service.

Your worthless  
servant,

Rachika Devi Dasi

*acinoti yah sastrartham acare sthapayaty api  
svayam acarate yasmad acaryas tena kirttitah*

*(Vayu Purana)*

### *Translation*

*An acarya is one who fully understands the conclusions of the revealed scriptures and whose behaviour reflects his deep realization. He is a living example for he teaches the meaning of the scriptures both by word and deed.*

namah om visnu paday a  
kr sna presthay a bhutale  
srimate mahavisnu goswami  
iti namine.



namah om visnu paday a kr sna  
presthay a bhutale.  
srimate bhaktivedanta swami iti namine.

Dearest gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Srila Gurudev on the auspicious occasion of his appearance day.

"..... unalloyed devotees of the Lord appear on the Earth just to execute the mission of the Lord. The Lord desires the conditioned souls hovering in the material creation to be reclaimed to go back home, back to Godhead, and thus He helps them by preparing the transcendental literatures like the Vedas, by sending missionaries of saints and sages and by deputing His representative, the spiritual master."

Bhg. 1.12.16

"Material existence is full of undesirables. Things we do not want are forced upon us by some superior energy, and we do not see that these undesirables are under the grip of the three modes of material nature....undesirable happenings in life cannot be checked by any number of plans. Such miseries can be removed only by the mercy of the Lord, who sends His bona fide representatives to enlighten human beings and thus save them from all calamities."

Bhg 1.14.11

We fallen souls are so fortunate that Krishna has sent us His representative to remove the miseries of life and to reclaim the conditioned souls.

Gurudev, you are just like a touchstone. Just like metal is converted to gold by the touch of the touchstone,



similarly, each one of us through your divine association, the veil of ignorance is removed by dint of your transcendental knowledge.

ācinoti yah sāstrārtham ācāre sthāpayaty api  
syayam acārate yasmād ācāryas tena kirtitah

An acarya is one who fully understands the conclusions of the revealed scriptures and whose behavior reflects his deep realization. He is a living example for he teaches the meaning of the scriptures both by word and deed. Cāṇu Purāṇa

Gurudev, you are a true acarya, you have taught us unlimitedly through your words and action. By your mercy, we are able to taste the nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam.

ye me bhakta-janāḥ pārtha  
na me bhaktāś ca te janāḥ  
mad-bhaktānām ca ye bhaktāś  
te me bhaktatānā mataḥ.

Lord Krsna told Arjuna, "Those who are directly My devotees, are actually not My devotees. But those who are devotees of my servant are factually My devotees". - Ādi Purāṇa

I simply pray that I will be able to follow all your instructions faithfully. Please engage this servant of yours at the service of your lotus feet.

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Your faithful servant,  
Gomathi Ganga Devi Dasi

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

*(BG 4.34)*

### *Translation*

*“Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Surrender to him and inquire from him and render service at his lotus feet. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you, for he has seen the truth”.*



HARE KRŚNA HARE KRŚNA KRŚNA KRŚNA HARE HARE  
HARE RĀMA HARE RĀMA RĀMA RĀMA HARE HARE

namah om visnu padaya krṣna presthayā bhū-tale  
śrīmata mahavisnu gosvāmin iti nāmine

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Gurudev's  
Transcendental Appearance Day ki JAI!

Pujya Gurudev,

Hare Krṣṇa Gurudev! Please accept my most  
respectful and humble obeisances unto Gurudev's divine  
lotus feet!

Gurudev, this MOST auspicious day of  
Gurudev's Appearance marks the most important day  
in my life. Gurudev, I celebrate this GLORIOUS day  
because it is the day when the Supreme Lord  
Krṣṇa sent to me my ETERNAL FATHER!

Gurudev, the 1st time when Lord Krṣṇa  
granted me Gurudev's darshan, I was completely taken  
in by the love and mercy emanating from Gurudev.  
Gurudev was (and is) constantly glorifying Lord Krṣṇa  
and Śrīla Prabhupāda, and imparting Vedic knowledge  
to us, BUT if it were not for Gurudev's love,  
personal guidance, and causeless mercy, I would  
never have been attracting to Krṣṇa Consciousness.

