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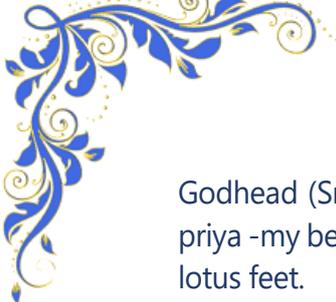
Śrīla Mahāviṣṇu Goswāmi Pranām Mantra

*hare kṛṣṇa mantreṇa pāna karite, swāse swāse pade pade
cittam pratikṣanam spanamti ca ramanti ca, dhrdha bhāgavatam
dharma premadhārānurāga karuṇā dhrṣti 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; bhāgavatam dharma - aural reception of the vedantasruti (Srimad Bhagavatam); premadhārānurāga - the transcendental flood of love overflowing from the great Scripture; karuṇā - merciful; dhrṣti - 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; namaḥ - 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 murdhnāra caraṇāravinde
śri bhāgavat pāda su-medhase
pracārine loka tārine
śri mahāviṣṇu goswāmi nāmine*



Synonyms

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 Mahavisnu Goswami 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 Prabhupada



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.

*kibā vipra, kibā nyāsī, śūdra kene naya
yei kṛṣṇa-tattva-vettā, 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, parivrajakacarya 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 Sriman Revatinandana 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 Bhaktivinoda Thakura, 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.

*ei rūpe brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-kṛpayā pāya bhakti-latā-bīja*

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.

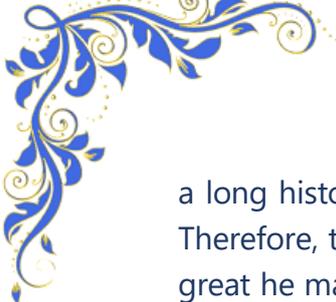


So this movement, Krishna consciousness movement, that you already know, that this is a most essential, most important movement to the human society. Last night the Ambassador of India, His Excellency Rasgotra, he was present here. He also appreciated that this movement is very important movement, and 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 Madhvacarya, 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



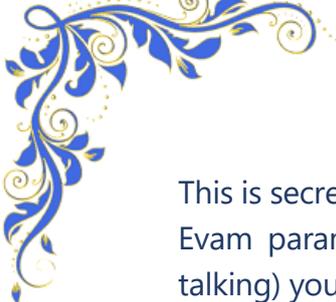
a long history. So even a great person like Mahatma Gandhi, he commits mistake. Therefore, the sastra says any conditioned soul, he must commit mistake. However great he may be in the estimation of fools and rascals. Sva-vid-varahostra. He must commit mistake, he must be illusioned, his propensity is 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.

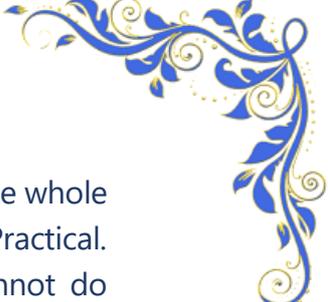
So Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, [Cc. Madhya 7.128]

*āmāra ājñāya guru hañā tāra' ei deśa
yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'krṣṇa'-upadeśa*

Just see. It is very nice. You'll find in Caitanya-caritamṛta, 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 worshipping, 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 nidhāya trṇakam padayor nipatyā
kāku-śatam kṛtvā ca aham bravāmi
he sādhaveḥ sakalam eva nihāya durād
caitanya-candra-caraṇe kurutānurāgam*

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 nipatyā 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 sadhavaḥ, "You are a great sadhu." Although he may be rascal number one. Still, you call him, he sadhavaḥ. "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 tasmān manuṣyeṣu kaścīn me priya-kṛttamaḥ

"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



Śri 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 prokāśito
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.

Śrī Mahāviṣṇu Goswāmi Kīrti-Aṣṭakam

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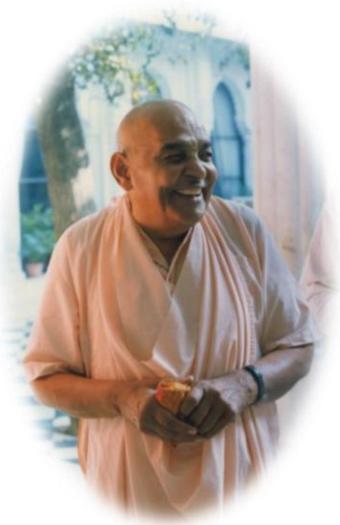
*śrī kṛṣṇa śaraṇaṁ śaraṇāgataṁ
kathāmrtam satata pibatam
bhaktivedānta-mārga panthanam
sarva loka-rṣi-deva-jana prasannam*



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

(2)

*śrī bhaktivedānta nitya-śikṣa paṭhantam
citta su-vicāra hṛdaya kaṅṭhanam
dayā-dṛṣṭi-hāsya-gambhīra vācanam
loka mārga darśanam parama tāraṇam*



Always engaged in learning the instructions of Srila Prabhupada 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 pāvanam ca mangala param
tuṣṭa-maṇḍ-gata-spr̥ha parama vimadam
bhūmi sarvatra deśa deśa bhrāmāyam
kṛṣṇa-rupa-guṇa-līla-nāma gīyatam*





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-divya-gopa-nanda-bāla darśanam
karṇa divya divya jihva nāma kīrtanam
loka-jana-saṁsāra-bhāva-vismṛtam
kṛṣṇa caraṇāravinda bhāvanāmṛtam*



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)

*gām gām panthatam śrī-dhāma praviṣṭam
śrī dhāma sevāyai dhāma-kīrtanam
sthāpya-mandira prema-bhakti-rūpam
su-vigraha śrī-rukmiṇīnātha sthāpakam*



In accordance with Vedic customs you installed the beautiful deities of Sri Sri RadhaNilaMadhava 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)

*madana mohan mohinī śrī nīla-mādhava
su-vīgraha sthāpakam viddhi pūrvakam
kṛtajña saurāṣṭra bhumi pāda sparśanam
gagana garjayanti ambodha varṣaṇam*



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

(7)

*śrī mahāviṣṇu siddhivān parama dayāvān
divya guṇa vibhūṣita bhakti jñānavān
caraṇa koti daṇḍavat śīrṣa namanam
tava-kīrti-kīrtanam-sadā eṣa dāsa nivedam*



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.

(8)

*dīna viraja kṛṣṇa dāsa gīta caritam
guru mahāviṣṇu pūjya deva arpaṇam
guru seva abhilāṣa tīvra bhāvanā
kim kariṣyati adhama-pāpa jīvanam*



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

Our Only Shelter

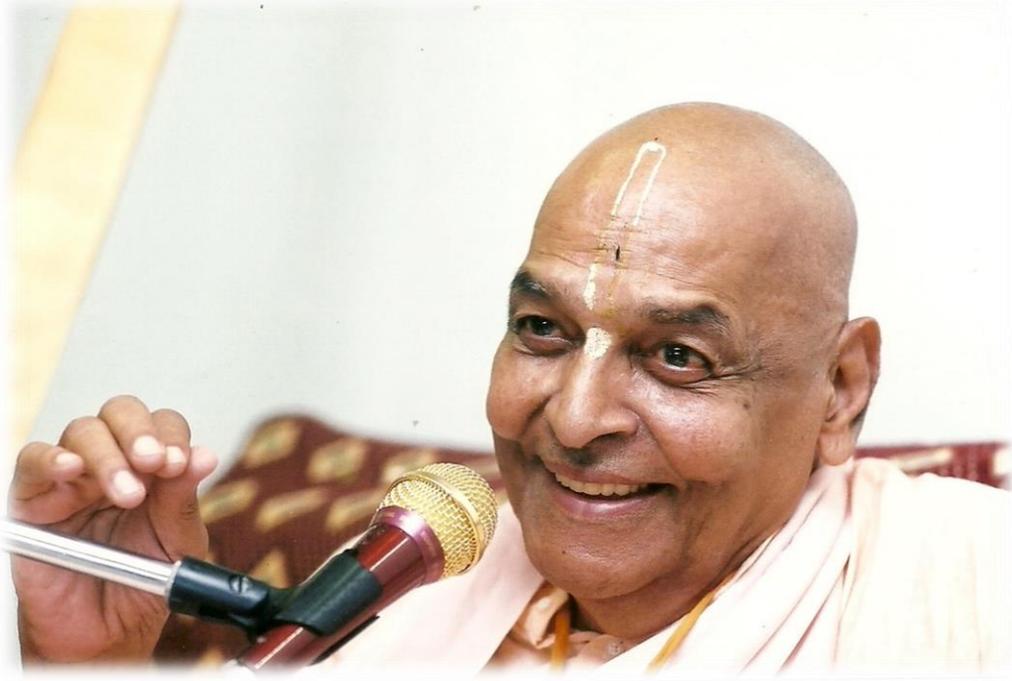
*srīmad bhāgavatam śāstra pāṇim atula kārunya chandrānaṁ
ajñāna timirāpahāya patitān sankalpa sūryodayam
dīnānām śeela gunonnati kṛta matih śāstrārtha ratna pradam
mad bhāgyam mad eka śaranam mad guror anyām na manyāmaham*



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 mukhāmbhojaṁ mahānīya guṇārṇavaṁ
madhura bhāṣiṇaṁ śāntaṁ sarva bhūta dayā paraṁ
sadā kṛṣṇa rasāviṣṭhaḥ paramānanda vigrahaṁ
śrīmad bhāgavata magna hrdayaṁ śrīguruṁ taṁ 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.

Sri Sri Gurvaṣṭaka

(written by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura)



*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-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-vigrahārādhana-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 Krsna. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

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

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

*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.

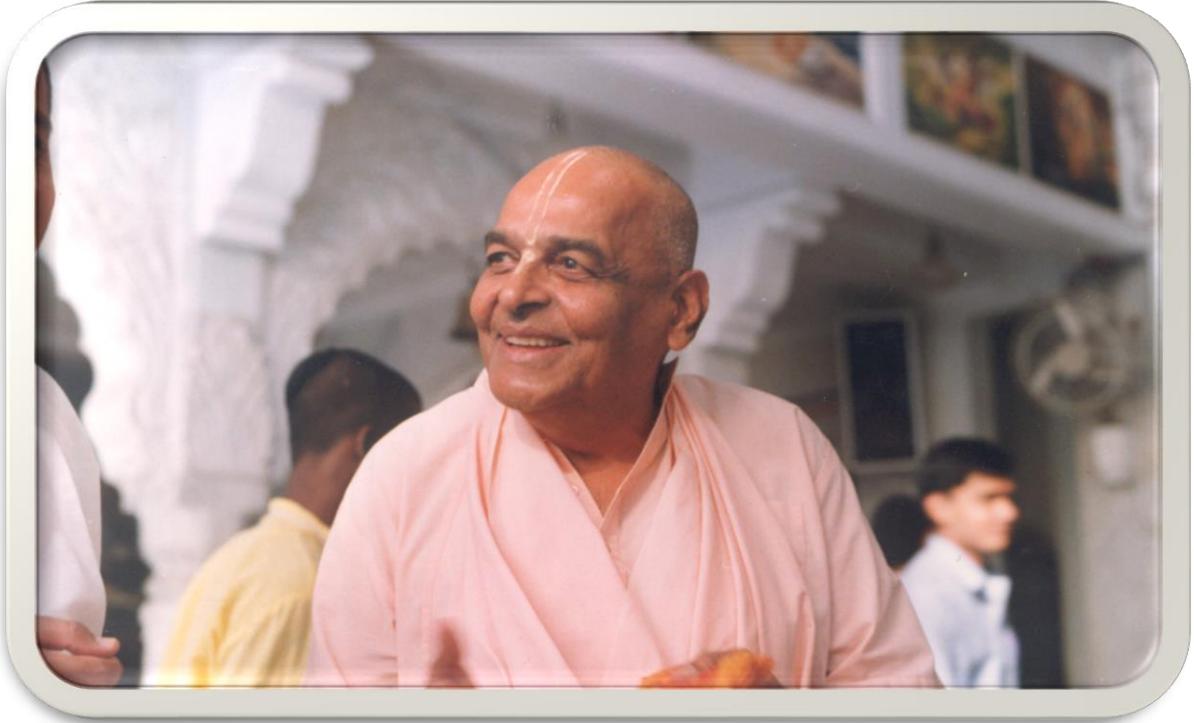
*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

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 stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ
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.

Australia – Brisbane



“In human existence only, you can understand these things. And if you, nonsensically waste your human existence, then you are killing yourself. aatma haa - you know, suicide, you are committing your own suicide. Don't do it please”

**Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021**

--Viraja Krsna das

*śrī kṛṣṇa śaraṇaṁ śaraṇāgataṁ
kathāmrtam satata pibatam
bhaktivedānta-mārga panthanam
sarva loka-rṣi-deva-jana prasannam*

Following the path of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, you are constantly drinking the nectar of Krishna-katha, having fully surrendered, taking shelter unto his lotus feet. Doing so, you have pleased the demigods, sages and residents of all the planets.

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 your divine appearance.

In Srimad Bhagavatam we see the pastime of Nalakuver and Manigriva, the two divine sons of the treasurer of demigods. Because of the riches of their father, they became unduly proud. When wealth comes without hard labour, the wealth is not valued and plundered recklessly in sinful activities.

Whilst studying Srimad Bhagavatam for this year's Damodar month I had this sobering realisation: 'Somehow in my life I have got the richest and wealthiest father in form of your divine self as my spiritual master, guide and saviour. You have made things so easy for me; initiating me into the chanting of the holy names, guiding me in studying of Srimad Bhagavatam and personally giving so many instructions and taking care of me. As years go by, I realise the magnanimity of your mercy in my life. If it wasn't for your causeless mercy, I would be rotting in some gutter. However, like the two spoilt and undeserving sons of Kuvera, I have not been fully able to understand and realise the value of the spiritual wealth you have given me. I have taken your mercy and affection for granted. I am thus an offender no different from the two sons of Kuvera.'

Let me beg for your forgiveness and for your mercy, so that I can improve the quality of my devotional service without envy, without pride, without material desires; and with faith, with earnestness and with humility. I pray unto your lotus feet that I imbibe the mood of your divine self in practice of my devotional service, in studying of Srimad Bhagavatam, in my interactions with everyone that I meet. I pray that in my solitude, my mind does not wander here and there; but be fixed in chanting of the holy names and studying of Srimad Bhagavatam. I pray that I exhibit compassion in my dealings with everyone without fail. These aspirations of mine are only there, because I have seen you practice it with all sincerity at your command. Although I can never understand depth of your realisations and actions, I can perceive that it is something very sublime and this instils faith and hope in my heart. This hope is my only hope. This hope gives me courage to keep walking on the path you have chalked out for me.



As time goes, this body which I was so proud of, is giving me trouble. Things I was very easily and effortlessly able to do ten years ago is an endeavour now. I have come to realise the challenges that this aging body presents is not going to get any easier. However, your fearless example of soldiering on, on this path of Srila Prabhupada – gives me hope. You were always cheerful and blissful despite many challenges. This was possible because you never allowed your consciousness to be fixed in anything else apart from the lotus feet of Krsna and Srila Prabhupada's Srimad Bhagavatam. You have shown us the path to tolerate and overcome various challenges including the inevitability of aging body without being agitated and disturbed. You have shown us that by being fixed in Krsna Consciousness, the mind is ever young, fresh and jovial; giving the same bliss and joy to everyone who came in touch with you.

My submission to Krishna is, '*tavānucara-kiñkarau*' SB 10.10.37. 'Oh Krishna, I am a humble servant of your follower HH Mahavisnu Goswami' – this is my only hope to be reclaimed for entrance to the spiritual abode and to serve you eternally.

Your humble servant,
Viraja Krsna das

PS. By your divine arrangement on the transcendental day of your appearance I have a service opportunity to install a set of Srimad Bhagavatam and preach the message of Srimad Bhagavatam. I seek your blessings for this service. Everything is happening by your mercy - let me always be an instrument at your hands for your and Krishna's pleasure.



Australia – Sydney



“Krishna does not need anybody for His enjoyment. He is atmaram. And we can also be self-sufficient if we follow Krishna's instructions”

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--Kaveri devi dasi

Dear Maharaj,
I beg to offer my humble obeisance at the dust of your feet.
Thank you for everything that you have done for Krishna.
Your unqualified disciple always,
Kaveri devi dasi



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--Sila Sampan das

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale sṛimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Please accept my humble obeisances. Maharaj, I pray that with Sri Krishna's mercy, and the mercy of various Vaishnavas, you receive and accept my offering.

Maharaj ji, you are an ocean of numerous transcendental qualities. With your perfect understanding, practice and preaching of Bhagavatam, you have improved countless lives and saved them from the pangs of material miseries. All of your transcendental instructions have provided us practical ways as how we can practice Bhagavatam in our daily life. These are being revealed in the Granthraj forum every day. It really amazes me how wonderful insights you have provided to us and made these instructions so easy to follow in our daily lives. By your causeless mercy, you have taught us so much for which we are eternally thankful.

Maharaj, with your kind permission I want to talk about some of your transcendental qualities that always inspire me:

- Your purity and perfection of Vedic knowledge, practice and preaching.
- You were always very pleasing and inspiring to meet.
- You always thought about welfare of everyone and everything.
- You were always very grateful and thankful to anyone who may have assisted you even a little bit.
- Your powerful spiritual strength was not affected by any unfavourable circumstances (old age, physical health).

Maharaj ji, you are an embodiment of purity, perfection, fully versed and realised in the Vedic knowledge and fully surrendered to Lord Krishna. This is the root of many of your potencies and wonderful qualities.

Purity and Perfection:

You are a reservoir of all divine qualities such as humility, magnanimousness, equanimity, truthfulness, transcendental bliss, always smiling and contented, compassionate to all entities, control of all senses, simplicity, gentleness, fearlessness, austerity, gentleness and many more in a perfect way.

Fully versed and realised in the Vedic knowledge

Your understanding and realisations of Vedic scriptures was perfect and your lifestyle was fully in accordance with these injunctions. I remember, once you mentioned that this is the real



basis of all spiritual perfections. Most times, I feel how little I knew (despite all my studies) before reading your explanations in the Granthraj forum.

Fully surrendered to Lord Krishna

As per the Vaishnava parampara, you are fully convinced of various opulences and potencies of Lord Krishna. This and your realisations of the Vedic knowledge, you are fully surrendered and dependent on the Lord. You then, being most merciful, are spreading this knowledge and realisations for our true welfare.

I remember with fond memories many of your very potent specific instructions.

- Lord Krishna is in control and sanctions everything. Therefore, following Lord's injunctions and fully dependent upon Him is essential. Then we will not have any fear or insecurity.
- Lord Krishna has given you so much and you do not need to work very hard to maintain yourself. Therefore, focus more on reading Srila Prabhupada's books and applying those teachings in your daily life.
- 'We have to go.' Therefore, keep your life very simple and material possessions to bare essential.
- Unentangle yourself voluntarily, otherwise you will be forced to do so at the time of your suffering and finally death.

Whenever I rang you for any reason, the first thing you asked me was '**How is your sadhana?**' With time I came to realise that you meant **if our sadhana is good then our spiritual, mental and physical health is fine. For any of our problem we need to divert our attention to Bhagavatam and then Lord Krishna will guide us.**

I pray that on this special occasion of your Vyasa Puja and every other day, you please kindly bestow special mercy upon me, that I may follow your instructions nicely and gradually keep making some progress to the path you have shown us.

Your humble disciple,
Sila Sampana das



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--Taral Vilocana Krsna das

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa 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 2021.

Krishna is so kind that he has given as the opportunity to meditate upon your glories once
again. By such meditation we can ultimately follow in your footsteps to develop love of Their
Lordships and service to the Vaisnavas and living entities at large.

Needless to say, this year has been full of challenges. The foundation of strong devotional
service is devotee association. This has been particularly challenging during these times with
limitations on congregational gatherings and chanting. Our saving grace is that you have given
us the syllabus to pass the ultimate exam – attachment to Bhagavatam-

tac chr̥ṇvan su-paṭhan vicāraṇa-paro bhaktyā vimucyen naraḥ

**Anyone who seriously tries to understand Srimad-Bhagavatam, who properly hears and
chants it with devotion, becomes completely liberated.**

Remaining inspired by your example, therefore, you have blessed us with the opportunity to
take two regular classes for young children "Gopal's Glorious Gang" and now a small class for
teenagers "Gopinath's Grand Gangsters" and share with them whatever I have learnt from you
in so far as our intelligence will allow. This has been mutually rewarding and knowing that I
might please your Divine Grace with this small endeavour is what continues to inspire these
programs. As you have said, children are like sponges and it is our duty as parents to ensure
that we equip them (and ourselves in the process) with directions onto this Royal Road of
eternal bliss.

As per your desire we have completed the Praceta's Prayers this year and have commenced
Chapter 12 of the Bhagavad Gita and for the elder group, we near completion of the Science
of Self Realisation. We continue to remember how you have lovingly nurtured us in our study
and our recitation and are attempting to model our efforts in this endeavour on your glorious
example of encouragement and inclusion. It is my hope that I can be a conduit for the love
you have shown us and then you and Krsna might yet be pleased.

And what is that glory that you do not possess? Your love and mercy have already been
described:

*he guro jnāna-da dina-bandho
svānanda-datah karunaika-sindho*

*vrindāvanasina hitavatara
prasida rādha-pranaya-prachāra*

O spiritual master, O giver of divine wisdom, O friend of the fallen, you are the giver of your own bliss and you are the only ocean of mercy. Although dwelling in Vrindavana, you have descended for the welfare of fallen souls like myself and you are preaching the divine love of Radha for Krishna. Please be kind upon me.

I hope, in the time ahead, to be more dedicated to your instructions, more serious about our chanting and more deeply dedicated to regular study of Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam, for in this way we can be closest to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav's and Srila Prabhupada's beloved and loyal servant. Please give us the strength to be true to this desire despite the challenges we face and the excuses we make, giving us the shade of your lotus feet despite the blazing fire of material existence which threatens to thwart our feeble attempts. On our own we are nothing, but through the strength of Guru anything and everything is possible, as sastra exhorts:

*mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-krpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam*

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.

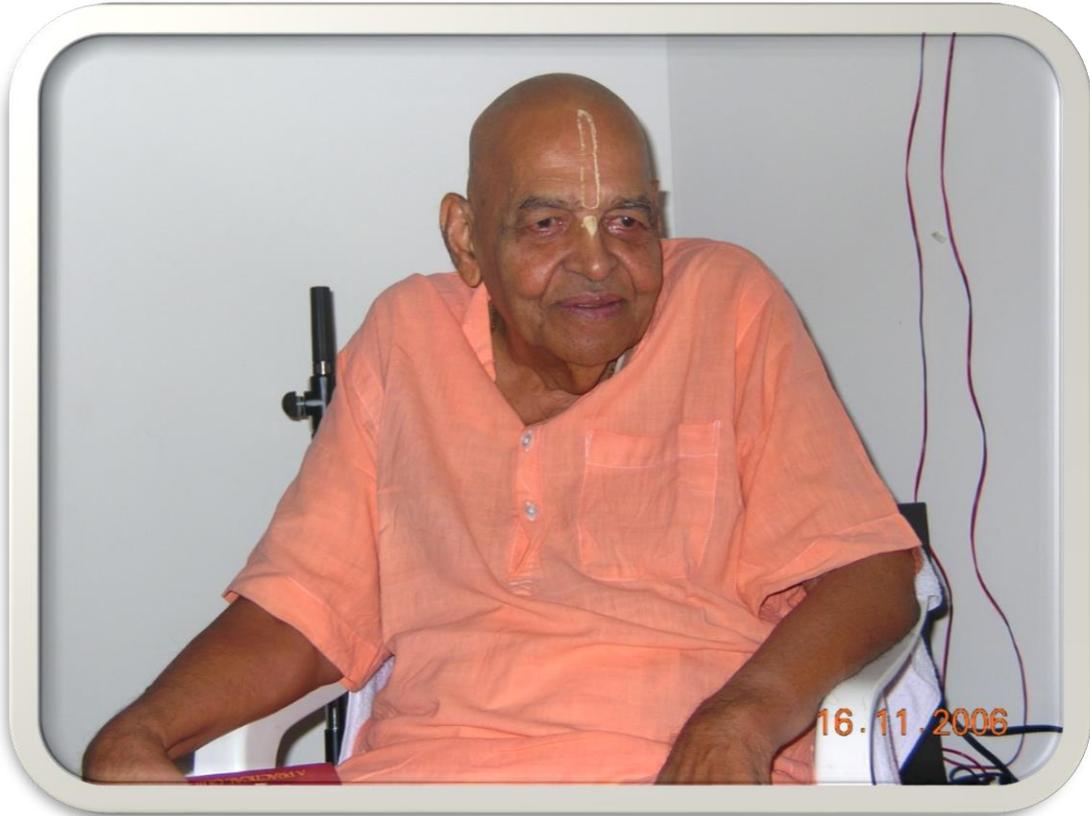
Your servant and son, eternally,

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

Tara Vilocana Krsna das



Australia – Melbourne



“So many things were going on. But even then, Prabhupada didn't lose his equilibrium. We should follow him. He was very undisturbed. And because he was undisturbed, he has written so many purports of Bhagavatam and never mentioned any of the difficulties which we underwent”

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--Jananipriya devi dasi

Dear Maharaj,

I am Janani priya devi dasi, daughter of Svayam Sampurna Krishna Prabhuji. I have written a poem to offer you. I sincerely beg your's and the devotee's blessings are always with my family.

*You gave us land with cows in glee
And everyone loves you as you can see
You read Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam with all your heart
And that is why you are always smart
Maharaj, you are the best
And you are always good in Krishna quest*

I just had something to say - Can you please make sure/ask Sri Krishna that if my family can have a happy life and we can go back to Krishna?

Your grand-daughter,
Jananipriya devi dasi



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--Shubhankari devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Happy Krishna conscious 102nd birthday.
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Please bless us so that we can serve Krishna all our life. Maya is strong. So please help us to be in association of Srimad Bhagavatam. I know that you are listening to our prayers in Goloka Vrindavan.

Your spiritual daughter,
Shubhankari devi dasi



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--Svayam Sampurna Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

Happy 102nd Vyasapuja Celebrations to you Maharaj. Even though unqualified, I am trying to follow your instructions to the extent I am able to. You had given me an instruction to start a goshala and I was wondering how can I get land to start the goshala. But last year by your mercy, I was able to acquire some land and started a Goshala. I am just trying to execute your instruction and so I pray to your lotus feet to provide me the knowledge and ability to execute your instruction. For your pleasure, I would like to quote SB 7.9.18 where Prahlad Maharaj prays

*सोऽहं प्रियस्य सुहृदः परदेवताया लीलाकथास्तव नृसिंहं विरिञ्चगीताः ।
अञ्जस्तितर्म्यनुगृणन्गुणविप्रमुक्तो दुर्गाणि ते पदयुगालयहंससङ्गः ॥*

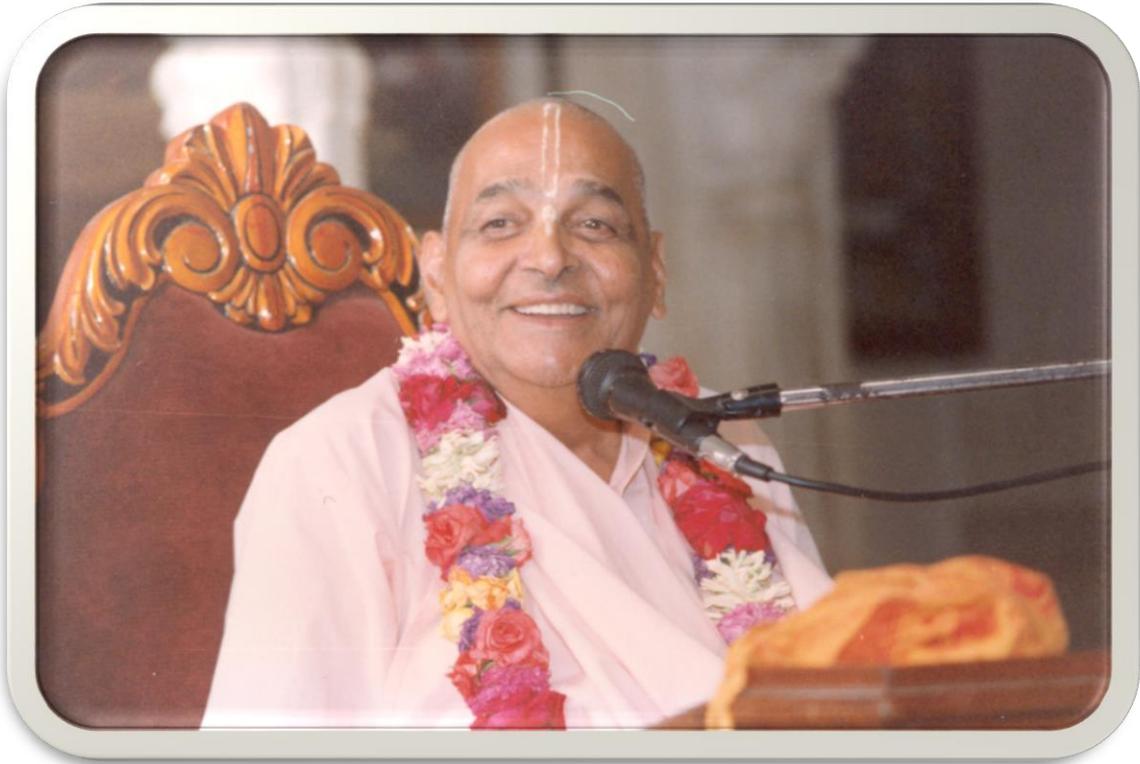
*so 'ham priyasya suhrdah paradevatāyā
līlā-kathās tava nṛsimha viriñca-gītāḥ
añjas titarmy anuḡṛṇan guṇa-vipramukto
durgāṇi te pada-yugālaya-haṁsa-saṅgaḥ*

"O my Lord Nṛsimhadeva, by engaging in Your transcendental loving service in the association of devotees who are liberated souls [haṁsas], I shall become completely uncontaminated by the association of the three modes of material nature and be able to chant the glories of Your Lordship, who are so dear to me. I shall chant Your glories, following exactly in the footsteps of Lord Brahmā and his disciplic succession. In this way I shall undoubtedly be able to cross the ocean of nescience."

As mentioned in the above prayer, I am trying to execute your order as per my ability, with the hope that I will be able to chant Nicely and come out of the three modes of material nature. Please bless me to execute your order as per your expectations, by giving the knowledge and ability to execute the orders.

Your unworthy servant,
Svayam Sampurna Krishna das

Canada - Toronto



“In human existence only, you can understand these things. And if you, nonsensically waste your human existence, then you are killing yourself. aatma haa - you know, suicide, you are committing your own suicide. Don't do it please”

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--Pavan Vijay Kumar

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev.

This year, in your Vyasa Puja, I remember your sincerity and devotion towards any activity you did. Though I was not fortunate enough to have had your association as many times as I desired, the few instances I did see you taught me how dedicated you are to serving the Lord. I came across a verse in Bhagavad Gita 8.8 that says

*abhyāsa-yoga-yuktena cetasā nānya-gāminā
paramaṁ puruṣaṁ divyaṁ yāti pārthānucintayan*

He who meditates on Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, his mind constantly engaged in remembering Me, undeviated from the path, he, O Pārtha, is sure to reach Me.

I feel that you are very strongly affiliated with this verse, because you always remained "**undeviated from the path**". No matter if you were in the best of health or unwell, staying in one place or traveling, giving a class or making prasadam. At all times you were focused on bringing Krsna to everyone and I admire that very much. I bow down to you, Maharaj, and seek your blessings that I too am more responsible and dedicated in my devotional service. For me, even doing 0.01% of what you did will be a lifetime achievement.

Jai Srila Prabhupad. Jai Srila Gurudev.

Hare Krishna.
Your humble servant,
Pavan



Europe - Denmark



***vinaasha kaale viparita buddhi - whenever vinaasha kaal -
when the destruction comes, we don't hear anybody. And
particularly, good advice we don't hear.***

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--Tejasvi Krishna das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my dandavat pranams. All glories to you on the auspicious day of your appearance.

In Bhagavad Gita Krishna says to approach the spiritual master and put questions concerning spiritual life before him, after rendering suitable service. On this occasion I would like to remember the answer you gave to a question I raised concerning the chanting of the holy names,

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

Prior to asking about the chanting, I had asked about how one should study the Bhagavatam, to which you gave an elaborate study method to follow.

Thinking it wise to also inquire about the chanting I put my question: "Do you have any instruction for me regarding the chanting of the holy name?"

Your answer was: ***If you do not complete your rounds one day, the next day you have to complete them.***

I asked: Is there anything else?

Your answer: **That's it.**

To this day whenever I find myself unable to complete my rounds, I make it a vow to make up for those rounds the next day, leaving aside other things. Thus remembering this instruction, I try to hold on to this most important practice of chanting

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

Your insignificant servant,

Tejasvi Krishna das



India - Bangalore



“So many things were going on. But even then, Prabhupada didn't lose his equilibrium. We should follow him. He was very undisturbed. And because he was undisturbed, he has written so many purports of Bhagavatam and never mentioned any of the difficulties which we underwent”

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--Aruna

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Jai Gurudev,

I thank Sharada devi Mataji for the teachings on Bhagavad Gita. She is giving very good examples and stories on Sri Krishna. We are very fortunate to get the knowledge from her. We have learnt till chapter 8. I started chanting chapter 1 shlokas without seeing and memorised the shlokas. Glories to Mataji and Gurudev. Me and my daughter learnt sloka 9 from chapter 8. We are daily singing that shloka which is favourite shloka of Gurudev□

*kaviṁ purāṇam anuśāsītāram
aṇor aṇīyāṁsam anusmared yaḥ
sarvasya dhātāram acintya-rūpam
āditya-varṇaṁ tamasaḥ parastāt*

One should meditate upon the Supreme Person as the one who knows everything, as He who is the oldest, who is the controller, who is smaller than the smallest, who is the maintainer of everything, who is beyond all material conception, who is inconceivable, and who is always a person. He is luminous like the sun, and He is transcendental, beyond this material nature.

Jai Sri Krishna!
Thank you.
Aruna

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--G.Dhanishtha

Hare Krishna Guruji,

I am a student who is attending Girija Mataji's classes. We have classes every day. Mataji teaches every Saturday one new sloka from Bhagavad Gita and one sloka from Bhagavatam. We are currently learning the 7th chapter. While doing the 28th shloka Mataji said that this was your favourite sloka and it mine too in 7th chapter. We recite 'Ramo rajamani' and 'Vrindavana Ramya sthana' in each class. We also read stories for Iskcon website for kids. For this month we have kept a target that we are going to complete the 7th chapter of Bhagavad Gita for pleasure of Krishna. Mataji has told us many times about this. The classes Mataji takes for us is really very interesting. We have also completed seeing videos of Dasavataram series. Mataji also takes classes for elders too.

I would like to recite the 7.28 sloka from Bhagavad Gita once for you Guruji,

*yeṣāṁ tv anta-gataṁ pāpaṁ janānāṁ puṇya-karmaṇām
te dvandva-moha-nirmuktā bhajante mām dṛḍha-vratāḥ*

Hare Krishna. Happy Vyasa Puja Guruji!

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--G.Vithurna

Hare Krishna Guruji,

I am student who is attending Girija Mataji's classes. I like her classes so much. We have completed seed verses of Bhagavad Gita, 12 and 15th chapter till now. We are doing the 7th chapter currently. Mataji told us many times about you. My most favourite sloka is Bhagavad Gita verse 15.2, I would like to recite the sloka once to you Guruji

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

Hare Krishna. Happy 102nd Vyasa Puja Guruji!



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--Iniya Balakumar

Hare Krishna Guruji,

I am one of Girija mataji's students. We are currently doing the 7th chapter of Bhagavad Gita and the 22nd Shloka is my favourite. I learn a lot from the daily classes Mataji takes. I have been in Mataji's class for more than 3 years. Mataji has taught us some songs like Madhurashtakam and Damodharashtakam. She has also taught Ramo Rajamani and Vrindhavana ramyasthana which we recite in the end of every class. Sometimes she tells us stories and sometimes we read stories from Iskcon's website.

Happy Vyasa puja Guruji. Hare Krishna.



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--Ishan Rajesh Gawade

Hare Krishna Guruji,

I am Ishan and I am 10 years old. I am learning Bhagavad Gita from Krishna classes and am almost done with the 12th and 15th chapter. I have started learning 7th one now. My favourite sloka is 15.6 from Bhagavad Gita.

*na tad bhāsayate sūryo na śāsāṅko na pāvakaḥ
yad gatvā na nivartante tad dhāma paramaṁ mama*

Thank you.

Hare Krishna



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--Meenakshi Preetham

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

This is my first Vyasa Pooja offering. This is direct from heart - may not be the usual or the formal kind. So please excuse me on that front.

I have always felt witnessed **Huge Mercy of our Guru Parampujya Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja.**

I never had the **shrimant** (meaning: fortune) of seeing / hearing / experiencing Maharaja and His vaani directly face to face but I **treasure** every word I hear about Him, from many of the loving devotees. I relish when they speak of anecdotes related to Guru Maharaja and His compassionate nature.

I had visited Gujarat Rajkot ISKCON Temple first time in 2016 August (when it was under construction) and at that time, our devotee friend from Chennai - Arthabandhu Prabhuji had insisted that I do few rounds of chanting at Guru Maharaja's Samadhi. That was my first interaction ever with Guru Maharaja. I never understood at that point - that it was calling of Srila Gurudeva through Arthabandhu Prabhuji.

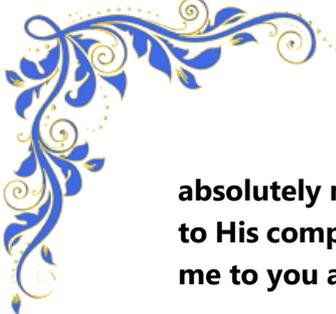
Due to not so good health, I had refused to climb the under- construction temple steps at that time. As for my bulky weight, I had feared something untoward may happen but Gurudeva is Gurudeva! He had decided that I have to see the temple space and get me closer towards Him and Krsna Consciousness! So, one of the temple Prabhuji in-charge at that time along with Preetham Prabhuji (my husband) held each of my hand and took me through the immense blessings of walking, through the partially constructed stairs and visiting the wonderment that was under-creation at that time: - the Rajkot Radha Neelmadhav temple!

The blessings only grew in multitudes as Srila Gurudeva has favoured us with increased opportunities to offer various services. **Sri Krsna and Srila Gurudeva are so Loving and Merciful that even our tiny service is also accepted by Them with full affection. In fact, it is Theirs, what we are trying to return to Them yet Their broad heart allows us to say we are doing it.** Haribol! Haribol!

Many times I lack in my thoughts, choice of words and actions when I try to serve Srila Gurudeva yet Guru Maharaja's lacs (lakhs) of blessings continue to reach me. That's His **Kindest Mercy.**

I always say Gurudeva shows *Mercy* on me ... not *Grace*...do you know why?

Because Grace is when Spiritual Master blesses us immensely as He sees we have the potential and wants to encourage us and reward us for our endeavours. But for me (in my case), it is **His endless Mercy...because Mercy is shown, when I have not done anything to deserve it...**



absolutely nothing, plus I have committed I don't know how many blunders. Yet owing to His compassionate nature, Srila Gurudeva has taken me under His wings and brought me to you all devotees here to learn from.

Prayers to Guru Maharaja to bless us all with pure devotion and that we all continue to hear, learn and behave well in accordance with our scriptures like Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrita - to make our Gurudeva and in turn, Sri Krsna happy, happier, happiest.

Srila Gurudeva ki jai ! Srila Prabhupada ki jai ! Hare Krsna.

Thank you profusely.

Always longing to be in service of Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva,
Meenakshi Preetham.



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--Raghavendu Rama dasa & Sitadevi 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
jaya śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-
vrnda*

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

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

Dear Beloved Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances unto Your Lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to You.

Our heartfelt humble gratitude to You for guiding us through Your transcendental vāni and persistently inspiring us not to delay any more in intensifying the devotional service in this very life. Failure to utilize the opportunity presented in this life (*yoga-bhraṣṭo 'bhijāyate*) means continuous changing of bodies and continued struggle.

In verse SB 1.2.4,

*nārāyaṇam namaskṛtya naram caiva narottamam
devīm sarasvatīm vyāsam tato **jayam** udīrayet*

Before reciting this Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, which is the very means of conquest, one should offer respectful obeisances unto the Personality of Godhead, Nārāyaṇa, unto Nara-nārāyaṇa Ṛṣi, the supermost human being, unto mother Sarasvatī, the goddess of learning, and unto Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the author.

Srila Prabhupada wonderfully explains the remedial measure for yoga-bhrasta: '*The living being is in the state of forgetfulness of his relation with God due to his being overly attracted to material sense gratification from time immemorial. His struggle for existence in the material world is perpetual, and it is not possible for him to get out of it by making plans. If he at all wants to **conquer this perpetual struggle for existence**, he must reestablish his eternal relation with God. And one who wants to adopt such remedial measures **must take shelter of literatures** such as the Vedas and the Purāṇas.'*

You have very nicely elaborated in one of the lectures that - **Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the only and only means to conquer** the cycle of repeated births, the unending material pursuits and the mental concoctions. If we are not devoted to Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, we will succumb to mind and the uncontrolled flickering mind (*asamśayaṁ mahā-bāho mano durnigrahaṁ calam*) will take us farther away from Krishna. Ācāryas in the past **SAT** to realize **Supreme Absolute Truth**, so we need to sit with *vyavasāyātmikā buddhi, vidheyātmā* (regulated freedom) and study the scriptures, Bhagavad Gītā, Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam. **Studying the scriptures means**



sacrifice/austerity (*svādhyāya tapa*), remembering the verses, making notes from Srila Prabhupada's purports and flashes of realizations that Krishna as *Paramātmā* reveals the purports to us.

We sincerely beg at Your Lotus feet, may we remember this transcendental wisdom all the time and may we be devoted more intensely to Your transcendental vāni relishing in the association of the devotees.

Jaya Om Vishnu-pāda paramahansa parivrājakācharya ashtottara-shata Sri Srimad His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswāmi Maharaj Vyāsapuja Mahotsav ki jai !!!

Your insignificant servants,
Raghavendu Rama dasa and Sita devi dasi



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--Samanvi Karanam

Hare Krishna Maharaj!!

On the occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse (Bhagavad Gita 10.12)

*paraṁ brahma paraṁ dhāma pavitraṁ paramaṁ bhavān
puruṣaṁ śāśvataṁ divyam ādi-devam ajaṁ vibhum*

I am very grateful to you and all my Gurus who taught me Krishna consciousness.

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

Thank you.
Samanvi



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--Sharada devi dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,
Dandvat Pranams. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

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

This year I have more than admired your teachings and the instructions that you have imparted. I have been blessed to meet you in this lifetime. It was a real life changing experience, Gurudev. I will forever thank Kalachakra prabhuji and Sudarshana mataji to connect me with you. A few practical lessons that you taught us Gurudev

1. **"To be tolerant until our last breath"**. This is the most difficult to practice but each time something crops up we battle it with the confidence that this too will pass by your mercy.
2. **To serve Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam**. Only because of your blessings I am able to read Bhagavad Gita Gurudev. It is like a lullaby for all of us. Especially the meters that you asked us to follow and respect every akshara.
3. **"You are not the judge for the entire world"** - this is very true Gurudev to mind our business and at the same time have the empathy when others approach you.
4. To start in a simple way and not to plan of too much of propaganda and join the number game wagon.
5. Gurudev, my little mind always used to differentiate even between Lord Rama and Lord Krishna. Somehow I always liked Krishna and was never motivated to Lord Rama. By your mercy and your unflinching love for Lord Rama - Just like how parents pass their genes to the kids, same way I bow all respects to Lord Rama. Thank you so much Gurudev. We try to sing the song Ramo Raja Mani every day in the class and each time I sing, I recollect your bhakti towards Lord Rama and think of you
6. Listen to super soul. I have been trying very hard to do this Gurudev. But for all the problems or challenges that I encounter, if I follow your instruction I get the answer to the problem.
7. I heard from Kalachakra prabhuji that you asked the entire Yatra to recite entire Gita on Christmas Day in order to glorify Jesus Christ. Your appreciation to Jesus Christ and other preachers gave me a very different perspective and the way you really want us to embrace the good things around. Many people complimented me in office when I appreciated their beliefs and was inclusive. They said I was different in acknowledging their faith. It's purely because of you Maharaj.
8. You had taken the entire responsibility of your family. This is so important for all of us. I have heard how you used to support devotees as well financially and never expect a single penny from anyone fully relying on the Lord to show the mercy. This is completely Satya Yuga

behavior. No expectation is the best expectation. Gurudev, I offer this prayer at your lotus feet.
Srimad Bhagavatham 11.8.31

*santaṁ samīpe ramaṇaṁ rati-pradaṁ
vitta-pradaṁ nityam imaṁ vihāya
akāma-darṁ duḥkha-bhayādhi-śoka-
moha-pradaṁ tuccham ahaṁ bhaje 'jñā*

I am such a fool that I have given up the service of that person who, being eternally situated within my heart, is actually most dear to me. That most dear one is the Lord of the universe, who is the bestower of real love and happiness and the source of all prosperity. Although He is in my own heart, I have completely neglected Him. Instead I have ignorantly served insignificant men who can never satisfy my real desires and who have simply brought me unhappiness, fear, anxiety, lamentation and illusion.

Gurudev, please bless us on this auspicious day. We want to do our little bit in serving Krishna and you Gurudev.

Hare Krishna.

Sri Purushotham Krishna das and Sharada devi dasi



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--Sireesha Karanam

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja I would like to offer you the below verse from
Bhagavad Gita (8.9).

*kaviṁ purāṇam anuśāsītāram
aṅor aṅīyāṁsam anusmared yaḥ
sarvasya dhātāram acintya-rūpam
āditya-varṇaṁ tamasaḥ parastāt*

Thanks to you and all Gurus who taught me Krishna Consciousness which makes me a better
person.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Here Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Thank you,
Sireesha



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--Sri Ramchandra das & Sindhu 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-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
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 Vyasapuja. Today is the celebration of your appearance within this world, and it is a time of great rejoicing.

Maharaj we are extremely fortunate to have come under your loving shelter. If not for your causeless mercy, we would not be here Maharaj and for that we shall remain eternally grateful. We take refuge in the below two verses from Srimad Bhagavatam as an offering to you. In SB 10.10.37 sons of Kuvera, Nalakūvara and Maṇigrīva pray to the Lord:

*anujānīhi nau bhūmaṁs tavānucara-kiṅkarau
darśanaṁ nau bhagavata ṛṣer āsīd anugrahāt*

O supreme form, we are always servants of Your servants, especially of Nārada Muni. Now give us permission to leave for our home. It is by the grace and mercy of Nārada Muni that we have been able to see You face to face.

Srila Prabhupada in the purport says, "Unless delivered or blessed by a devotee, one cannot realize that Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. If one takes shelter of a devotee descending from the paramparā system of Nārada (svayambhūr nāradaḥ śambhuḥ), one can then understand who is an incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Except for persons who are servants of Nārada and other servants of Kṛṣṇa, no one can understand who is God and who is not."

SB 10.10.38 shows the process of bhakti as shown by them:

*vāṇī guṇānukathane śravaṇau kathāyām
hastau ca karmasu manas tava pādāyor 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 Vaiṣṇavas, who are nondifferent from You.

Purport : Here the process of understanding the Supreme Personality of Godhead is given. This process is bhakti.

*śravaṇaṁ kīrtanaṁ viṣṇoḥ smaraṇaṁ pāda-sevanam
arcanaṁ vandanam dāsyam sakhyam ātma-nivedanam*

Bhagavatam 7.5.23 - Everything should be engaged in the service of the Lord. Hṛṣīkeṇa hṛṣīkeśa-sevanam bhaktir ucyate (Nārada-pañcarātra). Everything — the mind, the body and all the sense organs — should be engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service. This is to be learned from expert devotees like Nārada, Svayambhū and Śambhu. This is the process. We cannot manufacture our own way of understanding the Supreme Personality of Godhead, for it is not that everything one manufactures or concocts will lead to understanding God. Such a proposition — yata mata, tata patha — is foolish. Kṛṣṇa says, bhaktyāham ekayā grāhyaḥ: "Only by executing the activities of bhakti can one understand Me." Bhagavatam (11.14.21) This is called ānukūlyena kṛṣṇānuśīlanam, remaining engaged favorably in the service of the Lord.

Maharaj you have taught us how to recite the verses from Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam and by your mercy I have been able to continue the shloka recitation class thru' zoom online since lockdown last year March 2019 - five days a week. By this you have ensured that I intensify my devotional service. Maharaj please guide me to follow all of your instructions sincerely by burying myself in the Srimad Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam.

We along with with our family seek your mercy to always remain fixed in discharging our duties and following your instructions uninterruptedly and unmotivatedly.

Please allow us to continue serving you despite our numerous faults. You remain our only hope, inspiration and shelter. All glories to Your Divine Grace! Thank you Maharaj for the wonderful gift of devotional service. Please allow us to remain your servant eternally. We have no words to express our deep sense of gratitude towards you Maharaj. You always exerted lots of efforts correcting us, guiding us and ensuring we stay on the right path.

We seek your blessings to always keep Krishna and your instructions in the center of all our activities.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !! His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj's Vyasa Puja Utsav Ki Jai !! All glories to Srila Prabhupad !!!

Your humble servants,
Sri Ramchandra das and Sindhu devi dasi

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--Swapna

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Pranams to you and our beloved Sharada Mathaji through whom I came to know about
you. Glories to Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada and Mathaji,

With the blessings and teachings of our Mathaji, we are able to touch Bhagavad gita and enjoy
the nector of Krishna. Mataji will make sure that we are in our way in progressing in Krishna
Consciousness. I memorised and always like to recite 15th sloka of chapter 8.

*mām upetya punar janma duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam
nāpnuvanti mahātmānaḥ saṁsiddhiṁ paramām gatāḥ*

Krishna is the creator. He is calling the temporary material world as dukhalayam, which is full
of the miseries. Those who progress in attaining the Supreme Personality with great devotion
and service, never return to this temporary world. They are going to attain the Supreme planet
i.e Kṛṣṇaloka, Goloka Vṛndāvana which is full of happiness, as we are with Krishna.

Sharada Mataji always reminds us that our goal should be to reach Goloka Vṛndāvana. We are
trying to practice the same.

Hare Krishna.
Thank you,
Swapna



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--Vaishnavi

To:

My Grandfather and well-wisher,
His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet! Happy 102nd Vyasa Puja Maharaj!

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
srimate mahavishnu goswamin iti namine*

In 2019, when the grand Rajkot Temple was inaugurated, Devakinandan Prabhuji has distributed your personal Granthraj copies. I personally got a Granthraj message and the topic was BEST CHOICE, I took this as a personal message from You. And I always remember this message and always I try to make a decision according to this message from You. This Granthraj message told me to not be greedy, not to be revengeful but be forgiving and not to be lazy in austerity. It also told me a very very important life lesson that whatever situation I am in good or bad, it is just because of whatever decisions I took in the past.

I am learning carnatic music and I am trying to use this talent given by Krishna usefully. I am singing for Krishna whenever I get an opportunity. I sing bhajans and kirtans in my father's weekly bhakti vriksha classes.

I am attending Kadamba Manjari classes conducted by HG Kalacakra prabhuji, HG Sudarshana mataji HG Abhirakanya Mataji and HG Vaijayantimala mataji. They are guiding me in all ways. I am getting the association of senior devotees and my spiritual siblings.

I really miss visiting Rajkot for your Vyasa Puja and having physical association with devotees. Please give me your blessings so I may follow your instructions and please keep guiding me through your transcendental vaani.

Your Loving granddaughter,
Vaishnavi

India - Delhi



***“aapannah samsrtim ghoraam / yan-naama vivasho
grnan - And it's logical you know. Why we are
unconsciously chanting the names of the Lord?
Because we are entangled. Where are we entangled?
Into the complicated mesh of birth and death. Could
anybody deny this? Could anybody deny?”***

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--Dheeraj Krishna das & Dhanlaxmi devi dasi

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

Maharaj, I remember a class taken by you on Bhagavad Gita 2.64 in Abu Dhabi and you mentioned that there is only one verse in Bhagavad Gita (BG 2.64) wherein the way to obtain complete mercy of the Lord is told by Him.

*रागद्वेषविमुक्तैस्तु विषयनिन्द्रियैश्चरन् ।
आत्मवश्यैर्विधेयात्मा प्रसादमधिगच्छति ॥*

*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.