Gurudev, I learnt the phrase "JIVERIT  
SVAROOP HOY, KRŚNERA NITYA DAS" from Gurudev,  
which means that "the eternal constitutional position  
of living entities is to serve Lord Krṣṇa". Dearest  
Gurudev, to be very plain and honest, I have



no conception of what it means to serve the Supreme Lord. So my prayer each morning at the dust of Gurudev's lotus feet is : " JIVERA SVAROOP HOY, GURUDEV NITYA DASI ". I beg the Lord to let me be a menial servant at the dust of Gurudev's lotus feet. I have NO taste at all for love of the Lord, nor for learning verses, nor for chanting the Lord's names. But what I really really strongly desire, is to be Gurudev's servant for all eternity.

Gurudev, I beg that I may become a receptacle of Gurudev's divine mercy. Gurudev is the DIRECT representative of the Supreme Lord and the MOST exalted personality on earth, and knowing this, I cannot fathom the extent of Gurudev's mercy. Gurudev has taken me, this insignificant, ignorant and LAZY girl as Gurudev's disciple! I beg for Gurudev's forgiveness ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> my countless offenses. I sincerely pray that in this lifetime itself, by holding on to Gurudev's divine lotus feet and Gurudev's instructions, I will be able to make spiritual progress and become worthy of the name Gurudev has given me - ananya-bhakti - and to truly develop UNFLINCHING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE TO GURUDEV AND LORD KRISHNA.

Gurudev, I pray to Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani to help me to surrender my body, my mind, my heart, my intelligence and my entire life, at the dust of Gurudev's divine lotus feet, for this fool is Gurudev's servant for ALL ETERNITY!

JAI GITA EVI

Your worthless servant,  
ananya-bhakti dasi

*hamse gurav may bhaktyanuvrtya  
vitrdsnaya dvandva-titiksaya ca  
sarvatra jantor vyasanavagatya  
jijnasaya tapaseha-nivrttya*

*(SB 5.5.10)*

### *Translation*

*“O My sons, you should accept a highly elevated paramahamsa, a spiritually advanced spiritual master. In this way, you should place your faith and love in Me, the Supreme personality of Godhead. You should detest sense gratification and tolerate the duality of pleasure and pain, which are like the seasonal changes of summer and winter. Try to realize the miserable condition of living entities, who are miserable even in the higher planetary systems. Philosophically inquire about the truth. Then undergo all kinds of austerities and penances for the sake of devotional service”.*



Namah

Om Visnupadaya

Krsna prsthaya bhutale,

Srimate Mahavisnu Goswamin iti Namine.

Namah Om Visnupadaya, Krsna prsthaya bhutale

Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swamin iti namine.

Namaste Sarvate Deva Gaura vani' pracarine  
Nirvisesa duryavadi' pascatya desa tarine.

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Dearest Maharaj, in my heart, Maharaj is transcendently pure and bona fide representative of Krsna. Many times I feel I do not realize how heavy and potent with meaning it is the fact that Maharaj is in my life.

"Nairo payanty apacitini karayas taresa  
brahmāy usapi kṛtam rddha-mudab smaraantah  
yo'ntar bahis tanu-bhrtām āśubham vidhunvann  
ācārya-caitya-vapusā svā-gatim vyanakti"

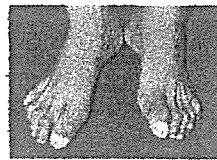
(SB · 11. 29. 6)

### Translation:

O my Lord! Transcendental poets + experts in spiritual science could not fully express their indebtedness to You, even if they were endowed with the prolonged lifetime of Brahma, for You appear in 2 features:  
— externally as the Acarya and internally as the Supersoul — to deliver the embodied living entity by directing him how to come to you."

Maharaj, You are truly the external manifestation of Krsna and it is my incredible fortune that You have accepted this degraded soul as your disciple.

There have been a few times when I was in dire need, and from across the world, Maharaj has phoned me at that very exact moment to calm



the raging storm in my mind, & heart. Mahavaj said it was the "psychic connection" but it is actually much more than that. Mahavaj is actually ~~is~~ DIRECTLY COMMUNICATING with Krsna, Mahavaj is WITH KRSNA & IS SEEING KRSNA NOW. That is why Mahavaj knows when exactly to call me at those times when I needed love & encouragement. It had been astounding and only now when I think back, do I fully realize the greatness of Mahavaj. You are the direct external feature of Krsna, how can I be forgiven for taking You for granted so many times & dearest gurudev?

Mahavaj Knows how fallen I am, and yet Mahavaj has so lovingly, so compassionately, so incredibly given me Your Divine Association that my stoned heart just melts. Mahavaj is patiently and lovingly engaging me in devotional service, although I have no qualifications whatsoever.

"Sri Vigraha-tadhana nitya nana  
Srngara tan-mandira - marjanadan  
yuktasya bhaktams ca niyunjato pi:  
vande guroh sri caranara vindam"

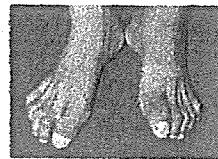
Mahavaj, I would never have believed if anyone had told me that I would be helping in making Sr. Sri Radha-Shyamsundar's dresses. Yet today, it is



ONLY, ONLY, ONLY because of Mahoraj's mercy that I am doing it. Please don't ever let me be egoistical about this. I am just stunned and now this verse has so much more meaning for me → Again it has shown me how transcendental Mahoraj really is and how I have just taken Gurudev for granted.

Yet, whenever I try to express to Mahoraj how great I feel Mahoraj is, Mahoraj is so incredibly humble & never accepts it, saying that we should always go to Srila Prabhupada. But it is because Mahoraj is repeating exactly what Srila Prabhupada is saying that I feel I have living and breathing Srila Prabhupada in my life. I CANNOT HELP but be attached to Your Divine Lotus Feet. I have no conception of who Krsna is. I cannot feel love for Krsna. Although my love is motivated and adulterated, I in my own insignificant way love Mahoraj dearly, and I hope one day this will purify me to approach Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna.

Mahoraj, Lord Baladev instructed that one should accept a highly elevated paramahansa. I don't know how or why, but Krsna has delivered me the incredible fortune of associating with a Paramahansa like Your Divine self ...



"hamse gurau maijī bhaktyā nūrtyā  
vitrsnayā drandva - titikṣayā ca  
sarvatra jantor vyasanāragatyā  
jijnāsayā tapaseha - nivṛttyā.

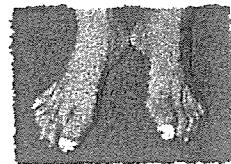
mat - Karmabhir mat - Kathaya ca mityam  
mad - deva - saigād guna - kirtanā me  
nirvaira - sāmyo paśamena putrā  
jihāsayā deha - gehātma - buddheḥ

adhyātma - yogeṇa vṛvita - sevaya  
prāṇadriyatmābhijayena Sadhryak  
sat - Chraḍḍhayā bhrāmacaryena Śāśvad  
asampramādeaa yameṇa rācām

Sarvatra mad - bhāva - vicaksanena  
jnānenā vijñāna - virājiteṇa  
yogeṇa dhṛty - udīyama - sattva - yuktō<sup>o</sup>  
lingam vyapohet kuśalo 'ham - ākhyam."

(SB 5.5.10-13)

But Maharaj. I am failing miserably as a disciple. I have not yet acquired even one quality that Lord Rāshadeva instructs his 100 sons to acquire in the 4 verses above. Maharaj - today. I beg that somehow I can break through the resistance and the clutter that clouds my mind & my heart, so that I can endeavour sincerely + enthusiastically so that the bhakti-lata-bija that Maharaj has planted will grow. I beg that come what may, I never ever stray from the path that You and Sri/a Prashupadar have shown. Please give me complete conviction and 100% determination in spiritual life. Maharaj has so lovingly called me "grand-daughter". This grand-daughter begs at your lotus feet that she will be able to maintain and INTENSIFY



this connection that Mahoray has allowed her  
to have with Yourself. I beg that You will  
always be with me, in this lifetime and  
all eternity because to me:

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Please accept my offer of service and  
please forgive me for all the offences I am  
committing against Your Divine self and  
your disciples.

Your most fallen grand-daughter

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(Kali-kunda-dasi)

Jai Gurudev!