So how simple to receive the complete mercy of the Lord, by just giving up all the attachment and to control our senses. But we know that it's not all that simple to control the senses. We have 10 senses with always disturbed mind with full of False Ego. Hence we need to practice and practice to control. In Srimad Bhagavatam 7.9.10 Prahalad Maharaj spoken the ten qualities of a Brahman,

*विप्राद् द्विषड्गुणयुतादरविन्दनाभ-
पादारविन्दविमुखात् श्वपचं वरिष्ठम् ।
मन्ये तदर्पितमनोवचनेहितार्थ-
प्राणं पुनाति स कुलं न तु भूरिमान् ॥*

*viṣṇāḍ dvi-ṣaḍ-guṇa-yutād aravinda-nābha-
pādāravinda-vimukhāt śvapacāṁ variṣṭham
manye tad-arpita-mano-vacanehitārtha-
prāṇaṁ punāti sa kulaṁ na tu bhūrimānaḥ*

If a brāhmaṇa has all twelve of the brahminical qualifications [as they are stated in the book called Sanat-sujāta] but is not a devotee and is averse to the lotus feet of the Lord, he is certainly lower than a devotee who is a dog-eater but who has dedicated everything — mind, words, activities, wealth and life — to the Supreme Lord. Such a devotee is better than such a brāhmaṇa because the devotee can purify his whole family, whereas the so-called brāhmaṇa in a position of false prestige cannot purify even himself.

Maharaj, we are finding all these qualities are available with you. That's why we always find a natural smile on your face.

Hence request you always to shower your mercy unto us so that we also become a devotee of the Lord.



Thank you Maharaj,
Your humble servants,
Dheeraj Krishna das and & Dhanlaxmi devi dasi



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--Shyam Charan das

Hare Krishna Param puja Guru Maharaja,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and
Srila Gurudeva.

Maharaja, another year passed in our life without much advancement in our spiritual life. We
are just engaged in some service for the sake of doing it, without any heart in it.

On this auspicious day of your Vyas puja, we remember your transcendental qualities. In
Srimad Bhagavatam, 9.5.20 Durvasa muni praises Ambarisha Maharaja, a pure vaishnava
devotee of the Lord.

*prīto 'smy anuṅrīto 'smi tava bhāgavatasya vai
darśana-sparśanālāpair ātithyenātma-medhasā*

prītaḥ - very much satisfied; *asmi* - I am; *anuṅrītaḥ* - very much favored; *asmi* - I am; *tava* -
your; *bhāgavatasya* - because of your being a pure devotee; *vai* - indeed; *darśana* - by seeing
you; *sparśana* - and touching your feet; *ālāpaiḥ* - by talking with you; *ātithyena* - by your
hospitality; *ātma-medhasā* - by my own intelligence.

Durvāsā Muni said: **I am very pleased with you, my dear King. At first I thought of you as
an ordinary human being and accepted your hospitality, but later I could understand, by
my own intelligence, that you are the most exalted devotee of the Lord. Therefore,
simply by seeing you, touching your feet and talking with you, I have been pleased and
have become obliged to you.**

prīto 'smy, in word to word translation, Srila Prabhupad translates it as "**I'm very much
satisfied.**" Maharaja, you always insisted that we should be satisfied in whatever situation we
are in. We should not expect anything from anyone. *nirapekṣam*, you taught us that any
expectation is like an engine which brings all the disturbances in our lives. In one of your class
you describe satisfaction, "*Satisfaction means we are saturated with spiritual side of existence.
satisfaction is required for healthy life. That's why santustaya yena kena vā. In any condition we
are satisfied and that is one of the condition to satisfy Janardana.*"

Maharaja, you practiced each word you taught to us. You are reservoir of satisfaction, you're
completely satisfied whether you're staying under a tree, without any facility for daily routine
of life or living in a big building in Dwarka dham. And this is all "because of you being a pure
devotee *tava bhāgavatasya*, and very much favored by Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna."-
anuṅrīto

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport, "*A Vaishnava can be understood by how much he is
favored by the Supreme Personality of Godhead in terms of his inconceivable activities.*"

In Maharaja's Centennial Vyas puja, one prabhuji from London shared this inconceivable activity of Maharaja. One day His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj called him and asked him that mataji (his wife) should call her father. At that time her father was in some other country and Maharaj requested him to call him that day itself. As Prabhuji was telling that those days making international call is very expensive, specially during weekdays. That day being a weekday they thought that mataji would call her father on weekend. And when on Saturday mataji called her father, they came to know that her father has passed away that day itself and she could not talk to her father.

This clearly shows the inconceivable activity of Guru Maharaj. Maharaj sitting in one country, that prabhuji was in London and his father in law was in some other country, but Maharaj could see what is going to happen in future, that's why he requested Mataji to call her father. This gives us a glimpse of Maharaja's inconceivable activity and how much he is favored by Srila Prabhupada and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As one of the Maharaja's favorite verse says,

*darśana-dhyāna-saṁsparśair matsya-kūrma-vihaṅgamāḥ
svāny apatyāni puṣṅanti tathāham api padma-ja*

By vision, by meditation and by touch only do the fish, the tortoise and the birds maintain their offspring. Similarly, do I also, O Padmaja!

Similarly, Maharaja, *darśana-sparśan ālāpair*, **by having your darshan, by touching your lotus feet and by hearing instructions of the shastra from your lotus mouth and how to put them into practice in our day to day life we have been nourished by you.**

ātithyena, this is another transcendental quality of yours Maharaja. Whoever met you even once cannot forget your hospitality. " हम तुम्हारी राह देखेंगे " - (we are waiting for you). Whenever we call you to inform that we want to come to have your darshan, these transcendental words still resonates in our ears. Even in middle of the class, if some new guest arrived, you would ask their well-being and make sure that arrangement for their stay and prasadam is being made.

Maharaja, we pray at your lotus feet that by the touch of your transcendental instructions, someday in this life time only, we may overcome our inebrieties and become your true disciples and be satisfied in any situation. We can never achieve this by our insignificant endeavor, this is only possible Maharaja, by your *anugraha*.

Your insignificant disciples

Shyam Charan das & Kripasiddhi devi dasi

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--Shyamsundar das

Hare Krishna our dearest and respected Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of
Maharaj's Vyasa puja 2021. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Kindly accept my heat filled gratitude on your lotus feet. You have shown causeless mercy to
accept me, the fallen soul as your son. I have no qualification to take your shelter. I feel your
presence in all my activity. You have appeared on the earth for our benefit to lift us from our
fallen position. You have shown us the way by leading from front. How beautifully and tirelessly
you tried to engage us unto service of Krishna and Vaishnava by showing us practical way of
applying instruction of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam using your nectarean
vani. I was suffering from material pang every moment, but you showed us the way how to
tolerate the material miseries and still be focused on the devotional service. You entered our
hearts and gave us powerful instructions which has changed the way of living. I feel very
fortunate to be your son.

Maharaja on this auspicious occasion and in your glorification, I would like to recite the
following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (1.2.2) where Sūta Gosvāmī being fully satisfied by
the perfect questions of the brāhmaṇas, thanked them and thus attempted to reply.

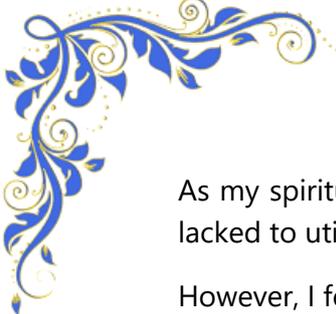
sūta uvāca

*yam pravrajantam anupetam apeta-kr̥tyam
dvaipāyano viraha-kātara ājuhāva
putreti tan-mayatayā taravo 'bhinedus
tam sarva-bhūta-hṛdayam munim ānato 'smi*

Śrīla Sūta Gosvāmī said: **Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto that great sage [Śukadeva Gosvāmī] who can enter the hearts of all. When he went away to take up the renounced order of life [sannyāsa], leaving home without undergoing reformation by the sacred thread or the ceremonies observed by the higher castes, his father, Vyāsadeva, fearing separation from him, cried out, "O my son!" Indeed, only the trees, which were absorbed in the same feelings of separation, echoed in response to the begrieved father**

As Suta Goswami says in the last line of the verse, "*sarva-bhūta-hṛdayam*", the topmost quality of Guru is that he can enter the hearts of living entity with his knowledge and purity and know everything about his disciple. Same way you also entered in our hearts and gave right medicine which is just apt for our purity.

Srila Prabhupada says in the purport that a man is born ordinary. When he sees a new light and seeks direction for spiritual progress, he approaches a spiritual master for instruction in the Vedas. The spiritual master accepts only the sincere inquirer as his disciple. But I want to confess that I am not that sincere but still you accepted me knowing all the faults that I have.



As my spiritual father you have put your best efforts to bring light in my heart, but I always lacked to utilize most of things that you tried to give us.

However, I feel that with your cause less mercy you stole my heart as stated in above verse as my master, and I pray unto your lotus feet for your blessings, so that this insignificant soul can serve you to best of my ability with humility and tolerance.

Thank you very much Maharaja,
Your insignificant servants,
Shyamsundar das and Radhika devi dasi



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--Swarnangi devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupad, Guru Maharaj and all the devotees,

Every passing year, we write our offerings to you Guru Maharaj and seek your blessings for our lives ahead. Our morning prayers makes us learn the importance of Guru every day.

It says, "*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair*", - You, yourself are Lord Hari on this planet for all of us and we seek your shelter for the rest of our lives, our duties and responsibilities, that we hold.

You have taught us the meaning of being humble, kind and generous to other living entities. You have also taught us the meaning of how important it is, to have all these qualities, if we want to be in Krishna's good book. Our day to day struggles and degrading environment is making us demoniac by nature, but your **pearls of wisdoms** are helping us overcome our bad qualities or traits every day.

As you have always taught us the importance of "**practice**", we should remember to practice kindness, humility and staying generous every day.

For our parents, you are like their parent, and for us, you are like are grandparent Guru Maharaj, who still makes us learn new teachings from **calender** every passing day and year.

Maharaj, we seek your blessings and shelter for staying in touch with Krishna. Help us, teach us throughout our lives. We seek your shelter **to never forget to stay humble and kind, because being kind is being courageous.**

Lord Ramchandra, while facing exile for 14 long years, was always kind and humble and that was the reason of Him being so courageous and brave. We have learnt that **courageous is the one who is not dwelling in anger, but in kindness** and I will carry this throughout.

This world is like a burning forest Maharaj. *saṁsāra-dāvānala* - Help us guide our way back home.

Praying at your lotus feet,
Swarnangi devi dasi

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--Swayam Prakash das & Swayam Prabha devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet Maharaj. All glories to Srila
Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. Please accept 2021 Vyas puja offering.

We would like to offer the below 3 verses in Srimad Bhagvatam verse 7.15.25, 26, and 27

ŚB 7.15.25

रजस्तमश्च सत्त्वेन सत्त्वं चोपशमेन च ।
एतत्सर्वं गुरौ भक्त्या पुरुषो ह्यञ्जसा जयेत् ॥

*rajaḥ tamaś ca sattvena sattvaṁ copaśamena ca
etat sarvaṁ gurau bhaktyā puruṣo hy añjasā jayet*

rajaḥ tamaḥ — the modes of passion and ignorance; *ca* — and; *sattvena* — by developing the mode of goodness; *sattvaṁ* — the mode of goodness; *ca* — also; *upaśamena* — by giving up attachment; *ca* — and; *etat* — these; *sarvaṁ* — all; *gurau* — unto the spiritual master; *bhaktyā* — by rendering service in devotion; *puruṣaḥ* — a person; *hi* — indeed; *añjasā* — easily; *jayet* — can conquer.

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.

Purport: Just by treating the root cause of an ailment, one can conquer all bodily pains and sufferings. Similarly, if one is devoted and faithful to the spiritual master, he can conquer the influence of sattva-guṇa, rajo-guṇa and tamo-guṇa very easily. Yogīs and jñānīs practice in many ways to conquer the senses, but the bhakta immediately attains the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead through the mercy of the spiritual master. Yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo. If the spiritual master is favorably inclined, one naturally receives the mercy of the Supreme Lord, and by the mercy of the Supreme Lord one immediately becomes transcendental, conquering all the influences of sattva-guṇa, rajo-guṇa and tamo-guṇa within this material world. This is confirmed in Bhagavad-gītā (sa guṇān samatīyaitān brahma-bhūyāya kalpate). If one is a pure devotee acting under the directions of the guru, one easily gets the mercy of the Supreme Lord and thus becomes immediately situated on the transcendental platform. This is explained in the next verse.

ŚB 7.15.26

यस्य साक्षाद्भगवति ज्ञानदीपप्रदे गुरौ ।
मर्त्यासद्भिः श्रुतं तस्य सर्वं कुञ्जरशौचवत् ॥

*yasya sākṣād bhagavati jñāna-dīpa-prade gurau
martyāsad-dhīḥ śrutam tasya sarvam kuñjara-śaucavat*

yasya — one who; *sākṣāt* — directly; *bhagavati* — the Supreme Personality of Godhead; *jñāna-dīpa-prade* — who enlightens with the torch of knowledge; *gurau* — unto the spiritual master; *martya-asat-dhīḥ* — considers the spiritual master to be like an ordinary human being and maintains such an unfavorable attitude; *śrutam* — Vedic knowledge; *tasya* — for him; *sarvam* — everything; *kuñjara-śauca-vat* — like the bath of an elephant in a lake.

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.

Purport: It is recommended that one honor the spiritual master as being on an equal status with the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Sākṣād dharitvena samasta-śāstraiḥ. This is enjoined in every scripture. Ācāryam mām vijānīyāt. One should consider the ācārya to be as good as the Supreme Personality of Godhead. In spite of all these instructions, if one considers the spiritual master an ordinary human being, one is doomed. His study of the Vedas and his austerities and penances for enlightenment are all useless, like the bathing of an elephant. An elephant bathes in a lake quite thoroughly, but as soon as it comes on the shore it takes some dust from the ground and strews it over its body. Thus there is no meaning to the elephant's bath. One may argue by saying that since the spiritual master's relatives and the men of his neighborhood consider him an ordinary human being, what is the fault on the part of the disciple who considers the spiritual master an ordinary human being? This will be answered in the next verse, but the injunction is that the spiritual master should never be considered an ordinary man. One should strictly adhere to the instructions of the spiritual master, for if he is pleased, certainly the Supreme Personality of Godhead is pleased. Yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatīḥ kuto 'pi.

एष वै भगवान्साक्षात् प्रधानपुरुषेश्वरः ।
योगेश्वरैर्विमृग्याङ्घ्रिर्लोको यं मन्यते नरम् ॥

*eṣa vai bhagavān sākṣāt pradhāna-puruṣeśvaraḥ
yogeśvarair vimṛgyāṅghriḥ loko yaṁ manyate naram*

eṣaḥ — this; *vai* — indeed; *bhagavān* — Supreme Personality of Godhead; *sākṣāt* — directly; *pradhāna* — the chief cause of the material nature; *puruṣa* — of all living entities or of the *puruṣāvatāra*, Lord Viṣṇu; *īśvaraḥ* — the supreme controller; *yoga-īśvaraiḥ* — by great saintly persons, *yogīs*; *vimṛgya-aṅghriḥ* — Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, which are sought; *lokaḥ* — people in general; *yaṁ* — Him; *manyate* — consider; *naram* — a human being.

The Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Kṛṣṇa, is the master of all other living entities and of the material nature. His lotus feet are sought and worshiped by great

saintly persons like Vyāsa. Nonetheless, there are fools who consider Lord Kṛṣṇa an ordinary human being. – SB 7.15.27.

Purport: The example of Lord Kṛṣṇa's being the Supreme Personality of Godhead is appropriate in regard to understanding the spiritual master. The spiritual master is called sevaka-bhagavān, the servitor Personality of Godhead, and Kṛṣṇa is called sevyā-bhagavān, the Supreme Personality of Godhead who is to be worshiped. The spiritual master is the worshiper God, whereas the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, is the worshipable God. This is the difference between the spiritual master and the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Another point: Bhagavad Gita, which constitutes the instructions of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is presented by the spiritual master as it is, without deviation. Therefore, the Absolute Truth is present in the spiritual master. As clearly stated in text 26, jñāna-dīpa-prade. The Supreme Personality of Godhead gives real knowledge to the entire world, and the spiritual master, as the representative of the Supreme Godhead, carries the message throughout the world. Therefore, on the absolute platform, there is no difference between the spiritual master and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. If someone considers the Supreme Personality — Kṛṣṇa or Lord Rāmacandra — to be an ordinary human being, this does not mean that the Lord becomes an ordinary human being. Similarly, if the family members of the spiritual master, who is the bona fide representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, consider the spiritual master an ordinary human being, this does not mean that he becomes an ordinary human being. The spiritual master is as good as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and therefore one who is very serious about spiritual advancement must regard the spiritual master in this way. Even a slight deviation from this understanding can create disaster in the disciple's Vedic studies and austerities.

In the above three verses, Narada Muni and Srila Prabhupada has nicely explained

1. how we can go through from ignorance to passion, goodness and promoting to *shuddha sattva* by passing through *tamo, raja* and *sattva guna* by the mercy and devotional service to spiritual master (Gurudev).

2. *yasya prasādad bhagvat prasādo*, if spiritual master is favorably inclined, one naturally receives the mercy of Krishna. it happens only when the disciple is pure devotee and follows the directions of guru, that is non difference from Guru parampara and Krishna

3. Guru is considered directly the Supreme Lord because, he gives the transedental knowledge. Guru is not an ordinary human being. If the disciple thinks that guru is an ordinary person his spiritual knowledge and austerity gets doomed means deviation from the devotional service. This is like the bathing of an elephant

Guru Maharaj your mercy is always with us but I am unable to improve and follow your instructions. So Gurudev please give mercy to this fallen soul.

Your servants,

Swayam Prakash das and Swayam Prabha devi dasi

India - Malampuzha



Anyway everything happens under the purview of Krishna. Sometime we think that it is undesirable but it proves to be beneficial. Please have full faith in Krishna everything will be alright.

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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021***

--Krtajna Krishna das

Dearest Gurudev,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my humble obeisances at Your Divine Lotus Feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada and All glories to Sri Sri Radha Neela Madhav Bhagavan!

On this auspicious day, I humbly beg for mercy so that I am able to perform well in my studies and advance in Krishna Consciousness. Kindly kick me into the path of Your holy instructions so that one day, I am worthy enough to serve Your Holiness. Please bless me so that I am always able to place Krishna and Your Holiness in the center of my life and perform good quality Krishna Consciousness, consistently. Kindly bless me in order to study well and make You and my parents proud.

Gurudev, I beg Your Divine Grace to kindly keep me under Your powerful and impenetrable umbrella forever, so that I am not drenched by the torrential downpour of illusion in this material world. Please bestow good health upon my parents and kindly bless my sister to achieve good grades in her upcoming exams.

Kindly forgive the countless offences I have committed and bless me to become a better servant.

Thank You, Gurudev, for tolerating me.

Your fallen servant,

Krtajna Krishna das



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--Namasmaran Krishna das & Janani devi dasi

All glories to Srila Prabhupad!! All glories to Srila Gurumaharaj!!

Dearest Most Gurudev,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

*dhyāna-mūlam gurur-mūrtih pūjā-mūlam gurur-pādam
mantra-mūlam gurur-vākyam mokṣa-mūlam gurūr-krpā*

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 Gita-Skanda Purana - (Dialogue between Lord Shiva and Uma)

I would like to offer one verse from Srimad Bhagavatham 9.9.6 at your lotus feet on this auspicious day.

*śrī-bhagīratha uvāca
sādhavo nyāsinaḥ sātā brahmiṣṭhā loka-pāvanāḥ
haranty aghaṁ te 'nga-saṅgāt teṣv āste hy agha-bhid dhariḥ*

Bhagīratha said: **"Those who are saintly because of devotional service and are therefore in the renounced order, free from material desires, and who are pure devotees, expert in following the regulative principles mentioned in the Vedas, are always glorious and pure in behavior and are able to deliver all fallen souls. When such pure devotees bathe in your water, the sinful reactions accumulated from other people will certainly be counteracted, for such devotees always keep in the core of their hearts the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who can vanquish all sinful reactions."**

Only your Vani is my saviour again and again. The useless ride of my mind within this material world and things I do, is stopping, only when I am hearing you. There are methods of prāyaścitta, or atonement, but they are inadequate to cleanse one of sinful reactions. One can be cleansed of sinful reactions only by devotional service, as stated in regard to the history of Ajāmila: (SB 6.1.15)

*kecit kevalayā bhaktyā vāsudeva-parāyaṇāḥ
aghaṁ dhunvanti kārtsnyena nīhāram iva bhāskaraḥ*

Only a rare person who has adopted complete, unalloyed devotional service to Kṛṣṇa can uproot the weeds of sinful actions with no possibility that they will revive. He can do this simply by discharging devotional service, just as the sun can immediately dissipate fog by its rays.

I don't know since how many millions of years we were/are wandering in this ocean of dukhalayam asaasvatam. Please shower your mercy on us so that one day the mountain of lust



and envy burn into ashes and these fallen souls can hanker for lotus feet of Lord Krishna for a moment.

Your humble servants,

Namasmaran Krishna das, Janani devi dasi, Padmavathy & Chitrarupini



India - Baroda



“Whatever minimum requirement we have, we will acquire it. And we live with them, we don't have unsatiable desires to acquire so much material properties. That is the result of coming to Krishna.”

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--Govindang Krishna das & Tungabhadra devi dasi

Param Pujya 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 Vyas puja day of our beloved eternal father, we are given a chance to express our deep gratitude towards him. We have no qualification to glorify you Pujya Gurudev. Because of our irregularity in study, laziness and not serious in executing your instructions, every time we struggle to write Vyas Pooja offering. However, with our bleak devotion and love we shall try to glorify Gurudev.

Lord Krishna says in Srimad Bhagavatam (11.17.27)– "*ācāryaṁ māṁ vijānīyān navamanyeta karhicit*" – "**One should know the acarya as Myself (Krishna) and never disrespect him in any way**" and also in Guruvashtakam - *sākṣād-haritvena samasta-śāstrair* – "**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 Pujya Gurudev. However, with our bleak devotion and love we shall try to glorify Gurudev.

In Srimad Bhagavatam – 11.7.44, the avadhuta brahman shares the lessons he learnt from one of the 24 gurus – water.

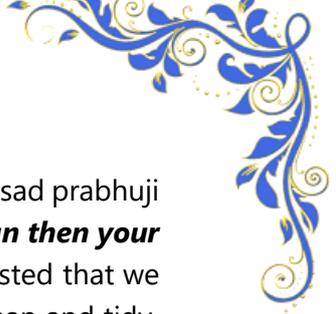
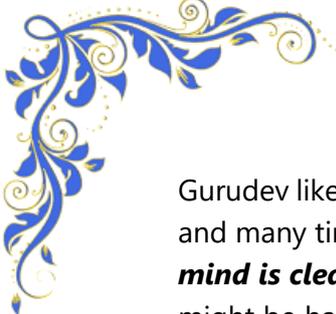
*svacchaḥ prakṛtitaḥ snigdho mādhyas tīrtha-bhūr nṛṇām
muniḥ punāty apāṁ mitram ikṣopasparśa-kīrtanaḥ*

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.

From the above verse we shall try to meditate on following divine qualities which our Gurudev imbibe in abundance:

1. *svacchaḥ*: **Pure and free from contamination**

Gurudev used to stress for cleanliness not only in mind and of body, but in one's dealings with others also. Gurudev emphasized and showed this quality, by his personal example. You used to emphasize that one's devotional service starts from how much clean and organized he is materially, starting with one's shaving kit, clean body, clean cloth, doing the worldly duties meticulously, etc., to have loving and un-dual – clean dealings with all living entities.



Gurudev likes the below prayer/poem composed by our Godbrother HG Atma Prasad prabhuji and many times, insisted everyone to sing this with actions. **"if your room is clean then your mind is clean, if your mind is clean you can do everything."** Gurudev you insisted that we might be having very simple cloths but it shall be cleaned. Our room must be clean and tidy. You used to keep even used/unwashed cloths folded and kept properly aside for washing.

You insisted that our behavior shall also be very clean and without duplicity while dealing with others. Our behavior shall be as per the shashtrical injunction toward any living and non-living entities. **Whoever comes to you, you accept that living entity with open heart, big smile and always with words of encouragement.** You never discriminate anyone – either be a KG going small kid, a wealthy businessman or a poor laborer. Gurudev we have never seen anyone else in our life, more merciful than you.

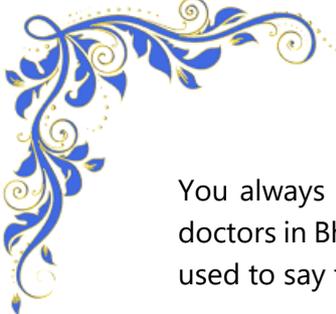
In SB 4.3.22 – *"...those who are elevated to the transcendental platform, being intelligent, offer such respects to the Supersoul, who is sitting within the body, not to the person who identifies with the body."* Also one may meditate upon SB 3.29.27 – *"Therefore, through charitable gifts and attention, as well as through friendly behaviour and by viewing all to be alike, one should propitiate Me, who abide in all creatuers 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. Whoever approaches you, remains very much comfortable with your fatherly love and feels great satisfaction and bliss while receiving your instructions and loving glance. It is just *"manaso mahotsavam"* whenever we approach you. Those devotees who do not know you before and never met you, they also feel extreme peace and bliss / transcendence while bowing down before you, at your samadhi in Rajkot. We thank you very much Maharaj for allowing us to make your samadhi in Rajkot itself.

Many people are encouraged and touched by your instructions, teachings when they read Granthraj offerings. Many people have taken up your way of devotional service simply by reading Granthraj emails. You have quoted this many times – **"if you behave differently towards different living entity, that means you have some material motive behind it"**. You insisted that we must have big smiling water melon face and not morose like rotten banana face. This is only possible if we allow Krishna to appear in our heart by our good and unenvious behavior.

2. *snigdhaḥ* — **soft or softhearted**

I still remember your soft and gentle loving touch on our backs and head when we bow down to your lotus feet. We always heard you calling us sons and daughters. Just by Your glance, we receive abundance of blessings and bliss. We saw whenever anyone comes to meet you in your room, you welcome them with sweet smile and console them (you used to even leave your beads as it is, just to welcome the devotee who comes to see you.) Even during the last phase of your pastime in this material world in Bhakti Vedanta Hospital, you welcomed each and every one with smiling face, fatherly love and appropriate instruction, even though it was very much bodily painful for you to do that (although you are ever transcendental to any bodily pains).



You always say "Sorry" and "Thank you" to those who help a little. Either be a lift man or doctors in Bhakti Vedanta hospitals or disciples or devotees serving you personally, you always used to say these words (although they might be performing their assigned duty).

We remember how Gurudev became furious on bank manager in Rajkot who was not ready to release the Lakshmi of the cheque. The very next moment he lovingly inquired about the bank manager's family, etc. Many other devotees have also shared similar experiences of this loving glance of Gurudev on us.

3. *mādhuryaḥ* : **sweet or gentle speech**

Your words are always from shastrical background and your instruction are always practical application of the shastrical injunctions. Hence it is always convincing to accept your instruction whole heartedly. Even the hardest lessons of life, you convey to us by your humor, sweet and gentle words.

Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport of BG 17.15, "*When speaking in spiritual circles, one's statements must be upheld by the scriptures. One should at once quote from scriptural authority to back up what he is saying. At the same time, such talk should be very pleasurable to the ear. By such discussions, one may derive the highest benefit and elevate human society*".

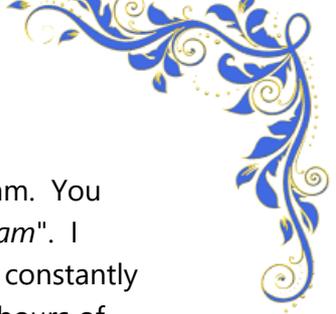
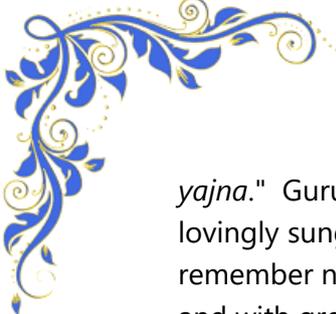
You always taught us by your personal example, ***that tongue shall only be used for glorification Krishna, otherwise we shall practice not to speak mundane matters***. You always insisted to pronounce the verses correctly and clearly. You also taught us in which tune any particular verse to be recited. You always said these verses and its recitation is not different from Krishna. Hence we have to pronounce it very lovingly and with great care. You insisted that any verse to be learnt word to word with meanings. Once you meditate on each word, then you can relish the verses and association of Krishna. You always insisted to take shelter of this form of the Lord. In one of your lectures you insisted that if you do not know the meaning of the verse, then also it is alright. But one shall keep on reciting these verses lovingly and take association of this transcendental sound vibration - *nabholingam* form and you will soon automatically learn the purport of the verses. You insisted that ***in the home, there shall be only transcendental sound vibrations. As far as possible any other material sound vibrations shall be avoided***.

4. *tīrtha-bhūḥ* — **a place of pilgrimage;**

You were born in the Vaishnava family since many generations. Since childhood you had brought up following Vaishnava dharma, reciting Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. Hence your actions, words are all full with injunctions of scriptures. Your heart is full with Krishna and you always remain in transcendental association of the Lord. Hence meeting you personally when you were physically present in this material world, or associating you by reading and following your instruction or visiting your samadhi is always like visiting a pilgrimage place. For us your association / shelter/loving touch are all pilgrimage places – Vridnavan, Mayapur, Dwaraka, etc.

5. *kīrtanaiḥ* — **and by being glorified verbally.**

As per Srila Prabhupada "*The best sacrifice recommended in this age is called Sankirtan-*



yajna." Gurudev you have taught us to lovingly chant the names of Krishna or Ram. You lovingly sung this bhajan "*Hari se bada Hari kaa Naam, anta me nikala yah parinam*". I remember narrating this pastime by one of our god brothers: You used to chant constantly and with great zeal and care the Hare Krishna Mahamantra during your full long hours of flight journey. Even after getting down from flight, during the car journey from airport to devotee's house, you used to constantly chant Mahamantra with the same vigor.

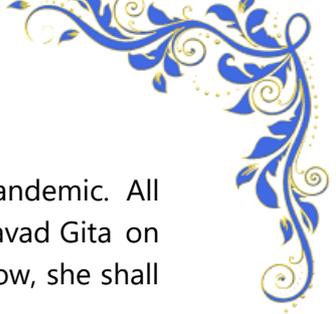
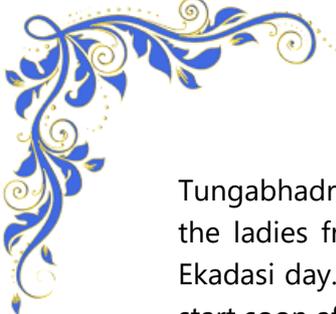
Srila Prabhupada explains – "*Sannyasi life is meant for distributing knowledge to the householders and others who have forgotten their real life of Spiritual advancement. Humility is also one of the qualification of a transcendently situated persons, and out of sheer humility the Sannyasi goes from door to door, not exactly for the purpose of begging, but to see the householders and awaken them to Krishna Consciousness.*" For distribution of pure love of Lord Krishna and his instructions to fools like us, you take lots of trouble to visit us 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 Abudhabi visit at night 2 am after a tiring flight journey, 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 Magala Arati after this recitation!!

You have taught us to seriously study the scriptures – Srimad 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 - śṛṇvan, su-paṭhan, vicāraṇa-paraḥ. 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 proudly named as Srila Mahavishnu Goswami pillar. And it is great inspiration for the devotees in Soho temple. You insisted that in our grhastha life, we shall atleast find a peaceful corner in our house where we can study scriptures without disturbance.

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.

Maharaj by your blessings; this year by our elder god brothers' and god sisters' love and care we are involved in couple of your Vani seva. Daily translation of Pearl of Wisdom in Gujarati. Daily H G Shri Ramchandra Prabhujji sends one quotation from your transcendental lectures and we translate the same in Gujarati. We feel that we really get lots of strength when we intensely pray to you while doing this seva.

By the grace of our elder god brother H G Kalchakra Prabhujji, we are also involved in the transcription and translation seva of your Gujarati lecture into English. By your mercy we could complete very few. However, we are yet to act upon many more. Due to our laziness and not understanding the importance of time, our focused attention on this seva is very less. We promise to do the same sincerely the coming year.



Tungabhadra started a Gita reading session biweekly in our flat before Carona Pandemic. All the ladies from neighborhood used to visit our place and read Srimad Bhagavad Gita on Ekadasi day. This has been stopped now for a long time. We wish and if you allow, she shall start soon after this pandemic situation.

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 and Bhajans, he can now explain some of the verses with meaning and tries to implement practical instruction from these verses. One of the key roles in his upbringing in Krishna Conscious way is his Gopal class which he attends online nowadays – one run by Vadodara devotee group of Bhakti vriksha, second one is class conducted by H G Suchitra mataji from Abu Dhabi who recently shifted to Mumbai. They give him lots of inspiration and love. By your special mercy and blessings, he never wishes to miss any class and eagerly awaits every week to attend and learn. Sometimes his progress encourages us in proceeding further in our devotional service.

Maharaj this year, in nutshell, was also very much struggling year in terms of progress in bhakti because of our laziness, carelessness, last priority of Krishna and your instructions, not understanding the importance of time etc etc. We promise you that we shall try our best to do – Mangala aarati on time, do sincere chanting, sincerely study Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam, improve our behavior, serve our parents and parents-in-law.

We are very much thankful to H G Kalcakra Prabhuji and HG Sudarshana Mataji who very mercifully initiated one online study group – Pravachanamrt, 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.

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 instructions 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 Girivardhari Prabhuji, H G Vaijantimala Mataji, H G Sudarshana Mataji, H G Abhirkanya Mataji and many other senior God Brothers and God Sisters for guiding us, encouraging us and sharing your instructions.

Finally, we would like to conclude with following verse (Srimad Bhagavatam 6.7.15 – Lord Indra speaks to his spiritual master)

*athāham amarācāryam agādha-dhiṣaṇam dvijam
prasādayiṣye niśaṭhaḥ śīrṣṇā tac-caraṇam spṛśan*



King Indra said: **Therefore, with great frankness and without duplicity I shall now bow my head at the lotus feet of Bṛhaspati, the spiritual master of the demigods. Because he is in the mode of goodness, he is fully aware of all knowledge and is the best of the brāhmaṇas. Now I shall touch his lotus feet and offer my obeisances unto him to try to satisfy him.**

We are so contaminated that we cannot approach Lord without the mercy and 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 and Parikshit Krishna das

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Srila Gurudev ki Jai!



India - Hyderabad



“Wherever you go, your mind is with you. The same mind will trouble wherever you go. We may go to the park, mind will trouble you, we may go to the bazaar, mind will trouble, we may go to the temple, mind is troubling you. So we carry the mind, we don't keep the mind anywhere. Please remember these things and make best use of your lifetime”

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--Harshita Nandula

Hare Krsna Dear Maharaj,

*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*

*om̐ 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.**

On this auspicious occasion of your 102nd Vyasa Puja, kindly allow this fallen soul to glorify
you through this humble offering which I am writing to you.

Maharaj, you always said that" **Keep Bhagavatam in one hand and a duster in another
hand**" and you welcome Bhagavatam into your life which means appreciating and welcoming
all transcendental good qualities. Just like how Parikshit Maharaj brought Srimad Bhagavatam
into this world, similarly you are " **Walking Bhagavata**" who made all of us to follow the path
in which Srimad Bhagavatam takes us to. In Bhagavad Gita verse 2.15 Krsna says,

*yaṁ hi na vyathayanty ete puruṣaṁ puruṣarṣabha
sama-duḥkha-sukhaṁ dhīraṁ 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.**

It is difficult to stay detached from material relationships, even Arjuna also faced the same
situation during Kurukshetra Battlefield. He has to fight in a war with his brothers, uncle and
grandfather. We need to tolerate difficulties.

Below are some of the verses which I studied recently and would like to offer them to you on
this day.

BG 9.34,

*man-manā bhava mad-bhakto mad-yājī mām namaskuru
mām evaiṣyasi yuktvaivam ātmānaṁ mat-parāyaṇaḥ*

**Engage your mind always in thinking of Me, become My devotee, offer obeisances to
Me and worship Me. Being completely absorbed in Me, surely you will come to Me.**

In this material world the duty of a devotee is to constantly chant the names of the Lord,
remember the Lord, worship the Lord and they will be certainly delivered to Lord's abode from
the clutches of Maya. Krishna and Krishna's mind are non-different from each other.

SB 7.15.24,

*kr̥payā bhūtajarṁ duḥkharṁ daivarṁ jahyāt samādhinā
ātmajarṁ yoga-vīryeṇa nidrām sattva-niṣevayā*

By good behavior and freedom from envy one should counteract sufferings due to other living entities, by meditation in trance one should counteract sufferings due to providence, and by practicing haṭha-yoga, prāṇāyāma and so forth one should counteract sufferings due to the body and mind. Similarly, by developing the mode of goodness, especially in regard to eating, one should conquer sleep.

In this material world, miseries arise out of body and mind, caused by other living entities and caused by demigods. We cannot get rid of them. To protect ourselves from these miseries we have to constantly chant the holy names and Kṛṣṇa smaranam. We can do exercises especially walking. Maharaj you have instructed us to avoid the intake of medicines too much.

SB 10.13.50,

*candrikā-viśada-smeraiḥ sārūṇāpāṅga-vikṣitaiḥ
svakārthānām iva rajah-sattvābhyām sraṣṭṛ-pālakāḥ*

Those Viṣṇu forms, by Their pure smiling, which resembled the increasing light of the moon, and by the sidelong glances of Their reddish eyes, created and protected the desires of Their own devotees, as if by the modes of passion and goodness.

A devotee needs to have eagerness to serve the Lord. A temple is not complete with just a roof and four walls. *Temple means seva said Srila Prabhupada. In Vṛndāvana there is a place where there was no temple, but a devotee desired, "Let there be a temple and sevā, devotional service." Therefore, what was once an empty corner has now become a place of pilgrimage. Such are the desires of a devotee.*

Maharaj, please forgive me if I have committed any mistakes and offenses. My humble apologies to you.

Your aspiring servant,
Harshita Nandula.



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--Malini Chandrasekaran

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

I genuinely feel that I am not even qualified enough to say their names; they are such exalted souls. Yet, like the squirrel which helped Lord Rama, I am sending this small message to our Guru Maharaj on this auspicious occasion.

When we have the fortune of discussing the teachings and preachings of Guru Maharaj during the Bhagavatam Class, we cherish them like nectar. From such golden nuggets, I just wish to highlight a few basic points here.

1. After waking up in the morning, instead of longing and waiting for morning coffee or tea which only degrade our souls, let us just throw our bodies in front of Lord Krishna, as a symbol of total surrender.
2. Maharaj insisted that before chanting the Mahamantra, we should say this also, "I have to go, leaving everything behind me!" When we utter that, we would remember that we are just a guest in this mortal world. This thought would prevent us from creating more and more desires and having many unfulfilled demands. All the great acharyas instruct us that maha mantra is the only sure-shot remedy for all our sufferings in Kali Yuga:

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

This remedy is what was suggested by Caitanya Mahaprabhu 550 years back for all conditioned souls.

So, I am praying to Guru Maharaj to engage me in constant, un-interrupted chanting and control of mind to do it effectively.

Servant of servant of servant of all pure Vishnava devotees,
Malini Chandrasekaran,
Hyderabad

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--Mayukha Nandula

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat-krpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-
tāraṇam*

"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."

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 102nd Vyasa Puja.

Gurudev, please forgive me for not being consistent with my devotional service. I keep procrastinating things which does not help me at all. You said in your lecture, "**Anyway, laziness, you know. The thing is, it is very easy to conquer the laziness. But we don't want really to conquer. The intense desire is not there.**" This is true for me Maharaj. I know that I should overcome my laziness, but I don't do anything about it. Please help me overcome my procrastinating attitude. In Bhagavad Gita 6.34, Arjuna says,

*cañcalaṁ hi manaḥ kṛṣṇa pramāthi balavad drdham
tasyāhaṁ nigrāhaṁ manye vāyor iva su-duṣkaram*

The mind is restless, turbulent, obstinate and very strong, O Kṛṣṇa, and to subdue it, I think, is more difficult than controlling the wind.

Arjuna says in this verse that the mind is very stubborn and it is very difficult to control the mind. And Prabhupada says in the purport that the mind can be controlled by the chanting of Hare Krishna Maha mantra and by taking shelter of Krishna because we cannot control the mind on our own. Maharaj, please help me control my mind, which is always looking for material happiness.

One of the most important lesson I learnt this year is detachment. When a straw floats in a river, it may come in contact with another straw at some point of time. But later, it floats away from it, due to drift of the water. Similarly, we may meet many people in our life. But eventually we have to leave everyone, when time comes. Therefore, it is wise not to be attached to anyone and just fulfill our responsibility towards everyone. We cannot completely remove attachment from our life because it is our natural tendency to be attached to something. In our conditioned state, we are always attached to something. If a person doesn't have any object of attachment, he directs it towards cats and dogs. We should just try to divert our attachment from material to spiritual. In SB 3.25.20 it is said,

*prasaṅgam ajaraṁ pāśam ātmanaḥ kavayo viduḥ
sa eva sādhuṣu kṛto mokṣa-dvāram apāvṛtam*



Every learned man knows very well that attachment for the material is the greatest entanglement of the spirit soul. But that same attachment, when applied to the self-realized devotees, opens the door of liberation.

Srila Prabhupada says in the purport that "*Attachment cannot be killed; it has simply to be transferred. Attachment for material things is called material consciousness, and attachment for Kṛṣṇa or His devotee is called Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Consciousness is therefore the platform of attachment.*" We should get detached from material things because they are not permanent and will not give us eternal happiness. Whereas when we are attached to Krishna, we will always be blissful and will be liberated from the cycle of birth and death.

Maharaj, when we came to the temple opening in the year 2019, we met Devakinandan Prabhu in the temple. He told us to always obey our parents and never disrespect them. I took it as your instruction for me and since then, I am trying to follow it sincerely. Please forgive me if I ever made any mistake in following that.

Thank you so much Maharaj for all the opportunities you have given me this year. It is because of your mercy, I understood that whatever happens in our life, is according to Krishna's plan and I am able to accept it. Please give me your mercy and please help me progress in my devotional service.

Your servant,
Mayukha.



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--Nimisha

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

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

All glories to Jagad Guru, Srila Prabhupada and to you, Srila Gurudev, who has showered his mercy even on the most insignificant of souls like me. Please accept my humble obeisances and this humble offering at your lotus feet on the occasion of your 102nd Vyasa Puja.

Maharaj, I have been attending HG Sudarshana mataji's Kadamba Manjari classes wherein we were hearing your nectarean lectures given at various locations. I had also been attending HG Kalchakra Prabhuji's weekend class in the beginning of 2021.

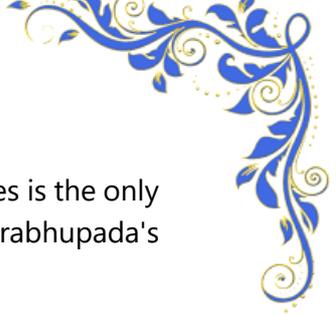
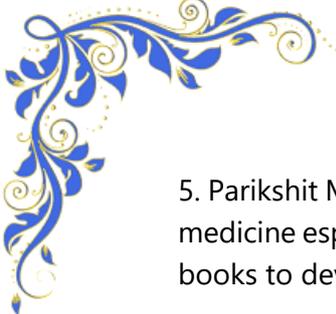
Prabhuji instructed us to meditate on the qualities of Parikshit Maharaj listed out in the 19th chapter of the first canto. The topic of how Parikshit Maharaj had accepted to become a vessel for Srimad Bhagavatam to flow into this world had captivated me instantly. Prabhuji had compared it to the appearance of Mother Ganga on earth due to Bhagiratha's penance.

1. Parikshit Maharaj was repentant. He wanted the punishment instantly so that he could remember exactly what he was punished for, unlike us. We always keep complaining that why is this happening to me? What did I do to deserve this? and so on.

2. He atoned for his mistake and took it as an opportunity to cut off all his material attachments. Parikshit Maharaj was an epitome of humility. Despite already making his decision to fast to death, he still took the permission of superior sages to do so. This is one quality which I want to learn in the upcoming years.

3. Parikshit Maharaj saw his unfavorable situation as a favorable one. I strive to be as optimistic as him. There is so much more to learn from him like his determinant attitude, his politeness while enquiring, his thirst for Krishna Katha and knowledge and many others.

4. He was an embodiment of gratitude. One of the main indicators of having gratitude is the ability to see the bright side of all situations irrespective of favourable or not. Parikshit Maharaj was grateful to the sages for bestowing the opportunity to hear from them on him. We often take things for granted and do not understand its value until its ripped away from us. We forget to express our gratefulness to our parents, teachers, family, friends and forget to thank you, Maharaj and Krishna for everything.



5. Parikshit Maharaj proved that taking shelter of Krishna katha and the holy names is the only medicine especially when we are in difficulty. I have decided to read more of Srila Prabhupada's books to develop the taste for Krishna Katha.

6. Parikshit Maharaj was so compassionate even in his distressing situation, that he was enquiring about things that would benefit the entire humankind, rather than just him. Even when our situation is good and happy, we are not compassionate. We discriminate and are compassionate only to certain people. The takeaway here for me is to be more compassionate to everyone.

Maharaj, this year has been both progressive and distressing for me in the material aspect. I have learnt a few new skills which I hope to utilize in your service in the future. All that I know is due to your limitless mercy and compassion. This year has showed me how merciful Lord Krishna is and how He helps us smooth-sail even through huge turbulences. How, even if we forget Him at times, he will never give up on His devotees, however unqualified we may be.

I haven't been able to do any service this year Maharaj, please forgive me for that. In the subsequent years, I will try to serve you in whatever small way I can. Thank you so much dear Maharaj for your mercy, even though I am undeserving of it. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Srila Gurudev ki Jai!
Eternally your insignificant servant,
Nimisha.



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--Purnima

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your 102nd vyasa puja mahotsav. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you Maharaj.

Maharaj, I am utterly fallen and absolutely unfit to speak about your glories but I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for sheltering me under your lotus feet through your transcendental Amrtavani. Whenever I have a doubt or going through any problem, surprisingly that day's calendar quote or Granthraj message invariably has an answer/ solution for me. This makes me feel as though you are personally instructing me.

Recently, HG Sudarshana mataji has very kindly given me the opportunity to transcribe one of your nectarean lectures. I perceive this to be your causeless mercy too. Knowing very well that I do not have the intelligence to do the service, still you have given me the opportunity just so that I can listen to your vani innumerable times and experience great solace.

I am eternally grateful to your disciples HG Devakinandan prabhuji, HG Kalachakra prabhuji, HG Sudarshana mataji, Srividya mataji and many others who are diligently spreading your nectarean instructions for the benefit of everyone through Amrtavani app and online classes.

Maharaj, your greatness lies in condensing scriptural essence into very simple, easy to follow and practical instructions. However, being dullheaded, I am always struggling to follow your sublime instructions and mend my ways. You have always emphasised in your lectures that time is running out, but I am unable to develop the seriousness to sincerely engage in devotional service to Krishna. I may give many reasons, but I know they are all only excuses.

As you said, " *Between Krishna and us, we are the main impediment.*" I am the biggest impediment. Krishna has given everything - a comfortable life, Deities at home, nearby Radha Gopinath temple, Srila Prabhupad books, your Amrtavani and association of nice devotees. I am not understanding their value because of my foolishness.

I pray at your lotus feet to kindly give me the intelligence to overcome laziness and follow your instructions nicely and make 'bhakti' as goal of my life.

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

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



Srila Prabhupad ki Jai! Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!

Your humble servant

Purnima



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--Sankarshan

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranam.

I heard about an incident in a class from HG Kalacakra Prabhu. This my mother told to me again the next week.

One day Maharaj along with Kalacakra Prabhu and two other devotees were going to the shop to buy a luggage bag. Only one bag was in discount and was very nice. They chose that bag. These two devotees then kept the bag beside them, while they were waiting in the billing queue. Just then, another person came, took the bag, paid for it and went away. Now they had to buy another bag. The devotees were murmuring and complaining about the bag incident as they were walking out of the store. So they bought another bag. When they were in the car, they were still talking about the bag mishap.

Later in Bhagavatam class that day, Maharaj narrated this incident and asked everyone to reflect on it. If for a change of bag itself we are very so agitated and disturbed, then what would be our state when we have to change our body?

Maharaj, I am going to the toy shop today. If I do not get the toy I wanted, I will not be agitated. This year I learnt 2nd chapter 13-27 slokas. The 13th sloka also relates to this incident. Bg 2.13,

*dehino 'smin yathā dehe kaumāraṁ yauvanam jarā
tathā dehāntara-prāptir dhīras tatra na muhyati*

As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.

I read this Pearls of wisdom: **Devotional service must go on always.**

What I understood is: We are breathing all the time. We are breathing while doing our work. We are breathing while sleeping also. In fact, we are breathing always. Similarly, we have to do devotional service all the time.

Yours dear grandchild,
Sankarshan
Hyderabad

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--Sharma

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble pranams at your lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, 2021. Thank you for so kindly looking over us throughout the year and continuing to provide your guidance through your instructions which are eternal and applicable in all places & circumstances.

In one of your lectures, you have very nicely described how Krsna's appearance makes time auspicious. And when we welcome Krsna in our hearts, the time becomes auspicious. I get the same feeling of कालः परमशोभनः whenever I listen to your lectures. There is a sense of divinity pervading all around when you are talking. Several times, I have experienced that whatever you instruct, the same situations and circumstances get manifested in my life, thereby experiencing your direct presence. It is by your own mercy that you provide that experience and I am really thankful to you for that

You have always drilled on the fact that everything is possible by studying the scriptures. Your instructions give me the taste for taking the baby steps in study of scriptures. I hope that I overcome the lethargy and devote more time to studying in the coming year. You have also taught us how we lack the faith in Krishna and the fact that He is in control. And when we do not recognize that He is in control, we are in distress. Doing devotional service in good times is easy, but doing it when the body / mind is disturbed and distressed is certainly very difficult. And you are an embodiment of how to carry the bhakti bhava at all times in all circumstances. I hope that I strongly catch on to your instructions and engage myself in devotional service.

Maharaj, I have to admit that I have been lacking in consistency and intensity. The last year has been a case of a few steps forward and several backward. Change in behaviour is what you have emphasized in your teachings. I feel unfortunate that such change and intense bhava has not arisen in me. But your instructions are so pure that I have hope that someday, I will be able to inculcate submissiveness to you, develop an attitude of service and be inquisitive to study the scriptures. Only by your mercy will I be able to attempt to meditate and put into practice the qualities of a servant as described by Lord Krishna in SB 11.10.6:

*amāny amatsaro dakṣo nirmamo dṛḍha-sauhrdaḥ
asatvaro 'rtha-jijñāsuraḥ anasūyuraḥ amogha-vāk*

The servant or disciple of the spiritual master should be free from false prestige, never considering himself to be the doer. He should be active and never lazy and should give up all sense of proprietorship over the objects of the senses, including his wife, children, home and society. He should be endowed with feelings of loving friendship toward the spiritual master and should never become deviated or bewildered. The servant or disciple should always desire advancement in spiritual understanding, should not envy anyone and should always avoid useless conversation.



One last thing Maharaj, I feel eternally grateful to HG Kalacakra Krsna das for setting the highest standards of service to you and untiringly rebroadcasting your instructions and glories through various forums and channels so that something will get into the heads of people like me.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Srila Gurudev ki Jai. **HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj's Vyasa Puja Maha Mahotsav ki Jai.**

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Humbly yours,
Sharma
Hyderabad



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--Shravaniya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada
and to you Maharaj.

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

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, i take this opportunity to humbly attempt to glorify you Maharaj, even though I may not be much qualified. I feel very fortunate for having been under your shelter and could able to understand the importance of devotional service for my own upliftment. Through scriptural study, I was able to meditate on the important values to be imbibed in my life. In verse 4.6.48, Lord Brahma is addressing Lord Shiva as follows

*yasmin yadā puṣkara-nābha-māyayā
durantayā spr̥ṣṭa-dhiyaḥ pṛthag-dṛśaḥ
kurvanti tatra hy anukampayā kṛpām
na sādhave daiva-balāt kṛte kramam*

My dear lord, if in some places materialists, who are already bewildered by the insurmountable illusory energy of the Supreme Godhead, sometimes commit offenses, a saintly person, with compassion, does not take this seriously. Knowing that they commit offenses because they are overpowered by the illusory energy, he does not show his prowess to counteract them.

In the purport Srila Prabhupada explains how saintly persons are always forgiving and be instrument for the welfare of others. The quality of tolerance is very nicely quoted and how one should not unnecessarily show his prowess without any right direction.

Maharaj, i seek your mercy on me for understanding the important qualities of vaishnavas and help me in practicing them to become a useful being in realizing the actual goal of engaging in the service of the Lord.

Your humble servant,
Shravaniya devi dasi

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--Srividya

Hare Krishna Maharaj.

Dandavat pranam. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to Srila Gurudev.

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

I have realized that whatever I have learnt so far, is just a drop in the ocean. There is more for me to learn than can ever be learnt. In fact, by seva to Guru's vani and vapu, the purports are revealed from within.

Recently, we had the good fortune of getting the association of HG Kalacakra prabhujī and Sudarshana matajī. And this association has led to me to understand how the process of bhakti yoga is carried out under the guidance of spiritual master. I would like to express these learnings to you. Please correct me wherever I am wrong.

1. Our life, our daily schedule and everything has to be streamlined for the sole purpose of performing devotional service. We have learnt in Science about how a fish's body has been streamlined for swimming in water and how a bird's body has been streamlined for the main purpose of flying in the sky. Similarly, as human beings we have to streamline our life to perform Bhakti, because our main purpose is to serve Him in devotion. Maharaj, you always insisted that we should Krishna in the center of all our activities. I came across the word "**Krishna-ized**" in Prabhupada's purport to the sloka BG 12.8,

*mayy eva mana ādhatsva mayi buddhiṁ niveśaya
nivasiṣyasi mayy eva ata ūrdhvaṁ na saṁśayaḥ*

Just fix your mind upon Me, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and engage all your intelligence in Me. Thus you will live in Me always, without a doubt.

In the purport of the same verse, in the beginning, Prabhupada writes, "*One who is engaged in Lord Kṛṣṇa's devotional service lives in a direct relationship with the Supreme Lord.*" By engaging in devotion service throughout our day, keeping Krishna in the center, all our activities will become **Krishnaized**.

2. Our time is limited to 24 hours in a day. If I think carefully, actually everyone has been given the same number of hours. So, how is it that some of us are able to balance between daily duties and chanting of Holy names while others (like me) are struggling? I have understood that priority has to be given to chanting of our minimum rounds as prescribed by Prabhupada. And we should not waste time in unnecessary things which are not of importance. Devotees are not wasting their time, they don't talk unnecessary things and that is the reason why they are able to balance spiritual activities and routine duties. In this reference, SB 1.16.6 says,

*athavāsya padāmbhoja-makaranda-lihām satām
kim anyair asad-ālāpair āyuso yad asad-vyayaḥ*

The devotees of the Lord are accustomed to licking up the honey available from the lotus feet of the Lord. What is the use of topics which simply waste one's valuable life?

Maharaj, you always say, "**Wasting time is the greatest crime.**"

3. Whenever Prabhujī or matajī spoke, they would quote you, Maharaj - either your words or your action from an incident. This I understand to be Vani seva. I started thinking, "*How to know your Vani?*" First, I can read the books in which your words have been embossed - **Pearls of Wisdom**. Next, I can listen to your audio lectures from Amrtavani website or app. Further, I can also read Granthraj messages which have been your all-time favorites. Here is one of your Pearls of Wisdom that has touched my heart.

Don't take service from Krishna

"We always ask Him, Krishna I want to go to the temple please help me; Krishna I want to eat please help me; Krishna I want to cook please help me. Every time we are taking His service. Don't do that. We, always work for His pleasure."

4. Maharaj, you have always emphasized the importance of Mangala arati. I came to understand that, whenever we wake up, we should take bath and perform mangala arati. This is the process. This has to be made into a habit. If we have to make progress in spirituality, then we have to wake up early. We have to welcome Krishna in the morning, either in the temple or at home. In BG 11.52 Lord Krishna says,

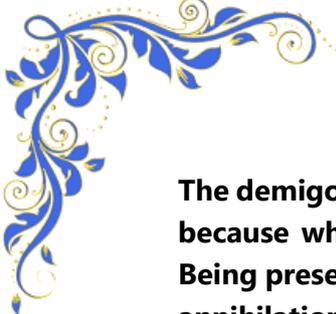
*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
su-durdarśam idaṁ rūpaṁ dṛṣṭavān asi yan mama
devā apy asya rūpasya nityaṁ darśana-kāṅkṣiṇaḥ*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: My dear Arjuna, this form of Mine you are now seeing is very difficult to behold. Even the demigods are ever seeking the opportunity to see this form, which is so dear.

In the purport, Prabhupada explains the significance of the word *su-durdarśam*. *su-durdarśam* means very difficult to see. This form of Lord Krishna is very difficult to see. I have heard that, Lord Krishna goes to graze the cows and so becomes very busy after sun-rise. So if we have to get His *su-durdarśam rūpaṁ*, we have to wake up early for mangala arati.

5. In one of the Bhagavatam classes conducted by HG Kalacakra prabhujī, I came to understand about the importance of vows and how Krishna maintains His vows. During this study, I had a chance to contemplate on few points related to vrata/vow. In SB 10.2.26,

*satya-vrataṁ satya-param tri-satyam
satyasya yonim nihitam ca satye
satyasya satyam ṛta-satya-netram
satyātmakam tvām śaraṇam prapannāḥ*



The demigods prayed: O Lord, You never deviate from Your vow, which is always perfect because whatever You decide is perfectly correct and cannot be stopped by anyone. Being present in the three phases of cosmic manifestation — creation, maintenance and annihilation — You are the Supreme Truth. Indeed, unless one is completely truthful, one cannot achieve Your favor, which therefore cannot be achieved by hypocrites. You are the active principle, the real truth, in all the ingredients of creation, and therefore You are known as antaryāmī, the inner force. You are equal to everyone, and Your instructions apply for everyone, for all time. You are the beginning of all truth. Therefore, offering our obeisances, we surrender unto You. Kindly give us protection.

The first word in this sloka 10.2.26 is *Satya Vratam* which means "**Lord who never deviates from vow**". Vow means promise or austerity. In Bhagavad Gita we find many verses in which Lord Krishna makes a promise. Lord Krishna has always kept His vows. He is Satya vrata.

There are also several devotees mentioned in Bhagavatam and Mahabharata who have taken vows. Bhishmadev takes a vow of Brahmachari, Aditi performs payo-vrata, Diti takes up a vrata so as to kill Indra, Ambarish Maharaj's keeps his ekadasi vow, Bali Maharaj's keeps his vow to Vamana dev and so on. From Bali Maharaj's example, we can understand the **importance of keeping a vow, even at the cost of one's life also.**

*Maharaj, in your lecture "Our Vrata must be Priya to us", you have emphasized on the importance of taking vows and fulfilling them. The person to whom vows are dear is known as Priyavrat. And sometime we also have to become Priyavrat. **Chanting 16 rounds, studying the scriptures, attending mangala arati and so on, should be taken up sincerely as a vrata. You say that training our younger generation is also a vrata.***

So I have understood that, we should perform the vratam in order to please Satya vratam.

Why I am telling this to you is that: I personally have never had much inclination to take up austerities or vows. After reading and hearing so much about satya vrata and priya vrata, I am inspired to take up vows. However, I do not have much confidence in keeping up the vows. It is important to take up vratas. At the same time, we should not take up some vow and somehow try to maintain it. Krishna willing and with your mercy, I will take up some nice vow soon and live until I die to complete it.

During the development of code for Amrtavani app & website, from the inception to the 3rd release of the app, you have always guided me. This time around too, when I was stuck with a buggy plugin, **sincere chanting along with your voice recording**, helped me find the solution.

Health has been on the downside, continuing from the last year but I understand that no one can avoid the reactions of karma. The karmic reactions are infact, for my own purification, though very painful. I don't want to ask anything from you. I am grateful to you and to Lord Krishna for everything you have given us and for the opportunities you have given me for serving you.



HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai!
Yours servingly,
Srividya



India - Chennai



“So when the planets itself to be destroyed, then what to talk of our activities. We may acquire few things here and there. But they are never going to be with us. And nothing really of a tangible value. And we fail to recognise the influence of the time.”

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--Ananda Murthi Krishna das & Savita 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*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your divine grace. By praying at lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, we, puny conditioned souls, are trying to remember and glorify few of the pastime happened in your life.

SB (11.9.29) says:

*labdhvā su-durlabham idaṁ bahu-sambhavānte
mānuṣyam artha-dam anityam apīha dhīraḥ
tūrṇam yateta na pated anu-mṛtyu yāvan
niḥśreyasāya viṣayaḥ khalu sarvataḥ syāt*

After many, many births and deaths one achieves the rare human form of life, which, although temporary, affords one the opportunity to attain the highest perfection. Thus 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. After all, sense gratification is available even in the most abominable species of life, whereas Kṛṣṇa consciousness is possible only for a human being.

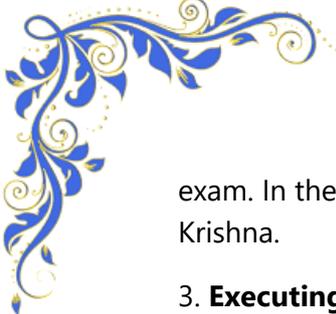
As per this sloka one has to be very careful in executing devotional service, before death occurs and attain highest perfection which is Going Back Home Back to Godhead. Maharaj your esteemed life was carried out as per this sloka.

1. Inquisitiveness from childhood:

In Srimad Bhagavatam 7th Canto Prahalada Maharaja says that one wastes his childhood in the playing. But, your divine grace had appeared in 6 generation Vaishnava tradition family with highly devotional qualities. In the childhood time, when mother offers newly purchased dresses to Lord Krishna you will ask for the reason. Similarly, you would inquire many Krishna bhakti related questions to temple Pujari. As he didn't know the answer, he would try to escape from you. Likewise, since the childhood with the careful attention, you wouldn't waste time in playing, but always had the inquisitive mood.

2. Dependence on Krishna with honesty:

When you were acquiring school education, as per the divine providence you had to take responsibility of maintaining the family. Due to more work, you could not prepare for Hindi exam. In this situation one would be dejected and either wouldn't attend the exam or would try to copy and pass the exam. But, you had full dependence on Krishna with honesty, and wrote Lord Krishna's Holy name throughout the paper. By Lord's grace you had passed that



exam. In the life, during tough situation, with careful attention, you had depended on Lord Krishna.

3. Executing unparalleled austerity:

Your entire life is based on the austerity. We puny conditioned souls, with limited capacity, describing two important austerities you had performed in your lifetime.

a. Austerity of drinking Bhagavata amruta:

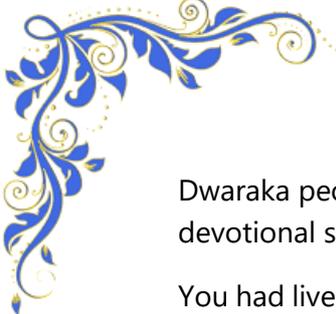
In London soho street temple your divine grace had sat near the pillar and relished Srimad Bhagavatam daily 10 hrs for 10 years. As your heart is filled with pure devotion to Lord Krishna, you had absorbed in studying so patiently the Lord Krishna's pastimes, which full of pure love. Even now, the pillar where you had performed great austerity of serious study in Soho street temple is remembered as "Maharaj Pillar". Due to this sincere austerity you had guided the struggling devotees and the people who sought your advice, with full wisdom and loving heart.

b. Austerity for building Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadesh temple in Dwaraka:

Your divine grace wanted to preach Srila Prabhupada's valuable teaching in land of Dwaraka. You had given Rs.10000/- as advance to book a place, but that person cheated. Initially, Dwarakawasis without knowing your pure purpose didn't allow you to stay more than two weeks in any of the mutt. Once you had stayed in Bharatiya Bhavan and Dwarakadeesh temple was visible from top floor. You had expressed your heartfelt desire to build the Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadeesh temple at Bharatiya Bhavan. Lord Krishna situated in everyone's heart (SBG - 15.15) aware of your desire and started performing his lila. As usual, care taker of Bharatia Bhavan asked you to vacate after two weeks.

Then, you had stayed at Sannyasa ashram near Gomati Ganga river. That was very austere place, where all the day time they would perform yajna and floor would be very hot during night time. You would sleep on the hot floor during night time. You would go to nearby Godiar temple and put small tent. During day time, you would glorify Lord Krishna by studying the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam in that tent. There would be dust floating on the area from nearby stone crushing factory affecting your lungs, as you had asthma. You would have to go to city for Prasadam and to answer nature's call. Devotees suggested to stay at hotel, but you had answered them that, "I am here to glorify Lord Dwarakadeesh for His pleasure. If the Lord wishes He would arrange the place, otherwise we will continue to perform austerity from the same place. If you want to stay in hotel, you can stay". This continued for few weeks, and news spread within the Dwaraka that elderly saint performing great austerity by studying Srimad Bhagavatam and Chanting the Holy name. Slowly, Dwaraka people started understanding your pure devotion and austerity. As you did not have any ulterior motives, the pious lady who is the owner of Bharatiya Bhavan wanted to donate the land and building as per Lord's arrangement.

You had lived difficult austere life at advanced age and built beautiful stone temple for their Lordship Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadeesh! In the holy land of Dwaraka, you had created way for preaching Srila Prabhupada's teaching! You had touched and remained in the heart of



Dwaraka people with pure loving behavior! Only rare devotees who have careful attention for devotional service to Lord Krishna, can perform these kinds of rare and great austerities.

You had lived life by considering devotional service more than life breath. We wish to put dust of the lotus feet again and again and pray to you so that we can change our material desires. And we seek your blessings to perform unalloyed devotional service through serious study of Srimad Bhagavatam and chanting the Holy name.

Your humble and eternal servants,
Ananda Murthi Krishna das and Savitha Devi dasi,
Periya Mathia Gudalur (Chennai)



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--Arisudana das & Godavari devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to our beloved Gurudev!!

Dear Gurudev!!

Please accept our most humble obeissances at your lotus feet. You are the embodiment of tolerance, compassion and you have bestowed your supreme mercy upon us who are the fallen souls of this Kali Yuga. In Srimad Bhagavatam 11.17.27, Lord Krishna says to Uddhava

*ācāryam mām vijānīyān navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyāsūyeta sarva-deva-mayo guruḥ*

One should know the Acharya 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.

The spiritual master is also called an acharya or a transcendental professor of spiritual science. A bonafide spiritual master accepts charge of disciples, teaches them the Vedic knowledge with all its intricacies and gives them their second birth. With the depth of devotional vision, you taught us how to serve Krishna and only you can do this. Dear Gurudev, you taught us how to lead a simple life by your own example and also taught us how to fully depend on the mercy of the Supreme Lord. With your transcendental humour, you conquered the mind of the whole world. You are the only ray of hope which is leading us day by day in the midst of worldly miseries.

*eka bhāgavata baḍa — bhāgavata-śāstra
āra bhāgavata — bhakta bhakti-rasa-pātra*

One of the bhagavatas is the great scripture Srimad-Bhagavatam, and the other is the pure devotee absorbed in the mellows of loving devotion. (C.c. Adi 1.99)

You are the ideal example for this and please bless us also to follow your path perfectly. Though we are not much qualified to glorify your beautiful, incomparable and unlimited qualities, we feel secured to be under your shelter and one day by your causeless mercy we will come out of ignorance and serve you properly.

Please dear Gurudev, keep us always engaged in your divine service.

Ever Your eternal servants,
Arisudana das and Godavari devi dasi.

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--Balabhadra Krishna Das

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj,

Happy Vyasa pooja Maharaj.

1. Maharaj told us to protect cows.
2. Maharaj told their disciples to get good and fresh milk even it is far away.
3. Maharaj is highly educated about Lord Sri Krishna.
4. Maharaj's wish was all the souls in the world to become a devotee of Krishna and go home back to godhead.
5. Maharaj you earned money by teaching the small children and learnt your higher studies.
6. Maharaj built the ISKCON temple in Rajkot and Dwaraka.
7. Maharaj told us that the human's death is like changing of dress.
8. Maharaj told us breathing keeps our body alive, but Bhagavad Gita keeps our soul alive.
9. Maharaj taught us that Lord Sri Krishna's body is not made of the five 5 elements.

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



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--Chaarukesh Ramesh

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

Thank you very much for preaching us about Krishna and trying to take us to Vaikunta Loka. Please show me the way to improve bhakti and knowledge. The entire world should be in good health to chant the names of Lord Krishna. Please forgive the mistakes which we have done knowingly or unknowingly and shower your blessings on us. In Bhagavad Gita 7.29, Krishna says

*jarā-maraṇa-mokṣāya mām āśritya yatanti ye
te brahma tad viduḥ kṛtsnam adhyātmaṁ karma cākḥilam*

Intelligent persons who are endeavoring for liberation from old age and death take refuge in Me in devotional service. They are actually Brahman because they entirely know everything about transcendental activities.

From this verse we understand that we must take complete shelter of Krishna. There is no difference between Krishna and Spiritual Master. So, Maharaj, kindly liberate us from the cycle of birth and death. Krishna willing, we will one day go back to Vaikunta Loka with your blessings.

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

Thank you very much dear Maharaj.

Your loving grandchild
Chaarukesh Ramesh



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--Divya Ratna Krsna das & Divya Vidya devi dasi

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

Please accept our humble and respectful obeisance 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 sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

How are you, Maharaj? With your mercy we are fine. I would like to share with you a sloka from Srimad Bhagavatham 8.15.28 which I have read in recent days.

śrī-gurur uvāca

*jānāmi maghavañ chatror unnater asya kāraṇam
śiṣyāyopabhṛtam tejo bhṛgubhir brahma-vādibhiḥ*

Translation: **Brhaspati, the spiritual master of the demigods, said: O Indra, I know the cause for your enemy's becoming so powerful. The brāhmaṇa descendants of Bhr̥gu Muni, being pleased by Bali Mahārāja, their disciple, endowed him with such extraordinary power.**

Purport: *Brhaspati, the spiritual master of the demigods, informed Indra, "Ordinarily, Bali and his forces could not achieve such strength, but it appears that the brāhmaṇa descendants of Bhr̥gu Muni, being pleased with Bali Mahārāja, endowed them with this spiritual power." In other words, Brhaspati informed Indra that **Bali Mahārāja's prowess was not his own but that of his exalted guru, Śukrācārya.** We sing in our daily prayers, *yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi. **By the pleasure of the spiritual master, one can get extraordinary power, especially in spiritual advancement.** The blessings of the spiritual master are more powerful than one's personal endeavor for such advancement. Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura therefore says: *guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete kariyā aikya, āra nā kariha mane āsā. Especially for spiritual advancement, one should carry out the bona fide order of the spiritual master. By the paramparā system, one can thus be endowed with the original spiritual power coming from the Supreme Personality of Godhead (evaṁ paramparā-prāptam imam rājarṣayo viduh).***

How a disciple by following the instructions and serving his spiritual master gets extraordinary power has been described in this purport by Srila Prabhupad.

We know the life's question paper [at the end we must remember Krishna]

We know the answer [Chanting Krishna's name with one-pointed attention]

We know how to achieve the answer [By following Spiritual Master's instructions and by serving him at our best]



but still, many times neglecting to follow the process properly due to laziness/ignorance/material modes. Maharaj, please help us to attain perfection, to follow your instructions always (regularly), and serve you at our best capacity. Only because of your causeless mercy, we can cross this ocean of material miseries.

Sometimes, when I cross the road, in traffic signal when the yellow signal is about to turn to red. I usually think, if Krishna and Maharaj give us a chance to cross this material misery at least like this (just-pass situation), then I am the most fortunate soul in this world. I don't know if I am worth enough to get your causeless mercy, but I have a strong faith.

Maharaj, please accept humble obeisance on behalf of my father H.G. Shanthakaara Krishna Das. He was a very obedient discipline of yours, even though he was 86+, for your last Vyasa Puja he went by walk and brought 2 flower garlands to offer you. He never missed mangal Aarthi and chanting. He tried his level best to follow your instructions. Please Maharaj shower your mercy upon his soul.

Please always engage us in your service. Happy Birthday Maharaj!!!

Your humble servants,

Divya Ratna Krishna Das , Divya Vidya devi dasi and Krishnananda pradaayini devi dasi



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--Dwaarakesh Ramesh

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Happy Vyasa Puja Maharaj,

Maharaj, you were the one who opened our eyes and helped us know the truth. You gave us an idea on how to reach Goloka Vrindavan. Maharaj, you were really good in getting the best out of a person. Even when no one supports a person you will have their back. I heard many people telling that you would listen to their problems patiently and help them to find a solution to the problem. We always troubled you with materialistic problems, yet you will address that with your vast practical knowledge, advise us to do the best and leave the rest to His Mercy and at the end seal it with a valuable advise to have faith and love towards Krishna.

I have met you a few times in real life, but I remember one incident where I was chanting Hare Krishna maha mantra loudly in the gathering and after reciting it, you gave me the garland you wore. It was a very special moment in my life.

Maharaj one real good thing about you is ***even when your physical body was old, you used to still do your work on your own without depending on others. You used to fold your old clothes so neatly that devotees wouldn't be able to find out which clothes are old and which clothes are yet to be worn. You used to do every work with utmost perfection without pondering about how the results will be.***

I am reminded of this verse, 2.47 of Bhagavad Gita,

*karmany evādhikāras te mā phaleṣu kadācana
mā karma-phala-hetur bhūr mā te saṅgo 'stv akarmaṇi*

You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty.

It is written very beautifully in the translation that we have the right to perform our prescribed duty but we shouldn't expect the results to be favourable to us. Give our best and leave it to Krishna. You did your duty to perfection, ie preaching us about Lord Krishna. It is now up to us along with the mercy of the Lord, to follow your instructions and reach Goloka Vrindhavan.

We beg you to kindly give us the wisdom to catch your feet tightly, follow your instructions through every step of our life, shower us the mercy to remember Krishna every time and do be with us giving us the moral support as you always have been.

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



Jai Srila Prabhupad. Jai Srila Gurudev.
Dwaarakesh Ramesh
Chennai



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--Haripriya devi dasi

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj

Happy Vyasa pooja Maharaj.

Maharaj guides us how to back home back to godhead. It is very difficult process but dear Maharaj you have made it simple through the practical ways of Bhagavatam.

Important points of Maharaj to meditate

1. If someone has done something wrong, don't hold grudge upon them.
2. Keeping an object in wrong place is also violence.
3. Krishna can satisfy everyone's needs but cannot satisfy one person's greed.
4. Do not listen to gramya katha and only hear Srimad Bhagavatam.
5. Never make spiritual service a ritual. It must be done with love.
6. Where ever there is prayer kali yuga will not touch us.
7. Those who don't waste time can achieve both materially and spiritually.
8. Glorify the lord because when the lord is pleased everyone is pleased.



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--Hrishikesh Krishna das

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My dear Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet! All glories to your wonderful appearance day!

The spiritual master's appearance day (Vyasa puja day) is the most auspicious day in a disciple's life. But for us, your holiness appearance day is not only auspicious, but glorious day because who can get such a spiritual master as your holiness in three worlds!

Truly! Am not a qualified disciple to glorify your holiness transcendental qualities but am attempting with your blessings and permission because each quality your holiness possessed purified a lot of living entities, whose lives your holiness crossed or touched.

One may appreciate the good or great quality one has, but it will be sensible if we meditate on the situation how that person followed it or implemented it. Your holiness is totally different even though your holiness had a situation that everyone undergoes in this material world. Then what makes your holiness saintly or different from others? Your holiness said, "**We should not be attached to humility. Humility should attach itself to us. Naturally it happens with sincere devotional service**". Your holiness attached to devotional service, that is the ultimate solution for all the physical, mental, and spiritual problems. Your holiness showed us that devotional service is important than developing the qualities alone.

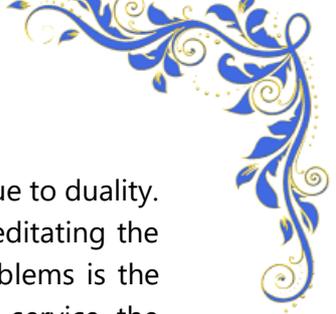
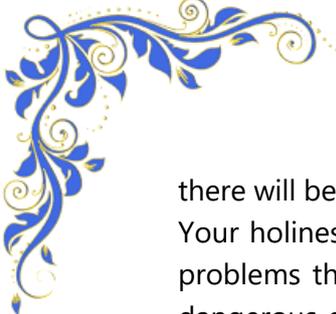
But none of the situations is favorable to do devotional service in this material world for a conditioned Jiva. Your holiness showed us that too how one can do devotional service. Your holiness is the embodiment of all Vedic literature. Because each and every moment in your holiness life met with each and every instruction of Vedic literature. This is confirmed by Lord Krishna when answering Arjuna's questions in Bhagavat Gita. In Bhagavat Gita 2.15,

*yaṁ hi na vyathayanty ete puruṣaṁ puruṣarṣabha
sama-duḥkha-sukhaṁ dhīraṁ 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.

Srila Prabhupada provided the meaning to the word '**sama**' as '**unaltered**' in word to word and '**not disturbed**' in translation. Throughout your holiness life, your holiness exhibited this 'Unaltered'/'not disturbed' behavior in devotional service that produced the by-products of all the transcendental qualities mentioned in BG 13.8-12.

One of the shortest but powerful lectures '**Intense Sadhana is the only way to Destroy Duality**' delivered by your holiness during 2006 at Rajkot dham. Your holiness explained that



there will be always dilemmas in taking decisions in all the situations in our life due to duality. Your holiness explained that the conditioned Jiva's are wasting their time in meditating the problems than Krishna. Your holiness said that the meditating time of the problems is the dangerous one. Also, they could not either take any decision nor do devotional service. the only remedy is intense chanting of harinama. Throughout your holiness life, your holiness lived a life of what your holiness explained to us.

This is where your holiness is differentiated from others; your holiness is **not disturbed** with dualities that happened in this world and continued **unaltered** devotional service to Krishna. One can speak on this subject but living according to it is not easy. Your holiness always showed us practically. **Your holiness churned all your experiences as practical solutions and made everyone feel easy in following any instruction and facing the dualities.**

The manager who has been looking for the mansion in Dwaraka Dham threatened your holiness for accepting the mansion and constructing a temple. But your holiness was **not disturbed** but continued **unaltered** devotional service. Now, the strong temple in Dwaraka is the evidence of your holiness faith and dependency on Krishna.

With the hope of associating with Srila Prabhupada, your holiness joined in ISKCON as a vanaprastha but due to different calamities, the decision your holiness took on a serious issue made the temple president to move your holiness away from the temple in the night. Again, your holiness was **not disturbed** and continued **unaltered** devotional service (**associated with Srila Prabhupada's books more than ever**). Now, the same temple has many pillars and your holiness name was given to one pillar which is the evidence of your holiness faith and dependency on Krishna. **Really, it is not the physical pillar but your holiness is an important pillar in ISKCON to show case to everyone how can one live a life not only according to Vedic literature but the statements of Srila Prabhupada's commentary!**

There will be many misunderstandings or different opinions between two persons living as a family member. But in your holy life, you had a big family. I could not imagine how many different opinions would have occurred! Still, your holiness was **not disturbed** but continued **unaltered** devotional service towards the lord. As a responsible son, husband, and father your holiness finished all the responsibilities immaculately. Your holiness never ever complained about any situation but always seen the hand of Krishna. Following quotes is your holiness realized instructions to us.

"Please remember that even our own family members will criticize. What to speak of our material relations, even in this line of devotion, you will be criticized."

"Krishna is not going to look at the list of criticisms that you have received. He only looks at your sincerity in pursuing uninterrupted bhakti."

I could not imagine how many criticisms your holiness would have gone through in family life, vanaprastha life, and mainly in sannyasa life! But your holiness always stressed the intense devotional service towards Krishna and not leaving Srila Prabhupada's books are the only solution for all the problems.



We, your disciples came from different backgrounds and with different modes of nature. Your holiness was very happy to accept different but unique disciples. It does not mean that your holiness accepted the mistakes of disciples but was ***not disturbed*** with any of the disciple's behavior but continued ***unaltered*** devotional service towards Krishna. This is the reason, your holiness as a loving father guided (spent quality time with) each and every disciple according to their level. It not only happened in the past when your holiness was present physically, but even now. I have strong experience in my life that every time when there is a struggling situation, without fail, your holiness guided me through God-siblings, through calendar quote, through Srimad Bhagavat Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, through any devotee, and through any service. It's me without understanding your holiness greatness, leaving away.

I don't know whether Lord Krishna as stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 5.19.27 gives his lotus feet for shelter to persons like me without aspiring, but your holiness gives all guidance even without surrendering at your lotus feet completely and following any of your instructions seriously. What a compassionate Spiritual master your holiness is!

Even though Gopi's mentioned themselves as ordinary persons engaged in household affairs (*geham juṣām* - SB 10.82.48), it is not applicable for them, but for me. I am completely fallen into a deep well of material existence such as not feeling this material world is a miserable place, having lusty desires, not being ready to leave my body, not having desire to do devotional service (*saṁsāra-kūpa*). But I don't want to lose your holiness lotus feet life after life as I could not find anyone like your holiness anywhere.

On this auspicious day, I beg your holiness millions and millions of times to please awaken/establish your holiness lotus feet which are my only hope (*patitottaraṇāvalambam*), in my heart (*api manasy udiyāt sadā nah*). Then one day I will do service unto your lotus feet as per your wish.

All glories to HH. Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki Jai! All glories to All the transcendental qualities ki Jai!!

All glories to HH. Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev Vyasa Puja Mahotsav Ki Jai!!!

Your unworthy disciple,
Hrishikesha Krishna das



*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Jyeshtha devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my sata koti dandavad pranams at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to Srila Gurudeva.

As an insignificant disciple I am obliged to glorify you on this wonderful occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

*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*

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayam rūpaḥ kadā mahyam dadāti sva-padāntikam*

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

The sadana which I am struggling to perform is purely by your mercy and blessing. I keep praying to you everyday to continue my sadana nicely. When you were on this planet I really couldn't understand your greatness. It is by the grace of your other exalted devotees, I realize how fortunate I am to have come under your shelter.

SB 4.21.51

*adya nas tamasaḥ pāras tvayopāsāditaḥ prabho
bhrāmyatām naṣṭa-drṣṭinām karmabhir daiva-samjñitaiḥ*

The citizens continued: Today you have opened our eyes and revealed how to cross to the other side of the ocean of darkness. By our past deeds and by the arrangement of superior authority, we are entangled in a network of fruitive activities and have lost sight of the destination of life; thus we have been wandering within the universe.

Srila Prabhupad says in the purport, *it is by the grace of the Spiritual master and the Supreme Personality of the Godhead that we get the clue of devotional life and thus progressive success in our life begins. The servants of god come to propagate god consciousness and intelligent people should co operate with them in every respect. By serving the servant of god one can please god more than by directly serving the lord.*

Please give your mercy and blessing to follow these instructions with a little bit of sincerity Maharaj.

SB 3.22.6

*diṣṭyā me bhagavān dr̥ṣṭo durdarśo yo 'kṛtātmanām
diṣṭyā pāda-rajah spr̥ṣṭam 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.

In the purport Prabhupad says that *the perfection of transcendental life can be achieved simply by touching the holy dust of the lotus feet of a holy man. Because the common man is unable to control the senses and the mind, it is his duty to seek the shelter of a great soul or a great devotee of the Lord and just try to please him. That will make his life perfect.*

Please let me always remain a faithful servant of you and be in the association of your sincere followers. Please bestow your blessing and mercy upon my two sons and my daughter-in-law and grand-daughter. Please bless us to be healthy and continue our sadana nicely and serve you by your remembrance

Prabhupad says in the purport of SB 3.5.7, *the father and mother of the material body are so only in one birth and in the next birth the father and mother may be a different couple. But the bona fide spiritual master as the representative of the lord is the eternal father because the spiritual master has the responsibility to lead the disciple to spiritual salvation or the ultimate goal of life.* Please give our whole family shelter at the sanctuary of your Lotus feet.

Your humble servant,
Jyeshta devi dasi.



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--Kalacakra Krsna das

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine grace and Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, we are glad that we are alive to make our humble offering on this glorious occasion of your 102nd Vyasa Puja Mahotsav! There is so much to share with you because you are the only one with whom we can share everything and you are the only one who understand us, feel our pains, comfort us and pray for us. Our life is so secure if we are sheltered at your lotus feet Maharaj and it is so precarious as soon as we stray away into the wilderness.

Maharaj, this year, as usual, has been a case of many failures due to my inability to be focussed and resolute in my determination. But the experience of facing failure every time is teaching me important lessons Maharaj, provided I receive them and assimilate them properly.

1. We had set a target to release an upgraded version of the Mobile App - Amrtavani containing all your nectar, on the day of your Vyasa Puja, the 18th Dec. The team, especially Srividya Mataji has been working non-stop throughout the year in the development and assisted by Hrshikesh Prabhu's expert testing. We thought we were almost there to release the version, but we ran into some unexpected roadblocks which has delayed the release by a few days. We decided to give it the required time to solve the issues and release in the near future, whenever Krishna and Maharaj sanctions. We had to take this tough decision because I know you will always focus on the quality. We don't want to release something with defects just to meet the timeline. You had warned me a few times regarding Granthraj also, to not lose the focus on our quality standard in the pursuit of fulfilling the vow. I know how much it will pain Srividya Mataji who worked day and night with full dedication on this service, but at the same time, I can understand how much you will appreciate the amount of endeavor she and her entire family has put in. Sharma Prabhu, Mataji's husband, has been such a silent devotee. He loves listening to your lectures every day and helps us in so many ways. He does the seva of editing, formatting, transcribing and adding subtitles to your videos and he loves that service so much that skips his sleep for days together to complete this seva. Their children also so enthusiastically offer their service to our Vani Seva Project.

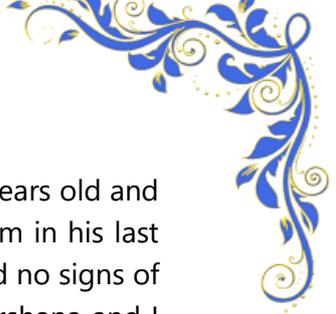
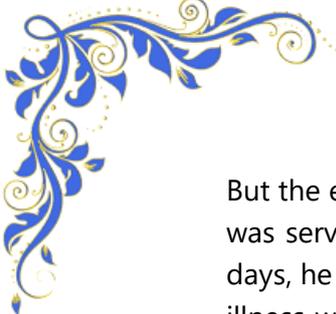
Hrshikesh Prabhu (Chennai) definitely needs a special mention for his high quality testing and the joy with which he has been doing the service, the realizations he shares about you in the process is simply astounding! If not for his testing, we would not have found so many defects in our product and fix them. All these devotees are doing their service with so much dedication Maharaj and I learn so much from them. I am just like the dog under the bullock cart, but they are the real heart and soul of this project Maharaj. There are so many other devotees who assist in the transcription service lovingly and Krishna Rati Mataji especially has been consistency personified in this service! Please bless all these



sincere sons and daughters with your abundant causeless mercy Maharaj that they do more and more such services to you for the rest of their lives.

We hear lot of positive feedback from unknown sources who are tremendously benefitted by the app and by your transcendental vani. We offer all these appreciations at your lotus feet! If not for your pure vani which forms the main content of the App and Website, we are simply body without the soul. The only thing we request is the opportunity of serving you in the association of such sincere devotees who love you from the bottom of their hearts! We pray for your mercy that we are only focused on enjoying the service and not on the pleasure of results.

2. Maharaj, by your causeless mercy there were requests from 2 more temples (Pune and Delhi-Dwarka) this year to do Adhyatma Dipam Seminar which is nothing but a consolidation of all your nectarean wisdom on Bhagavatam study over the years. They were well-received by sincere souls and more serious students requested to start weekly Bhagavatam online discussion which is going on nicely so far by your mercy and blessings. When I was in Vrindavan, by your mercy the ISKCON Bhagavata Mahavidyalaya in-charge heard about me through someone and came over to meet me. The only linking point is your glorious life as a person-bhagavata in ISKCON Maharaj. He was very inspired by the Adhyatma Dipam course and wanted to merge with his course. This is a good opportunity to distribute your glorious teachings throughout ISKCON community. There are also many other opportunities from different yatras for online classes and they love your wisdom automatically when we share. It is just a proof that you are straight from the spiritual world and your words are as pure as you are! Only thing is I need to be more organized and proactive to prepare a systematic study of Bhagavatam in the way you had instructed us Maharaj. Please cast your merciful glance upon this undeserving soul that I be a transparent-via-medium of your pure wisdom!
3. Maharaj, the other service I promised last year about consolidating the slokas and quotes from your vani also got stalled after a while. I am ashamed to be an inconsistent disciple of yours. My sincere request to you Maharaj, please do whatever you can to bring consistency and drdha-vratha'ness in me to fulfill my sankalpas to you. You trust us so much unconditionally but I am not reciprocating you with my trustworthiness in turn. Maharaj, life is passing away so fast, but I am completely incompetent and unqualified. Please reveal yourself to me through your vani-rupa, I cannot understand your words on my own!
4. Maharaj, from a family point of view this year, especially the second half of the year has been a challenging one. My uncle (whose family brought us to Krishna consciousness), passed away due to illness in August. He lived a lonely life ever since my aunt passed away 20 years ago, but has been service and patience personified. His silent service and innocent character was liked by everyone who knew him. Though I am completely incompetent, I could do a little service to him in the last few weeks of his life and helped my cousin brothers in the challenging situation.



But the even more painful thing was that his younger son, who was only 36 years old and was serving as an accountant in Vrindavan temple, who had come to see him in his last days, he too passed away suddenly in a month's time even though he showed no signs of illness whatsoever. It proved once again to us how fleeting this life is! Sudarshana and I were trying to help him because he was not married yet and hardly any savings/income, but a greatly inspiring devotee for many. By Krishna's arrangement, his marriage was almost fixed but within 2 days, he died an instant and unexpected death. We were quite happy when his marriage was fixed after a prolonged delay and he will get the required support in executing his devotional service, but it was not destined to be. He loved Vrindavan so much that he didn't want any money, luxury or whatsoever but only to live and die in Vrindavan. For that purpose, he was ready to serve even for the lowest paying job. We were looking forward to his marriage and settling them in Vrindavan but Krishna wanted us to go to Vrindavan only to do his asti visarjan and clearing up his room. It was a painful experience Maharaj, we cannot express this to anyone except you. I didn't see him as my brother at any time, but only as a simple-hearted sincere Vaishnava who only loved devotional service!

We could appreciate his deep devotion even more once he passed away. We could understand the depth of his devotion listening to his friends from different corners of the world. His appreciation and love for the dham, deities, Krishna conscious philosophy, his silent preaching etc. had a deep impact on us just like hundreds of devotees around the world whom he cultivated into Krishna consciousness silently. Just for the little desire to serve him, who was so much attached to Vrindavan, even a undeserving jiva like me who has no appreciations for the dham, could stay in Vrindavan for 6 weeks and the entire Kartik month! I could not conceive the limits of a Vaishnava's mercy Maharaj! Everyday I could attend mangala arati, chanting in Prabhupada's quarters, taking darshan of Their beautiful Lordships, then visiting the different Goswami temples & samadhis and chanting there. All this was simply because of a Vaishnava's causeless mercy. The unbearable pain is deep in the heart that I could not serve such a sincere vaishnava sufficiently in my life. He had the hope that I and Sudarshana will help him get his due share of the property to lead a simple life in Vrindavan, but inspite of our endeavors, we were not able to save him from the family intrigues that consumed his life. He has left everything in others' hands and Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar have taken him in Their safe shelter forever. One thing that gives us solace is that both my uncle and his son were fortunate enough to take your darshan, association and did seva also when you visited Srirangam 18 years ago Maharaj and that I consider as your greatest blessing in their life!

I know you always quoted the verse – *ma kancana suco rajan yad isvara vasam jagat* and try to pacify myself that the Lord is fully in control of this world and my brother is serving the Lord somewhere, and my turn to leave this world also will come anytime soon and I should be prepared for it. Maharaj! This experience just reminds us and makes it even more intense that you have given us so much of your love and mercy all your life, with no expectation whatsoever. We are feeling the pain of your separation deeper because you are so pure and innocent at heart. We miserably fail in our attempts to reciprocate with

your love every time. We end up being the ingrates who are nothing but guru-bhogi!
Please save this incorrigible fool Maharaj!

5. Maharaj, I want to share how much admiration I could develop for some of my god-siblings with whom I got an opportunity to associate this year Maharaj. H G Hrshikesh Prabhu and H G Kaushalya Mataji are an emblem of enthusiasm and service. When we had decided to go to Vrindavan to do the final rites for my cousin brother, we had no idea how long we will stay. But Hrshikesh Prabhu kindly allowed us to stay at his home in Vrindavan without any hesitation. And his home is so complete with all the necessary items! Prabhu and Mataji have so meticulously arranged everything in their home that we didn't have to worry about anything! And when they came to Vrindavan, they were so full of enthusiasm and energy to serve the devotees! They were so kind, forgiving and wide-hearted to accommodate all our shortcomings! We learnt so much from them Maharaj! My only prayer to you is that please bestow upon us opportunity to serve and associate with such sincere devotees who are seriously following the path laid by you.
6. Maharaj, I had a desire to work on your audio lectures and had also expressed my desire to pursue the seva in last Vyasa Puja offering. As usual, being a dirgha-sutri, wasted half the year and then somehow by your mercy from 1st July I took a sankalpa to work on at least 1 lecture a day. By your mercy the seva went well until the 10th Oct when we had to leave for Vrindavan and then it stopped. So far we could upload only some 25-30% of your transcendental treasure house. There is so much more to dig and distribute! Once the seva stopped, I am not able to commence again due to my shortcomings and I am hoping that post Vyasa Puja I should commence the service again. There is so much joy in this service that once I started, I kept wanting to do more and more! My prayer unto your lotus feet to bless me to continue this seva consistently Maharaj!

Maharaj, by your causeless mercy, I have been very much attracted to this sloka from Srimad Bhagavatam SB 8.23.7 and I want to offer it for your pleasure. The more I meditate on it, the more I can appreciate your causeless mercy and your inconceivable taste for this glorious scripture!

यत्पादपद्मकरन्दनिषेवणेन
ब्रह्मादयः शरणदाश्रुवते विभूतीः ।
कस्माद् वयं कुसृतयः खलयोनयस्ते
दाक्षिण्यदृष्टिपदवीं भवतः प्रणीताः ॥

*yat-pāda-padma-makaranda-niṣevaṇena
brahmādayaḥ śaraṇadāśnivate vibhūtiḥ
kasmād vayaṁ kusṛtayaḥ khala-yonayas te
dākṣiṇya-dṛṣṭi-padaviṁ bhavataḥ praṇītāḥ*

yat — of whom; pāda-padma — of the lotus flower of the feet; makaranda — of the honey; niṣevaṇena — by tasting the sweetness of rendering service; brahma-ādayaḥ — great personalities like Lord Brahmā; śaraṇa-da — O my Lord, supreme shelter of everyone; āsnivate — enjoy; vibhūtiḥ — benedictions given by You; kasmāt — how; vayaṁ — we; ku-sṛtayaḥ — all the rogues and thieves; khala-yonayaḥ — born of an envious dynasty,

namely that of the demons; te — those asuras; dākṣiṇya-dr̥ṣṭi-padaṁ — the position bestowed by the merciful glance; bhavataḥ — of Your Lordship; praṇītāḥ — have achieved.

O supreme shelter of everyone, great personalities like Brahmā enjoy their perfection simply by tasting the honey of rendering service at Your lotus feet. But as for us, who are all rogues and debauchees born of an envious family of demons, how have we received Your mercy? It has been possible only because Your mercy is causeless.

Maharaj, this prayer by Prahlad Maharaj to Lord Vamanadev gave a lot of meaning every time I tried to meditate on it. I only wish how much more I can relish it if I share this beautiful verse with you. I am missing those moments terribly Maharaj. How much more nectar you will add to the verse and add practical realizations laced with humor from your tremendous wisdom!!

Maharaj, when I first met you in Apr 1999, I didn't know anything about your glories. When Purnendu Prabhu returned from Auckland to Minneapolis, he said that a very nice elderly Sannyasi by name H H Mahavishnu Goswami will be coming to Minneapolis and we will have his association. I was just 4 years into Krishna consciousness then and didn't know much about serving senior Vaishnavas. None of us were initiated then but even without any knowledge of how to serve you and how to interact with you, you gave so much of your loving association. Senior godbrothers like Purnendu Prabhu, Devaki Prabhu, Viraj Prabhu and many others (the list is too big to fit in here) have tasted the sweet honey of rendering service to you (*pāda-padma-makaranda-niṣevanena*) for many years. They have served you spending many sleepless nights, driving you around, sitting with you and studying Bhagavatam for hours, organizing programs etc. long before I met you. But all those sincere god-siblings enjoyed serving you because you were so pure a Vaishnava that the more they were serving you, by your blessings the more they were tasting the sweetness (*niṣevanena*) of service and hence feeling even more energetic. Not only those who have spent long years serving you Maharaj, even those who have had very brief association or haven't even met you (this list is also huge and growing everyday), have developed so much implicit love for you simply by hearing your vani and hearing about your glories, that they enjoy their service so much and they are so much attached to your divine grace!

The reason they are able to taste the sweetness of serving you Maharaj, is because they have full faith in the power of your shelter and hence have taken complete shelter of your lotus feet with great zeal. Such sincere devotees are 100% convinced that 'If I go to Maharaj, he will give me the solution to all my problems', and 'I don't have to go anywhere else for shelter'. This faith is what is lacking in me Maharaj. Still, you are ever-ready and willingly give us your loving shelter (*śaraṇada*)! Who can get a spiritual master like your divine grace in all the three worlds Maharaj?! Your doors are always open for anyone who approach you with problems. Even if we don't come to you, you reach out to each one of us and inquire lovingly about our well-being. In this world of 'impersonal relationships' & 'waiting for appointments', you were an exception Maharaj! How much you have given yourself to us and how little I realized your greatness when you were present in our midst?! Even now you are continuing to give us your unconditional shelter and I am still hesitating to accept it! What a miserable life I am living Maharaj!



All your sincere disciples and followers, because of their confidence in your shelter and their unconditional surrender to your lotus feet, they are able to enjoy all the spiritual benedictions (*aśnivate vibhūtiḥ*). The greatest benediction I can think of is the 'everlasting eagerness and enthusiasm to serve you' and I can see that in abundance in all their simple hearts.

But look at my condition Maharaj! I am *kusṛtayaḥ* & *khala-yonayaḥ* (born, grown up and filled with all anarthas like pride, envy, anger etc.). I have no qualification whatsoever, filled with base mentality and always in the lower modes of passion and ignorance. I do not know how you are engaging me in service till date! I think it is only because of your causeless mercy that you have given your eternal shelter by casting your merciful side-long glance (*dākṣiṇya-dr̥ṣṭi-padavīm*) upon this lowly jiva Maharaj! Just before leaving this mortal world you took us to Panvel. I had cut short my official trip in US and returned to Mumbai because I was not sure if I will be able to see you one last time. When we reached Panvel you lovingly inquired and enthused everyone and when you saw me, you quipped, "Kaal, you were more dear to me when you were far away, than when you are near me. Why did you have to drop your office work to come all the way?". I think a demon like me have no qualification to stay near you Maharaj (although I shamelessly yearn for it). But my only confidence is in your merciful side-long glance (*dākṣiṇya-dr̥ṣṭi*) and that is what I consider and gleefully accept as my eternal position (*padavī*) and I am transcendently proud of this achievement (*bhavataḥ praṇītāḥ*) in this life because it did not come due to any of my qualifications but only and only due to your causeless mercy!

My sincere gratitude to you for all that you have given us and continue to give us Maharaj. When my life ends, my only desire is to be known as a product of your inconceivable mercy!

Your faltering son,
Kalacakra Kṛṣṇa das



*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Krishnaanandha Pradhayini devi dasi

H.H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jay!!!

Hare Krishna Maharaj!!

Janmadivasa nī śubhakāmanā Maharaj!!! Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances unto your 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*

I am very excited to write this offering for your janma dhin. This year is a very challenging one for me as it has many twist and turns. I am doing my 10th board exam in 2 semesters. Due to this pandemic period, school is not in the position to provide full support and guidance for the students. Also the board has introduced new exam patterns which is hard for us to adapt. With your mercy and blessings, I am managing my level best.

Maharaj now I have started chanting 16 rounds. Please shower your mercy to continue this service till my last breath. This year I have attended a lot of kirtan programmes and sang for the pleasure of the Lord.

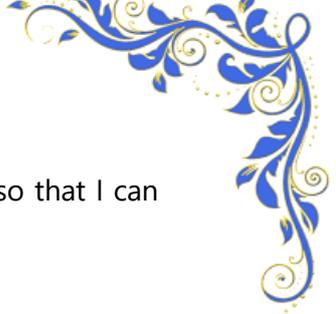
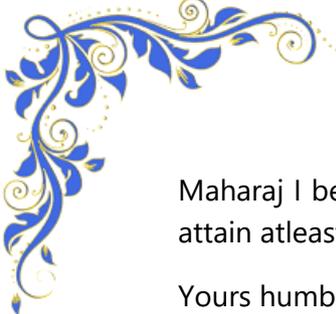
Unfortunately, I have lost my grandfather this year which is a huge loss for me, still I am unable to come out of that depression and can't accept that he is no more. Maharaj, please take care of my grandfather's soul.

Lord Krishna says in Bhagavad Gita Chapter 16.1-3, by sincerely chanting the holy name of the Lord we can develop all the good qualities:

śrī-bhagavān uvāca

*abhayaṁ sattva-saṁsuddhir jñāna-yoga-vyavasthitiḥ
dānaṁ damaś ca yajñāś ca svādhyāyas tapa ārjavam
ahiṁsā satyam akrodhas tyāgaḥ śāntir apaiśunam
dayā bhūteṣv aloluptvaṁ mārdaṁ hrīr acāpalam
tejaḥ kṣamā dhṛtiḥ śaucam adroho nāti-mānitā
bhavanti sampadaṁ daivīm abhijātasya bhārata*

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



Maharaj I beg unto your lotus feet to guide me, to chant the rounds sincerely, so that I can attain atleast one good quality and serve you and Krishna nicely.

Yours humble grand daughter,
Krishnaanandha Pradhayini devi dasi



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--Manmohan Krsna das

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

I offer my humble obeisance at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Pooja celebrations! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Srila Gurudev!

You are our beacon light of spiritual resplendence, Maharaj, in this dark ocean of material existence. You have shown us how to live and how to leave Maharaj! I transparently see through the eyes of your loving disciples that all your instructions are sincerely practiced by them satisfying you. Your eternal guidance is thus available at every moment of my existence.

In Bhagavat Gita 13:8-12, Srila Prabhupada communicates the greatness of the spiritual master in the purport. *"Because a bona fide spiritual master is a representative of Kṛṣṇa, if he bestows any blessings upon his disciple, that will make the disciple immediately advanced, without the disciple's following the regulative principles. Or the regulative principles will be easier for one who has served the spiritual master without reservation."*

I experience the second part of this purport through the causeless mercy of your loving disciples, Maharaj! You have invested your spiritual instructions in your loving disciples, Maharaj!

Maharaj! I submit a spiritual reverberation by Srila Narottama Thakur for your pleasure!!

(1)

*ṭhākura vaiṣṇava pada, avanīra sampada,
śuno bhāi hoiyā eka mana
āśraya loiyā bhaje, tāre kṛṣṇa nāhi tyaje,
āra saba more akāraṇa*

(2)

*vaiṣṇava caraṇa jala, prema bhakti dite bol,
āra keho nahe balavanta
vaiṣṇava caraṇa reṇu, mastake bhūṣaṇa vinu
āra nāhi bhūṣaṇera anta*

(3)

*tīrtha jala pavitra guṇe, likhiyāche purāṇe,
se saba bhaktira pravañcana
vaiṣṇavera pādodaka, sama nahe ei saba,
yāte hoy vāñchita pūraṇa*

(4)

*vaiṣṇava saṅgete mana, ānandita anukṣaṇa,
sadā hoy kṛṣṇa parasaṅga
dīna narottama kānde, hiyā dhairya nāhi bāndhe
mora daśā keno hoilo bhaṅga*

TRANSLATION

1) O brother, please hear my words with rapt attention. The lotus feet of the Vaishnavas are the most valuable treasure of this world. These Vaishnavas continually take shelter of Lord Kṛṣṇa and worship Him. They never abandon their Lord. They are liberated. They are free from the cycle of birth and death.

2) The water that has washed the lotus feet of the Vaishnavas bestows devotional service in pure love of God. Nothing else is as effective for attaining this divine love. I place dust from the lotus feet of the Vaisnavas upon my head. I wear no other ornament.

3) The purifying power of the waters at the various holy places of pilgrimage is described in the Puranas, although this is something of a deceptive trick. There is not anything as purifying as the water that has washed the lotus feet of the Vaisnavas. This water fulfills all desires.

4) Moment after moment my mind finds pleasure in the association of the Vaishnavas. I always seek out the company of those who are devoted to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Poor-hearted Narottama dasa breaks down and cries. How has this fallen condition come upon me?

Bless me, Maharaj, that I always have a sincere desire to serve your loving disciples without reservation. Maharaj! I am sure that I can slowly come out from my deeper attachments for worldly life only by following this route. Maharaj! You have sown the seeds of humble and simple devotional service in your loving disciples. I understand that the seriousness of your disciples has brought out an easier way of spiritual living. Like Hanumanji who is the dear most servant of Sri Rama, your loving disciples are also the sparkling representative of your legacy, Maharaj!

I once again seek your blessings, Maharaj! I seek to serve the devotees who have tasted the nectar of instructions which are always practiced and demonstrated by your causeless mercy, Maharaj!