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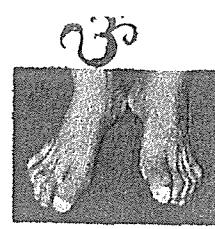
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*krpa-sindhuh su-sampurnah  
sarva-sattvopakarakah  
nisprhah sarvatah siddhah  
sarva-vidya-visaradah  
sarva-samsaya-samchetta  
'nalaso gurur ahrtah*

*(Hari-Bhakti-Vilasa 1.45,46 quoted from visnu-smrti Vacana)*

### *Translation*

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



Hare KRSNA MAHARAJ !

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet ;

Nama om viṣṇu-pādāya

Kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale  
Śrīmata Mahavishnu

Groswāmin iti nāmine

Nama Om Viṣṇu-pādāya, Kṛṣṇa-presthāya bhū-tale, Śrīmata-bhaktivedānta-swāmīnī<sup>nāmine</sup>  
Namas te Śācasvate deve

Gaura-vanī-pracārine  
nirviśeṣa-Śūnyavādi -  
pāscātya-desa-tārīne.

All Glories to You, Maharaj ! on this auspicious day and always. I'll  
always pray to Kṛṣṇa for your good health and well-being.

Words are really failing me at this point, Maharaj, as this fallen soul is  
so confused. How then can I praise you? I do not know. You've shown  
me your mercy and given me your blessings and I pray that I'll always  
be able to serve you. Lost in this world, you have shown me a direction  
to take and I hope and pray that I can follow it without any deviation.<sup>devi-</sup>

Your lectures and blessings have always been my source of inspiration and  
encouragement. I'm still groping my way up the spiritual ladder, failing &  
falling most of the time but the wonderful association of your disciples keeps  
me going again and their kindness and loving nature always make me return  
back to them. May I also learn from them to be as humble and loving

'Thru' KRSNA's grace, I got the association of your wonderful

transcendental self and your care and concern has touched my heart & soul.  
You have accepted this sinful soul, I hope and pray that I will not be a  
disappointment to you. May you & KRSNA always guide me thru' my  
devotional service so that I maybe able to serve you better at your  
lotus feet thru' bhakti. Jai Shree KRSNA !

Please once again do accept my humble pranams !

HARE KRSNA !



Always seeking your  
divine association.

*yadyapi amara guru-caitanyera dasa  
tathapi janiye ami tanhara prakasa*

*(Cc. Adi 1.44)*

### *Translation*

*Although I know my guru is a servitor of Sri Caitanya, I know that He is a full manifestation (prakasa) of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself.*



vāncha kalpataru bhyas' ca kṛpa sindhubhyā eva ca  
patitānām pāvane bhyo vāinave bhyo namo namah.

To:

His Divine Grace Mahavisnu Gosvāmī Mahārāj,

Dear Mahārāj,

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Please accept our humble  
obeisances at Mahārāj's most blessed  
lotus feet on this auspicious day of  
your Vyāsā puja.

Dear Mahārāj,

I pray that Mahārāj is in the best of health.  
Thank you for being so kind + understanding  
with us and our children. Your servant  
Rajpal

Mahārāj thank you so much for  
guiding my children through their spiritual  
lives. Please continue to bless us  
with your kindness. We pray for  
Mahārāj's good health and long life.

Your humble servant  
Santha.

*na dharmam nadharmam sruti-gana niruktam kila kuru  
vraje radha-krsna-pracura-paricaryam iha tanu  
saci-sunum nandisvara-pati-sutatve guru-varam  
mukunda-prestative smara param ajasram nanu manah*

*(Manah –Siksa 2, Srila Raghunatha Dasa Gosvami)*

### *Translation*

*O mind! Give up all connections with Vedic piety and impiety and simply serve Radha and Krsna in Vrndavana with all your heart. Know that Lord Caitanya, the son of Saci, is Sri Krsna, the son of Nanda and always remember that Sri Guru is mukunda-prestha, the dearmost servant of Krsna.*



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HARE KRISHNA, HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA, KRISHNA  
HARE HARE HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA  
HARE HARE