Kadai Podi (last speck of dust),
Manmohan Kṛṣṇa das

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--Narahari Krishna das & Lakshmipriya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Due to my laziness and pre-occupations I am writing this offering so late. The period between this Vyasa puja and last year Vyasa puja was again a testing period for everyone due to the dreadful COVID virus showing its ghastly face. And for me and Lakshmipriya, this year was a memorable year for wrong reason due to the sudden and unexpected demise of Lakshmi priya's mother. It was a sudden death and that too happened in front of our eyes as we were sitting next to her during her last moments. Many times your Holiness used to stress the temporary nature of this life and how death can stike any moment. But it was shocking and very scary to see that happening in front of the eyes. Also we had fixed Yadhunandan's upanayanam on May 9th and she passed away just 25 days before that. Yadhu could not get her blessings in person and till now we are feeling that loss. Also we could see and hear the passing away of many known people due to COVID. But the unfortunate thing is that the futility of material life is not sinking into our kali yuga mind. And my hankering for wealth and insecure feeling about future is still not reducing. Only the day it happens, real bhakti will start for me. These miseries instead of intensifying our chanting, actually disturbed us a lot and slackened our already tender bhakti. The below verse is actually applicable to me and I am happy that I am able to follow atleast one verse of Bhagavatam in my life.

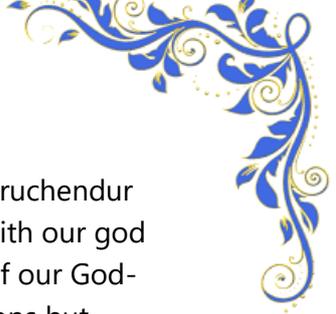
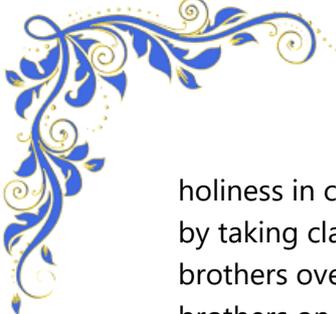
*dehāpatya-kalatrādiṣv ātma-sainyeṣv asatsv api
teṣāṁ pramatto nidhanam paśyann api na paśyati*

Persons devoid of ātma-tattva do not inquire into the problems of life, being too attached to the fallible soldiers like the body, children and wife. Although sufficiently experienced, they still do not see their inevitable destruction.

Srila Prabhupada states in the commentary "*No one will survive in this struggle with material nature. The history of human society definitely proves it, yet the foolish people still suggest that in the future they will be able to live perpetually, with the help of material science...Our friends, relatives and so-called wives and children are not only fallible, but also bewildered by the outward glamor of material existence. As such, they cannot save us. Still we think that we are safe within the orbit of family, society or country.*"

And often in your lectures and even during initiation ceremonies you used to instruct the devotees to repeat the maha maha mantra - *mujhe jaanaa hai, mujhe jaanaa hai* i.e. **I have to I have to go**. Hope we realize the gravity of this situation one day.

By your causeless mercy and blessings of all devotees, Yadhu's upanayanam was conducted and he is chanting gayathri mantra everyday now so far. The thing I very much missed was visit to Rajkot. I simply pray for your mercy so that we will attend the Tirobhav of your



holiness in coming February. By your mercy, I am able to serve the devotees of Tiruchendur by taking classes on Bhagavatam in the weekends and read bhagavatam along with our god brothers over skype few days every week. It is enlivening to hear the realiations of our God-brothers on the verses of Bhagavatam. I am not able to join regularly those sessions but whenever I join, I am blessed to have the assoication of god-brothers. Due to the lock down, we could visit many temples in the last two years. Please shower your blessings on us so that we will be able to visit more Narasimha shrines and also take other devotees with us and in this way engrave the beautiful form of Lord Narakesari in our hearts.

The one thing which kept us moving during these difficult times was the association of devotees and god brothers. They were so supportive to us during the difficult times we faced last year. H.G Vaishnavaseva prabhu's association is so much enlivening and always reminding us of your causeless mercy on us. H.G. Arthabandhu prabhu and family, H.G.Sajjan Prabhu and family, H.G Poorna Prajna prabhu and family visited in person for the final rites of Lakshmi priya's mother inspite of the COVID threat and prayed for her. Only by their association we could come out of all the mental agony to some extent. Also I express my eternal gratitude to our god brothers H.G. Kalacakra prabhu, H.G. Purnendu prabhu and Poorna prajna prabhu who inspired me to attain eternal shelter at your lotus feet.

We pray on this holy day so that we will take Krishna consciousness very seriously and become unflinchingly attached to the lotus feet of Bhagavan Narasimha.

Trying to be your passmark disciples,
Narahari Krishna dasa and Lakshmipriya devi dasi.



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--Poorna Prajna dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

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*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ dadāti sva-padāntikam*

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

In the Prema bhakti chandrika Srila Narottama Dasa Thakura writes

*srī-guru-caraṇa-padma, kevala-bhakti-sadma,
vando mui sāvadhāna mate
yānhāra prasāde bhāi, ei bhava toriyā yāi
kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy yāhā hoite*

The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the abode of pure devotional service. I bow down to his lotus feet with great care and attention. My dear brothers! (My dear mind) It is through the grace of our spiritual master that we can cross over this material existence and attain Krishna.

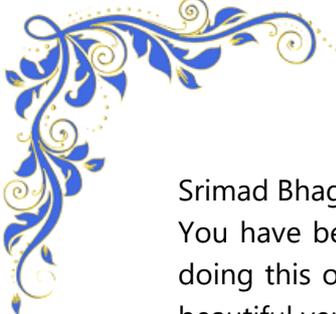
Gurudeva, by a drop of your mercy, make this servant of yours humbler than a blade of grass. Give me strength to bear all trials and troubles, make me devoid of all desires for personal honor.

In the Caitanya Caritamṛta it is said,

*tāte kṛṣṇa bhaje, kare gurura sevana
māyā-jāla chuṭe, pāya kṛṣṇera caraṇa*

If the conditioned soul engages in the service of the Lord and simultaneously carries out the orders of his spiritual master and serves him, he can get out of the clutches of māyā and become eligible for shelter at Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet.

Service to the devotee (Spiritual Master) in disciplic succession is the first condition of devotional service. Kindly bless me with a dust of your lotus feet upon my head. Maharaj



Srimad Bhagavatam was your life breath till the last day of your presence in this mortal world. You have been insisting everyone to study Srimad Bhagavatam as nitya seva. Atleast while doing this offering I went through a few shlokas in Srimad Bhagavatam. I came across this beautiful verse which will certainly attract your attention.

SB 3.25.8

*tasya tvarṁ tamaso 'ndhasya duṣpārasyādyā pāragam
sac-cakṣur janmanām ante labdharṁ 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.

Srila Prabhupada's purport is very instructive. Although you initiated me to devotional service, as a conditioned living being I am still attracted to sense gratification. You are my "paragam" one who can take the disciple to the other side. I am ashamed to say I have not taken devotional service serious. Still as Lord Brahma prays,

SB 10.14.10

*ataḥ kṣamasvācyuta me rajo-bhuvo
hy ajānatas tvat-prthag-īśa-māninaḥ
ajāvalepāndha-tamo-'ndha-cakṣuṣa
eṣo 'nukampyo mayi nāthavān iti*

Therefore, O infallible Lord, kindly excuse my offenses. I have taken birth in the mode of passion and am therefore simply foolish, presuming myself a controller independent of Your Lordship. My eyes are blinded by the darkness of ignorance, which causes me to think of myself as the unborn creator of the universe. But please consider that I am Your servant and therefore worthy of Your compassion.

I am still in the mode of passion and ignorance and the only sattva with me is - to the world, I am a disciple of Mahavisnu Goswami Maharaj. Kindly bestow your blessings so that, I take up devotional service with more sincerity.

Your ever humble servant,
Poorna prajna das
Chennai.



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--Radha Ramana Krishna das & Anuradha devi dasi

Dear Respected beloved Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble Sata Koti Dandavat Pranams at your Lotus feet. With your unlimited mercy and blessings, we are trying to write this Vyasa puja offering and humbly submit at your lotus feet.

The onslaught of the forces of Maya have been continuous and never ending. There is no respite from it, even if we struggle and overcome one – as scores of others are waiting to pounce upon us. Such struggle to overcome the effects of maya almost completely deters our progress in devotional path and if left unchecked, will completely derail one from attaining the goal of life, which is

- 1) Knowing about the Lord,
- 2) Knowing oneself/own position and
- 3) be steadfast in our relationship with the Lord through matchless bhakti process.

Your priceless instructions to lead a simple life, reducing the wants, just meeting the needs and spending the maximum time in reading Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and Chanting - though etched in our minds, is not becoming a full reality due to this continuous onslaught of maya. Your empathetic instructions to increase the chanting whenever faced with materialistic adversities is a solid proof how much you care for your god children with your practical advises.

This goes with the famous story of shortening a line without touching it. How much ever we stare at the smaller line, it can't get shorter without touching it. The simple trick is to draw a bigger line alongside which is akin to adopting the Bhakti marg without dirtying more our hands in materialistic mode. However, the following verse in BG 18.61 spoken by Sri Krishna offers the consolation to the lamenting hearts who know the reality but are bound by circumstances beyond their reasonable control and got entrenched in the forces of maya and therefore unable to enhance their Bhakthi towards Lord Sri Krishna.

*īśvaraḥ sarva-bhūtānāṃ hr̥d-deśe 'rjuna tiṣṭhati
bhrāmayan sarva-bhūtāni yantrārūḍhāni māyayā*

The Supreme Lord is situated in everyone's heart, O Arjuna, and is directing the wanderings of all living entities, who are seated as on a machine made of the material energy.

We humbly beg and pray our Guru Maharaj and the Supreme Lord residing in our heart to give us the courage and faith to be steadfast in the process of Bhakti even in unsurmountable



situations caused by the threefold miseries. Also in Srimad Bhagavat Gita verse 7.14 Lord Sri Krishna states,

*daivī hy eṣā guṇa-mayī mama māyā duratyayā
mām eva ye prapadyante māyām etāṁ 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.

We are eternally surrendered at your Lotus feet Maharaj, you had already opened our eyes to see the ultimate supreme beauty of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha NeelMadhavji. Since we all are bound by Maya we must seek the mercy of Lord Krishna through our bona fide representative, the spiritual master who can release the conditioned soul. As Srila Prabhupada very nicely says in the purport to the above verse 7.14, "A man bound by the hands and feet cannot free himself, he must be helped by a person who is unbound. Because the bound cannot help the bound, the rescuer must be liberated. Therefore, **only Lord Krishna, or His bona fide representative the spiritual master, can release the conditioned soul. Without such superior help, one cannot be freed from the bondage of material nature.**"

Srimad Bhagavatam verse 11.3.33 also gives solace to such devotees that they can cross over Maya by steadfast Bhakti process.

*iti bhāgavatān dharmān śikṣan bhaktyā tad-utthayā
nārāyaṇa-paro māyām añjas tarati dustarām*

Thus learning the science of devotional service and practically engaging in the devotional service of the Lord, the devotee comes to the stage of love of Godhead. And by complete devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Narayana, the devotee easily crosses over the illusory energy, maya, which is extremely difficult to cross.

We sincerely pray at your Lotus Feet to continuously and only give us your causeless mercy so that we can enhance our love of Godhead.

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

Your humble servants,
Radharaman Krsna das, Anuradha devi dasi, Dwaarakesh and Chaarukesh



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--Samanjas Krsna das

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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj!

Please accept my obeisances unto your lotus feet.

By your mercy and Kṛṣṇa's mercy, I got a chance to serve Sri Sri Jagannath, Baladev and Subadrama in Chennai temple for 3 months. Initially I was asked to serve for 2 weeks and later the service was got extended for 3 months. This was really a very nice time as I could experience the Krishna Consciousness in a better way, especially it happened during corona lockdown period when I was sitting all alone at home.

After getting the go-ahead from HG Devakinandan Prabhuji, I brought the deities back to our house almost after 3 years. These 3 years was a big struggle for me and although the deities were near me in the next building, I could not take darshan of them regularly. You have given me the strength to bear this. I'm begging at your lotus feet to bless me not to get separate from Them any longer, and I serve them always.

When I came to my native place during Diwali, where my parents and brother are living, I also brought the deities here and by their mercy and darshan, I could see some change in my parents. Earlier they never showed any interest in Krishna consciousness. Now after the deities came in here, I could see that they are showing some interest to attend the Mangala Arati every day, although they are unable to remember and chant the holy name, some time they spell out partially, some time simply chant like Hare Krishna, Rama, Krishna, Hare Rama. Whatever Krishna allows them to remember and inspires them, they chant. Especially my mother, although she is not in a position to chant the mantras for bhoga offering, everyday morning she offers milk to Krishna without fail. She is milking from the cows, boiling the milk, waiting some time for the hot milk to cool down, goes to deity room with milk and water, puts tulasi, rings the bell and chants Hare Krishna and Hare Rama, waits for few minutes and then take out the offering. Actually she is the key person to take care of the cows. I hope that Krishna accepts her little service and that's way she is able continue everyday. The service was continued even when there was heavy rain and when it was very cold.

On the other side, my wife is still not showing any interest with Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and not only that she is also not allowing the children to know anything in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, not even allowing them to chant the name of Krishna. Now she is making lot of noise unnecessarily, trying to project Krishna consciousness negatively with her parents and relatives



and therefore the family life is getting worse than ever before. Even after living all these years with me, surprised to see not even a little change in her. Maharaj, begging at your lotus feet to bless her to have some understanding in Krishna consciousness, so that she can develop the correct understanding about Krishna Consciousness and support me to continue my devotional service. The below three verses from SB 1.9.14-16 is the savior for my situation.

*sarvaṁ kāla-kṛtaṁ manye bhavatām ca yad-apriyam
sapālo yad-vaśe loko vāyor iva ghanāvaliḥ*

In my opinion, this is all due to inevitable time, under whose control everyone in every planet is carried, just as the clouds are carried by the wind.

Even the most pious has to suffer the condition of material nature. But a pious man is faithful to the Lord, for he is guided by the bona fide brāhmaṇa and Vaiṣṇava following the religious principles. These three guiding principles should be the aim of life. One should not be disturbed by the tricks of eternal time. Even the great controller of the universe, Brahmājī, is also under the control of that time; therefore, one should not grudge being thus controlled by time despite being a true follower of religious principles.

*yatra dharma-suto rājā gadā-pāṇir vṛkodaraḥ
kṛṣṇo 'strī gāṇḍivāṁ cāpaṁ suhṛt kṛṣṇas tato vipat*

Oh, how wonderful is the influence of inevitable time! It is irreversible — otherwise, how can there be reverses in the presence of King Yudhiṣṭhira, the son of the demigod controlling religion; Bhīma, the great fighter with a club; the great bowman Arjuna with his mighty weapon Gāṇḍivā; and above all, the Lord, the direct well-wisher of the Pāṇḍavas?

And yet there were so many reverses on the side of the Pāṇḍavas. Despite the power of pious acts, the power of personalities, the power of expert management and the power of weapons under the direct supervision of Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Pāṇḍavas suffered so many practical reverses, which can only be explained as due to the influence of kāla, inevitable time. Kāla is identical with the Lord Himself, and therefore the influence of kāla indicates the inexplicable wish of the Lord Himself. **There is nothing to be lamented when a matter is beyond the control of any human being.**

*na hy asya karhicid rājan pumān veda vidhitsitam
yad vijijñāsayā yuktā uhyanti kavayo 'pi hi*

O King, no one can know the plan of the Lord [Śrī Kṛṣṇa]. Even though great philosophers inquire exhaustively, they are bewildered.

All these calamities happened to the Pandavas although they were great personalities and devotees. So who am I while comparing with Pandavas? Actually, I suppose to get more calamities and miseries and only by the mercy of Gurudev and Krishna I'm getting a little.

Your eternal servant,
Samanjas Krsna das

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--Sudarshana devi dasi

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

Yet another memorable year in life Maharaj and at every step, we could see how your teachings are the eternal truths of life and taking shelter of them is the only way to be peaceful in life. On this auspicious occasion of Maharaj's appearance day, I would try to list few of Gurudev's glorious instructions, which are like light-house for those of us who are struggling in this ocean of material existence.

1. Maharaj - you have always insisted the truth, that we are not the do-ers. But everyone of us are simply puppets in the hands of the Supreme Lord. To help us remember this truth you revealed to us this beautiful verse in Srimad Bhagavatam (1.6.7)

*sāsvatantrā na kalpāsīd yoga-kṣemaṁ mamecchatī
īśasya hi vaśe loko yoṣā dārumayī yathā*

She wanted to look after my maintenance properly, but because she was not independent, she was not able to do anything for me. The world is under the full control of the Supreme Lord; therefore everyone is like a wooden doll in the hands of a puppet master.

Thank you Maharaj for telling us that how remembering, understanding, this single line - *īśasya hi vaśe loko yoṣā dārumayī yathā* - "**The world is under the full control of the Supreme Lord; therefore, everyone is like a wooden doll in the hands of a puppet master**" - is the solution for all anxieties in life.

2. Maharaj - you taught us these nice phrase in Gujarati - *fāv se, gam se, chāl se*. You very nicely explained how this attitude of considering - "*everything is alright for me, i like everything, everything is alright*", will help us to accept all ups and downs in life in the right manner. Else we get caught up in anxiety and we waste our life. Thank you Maharaj for helping to see all kinds of situations in life in the right perspective.

3. Maharaj - you have always practised whatever you preached and thereby your words continue to touch the life of all people, even those who have not seen you. Insisting on the importance of sadhana and self-introspection and progress, Maharaj you said, "**forget about the progress of the world or preaching or whatever. You have to progress yourself. Unless you are up to the mark what are you going to preach?**"

4. Maharaj - Thank you for teaching us by your personal example - that for any problem in life - be it related to health or otherwise, we should **simply depend on Krishna and be patient and tolerant.**

5. Maharaj - Time and again you have advised , "We are going to go away. Our time is passing away. So please don't pass your time and you be serious. Don't worry about the whole world. But we should put into practice. At least we should print whatever we have and distribute it." Thank you Maharaj for teaching us the below wonderful shloka from shastras.

*kālakṣepo na kartavyo kṣīṇam āyuh kṣaṇe kṣaṇe
yamasya karuṇā nāsti kartavyam hari kīrtanam*

The precious time should not be wasted, because our lifespan is reducing every moment. Yamaraja has no mercy. Hence our duty is to do Hari kirtana.

Thank you for teaching us that everything, favourable/unfavourable incidents in life happens in this world as per "Krishna's will." Not realising this truth, we waste so much time rejoicing, dreaming or lamenting about these incidents. So you taught us wonderful statement from the translation of 3.16.37 of Srimad Bhagavatam - "**What purpose can we serve on His behalf by deliberating on the subject?**" This is such a nice check-point to put us back on track whenever we get deviated. Thank you very much Maharaj.

6. Always grateful to you Maharaj for revealing to us the below wonderful prayers from Srimad Bhagavatam

a. SB 4.20.31

*tvan-māyayāddhā jana īśa khaṇḍito
yad anyad āśāsta ṛtātmano 'budhaḥ
yathā cared bāla-hitaṁ pitā svayam
tathā tvam evārhasi naḥ samīhitum*

My Lord, due to Your illusory energy, all living beings in this material world have forgotten their real constitutional position, and out of ignorance they are always desirous of material happiness in the form of society, friendship and love. Therefore, please do not ask me to take some material benefits from You, but as a father, not waiting for the son's demand, does everything for the benefit of the son, please bestow upon me whatever You think best for me.

b. SB 1.19.16

*punaś ca bhūyād bhagavaty anante
ratih prasaṅgāś ca tad-āśrayeṣu
mahatsu yām yām upayāmi sṛṣṭim
maitry astu sarvatra namo dvijebhyaḥ*

Again, offering obeisances unto all you brāhmaṇas, I pray that if I should again take my birth in the material world I will have complete attachment to the unlimited Lord Kṛṣṇa, association with His devotees and friendly relations with all living beings.

7. Maharaj - Thank you very much for the wonderful priceless instructions that you have showered on us, thank you for revealing to us the importance of studying Srila Prabhupada's books, thank you for the wonderful association of devotees you have bestowed





us wherever we went and for whatever opportunities of seva you bestowed upon us out of your causeless mercy. This year I could'nt do much in serving your vani Maharaj, but I pray that atleast going forward I engage myself in that service.

*anāyāsenā maraṇam vinā dainyaṇa jīvanam
dehi me kṛpayā kṛṣṇa tvayi bhaktim acāncalām*

Please bestow us instant death (so that we don't become burden to others). May we not be dependent on others for our maintenance and as long as we are alive, may we always be engaged in uninterrupted devotional service unto Your lotus feet.

Offering the above prayer which you had taught us, I conclude this offering Maharaj.

Thank you very much for everything Maharaj.

Hare Krishna.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Sudarshana devi dasi



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--Sumathi K

*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*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Maharaj, I heard from devotees that you always stress the quality of "**sincerity**" in all of our work. Still, you are very sincere to save us by giving instructions needed to us. Because I am not sincere in anything including devotional service, so could not understand your instructions.

I felt many times in my life that you are watching over my good and bad activities but as a loving father, somehow you are giving instruction that reminds me my activities are bad and have to rectify them.

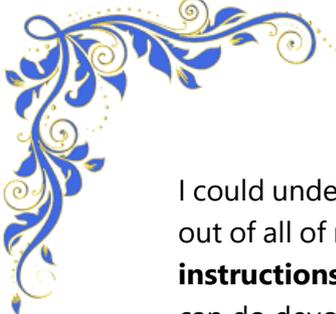
I used to get angry quickly and one day you have given me the instruction through your calendar quote "**Whoever gets angry, they are foolish by nature.**" I was wonder-struck as to how you are watching and correcting, but because of my insincerity, am neglecting it and suffering.

Maharaj, you also said the reason for my foolishness in another quote, "**Wherever there is Bhakti, there are always good qualities and good behavior.**" Since I am struggling to do bhakti, I do not have the good qualities to understand your instructions and follow them in my life. Because of this, instead of understanding the value of life, am finding fault in others and waste my life.

There are countless situations where you are **sincerely** protecting me. As a mother, I am thinking of my children's future and trying to cultivate them, but because of my conditioned nature, I used to compare my children with other children and punish them. One day while doing that, I have seen another quote, "**Do not worry and do not compare**". I was stunned by how you are sharing these instructions with me. Still, I could not follow your instructions sincerely.

Maharaj, you are not deviated from your loving care on me(us), even though I(we) didn't follow any of your instructions sincerely and seriously. But **you are sincere! This shows your unflinching devotional service to Lord Krishna.** Otherwise, how could you keep on caring for me who is a disobedient daughter?

Maharaj, one of your instructions, "**It is far more better, to keep quiet when we are not needed to speak**". This brought another dimension of how am too talkative, wasting time in hurting others and myself instead of doing devotional service sincerely.



I could understand that if I follow any one of your instructions sincerely, then I will surely come out of all of my problems and do devotional service to Krishna. **Because just by reading your instructions gives solace to my mind. What if I follow it sincerely?** Then, I am sure that I can do devotional service to Krishna sincerely.

Maharaj, on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, I beg you again and again for your mercy to give me strength to follow your instruction and do devotional service along with devotees.

Thank you, Maharaj, for everything you are doing for us.

Your daughter

Sumathi.



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--Vishnupriya

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

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev!

Maharaj, Krishna's mercy College has reopened for us after a long pandemic and I'm writing this just from there. I couldn't attend some of the Manjari classes but parts of the "Cleanliness and Austerity", lecture we discussed, found your words extremely true and so practical to follow.

1. One of them was **to be punctual which is part of being austere.**
2. And secondly, **to ensure the place where we are, is always clean and not a mess.** But after this you had very nicely put it as, "AC" - the initials of Srila Prabhupada. This reminded me of his words along the same lines, to a man who wanted to become a devotee, but indulged in practices contradicting the 4 principles. His Divine Grace said, "**First you become a human by giving up all these practices, and then I shall guide you to become a devotee.**"

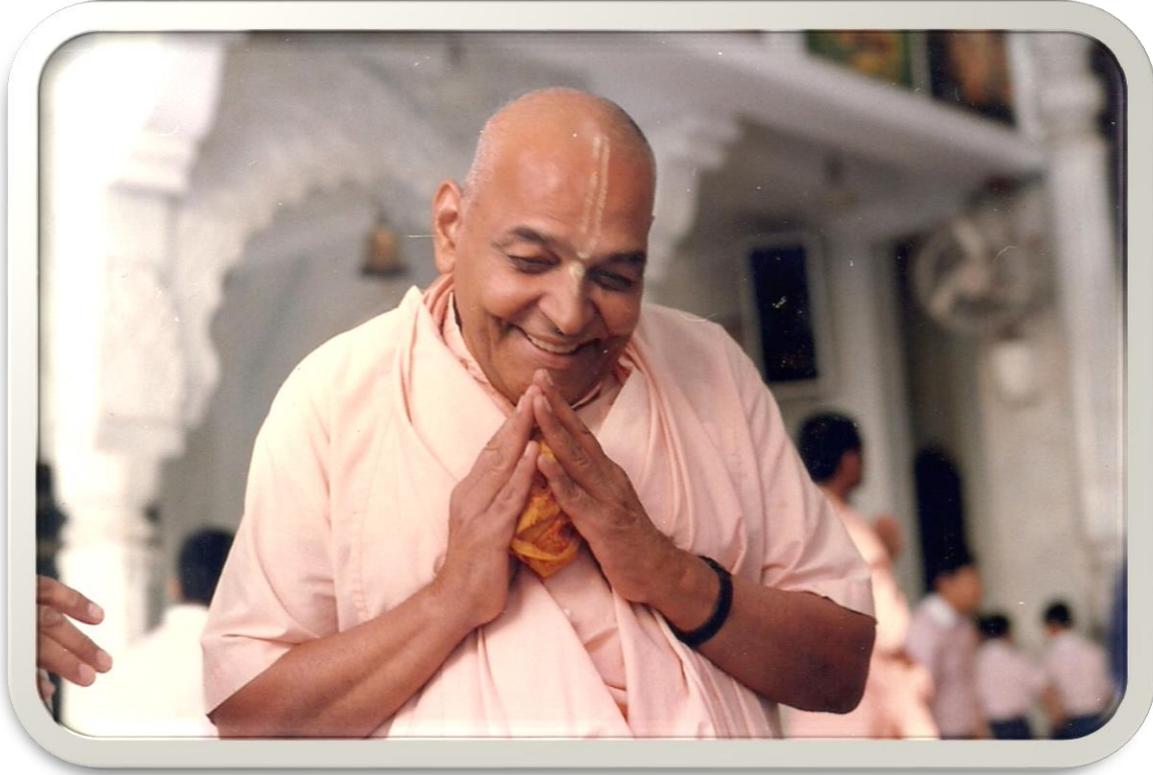
Maharaj, the best part is that you had lived as an example for everything you had conveyed through the lecture. And that is what keeps me motivated to practice them in real life as well.

Apart from the Kadamba Manjari classes, this Damodar month got an opportunity to serve during an Arti program in our flat and I hope by your mercy, there will be many more programs to come. I pray for your blessings and also to accept this simple offering on this auspicious Vyas Puja!

Your eternal grand daughter and servant,
Vishnupriya



India - Trivandrum



“Take part in meetings like this or pravachan - reading from Bhagavatam, even if there is nobody, you can read from Bhagavatam, Prabhupada talks. When Prabhupada talks, our talking is nothing. That is best to hear.”

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--Abhirami Jayachandran

Hare Krishna! Happy Birthday Guru Maharaj,
My name is Abhirami Jayachandran. I am studying in class 8. Maharaj I got third prize for Bhagavad-Gita slokam competition. I studied up to Bhagavat gita chapter 2.46 slokam. Every Sunday morning, we have a Bhagavad-Gita class. I have a wish to go to Vrindavan and Dwaraka. Please blessed me Maharaj so that I can go to Vrindavan and Dwaraka and attend all the Bhagavad Gita class.

Thank you for all the good things happening in my life. Once again Many Many happy returns of the day Maharaj.

Hare Krishna.
Abirami Jayachandran



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--Abhishek J

Dear Guru Maharaj,

I have started taking very small baby steps in my spiritual journey. I have a long way to go and I am not even qualified to offer my thanks to you. I am fully indebted to Sri Gurudeva, because you have given me so many things: You have given me the opportunity to take darshan of Dwaraka and Rajkot ISKCON dham and helped me in many critical situations in my life. I am really happy for what you have given me.

Please bless me Gurudev so that I can study Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita daily and practice in my life

Hare Krishna Gurudev, Happy Vyasa Pooja.

Your servant

Abhishek Jayachandran



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--Acyuta Priya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,
Dandavat pranams. Happy Vyas pooja to you.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

*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
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Dear Gurudev, - On this special day I'm Offering Gopika gitam to you. Kindly bless me to study Srimad Bhagavatam and give me more strength to do more devotional service.

(1)

*gopya ūcuḥ
jayati te 'dhikam janmanā vrajaḥ
śrayata indirā śaśvad atra hi
dayita dṛṣyatām dikṣu tāvakās
tvayi dhṛtāsavas tvām vicinvate*

(2)

*śarad-udāśaye sādhu-jāta-sat-
sarasijodara-śrī-muṣā dṛśā
surata-nātha te 'śulka-dāsikā
vara-da nighnato neha kim vadhaḥ*

(3)

*viṣa-jalāpyayād vyāla-rākṣasād
varṣa-mārutād vaidyutānalāt
vṛṣa-mayātmajād viśvato bhayād
ṛṣabha te vyaṁ rakṣitā muhuḥ*

(4)

*na khalu gopikā-nandano bhavān
akhila-dehinām antarātma-drk
vikhanasārthito viśva-guptaye
sakha udeyivān sātvatām kule*

(5)

*viracitābhayaṃ vṛṣṇi-dhūrya te
caraṇam īyusāṃ saṃsṛter bhayāt
kara-saroruhāṃ kānta kāma-daṃ
śīrasi dhehi naḥ śrī-kara-graham*

(6)

*vraja-janārti-han vīra yoṣitām
nija-jana-smaya-dhvaṃsana-smita
bhaja sakhe bhavat-kiṅkarīḥ sma no
jalaruhānanam cāru darśaya*

(7)

*praṇata-dehinām pāpa-karṣaṇam
trṇa-carānugam śrī-niketanam
phaṇi-phaṇārpitam te padāmbujam
kṛṇu kuceṣu naḥ kṛndhi hṛc-chayam*

(8)

*madhurayā girā valgu-vākyayā
budha-manojshayā puṣkarekṣaṇa
vidhi-karīr imā vīra muhyatīr
adhara-sīdhunāpyāyayasva naḥ*

(9)

*tava kathāmṛtaṃ tapta-jīvanam
kavibhir īḍitam kalmaṣāpaham
śravaṇa-maṅgalam śrīmad ātataṃ
bhuvī gṛṇanti ye bhūri-dā janāḥ*

(10)

*prahasitam priya-prema-vīkṣaṇam
viharaṇam ca te dhyāna-maṅgalam
rahasi saṃvido yā hṛdi sprśaḥ
kuhaka no manaḥ kṣobhayanti hi*

(11)

*calasi yad vrajāc cārayan paśūn
nalina-sundaram nātha te padam
śīla-trṇāṅkuraiḥ sīdatīti naḥ
kalilatām manaḥ kānta gacchati*

(12)

*dina-parikṣaye nīla-kuntalair
vanaruhānanam bibhrad āvṛtam
ghana-rajavalam darśayan muhur
manasi naḥ smarām vīra yacchasi*

(13)

*praṇata-kāma-darṁ padmajārcitaṁ
dharāṇi-maṇḍanaṁ dhyeyam āpadi
caraṇa-paṅkajaṁ śantamaṁ ca te
ramaṇa naḥ staneṣv arpayādhi-han*

(14)

*surata-varhdhanaṁ śoka-nāśanaṁ
svaraṇa-veṇunā suṣṭhu cumbitam
itara-rāga-vismāraṇaṁ nr̥ṇāṁ
vitara vīra nas te 'dharāmṛtam*

(15)

*aṭati yad bhavān aḥni kānanaṁ
truṭi yugāyate tvāṁ apaśyatām
kuṭila-kuntalaṁ śrī-mukhaṁ ca te
jaḍa udīkṣatām pakṣma-kṛd dṛśām*

(16)

*pati-sutānvaya-bhrātr-bāndhavān
ativilaṅghya te 'nty acyutāgatāḥ
gati-vidas tavodgīta-mohitāḥ
kitava yoṣitaḥ kas tyajen niśi*

(17)

*rahasi samvidam̐ hr̥c-chayodayam̐
prahasitānanaṁ prema-vikṣaṇam
bṛhad-uraḥ śrīyo vikṣya dhāma te
muhur ati-spr̥hā muhyate manaḥ*

(18)

*vraja-vanaukasāṁ vyaktir aṅga te
vr̥jīna-hantry alarṁ viśva-maṅgalam
tyaja manāk ca nas tvat-spr̥hātmanāṁ
sva-jana-hṛd-rujāṁ yan niṣūdanam*

(19)

*yat te sujāta-caraṇāmburuhaṁ staneṣu
bhītāḥ śanaḥ priya dadhīmaḥi karkaṣeṣu
tenāṭavīm aṭasi tad vyathate na kiṁ svit
kūrpādibhir bhramati dhīr bhavad-āyusāṁ naḥ*

Your servant,
Acyuta Priya devi dasi,
Trivandrum

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--Adithya Biju das

Happy birthday Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,
I offer my humble obeisance unto you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

By your grace, I am still chanting Hare Krishna mahamantra even when my schedule is hectic.
Thank you Maharaj. Maharaj please bless me as I continue my life, I shall not be distracted by
anything. I would like to offer below shloka **Śrīmad Bhagavatam 1.8.21** to you

*kr̥ṣṇāya 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.**

Happy birthday Maharaj.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Adithya Biju das



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--Aiswarya devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
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namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
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jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudeva, dear loving father,
Happy Birthday to you. On this auspicious day, Your 102 nd birthday, it is the duty of a
disciple to glorify the Guru. I am not at all qualified to glorify you. But I believe that if one
glorifies a great Vaishnava, it purifies that fallen soul. So Gurudeva please bless me on this
auspicious day.

In Srimad Bhagavatam SB 3.25.21, it is said

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ sādharmaḥ 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.

This sloka is perfectly showing the qualities of a Sadhu and Gurudeva it shows all your qualities. Gurudeva you tolerated us, showed mercy towards us and are always very friendly towards us. You very peacefully handled us and taught us to by-heart the verses. Gurudeva i feel proud to be your disciple and please shower me your blessings to study scriptures.

*mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-krpā tam ahaṁ vande paramānanda-mādhavam*

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. (CC Madhya 17.80)

Dear Gurudeva please help this fallen soul to do devotional service and follow your words 100%.

*dhyāna moolam guru murti puja moolam gurur padam
mantra moolam gurur vakyam moksha moolam guru krpa*



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 Gita - Skanda Purana Dialogue between Shiva and Uma (Shakti)]

Dear Gurudeva please accept my humble obeisances unto your Lotus feet and and always bless me to hear your lectures and gave me intelligence to understand it. Srimad Bhagavatam 7.15.25 says,

*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.

Gurudeva, because of some nice satsang, i am doing my sadhana nicely now. Please bless me to continue this and do more nicely. Although I may have at times left you when I failed to follow your instructions, it is with deep humility that I realize that you have never left me. A daughter may leave the shelter of his father, but he never ceases to be the daughter of that father. It is your causeless mercy, that you remain always with your sincere disciples. However, the disciple and spiritual master are never separated because the spiritual master always keeps company with the disciple as long as the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master.

Gurudeva please show your causeless mercy on this fallen soul and help me to overcome from this ocean of birth and death. Happy birthday Gurudeva.

Yours servant always
Aishvarya devi dasi



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--Amalpuran devi dasi

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cakṣur unmlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracārīṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tārīṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda
Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Happy 102ndth Vyasa puja Maharaj!

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my respectful obeisance at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupad and Gurudev came to this material world to offer Krishna's shelter. You are Krishna's official representative. Maharaj you are personally helping us to navigate the path to Godhead. This material world is full of anxieties, *sadā samudvigna-dhiyām* that is material world.

ŚB 7.5.5

śrī-prahlāda uvāca

*tat sādhu manye 'sura-varya dehinām
sadā samudvigna-dhiyām asad-grahāt
hitvātma-pātām gṛham andha-kūpaṁ
vanam gato yad dharim āśrayeta*

Prahlāda Mahārāja replied: O best of the asuras, King of the demons, as far as I have learned from my spiritual master, any person who has accepted a temporary body and temporary household life is certainly embarrassed by anxiety because of having fallen in a dark well where there is no water, but only suffering. One should give up this position and go to the forest [vana]. More clearly, one should go to Vṛndāvana, where only Kṛṣṇa consciousness is prevalent, and should thus take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

When we come to the spiritual platform, there are no anxieties. More clearly one should go to Vrindavan where only Krishna consciousness is prevalent, and should thus take shelter of the supreme personality of the godhead. Please bless us, so that we can follow your instructions and become a worthy servant of yours.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Amalpuran devi dasi

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--Anand Krishna das

*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*

Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai!

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Happy birthday to you. Maharaj, Please accept my humble respectfull obeisances.

Maharaj with your mercy, I got association with many great devotees such as HG Devakinandan prabhu, HG Vaishnavaseva prabhu, HG anand sagar prabhu and many others. Maharaj please give me strength and knowledge to chant Hare Krishna mantra, to study Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita.

Maharaj, By your mercy, mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Sri Krishna our temple construction has been completed and by your mercy Maharaj, I am happy. HG Anand sagar prabhu teaches us to cooks food, to study Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam and lot many leelas of Krishna. Please bless him also Gurudev. Maharaj, please bless our family

Maharaj, please give strength, knowledge to our family to complete the seva that you gave to my father HG Natwar krishna das. Maharaj, please give strength and knowledge to me and my siblings to study well and please give me knowledge, strength and blessings to me gurudeva to do my future plans well.

Your loving servant,
Anand Krishna das

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Jai Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra Ma ki Jai ! Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav ki Jai !
Srila Prabhupada ki Jai ! HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!



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--Anand sagar Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranam. Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

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

Happy Birthday day Maharaj.

Maharaj, in this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Pooja, my only prayer to you Maharaj, enable me to dedicate my entire life to learn Bhagavatam without indulging day today problems. I am not sure Maharaj, what age long penance I did to be your disciple? It is not the result of that penance, but your blessings and grace towards me that helps me to become your humble disciple.

Beloved Maharaj, we are all in the whirlpool of many problems and knowingly or unknowingly we commit many problems to others also. But Lord Krishna never punish us or discard us from the ascetic way of life. May the Lord Krishna decides to accept us solely, because we are all the humble disciples of You Maharaj. I offer this humble prayer unto you from the inner core of my heart. After attaining your existing place, it is not possible to come back to the physical world, I know. Being your disciple forever, that's my one and only ambition in my life.

Kindly give me the blessings to learn Bhagavatam in the best manner and enable me to preach the glorious lessons to all by practicing it in my own life.

Your unworthy servant,
Anand sagar Krishna das



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--Archana siddhi devi dasi

Hare Krishna

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to Srila Prabhupad. All glories to Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

*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
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāñī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda*

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Dear Beloved Gurudev,
Hare Krishna. Happy102nd Divine Birthday Maharaj.

Glorification of one's spiritual master is not just an annual affair. But every day spiritual master is glorified, right from the time of rising in the morning. The spiritual master is very dear to Krishna, just as a son is dear to the loving father. By pleasing the spiritual master, one can please Krishna himself. In Bhagavad Gita verse.18.69 Lord Krishna says

*na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu kaścīn me priya-kṛttamaḥ
bhavitā na ca me tasmād anyāḥ priya-taro bhuvi*

There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear.

So Krishna has feelings and He dearly loves the pure devotees like you Maharaj and only by your grace we will be able to go to Him. You are completely surrendered to Him, and He has revealed Himself to you. You act as a via medium between ourself, who are contaminated by our association with matter, and Krishna, God. In this sense, you are even more merciful than God.

Maharaj by your mercy, our Trivandrum temple inauguration is about to happen very soon. Last month we had a great opportunity to associate with Vaishnavseva prabu and Alaknanda Mataji and Antaryami Prabhuji (Rajkot). Now we are daily reading program Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and Krishna Book in Reading sessions conducted in Zoom (Online) Maharaj. Now we SB 1.8.16 sloka was reading. BG 4.38 now reading. (Monday to Saturday



alternative reading SB, BG, and Krishna Book and Sunday Japa/Classes.) Morethan 10 devotees join in this program and by Maharaj mercy, hope we will continue with this program.

Maharaj, my prabhu's health is so weak. Last two years, he is suffering with Parkinson disease. Our elder son is in 10th standard. Please bless Maharaj that our son studies better and performs nice devotional service. We seek Maharaj and Krishna mercy so that our family can again do better devotional service. Thank you dear beloved Gurudev.

Your daughter,
Archana Siddhi devi
dasi



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--Asuthosh das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Jai Srila Prabhupad ! HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai

*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
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracārīṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tārīṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavṛinda*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Happy 102ndth Vyasa Puja Maharaj. I would like to dedicate the 102nd verse from your favourite verses.

ŚB 12.13.23

*nāma-saṅkīrtanaṁ yasya sarva-pāpa praṇāśanam
praṇāmo duḥkha-śāmanas taṁ namāmi hariṁ param*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Lord, Hari, the congregational chanting of whose holy names destroys all sinful reactions, and the offering of obeisances unto whom relieves all material suffering.

Dear Gurudev,

With your mercy we are reading Bhagavatam regularly. Currently I am reading Rudra prayer from the 4th Canto. Please bless us Maharaj.

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Your servant,

Asuthosh das

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--Bhagavat Prapanna Krishna das

Dandavat pranams dear Gurudev,
Happy Vyas Puja to you.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

On this auspicious occasion I would like to offer you the below verse from Srimad Bhagavatam
6.9.48

*kiṁ durāpaṁ mayi prīte tathāpi vibudharṣabhāḥ
mayy ekānta-matir nānyan matto vāñchati tattva-vit*

O best of the intelligent demigods, although it is true that nothing is difficult for one to obtain when I am pleased with him, a pure devotee, whose mind is exclusively fixed upon Me, does not ask Me for anything but the opportunity to engage in devotional service.

Please receive my humble offering.

Your insignificant servant,
Bhagavat Prapanna Krishna das



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--Damodar Krishna das

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

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

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

I offer the below verse 11.2.40 from Srimad Bhagavatam unto your lotus feet.

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

*namo 'stu te mahā-yogin prapannam anuśādhi mām
thā tvac-caraṇāmbhoje ratiḥ syād anapāyini*

**Obeisances unto You, O greatest of yogīs. Please instruct me, who am surrendered unto
You, how I may have undeviating attachment to Your lotus feet.**

Happy Birthday to you Maharaj,

Maharaj please accept my humble obeisances unto to your lotus feet. With Maharaj's mercy I
got an direct association with Vaishnavaseva prabhu and Antaryami prabhu. Also with your
mercy Maharaj, Antaryami prabhu came to Trivandrum and taught us the Deity worship
methods etc.. Maharaj please give me the blessings for studies so that I can fare well in this
academic year. Please help me in bhakti as well as in studies.

Thank you Maharaj,
Your servant
Damodhar Krishna das



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--Devaki devi dasi

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,
Happy Vyasa Puja!

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

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

Maharaj, thank you very much for your wonderful instructions that you have showered on me. Maharaj, you are guiding us through your vani. Thank you Maharaj for teaching us the wonderful shlokas like

*kālakṣepo na kartavyo kṣīṇam āyuhḥ kṣaṇe kṣaṇe
yamasya karuṇā nāsti kartavyam hari kīrtanam*

The precious time should not be wasted because our life span is reducing every moment. Yemaraj had no mercy hence our duty is to do Harinama keerthanam.

Favourable and unfavorable incidents happens in this world as per Krishna's will. Without realising this truth, we are wasting our time. I remember another sloka that you have recited one day.

*anāyāsena maraṇam vinā dainyaena jīvanam
dehi me kṛpayā kṛṣṇa tvayi bhaktim acançalām*

Please bestow instant death so that we don't become a burden to others. We may not be dependent on others for our maintenance. As long as we are alive, we always be engaged in devotional service unto your lotus feet.

I sincerely wish to remember all these. On this auspicious occasion, I humbly beg your mercy so that I am able to advance in Krishna Consciousness. On this 102nd year of your blessed appearance, I offer my respectful pranams to you. Kindly forgive me for the countless offences I have committed and bless me to become a good servant.

Your insignificant servant,
Devaki devi dasi

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--Devaki devi dasi

*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
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki
jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmlītaṁ 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**

I have been worshiping Lord Krishna since my childhood, though I was ignorant of His glories until I became a part of Hare Krishna movement under the guidance of my siksha guru H.G Sudarshan chakradhari prabhu, he who lit the lamp in the darkness of ignorance.

Beloved Gurudev, I became your disciple only because of the sheer compassion and blessings of Bhagavan Krishna. My only prayer to Bhagavan is to always have your sublime presence in my life. Only by following your holy footsteps, I can attain Bhagavan. I pray to your lotus feet. Kindly shower your blessings to enable me and my family members to attain the abode of Krishna. You travelled all the way, so far from Dwaraka to this place only to confer deeksha to us and so we are very fortunate enough to receive the blessings and mercy of Bhagavan.

Your humble servant

Devaki devi dasi (Sukumari amma)



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--Dwarka Vasini devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam 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
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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyasa puja 2021 Mahotsava ki Jai!

Dear Gurudeva,

On this auspicious day, I am trying to recollect your valuable instructions and memories.

Last three years daily, I had to travel 3 to 4 hrs, for my job. At that time, I felt tired mentally and physically, but I could not take any decision about that. Finally, with your mercy, I decided to resign from that job. At that time, really I became disappointed Maharaj. Really, I don't know how to explain that situation. With your blessings now I got more time to spend with Srimad Bhagavatam and your lectures. Even in your physical absence, through your transcendental vani you are guiding me and now I shall share some points from your class wherein you taught us that **Simple life is best.**

Maharaj: Our life was fully ingrained with our Vedic literature. Bhagavad Gita is in our life. We do not know, we do not read, but our life is moulded (on the basis of Bhagavad Gita) in that way. Our life is very nice. We have thrown our jewel, running after the glass pieces. If we want to stop this, then how to do this? And we have to go for our jobs in Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi. We have to go out for our jobs. It has happened like that. Otherwise in the neighbourhood (within the city) you will not get the work. In our times, we had work in our neighbourhood. It was in front of our house. We had our land in the village - Hardly it was 10 minutes walk from our house. So we can go very easily. And we do some humble work like filling up the water and other works. Fresh air, beautiful, no pollution. Only horse was there.

Maharaj, with your blessing, now I got an opportunity to participate in Amritavani. In this satsang all the siblings share their experience and incidents that happened with you Maharaj. One Prabhu told that once Maharaj asked him what about your Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam study. Then that prabhu said, "I regularly study Bhagavad Gita, but not yet started Srimad Bhagavatam." Then Maharaj started to teach him,

*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.

And Maharaj said, now you also know SB. The same incident happened in Trivandrum also. When Maharaj first visited, he taught the same sloka to all the devotees who were present here and now each and every Trivandrum devotee know this sloka. In Amrtavani discussions, HG Kalacakra Prabhu said that we all are now in *kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya club*. Maharaj, you had started a wonderful **transcendental club**. By your mercy, till now we continue the admission process in the *kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya club*. And in Trivandrum when ever any kid started to learn shlokas, the first shloka they recite is *kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya*

By your mercy, we are waiting for our New Jagannath Temple. Please bless us to do Jagannath service with more bhakti, love and affection with humility.

Hare Krishna my dear Gurudev, Thank you so much for what ever things You gave me. I really request you to give association of like minded people in devotional service.

Your loving daughter,
Dwarkavasini devi dasi
Trivandrum.



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--Gokul Krishna

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse (Srimad Bhagavatam 1.2.4) to you.

*nārāyaṇaṁ namaskṛtya naraṁ caiva narottamam
devīm sarasvatīm vyāsaṁ tato jayam udīrayet*

Before reciting this Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, which is the very means of conquest, one should offer respectful obeisances unto the Personality of Godhead, Nārāyaṇa, unto Nara-nārāyaṇa Ṛṣi, the supermost human being, unto mother Sarasvatī, the goddess of learning, and unto Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the author.

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

Your servant,
Gokul Krishna



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--Govardhan

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

Happy Birthday Maharaj!

My dear Maharaj, am very happy that we had a wonderful house program recently in my house. I heard a lot about Maharaj's instructions and very happy to see your beloved disciples. Maharaj i also wanted to study shlokas and scriptures. My aunty your beloved disciple Adhokshaja devi dasi is teaching me shlokas and am trying to study it very carefully. Maharaj, I got Bhagavad Gita as my birthday gift from my mother Rukmini devi dasi. Please bless me that i could study it very carefully. Maharaj i have started studying Bhagavath Gita 12th chapter. Please help me to study and remember the instuctions and follow them in my life. Maharaj please bless me that i could do the devotional service, my chanting, my studies, everything properly. Maharaj your beloved disciple Sudharshan chakra Prabhu also teaches me how to recite shlokas, like the way you recite. This is your wonderful mercy that I am getting maharaj. Maharaj this is one of my favorite shloka that i have studied. (Srimad Bhagavatam 1.8.21)

*kr̥ṣṇāya vāsudevāya devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya govindāya namo namaḥ*

kr̥ṣṇāya—the Supreme Lord; *vāsudevāya*—unto the son of Vasudeva; *devakī-nandanāya*—unto the son of Devakī; *ca* —and; *nanda-gopa* — Nanda and the cowherd men; *kumārāya* —unto their son; *govindāya*—unto the Personality of Godhead, who enlivens the cows and the senses; *namaḥ*—respectful obeisances; *namaḥ*—obeisances.

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.

Maharaj please bless me and my family to follow and obey your instuctions. Please bless me to understand your teachings and follow it without flaws.

Your humble servant and grandson,
Govardhan

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--Janani devi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmūṭaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namami moorthana caranaravinde sri bhagavata pada sumedase
pracarine lokatharine sri mahavishu goswamin itinamine
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*

*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*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Happy Birthday to you Guru Maharaj

I am eagerly waiting to see you in Rajkot Maharaj

Maharaj, I learnt Mahamantra

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

Also Maharaj my mother taught me the Bhagavatam verse Krishnaya vasudevaya

*kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya govindāya namo namaḥ*

Maharaj with your mercy we visited Vrindavan and Guruvayoor. Thank you Maharaj

Your servant,
Janani devi (2 years)
(written by Sudarshana Chakra das - on behalf of Janani)

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--Krishna Ashraya das

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

*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

*śrī -guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando mui sāvadhāna mate
jahāra prasāde bhāi, e bhavā toriyā jāi,
krishna-prāpti hoy jahā hā'te*

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

*śrī kṛṣṇa śaraṇam śaraṇāgatam kathāmrtam satata pibatam
bhaktivedānta-mārga panthanam sarva loka-rṣi-deva-jana prasannam*

Following the path of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, you are constantly drinking the nectar of Krishna-katha, having fully surrendered, taking shelter unto his lotus feet. Doing so, you have pleased the demigods, sages and residents of all the planets.

Hare Krishna Maharaj ,

With Maharaj's mercy and Srila Prabhupada's mercy our new temple is going to inaugurate. We had nice association with the Vaishnava seva prabhu. And with Maharaj's mercy, we have started an online reading program under Radha neelmadhav satsang. More than 10 devotees join and attend the reading program daily. Majority of them are new devotees. Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita, Krishna Book and Prabhupada books we read. Weekly once together we chant japa. This program was started during pandemic time and with guidance of Vaishnava seva prabhu. Many devotees supported this program. With Maharaj's mercy we can continue this program. Happy Birthday to you Maharaj.

Your servant,
Krishna Ashraya das

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--Latha

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

*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

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-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.**

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

I am new devotee. I attend the Radha Neelmadhav satsang online daily reading program. I
seek your mercy so that I can improve in devotional service. Happy Birthday Dear Maharaj

Your servant,
Latha



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--Lathika

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

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur 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 obeisances unto Him.**

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

*saṁsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka-
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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.**

*tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā
upadekṣyanti te jñānam jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ*

**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. (Gita 4.34)**

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
I am new devotee. I attend the Radha Neelmadhav satsang online daily reading program. I
seek your mercy so that I can improve in devotional service. Happy Birthday Dear Maharaj

Your servant,
Lathika

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--Lekshmi Priya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble pranams. Jai Prabhupad. Jai Gurudev

On the auspicious occasion of Gudev's vyasapooja, here I am writing my humble offering. I don't have words to write about Supreme Personality of Godhead Krishna and Gurudev. With Gurudev's and Krishna's causeless mercy, I have personally experienced so many things in my life. Please accept my sathakoti pranams to the lotus feet of Gurudev and Krishna. I am submitting my pranams to all the Vaishnavas.

ŚB 1.8.21

*kr̥ṣṇāya 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.

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

Your servant,
Lekshmi Priya devi dasi
Hare Krishna



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--Manjusha S

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

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse (Srimad Bhagavatam 5.18.8) to you.

*om namo bhagavate narisimhaya namas tejas-tejase avir-avirbhava vajra-nakha vajra-
damstra karmasayan randhaya randhaya tamo grasa grasa om svaha; abhayam abhayam
atmani bhuyistha om ksraum*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva, the source of all power. O my Lord who possess nails and teeth just like thunderbolts, kindly vanquish our demonlike desires for fruitive activity in this material world. Please appear in our hearts and drive away our ignorance, so that by Your mercy we may become fearless in the struggle for existence in this material world.