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA ALL GLORIES  
ALL GLORIES TO GURU AND GAURANGA

Dear Maharaji,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotusfeet. It was indeed a pleasure to have your Darshan after a long time. Me and my wife are thankful for the personal interview which Your holiness gave us which we did not deserve. Maharaj, let me express myself in these few broken words of mine. How can one progress on the spiritual path, and return back to Godhead. I have been daily worshipping ever since my father passed away, but my mind is not at ease. My spiritual master Swami Sarvanand Maharaj of Prem Prakash Mandal, Jaipur gave me the holy Naam to recite, I tried this on the Jaap Mala but my mind starts jumping here and there. What are the steps to be taken to control the mind. Kindly enlighten me. Maharaj, thank you very much for spending your valuable time going through these broken words. Hoping to have your Darshan soon in Singapore. HARI BO L.

Humbly yours at the lotes feet.

D.A.L. Sambwani

Indra D. Sambwani

*yasya saksad bhagavati jnana-dipa prade gurau  
martyasad-dhih srutam tasya sarvam kunjara-saucavat*

(SB 7.15.26)

### *Translation*

“The guru is considered as the Supreme Lord Himself, because he gives the light of transcendental knowledge to his disciples. Consequently, for one who maintains the material conception that the guru is an ordinary human being, everything is frustrated. His attempts to progress in spiritual life, his Vedic studies and scriptural knowledge, his penance’s and austerities, and his worship of the Deity are all as useless as the bathing of an elephant”.



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*janana-maranadi-samsaranala-santapto dipta-sira*

*jala-rasim iva upahara-panih srotriyam*

*brahma-nistham gurum upasrtya tam anusarati*

(*vedanta-sara 11*)

### *Translation*

"Just as a person whose head is afire runs towards water, one burning from the fire of material existence-birth, death, old age, and disease-must run to a guru for relief. Such a guru must be fixed in the Absolute Truth and well-versed in the scriptures. One should approach him with all that is needed for sacrifice, submit to him, and be ready to carry out his every instruction".



"Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj"

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Guru + Sri Gauranga.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

We are so fortunate and happy to have met you by Krishnas' Mercy. When my family and I first met you in Radhikas' house in Singapore, we got blessing from you. We was so impressed by your calmness and humbleness. You have advice us on how to cope with growing children and be more understanding. Sometimes situation around us upset our mood towards children and only when we remember your advice we will cool down. After being in Krishna consciousness, we do not cook meat at home and as you know my husband has also became vegetarian since APR' 98. As for myself, I am a vegetarian since Nov' 92. But only from APR' 98 I have given up onion and garlic. My children Gayathri and Govindh do criticise us on non-meat cooking at home. We have to bear all this consequences and hope by Krishnas' mercy one day they will also change and understand.

Recently my father had heart failure and was very serious in ICU. Doctors has given up hope. My Matajis' told me to recite chapter 8 and 12 of Gita and also told me to recite Nrsimha Karacam. We put Lord Sri Krishna and Lord Sri Nrsimha's picture in front facing my father and recite the Maha Mantra. Finally about 1½ to 2 weeks later he recovered and was discharged.



All this is happening by the grace of Lord Sri Krishna's mercy. For I knew, many times Lord Sri Krishna has been protecting and has given me the strength during the hard time. Daily I do chant 16 rounds, but however sometimes when I am unable to complete 16 rounds I will pay back on the next day. Guru Maharaj, I am so sorry for the last line. My husband Venu Gopal and daughter Gayathri do chant but not 16 rounds.

We love your Bhagavatam class. From this class I have gain some spiritual knowledge and learn to sing Arati ceremony. Sometimes when I am free, I do myself at home and when visualising myself in being in Vishnu loka with Lord Sri Krishna, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Lord Nrsimha, Srila Prabhupada, (yourself) Guru Maharaj, Guru Sri pad and devotees in the picture, the feeling of spiritual activity during this time is wonderful. Maharaj, Please forgive us if we have said anything wrong, We have not been attending for the temple programme for the past one month plus. Hope to resume the temple programme the week after Param Prabhu's Wedding. I am very keen to visit Dwarka the holy land soon.

Maharaj, Please be merciful, guide and protect we down fallen soul in the path of spiritual advancement.