Praying for your blessings Maharaj,
Manjusha S



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--Mayoor Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranam. Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

*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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Maharaj I am wishing you a happy 102nd birthday. Maharaj, I have no qualification to glorify you, but this is your causeless mercy that you have given us this opportunity to glorify you. If I have done any mistake, please forget and forgive me and please give your mercy to do some service to you. I would like to offer Srimad Bhagavatam 4.16.7 to you.

*titikṣaty akramaṁ vainya upary ākramatām api
bhūtānām karuṇaḥ śaśvad ārtānām kṣiti-vṛttimān*

The King Prthu will be very very kind to all citizens. Even though a poor person may trample over the Kings head by violating the rules and regulations, the King out of his causeless mercy, will be forgetful and forgiving. As a protector of the world he will be as tolerant as the earth itself.

Maharaj, I am not celebrating my birthday every year. But I really enjoy celebrating your birthday every year with my God brothers and sisters. This is one of the most wonderful day, every year because everyone glorifies you and your service to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna will be remembered. I am such a fortunate soul, that I got such a wonderful and powerful devotee of Krishna as my Guru Maharaj.

Maharaj this is only your mercy that we could build a wonderful temple in Trivandrum. Next year, we are moving to new temple with your permission and do some service to you. Maharaj, by your causeless mercy, I almost completed a new house and house warming date is not fixed. Krishna willing, next year January I will move there.

So many years we are not doing programs in Tripadapuram. With your mercy, we want to start programs on Saturday evening and do some service to you in Tripadapuram.





Your servant,
Mayoor Krishna das



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--Nandanandan Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my satakoti dandavat pranams. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Jai Srila Gurudev.
I am Nandanandan Krishna das, a humble servant who is still alive due to your causeless
mercy. Happy Birthday Maharaj.

Dear Maharaj in this auspicious occasion of Vyasa puja, my only prayer to you is to please
guide me to the words Bhagava Gita, Bhagavatam and chanting in my day to day life. Without
your mercy, no one can overcome the problems in their life, similarly I am going through such
situations. Maharaj knowingly or unknowingly, I might have committed sins in this life or my
previous life and may be due to this I am suffering in my life now. Maharaj only you can save
me from the clutches of circle or birth and death.

Maharaj you know what are the suffering I am going through in my life now. Maharaj I am
losing my mind. My mind is disturbed because of my health issues and mental issues. I am
not able to tolerate my physical issue and pains. Day by day, I am going down with my mental
strength. I am not able to concentrate on my sadana. Not able to dhant properly and do my
other sadanas properly. I am not able to follow your instructions. Please forgive me Maharaj. I
am asking forgiveness to all my mistakes in life. Once when I lost control over my mind, I had
even tried to end my life. Please forgive me Maharaj for that sinful activity. On that day I
realized that dear Gurudev, you and Krishna never left me.

I love you Maharaj, I don't know what to say. My humble prayer to you is, "Please be always
with me and guide in my life." Maharaj please forgive me for telling my pains to you on your
auspicious occasion of your transcendental 102nd Vyasapooja.

Your unworthy servant,
Nandanandan Krishna das



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--Nandarupini devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams Maharaj. I wish you very happy Krishna consciousness birthday to you Maharaj.

You are the role model of everyone. You are the Hero of our life. You are the moving Bhagavatam. You are the Rajkot temple Maharaj. I am very happy and lucky to glorify Guru Maharaj. I will thank our Krishna for give a wonderful opportunity.

Maharaj, this year we went to Vrindavan and took the mercy of Srimati Radha Rani and felt a different devotional atmosphere. It happened only because of your mercy Guru Maharaj. And brought two beautiful sakhis Lalitha and vishaka and doing Seva very happily.

Thank you so much Maharaj. This is also Maharaj blessing. Maharaj please bless me and our family to perform Radha Krishna pathan seva at last breath.

On this auspicious day, I would like to offer the below shloka from Srimad Bhagavatam 1.8.21

*kr̥ṣṇāya vāsudevāya devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya govindāya namo namaḥ*

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Thank you so much Maharaj.
Your servant
Nandarupini devi dasi



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--Natwer Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse. (SB
4.29.38-40)

*so 'cirād eva rājarṣe syād acyuta-kathāśrayaḥ
śṛṅvataḥ śraddadhānasya nityadā syād adhīyataḥ*

O best of kings, one who is faithful, who is always hearing the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is always engaged in the culture of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and in hearing of the Lord's activities, very soon becomes eligible to see the Supreme Personality of Godhead face to face.

*yatra bhāgavatā rājan sādhaso viśadāśayāḥ
bhagavad-guṇānukathana-śravaṇa-vyagra-cetasāḥ*

*tasmin mahan-mukharitā madhubhic-caritra-
pīyūṣa-śeṣa-saritaḥ paritaḥ sravanti
tā ye pibanty avitrṣo nṛpa gāḍha-karṇais
tān na sprśanty aśana-trḍ-bhaya-śoka-mohāḥ*

My dear King, in the place where pure devotees live, following the rules and regulations and thus purely conscious and engaged with great eagerness in hearing and chanting the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, in that place if one gets a chance to hear their constant flow of nectar, which is exactly like the waves of a river, one will forget the necessities of life, namely hunger and thirst, and become immune to all kinds of fear, lamentation and illusion

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai. Srila Prabhupad ki jai. Jagannath Baladev Subhadra Mayya ki jai. Happy birthday to you Maharaj. Maharaj, please bless me to do the duty well that you gave me.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Your servant
Natwer Krishna das

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--Paramanand Krishna das & Sandra

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my respectful obeisance
All glories to you. Happy 102nd Vyasapooja Maharaj.

Thank you Maharaj for coming to this world and showing us path of Bhakti. You went through many difficulties and challenges to wake up the sleeping souls like me. You have bestowed your causeless mercy upon the fallen souls like me.

Maharaj our humble prayer to you on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance in this material world is to

- please give us the strength to follow your divine instructions with faith and conviction,
- please bless us to chant good quality rounds and relish Srimad Bhagavatam and put into practice.
- please bless us that we can properly follow your footsteps, mould our life according to the examples you mercifully set,
- please bestow us with the capacity to co-operate together despite umpteen challenges, difficulties, differences and ironies of Kali-yuga and
- please save us from various anartas, desire for sense gratification.

Your servants,
Paramanand Krishna das and Sandra



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--Prshni devi dasi

ஹரே கிருஷ்ண

என்னுடைய குருவின் தாமரை பாதங்களுக்கு அனந்த கோடி நமஸ்காரத்தை சமர்ப்பிக்கிறேன்.

மனித சக்தியை பகவானின் சேவையில் ஈடுபடுத்துவதால் முக்தி வழியில் முன்னேற முடியும். ஆன்மீக குருவின் உபதேசங்களை பின்பற்றாமல் ஒருவராலும் பகவானிடம் திரும்பி செல்ல முடியாது. குருவிடம் சரணடைவதன் மூலமே ஸ்ரீகிருஷ்ணரின் அன்பை பெற முடியும். பகவத் கீதை 2.54 ஸ்லோகத்தின் பொருளுரையில் ஸ்ரீல பிரபுபாதர், கிருஷ்ண பக்தரின் முதல் குணம் என்ன என்பதை நன்றாக விவரிக்கிறார். கிருஷ்ண பக்தர் கிருஷ்ணரை பற்றியும் அவர் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட விஷயத்தை பற்றி மட்டுமே பேசுவார்.

ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவதத்தை கேட்பதன் மூலம் ஒருவர் பௌதிகம் என்னும் சிக்கலில் இருந்து விடுபட முடியும். பௌதிக துன்பம், மாயை, பயம் ஆகியவற்றை கடந்து மேலே செல்வதன் மூலம் ஒருவர் வாழ்வின் மிக உயர்ந்த பூரணத்துவத்தை ஒருவர் அடைய முடியும். இவை ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவதத்தை அடக்கமான முறையில் கேட்டறிதலில் சிரத்தை கொண்டுள்ள ஒருவரின் சோதனைகள் ஆகும். மனிதனின் பௌதீக நோயை குணப்படுத்துவதே பகவாதத்தின் நோக்கம் ஆகும். இதை சிறப்பாக ஸ்ரீல பிரபுபாதர், ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவதம் முதல் காண்டம், அத்தியாயம் 7 ஷ்லோகம் 8-இல் குறிப்பிடுகிறார். ஸ்ரீமத் பாகவதம், பகவத் கீதை இரண்டும் பற்றிய பகவானை பற்றிய உன்னத விஷயங்கள் ஆகும்.

அடுத்த ஜென்மம் குருவை விட்டு பிரியாது சேவை செய்யணும் என்று ஆசை. நடக்குமா தெரியாது. சந்தோஷமான பிறந்த நாள் வாழ்த்துக்கள் மஹராஜ்.

வாழ்க குருவின் புகழ் ! வளர்க வையகம் !

தாழ்மையுடன்,
ப்ரஷ்ணி தேவி தாசி.

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

I offer my crores of humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

By channelising human energy in the service of Lord, we can progress in the path of liberation. Without following the instructions of spiritual master, we cannot go to Krishna. By surrendering unto the Guru only, we can get love for Krishna. Srila Prabhupada very nicely says in the purport of verse 2.54 of Bhagavad Gita - "The immediate symptom of a Kṛṣṇa conscious man is that he speaks only of Kṛṣṇa and of matters relating to Him."



By hearing Srimad Bhagavatam, we can get out of all material entanglements. By transcending material miseries, fear and lamentation one could attain the highest perfection of life. This is the symptom of one who respectfully and submissively hears Srimad Bhagavatam. The goal of Bhagavatam is to cure the material disease of the people. This is very nicely explained by Srila Prabhupada in the purport of Srimad Bhagavatam verse 1.7.8. Both Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam reveals the transcendence of Krishna.

Wish to serve Guru Maharaj without being separated in my next birth also. Not sure whether it will happen.

Happy Birthday to you Maharaj. All glories to Maharaj.

Your humble servant,

Prshni devi dasi



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--R Gopa Kumar

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Pranams Gurudev.

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

Thank you bringing Krishna in our lives and for teaching us to do Krishna bhakti.

Thank you
Gopa kumar



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--Radha Neelmadhav das

Many more Happy returns to my Spiritual father

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamīn iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

On this occasion of 102nd Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer below verse from Srimad
Bhagavatam (SB - 11.23.42)

*dvija uvāca
nāyaṁ jano me sukha-duḥkha-hetur
na devatātmā graha-karma-kālāḥ
manaḥ paraṁ kāraṇam āmananti
saṁsāra-cakraṁ parivartayed yat*

The brāhmaṇa said: These people are not the cause of my happiness and distress. Neither are the demigods, my own body, the planets, my past work, or time. Rather, it is the mind alone that causes happiness and distress and perpetuates the rotation of material life.

Please accept my offering.

Your insignificant son,

Radha Neelmadhav das



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--Rasikananda devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ 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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāñi-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda*

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Hare Krishna Happy birthday to you Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna Maharaj, this year with the blessing of Maharaj, I started to study Bhagavad Gita from first sloka. So please bless me to complete this service with respect, love, affection, humility. Hare Krishna Maharaj, this year my Vyasa pooja offering to you is **Jantur prayers**. (SB 3.31.12 to 21) which I learnt with your mercy.

jantur uvāca

*tasyopasannam avitum jagad icchayātta-
nānā-tanor bhuvī calac-caraṇāravindam
so 'ham vrajāmi śaraṇam hy akuto-bhayaṁ me
yenedrṣṭi gatir adarśy asato 'nurūpā*

*yas tv atra baddha iva karmabhir āvṛtātmā
bhūtendriyāśayamayim avalambya māyām
āste viśuddham avikāram akhaṇḍa-bodham
ātapyamāna-hṛdaye 'vasitaṁ namāmi*

*yaḥ pañca-bhūta-racite rahitaḥ śarīre
cchanno 'yathendriya-guṇārtha-cid-ātmako 'ham
tenāvikuṇṭha-mahimānam ṛṣim tam enaṁ
vande param prakṛti-pūruṣayoḥ pumāṁsam*

*yan-māyayoru-guṇa-karma-nibandhane 'smiṁ
sāmsārike pathi caraṁs tad-abhisrameṇa
naṣṭa-smṛtiḥ punar ayaṁ pravṛṇīta lokam
yuktyā kayā mahad-anugraham antareṇa*

*jñānam yad etad adadhāt katamaḥ sa devas
traī-kālikam sthira-careṣv anuvartitāmśaḥ*

*taṁ jīva-karma-padaṁ anuvartamānā
tāpa-trayopāśamanāya vyaṁ bhajema*

*dehy anya-deha-vivare jaṭharāgninārg-
viṅ-mūtra-kūpa-patito bhṛśa-tapta-dehaḥ
icchann ito vivasiturṁ gaṇayan sva-māsān
nīrvāsyate kṛpaṇa-dhīr bhagavan kadā nu*

*yenedṛśīm gatim asau daśa-māsyā īśa
saṅgrāhitaḥ puru-dayena bhavādrśena
svenaiva tuṣyatu kṛtena sa dīna-nāthaḥ
ko nāma tat-prati vināñjalim asya kuryāt*

*paśyaty ayam dhiṣaṇayā nanu sapta-vadhriḥ
śārīrake dama-śārīry aparāḥ sva-dehe
yat-sṛṣṭayāsaṁ tam ahaṁ puruṣaṁ purāṇaṁ
paśye bahir hṛdi ca caityam iva pratītam*

*so 'haṁ vasann api vibho bahu-duḥkha-vāsaṁ
garbhān na nīrjigamiṣe bahir andha-kūpe
yatropayātam upasarpati deva-māyā
mithyā matir yad-anu saṁsṛti-cakram etat*

*tasmād ahaṁ vigata-viklava uddhariṣya
ātmānam āśu tamasah suhrdātmanaiva
bhūyo yathā vyasanam etad aneka-randhram
mā me bhaviṣyad upasādita-viṣṇu-pādaḥ*

Hare Krishna Maharaj Happy Birthday to you Dear Maharaj.
Your grand daughter,
Rasikananda devi dasi



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--Rathangapani Krishna das

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai!

Happy Birthday Maharaj

Dandavat Pranam. Jai Srila Prabhupada. Jai Srila Gurudev.

Dear Gurudev,

You are showering your mercy upon me, unfortunately, I am not realizing that and using it. Please forgive me Maharaj. Maharaj for me, my problems are big. By making excuses for these problems, I moved away from your service so many days. The reason behind this is that the problems are related to my mental and health issues.

Maharaj, I was proud that I am great and special. With your mercy and Krishna's mercy, this pride is changing now. Maharaj with your mercy, devotees and finding me and inspiring me to do service to the Lord. Maharaj yesterday 13th December, we had a Bhagavatam class by your disciple Anandsagar Prabhuj. In that class, he was explaining your words. **Whatever happens, we should like a tree, even somebody tries to cheat or trouble us we should do good things to them. Always remember Krishna, work without expecting the fruitfulness, Be honest, stop praising ourselves. Control your talk, remember Krishna.** Now I have started practically realizing it.

Maharaj you never leave anyone, because of that I am still part of the group and staying in a corner. Maharaja I am realizing lots of things. Maharaj with your mercy, now I have Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita and Lord Jagannath Deity. I am praying to your lotus feet that please bless me so that I can follow your instructions and understand my current state, without pride and with my ability, I would wish to do service to Krishna.

Maharaj I am not even qualified to come in front of you, yet you are merciful upon me.

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai! Dandavat pranam Maharaj.

Your servant,

Rathangapani Krishna das

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--Rukmini devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

*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-vāñī-pracārīṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādī-pāścātya-deśa-tārīṇe*

My dear Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All glories to Srila Gurudeva and All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. Hare Krishna. Happy Birthday Maharaj!

On this special occasion, am remembering those days when I used to recite the shlokas in phone call and Maharaj used to correct me in reciting. Maharaj those times are the wonderful days in my life. I wonder every time that how merciful my Maharaj is as he is very concerned about a fallen soul like me. Maharaj, I am a very lazy and non-consistent person in studying scriptures. Maharaj I had tried to read the scriptures and got stuck at several times and some points i cannot understand the meanings of several shlokas perfectly.

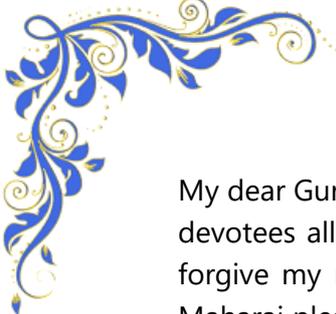
I was totally confused and stuck in reading the scriptures. Maharaj it's your special mercy that i got the association of one of your beloved disciple and i got the instruction to study the scriptures. Maharaj i know its ur boundless mercy that i got your instruction through a god-brother. As you say, **our biggest enemy is false ego**. My humble request is to please engage me in your devotional service for the rest of my life so that i can give up my pride and false ego. Maharaj i try to recite this sholka of Kunti Stuti every day. Srimad Bhagavatam 1.8.42

*tvayi me 'nanya-viṣayā matir madhu-pate 'sakṛt
ratim udvahatād addhā gaṅgevaugham udanvati*

tvayi—unto You; me — my; ananya-viṣayā — unalloyed; matiḥ—attention; madhu-pate—O Lord of Madhu; asakṛt —continuously; ratim — attraction; udvahatāt — may overflow; addhā — directly; gaṅgā — the Ganges; iva — like; ogham— flows; udanvati — down to the sea.

O Lord of Madhu, as the Ganges forever flows to the sea without hindrance, let my attraction be constantly drawn unto You without being diverted to anyone else.

Maharaj please bless me to study and also follow the instructions given by you, without any flaws.



My dear Gurudev, i beg for your blessings to continue to get the association and blessings of devotees all the time and please give me your guidance to follow your instructions. Please forgive my mistakes and shortcomings in my devotional service as i am a foolish person. Maharaj please bless my son Govardhan, my husband Rajesh prabhu and my parents so that we could serve the devotees and follow your instructions as you say. Once again am wishing you a very happy Vyasa pooja. Maharaj, I am an unqualified daughter. Please hold my hand in every paths of my life.

Your humble servant, daughter
Rukmini devi dasi



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--Sankarshan Krishna das

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev,
Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudeva.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

*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-vāñi-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda*

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

I would like to offer the below verses from Bhagavad Gita (12.13-14) unto your lotus feet.

*adveṣṭā sarva-bhūtānām maitraḥ karuṇa eva ca
nirmamo nirahaṅkāraḥ sama-duḥkha-sukhaḥ kṣamī
santuṣṭaḥ satatam yogī yatātmā dṛḍha-niścayaḥ
mayy arpita-mano-buddhir yo mad-bhaktaḥ sa me priyaḥ*

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.

Dear Gurudev - You are the best example of above verses. You have showed us entire your life how to practice this verses in our day to day life. On this special occasion of your Divine Vyasa puja day, I am begging your lotus feet, to kindly bless me to practice this instruction in my life. Dear Gurudev I'm struggling to come out from the above situation.

Your servant,
Sankarshan Krishna das

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--Saragrahi Janardhan das

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine
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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda
Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Happy 102nd Vyasa Pooja Maharaj

Dear Gurudev,

One gets Krishna's blessing through spiritual master's causeless mercy. One cannot achieve spiritual progress without mercy of spiritual master. Therefore, one should remember and worship spiritual master three times in a day.

Dear Gurudev, Please accept my humble obeisance to your lotus feet.

Please bless me Gurudev so that I can continue my service to Krishna.

Your faithful servant,,
Saragrahi Janardhan das



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--Sarvasiddhi devi dasi--

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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

Happy appearance day Maharaj. On this auspicious day, I wish to thank you for so mercifully giving me shelter at your lotus feet. Because of your mercy, I am able to come in contact with Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita. Maharaj, you have clearly indicated us that, "whatever is there in Srimad Bhagavatam is that we need; whatever is not there, we don't need that." You have advised us to chant sincerely to remember Krishna. I am trying to follow your instructions. On this auspicious occasion, I humbly beg your mercy, so that I can advance in Krishna consciousness. Also please forgive me for the countless offences I have committed and bless me to progress in bhakti.

Your insignificant servant,
Sarvasiddhi devi dasi.



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--Sikshastaka Krsna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
I offer my respectful obeisance unto the lotus feet of the spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada
and all the Vaishnavas.

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

Srimad Bhagavatam **ŚB 11.3.22**

*tatra bhāgavatān dharmān śikṣed gurv-ātma-daivataḥ
amāyayānuvṛtṭyā yais 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.

Servant of Your servant,
Sikshastaka Krsna das.



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--Sravana Kirtan Krishna das & Smarana Vandan Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams.

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrimate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Maharaj - we would like to offer you this song, "**Maharaj, Maharaj Please Hear Us**" on this day.

Maharaj Maharaj please hear us
We have learnt some real good stuff
Maharaj we have learnt one thing
And 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 not happy.

Wasting time is the greatest crime
Because wasted time means a wasted mind
So best use your time, when you are in your prime
And your whole life will be sublime

If your wealth is gone, there is nothing wrong
If your health is gone, that's a different song.
But if your character dies, then the world will cry
Because only saintly behavior lets humanity thrive.

Your servants,
Sravana Kirtan Krishna das and Smarana Vandan Krishna das

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--Sreepada devi dasi

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā

caḅsur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Happy 102ndth Birthday Maharaj...

Dear Gurudev,

With your mercy, even though we are not qualified, we are able to worship Gopal in our home and we are able to worship Lord every day and able to offer bhoga to Lord. Maharaj with your mercy I am able to make Aadhidev and Anantharoop chant everyday and teach them Kunti prayer and Catur sloki Bhagavad Gita. Maharaj I am still wondering, how you have selected me as your disciple, even though I am not qualified. Maharaj I promise that I will try hard to study Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita every day. Hare Krishna Maharaj.

Happy Birthday Maharaj and I would like to offer the below verse from Srimad Bhagavatam to you. (ŚB 3.16.21)

*yas tām̐vivikta-caritair anuvartamānām
nātyādriyat parama-bhāgavata-prasaṅgaḥ
sa tvam̐ dvijānupatha-puṇya-rajah-punītaḥ
śrīvatsa-lakṣma kim agā bhaga-bhājanas tvam*

O Lord, You are exceedingly attached to the activities of Your pure devotees, yet You are never attached to the goddesses of fortune who constantly engage in Your transcendental loving service. How can You be purified, therefore, by the dust of the path traversed by the brāhmaṇas, and how can You be glorified or made fortunate by the marks of Śrīvatsa on Your chest?

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Your servants,

Sreepada devi dasi

Aadhidev J S & Anatharoopan J S

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--Subhangi Lekshmi

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
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om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-krpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam*

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,
Happy birthday to you.

On the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse to you. (Srimad Bhagavatam 11.3.21)

*tasmād guruṁ prapadyeta jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ 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.

Hare Krishna Maharaj, from my father and mother i heard that you loved children a lot and in our Prahlad school you also taught them. I feel so sad because i didn't get chance to sit in front of you Maharaj. My father told me that you used to recite shlokas everyday, Maharaj please bless me also to learn slokas from Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam to please you and the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Please remove all my laziness and bless me Maharaj to become a true servant.

Happy birthday Maharaj.
Yours servant always
Subhangi Lekshmi

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--Sudarshan Chakra das

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārīne lokatārīne śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

*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-vāñī-pracārīṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tārīṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,
Happy 102ndth Birthday Maharaj...

Dear Gurudev, December is the most happiest month for us, the first reason is because we celebrate your transcendental birthday. For all the disciples, Gurudev's birthday is the most, fortunate day. The second reason is, we all can come to see you in Rajkot and glorify you and celebrate your Transcendental birthday. The third reason is even though you are not physically present, we can feel your presence.

There are so many reasons December is special for me. Dear Gurudev, you have accepted me as your disciple in December, I still wonder is it because of my past life's good deeds or Vaishnava Kripa you have given me shelter as your disciple. I am so fortunate I have got the opportunity to serve you by reading and practicing Bhagavatam in our life. Thank you Gurudev for accepting me as your disciple even though I am such a rascal and ignorant person.

Gurumaharaj, by your special mercy to Trivandrum devotees, a nice temple came in. We are eagerly waiting to see which date you are giving permission to start worshipping Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra in the new temple.

Gurudev with your unlimited mercy, I was able to join Amrtavani group of devotees and started attending the discussion of your transcendental lectures. Every week we feel like we are really 100% connected to you and we feel your presence. When the fortunate God siblings describe about your pastimes, your teaching, and the instruction you have provided, it gives us more and more enthusiasm and energy, and happiness. With your mercy Gurudev, we started writing notes by hearing the records. Gurudev, each time when we make notes of last week's lecture discussion, each time we are getting new new transcendental instructions you have provided to us.





After attending the weekly classes, we started cleaning our chanting bags frequently, started cleaning our rooms regularly, and trying to keep our things organized. We are still trying to implement the things which you have instructed us to do. Please bless Gurudev so that we can follow your instructions. Thank you, Gurudev.

Gurudev please forgive me for missing the rounds, I am really trying hard to cover those rounds, please bless me Gurudev so that I can remember Sri Sri Radha Neelmadav and chant good quality rounds.

Gurudev, with your mercy we are able to do monthly Seva to Jagannath every month and Read Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita every day.

Gurudev with your mercy we really wish to again start our Thrippadapuram program every Saturday by reading Bhagavatam and doing Kirtan. Kindly bless us and show your mercy to learn Bhagavatam regularly and practice in our life. With your blessings, last year we brought a new Bhagavatam set. Gurudev with your mercy we were able to Visit Sri Dham Vrindavan and Guruvayur. We were really praying to the lotus feet of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadeesh and Sri Sri Radhaneelmadav that we could be able to take Janani Devi to your samadhi, so that she can see you in person and take blessing from you.

Happy 102ndth Vyasapooja Maharaj.

Your servant,

Sudarshan chakra das



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--Sunil Madhav das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

On this auspicious occasion of your 102nd Vyasa Pooja, I would like to offer the below
Bhagavatam verse (SB 3.28.2) to you.

*sva-dharmācaraṇaṁ śaktyā vidharmāc ca nivartanam
daivāl labdhena santoṣa ātmavic-caraṇārcanam*

**One should execute his prescribed duties to the best of his ability and avoid performing
duties not allotted to him. One should be satisfied with as much gain as he achieves by
the grace of the Lord, and one should worship the lotus feet of a spiritual master.**

Always surrendering unto your lotus feet Guru Maharaj.
By your grace,
Sunil Madhav das

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



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--Swathy Sudarshan Chakra das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

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

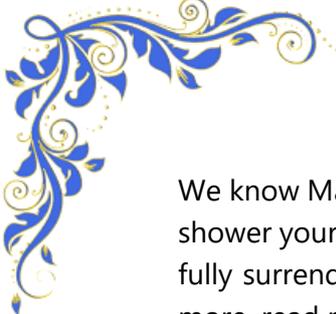
The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who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

*kṛṣṇāya vāsudevāya devakī-nandanāya ca
nanda-gopa-kumārāya govindāya namo namaḥ*

Happy Birthday Maharaj. This year was really one of the good years in my life Maharaj, I was able to little progress in my devotional life. Our life changed after attending the Amrtavani discussion session every Sunday by senior disciples. I came to know more about you Maharaj. Even though I have not physically seen you Maharaj, I can see you through their words. I'm trying to understand what you expect from your disciples. I came to know more about your devotional life, the struggle you faced in constructing the Rukmini-Dwarakadeesh temple. The most important thing that was caught through the discussion was 'Mangalarati'. I understand the importance of Mangalarati, and I heard from them that you never forced anyone to perform Magalarati at Brahma muhrtham (4.30 am), but you insisted that we have to perform it daily. We started to follow this Maharaj. Lots of changes came into our life after attending this discussion; the more we understand when we write it after the discussion.

Another blessing from you was, we were allowed to touch and experience the sweetness of Vrindavan Dham. It was totally a different world. We just wished and hope to stay there. Please bless us Maharaj, please make us pure Maharaj, so that we can go to Krishna's Dham again, we can again have the pleasure to see and touch the places where He had His childhood leela's. I was also able to see Guruvayoorappan this year, Maharaj. Thank You Maharaj.

Another happiness I had this year was, my mother turned vegetarian. Maharaj, Thank You! We are eagerly waiting for Jagganath's new temple. We hope with your blessings, we will immediately move our Jagganath to His new house. Please bless us Maharaj so that we can look after our Jagganath nicely. We also had the opportunity to do full seva of Jagannath every month. We will be waiting for that day to make bhogas for our Jagganth and perform other sevas for Him. Thank You Maharaj for giving us this opportunity even though we are not qualified to perform his seva.



We know Maharaj, we are not performing all our duties as you expect. Please Maharaj, please shower your blessings upon us Maharaj so that we can overcome from this world of maya and fully surrender under you and follow our devotional service as you expect. We want to chat more, read more, want to do more seva. Please bless us Maharaj.

We are eagerly waiting to come to Rajkot to see you Maharaj with our Janani devi. Please bless us and allow us to come to Rajkot and see you Maharaj :) :)

Hare Krishna

Your servant,

Swathy Sudarshan chakra das.



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--Swayam Jyoti 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-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā

caḥsur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Happy 102ndth Birthday Maharaj!

Dear Gurudev, Maharaj with your mercy in Trivandrum our dream project - new Jagannath Temple is coming. Maharaj, with your special mercy, I am able to read Srimad Bhagavatam sloka every day. Thank you Maharaj and with your mercy, till now, I am able to chant my 16 rounds every day.

Maharaj, I still remember your teaching and instructing on how to deal with the matters connected to money and matajis. I still follow these instructions as advised. Maharaj I still feel your personal fatherly affection for us. I follow your instruction, like how a son follows the instructions of his father. I will try hard to learn Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita every day and will keep on trying it to apply to my life. I would like to offer you the below verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 3.6.37)

*ekānta-lābhaṁvacaso nu puṁsām
suśloka-mauler guṇa-vādam āhuḥ
śruteś ca vidvadbhir upākṛtāyām
kathā-sudhāyām upasamprayogam*

The highest perfectional gain of humanity is to engage in discussions of the activities and glories of the Pious Actor. Such activities are so nicely arranged in writing by the greatly learned sages that the actual purpose of the ear is served just by being near them.

Hare Krishna Maharaj. Happy Birthday Maharaj

Your servant,

Swayam Jyoti Krishna das

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--Swayam Prakash Krishna das

Hare Krishna my Dear Gurudeva,

*nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
namāmi murdhana charanaravinde sri bhāgavata padha sumedhase
prachārine lokatārine śrīla mahavishnu goswamin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Once again I am repeating that I am the fortunate person, as you have accepted me as your disciple. Maharaj even though you have left your transcendental body, but still you guide us and give instruction through Devakinandan Prabhu and Vaishnav Seva Prabhu. We are getting instruction to improve our spiritual gain and fulfill your desire. Maharaj your desire is completely instructed to us by Devakinandan Prabhu and Vaishnav seva prabhu and they are doing it very nicely.

Maharaj, we Trivandrum devotees are really happy and satisfied that, you have appointed Devakinandan Prabhu and Vaishnav seva prabhu to guide us to improve our spiritual progress. Maharaj as instructed by you, me and my family are studying Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrtam. We are really in happy and in bliss. I can feel that it is completely your causeless supreme mercy. Maharaj, we all Trivandrum devotees are indebted to you. Maharaj, I am really very very happy that when you were in Rajkot, with your mercy, I have got opportunities to serve you. Still, now those memories give me your presence and happiness to me.

Please accept my thousands of dandavat pranam to your lotus feet Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj.

Your servant

Swayam Prakash Krishna das



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--Ujwala prada devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ dadāti sva-padāntikam*

*vande 'haṁ śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-gurūn vaiṣṇavāṁś ca
śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānviṭaṁ taṁ sa-jīvam
sādvaitaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana sahitaṁ kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devaṁ
śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitā-śrī-viśākhānviṭāṁś ca*

*paraṁ brahma paraṁ dhāma pavitraṁ paramaṁ bhavān
puruṣaṁ śāśvataṁ divyam ādi-devam ajaṁ vibhum*

Happy 102nd Vyasa Pooja Maharaj.

Dear Gurudev

I am praying to your lotus feet, "Please bless us so that in this human life, I will be able to always remember and serve Supreme Personality of Godhead Krishna."

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

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Ujwala prada devi dasi



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--Vasudeva Parayana Krishna das and Geetha Vasudev

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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*

My dear Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet! All glories to your wonderful appearance day!

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Happy Vyasa pooja Maharaj

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

Dear Maharaj,

On this auspicious day, am remembering the divine mercy showerd upon us by you. Maharaj we are not able to go outside or attend the programs because of the pandemic. Due to your beloved disciples' causeless mercy, we are getting the association and the chance to serve the devotees. Maharaj please bless to continue the service to devotees and follow your instructions without any flaws. Please give the guidance in every aspect of our life, in every path of our life. We are trying to hear the leactures by your beloved disciples. Maharaj please bless us to understand your teachings and apply it in our life. Thank you once again and forgive our offences which we have commited at the lotus feet of Maharaj. Please bless our family to serve the devotees and do the devotional service properly.

Hare Krishna.

Your humble servants,

Vasudeva Parayana Krishna das and Geetha Vasudev



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--Vedhika

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Pranams. Happy birthday Gurudev.

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

Your servant,

Vedhika



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--Vibhatsu Krishna das

ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மகாராஜ்,

எனக்கும் எனது மனைவிக்கும் ஒரே சமயத்தில், தீக்ஷை கிடைத்தது, மஹாவிஷ்ணு கோஸ்வாமி மகாராஜ்-இன் அருளால். ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மந்திரத்தை குறித்து ஒன்றுமே அறியாதவன் நான். எனது தந்தை, நான் சிறு வயதாக இருந்த போது, எனது வீட்டில் கிருஷ்ணர் விக்ரஹம் இருந்தது.

நான் தீக்ஷைக்கு முன்பே ஜபிக்க தொடங்கினேன். தினமும் 18 மாலைக்கு கூடுதல் ஜெபிப்பதை விடவில்லை. ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மந்திரம் ஜெபிக்காமல் போனால் அன்றைய தினம் உடல் குளித்தும் சுத்தம் இல்லாதது போன்ற உணர்வு. நாமம் ஜெபிக்கும் போதும் திலகம் இடும் பொது மற்றவர்க்கும் எனக்கும் வேறுபாடு உணர முடிகிறது.

ஹரே கிருஷ்ண மந்திரம் ஒரு பாட்டெரியை சார்ஜ் செய்வது போல் நம் மனதை சார்ஜ் செய்கிறது...கிருஷ்ண நாம ஜெபிக்கும் போது நல்ல உணர்வு கூடி வருவது உணர முடிகிறது. ஓயாமல் ஓடி கொண்டிருக்கும் மனதில் ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மகா மந்திரம் ஓடி கொண்டு இருக்கிறது. ஹரே கிருஷ்ணா மஹா மந்திரம் நம் உள்ளில் உள்ள தீயாய் அதிகரிக்கிறது. என்னோடு தொடர்பு உள்ள, தொடர்பு கொண்ட அனைத்து கிருஷ்ண பக்தர்களுக்கும் நன்றி. தேவகி நந்தன் பிரபு-விற்கும் மஹாவிஷ்ணு கோஸ்வாமி மகாராஜ்-க்கும் நன்றி நன்றி நன்றி.

தங்கள் சேவகன்
விபத்சு கிருஷ்ண தாஸ்

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

By your mercy I and my wife could get initiated around the same time. Earlier I didn't know anything about Mahamantra. Since childhood, my father had a deity of Krishna at home. Before initiation itself, I had started more than 18 rounds daily. If I didn't chant on any day, felt as if that day is very dirty, inspite of taking bath. When I started chanting and wearing tilak, I could realise the difference between myself and others.

Chanting Hare Krishna Mantra electrifies our minds. It's like recharging a battery. Now Hare Krishna Mahamantra is ringing in my mind always. Earlier mind used to be very restless. It increases the fire in us. I thank all the devotees who are and were in touch with me. Special thanks to HG Devakinandan Prabhujii and Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj.

Your servant,

Vibhatsu Krishna das

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--Vishnu Smaran Krishna das

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

**I offer my respectful obeisance 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 Vyasa-puja celebration.

On this occasion, I am using this opportunity to thank you to accept me as your disciple even though I'm not qualified. I'm so blessed that I could practice Krishna consciousness under your shelter. Please give me the strength to improve my sadana and devotional service. I'm offering you the below Sloka from Srimad Bhagavatam that I learnt recently;

ŚB 7.7.30-31

*guru-śuśrūṣayā bhaktyā sarva-labdhārpaṇena ca
saṅgena sādhu-bhaktānām īśvarārādhanena ca
śraddhayā tat-kathāyām ca kīrtanair guṇa-karmaṇām
tat-pādāmburuha-dhyānāt tal-liṅgeṣārhaṇādibhiḥ*

One must accept the bona fide spiritual master and render service unto him with great devotion and faith. Whatever one has in one's possession should be offered to the spiritual master, and in the association of saintly persons and devotees one should worship the Lord, hear the glories of the Lord with faith, glorify the transcendental qualities and activities of the Lord, always meditate on the Lord's lotus feet, and worship the Deity of the Lord strictly according to the injunctions of the sastra and guru.

Your fallen servant

Vishnu Smaran Krishna das

Trivandrum

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--Vrindaveswari Vilasini devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Jai Srila Prabhupad. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai.

My dear Gurudev, always I am giving pranams to you with lots of love and respect.

To remember you and to be in happiness - one more Vyasapooja.

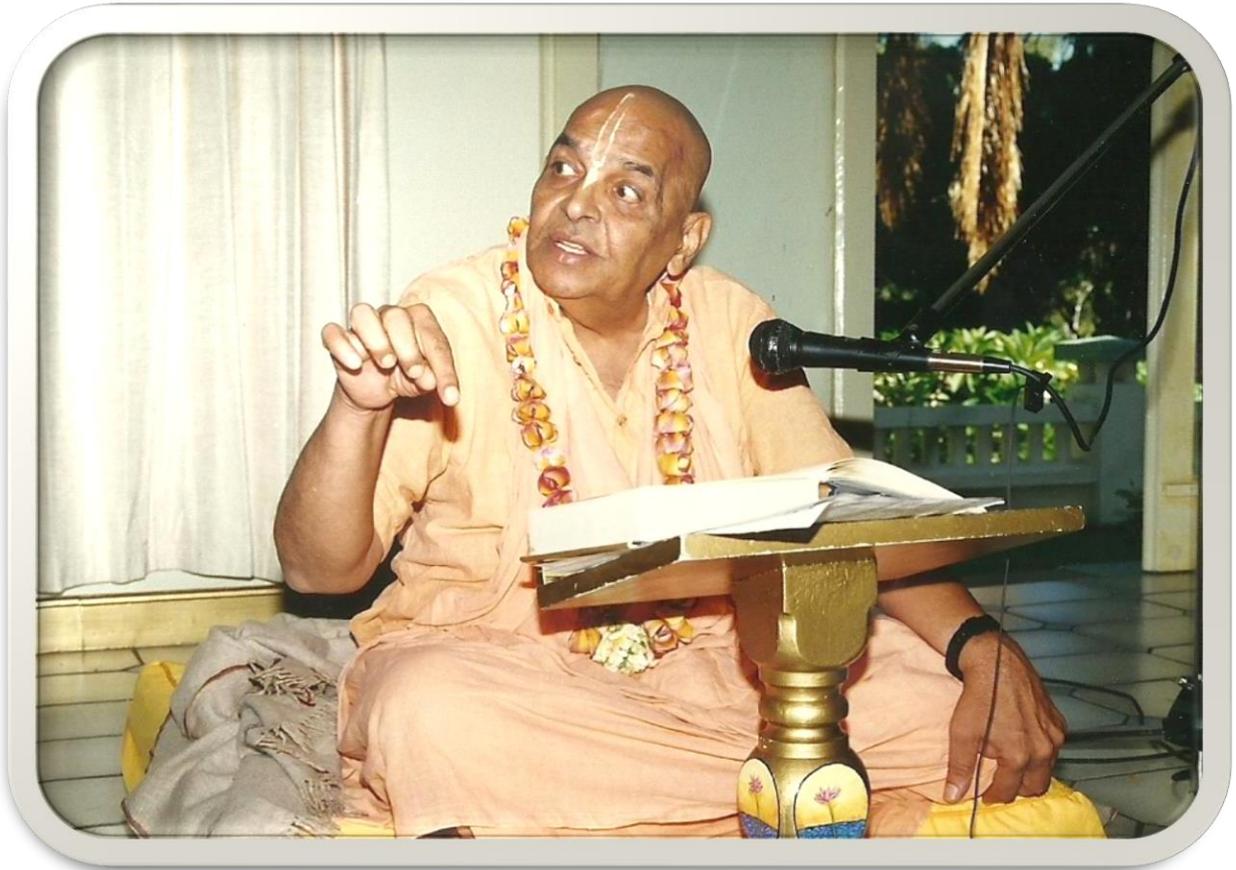
Hare Krishna Maharaj,
I am now confused how to use this opportunity, whether to sing your glories or to ask you
some doubts. Maharaj I love to hear your pastimes with the lots of devotees and I am really
joyful after hearing your pastimes. I am praying that I should have love, compassion, mercy,
kindness, to all the living entities. I am also praying to your lotus feet that please bless me so
that I should not have anger, irritation, envy, hatred, pride.

My sincere prayer to your lotus feet is that, please bless all your disciples.

Your humble servant,
Vrindaveswari Vilasini devi dasi



India - Mumbai



“So because we know fully well that everything is under the purview of the time. The time controls everything. And everything passes. Doesn’t remain at all. Those who know this, they are not disturbed, that is the best quality we acquire. And if we are disturbed then we are not a devotee”

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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Nilesh Chaudhari

Hare Krishna Gurudev,

Please accept my humble pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

As you explain & I heard only from you & still remembering Govind - Go means indriya & vind means aananda + happiness. So we always be in shelter & service of Shri Govind & His associates Gopas & His devotees!

Thank you,

Nilesh Chaudhari



**Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
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--Prabhupadananda das

**Humble offering unto the Lotus Feet of HH Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev on the
auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021**

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupad ki jai. Jai Gurudev.

Hare Krishna. 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 Gurudev on the eve of Vyasa pooja day.

The purport of the verse **SB 4.22.22** states – *One should take shelter of a pure devotee, who has nothing to do with this material world but is simply engaged in devotional service. By serving him only, one can transcend the qualitative material condition. In this verse it is recommended (yogeśvara-upāsanā) that one serve the lotus feet of the topmost yogi or the devotee. To serve the topmost devotee means to hear from him about the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. To hear the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead from the mouth of a pure devotee is to acquire a pious life. In Bhagavad-Gita (7.28) it is also said that without being pious one cannot engage in devotional service. To increase attachment for the Supreme Personality of Godhead one has to accept a bona fide spiritual master and learn from him the methods of devotional service and hear from him about the transcendental message and glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. In this way one has to increase his conviction about devotional service. Then it will be very easy to increase attachment for the Supreme Personality of Godhead.*

**gurudev! kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,
tṛṇāpekḥā ati hīna**

In this song, Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura says, "**Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of.**"

We can never pay back the debt to our spiritual master, and at the same time we can never stop causeless eternally rendering loving devotional service at the lotus feet of our spiritual master.

Gurudeva, you are always kind, spiritual and loving. The following verse in Srimad Bhagavatam (2.2.2) well applies to you.

**śābdasya hi brahmaṇa eṣa panthā
yan nāmabhir dhyāyati dhīr apārthaiḥ
paribhramāṁs 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 Pātālaloka, 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.*

For your words contain the extraordinary potency to awaken souls to their eternal identity and bring them face to face with Krishna. This phenomenon is described with incomparable beauty and clarity by Prthu Maharaja, and by Srila Prabhupada's purport in Srimad Bhagvatam **4.20.25** :

*sa uttamaśloka mahan-mukha-cyuto
bhavat-padāmbhoja-sudhā kaṇānilaḥ
smṛtiṁ punar vismṛta-tattva-vartmanām
kuyoginām no vitaraty alaṁ varaiḥ*

My dear Lord, You are glorified by the selected verses uttered by great personalities. Such glorification of Your lotus feet is just like saffron particles. When the transcendental vibration from the mouths of great devotees carries the aroma of the saffron dust of Your lotus feet, the forgetful living entity gradually remembers his eternal relationship with You. Devotees thus gradually come to the right conclusion about the value of life. My dear Lord, I therefore do not need any other benediction but the opportunity to hear from the mouth of Your pure devotee.

We are just puppets in your hand and you give us the direction. Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 2.5.21) says:

*kālaṁ karma svabhāvaṁ ca māyeśo māyayā svayā
ātman yadṛcchayā prāptaṁ 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 to 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 (BG 8.19).

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 Bhagvatam **7.5.32** -

*naiṣāṁ matis tāvad urukramāṅghrim
sprṣaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthah
mahīyasāṁ pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekaṁ
niṣkiñcanānām na vr̥ṇita 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.

By the grace of the spiritual master the cloud of the mercy of the Personality of Godhead is brought in, and then only, when the rains of Krishna consciousness fall, can the fire of material existence be extinguished. (Srimad Bhagavatam 3.21.17).

You have always taken us near to Krishna, and everyday taking us nearer to Him, holding our hands. Whenever we are in problems, we remember your instructions to be ready to face any circumstances in life. Remembering your smiling face gives us more confidence & courage to face any situation. 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, brahmacarya 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

*śrī-prahrāda 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.

Srila Prabhupada said: If we take shelter of the lotus feet of the spiritual master, we can become free from illusion, fear and distress. If we wholeheartedly beg for his mercy without any deceit, then the spiritual master bestows all auspiciousness upon us.

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 me.

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.

Your humble servants,

Prabhupadananda das, Pratibha Prabhupadpriya Krishna das and Prahlad

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

Srila Prabhupad ki Jai, Srila Gurudev ki Jai!

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--Prerna Vijay Kumar

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse to you.
(Srimad Bhagavatam verse 11.7.18)

*tasmād bhavantam anavadyam ananta pāram
sarva-jnam īśvaram akunta-vikunta-dhishnyam
ñirvinna-dhīr aham u he vrinābhītapō
nārāyanam nara-sakham śaranam prapadye*

Therefore, Oh lord, feeling weary of material life and tormented by its distress, I now surrender unto you because you are the perfect master. You are the unlimited, all-knowing Personality of Godhead, whose spiritual abode in Vaikunta, is free from all disturbances. In fact, you are known as Nārāyana, the true friend of all living beings.

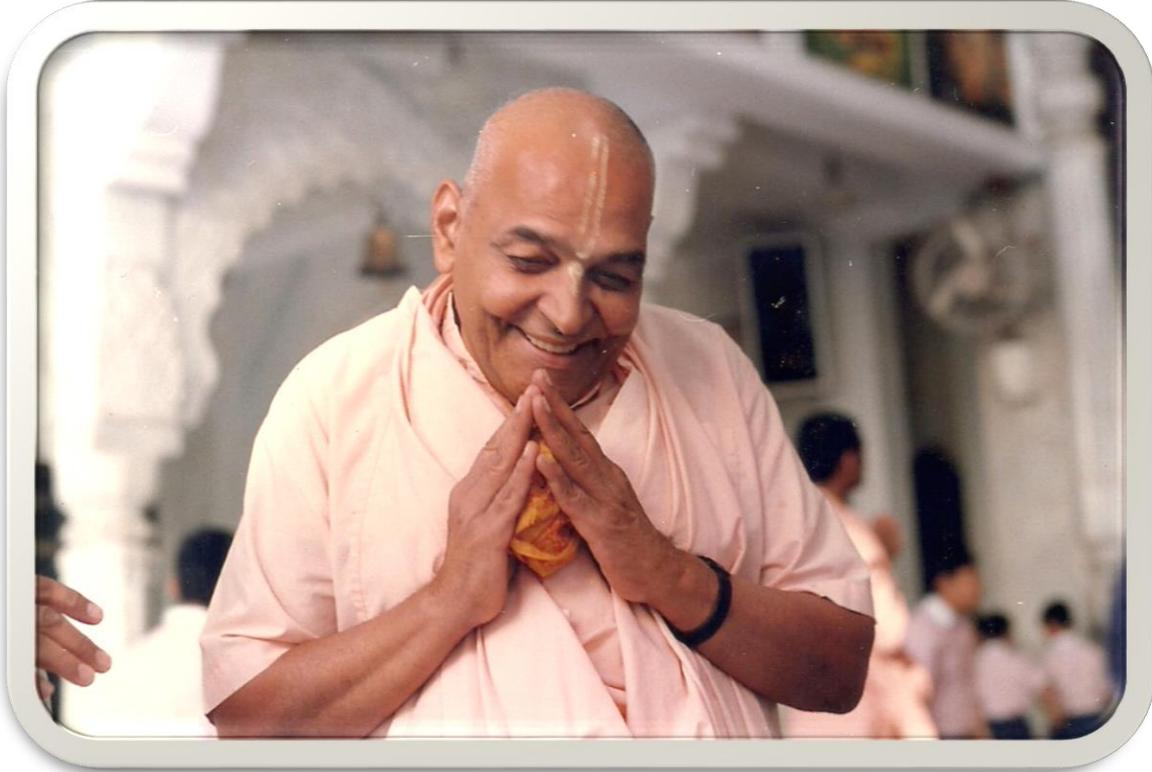
Maharaj, currently the situation is not as good as it is. First there was the covid-19 which hit and then a new variant came in called as omicron. The situation again is getting bad day day but I know that as far as we keep Krishna within our hearts, we will be safe. Things have also started getting busy now since my 12th boards are coming soon. I do hope that i succeed well in life by your blessings Maharaj. Please do give me the confidence and self realisation so that i can improve on my weak points and in my daily routine. Maharaj please do give me the memory to make me remember Krishna in each and every moment.

I am happy that our Kadamba Manjari classes are back, and we are continuing to listen to your lectures by Her Grace Sudharshana Mataji and His Grace Kalachakra Prabhuji. I am very thankful that they are able to bring us up so well in Krishna conciseness by your guidance.

Dear Maharaj, please do help this soul to somehow reach Krishna and always be in His embrace.

Dandavat pranams. Hare Krishna

India - Pune



“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.”

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--Tushta Krishna das & Suniti devi dasi

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept our humble satakoti dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Pooja 2021.

*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*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories, all glories, all glories to you on this blessed day of your *Sri Vyasa Puja*.

On this very auspicious day we pray to Lord Sri Krishna for continued guidance and keeping us and our family to remain Krishna conscious. Every year I promised that I will improve myself to be a good disciple, but I am sorry I have been breaking my promise. I know I am sailing on two boats and not fully surrendered to you, due to several material attachments. Guru Maharaj, I am sincerely sorry, and beg for your forgiveness.

We are the most fallen, have no qualifications to glorify your divine qualities. You reach to the unworthy person to give your most sublime mercy, although we do not deserve it. Dear Guru Maharaj, please continue your unconditional mercy, so that one day we can become perfect. We are like little children full of faults, your guide is our only hope in this material world. I am so fortunate to receive protection and guidance from you. Your strength is a transcendental force, a redwood tree, reliably standing tall and blocking out the scorching rays of materialism. I am nothing, but due to the association of devotees I have been able to understand the science of self-realization. By listening to your lectures I am able to develop love towards Lord Krishna and Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaj, as I am trying to compose this Vyasa Puja offering, I cannot help but reflect on the world situation today. Compared to past year, now situation is little improved, still we have to take extreme care as the whole world is in the grip of intense fear caused by a pandemic. Every now and then there are new strains that are being discovered. Recently the new strain Omicron is said to be 500 times more potent than the one before. We must take care and observe a lot of precaution.

Dear Guru Dev, long pending marring of my son, happened in November. All the rituals completed without any obstacles. This is all because of your causeless mercy and blessings. I am very deeply thankful to you for everything. Now most of places in India lockdown over still we have limited access and celebrating programs with limited devotees as per government guide lines. Srimad Bhagavatam 2.3.20 states

*bile batorukrama-vikramān ye
na śṛṅvataḥ karṇa-puṭe narasya*

*jihvāsati dārdurikeva sūta
na copagāyaty urugāya-gāthāh*

One who has not listened to the messages about the prowess and marvellous acts of the Personality of Godhead and has not sung or chanted loudly the worthy songs about the Lord is to be considered to possess earholes like the holes of snakes and a tongue like the tongue of a frog.

There are hundred and thousands of sources for distributing mundane news of the world, and people of the world are also receiving it. Similarly, the people of the world should be taught to hear the transcendental topics of the Lord, and the devotees of the Lord must speak loudly so that they (people of the world) can hear.