Your servant:

Venu Gopal Prabhu - Ab

Sumathi Mataji - MM

*evam gurupasanayaika-bhaktya  
vidya-kutharena sitena dhirah  
vivrscya jivasayam apramattah  
sampadya catmanam atha tyajastram*

(SB 11.12.24)

### *Translation*

*With steady intelligence you should develop unalloyed devotional service by careful worship of the spiritual master, and with the sharp ax of transcendental knowledge you should cut off the subtle material covering of the soul. Upon realizing the Supreme Personality of Godhead, you should then give up the ax of analytic knowledge.*



परमा पूज्य गुरु महाराज जी  
 हरे कृष्ण  
 आपके दरण कमलों में मेरे पीरवार  
 का कोटि-कोटि प्रणाम। आपके दरणों की धूल  
 में ही हम सबका कल्याण है। इस माया  
 रूपी दर्सार में इस मवसागर से पार उतरने  
 का जो मार्गदर्शन हमें आपसे मिला है तसकी  
 सराहने के लिये मुझ जैसी तुड़द आओ।  
 के पास २१८६ नहीं है। गुरु महाराज आपसे  
 कर वह २५१ प्राप्ति की है आप गेर पीरवार  
 को सही मार्गदर्शन है और अपनी कृपा  
 सदैव रखें आपके दर्शन के आपत्ति भी  
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 आपका दर्शन  
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 अनांशिक

*krsna yadi krpa kare kona bhagyavane  
guru-antaryami-rupe sikhaya apane*

*(Cc. Mad 22.47)*

### *Translation*

*By the mercy of Krsna a fortunate soul is guided by the Supersoul from within and from the guru without.*



Dear Mahanishnu Maharaj Ki Jaya !

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your  
Trancendental self on this auspicious Appearance Day.

May Lord Krishna bless you for your dedication and  
Self-less mission in spreading the teachings of the  
Caitanya Mahaprephu and Krishna Consciousness.

In fact my first encounter of meeting you was  
Krishna's arrangement through Nandakishor das. I am very  
grateful to him and indebted to you for your  
Wonderful Lectures.

Dear Maharaj , I feel that it is through your mercy  
and Krishna's grace that I am able to come into  
the association of your pure devotees in Singapore.

Please give us your blessings so that my family  
takes positive steps towards the spiritual  
platform.

I must mention that you are a gem of a Vaishnavae  
Devotee of the Lord and can fulfil the spiritual desires  
of everyone. I therefore offer my obeisances once  
again unto to your Lotus feet. Although I may  
not be qualified , I pray to be able to serve you  
better through your pure devotees in Singapore.  
Hare Krishna!

Your insignificant aspiring servants ,

KIRTI DOSHI

BINDU DOSHI

SWEETA K. DOSHI

NEHA K. DOSHI

# SRI GURV-ASTAKA

## **SRI SRI GURV - ASTAKA**

### **1**

*samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-  
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam  
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya  
vande guroh sir-caranaravindam*

#### **Translation:**

*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.*

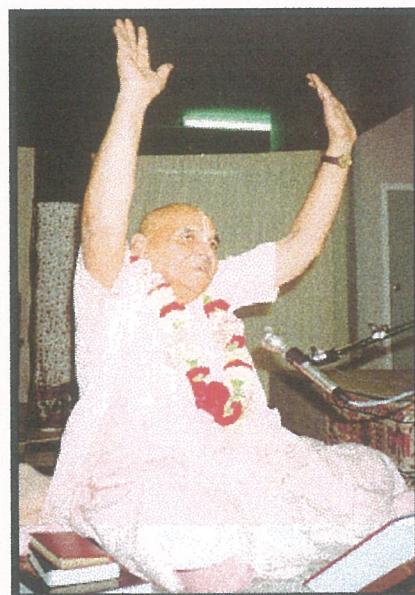
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### **2**

*mahaprabhoh kirtana-nrtya-gita-  
vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena  
romanca-kampasru-taranga-bhajo  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

#### **Translation:**

*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 Maha-prabhu. 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

*sri-vigraharadhana-nitya-nana-  
srngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau  
yuktasya bhaktams ca niyunjato pi  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

#### **Translation:**

*The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes & 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.*

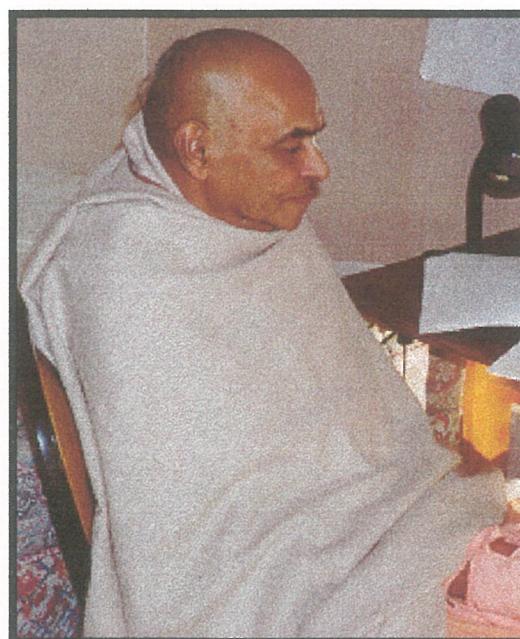
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### 4

*catur-vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada-  
svadv-anna-trptan hari-bhakta-sanghan  
krtvaiva trptim bhajatah sadaiva  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

#### **Translation:**

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



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

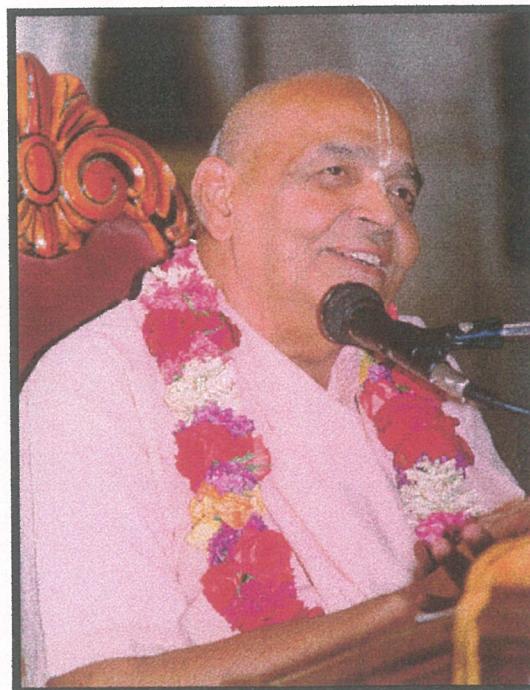
**Translation:**

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

*nikunja-yuno rati-keli-siddhyai  
ya yalibhir yuktir apeksaniya  
tatrati-dakṣyad ati-vallabhasya  
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

**Translation:**

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



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

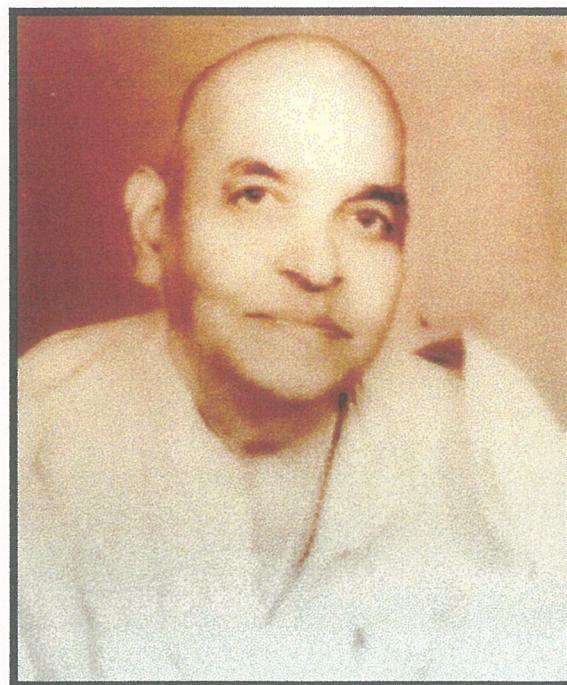
**Translation:**

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

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

**Translation:**

*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.*



*His DIVINE GRACE SRILA  
MAHA VISNU GOSWAMI GURUDEV'S  
TRANSCENDENTAL APPEARANCE DAY  
KI JAI!!*