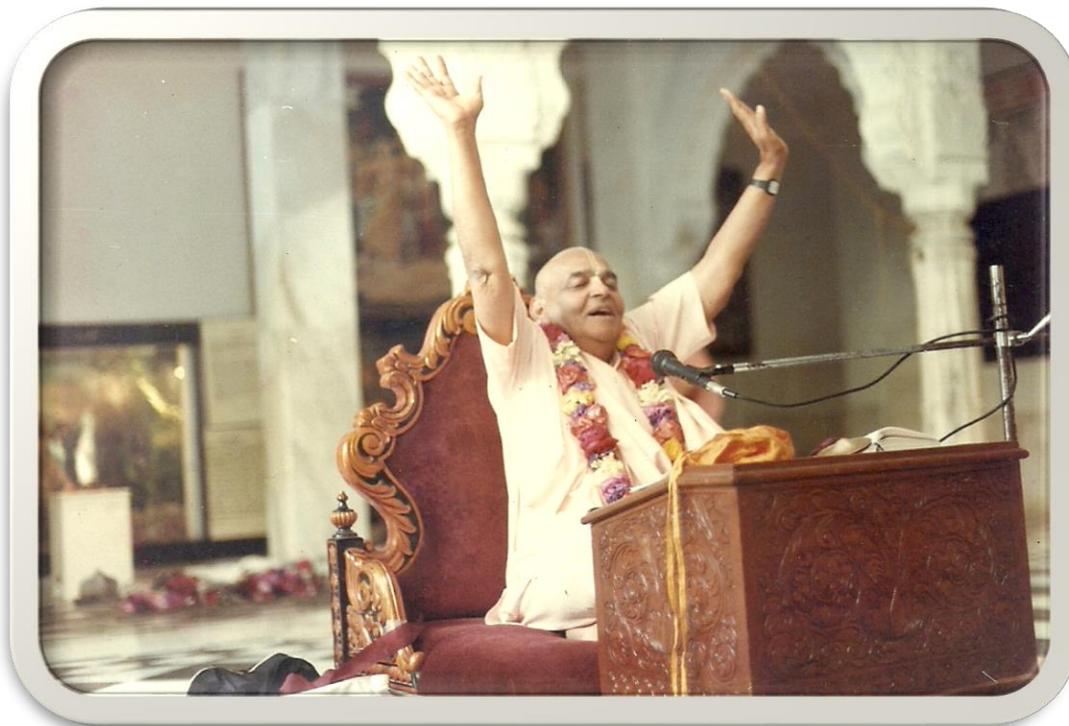
On this auspicious Gurudev's appearance in this world, and his coming into our lives, I humbly bow to his lotus feet and pray he may forgive my offences, give me the strength to overcome them and bless us and our family with Krishna consciousness.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai. His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad Ki Jai.

Your most insignificant servants,
Tushta Krishna das and Suniti devi dasi



India - Vrindavan



“Please don't be baffled because of the material situation. They are always going to be up and down up and down. It's a process you know always. So forget about these things and carry on with these activities to the best of your abilities”

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--Hrshikesh Krishna das & Kaushalya devi dasi

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All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. Our Koti koti dandvat pranams at your lotus feet. Kindly accept our humble obeisances.

Maharaj today is most important day for a disciple when every disciple tries to glorify Spiritual Master. We are celebrating a very special and wonderful day for all of us as we all together celebrate your glorious Vyasa Pooja occasion. 11 long years have passed since we had your last physical darshan. But every occasion and moment reminds us your continuous mercy and presence. What we miss is your fatherly love felt when we call you and hear most loving voice asking, "How are you son?"

We feel your presence every moment through your mercy in various forms such as your instructions. You gave us a family to stay with and meeting place in the form of weekly programs etc.

Maharaj you are kindly protecting us at every step. By catching your lotus feet in our heart we get 100% assurance that we are fully protected by yourself personally. Maharaj your lotus feet are protecting us from all the miseries of material existence. Demigods prays to Lord in process of creation as follows in SB 3.5.39

देवा ऊचुः
नमाम ते देव पदारविन्दं
प्रपन्नतापोपशमातपत्रम् ।
यन्मूलकेता यतयोऽञ्जसोरु-
संसारदुःखं बहिरुत्क्षिपन्ति

The demigods said: O Lord, Your lotus feet are like an umbrella for the surrendered souls, protecting them from all the miseries of material existence. All the sages under that shelter throw off all material miseries. We therefore offer our respectful obeisances unto Your lotus feet.

Like in above verse spoken by demigods, your lotus feet are like powerful umbrella protecting us from persistent onslaught of maya.

Maharaj your causeless mercy has no limits. Otherwise how it is possible that such unfit and sinful person without any qualification gets shelter under your lotus feet. We did not do any proper service to you but still you accepted us under your shelter. As per the scriptures we should have worshiped and served you like Supreme Personality of Godhead but we failed in discharging any service at your lotus feet. Serving pure soul like you serves ultimate goal of human life. Srila Suta Goswami advised the sages in SB 1.2.16

शुश्रूषोः श्रद्धधानस्य वासुदेवकथारुचिः ।
स्यान्महत्सेवया विप्राः पुण्यतीर्थनिषेवणात् ॥

O twice-born sages, by serving those devotees who are completely freed from all vice, great service is done. By such service, one gains affinity for hearing the messages of Vāsudeva.

Srila Prabhupad confirms on wonderful purport that pure soul like yourself should be considered as God. "**The servants of God are to be respected as God by the devotees who actually want to go back to Godhead. Such servants of God are called mahātmās, or tīrthas, and they preach according to particular time and place. The servants of God urge people to become devotees of the Lord.**"

We did not understand the power of service unto prure devotes like you otherwise we would have served your lotus feet and obtained the ultimate goal of life i.e. **Vasudev Katha rucih**. We feel so much that we are missing now the dust of your lotus feet. The dust of pure soul lotus feet removes all contamination for conditioned soul like us. Jadbharat maharaj clearly instructs king Rahuguna as follows in SB 5.12.12:

रहूगणैतत्तपसा न याति
न चेज्यया निर्वपणाद् गृहाद्वा ।
नच्छन्दसा नैव जलाग्निसूर्यै-
र्विना महत्पादरजोऽभिषेकम् ॥

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 [brahmācārya], 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.

There is no way other than attaining mercy of great devotee like you to understand the Absolute Truth.

Maharaj kindly bless us serve the devotees and do Sant Seva within our capacity. Maharaj we feel your hand and mercy in everything practically. During Katika month this year we were fortunate to have association of so many of your children in Sridham Vrindavan. Your glories are evident as your way of speaking and singing of Srimad Bhagavatam is appreciated by all. HG Kalacakra prabhu and Sudarshana mata ji were kind enough to stay with us in Sridham Vrindavan during this year Damodar month. By help of kalachakra prabhu and your mercy we had two nice get together of so many your disciples from Vrindavan, Rajkot, Delhi and Gurgaon. We felt your presence clearly having nice Kirtan and Krishna katha.



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. Without your mercy and sanction, we have no capacity.

Your insignificant children,
Hrshikesh Krishna das and Kaushalya devi dasi

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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--Sumedha Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

How are you? I am sure wherever you are, you must be glorifying Srimad Bhagvatam in a very simple and beautiful manner. Whenever I hear you Maharaj, I feel the that you are here and talking like a very normal person explaining us how we should read, listen and implement the instructions in a very simple way.

Maharaj, last one year has been very happening for our family. With your mercy, we shifted to Vrindavan and now the family is staying there. Vinaysheel and kids love Vrindavan dham and the whole family wants to stays there as long as they can. It is only by your mercy that we are able to continue to stay in dham.

Maharaj, the kids are also studying the Krishna Balram spiritual school. The school is very nice and the kids are not only learning scriptures but also celebrating all festivals in a Krishna Conscious manner. All this is happening only by your mercy.

Maharaj, I could serve my father till he left from this world. Serving parents is your direction and today when he has left this world, there is no regret in my life as I could serve him in the best way.

Maharaj, any new decision we have to take. We are always conscious whether Maharaj will approve this or not. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts.

You are a light in darkness who has always given direction to me directly or indirectly.

In army, you hardly get any chance to serve devotees, but here in Vrindavan Maharaj, we keep getting this opportunity. Thank you so much for showering your mercy.

Maharaj, I have a request. Please keep your blessings on us so that we are able to follow your instructions in the way you wanted.

Hare Krishna.

Thank you so much

Your servant

Sumedha Krishna das

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--Vasudev Krsna das & Krsna Preeti devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. This year Vyasa Puja, falls on 18th Dec 2021. On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja, kindly accept the following submission at your lotus feet.

In ŚB 11.19.25 while explaining to Uddhava, the supreme process for achieving loving service unto Me Lord says:

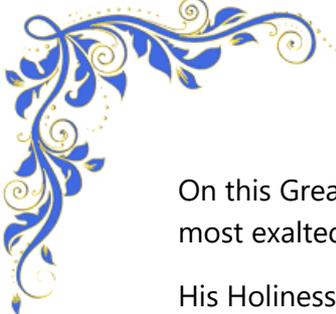
*yadātmany arpitam cittam śāntam sattvopabṛmhitam
dharmaṁ jñānam sa vairāgyam aiśvaryaṁ cābhipadyate*

When one's peaceful consciousness, strengthened by the mode of goodness, is fixed on the Personality of Godhead, one achieves religiosity, knowledge, detachment and opulence.

Srila Prabhupada writes beautifully in the purport of the above verse: *A pure devotee becomes peaceful, **śānta**, by desiring everything for the service of the Lord and nothing for himself. He is strengthened by the transcendental, or purified, mode of goodness and thus achieves the supreme religious principle of directly serving the Lord. He also achieves **jñāna**, or knowledge of the Lord's form and his own spiritual body, detachment from material piety and sin, and the opulences of the spiritual world. One who is not a pure devotee of the Lord, however, but whose devotion is mixed with a fascination for mystic knowledge, is strengthened by the material mode of goodness. Through his meditation on the Lord he achieves the lesser results of dharma (piety in the mode of goodness), **jñāna** (knowledge of spirit and matter) and **vairāgya** (detachment from the lower modes of nature). Ultimately, one should be a pure devotee of the Lord, since even the best the material world has to offer is most insignificant compared to the kingdom of God.*

Maharaj! In the above verses, Lord mentions some more qualities of His devotees, (**śānta, jñāna and vairāgya**). it seems that you are synonyms of **śānta, jñāna and vairāgya** have perfected and lived with all the qualities mentioned in the above verse. Not only you yourself perfected for yourself but you wanted and motivated the same to be followed by whoever comes in your contact, be your disciples or followers. This was your generous and wonderful attitude.

Please bless us too so that we too can follow some qualities or even one mentioned above.



On this Great day of Vyas puja 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



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--Vinayasheel devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

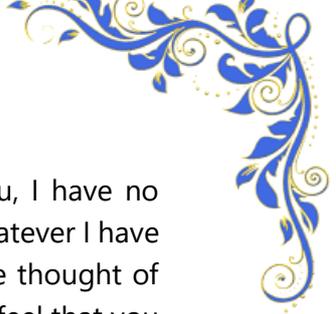
Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev.

This year has been a year when I remembered you the most Maharaj. Your image of being a family man and treating family duties as bhakti and treating your occupation as bhakti has etched into my heart forever. For me, working for family has become a second nature now and its because of you. I internally feel you get pleased, when we take good care of offsprings. I remember in one of your lecture you were talking to kids from school and you were laughing and teaching them importance of time. I realised how much you loved kids. Last year during covid lockdown I happened to start bed time stories of Krishna for my kids and by Krishna's mercy, the program took a big turn and now out of 108 kids, everyday atleast 20 kids join the bed time stories at 8:00pm IST online throughout the country. We studied Krishna story book 4 times since then. We are reading Srimad Bhagavatam 3rd Canto now and its a very interesting journey. I am living with a hope that this would please you.

Plus, I started my career again after a long gap. I have started Relationship Coaching and counseling for families who are on the verge of breaking and living an unhappy married life. I work on every case, as if its sent by you to me to help them in every which way I can. I studied for entire year and now have been able to solve more than 200 cases in last year. I knew you would have been happy to see me keep families together, hence I chose this career for myself. Through this I get to distribute Bhagavad-Gita and share knowledge of Bhagavatam with various women who come to me. I get to help their children by giving them a happy mommy at home. This is women exclusive program I started and by your mercy, I am able to contribute to society.

I know its a long way to go before I make you proud as disciple. However, I have started taking small steps since last year, as Vrinda and Veda have become of manageable age. They get to hear about you everyday in bed time stories. Your teachings do come up every now and then and they are realising your uniqueness too. We moved to Vrindavan last year, during lockdown and things have become really simple since then. This year, I met many of the God siblings that you have mercifully created and I could see your features and characteristics in every one of them. Everybody was unique in their own way and yet having a glimpse of you in them. Thank you so much for giving spiritual family. It really means alot to have them around. In the back of my mind I always feel, I have someone to guide me when I get stuck.

As of now due to daily Hari katha and chanting I am feeling quite content about myself, which was missing last few years. Thank you so much Maharaj for pushing us to focus on Srimad Bhagavatam alone. It has simplified even spiritual life. My entire life is an outcome of your instructions. Sometimes I think, what would have happened if I would have not had your instructions. I would have been doing anything that came to my mind and that would have been a huge disaster. Just by the conviction to stick by your orders, I have reached here where



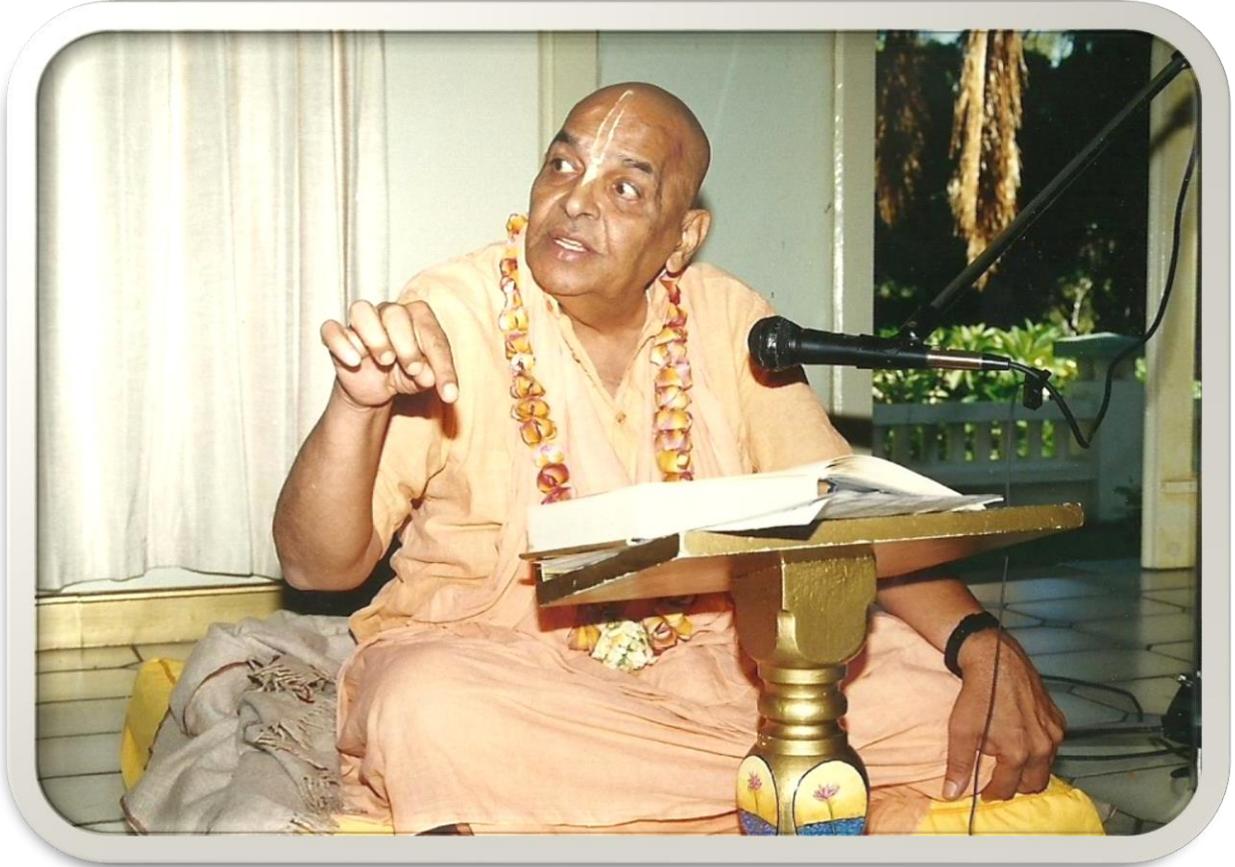
there is optimum balance between family life and work life. Its because of you, I have no regrets, nor guilt of any sort in my life. Its because of you that I feel content in whatever I have and its because of you I find happiness in my work and family life. Maharaj, the thought of making you happy daily itself boosts my confidence, multifold times. Everytime I feel that you must be happy seeing me doing certain activity, the feeling of contentment I get is on the next level altogether. You have been the source of happiness in our life and our whole family practically depends on your instructions. You have had such huge impact on our lives. And your instructions are reaching worldwide now and many families have started realising how important it is to do material duties properly and not give up family responsibilities. You have been the backbone for saving more than 2000 families from breaking Maharaj. Your mercy is flowing causelessly and for that no matter how much I thank you, it is never going to be enough.

Lastly I would like to say Maharaj, thank you for being present in our house, our hearts and in our memories. Thank you for leaving behind powerful disciples who are taking your message to nook and corner of the world and trying their best to continue your legacy. Thank you for immense love you shower on us everytime. Thank you for being forgiving. Thank you for being flexible. Thank you for being happy and smiling always which motivates every single day for us to be happy and smiling. I see all God siblings smiling and happy. Their smile, their laughter reminds me of you. They all are ditto copy of your fun loving nature. Thank you for adding humor in our lives and teaching us that Krishna consciousness is the only thing that should be taken seriously. Thank you for teaching how to mix bhakti in day to day lives and not to treat it as something independent from what you do. Everything is bhakti if you have right intention and feeling inserted in it, and that is Krishna consciousness. Life is worth it because of your presence in it.

Your humble servant,
Vinayasheel devi dasi



India - Lucknow



“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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--Haripriya

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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*

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 Vyasa Puja.

By your mercy, Maharaj, I have been able to progress well in my devotional service this year. Though I could not preach to many people, owing to the COVID pandemic this year, I continued to preach the 3-4 girls I had cultivated the previous year. We remained connected by reading Prabhupada books through Zoom classes. Inspired by the classes, the girls have increased their japa rounds and have also made their families to chant as well. The girls have also started self-reading of the Bhagavad Gita. One of them, even distributed Gita copies and has also started observing the Ekadashi fast as well. Another has started seva of a Bal Gopal vigraha in her hostel room itself. She actually relishes the service.

This year, Maharaj, was a quite busy one for me, as I got admitted in a government college this year by Krishna's mercy. But I still managed to give some important Prabhupada books a serious reading followed by earnest contemplation. I read The Nectar of Instruction, The Nectar of Devotion, Srila Prabhupada lilamrita and some individual lectures by Srila Prabhupada as well. But the best part of all this was that, I read and discussed all these books in the association of devotees. Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita (10.9)-

***mac-cittā mad-gata-prāṇā bodhayantaḥ parasparam
kathayantaś ca mām̐ nityam̐ tuṣyanti ca ramanti ca***

The thoughts of My pure devotees dwell in Me, their lives are fully devoted to My service, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss from always enlightening one another and conversing about Me.

And because such devotees are realized souls, their guidance and blessings can work wonders. I have learned many things throughout the whole year. Beside study of the scriptures, we also had some sankirtans at our place on the occasion of Sri Gaura Purnima, Sri Narsimha Jayanti, Sri Janmashtami Mahotsava and some other small functions as well. I still strive more and more to increase my service to Lord Krishna. I wish to spread Sri Caitanya's message of love as much as I can. I fervently pray to you, O maharaj, to kindly grant me the strength to overcome all obstacles that come in my way. Kindly help me in getting rid of all my anarthas. Please remain to be compassionate towards this fallen soul. I always seek your shelter, Maharaj.

Your eternal serant,
Haripriya

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--Manya

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 association, I have been observing Ekadasi vrata since the last two years and also have been chanting 3 rounds of Hare Krishna Mahamantra daily. Though, I could not go to Jagannath Temple regularly this year due to pandemic, we remained connected online through conference calls and a whatsapp group, where we share our thoughts on the verses of Gita we read by ourselves. Haripriya, Mataji and Prabhuji have really helped me in the understanding Krishna's instructions,

I have also kept a small Balgopal vigraha with myself, in my hostel room. I took care to offer the vigraha anything available around me, three times a day. I then used to distribute that prasada to my hostelmates as well. I also used to offer worship to Lord Gopal in the Kartik masa by offering Him a ghee lamp in the evenings. This was the only small seva I could render to the Lord.

Maharaj, I had promised the previous year, to finish atleast 1 reading of the Bhagvad Gita but failed to do so due to shortage of time. I apologize to you for the same. I will make sure to be more sincere this year. I also promise to increase my rounds of chanting from 3 a day to atleast 4-5 a day.

Kindly continue showering your endless mercy on me, Maharaj.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Your eternal servant,
Manya

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--Niharika

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
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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 association, I have been chanting 1 mala daily this year, I will try chanting 2-3 rounds daily.

I also read shlokas of Bhagavad Gita often, but not regularly. I try to understand the shloka and seek help from Mataji and Prabhuji if I am unable to understand it. I promise to read the Bhagavad Gita on a regular basis atleast for 15-20 minutes.

O Maharaj, kindly forgive me for the mistakes I have committed so far and allow me to serve the Lord to the best of my ability.

Kindly continue showering your endless mercy on me, Maharaj.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Your eternal Servant,
Niharika



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--Prasann Vadan das

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Our Dearest Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

Please accept our shashtanga dandavats to you on the auspicious occasion of your appearance day.

We thank you for being alive (surviving in the pandemic years) by your mercy at this opportune moment of your Vyas Puja today.

This year was a extra-ordinary year like the previous year. Although there were more non-lockdown days in this year, the corona menace was more in intensity. as some participants in our satsanga programs fell ill due to corona. This severely limited our outreach. In such situation we tried not to be given in to despondency but have more participation in online programs. Also we meditated hard on the shloka referred by you several times - ŚB 12.13.18

श्रीमद्भागवतं पुराणममलं यद्वैष्णवानां प्रियं
यस्मिन् पारमहंस्यमेकममलं ज्ञानं परं गीयते ।
तत्र ज्ञानविरागभक्तिसहितं नैष्कर्म्यमाविष्कृतं
तच्छृण्वन् सुपठन् विचारणपरो भक्त्या विमुच्येन्नरः ॥

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 would like to re-stress in this regard that our heart is filled with gratitude for reinforcing your Holiness in our lives through the manifest arrangement of Remote lectures (through the agency of Rajkot temple devotees). In my personal capacity also, I prepared for lectures and delivered them after praying hard to you and the parampara of Prabhupada and Lord Gauranga. These lectures opportunities at Iskcon Rajkot gave all of us the impetus to deeply study and imbibe Srimad Bhagavatam.

While studying the scriptures we became more aware of Krishna prema that manifested in you. These were mistaken by us to be only kindness and human affection that you showered on us, however as time passes and under your inspiration as we study the scriptures we realize that you were ocean of mercy and the affection showered by you was divine blessings from Krishna.



ohe!
vaishnaba thakura, doyara sagara,
e dase koruna kori'
diya pada-chaya, sodho he amaya,
tomara carana dhorī

O venerable Vaishnava, O ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant. Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

This year we also tried to do more social service keeping guru and Gauranga at the center and serve the community by arranging prasada meals for Covid infected. We also tried to counsel devotees with their grihastha life. Also we did organize festivals in humble and moderate way as per guidelines of the local administration.

The way forward for us:

Our plan to create a Bhakta Prahlada school for small kids with a mini preaching center has been delayed due to pandemic. In this regard our submission is that we will follow what Prabhupadaji has taught us that is, "*though carrying out Guru's instructions might get delayed due to circumstances but ultimately must be executed at the earliest opportune moment.*"

We also commit to seeking the guidance of senior Vaishnavas of your mission especially, HG Devakinandan Prabhujī and HG Vaishnava Seva Prabhujī in addition to our guides for Lucknow yatra which are HG Purnendu Krishna Prabhujī and HG Anusuya Mataji, with cooperation from HG Manohar Krishna Prabhujī.

Please bless us that your lotus feet be our only shelter eternally and we manage to fulfill your mission.

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!
All glories to Gurudev's appearance day.

From your humble servants eternally,
Prasann Vadan das and Sangeeta devi dasi, Haripriya and Krishnapriya



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--Rani

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. I am grateful to Lord Krishna for having obtained their associaton. I had started going to Jagannath temple every Sunday There I had the fortune of meeting with 2-3 other girls of my age. Due to the COVID pandemic, we could not visit the temple much. but our glorifying the Lord did not stop. We remained connected online and read verses together and tried to understand them.

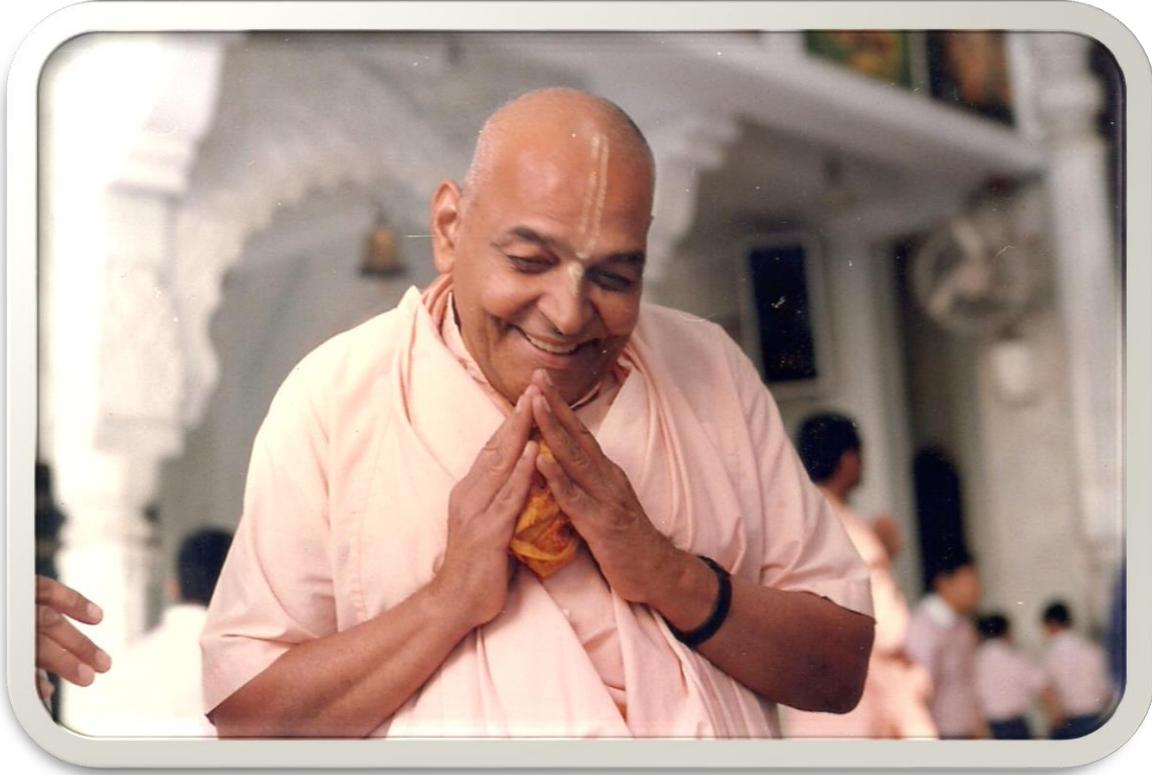
I have increased my chanting this year and am still striving to increase it more. I promise to chant the Holy Name as much as I can. I promise you Maharaj, to be more sincere, in my endeavors. I humbly request you to help me in adhering to my promise and also increasing the number of rounds with time.

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

Your servant
Rani



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“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 Lord in the temple, then our mind will always be fixed on the Lord. In Srimad Bhagavatam, this is called shruta-ikshita ie, seeing by hearing.”

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--Jahnavi

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Wish You a Very Happy Krishna conscious Birthday to you Maharaj, I pray to Lord Krishna to shower lots and lots of blessings upon you so that you shower lot of blessings upon me.

Maharaj, by your blessings I have started to learn Bharathanatyam. And I did Damodara Aarati this year every day without fail.

In my class, some are very naughty and envious of me. But thank you so much Maharaj just by your kind instructions to tolerate and don't take to heart as Krishna resides there, helps me from not being sad.

Maharaj, please bless me so that I chant my rounds regularly.

Yours loving granddaughter,

Jahnavi

Kurnool.



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--Savita devi dasi

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

I joyfully wish you a very very Happy Krishna Conscious Appearance Day Maharaj. On this wonderful auspicious day trying to write Vyasapuja offering at your divine lotus feet to get your blessings. *SB 3.6.36 says,*

*tathāpi kīrtayāmy aṅga yathā-mati yathā-śrutam
kīrtiṁ hareḥ svām sat-kartuṁ gīram anyābhīdhāsatīm*

In spite of my inability, whatever I have been able to hear [from the spiritual master] and whatever I could assimilate I am now describing in glorification of the Lord by pure speech, for otherwise my power of speaking would remain unchaste.

Maharaj, I have no ability to glorify you, but with my body, mind and speech and with help of devotees, mother and father words, will try to use Krishna's blessings to glorify you with this puny brain.

Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport that Maitreya muni's statement says that in order to avoid the unchaste conscious activities, he was trying to describe the unlimited glories of the Lord, although he did not have the ability to describe them perfectly.

Maharaj, this is the great solution, to keep the mind chaste, to always hear to your instructions through lectures and the elaboration of your instructions from the devotees, rather than engaging mind in some unchaste conscious activities. So many things I couldn't understand at this stage of mine, but I am trying to understand through your lectures.

But Maharaj, this year I couldn't attend the Kadamba manjari classes where in your divine grace's lecture are discussed along with Matajis and manjaris. In near future also I am unable to attend because of my material studies which are taking out all my time and energetic conscious.

Maharaj, the divine qualities of your divine grace like humility, humbleness and mainly tolerance are very helpful and are regularly remembered and used in school, which help me to keep my conscious chaste. Maharaj, my sadhana also became slow and irregular. Maharaj, I humbly pray at your lotus feet to bless me with courage to overcome or habituate these studies timing and make some time for my sadhana in order to please you and Krishna.

Yours granddaughter,
Savita devi dasi
Kurnool.

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--Shruta Ikshita Krishna das

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,

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Please accept our humble obeisance at Your divine lotus feet Srila Gurudev. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to You on this auspicious day of Your Vyasapuja. We wish You a very Happy Appearance Day dear beloved Gurudev.

On this auspicious day it is only by Your causeless mercy I am making an attempt to glorify You Gurudev, even though I have no qualification.

Gurudev, Your intensity in Bhagavatam is amazing as you mentioned in lecture that Prabhupada surrendered to Krishna but if you really see the thing, **Prabhupada was surrendered to Bhagavatam and that's why he has taken the vow that he will translate the whole Bhagavatam.** That Bhagavatam which Prabhupada has given, Gurudev, You assimilated and put into practice. Gurudev, You always mentioned that every word of Bhagavatam is related to our life. And also instructed that **Bhagavatam has everything and no need of any other scripture.**

In Prabhupada lilamṛta, Prabhupada says, Temples, however, were also for preaching. "No one listens to a poor man,". And he therefore wanted to construct palatial buildings, to attract the masses to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Similarly, Gurudev, You were also attracted so much to Srimad Bhagavatam and also build the beautiful temple for Sri Sri Radha NeelaMadhav, "The Glory of Saurashtra", which attracted so many masses of people to Krishna consciousness. Gurudev, You would often say that **study of Srimad Bhagavatam builds the temples.**

In Prabhupada lilamṛta, it is mentioned that Prabhupāda compared ISKCON to the Varāha incarnation of Krishna, who at first had been no bigger than a thumb but had quickly expanded to half the size of the universe. Same way Gurudev, the Rajkot land was dry with all thorny bushes. Slowly a small temple hall has been built and eventually the huge beautiful temple has come up and when we see it from the main road it looks like touching the sky. It's all Your purity and vision such a wonderful temple has been built for Krishna.

In Srimad Bhagavatam 8.3.32,

*so 'ntaḥ-sarasy urubalena gṛhīta ārto
dṛṣṭvā garutmati hariṁ kha upātta-cakram
utkṣīpya sāmbuja-karaṁ gīramāha kṛcchrān
nārāyaṇākhila-guro bhagavan namas te*



Gajendra had been forcefully captured by the crocodile in the water and was feeling acute pain, but when he saw that Nārāyaṇa, wielding His disc, was coming in the sky on the back of Garuḍa, he immediately took a lotus flower in his trunk, and with great difficulty due to his painful condition, he uttered the following words: "O my Lord, Nārāyaṇa, master of the universe, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, I offer my respectful obeisances unto You."

Like a mad elephant, we always look outside for our protection but fail to realise to surrender unto You Gurudev and Krishna in any circumstances.

On this auspicious day, we beg for Your causeless mercy to protect our consciousness, devotional service and sadhana.

Yours servant,
Sruta Ikshita Krishna das
Kurnool.



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--Srilakshmi devi dasi

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Hare Krishna dearest beloved Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Guru and Gauranga.

Dear Gurudev with your permission please let me wish you a very very Happy Krishna conscious appearance day to you GuruMaharaj. It would have been so wonderful that we be there in Rajkot for your 102th Vyasapuja celebrations with all the god siblings. It is so unfortunate that we are not putting our full efforts to be there even though our hearts always desire to be there and take darshan of your divine grace.

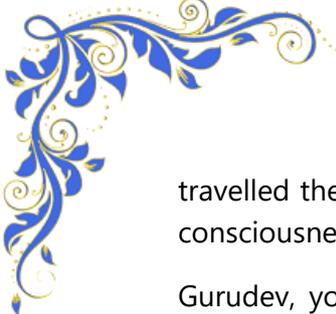
Please accept this unintelligent disciple's attempt to glorify your divine grace just to purify myself.

Gurudev, by your causeless mercy and wonderful blessings the days are passing very wonderfully by hearing to your lectures and the detailed description of your instructions by all your dearest disciples (God siblings) makes us understand, how much attached you are to Srimad Bhagavatam, how much detached to the matters not related to Krishna, your love for the children and great importance for bringing the younger generation to Krishna consciousness for the benefit of the whole world.

In Srimad Bhagavatam, Ambarish Maharaj's pastime, SB 9.4.48 purport says, "*The Lord is so kind and merciful that He gives the devotee proper guidance and all protection, and thus the devotee very peacefully makes solid progress in Krishna consciousness without outward disturbances. A serpent may be very angry and ready to bite, but the furious snake is helpless when faced by a blazing fire in the forest. Although an enemy of a devotee may be very strong, he is compared to an angry serpent before the fire of devotional service.*"

Gurudev, in your transcendental presence through your amrtavani, you are so kind and merciful to your disciples not only to your disciples but to all the devotees and other people (who are really agitated with outward material disturbances and spoiled their lives) who come in contact with you (and become devotees) become peaceful and progress in their bhakti and become strong in the devotional service and face the truth and accept the reality of this miserable material world. Your words are so pure and have so much potency that saved so many people's lives. You save them transcendently Maharaj. There is a great protection under your shelter.

In the purport of SB 4.8.80, Srila Prabhupada says that "***If there is only one pure devotee in pure Krishna consciousness, he can change the total consciousness of the world into Krishna consciousness.***" Gurudev you have followed Srila Prabhupada cent percent and



travelled the world many times, enlightened and changed so many people's lives to Krishna consciousness.

Gurudev, you have encouraged the recitation and study of the verses perfectly including vargas and visargas with so much love and devotion and your loving corrections are also a great boon to the devotees.

Gurudev, the instruction from HG Radhika mataji that "**We represent our Guru in doing service**", keep roaming in my mind which helps me to engage properly in my daily seva of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Ramanaji. But please I beg your forgiveness for offenses done knowingly or unknowingly even though I am nowhere qualified to serve Their Lordships, it's only by your causeless mercy you have sent Them to purify us.

Gurudev, by all your showered blessings and with the encouragement of HG Sudarshana mataji, we are having Bhagavad Gita classes for a small group of matajis online; this actually benefitting me personally to understand Bhagavad Gita line to line. Some of your beautiful life changing instructions, which we keep repeating, like, "**No counteraction is the best counteraction**", "**Silence is the loudest noise**", "**We should see Krishna's hand in every situation**" (still many) are very beneficial for me and also for the people (beginners) who really want to be serious in Krishna consciousness.

Gurudev, a greatest blessing upon me by your divine grace is the reading Srimad Bhagavatam very regularly with group of Singapore matajis in brahma muhurtha India time; otherwise, no way I was going to finish the second canto and right now we are in the ninth canto Maharaj. Krishna willing, I should continue to serve your divine grace by serving Srimad Bhagavatam till my last breath.

Gurudev, Savita has become a little busy with her studies and unable to do her regular sadhana and Jahnvi is following her sister, even though she has time. Please Maharaj bless your granddaughters so that they take care of their sadhana.

I sincerely pray at your lotus feet for the good remembrance as my sadhana is becoming a bit lag because of tiring material responsibilities.

Always trying to be in service of Guru and Krishna.

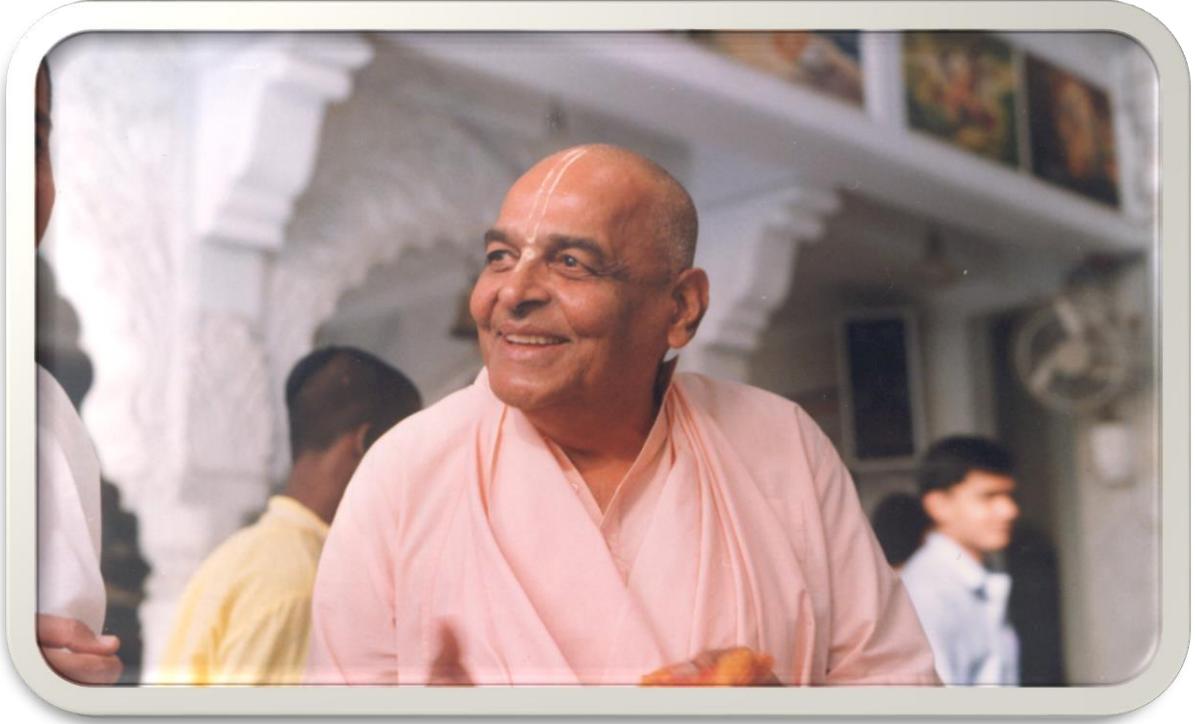
Yours loving daughter,

Srilakshmidēvidasi

Kurnool.



India - Madurai



“We have to tolerate. taror api sahiṣṇunā - more than the tree we have to tolerate. And this is not only the decoration of the language. Otherwise daily we chant, tṛṇād api sunīcena, taror api sahiṣṇunā, amāninā mānadena, kīrtaniyaḥ sadā hariḥ. If you don’t put into practise, doesn’t have any meaning at all. Tolerance is the jewel we have. We go on tolerating. And by tolerating we put an end to that material matter.”

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--Ananta Shakti Krishna das & Divya Rupa devi dasi

Hare Krishna

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

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

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept our satakoti dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet.

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa Puja, we thank you again and again for accepting us and allowing us to be a part of Krishna's spiritual family. We sincerely beg you for Your causeless blessings and mercy so that we may be able to serve the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Fallen and foolish souls like us are at an absolute loss of words to glorify your Divine Grace, as glorifying you is like showing a lamp to the Sun. 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.

In your presence we had the wonderful experience of happiness and peacefulness. In your company, and by your words, the doubts in our mind are automatically removed, even without inquiring. All your endeavors are devoted to the good of the fallen souls like us. You are thus the house of all the qualities of a bonafide Guru. You have mercifully appeared in our life to train us and guide us to get out of this material entanglement and reconnect our lost relationship with Lord Krishna.

We dedicate the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.21 unto your divine grace, which was spoken by Lord Kapiladeva to His mother Devahuti,

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ suhṛdaḥ 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.

Srila Prabhupada further clarifies in the purport that, "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."

All the above qualities are the best befitting to our Most Merciful Gurudev; You have been so merciful to all of us. You have travelled all over the world even though your health was not cooperating, with all of discomforts, just to enlighten the fallen souls, through which you have been slowly cutting down the ropes of material entanglement and connecting us back to our eternal father, Lord Sri Krishna. Mere simple words cannot express indebtedness that we feel, for you have bestowed causeless mercy on these sinful souls. Although we have no good qualities and we are not fully surrendered, we beg you to give us a chance to serve you as your disciples. Please bless these fallen souls, so that we can be protected from the clutches of Maya and remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Maharaj, Now we are settled in Madurai by your mercy, and connected to Sri Sri Krishna Balaram temple and trying to serve Their Lordships in the temple committedly, whatever way possible by our small capacity. By your grace, this year Damodar month, we humbly attempted to give opportunities for many new people to offer lamps and hear the glories of Lord Damodara. In public events, nearby mutt, relatives' functions, and few houses we had conducted the lamp offerings. Overall it gave us blissful experience to be in the service of Lord Damodara for the whole month.

We offer our dandavats again at your Lotus feet, and pray for your blessings to serve you eternally. Please forgive us for the millions of offences committed by us both knowingly and unknowingly.

Srila Prabhupad ki jai! Srila Gurudev ki jai! Sri Vyasa Puja Mahotsav ki jai!

Your most insignificant servants,
Ananta Shakti Krishna das, Divya Rupa devi dasi, Arvind Saastha & Darshan.



New Zealand - Auckland



“So many things were going on. But even then, Prabhupada didn't lose his equilibrium. We should follow him. He was very undisturbed. And because he was undisturbed, he has written so many purports of Bhagavatam and never mentioned any of the difficulties which we underwent”

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--Ambarisa dasa

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur 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 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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda*

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai! Jagad-Guru Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja 2021 Mahotsava ki Jai!

Today, one more year has passed since Maharaja's transcendental disappearance pastimes, and more than ever we feel the divine presence of Maharaja in our lives. Srila Gurudeva ki jai!!

Today, we celebrate Srila Gurudeva's Transcendental Vyaspuja when the whole world continues to face the unprecedented - precarious problem of World Pandemic for 2 years. Human beings have never experienced such worldwide lockdowns as we have experienced in the last couple of years. People in general are feeling discouraged with the inconceivable happenings around them, the world has seen so many Covid related diseases, deaths and an increase in mental health problems along with so many other social problems. But, somehow under Maharaja's shelter the devotees are feeling safe and secured.

Maharaja has instructed us that "*We will be definitely put into even more miseries, if we try to solve material problems with material ideas.*" We have to solve material problems with the spiritual wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and by following the instructions of Mahabhagavat - Srila Gurudeva, who in-turn follows the instructions of Mahabhagavat - Srila Prabhupada. This is problem solving process in the disciplic succession. Under the shelter of Maharaja's extreme causeless mercy, all devotees and followers of Srila Gurudeva's Hare Krishna – WECAN programs are feeling sheltered, satisfied and happy.

In the Purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 4.4.21, Srila Prabhupada states that; "*Mother Satī said that the opulence possessed by her husband (Lord Śiva) could not be understood by materialistic persons like Dakṣa and his followers, who were flatterers and were engaged in fruitive activities. Her husband's position was different. He possessed all opulences, but he did not like to exhibit them. Therefore, such opulences are called avyakta, or unmanifested. But if required, simply by willing, Lord Śiva can show his wonderful opulences.*"

Srila Gurudeva being a pure devotee of Lord Krishna also possess all opulences, and purposefully keeps them *avyakta* – unmanifested. But a sincere follower can experience these opulences, when Maharaja decides to manifest them so as to keep all the followers sheltered and satisfied at all times. This shelter of Srila Gurudeva is experienced by all sincere devotees, daily in their lives. So for these devotees, there is no worldwide pandemic problem or difficulties. They are satisfied under the exclusive shelter of Maharaja’s divine lotus feet. Thus feeling sheltered, the sincere seeker feels peaceful and happy. And in this way Maharaja makes that devotee’s mind fully satisfied. And with this satisfied mind, the royal road of devotional service opens up for the devotee. And it is for the devotee to make use of this transcendental facility to progress in his/her devotional service. As stated in Srimad Bhagavatam 7.15.25

*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.

So, as described herein, the final goal of performing pure unalloyed bhakti in *śuddha-sattva* platform is automatically achieved by engaging in the service of the bonafide spiritual master with faith and devotion. So Maharaja is making the whole difficult process so simple for us. Maharaja is going that extra mile for us to succeed in our devotional service. The position of Maharaja a pure devotee is wonderfully described in Srimad Bhagavatam 11.7.44

*स्वच्छः प्रकृतितः स्निग्धो माधुर्यस्तीर्थभूर्नृणाम् ।
मुनिः पुनात्यपां मित्रमीक्षोपस्पर्शकीर्तनैः ॥*

*svacchaḥ prakṛtitaḥ snigdho mādhyas tīrtha-bhūr nṛṇām
muniḥ punāty apāṁ mitram īkṣopasparśa-kīrtanaiḥ*

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.

This is how Maharaja lived amongst us and are still alive in our lives, just as a saintly person, who is like a holy place, purifies all those who contact him because he always chants the glories of the Lord.

Maharaja is carefully guiding us in our preaching activities in Hare Krishna – WECAN and Auckland. During the past 2 years we have seen an increase in our activities and the realisations of senior devotees have grown deeper. Everyone feels the auspicious presence of Maharaja in their lives. Now Maharaja’s disciples and grand disciples also have team of devotees following



them. And the challenge for us it is to deliver to these new devotees, Srila Prabhupada's message as per the mood of Srila Gurudeva. And the test of our sincerity, is when these new devotees feel the presence of Maharaja's shelter in their lives. The more they feel the blessings of Maharaja in their lives, the more we are enthused that we are doing something right in our service to Srila Gurudeva. Maharaja is very mercifully present in the lives of all the devotees, old and new. We all feel so blessed of being sheltered by Srila Gurudeva's extreme causeless mercy.

Srila Gurudeva, there are no words to describe my feeling of gratitude for the extreme causeless mercy which Srila Gurudeva are showering on my family and all of us. Thus, although imperfectly, I simply try and remember the words of Prajapati Dakṣa in Srimad Bhagavatam 4.7.15 who could not sufficiently glorify Lord Śiva for His compassion toward him, so he says; "dr̥ṣṭyārdayā sa bhagavān sva-kṛtena tuṣyet - **I request that you be pleased by your own mercy, since I cannot satisfy you by my words.**" **And as Srila Prabhupada writes in the Purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 9.9.12;** "*Mother Ganges is worshiped by the water of the Ganges: a devotee takes a little water from the Ganges and offers it back to the Ganges. When the devotee takes the water, mother Ganges does not lose anything, and when the water is offered back, mother Ganges does not increase, but in this way the worshiper of the Ganges is benefited.*"

I humbly request Srila Gurudeva; that if Maharaja are a little satisfied by our services to Maharaja, then please bless us by giving us more and more service opportunities, as it comes with the blessings to execute them to the full satisfaction of Srila Gurudeva's heart.

**His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja Srila Gurudeva's Transcendental 2021
Vyasapuja Mahotsav ki jai!**

Jagatguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai! Nitai Gaura Candra Prema anande!! Hari Hari bol!!

**Your Unqualified but Loyal Son,
Ambarisa Dasa**



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--Avinash Krishna das

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All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Gurudeva and All Glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Happy Vyas Puja Maharaj,

It has been more than 25 years since I met Srila Prabhupada in his books & almost 18 years since I 1st saw you in a program in Auckland. As you know Maharaj I have been with Hare Krishna We-can since 2006 (15years), where I am still trying to understand Science Of Self Realisation. I still feel like a student, who is not progressing.

Maharaj, I sincerely want to serve You and our Hare-Krishna We-can to keep myself engaged rest of my life.

As You say, Krishna is all attractive and Krishna attracts. And don't complicate Bhakti, be honest and truthful. Our biggest enemy is our false ego. Therefore, Maharaj please engage me in most menial devotional service for rest of my life so that I can give up my duality and false ego. This way I can be ready to give up this material body and be engaged in serving you eternally and be the servant of servants of servants.

As Kaliyuga is progressing, hypocrisy is also progressing. The message of Krishna Consciousness is becoming more relevant. Mental health is becoming most predominant problem for younger and older generation as sense gratification is not helping to be happy & peaceful. Maharaj in fact most of the population is suffering due to deteriorating living conditions and environment as explained in Bhagavad Gita. Maharaja, you have given many instructions to overcome and be engaged in such situation by following ABC of Krishna Consciousness as below:

1. Association
2. Bhakti
3. Chanting

So, the most important and beginning of Krishna Consciousness is Association. In fact, association is most important in the journey of Krishna Consciousness. I remember I heard this instruction at very early stage from you in Auckland in some program. I was not formally introduced to you that time.

*nāhaṁ tiṣṭhāmi vaikunṭhe yoginām hṛdayeṣu vā
tatra tiṣṭhāmi nārada yatra gāyanti mad-bhaktā*

I am not in Vaikuṅṭha nor in the hearts of the yogīs. I remain where My devotees engage in glorifying My activities.

It is to be understood that the Supreme Personality of Godhead does not leave the company of His devotees.

Srila Prabhupada writes, "The association of saintly devotees destroys the soul's attachment to material life and is capable of bringing even the Supreme Lord, Kṛṣṇa, under one's control. In every age there are demons, monsters, birds and animals who are in the modes of passion and ignorance, and there are also human beings in the categories of businessmen, women, workers, outcastes, and so on, who cannot study the Vedic scriptures. Nevertheless, by the purifying effect of the association of devotees they may all achieve the supreme abode of the Personality of Godhead, whereas without such saintly association, even those very seriously endeavouring in yoga, Sāṅkhya study, charity, vows and practice of the renounced order of life may remain incapable of attaining the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

Maharaja Krishna giving instructions to Uddhava towards the end of Bhagavatam with example of Gopis for the importance of association as below:

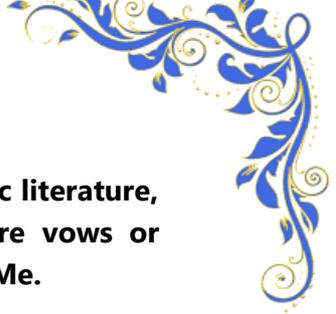
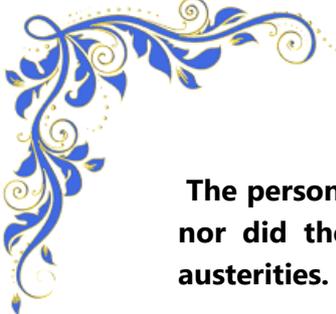
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*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
na rodhayati mām yogo na sāṅkhyam dharma eva ca
na svādhyāyas tapas tyāgo neṣṭā-pūrtam na dakṣiṇā
vratāni yajñas chandāmsi tīrthāni niyamā yamāḥ
yathāvarundhe sat-saṅgaḥ sarva-saṅgāpaho hi mām*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: My dear Uddhava, by associating with My pure devotees one can destroy one's attachment for all objects of material sense gratification. Such purifying association brings Me under the control of My devotee. One may perform the aṣṭāṅga-yoga system, engage in philosophical analysis of the elements of material nature, practice nonviolence and other ordinary principles of piety, chant the Vedas, perform penances, take to the renounced order of life, execute sacrificial performances and dig wells, plant trees and perform other public welfare activities, give in charity, carry out severe vows, worship the demigods, chant confidential mantras, visit holy places or accept major and minor disciplinary injunctions, but even by performing such activities one does not bring Me under his control.

ŚB 11.12.7

*te nādhīta-śruti-gaṇā nopāsita-mahattamāḥ
avratātapta-tapasah mat-saṅgān mām upāgatāḥ*



The persons I have mentioned did not undergo serious studies of the Vedic literature, nor did they worship great saintly persons, nor did they execute severe vows or austerities. Simply by association with Me and My devotees, they achieved Me.

Maharaja, I beg for your blessings to continue to get your Association and your beloved devotees all the time. Because that is the only hope for me as I have very limited spiritual & scriptural understanding.

Maharaj I need your guidance to be able to follow your instructions and serve you by spreading the message and instructions given to me by you. Because that is the only hope in this age of Kali.

Maharaj please ignore my mistakes and shortcomings in my offering to you because I remain a dumb person in spite of trying to read scriptures and associate with devotees. Maharaja I would like to thank you and be ever grateful to bless me with wonderful association of your devotees in Hare Krishna – We can.

Thank you once again Srila Gurudeva for all that you have provided me with and please forgive me for any offenses I may have committed at the Lotus Feet of Maharaj.

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai!

Your most fallen servant,
Avinash Krishna das
Auckland



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--Divyanshi Gupta

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

Dear Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this glorious day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva.

Maharaj, it is perhaps the most unfortunate thing in my life that I never got a chance to meet you. Nevertheless, I have met you, because Ambarish Prabhu and Avinash Prabhu make it a point to share with us all the instructions and teachings that you have gracefully imparted to them. I often find myself endlessly scrolling through all your quotes and posters and finding an unmatched sense of solace in them. You have very masterfully woven the intricate knowledge of Srimad Bhagavatam into such simple instructions that even dull-heads like me can understand and with your mercy, act on those instructions. I always hear the devotees in WECAN talk about a calendar with your daily instructions and I can't sufficiently express how much I look forward to having that calendar one day.

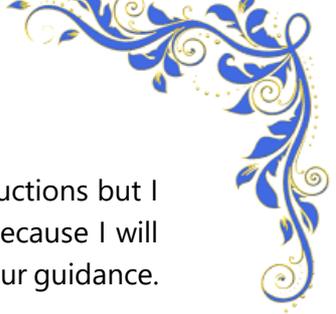
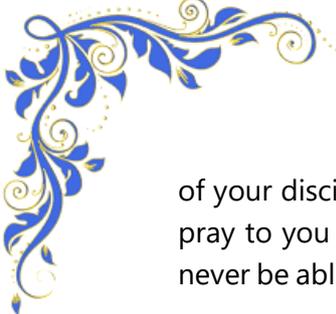
Maharaj, I can never be thankful enough for you and for all your disciples who I met through Krishna's mercy because they have all changed me in ways I could never have imagined. It would have taken me perhaps multiple lifetimes to make whatever minute progress I have made in my devotional service in the past 2 years. I remember one of your transcendental mellows which says that **the sun may set on the body of a Vaishanva, but never on his teachings**. I always recall this whenever I feel morose about never having met you.

I try my best to follow your instructions while doing anything in my day-to-day life. I try to take better care of my family and perform any job I have to the best of my abilities because you always say that a devotee is never negligent towards his duties and responsibilities. I know that these are baby steps but I hope to live my life in way that ensures that I never forget or disregard any of your instructions. I try to read more and decode every line and every verse I read because you always emphasized on detailed study of Srila Prabhupada's books. I am not reading as much as I want to, but hopefully with your mercy I'll become better at reading someday.

Lately, I had far too many family engagements and events and I found myself not being able to properly chant my rounds. Starting next month, I have my 6-month internship, and I have been told that they will make us work till 2 in the morning. So much is happening and many things are yet to unfold, therefore I sincerely pray to you Maharaj, to give me the intelligence and ability to navigate through these difficult times and keep up with my devotional services regardless of the situations.

Maharaj, you probably don't even know who I am. But you have made my life so much easier and peaceful just by mercifully letting me have the shelter of your instructions and the shelter





of your disciples. I am far too fallen to ever be able to perfectly follow your instructions but I pray to you so that I can progress in bhakti and be a better devotee one day, because I will never be able to do that on my own. I will be ever grateful to your lotus feet and your guidance.

Your most fallen servant,
Divyanshi Gupta



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--Dolly Saini

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All lorgies to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudev. All glories to Sri Sri Gauranga.

*nama om̐ 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*

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 Prabhupad to please Krishna. I feel so fortunate while doing any small service at home or among the devotees. 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 me distracted from my path. 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 carry on my devotional service. I have realized the change inside me through my journey from a materialistic, selfish person, to having devotional qualities, even if I sometimes behave as a mean person, it does not stay longer, because of the association of devotees around me. Everyday I have great enthusiasm, just because of the mercy of Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupad. Thank you Srila Gurudev for your mercy and for coming in this world. I am very thankful to HG Ambrish Prabhu and HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu for engaging us in your service.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudev.

Your most fallen servant,
Dolly Saini



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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Gopal Krishna das & Prasannalakshmi devi dasi

Offering unto your lotus feet by Gopal Krishna das & Prasannalakshmi devi dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate mahavishnu gosvāmin iti nāmine
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Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisance's unto your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja celebrations.

Wish you a very blissful appearance day Maharaj.

On this glorious occasion, we are grateful to you for once again giving us this opportunity to glorify your unlimited transcendental qualities with our very limited abilities.

Srimad Bhagavatam 10.14.58 says:

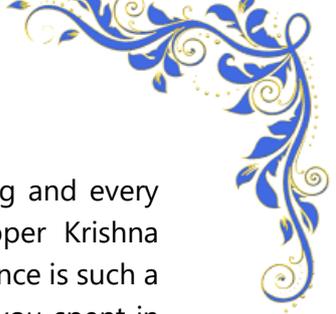
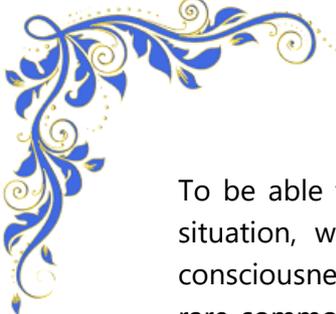
*samāśritā ye pada-pallava-plavaṁ
mahat-padaṁ puṇya-yaśo murāreḥ
bhavāmbudhir vatsa-padaṁ paraṁ padaṁ
padaṁ padaṁ yad vipadāṁ na teṣāṁ*

For those who have accepted the boat of the lotus feet of the Lord, who is the shelter of the cosmic manifestation and is famous as Murāri, the enemy of the Mura demon, the ocean of the material world is like the water contained in a calf's hoof-print. Their goal is param padam, Vaikuṅṭha, the place where there are no material miseries, not the place where there is danger at every step

When we re-migrated to New Zealand, little did we know what was in store for us. Looking back at what we have gone through has somewhat made us realize there is indeed danger at every step in this material world. The waves of this ocean of material world have been tossing us up and down. One moment we are thinking we have dealt with a problem and the next moment, we have another problem staring at us demanding our attention. Somehow or other we want things, people and situations to be working according to our desires, despite you hammering the shloka 1.6.7 from Srimad Bhagavatam to us, which says:

*sāsvatantrā na kalpāsīd yoga-kṣemaṁ mamecchatī
īśasya hi vaśe loko yoṣā dārumayī yathā*

She wanted to look after my maintenance properly, but because she was not independent, she was not able to do anything for me. The world is under the full control of the Supreme Lord; therefore everyone is like a wooden doll in the hands of a puppet master.



To be able to realize that the Supreme Lord Krishna is in control of everything and every situation, we need to patiently perform our devotional services in the proper Krishna consciousness mood and wait for the mercy of the Lord to act upon us. But patience is such a rare commodity in our lives Maharaj. However, when we meditate on the time you spent in this world, we realize how much patience you displayed in every situation. The construction of temples is such an arduous task, something, which His Grace Vaishnav seva prabhuji confirmed through his personal experience, and needed a lot of patience in dealing with contractors, labourer's, transporters, banks and so many people from different walks of life. But there was never an occasion to make you lose patience.

In your lifetime you dealt with thousands of devotees and most of them, including me, took time to talk our personal problems with you. We just offloaded our problems as if your only business was to listen to our problems. I have personally seen you not having lunch or dinner at your usual time, to accommodate some guest who has just come to visit you. But you were not only always patiently hearing us out, but also suggesting how we could deal with the problems in the best possible way accordingly to our temperament and nature.

Maharaj, you also patiently dealt with our individual natures and despite having complete knowledge of our incoherent natures, you did not stop there, but went on to initiate us in Krishna consciousness very lovingly, without making any stringent demands in return. Also Maharaj, you got into Krishna Consciousness at an age when most of us would like to sit tight, look back at our puny achievements and try to enjoy our accumulated wealth within the comforts of our house. However, you patiently tolerated all bodily aches and pains for our sake and showed by your own personal behavior how you can minimize the miseries caused by our body especially at an advanced age.

Seeing this quality of patience displayed by you, we realize how important it is to have this precious quality in our lives to qualify ourselves as a recipient of the Lord's mercy. In this regard we remember shloka 8.6.24 from Srimad Bhagavatam:

*yūyaṁ tad anumodadhvaṁ yad icchanty asurāḥ surāḥ
na samrambheṇa sidhyanti sarvārthāḥ sāntvayā yathā*

My dear demigods, with patience and peace everything can be done, but if one is agitated by anger, the goal is not achieved. Therefore, whatever the demons ask, agree to their proposal.

Here the Lord Himself says to the demigods that with patience and peace everything can be done. You lived this verse in your life Maharaj and no wonder you could perform many amazing services to Srila Prabhupada. We end our offering to you Maharaj with shloka 10.14.8 from Srimad Bhagavatam:

*tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo
bhuñjāna evātma-kṛtāṁ vipākam
hr̥d-vāg-vapurahir vidadhan namas te
jīveta yo mukti-pade sa dāya-bhāk*



My dear Lord, one who earnestly waits for You to bestow Your causeless mercy upon him, all the while patiently suffering the reactions of his past misdeeds and offering You respectful obeisances with his heart, words and body, is surely eligible for liberation, for it has become his rightful claim.

We are fortunate to be on the boat of Krishna consciousness, with you Maharaj steering this boat at every moment. What we need is to cultivate the quality of patience to continue to be on this transcendental boat, which will ultimately help us achieve the goal of life.

On this auspicious day we pray to you to shower your mercy upon us to cultivate this quality of patience and in that way continue in serving your mission uninterruptedly.

Your insignificant servants,

Gopal Krishna das, Prasannalakshmi devi dasi , Sri Radharadhika devi dasi



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--Krishna Samarpan Krishna das

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cakṣur unmīlitam 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.

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jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda*

sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavinda ki jai

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai! Jagad-Guru Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

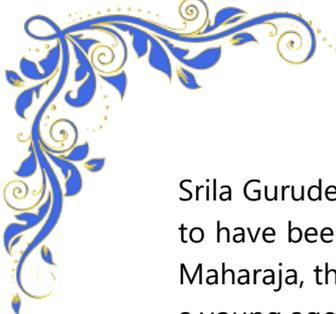
Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja 2021 Mahotsava ki Jai!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Maharaj's divine lotus feet.

Srila Gurudeva, on this auspicious day of Maharaj's Vyasa Puja, once again I find myself unworthy and incompetent to be writing this offering to Maharaja. How can I understand and speak on the transcendental nature of a pure devotee of the Lord, while my consciousness remains in a perpetual bound with sense-gratification and engagement with the 3 modes of material nature? Please forgive me for my offences in writing this offering Maharaja.

Srila Gurudeva, this year has been a challenging one for me, both spiritually and materially. I am now 22 years old, and my attachment with this material illusion remains more closely enwrapped than it previously has. It is very easy to give in to temptations Maharaja, and it is only by Srila Gurudeva's extreme causeless mercy, that I am able to realise this. Srila Gurudeva, we have a large, framed picture of Maharaja in a room in our house devoted to scriptural study, where I take darshana in the morning after getting ready, and in the night before taking rest. I have always felt very exposed and paltry in front of Maharaja, whenever I go to the room and bow down, as if Maharaja can see right through my false ego and disingenuity in Krishna Consciousness. I have never taken darshana with a pure heart, however I have somehow always felt the presence of Maharaja, as a Grandfather who understands the nature of the Grandson. The chastisement I feel from Maharaja for my inattentive chanting and the non-regulation of my mind, the concern from Maharaja when my consciousness isn't correct, the compassion when I continuously fail to see Guru and Lord Krishna's hand in my life. Maharaja, even if it is partly my own mental speculation, I feel incredibly sheltered and feel Maharaja's presence, it is very hard for me to put into words.



Srila Gurudeva, I have mentioned in my previous Vyasa Puja offerings that I feel so fortunate to have been initiated by Maharaja, as Maharaja saved me from feeling spiritually alienated. Maharaja, this year I feel grateful. I feel grateful that Maharaja bestowed such mercy on me at a young age, knowing that I am prone to sense gratification. It is only extreme causeless mercy by which Maharaja has given me initiation, and while my journey in devotional service has become more challenging, I find comfort in Maharaj's blessings to an unworthy disciple as I am. The importance of a Spiritual Master in one's devotional service is mentioned in Bhagavad Gita Chapter 4 verse 34:

*tad viddhi praṇipātena paripraśnena sevayā
upadekṣyanti te jñānam jñāninaḥ tattva-darśinaḥ*

tat—that knowledge of different sacrifices; viddhi—try to understand; praṇipātena—by approaching a spiritual master; paripraśnena—by submissive inquiries; sevayā—by the rendering of service; upadekṣyanti—initiate; te—unto you; jñānam—knowledge; jñāninaḥ—the self-realized; tattva—truth; darśinaḥ—the seers.

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

PURPORT : *The path of spiritual realization is undoubtedly difficult. The Lord therefore advises us to approach a bona-fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself. No one can be a bona-fide spiritual master without following this principle of disciplic succession. The Lord is the original spiritual master, and a person in the disciplic succession can convey the message of the Lord as it is to his disciple. No one can be spiritually realized by manufacturing his own process, as is the fashion of the foolish pretenders. The Bhāgavatam says: dharmam hi sākṣād-bhagavat-praṇītam—the path of religion is directly enunciated by the Lord. Therefore, mental speculation or dry arguments cannot help one progress in spiritual life. One has to approach a bona-fide spiritual master to receive the knowledge. Such a spiritual master should be accepted in full surrender, and one should serve the spiritual master like a menial servant, without false prestige. Satisfaction of the self-realized spiritual master is the secret of advancement in spiritual life. Inquiries and submission constitute the proper combination for spiritual understanding. Unless there is submission and service, inquiries from the learned spiritual master will not be effective. One must be able to pass the test of the spiritual master, and when he sees the genuine desire of the disciple, he automatically blesses the disciple with genuine spiritual understanding. In this verse, both blind following and absurd inquiries are condemned. One should not only hear submissively from the spiritual master; but one must also get a clear understanding from him, in submission and service and inquiries. A bona fide spiritual master is by nature very kind toward the disciple. Therefore when the student is submissive and is always ready to render service, the reciprocation of knowledge and inquiries becomes perfect.*

Maharaja, the purport clearly outlines that the path of submissive surrender to the spiritual Master is the most important aspect of devotional service, as it is the Guru's mercy, by which we can follow their instructions and progress in our spiritual understanding. Srila Gurudeva gave me the greatest gift of my life in initiating me as Krishna Samarpan Krishna das, which



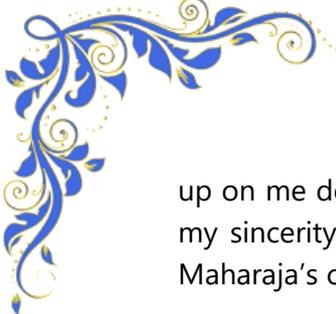
means to submissively surrender to the lotus feet of Lord Krishna. But I have not even made a conscious effort to submissively surrender unto Maharaja, despite recognising Maharaja's guiding force in my personal life and in my family's. This disingenuity is undoubtedly a great offence to Srila Gurudeva's mercy. As a fallen disciple, I beg for forgiveness from Maharaja for all these years of callous insincerity, it is Maharaja's causeless mercy which will define my progress in Krishna Consciousness, and I humbly request Maharaja that I can take steps towards surrender to Srila Gurudeva's lotus feet.

Srila Gurudeva, while reflecting throughout this, I had often found myself feeling unfortunate that I wasn't older and more mature when Maharaja were present in physical form with us. Maharaja very kindly encouraged me as a young child to sing verses, and I used to feel very proud in reciting the verses like a parrot with no substance. However, I did not grasp the importance of Maharaja being physically present with us as I should have. Granted that I was a child, but the guilt I feel now of not being attentive or inquisitive in Maharaja's lectures, and not hanging on to every word of Maharaja's instructions has always remained. With that being said, by the auspice of Srila Gurudeva, and the mercy of my parents, who have been instrumental in my realisation of the blessing of Srila Gurudeva in our life, I have the beautiful opportunity of following Maharaja's instructions by following and supporting my parents in their preaching activities. Maharaja would emphasise the importance of preaching all the time, and I pray that my participation in our WECAN MVG programs cultivates my path of surrender towards Srila Gurudeva's instructions.

Maharaja, while I have completed my University education this year within the Western curriculum, I have somehow found myself more and more inquisitive and drawn towards our Vedic roots. This year I became involved in some social circles which empower followers of Sanatana Dharma, even though it is under constant threat of political oppression and social ridicule. Such is the sad state of Kali Yuga. However, as Maharaja said, Srila Prabhupada's Hare Krishna movement is the biggest saviour of our Sanatana Dharma by bringing our true Sanatana Dharma to every town and village, whilst challenging various incorrect schools of thought.

Through long conversations with my parents, I have begun to appreciate Maharaja's example as a transcendental beacon of empowerment for every devotee, whether aspiring and serious. Maharaja's scrutinising study of Srimad Bhagavatam, to practically apply realisations for navigating through this material world, is revolutionary and empowering even for broader followers of Sanatana Dharma. Maharaja distinctly showed us how to imbibe Srimad Bhagavatam in our lives, regardless of time, place, and circumstance.

Srila Gurudeva, on this most auspicious Vyasa Puja day, I humbly pray for Maharaja's blessing so that I can begin my process of surrender unto Srila Gurudeva's divine lotus feet. Maharaja knows my heart and can see right through my duplicity. I do not know how many births it took me to get to this stage, but I know that it is only through Maharaj's mercy that I am hanging on to this path of devotional service with temptation at every step. And with my parents' mercy in supporting and guiding me with Maharaja's instructions at the centre, I have been blessed with a family of spiritual role models. I am eternally grateful to Srila Gurudeva for not giving



up on me despite my foolishness. I humbly pray for Maharaja's mercy so that I can increase my sincerity in devotional service, and thereby show even a glimmer of gratitude towards Maharaja's causeless blessings bestowed on me and my family.

Srila Gurudeva Ki Jai!

Your most insignificant disciple,
Krishna Samarpan Krishna das



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--Mayuresh Patil

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandvat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudeva. All glories to Sri Sri Gauranga.

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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 obeisance's unto him.**

Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ji ki jay! Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine
lotus feet.

Thank you very much Maharaj ji for your unlimited mercy, because of which I am on this path
to become a pure devotee.

Thank you very much for getting me into this line of guru-shishya parampara. Maharaj ji please
guide me and give association through your instructions. I have been lacking in my efforts for
uninterrupted devotional service, but I will be better and change to progress on this path to
purify myself. Please give me your mercy, so that I can always get association of pure devotees.
your transcendental mellows has been helping me keep walking on this path, stay focused on
controlling my senses and avoid sense gratification. Keep guiding us on this path of devotion
and renunciation.

Dandavat Pranam Maharaj ji!

Yours most fallen soul
Mayuresh.

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Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayate!

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet

I recently started my journey of this wonderful path Krishna consciousness so i want to share my recent experiences with you Maharaj,

The rejuvenation of my bhakti-lata seed is being cultivated by your disciple His Grace Avinash Krishna prabhuji. I was taken there by my friend for special Sunday feast. There, for the first time ever, I saw somebody in my life talking so practical on Srimad Bhagavatam. I was in a myth that this vedic scriptures are just a history book and sometimes i thought may be there are few things which is good to learn. But I never imagined that I can live Srimad Bhagavatam in day to day life. But after hearing that lecture, my thinking is completely changed. Later on, I came in contact with Avinash Krishna prabhuji and he introduced me to "Hare Krishna wecan programs."

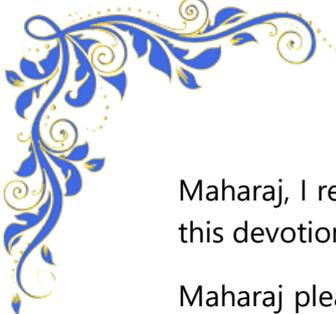
There also i saw the same things. I was completely amazed the way they present philosophy. So practical and perfect. So I was wandering that what is so special in them. HG Avinash Krishna prabhuji, once told me that the instructions of my Guru maharaj is to preach people Srimad Bhagavatam and to teach people how to apply this big-big philosophy in day to day life and HG Ambrish prabhuji use to say same thing. Later on after hearing about you Maharaj from your followers, disciples and Godbrothers (HH Radhanath Swami Maharaj) and (HG Ambarisha prabhuji - Chairman TOVP Mayapur) I felt fortunate to hear about your glorification and divine personality.

And whatever I heard about you Maharaj, I just want to say, "In devotion from associating with devotees to book reading and building temples, you are simply perfect and best. I am very very much confident that if I follow your footsteps, I can attain perfection in devotional service.

Maharaj, I am crying everyday, because I have not done anything worthy, but still I got shelter of this ISKCON and in that also the best "Hare Krishna wecan." (Completely dedicated to Srila Prabhupada's books and your instructions). Maharaj this is *ahaituki krupa* I got from Krishna and Vaishnavas. I was really not asking or yearning for it. I didn't even know about this Krishna consciousness. I was struggling hard in my life. And still I am. And as Paramatma Krishna witnessed all this and blessed me and made my struggle blissful.

Maharaj, on this vyasa puja, I beg on your lotus feet for your causeless mercy





Maharaj, I really didn't understand much in Krishna consciousness, but Maharaj I want to do this devotional service with consistency.

Maharaj please please bestow your merciful glance upon me and bless me with sincerity and seriousness in pure devotional service. And help me attain the mercy of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. One small request Maharaj - I always want to remain under the shelter of Hare Krishna we can because they are very systematic and truthful. I only want pure devotees' association to complete by business in this life time itself.

Thank you Maharaj

All glories to you and Our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

Pranam from Unqualified useless servant of your servants

Mukund



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--Namrata Patil

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Before I write my offerings to His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj I would like to thank HG Ambarisa Prabhuji for giving me this nice opportunity to share my realization on such an auspicious occasion even though I do not have any qualification to do so.

Dear Maharaj,

Please kindly accept my most humble obeisance's at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyas puja. Guru Maharaj, I never saw you in person, but through your vani and association of your devotees, I always feel sheltered. Guru Maharaj I am not yet initiated but because of your mercy I never felt that I am not initiated, or I need to take an initiation.

SB Verse 3.25.21

*titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ suhrdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ sādharmaḥ 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.

Maharaj Ji - I am not a sincere devotee. I am so much busy in my material life, and I always struggle to balance my material day to day life activity and my devotional service. Only because of your mercy somehow, I am managing to do some of devotional services. HG Ambarisa prabhuji always talk about Your instructions, Lectures, Transcendental mellows which encourage me to follow the path of Krishna Consciousness.

Guru Maharaj it is not possible to progress in the devotional service without Guru's mercy. Guru Maharaj, whatever I learned about Krishna consciousness is because of HG Ambarisa prabhu's teachings and your extreme causeless mercy.

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

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

I pray at the lotus feet of Guru Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada to bless me in increasing my spiritual activities under all circumstances. Guru Maharaj, please bless our WECAN 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 will be always grateful to HG Ambarisa Prabhujī for always keeping us engaged through WECAN-namahatta, Krishna food festivals, transcendental mellows, Wednesday and Sunday online program, Personal home programs and his valuable guidance to me and my family. I will be always grateful to HG Purna Prajna Mataji for engaging me in devotional service. Whenever I have problems whether it is material or spiritual, she has always helped me to find satisfactory solutions without compromising the rules. I am always grateful to HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhujī for training my daughter Navina in singing kirtan and inspiring me and my family in devotional service.

I am also thankful HG Avinash Krishna Prabhujī, HG Serva siddhi Mataji, HG Sanjeev Prabhujī, HG Dolly Mataji, HG Anish Prabhujī, HG Archana Mataji, HG Sopan Prabhujī for helping us to progress on this path of Krishna Consciousness and I am eternally indebted to you Guru Maharaj for giving me such a precious namahatta family.

I also beg all the devotees for their forgiveness for all the offences that I have committed knowingly and Un-knowingly.

Thank you very much for this opportunity.
Your most fallen and unqualified servant
Namrata Patil.

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--Parth Mishra

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Hare Krsna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet,

Before I begin, I would like to be completely honest with you. I want to tell you that this is my first ever offering, So, kindly forgive me for any transgressions I might make due to my utter ignorance and lack of understanding on how to respect Vaishnavas properly.

Before I sat down to write this offering to you, Maharaj, I thought about how unfortunate I am that I never got to have your association when you were physically manifest on this Bhu-Loka. But then the following quote by Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakura came to my rescue.

"He reasons ill who tells that Vaisnavas die When thou art living still in sound! The Vaisnavas die to live, and living try to spread the holy name around!"

I got the excellent opportunity to associate with you through your faithful and most respectable servants (Hare Krishna WeCan). Due to Srila Prabhupada's and Krsna's mercy, they came into my life. Since then, I have been constantly handheld and taught the basics of Bhakti, starting with the basics of becoming Human. It's only because of their all auspicious association that I can sincerely follow the ABCs (Association, Books, Chanting) of Bhakti as told by Srila Prabhupada. One thing I like the most about your presentation of the science of Krsna Consciousness is how you emphasize applying the principles of Bhakti in our day-to-day life, making it all very practical. I have struggled with this aspect a lot, and I still do, but thanks to the able guidance of your humble servants, I can slowly come out of this problem.

Lastly, I would like to beg at your lotus feet for keeping me under your shelter and under the shelter of your most humble servants, so that I can associate with them, and if I am fortunate enough, then maybe even get a chance to serve them and satisfy them, I might sound like a very realized person, but honestly, I want service and shelter for my purification so that I can get at least one drop of the love that you have for your Gurudev and Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

"As Lord Krsna's appearance and disappearance are all spiritual, transcendental, they are not ordinary things, similarly, Lord Krsna's devotee, His representative, who is sent to this material world for preaching the glories of Lord Krsna, their appearance and disappearance is also like Krsna's. Therefore, according to Vaisnava principles, the appearance and disappearance of Vaisnava is considered all-auspicious." – Srila Prabhupada

Your most insignificant,
Servant of your Servant,
Parth Mishra

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--Pradhan Gopika devi dasi

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this glorious occasion of Maharaj's Vyas Puja.

During my reading, I came across the story of Srila Santana Goswami and Srila Rupa Goswami and how they had to conduct their duties in the material world, working in a non-devotee environment. However, when they would return home after completing their material activities at work, they would take a bath, change into clean clothes and then conduct their spiritual activities. They would meditate upon Krishna and eventually with their interaction with Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, they were able to leave the material world behind altogether and focus on pure unalloyed devotional service. They are ideal role models who showed the path of how to balance one's material life and spiritual life.

I took a lot of inspiration from their pastimes, and how I should be shaping my life.

Maharaj-ji, please bless me so that along with my material progress, I also make spiritual progress and eventually only focus on my spiritual life. Please engage me in more devotional service, so that I may purify my heart and learn to love Krishna. I was also meditating upon the time I was in Rajkot with my family and H.G. Ambarish Prabhuji, H.G. Purna Prajna Mataji and H.G. Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhuji for Maharaj's Vyas Puja day. It was a very austere day (and night), however I really enjoyed getting involved in the service to set up Maharaj's altar with garlands and then later hearing all the devotee's homages and the wonderful kirtan. Through H.G. Ambarish Prabhuji, I remember him saying that austerity was a very important instruction from Maharaj. We must perform austerity to purify our senses. However, I find myself now living a very cushioned lifestyle, with not enough austerity. Maharaj-ji, please bless me so that I perform more austerities and be able to follow your instructions. This is only possible through your mercy.

I want to thank you Maharaj-ji for changing my life and I want to thank all the wonderful devotees of the WECAN Namahatta group for giving your association. Without you, I would not be who I am today. Please forgive me for any offenses I may have committed at the Lotus Feet of Maharaj.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai!

Your most fallen and unqualified servant,
Pradhan Gopika devi dasi
Sydney, Australia

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--Purna Prajna devi dasi

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitam 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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe
jai sri kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda sri advaita gadādhara srivās ādi gaura bhaktavrinda ki
jai*

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 Vyaspuja 2021 Mahotsava ki Jai!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

The world around us is changing very rapidly and in these unprecedented times, people are experiencing that rules are being rewritten and subject to constant change. The material experts in various fields feel incapacitated to make predictions, goals and plans in these uncertain times. The time gap between an invention or so called solution to existing problems and it's irrelevance or becoming outdated, is getting smaller and smaller day by day. There is a lot of distrust and mental anguish in the society. With the extreme causeless mercy of Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada, the message of our transcendental scriptures is even more relevant in all times, places and circumstances. We are very fortunate to have Srila Prabhupada's books to guide us through these times. We are ever so grateful to have come into contact with Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada. I remember once while we were in Rajkot and were about to leave. When we were taking Srila Gurudev's darshan and permission to leave and expressing our gratitude, Srila Gurudev firmly said – Guru shishya parampara – disciplic succession, very humbly giving credit to the Guru shishya parampara, but also very firmly making a point. This instruction has stayed with me and made me realise how great and valuable our disciplic succession is.

As Srila Prabhupada mentions, we are already destined to have a certain amount of happiness and a certain amount of distress, and we cannot change that. The change we should make, therefore, is to get free from this material condition of life. That should be our only business. According to our karma, we are sometimes taking birth in a higher planetary system as demigods and sometimes taking birth as cats and dogs or as germs in stool. Therefore, Caitanya Mahāprabhu said:

*ei rūpe brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bija*

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. (Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya 19.151)

Only a fortunate living entity gets the opportunity to associate with Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's devotee, and in this way he gets the seed of devotional service, the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra, and then his life becomes sublime.

This is so true as we experience by association with Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada, through instructions, pearls of wisdom, transcendental realisations, lectures and scriptures, it becomes very easy to keep focused on one's devotional service. I pray that I always understand the significance of this association and do not deviate from this path.

The devotees in Hare Krishna WECAN MVG programs are also very nicely reciprocating and associating with each other by keeping Krishna in the centre and sharing realisations by reading the scriptures. The new younger devotees are also sharing wonderful realisations and everyone feels the protection and shelter of Srila Gurudev and everyone does not feel affected by the material miseries. As stated in the translation of Srimad Bhagvatam 3.5.13,

*sā śraddadhānasya vivardhamānā
viraktim anyatra karoti puṁsaḥ
hareḥ padānumṛti-nirvṛtasya
samasta-duḥkhāpyayam āśu dhatte*

For one who is anxious to engage constantly in hearing such topics, kṛṣṇa-kathā gradually increases his indifference towards all other things. Such constant remembrance of the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa by the devotee who has achieved transcendental bliss vanquishes all his miseries without delay.

Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev always stated a sense of urgency when talking about taking up Krishna consciousness and showed us by example by practically implementing it. When we have such exalted personalities as our role models, we are inspired and aspire to achieve and aim for the topmost form of devotional service in this lifetime, by being the servant of the servant of the servant of such personalities as yourself. As is stated in Srimad Bhagvatam 7.10.21,

*bhavanti puruṣā loka mad-bhaktās tvām anuvratāḥ
bhavān me khalu bhaktānām sarveṣāṁ patirūpa-dhr̥k*

Those who follow your example will naturally become My pure devotees. You are the best example of My devotee, and others should follow in your footsteps.



Purport: In this connection, Śrīla Madhvācārya quotes a verse from the Skanda Purāṇa:

*ṛte tu tāttvikān devān nāradādīms tathaiva ca
prahrādād uttamaḥ ko nu viṣṇu-bhaktau jagat-traye*

There are many, many devotees of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and they have been enumerated in Srimad Bhagavatam (6.3.20) as follows:

*svayambhūr nāradaḥ śambhuḥ kumāraḥ kapilo manuḥ
prahlādo janako bhīṣmo balir vaiyāsakir vayam*

Of the twelve authorized devotees — Lord Brahmā, Nārada, Lord Śiva, Kapila, Manu and so on — Prahlāda Mahārāja is understood to be the best example.

The Wecan Namahatta family is growing under HG Ambarisa Prabhu's guidance and this is only the causeless mercy of Srila Gurudev. Krsna Samarpan Krsna das is taking active interest in having conversations and realisations based and backed by scriptures. Krsna Samarpan Krsna das rightly feels that there is a great need for spreading Srila Prabhupada's message and that Srila Prabhupada's books should be part of school curriculum and history books for the benefit of mankind. Please give us your blessings Srila Gurudev that we can make more and more bold preachers and contribute in our little way to this cause.

I am eternally grateful to Krishna for coming under the shelter of dear Srila Gurudev. I am eternally indebted to Srila Gurudev for this shelter.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja, Srila Gurudeva Vyaspuja Maha-mahotsav ki jai!
Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai! Nitai Gaura prema anande.

Hari Hari bol.

Your most fallen daughter,

Purna Prajna devi dasi.



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--Sanjeev Saini

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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

*mūkham̐ karoti vācālam̐ paṅgum̐ laṅghayate girim̐
yat-krpā tam aham̐ vande śrī-gurum̐ dīna-tāraṇam*

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.

Srila Gurudev ki jai!

Maharaj, Please accept my humble pranams. Thank you for giving us the shelter of Hare Krishna WECAN. Under Your shelter and guidance, we are engaged nicely in the service of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Gauranga. Because of current pandemic we are restricted to do home programs and festivals, but by your causeless mercy we are continuing our association online and continuing preaching programs online. I am very much indebted to HG Ambarisa Prabhu, HG Purnaprajna Mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu for spending time on me to train and guiding me in my spiritual journey.

I want to share glorification and remembrance of H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj from the book Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice.

Krishna Krpa Murti Shree Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj appeared in Vaijapur (near Nashik, BharatVarsha) on the auspicious Dattatreya Purnima (Full-Moon during Margasheersha month). We fondly remember this day as Mahavishnu Purnima. This day appears 4 days after Bhagavad-Gita Jayanti (Mokshada Ekadasi). His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj sincerely completed all the four phases of Varnashrama Dharma as described in the Shastras:

- (a) **Brahmacharya:** From His young age He was taught by His parents to offer everything new to Lord Krishna.
- (b) **Grhastha:** He lovingly fulfilled His familial duties in completeness and performed religious programs for the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada.
- (c) **Vanaprastha:** He continuously and thoroughly studied Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita at Radha Londonishvara Temple in London.
- (d) **Sannyasa:** He accepted this order of life during the most auspicious Narsimha Jayanti in 1991 and meticulously travelled throughout the globe at least 12 times providing loving

guidance and giving Srimad Bhagavatam nectar to everyone for the pleasure of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

During 2003 Guru Maharaj opened a traditional stone temple of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarikadhishji in Dwarka Dham and a temple for Sri Sri Radha Neela-Madhavji in Rajkot which was constructed within 12 months. By the mercy of Gurudev, Sri Prahlad International School for children was opened in Rajkot and now around 250 Children have an opportunity to study at the auspicious school. Every year Gurudev ensured that nice Rath yatra for Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev and Subhadra Devi happened in Dwaraka on 26th January and in Rajkot on 28th January!

Guru Maharaj had the unique ability to provide loving guidance to everyone from a little child, to youngster to an old person! He gave shelter to hundreds of disciples around the globe. He always advised never to forget BBC – Bhagavad-Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and Chanting of the Holy Name of the Lord. He inspired H G Kalacakra Prabhu to start Granthraj – a regular paper on the internet describing glories of the Supreme Lord, the articles from which Gurudev relished. He had a very strong will-power and full faith in the Supreme Lord. Even in the year 2000 when he had a stroke in London and his left arm and leg were paralysed, despite doctor advising not to leave the hospital as there was an imminent danger to his health, he went to take darshan of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu during Gaura Purnima. Even during January 2010, when he was severely unwell at Bhaktivedanta Hospital in Mumbai, he went to Panvel in order to perform Bhoomi Puja by performing Harinam and gave a nectarean Bhagavatam class advising devotees to open *samyaprasa* meditation centre which would enliven the transcendental activities of the devotees of the Lord (as per Srimad Bhagavatam 1.7.2).

sūta uvāca

*brahma-nadyām sarasvatyām āśramah paścime taṭe
śamyāprāsa iti prokta ṛṣiṇām satra-varadhanah*

Sri Suta said: "**On the western bank of the River Sarasvati, which is intimately related with the Vedas, there is a cottage for meditation at samyāprāsa which enlivens the transcendental activities of the sages.**"

Gurudev left his body on the most auspicious Shukla Paksha Dashami during *Māgha* month (also the Disappearance Day of Sri Ramunujacarya) on 25th January 2010 at the age of 91 years. On 27th January 2010, Gurudev went into the Mother Earth for his Samadhi pastime at the Holy place of Nashik Dham - that was the day of Varaha Dvadasi, the day when the Lord Boar dug up Mother Earth herself - the day that His pure devotee, Gurudev, glorified the Lord, by entering into the earth too!

His Holiness ever-merciful Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!

Maharaj, by your vani and your instructions we are trying to lead our lives. You have showed us practical implementation of Bhagvatam which is encouraging me to become serious and sincerely follow Krishna consciousness path. Please forgive me for my faults and I beg your mercy so I always engage in your service.



Thank you, Maharaj. Srila Prabhupada ki jai. Srila Gurudev ki jai.
Your most fallen servant
Sanjeev Saini



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--Sarvasiddhi devi dasi

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

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Gurudeva and All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Sri Gauranga

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Gurudev's lotus feet on this special occasion of Vyaspuja .

Srila Gurudeva, by your causeless mercy we are having nice online association of wonderful devotees and saving ourselves from the miserable condition of Covid 19.

Although the whole world is suffering but the devotees of Hare Krishna - WECAN group are utilising this tough time in studying scriptures in the expert guidance of H. H. Ambarish Prabhuji,

Gurudev always inspired everyone to associate with Krishna- whether it is chanting, studying of scriptures or discussions with Vaishnavas, which I'm trying to do with my very limited capacity.

Maharaj as we all know that how much Maharaj loved Srimad Bhagvatam and practically lived the Bhagavatam. Like Srila Prabhupad, Maharaj also saw everything through the eyes of scripture and Maharaj's comments on the most ordinary things were full of transcendental instructions. In this connection this verse from Srimad Bhagvatam is very apt

*nivṛtta-tarṣair upagīyamānād
bhavauśadhāc chrotra-mano-'bhirāmāt
ka uttamaśloka-guṇānuvādāt
pumān virajyeta vinā paśughnāt*

Glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is performed in the paramparā system; that is, it is conveyed from spiritual master to disciple. Such glorification is relished by those no longer interested in the false, temporary glorification of this cosmic manifestation. Descriptions of the Lord are the right medicine for the conditioned soul undergoing repeated birth and death. Therefore, who will cease hearing such glorification of the Lord except a butcher or one who is killing his own self?

Srila Prabhupad has very nicely explains in the purport that all auspicious Krishna Katha should be heard only by a pure devotee of the Lord, because he is "nivṛtta-tarṣair" means he has no



material purpose and vaishnavas like Gurudev can liberate us, whereas a professional reciter is always looking for his own material benefit and can't help us to come out of the cycle of birth and death.

Maharaj, I'm very fortunate to be an insignificant part of this Parampara system. (Brahma Madhva Gaudiya Sampradaya) and receive this pure Krishna consciousness knowledge from the bonafide Spiritual master. Srila Prabhupad says "qualified reciter of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam gives the right medicine (bhavauśadhi) for the conditioned souls. The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is therefore trying to train qualified preachers to recite Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and Bhagavad-gītā throughout the entire world, so that people in general in all parts of the world may take advantage of this movement and thus be relieved of the threefold miseries of material existence.

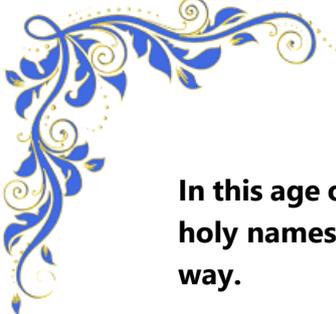
The instructions of Bhagavad-gītā and the descriptions of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam are so pleasing that almost anyone suffering from the threefold miseries of material existence will desire to hear the glories of the Lord from these books and thus benefit on the path of liberation. Two classes of men, however, will never be interested in hearing the message of Bhagavad-gītā and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam—those who are determined to commit suicide and those determined to kill cows and other animals for the satisfaction of their own tongues. Although such persons may make a show of hearing Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam at a Bhāgavata-saptāha, this is but another creation of the karmīs, who cannot derive any benefit from such a performance. The word paśu-ghnāt is important in this connection. paśu-ghna means "butcher." Persons fond of performing ritualistic ceremonies for elevation to the higher planetary systems must offer sacrifices (yajñas) by killing animals. Lord Buddhadeva therefore rejected the authority of the Vedas because his mission was to stop animal sacrifices, which are recommended in Vedic ritualistic ceremonies.

When discourses on kṛṣṇa-kathā take place between a liberated spiritual master and his disciple, others also sometimes take advantage of hearing these topics and also benefit. These topics are the medicine to stop the repetition of birth and death. The cycle of repeated birth and death, by which one takes on different bodies again and again, is called bhava or bhava-roga. If anyone, willingly or unwillingly, hears kṛṣṇa-kathā, his bhava-roga, the disease of birth and death, will certainly stop. Therefore, kṛṣṇa-kathā is called bhavauśadha, the remedy to stop the repetition of birth and death. Karmīs, or persons attached to material sense enjoyment, generally cannot give up their material desires, but kṛṣṇa-kathā is such a potent medicine that if one is induced to hear kṛṣṇa-kīrtana, he will certainly be freed from this disease. A practical example is Dhruva Mahārāja, who at the end of his tapasya was fully satisfied. When the Lord wanted to give Dhruva a benediction, Dhruva refused it. Svāmin kṛtārtho'smi varam na yāce [Cc. Madhya 22.42]. "My dear Lord," he said, "I am fully satisfied. I do not ask for any benediction for material sense gratification."

Caitanya Mahaprabhu has instructed –

*harer nāma harer nāma harer nāmaiva kevalam
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva nāsty eva gatir anyathā*





In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy, the only means of deliverance is the chanting of the holy names of the Lord. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way.

I know this open secret, still I struggle to chant Maha mantra with full attention and love, my mind still gets distracted. Maharaj please bless me so that I can be sincere in my devotional service and serve the devotees of Lord Krishna with full surrender.

I am praying at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev that may I always be attracted to the pages of these transcendental scriptures and may I acquire the taste to relish this nectar of namajapa and scriptures. I have no qualification at all to give my realisations, but this is my humble effort to glorify Maharaj. Srila Gurudev please ignore my offences which I have knowingly or unknowingly have caused.

Srila Gurudev Vyaspuja ki jai.

Your most unqualified disciple,
Sarva siddhi devi dasi



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--Saumya

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam̐ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

It has not been very long since I started my Krishna conscious journey, when I started with devotional service, I always thought that I have so much more time, and that devotional practice is something people can very easily practice in old age, but now, today, as I try every day to progress further on this journey, the more I realize the importance of starting Krishna consciousness as early in life as possible, the more I understand that this Krishna consciousness is what is the true and only meaning of life, the only way to break the shackles of material bondage, to be free of this *duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*.

Over this short span of time, Krishna consciousness has helped me not only to look at my life for what it is, an opportunity to go back home, back to godhead but also given me the strength to face certain difficulties in my life, and has overall helped me in becoming a more humble and grateful person.

However, I have faced difficulties in maintaining consistency with my devotional practices due to various reasons, I often find it hard to do my practices when I get relatively busier in my material life (mostly due to exams/academics). Moreover, I often face doubts about various non-devotional activities (ie to which extent I must indulge in them).

Any help I have gotten, could not be possible without the causeless mercy of humble devotees of Srila Prabhupada, my friend, who was the first to bring me into devotional service, HG Avinash Krishna prabhujī, HG Ambrish prabhujī who have been my mentors through the WECAN hare Krishna program. I have done nothing to deserve their causeless mercy and their guidance and am grateful for having received it.

Maharaj, on this occasion of Vyas puja, I beg at your lotus feet for your blessings and causeless mercy, to help me advance further in devotional service, to be able to face all kinds of difficulties in the very long way I yet have to go.

Thank you Maharaj. All glories to you and our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna
Servant of your servant,
Saumya

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--Shital Patil

To: Our beloved Guru-Maharaja – His Holiness Mahavishnu- Goswami Maharaj.

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandvat 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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

*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 obeisances unto Him.

On this most blessed and auspicious day of Vyas puja, All glories, All glories, all glories to you dear Guru-Maharaj!!! I am feeling very insignificant as I am not at all qualified to write an offering to such a great and pure devotee of the Supreme Lord. With heart full of gratitude, I offer my humble obeisances at your Divine Lotus feet, Please, kindly forgive my offences.

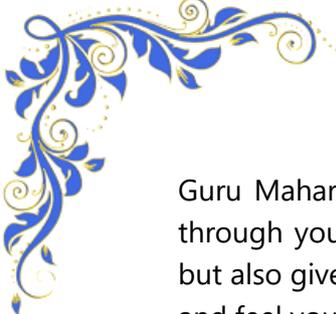
Srila Prabhupada has said: "*Therefore God is called caitya-guru, the spiritual master within the heart and the physical spiritual master is God's mercy. If God sees that you are sincere, He will give you a spiritual master who can give you protection. He will help you from within and without. Without in the physical form of spiritual master, and within as the spiritual master within the heart.*" (Conversation on May 23, 1974)

Even I am not a sincere soul, we have still received this priceless shelter of you Guru Maharaj through the grace of HG Ambarisa Prabhu and Family. He has given us your devotional mood and instructions, Srila Prabhupada's teachings and everything that we know in our Krishna Conscious endeavor. He is also tirelessly training all of us according to your instructions. Thus, I am eternally indebted and thankful to you Guru Maharaj and HG Ambarisa prabhu for taking us under your shelter.

Covid-19 pandemic is still affecting entire world. As a result, we could not be able to do many physical programs this year, however HG Ambarisa prabhu is conducting his online programs with full enthusiasm and hence our devotional activities are continuing under your shelter. This year, HG Avinash prabhu also donated one of his rental properties to be used for Hare Krishna - WECAN preaching programs. I am very thankful to him as this has and will give us more impetus to progress our devotional activities. All these things are progressing nicely while rest of the world is struggling hard to survive COVID-19 epidemic.

This is nothing but your extreme causeless mercy! Thank you Guru Maharaj.





Guru Maharaj, you have showed us how to practically implement Bhagavatam in our lives through your own actions, lectures and transcendental mellows which not only inspires me but also give me strength to walk on this path of devotional service. 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 (Srimad Bhagavatam verse 3.25.21)

*titikṣavaḥ kārūṇikāḥ suhṛdaḥ 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.

Guru Maharaj, HG Ambarisa prabhu always encourage us to study, realize and preach this message to everyone. I have also been instructed to start an online preaching program in Marathi/English for our family/friends/other interested souls back in India. I am working on this however I am aware it is progressing very slowly. I also admit I do not make much time available for this as I am very much struggling to manage my material things at this moment. I also feel I do not have that natural ability to attract and engage people, so I do feel helpless sometimes, however I really want to make this happen to carryout his instructions. Without your and Srila prabhupada's Mercy and blessings, this is not possible. So I humbly beg you to please forgive my offenses and bestow your mercy on me so I can able to start this program and preach on behalf of Hare Krishna - WECAN under your shelter and HG Ambarisa prabhu's guidance. I always remember your following transcendental mellow – "**Those who read they do not understand. Those who preach only understand.**"

I am not qualified to preach however I will try to do this as per the instruction of HG Ambarisa prabhu. Without your causeless mercy it is not possible to achieve this goal as confirmed in following beautiful verse in Caitanya Caritamṛta (Madhya lila 22.51)

*mahat-krpā vinā kona karme 'bhakti' naya
kṛṣṇa-bhakti dūre rahu, saṁsāra nahe kṣaya*

Unless one is favoured by a pure devotee, one cannot attain the platform of devotional service. To say nothing of Kṛṣṇa-bhakti, one cannot be relieved from the bondage of material existence.

So I pray for your extreme causeless mercy as Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura instructs us, in his famous prayers for the spiritual master:

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvamṣ 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 Krishna consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master.

On your Vyasa Puja Day, we worship you as the manifested compassion of the Supreme Lord and sincerely pray unto the lotus feet of you 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 preaching mission of Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupad under the guidance of His Grace Ambarisa prabhu.

My daughter Navina also just started chanting 16 rounds and reciting some verses very nicely. We are trying to train her as per your instruction in her devotional service. My wife is also engaged in her devotional service and chanting daily. All credit goes to you and HG Ambarisa prabhu for very mercifully engaging us. Please bestow your causeless mercy to my family so that they progress nicely under your shelter and follow your instructions nicely.

Once again, I must thank you and HG Ambarisa Prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krsna Samarpan Krsna Prabhu for the extreme causeless mercy, for guiding, training and taking care of us and for everything that they are doing to help us progress in our devotional service.

I also very thankful to HG Avinash Prabhu & Family, HG Sanjeev Prabhu & Family, HG Anish Prabhu & Family, HG Sopan Prabhu and all new devotees for helping us progress on this path of Krishna Consciousness.

I beg you and all the devotees for forgiveness for all the offences that I have committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Thank you very much for everything!!!
Your most fallen and unqualified servant
Shital Patil.



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--Sopan Chaudhari

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namaḥ*

Dear beloved Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories, all glories, all glories to you on this blessed day of your Sri Vyasa Puja.

On this very auspicious day I pray to Lord Sri Krishna for continued guidance and keeping me remain Krishna conscious. Every year I promised that I will improve myself to be a good disciple, but I am sorry I have been breaking my promise. I know I am sailing on two boats and not fully surrendered to you, due to several material attachments. Guru Maharaj, I am sincerely sorry, and beg for your forgiveness.

If there is anything I have learned from my brief experience of Krishna Consciousness in this life, it is that we cannot understand Krishna on our own merit, but we need the blessings of the spiritual master, who comes in many forms, one of the most important of which is the diksa guru. Thus practically the whole Krishna Conscious philosophy rests on the guru principle.

Dear Guru Maharaj, please continue your unconditional mercy, so that one day we can become perfect. We are like little children full of faults; your guide is our only hope in this material world. I am so fortunate to receive guidance thru HH Ambarish Prabhu. I am nothing, but due to the association of devotees I have been able to understand the science of self-realization. By listening to your messages, I am able to develop love towards Lord Krishna and Prabhupada.

It is said that you can judge a tree by the fruits it bears. The fruits of a guru are his disciples and indeed it was the attractive qualities of your disciple. HH Ambarish Prabhu that first attracted me to you. As I continue to meet, I am amazed at the quality of his faith and the depth and attachment to you. He inspires me and encourages me to move forward to a blissful life of Krishna Consciousness. I derive great inspiration and conviction to surrender to your lotus feet seeing his sincerity and commitment.

You & Srila Prabhupad are the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead, freely bestowing your causeless mercy upon the unqualified and ungrateful souls of Kali-yuga. I am amongst the most fallen of living entities and yet, by your unlimited compassion, teaching thru Ambarish Prabhu, you have glimpsed in my direction and now my life is on pathway. Who can properly describe the glories of Your Divine Grace?



I humbly pray at your lotus feet that you will so kindly enter my hearts and inspire me to find the ways and means of fulfilling your beautiful transcendental vision of a happy and united world movement under Srila Prabhupads leadership and direction. Kindly help me to please you in this way.

I pray on this day for your blessings and mercy upon me and my children, so that we may become qualified to become your humble and sincere servants.

Thank you Gurudev for being my eternal father and Spiritual Master...Happy Vyasa puja Guru Dev.

I beg to remain in your service, eternally,
Your aspiring servant,
Sopan Chaudhari



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--Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi

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Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto you. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada and Sri
Radha Madanagopal.

Wishing you a very Happy Krishna Conscious Birthday Maharaj!!!

How are you Maharaj?

I really wish I could take your darshan at Rajkot dham this year.

As I mentioned to you last year, I joined one of my favourite courses and passed through the first year of university. It has been a huge experience, trying to get through a year of intense studies alongside my sadhana and other responsibilities. But I'm very certain that without your help I could not have possibly parred this tedious year. I know there were times where I was going through tough situations and I did not reach out to you immediately, struggling to find ways out by myself. It is then when I was presented with solutions, I was able to recognise your hands and remember you more fondly. Thank you very much Maharaj for being extremely kind to someone like me who fails to recognise her spiritual master's potencies. I am forever grateful to you. In this regard, I would like to quote a line from the purports of Srila Prabhupada, from the verse SB 4.28.52:

"A sincere devotee who follows the instructions of the spiritual master certainly gets direct instructions from his heart from the Supersoul. Thus a sincere devotee is always helped directly or indirectly by the spiritual master and the Supersoul."

Even though I am nowhere close to being a sincere devotee, you are so merciful that you've helped me in every step I took. The more I ask my parents to tell me about you, the more they describe the fond memories they have regarding how you took Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and worshipped it by doing intense study of these books, every single day. The unflinching faith you had on the pages of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and the time you spent reading the scriptures serves as an inspiration to me till date. There is a verse in the Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 2.1.10)

तदहं तेऽभिधास्यामि महापौरुषिको भवान् ।
यस्य श्रद्धतामाशु स्यान्मुकुन्दे मतिः सती ॥

*tad aham te 'bhidhāsyāmi mahā-pauruṣiko bhavān
yasya śraddadhatām āśu syān mukunde matiḥ satī*

tat — that; *aham* — I; *te* — unto you; *abhidhāsyāmi* — shall recite; *mahā-pauruṣikaḥ* — the most sincere devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa; *bhavān* — your good self; *yasya* — of which; *śraddadhatām* — of one who gives full respect and attention; *āśu* — very soon; *syāt* — it so becomes; *mukunde* — unto the Lord, who awards salvation; *matih* — faith; *satī* — unflinching.

That very Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam I shall recite before you because you are the most sincere devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa. One who gives full attention and respect to hearing Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam achieves unflinching faith in the Supreme Lord, the giver of salvation.

This is also mentioned in the purport which says - "*A devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa is he who believes sincerely that by becoming a devotee of the Lord one becomes fully equipped with everything spiritual. This teaching is imparted by the Lord Himself in the pages of the Bhagavad-gītā, in which it is clearly described that the Lord (Śrī Kṛṣṇa) is everything, and that to surrender unto Him solely and wholly makes one the most perfectly pious man. This unflinching faith in Lord Kṛṣṇa prepares one to become a student of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, and one who hears Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam from a devotee like Śukadeva Gosvāmī is sure to attain salvation at the end, as Mahārāja Parīkṣit did.*"

Every time we talk about you among the devotees, your pastime of sitting by the 'Bhagavatam' pillar at the temple in London, and studying the Srimad Bhagavatam for hours and hours is never missed. Your attention, respect and the unflinching faith is immeasurable. I pray unto you and Krishna to bless me so that I can be able to read and study the scriptures with the same mood.

Thank you so much dear Maharaj, for everything you've done. And wishing you a Happy Birthday again!!!

From your eternal granddaughter and servant,
Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi



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--Suhrit Krishna das & Vishnupadi devi dasi

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

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

Please accept our dandavat pranams on this most auspicious and important occasion for us – Your 102nd Vyasa Puja. An occasion to purify ourselves with your glorification to the best of our limited abilities by your blessings. There cannot be a better way to please You if we focus our attention in the study and glorification of Srimad Bhagavatam. You have taught us by your own example of how constant hearing and remembrance of the Lord's activities can bring about relief even in times of obvious bodily pains. Bhagavatam says **SB 3.25.23**

*mad-āśrayāḥ kathā mṛṣṭāḥ śṛṇvanti kathayanti ca
tapanti vividhās tāpā naitān mad-gata-cetasah*

Engaged constantly in chanting and hearing about Me, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the sādhus do not suffer from material miseries because they are always filled with thoughts of My pastimes and activities.

Not only by studying and remembering, but You also instructed all of us to practice Bhagavatam and spread the glories to others around us. In fact, preaching was as important as self-study. You said "***If you study Bhagavatam and if you don't preach, you will die. If you study Bhagavatam and you will preach it, then you will be alive.***" This is the way You have applied this in your life and showed us by your own example the easiest and safest way to become aloof from the sufferings of the material world.

Maharaj, You have always told us to regularly read and study Srila Prabhupadas books daily to progress in our spiritual journey. However due to poorly managed lifestyle and hectic work schedules and duties, it has always been a challenge to touch the books daily. However, COVID and lockdowns have changed that. Sometimes forced interventions are painful but beneficial.

It has been another year of uncertainties and lockdowns. People around the world have been living in fear. Jobs have been lost and many companies closed. With travel restrictions around the world, everyone were forced to resort to digital sadhu sangha around the world. This was the biggest boon bestowed on mankind in these troubled times. With your blessings, the Zoom classes almost became a daily addiction. Though hesitant in the beginning, the conditioned souls began to relish it forgetting the miserable situation around them. This was a practical example of something You have always insisted on – the regular hearing of the glorification of the Supreme Lord. One of Your favourite verses from Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam 12.12.50 states

*tad eva ramyaṁ ruciraṁ navam navam
tad eva śāsvan manaso mahotsavam*

*tad eva śokārṇava-śoṣaṇaṁ nr̥ṇām
yad uttamaḥśloka-yaśo 'nugīyate*

Those words describing the glories of the all-famous Personality of Godhead are attractive, relishable and ever fresh. Indeed, such words are a perpetual festival for the mind, and they dry up the ocean of misery.

By Your own example, You taught us the practical application of Bhagavatam in our lives. That happens when we acquire the taste to relish the narrations of the all-attractive Lord. Although we may be aware of this, You inspire us to hear this message regularly and inspire us to reach out to others especially on occasions like this. Of course, reaching out to preach is only possible due to your empowerment. The beautiful temple and the ongoing activities during challenging situations under the able guidance of H.G. Vaishnavaseva prabhuji is the embodiment of your ongoing empowerment. Even during the height of the pandemic, so much food distribution and book distribution took place. The residents of Rajkot found solace by being connected to the temple.

All our God siblings serving under the guidance of H.G. Devakinandan prabhuji realise Your presence in their lives. We have had a similar realisation of your constant guidance in our lives. We would like to share this incident.

We were fortunate to have Devakinandan prabhuji give a couple of Zoom classes to the ISKCON Auckland devotees just before the Kartik month. In the class, Prabhuji spoke about his READ and RELISH programme that was started online in small groups to encourage regular reading of Srila Prabhupada's books. It was very inspiring, as if Maharaj, You are pushing us in that direction. We wanted to serve You by desiring to do something similar. We spoke to Prabhuji and took his guidance in this regard. We wanted to promote this reading programme as a part of our scheduled annual Kartik programmes. Usually, the devotees here do about 50 home programmes every year for the past few years. There are hardly 3 or 4 study groups like nama hattas and they did not grow much over the years. However, this year something inconceivable happened. With the support of about 15 like minded devotees in Auckland, we ended up collectively doing almost 200 online programmes within a span of 28 days. Of the 200 programmes, many were interested in the READ and RELISH programme. So, from 3 or 4 programmes so far, today there are 24 Read and relish programmes. Maharaj this has been possible with Your empowerment and constant guidance. Your miracles never cease to manifest.

Of course, this is just the beginning, and we have a long way to go. Holding on to Your lotus feet, we will need your blessings to continue this service. However just engaging in this service to please You gave us immense satisfaction just like a traveller is satisfied after reaching home. Bhagavatam verse **2.8.6** says

*dhautātmā puruṣaḥ kṛṣṇa- pāda-mūlaṁ na muñcati
mukta-sarva-parikleśaḥ pānthaḥ sva-śaraṇaṁ yathā*

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 Kṛṣṇa, for they fully satisfy him, as a traveler is satisfied at home after a troubled journey.

However, this satisfaction is due to your causeless mercy on us insignificant children wanting to achieve something to please you. You are all powerful due to your constantly being connected with Transcendence. Please let us be eternally connected to you

dhruva uvāca

*yo 'ntaḥ praviśya mama vācam imām prasuptām
sañjīvayaty akhila-śakti-dharaḥ sva-dhāmnā
anyāś ca hasta-caraṇa-śravaṇa-tvag-ādīn
prāṇān namo bhagavate puruṣāya tubhyam*

Dhruva Mahārāja 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. ŚB 4.9.6

Just like Dhruva maharaj prays to the Lord and offers obeisances on all his senses being enlivened, we would like to pray for your blessings and offer our obeisances to enliven our senses so that they are always enthused and engaged in pleasing you in your service to Srila Prabhupada

Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam Ki Jai ! H.H. Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Gurudev 102 Vyasa puja ki jai

Aspiring to intensify our service at Your lotus feet,
Suhrit Krishna das and Vishnupadi devi dasi



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--Sumit Trivedi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Maharaj, please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

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

Another year has passed Maharaj and your mercy upon Bhavisha and myself has been felt more than ever. Only with your blessings Maharaj, we were able to complete a task that we never thought that we will ever commit to. So I am kindly happy to present this offering to you Maharaj. We have completed our Bhakti Shastri course and also ISKCON Disciple course. The more we studied Srila Prabhupada's books, the more we felt connected to your instruction that we heard in your classes and from your merciful disciples. It was a tough year Maharaj with everything that was happening, but still only with Srila Prabhupada and Your blessings we were able to complete this journey.

In my last offering, I remember mentioning that I asked Suhrit Krishna Prabhuji's if Maharaj is smiling and is pleased with what we are doing and he always said that you are, so now when I visit his place near his alter there is a picture of you with a smile full of love. Every time I go there, I see that you are smiling at me with love. Even if I am feeling down, somehow You bring a smile on my face. So thank you Maharaj.

Maharaj, following your instruction we have taken a small service towards spreading Prabhupada's message to others through preaching. I am sure you know how am I doing and there is a long way to go for me. So I really need your blessings Maharaj as you know how unqualified am I.

Also since last few months while chanting or even studying Srila Prabhupada's books, we both have this feeling growing inside us that we should take initiation. Hence we have presented our interest at the ISKCON Auckland Temple and registered to go through the probation period and be ready. We see this a message from you Maharaj to take the next step, so we need your guidance and blessings for our next Journey.

On another hand, Gaura Nitai Bhavan is currently going through construction and we beg you Maharaj, please please please do come and shower this small Bhavan so it can become the temple to deliver Srila Prabhupada's mission of devotional service to others as another Namhatta Centre.

You always instructed everyone that we should do Nityam Bhagvata Sevaya, so with your blessings from beginning of Kartik Maas we have started reading Srimad Bhagavatam every day to drink nectar from the unlimited ocean of Lord's Pastime and Mercy.



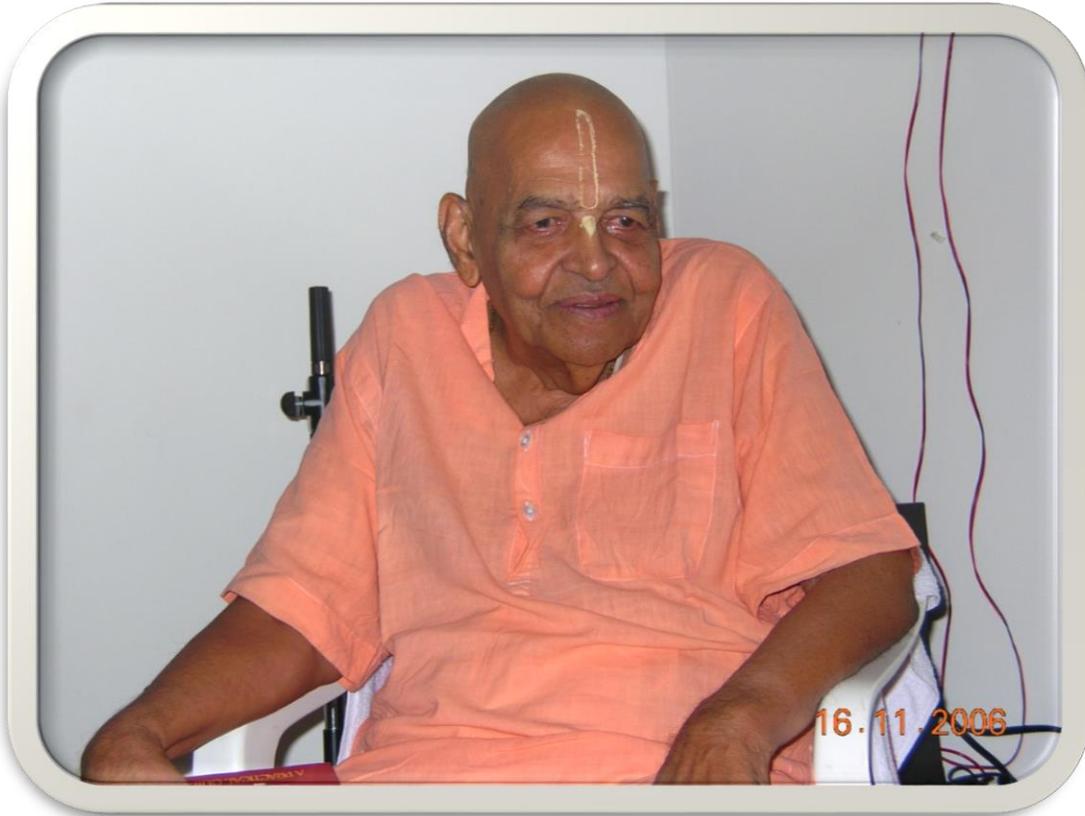


Maharaj, we know there is a lot to do but without your guidance and mercy it is not possible so please bless us for this next phase in Srila Prabhupada's service and guide us.

Your servant,
Sumit and Bhavisha



New Zealand - 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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--Jagjeevan das

Dearest Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you.
Please accept my dandavat pranams.

Year 2021 has been a milestone for me because I have officially reached retirement age as per New Zealand law. One would normally think that retirement means taking things easy and starting to enjoy life. However, Lord Krishna's plan are somewhat different. The Good Lord likes to put challenges, struggles and painful experiences in front of His chosen one to test their sincerity and purity. I am so fortunate to be one of those chosen one and it is purely due to your mercy.

It is utterly amazing how Lord Krishna reciprocates to our prayers. In 2003 by bursting a mains water pipe on Newlands Road, the Lord gave us opportunity to build a Temple room for the Lordships. This year when we were struggling on several fronts, the merciful Lord Krishna by opening the sky wide, poured torrent of rain to flood the Temple Ashram. For many it was a disaster, but for me it was His mercy to do something meaningful for the Lord and his property. It was truly a blessing in disguise. Lord Krishna once again gave me an opportunity to renovate the entire bottom floor of the ashram. A disabled toilet that was a necessity, but that we could never afford became a reality. While people were struggling with COVID pandemic I was busy renovating the Temple Ashram and soon we will have a brand-new facility for disabled guests and a cosy room for mothers with babies where they can feed their babies in privacy and in comfort.

Water, ISKCON Wellington and Lord Krishna have an incredibly special relationship. By the medium of water, Lord Krishna listens to our prayers and reciprocates in a loving and rewarding way. Two years back by flooding the restaurant Lord Krishna rewarded us with a brand-new restaurant, finishing that included marvel tops, new joinery and a new floor covering. I remember once reading an article where someone asked Srila Prabhupada have you seen Lord Krishna and he replied, "yes, I see, feel, and realise His presence all around me."

Dear Maharaj, ISKCON Wellington due to your blessings and by the power of the Bhagavat katha that you conducted in 1999, the most memorable part of mine and Sudevi dasi's life, gave birth to an ISKCON centre that continued to grow and prosper ever since.

I will always be eternally indebted to you because without your blessings and guidance nothing would have been possible. Thanking you from the core of our hearts, Sudevi dasi and I repeatedly bow down to your lotus feet and humbly seek your continued guidance and forgiveness. I know that I was never a good disciple and failed you on your several expectations of me.





Your unworthy and useless servant,
das Jagjeevan & your worthy and loving daughter Sudevi dasi

Also, please accept this offering from all your disciples at ISKCON Wellington.



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the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Mann Mohan Krishna das

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

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

What a wonderful year it has been! Mediating upon your vani throughout the year. Seems like
the Corona has given Karuna and a chance to pause our time and hear your lecture and
meditate upon your instruction and improve our life. How wonderfully you explained in one
of your lecture that **when it is "dis-ease", then it is "disease." Till there is no ease, and
again you should force your body to be at ease, means it will not be disease, simple.
Those who don't come to Krishna they are always diseased.**

Thank you Gurudev for allowing and bringing us in the shelter of Krishna. Otherwise we will
be in diseased condition.

Jai Srila Prabhupad ki Jai!! Srila Gurudev Ki Jai!!

Servant of Servant,
Mann Mohan Krishna das



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--Nrtya Gopal Krsna das

Dear Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

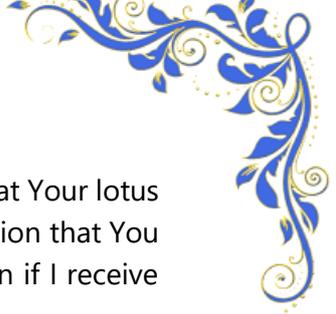
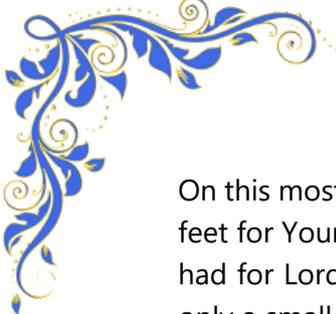
Please accept my humble obeisances, All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to You Maharaj!

It has been nearly 12 years since You physically departed from this world and even though it feels like a long time, we still feel Your loving presence & guidance everyday through the remembrance of Your pastimes and instructions. I remember Maharaj how **You would always attend Mangal Aarti, no matter where in the world You were or even if it had been a long tiring journey arriving late in the night prior. This was even true if Your health was not well.**

Following Mangal Aarti, **You would sit down with Srimad Bhagavatam and engage deeply in studying for 1 to 2 hours.** If there were some visitors, You would also engage them in reading and discussing Srimad Bhagavatam. You would always very adamantly instruct Your disciples to always attend mangal aarti and study Srimad Bhagavatam on a daily basis.

I remember how You would describe **mangal aarti as one's personal appointment with Lord Krishna** and would also jokingly say that **if You miss mangal aarti, You've missed Your appointment with Lord Krishna, because after mangal aarti, Lord Krishna goes out to graze the cows in the forest all day.**

Another fond memory I have Maharaj is how when referring to the construction of the Rajkot temple, You would always mention how **temples were built by bhakti.** You would say how the Rajkot temple was already there underground and that the more we intensified our bhakti, the more the temple would come up. At that time, I didn't really understand what You meant, but thinking about this more deeply, I realise how true Your words were. Materials with which we construct temples, such as marble & bricks etc. are all in an unmanifested state in the form of the earth and are also therefore the temple in an unmanifested state. The more we intensify our bhakti, the more Lord Krsna makes the unmanifested temple come together by inspiring everyone, including the brick and marble manufacturers to excavate the marble or manufacturer the bricks from the earth, the donors to give profusely towards purchasing of those bricks and marble, and builders by putting them together. Thereby the temple gradually becomes manifested due to devotional service to the Lord Himself. I realise how deep, profound and practical Your words were Maharaj, and there are beautiful grand temples of Sri Sri Radha Neela Madhav in Rajkot as well as of Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarkadhish in Dwarka because of Your bhakti, inspiration and guidance.



On this most auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa puja celebration, I sincerely pray at Your lotus feet for Your mercy so that I may also develop the same mood of love and devotion that You had for Lord Krsna as well as for Mangal Aarti and Srimad Bhagavatam and even if I receive only a small drop of that mercy, I will consider my life a success.

Thank You Maharaj ! Hare Krishna !

Your servant,
Nrtya Gopal Krsna das



Oman - Muscat



“If you reject Krishna from your life, we become Ravan. And if you become Ravana, for a while you may prosper. You may have golden Lanka and you may have so much prosperity. You may be very proud also. But the end is very bad”

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--Gowri Satheesh Rao

To my most wonderful **spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Guru Maharaj,**

Happy Krishna Conscious Birthday Guru Maharaj...!!! Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet! All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On the auspicious occasion of Your Holiness's Vyasa Puja, I offer you my most humble obeisances.

Another sad and suffocating year has passed by without your presence Guru Maharaj. I am currently at the verge of finishing my class 12, and with your kind blessings you have helped me tremendously to go through this rough year.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I will not be able to present any shloka to you as I have not been able to study the scriptures, so please forgive me Guru Maharaj as I have not been a very good devotee. I do try my level best to chant the holy name daily. As you know Guru Maharaj that my 12th board exams are going on and my NEET exam is around the corner and so fear has taken control over my mind. Guru Maharaj, please help me to overcome my fears so that I can make my parents and brother very proud. Please bless my parents to always stay healthy. Please bless my brother so that he can reach his goal to become a doctor. Please continue to bless us so that we can always serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

You continue to hold me by my hand, always encouraging and always loving me. 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 and in this material life. Please bless me so that I will always remain Your servant forever and will be able to serve You to the best of my ability. Thank You, Guru Maharaj, for all the guidance and for giving me the strength and determination to continue with my devotional service and my daily life. I pray that on this special occasion of your Vyasa Puja and every other day, you please kindly bestow special mercy upon me and my family, that I may follow your instructions nicely and gradually keep making some progress to the path you have shown me.

Your most unworthy and undeserving disciple,
Gowri Satheesh Rao

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--Haribaskar and Family

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate mahavishnu gosvāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev! We offer our respectful obeisances to You, the perfect Vaishnava devotee of the Lord. You are just like desire trees who can fulfill the desires of everyone, and You are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls like us.

On this auspicious day, we seek Your blessings to remember Srila Prabhupada, Your instructions and apply them in our day to day practice for years to come. Maharaj, Your personal care, love and guidance given to everyone is one of the many attributes that acts like a magnet, attracting our hearts. We always fail to apply the practical teachings of Krishna consciousness in our life but You enthuse us (through Your vani) to develop that faith and bring the joy of devotion in our devotional practices. You attract all listeners by Your intense, thoughtful and absorbing classes of Srimad Bhagavatam. Your loving disciples continue to sing and praise Your glories regarding Your tireless and determined rigor in spreading the Holy names of the Lord. Your compassionate and magnanimous nature gives us inspiration and motivation to continue our services in Krishna consciousness. The pearls of wisdom, which are the most instructive connections, make us feel Your presence always.

SB 4.20.31

*tvan-māyayāddhā jana īśa khaṇḍito
yad anyad āśāsta ṛtātmano 'budhaḥ
yathā cared bāla-hitam̐ pitā svayam̐
tathā tvam evārhasi naḥ samīhitum*

My Lord, due to Your illusory energy, all living beings in this material world have forgotten their real constitutional position, and out of ignorance they are always desirous of material happiness in the form of society, friendship and love. Therefore, please do not ask me to take some material benefits from You, but as a father, not waiting for the son's demand, does everything for the benefit of the son, please bestow upon me whatever You think best for me.

Please keep us always in Your auspicious glance. We pray that Your Divine Legacy continue to remain in our hearts and please bless us with Your mercy and in the company of devotees.

**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.

On this auspicious, glorious occasion, we would like to offer our sincere gratitude to all Your disciples who continue to inspire us by sharing Your kind teachings, instructions, quotes and pastimes during their Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam classes throughout the year.

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Happy Krishna conscious birthday to you,

I seek Your blessings on this day to help me come up in bhakti. Please bless me so that I can settle well in my new school in Perth, Australia.

Your aspiring servants,
Haribaskar, Sunitha and Madhav Haribaskar



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--Harshita Haribaskar

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur 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 obeisances unto him.

Dearest Maharaj,

My Dandavat Pranams to Your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Please accept this insignificant offering from this fallen soul, on the grandiose occasion of Your Vyasa Puja. Please allow me to glorify Your significance in my life, with the right words and spirit.

Maharaj, You have been so kind to impart spiritual knowledge to me, through Your dear disciples, even though I was not fortunate enough to gain Your physical association in this world or offer Your Grace any personal service. Yet Your dear disciples, HG Kalacakra Prabhuji, HG Sudarshana Mataji, HG Vaijayantimala Mataji, HG Swayam Siddha Krsna Prabhuji and many more have all taken me under their wing, to bring me to the qualification, to be worthy of Your service Maharaj. With Your permission Maharaj, I would like to offer some of my neophyte realisations I have had trying to contemplate Your lectures through our Kadamba Manjari Youth Group.

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भूतानामिह संवासः प्रपायामिव सुव्रते ।
दैवेनैकत्र नीतानामुन्नीतानां स्वकर्मभिः ॥

*bhūtānām iha saṁvāsaḥ prapāyām iva suvrate
daivenaikatra nītānām unnītānām sva-karmabhiḥ*

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.

Maharaj, I was introduced to this concept of developing a "Waiting Room consciousness" only through the endeavours of Your dear disciples, who are moulding us on the path to follow Your instructions perfectly through. As Hiranyakashipu describes here, this material world is a temporary station filled with many passengers, each on their respective journey from birth to death. Nevertheless, as we are not aware of our constitutional position, we have become engrossed with the identification of the body and we misguide our attachment and emotions. People are leaving this world or have left this world in recent years with no warning, context

or comprehension and due to my ignorance I have become disturbed by the impermanence. Maharaj, You took pity on my ignorance and reminded me that happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light, the light of Your instructions.

As quoted by You "**We should live like a traveler in a waiting room at railway station or at railway platform. On arrival of train, we leave behind everything and board the train, therefore we need to carry free luggages so that travel becomes carefree, easy and comfortable.**" This practical instruction teaches me Maharaj, the utter temporary nature of everything around me and compels me to begin my acceptance of it. As Your Grace said, "**Prabhupada didn't only tell us to create detachment, he established temple communities, that is to tell how to get detached and get attached to the worship of Krsna**". As soon as we can divert this attachment to the only permanent solution, one can truly progress in the realm of bhakti Yoga, and become satisfied in our surrender, in our dependence on the Lord.

On a reflective scale, even if the intensity of the pandemic has reduced from last year, it has permanently left its erratic nature and instability. Plans constantly getting rain-checked, reversed and revoked. Again Maharaj You brought solace and peace back to my mind through Your constant reminder of "**Material problems need spiritual solution**".

Bg. 9.22

*अनन्याश्चिन्तयन्तो मां ये जनाः पर्युपासते ।
तेषां नित्याभियुक्तानां योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम् ॥*

*ananyās cintayanto mām ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣāṁ nityābhiyuktānāṁ 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.

This verse stands so true for You Maharaj because of Your causeless mercy, the Lord is considering me worthy to "carry what I lack and preserve what I have." As you have said Maharaj "**The way to become conscious of Krsna is to become dependent on Krsna**". You are teaching us to not only believe, but to trust the plan of the Lord and show full dependence on what He has in store for us, because He is our eternal well wisher.

Your 102nd Vyasa Puja marks an important date in my life as I step into a new chapter, a new station on my journey. The Lord is showing us this new chapter, the new light at the end of a dark tunnel, purely because of Your mercy Maharaj. Your Grace always said "**My mercy is always there, first you have to endeavour for it.**" I earnestly pray for Your protection and blessings to be able to perform my material duties immaculately and practice this "Waiting Room Consciousness", to be patient and always hopeful and advance in Krsna Consciousness. In a crowded shopping centre, a small child can leave the hand of its mother, hypnotised by the prospect of sense gratification. But the mother never leaves the child's hand, knowing it's hyperactive nature. Please Maharaj, if You desire, I request You to never let go off my hand and allow me to follow your instructions throughout my life.



My sincerest apologies for any mistakes I have or will commit Maharaj, please do forgive my discrepancies.

Your aspiring servant,
Harshita Haribaskar



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--Swayam Sidha Krishna das & Sidhita devi dasi

Beloved Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krishna. Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace and All glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupad.

Today is your Vyasa Puja and on this auspicious occasion, we humbly offer a beautiful verse from Srimad Bhagavatam for your pleasure. **Srimad Bhagavatam 1.18.22:**

*yatrānuraktāḥ sahasaiva dhīrā
vyapohya dehādiṣu saṅgam ūḍham
vrajanti tat pārama-haṁsyam antyaṁ
yasminn ahimsopaśamaḥ sva-dharmaḥ*

Self-controlled persons who are attached to the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa can all of a sudden give up the world of material attachment, including the gross body and subtle mind, and go away to attain the highest perfection of the renounced order of life, by which nonviolence and renunciation are consequential.

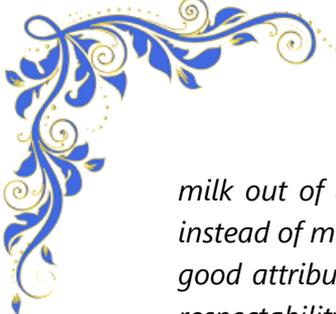
This verse is an embodiment of your divine grace. Srila Prabhupad says in the purport that "Only the self-controlled can gradually be attached to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Self-controlled means not indulging in sense enjoyment more than is necessary. And those who are not self-controlled are given over to sense enjoyment. Dry philosophical speculation is a subtle sense enjoyment of the mind. Sense enjoyment leads one to the path of darkness. Those who are self-controlled can make progress on the path of liberation from the conditional life of material existence."

Srila Prabhupada very beautifully herein refers the process of bhakti yoga as purification of senses. "Self-control is actually achieved not by artificially stopping the senses from material enjoyment, but by becoming factually attached to the Supreme Lord, by engaging one's unalloyed senses in the transcendental service of the Lord. The senses cannot be forcibly curbed, but they can be given proper engagement. Purified senses, therefore, are always engaged in the transcendental service of the Lord. This perfectional stage of sense engagement is called bhakti-yoga."

Your divine grace is the greatest example for complete dedication of the senses in the service of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhavji. We have seen for many years how meticulously Srila Gurudev had engaged himself in the loving service of Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhavji by preaching Srimad Bhagavatam all over the world even amidst advanced age. Your divine grace worked very hard for establishing two temples for the pleasure of Their Lordships.

Srila Prabhupad goes on to say that "So those who are attached to the means of bhakti-yoga are factually self-controlled and can all of a sudden give up their homely or bodily attachment for the service of the Lord. This is called the paramahansa stage. Haṁsas, or swans, accept only





milk out of a mixture of milk and water. Similarly, those who accept the service of the Lord instead of māyā's service are called the paramahamsas. They are naturally qualified with all the good attributes, such as pridelessness, freedom from vanity, nonviolence, tolerance, simplicity, respectability, worship, devotion and sincerity. All these godly qualities exist in the devotee of the Lord spontaneously." - Srila Gurudev is literally a personification of all these great qualities.

His Divine Grace concludes his purport by saying, "Renunciation means renouncing one's dependence on the conditions of material nature and thus becoming completely dependent on the mercy of the Lord. Real independence means complete faith in the mercy of the Lord, without dependence on the conditions of matter. This paramahamsa stage is the highest perfectional stage in bhakti-yoga, the process of devotional service to the Supreme Lord."

Your divine Grace is truly a paramahamsa who lived a life full of austerity, divinity, love for Bhagavatam and mercy for all living entities. We are extremely fortunate to have your divine grace's blessings. We are unintelligent and incapable to adore your divine grace, though this is a very menial attempt to glorify your appearance day. Kindly accept our humble offering and please bless us to advance in serving your divine grace and Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihariji.

Thank You for always being there for us and giving us the strength to overcome the challenges that we have faced in terms of health. Thank You Guru Maharaj for all the blessings that your divine grace has given us. Kindly forgive us for all our offenses and please continue to bless us so that we can perform devotional service unto your divine grace, Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Kunjabihariji, Sri Sri Jagannath Baladev Subhadra and Sudarshanji, without lethargy.

Wishing you a very Happy Vyasapuja. Please keep us under your shelter always.. Srila Gurudev Vyasapuja Mahotsav ki jai. Srila Gurudev Ki Jai.. Srila Prabhupad ki Jai.. Nitai Gaura Premanande..

Your most unworthy disciples,
Swayam Sidha Krishna das, Sidhita devi dasi & Gowri



Others



It's a very funny thing. If you witness the material beatings in the material world, you will find out it is so very interesting. Everybody is fighting for money, everybody is fighting for property, everybody is fighting for something. They don't know that they have got to go away leaving everything. They create disharmony everywhere.

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--Aniket Govindaraju

Krishna told the Bhagavad Gita to the sun god before Arjuna. Krishna always lives. To show special mercy to those who constantly are devoted, Krishna destroys the lamp of knowledge and takes out their ignorance. Thank you Maharaj for bring us the lamp of knowledge and taking us out of our ignorance.



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--Meenakshi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj
Gurudev.

Being in Krishna consciousness is a gift and blessings to all. Hearing the scriptures and
pastimes of the Vaishnavas and glories of the Supreme Lord brings immense pleasure and
inturn let's us know about the wonders of the great happenings.

During Matajis discussions on Gita, almost on all of them, the glories of Gurudev is being
addressed and it is in one way helpful for us to progress in Krishna consciousness. Gurudev's
preaching inspires a lot. All glories to Gurudev on this very auspicious Vyasa Pooja calender.
Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam including all wonderful scriptures in Brahma samhita
and glories of Caitanya Mahaprabhu reaches all of us through the powerful preaching of Sri
Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. The qualities of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna is described very
beautifully in the Bhagavad-Gita in chapter 8, 9th sloka.

*kaviṁ purāṇam anuśāsītāram
aṇor aṇīyāṁsam anusmared yaḥ
sarvasya dhātāram acintya-rūpam
āditya-varṇaṁ tamaśaḥ parastāt*

It always reminds how our Guru Maharaj spent hours together, as told by Mataji, glorifying Sri
Krishna's pasttimes and rendering beautifully the meaning of slokas.

My humble obeisances to the devotees and Vaishnavas and blessed to be in the association.
Hare Krishna.



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--Praket Govindaraju

Krishna is a creator, everything emanates from him. I think Krishna represents the mischievous in us too, because as a kid he used to steal butter. He says that his devotees are wise to worship him, and gives understanding and good thoughts to people who worship and think about him. Thank you dear Maharaj for showing us the way of pure devotional service.



Singapore



“In order to equip ourselves for preaching, we have to study very hard. At least two hours a day you should completely forget your house, completely forget your activities, completely forget that you are very important person in your house”

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--Aradhitah

*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*

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and unto your divine grace.

Wishing you a very Happy Krishna Conscious Birthday!!

Maharaj, I say this, every year, but there aren't sufficient words to show how grateful I am for all your instructions through your nectarean lectures and the weekly association of devotees.

Here are a few of your instructions that I am ever grateful to you for and am trying to imbibe in my life:

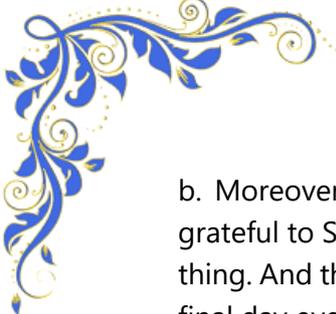
1. Being aware of Krishna as the origin and source of everything:

a. Maharaj, although I used to do devotional service and see the Lord mainly in the form of the deity, I am understanding and appreciating Him more by seeing the source of everything to be Him. You mentioned in the lecture of SB 1.19.6 Maharaj, how so many unseen things are happening in the world. You saw Krishna behind the natural purifying process of waters when it evaporates and falls down as rain, the ocean, the powerful flows of the Ganges, and in everything around you. This awareness of Krishna is something I am still trying to cultivate but I truly have started to appreciate the Lord much more by seeing the Lord's hand in creating such beauty around us.

b. Maharaj, you mentioned that there is a difference between knowing and appreciating the Lord. You have shown by example how you have appreciated Krishna in everything you saw in this world. I will continue to try and see Krishna's hands behind everything whether it be good or bad. This will help me to appreciate and surrender unto him more. I am ever grateful to you for teaching us how to increase our awareness and practice our Krishna consciousness in such a practical way Maharaj.

2. The value of this human life and our fortune being under Srila Prabhupada's blessed umbrella:

a. In SB 7.6.1, Prahlad Maharaj says "*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 you remind us daily of how if we remember our last day our devotional service will automatically become sincere.



b. Moreover, through your lectures you've also emphasised on how we should always be grateful to Srila Prabhupad. You mentioned "Our Prabhupada's way is fully austere. This is the thing. And the austerity is to remember our final day everyday. As soon as you remember your final day everyday, you will be completely under proper line and then you will understand this purport. Otherwise you will not understand a single word. You may attend so many lectures and so many sannyasis and so many sadhus, all are misleading except Srila Prabhupada's parampara. But please if you come to the literature, this is the purest one."

c. I am so grateful to you Maharaj for your daily reminders which makes me very grateful for being under Srila Prabhupad's shelter. These reminders have made me take my chanting and reading more seriously as I am constantly reminded of how we're so fortunate to even get this human body and be under his shelter. I have felt that being under this powerful shelter, there is no need to fear anything in life. Although it is difficult with the mind constantly flickering, my constant prayer is that I can continue serving you, the devotees, and the Lord with utmost sincerity and with seriousness in order to make this human life that I have received fruitful in the service of the Lord and his devotees.

I pray to you that I am able to translate your instructions into my behavior with others as that is the reflection of truly following the principles of Bhagavatam. Maharaj, you had instructed me to join Hindustani vocal classes and I recently resumed the classes. I am really grateful to have restarted it and I hope to use my voice to sing devotional songs that glorify the Lord and his devotees. You have always emphasised organizing our lives in a way Krishna is in the center of it. I pray that I can continue my daily reading of Srimad Bhagavatam and chanting sincerely, consistently, and do my duties as a student in a way that I always remain Krishna Conscious.

Thank you for everything Maharaj.

Your humble servant,

Aradhitah



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*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and all glories to your divine grace.

A very happy Appearance Day dear Maharaj!

This remains the most auspicious day in our lives, for your divine grace has appeared today in order to show us the path to transcendence, by treading the path yourselves and guiding us with tons of patience. Krishna has kindly sent you to us as part of His program to reclaim His parts and parcels to His abode. Though we are undeserving in every respect, you have kindly taken us on as your children, **displaying the quality of utmost compassion**. If not for your mercy, we cannot even dream of taking up the path of bhakti and engage in chanting, studying and distributing the knowledge to others in whatever capacity we can, even while struggling with sense control.

Gurudev, if there is one thing we have learnt this past year, it is that we can fall prey to sense gratification, even though we appear to be engaged in devotional service. You have kindly warned us in your lecture titled 'Alertness in Krsna Consciousness' that ***we should never slacken in our commitment to spiritual activities, however trying circumstances can be.*** It was a wakeup call for us to take stock of where we are and make amends so that we do not glide down gradually into a state of complacency thinking that everything is alright. You told us that every day we must dig into our heels and see if we have progressed in any way. After spending some years in the process, we tend to go into an auto pilot mode, not thinking what we are doing or what we are reading. Fortunately, we have a great example in HG Devaki Prabhu who is always alert and who is ever progressing in devotional service. But, it is one to thing to have someone like him as example, it is another thing to actually take inspiration and be like such devotees. That's where, someone like us, tend to become indifferent and just take the easy route of not doing anything to change the situation we are in. Even now as we write this, there is hardly any serious desire to want to change ourselves Guru Maharaj. "*We still have many years*", is the common refrain the mind puts forward very conveniently, though it very well knows that death can come any time without notice. So, we seek your kind blessings Maharaj to somehow or the other be inspired to take this matter seriously. With your blessings, anything is possible - "*panghum langhayate girim*"!

Maharaj, we must say that this year has been particularly "slow" in devotional service. The year just went by without us doing anything in terms of preaching or improving ourselves. Multiple



health challenges plagued us throughout the year, which did not help the situation. If there was one good thing that we realized during this time, it is the importance of loving care towards other devotees. When we were incapacitated due to poor health, our god siblings and other devotees were very very kind to us and took care of us in multiple ways. We are extremely grateful to all the devotees for the help they rendered and prayed for our well-being during the difficult time. That said, we also felt very ashamed to take service from them as they were all our elders/seniors. They showed us by example that age is not an impediment when the heart wants to serve others. Taking inspiration from them, we promised ourselves to extend the care to others when needed. Kindly bless us that we can follow this principle Guru Maharaj.

We have also learned from Srimad Bhagavatam in multiple verses that **servicing others is one of the top most forms of pleasing the Lord**. You have taught us SB 4.31.19 and gave us the acronym **MSC**, indicating the three qualities mentioned in the verse i.e. **m**ercy, **s**atisfaction and **c**ontrol of senses. Similarly, there are other verses like SB 8.7.44; SB 3.25.21 etc. which emphasize on showing mercy to others in whatever way we can.

Guru Maharaj, you are an embodiment of Vaishnava qualities. You displayed many qualities to the highest degree for us to emulate. One such quality we personally found very inspiring is **complete absence of pride** in you. To begin with, your divine grace instructed us that we should not have pride while performing devotional service. You said that **we can ill afford to have pride and Krishna will not accept anyone if they have pride. What should we be proud of anyway**, you said. **All we have is a bag of stool, urine, puss and blood. Why should we be proud of it? We don't control anything in this world. We have to leave all our possessions at the time of death. So, you told us not to be proud.** While you instructed us this way, you displayed utmost pridelessness. This was because you were totally attached to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupad. SB 7.15.23 says-

*ānvīkṣikyā śoka-mohau dambhaṁ mahad-upāsayā
yogāntarāyān maunena himsāṁ kāmādy-anīhayā*

By discussing spiritual knowledge one can conquer lamentation and illusion, by serving a great devotee one can become prideless, by keeping silent one can avoid obstacles on the path of mystic yoga, and simply by stopping sense gratification one can conquer envy.

Because you were serving Srila Prabhupad all the time, 24x7, you were naturally prideless. **We have yet to come across a lecture of yours, where you did not glorify Srila Prabhupad. Somehow or the other you connect everything to the mercy of Srila Prabhupad. More importantly, you made it your mission to study Srila Prabhupad's books very very seriously.** You were probably one of the first devotee in ISKCON to have taken up the instruction of Srila Prabhupada to read his books seriously, so much so that, you were reading them 8 hrs straight after you joined the London Soho street temple! We cannot even imagine sitting for 2-3 hours! Throughout your life you were dedicated to scrutinizingly study Srila Prabhupad's books and pick out things, that no one knew existed, though they may have read the same purports. If there was one person who recognized and valued the painstaking effort



of Srila Prabhupad's writing- especially word-to-word synonyms- it was your divine grace! Naturally, you encouraged everyone whom you came across, to do the same.

Your divine grace also served Srila Prabhupad by building two gorgeous temples and dedicating them to Srila Prabhupad's ISKCON. *You instructed us that it doesn't matter if we are asked to leave the temples and hand them over to ISKCON Management. **Because it was your offering to Srila Prabhupad and you were not attached to them in any bodily sense.***

You had served Srila Prabhupad by taking up sannyasa and preaching his message all the world. You traversed the world multiple times and preached Prabhupad's Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam to everyone. You also served Srila Prabhupad by not leaving ISKCON even when you were not allowed by the authorities to take on disciples. Despite all the difficulties that you faced, you remained steadfast in serving ISKCON, in whatever capacity you can. Krishna and Srila Prabhupad were naturally pleased with you and changed the hearts of GBC to finally allow you to give initiations and accept disciples. Later on, with your powerful, yet simple and loving preaching, you won the hearts of hundreds of devotees and transformed their lives for eternity- our humble selves being one such fortunate souls.

In this way and in many other ways you served Srila Prabhupad unflinchingly and unwaveringly. Because of that and also by nature, you became completely prideless Gurudev. Few other instances where this quality of yours shone brilliantly-

*Recently Devaki Prabhu shared with us what you once told him- "*Just because you are my disciples, doesn't make you better than disciples of other gurus. Other Gurus also have all the potency to bring people to Krsna. Our way, it suits you, that is why you are ours, and I am yours. We have found the right fit. So, we are all together. And, those around the world who you talk about Krishna and you talk in our mood, if they are destined to be with us, they will also be with us. But, don't live in ISKCON after I go, thinking that our way is the royal way. Because if you do that, you will fall into the trap of false pride. Everybody is going after Krsna. And everyone is searching for Krsna. But Krsna is caitya guru and all the devotees, anyone who speaks about Krsna, who tries to connect them to Krsna, Prabhupad will handle the matter. If you can accept that in this world, then, you will mix freely with all the devotees, you will share with them what I have given, and if it suits them, they will take it. If it doesn't suit them, it's ok. Because Krsna is absolute. And He is Supreme variety. There are so many ways to come to Krsna consciousness.*" These few words of yours showed the level of your **mature consciousness and complete pridelessness** Guru Maharaj. You were never proud of being so attached to Bhagavatam, Mangal Arati and so on. You were never proud even though hundreds of souls were attracted to you and extolled your way of devotional service.

* Even though you read Srimad Bhagavatam hundreds of times and knew every inch of it, if a disciple of yours called and shared a verse they came across, you would diligently write down the verse and glorify that devotee for days on end. You were never proud of being the Guru and **never considered the age or qualification of the person who was sharing the verse** with you. Though the very reason why that disciple read the book was because of you, you would completely ignore that fact and simply focussed on glorifying Bhagavatam and attributing the glory to other devotee! It shows your complete lack of pride.



* During a lecture of yours in Sydney (SB 1.19.6) you noticed that a devotee was sleeping. Instead of lambasting him, you reacted entirely oppositely and glorified the devotee like anything for working hard for the mission. We were completely astonished to hear you glorify the devotee! If there was someone like us, we would have asked- "How dare you sleep in my class?" Or, "I have come all the way from India and you have no decency to at least hear me". Or, "Why are you in *tamo guna* early in the morning" and so on. But, you were completely prideless and did not take offence at all. On the contrary, **you recognised the hard labour of the devotee in distributing Srila Prabhupad's books and collecting Lakshmi for the temple, and empathized with him.** We were totally blown away by your complete pridelessness Guru Maharaj!

These are just a few examples that depict your greatness Maharaj! It is our sincere hope and prayer that we can imbibe this quality from your divine grace. Simply by meditating on your wonderful qualities, we will get purified!

Gurudev, on this auspicious day, we pray at your lotus feet that we shed our lethargy in devotional service and become serious in wanting to progress in our service to you. Kindly bless us that we can control our senses and divert them towards activities that please you. Kindly bless us that we can change our behaviour in line with what you have taught us and become effective instruments in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

It is also our sincere prayer that we can come to your physical presence in Rajkot, atleast next year and celebrate this occasion intensely Gurudev.

Please forgive us for not being up to the standard that you want us to be Guru Maharaj!

Your undeserving servants,
Bal Krsna das and Prathah darshini devi dasi



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Hare Krishna Gurudev.

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

Gurudev you are unlimited and your glories are also unlimited and therefore it is very difficult for disciples like us to glorify you. One thing we know for sure, that we are blessed by Krishna and the devotees to be under your shelter. In one granthraj post, Maharaj you had given a class in Panvel, where you have emphasized on the importance of studying and realising the following three verses from Srimad Bhagavatam - 8.2.33, 11.2.49 and 1.5.40. Maharaj you so mercifully stated that if we are unable to study the entire Srimad Bhagavatam, it is enough if we imbibe the instructions in the above three verses at least.

Gajendra, the king of elephants, while offering prayers to the Lord after being caught by the crocodile, says in Srimad Bhagavatam:

*yaḥ kaścaneśo balino 'ntakoragāt
pracaṇḍa-vegād abhidhāvato bhr̥śam
bhītaṁ prapannaṁ paripāti yad-bhayān
mr̥tyuḥ pradhāvaty araṇaṁ tam īmahi*

The Supreme Personality of Godhead is certainly not known to everyone, but He is very powerful and influential. Therefore, although the serpent of eternal time, which is fearful in force, endlessly chases everyone, ready to swallow him, if one who fears this serpent seeks shelter of the Lord, the Lord gives him protection, for even death runs away in fear of the Lord. I therefore surrender unto Him, the great and powerful supreme authority who is the actual shelter of everyone.

You said: The Lord in the form of time personified is running every minute and second. His speed is inconceivable. He doesn't discriminate. So what should we do? Organise Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam classes - so that people who are suffering can mitigate their miseries. There is no other way to mitigate miseries. Medicines will not help. Only Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam will help. So organise these programs. People will say, they don't have time. But everyone have fear of death. The words "*bhītaṁ*" means one who is afraid of death and "*prapannaṁ*" means to be surrendered to the Lord. Those who take shelter of the Lord, have nothing to worry. *mr̥tyuḥ pradhāvaty* - Even death personified runs away in fear of the Lord. **The Lord is "araṇaṁ" - actual shelter of everyone and so we should surrender to Him. Do not worry about defects. All defects become perfect once we surrender unto the Lord. First we should have strong faith in this by serious study of scriptures.**

Maharaj, based on the above verse, we hope to have your mercy to somehow have strong faith in your divine instructions.

By your Divine Grace's, blessings we are taking wonderful association of our godsiblings through online medium everyday to hear, relish and discuss on Srimad Bhagavatam. We are very grateful to them.

SB 11.2.49

*dehendriya-prāṇa-mano-dhiyām yo
janmāpyaya-kṣud-bhaya-tarṣa-kṛcchraiḥ
saṁsāra-dharmair avimuhyamānaḥ
smṛtyā harer bhāgavata-pradhānaḥ*

For the conditioned souls, the human body is most difficult to achieve, and it can be lost at any moment. But I think that even those who have achieved human life rarely gain the association of pure devotees, who are dear to the Lord of Vaikuṅṭha.

Maharaj you have said, that if we have got this human birth now, then we should understand that we have already completed at least 1 full round of the 8 million four hundred thousand species. How tiring it is to even think about going through the whole cycle again? Maharaj you said that if we want to be sincere in devotional service, in our dealings with others and in our sadhana, then it is very important for us to remember this mantra, "**We have to go.**" From the above verse we have to remember our final day and not to be complacent, lazy and careless towards life and devotional service.

SB 1.5.40

*tvam apy adabhra-śruta viśrutam vibhoḥ
samāpyate yena vidām 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.

Even during the final days, you were quoting the above verse, and have taught all of us that except for glorification of Krishna, there is no other way to get out of such miseries - "*saṅkleśa-nirvāṇam uśanti nānyathā.*"

Thank you Gurudev. Even though we do not deserve your grace, but you are so kind, always showing mercy upon us. Our time is nearing, we pray hard at your lotus feet and to all our godsiblings that we may always remember your priceless instructions and try to follow them to the best of our ability.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja ki jai! Srila Gurudeva's Vyasapuja Mahotsav ki jai! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!



Thank you very much for everything Maharaj.
Your servants
Bharatagraj das and Sunayana devi dasi



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To:

Our most revered and beloved spiritual master
His Holiness Divine Srila Mahavishnu Gosvami Gurudev

Please accept our dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev. All glories to Your Holiness! All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaja, on this most significant 102nd year of your blessed appearance, we humbly meditate on your great quality of voluntarily accepting suffering to serve the Lord and the living entities. Your life was premised on the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam, which you taught us and which exemplifies the manner in which you conducted your life: SB 8.7.44

तप्यन्ते लोकतापेन साधवः प्रायशो जनाः ।
परमाराधनं तद्धि पुरुषस्याखिलात्मनः ॥

*tapyante loka-tāpena sād havaḥ prāyaśo janāḥ
paramārādhanaṁ tad dhi puruṣasyākhilātmanaḥ*

tapyante — voluntarily suffer; *loka-tāpena* — because of the suffering of people in general; *sād havaḥ* — saintly persons; *prāyaśaḥ* — almost always; *janāḥ* — such persons; *paramārādhanaṁ* — the topmost method of worshiping; *tad* — that activity; *dhi* — indeed; *puruṣasya* — of the Supreme Person; *akhila-ātmanaḥ* — who is the Supersoul of everyone.

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 worshiping the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is present in everyone's heart.

Purport: Here is an explanation of how those engaged in activities for the welfare of others are very quickly recognized by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The Lord says in *Bhagavad-gītā* (18.68-69), *ya idaṁ paramaṁ guhyaṁ mad-bhakteṣv abhidhāsyati ... na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu kaścīn me priya-kṛttamaḥ*: "**One who preaches the message of *Bhagavad-gītā* to My devotees is most dear to Me. No one can excel him in satisfying Me by worship.**" There are different kinds of welfare activities in this material world, but the supreme welfare activity is the spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Other welfare activities cannot be effective, for the laws of nature and the results of karma cannot be checked. It is by destiny, or the laws of karma, that one must suffer or enjoy. For instance, if one is given a court order, he must accept it, whether it brings suffering or profit. Similarly, everyone is under obligations to karma and its reactions. No one can change this. Therefore, the *śāstra* says: (Bhāg. 1.5.18)

*tasyaiva hetoḥ prayateta kovido
na labhyate yad bhramatām upary adhaḥ*



One should endeavor for that which is never obtained by wandering up and down the universe as a result of the reactions of karma. What is that? One should endeavor to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. If one tries to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world, he should be understood to be performing the best welfare activity. The Lord is automatically very pleased with him. If the Lord is pleased with him, what is left for him to achieve? If one has been recognized by the Lord, even if he does not ask the Lord for anything, the Lord, who is within everyone, supplies him whatever he wants. This is also confirmed in Bhagavad-gītā (teṣāṁ nityābhiyuktānāṁ yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham). Again, as stated here, tapyante loka-tāpena sādharmaḥ prāyaśo janāḥ. The best welfare activity is raising people to the platform of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, since the conditioned souls are suffering only for want of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The Lord Himself also comes to mitigate the suffering of humanity.

yadā yadā hi dharmasya glānir bhavati bhārata
abhyutthānam adharmasya tadātmānaṁ sṛjāmy aham
paritrāṇāya sādḥunām vināśāya ca duṣkṛtām
dharma-saṁsthāpanārthāya sambhavāmi yuge yuge

"Whenever and wherever there is a decline in religious practice, O descendant of Bharata, and a predominant rise of irreligion — at that time I descend Myself. To deliver the pious and to annihilate the miscreants, as well as to reestablish the principles of religion, I Myself appear millennium after millennium." (Bg. 4.7-8) All the śāstras conclude, therefore, that spreading the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is the best welfare activity in the world. Because of the ultimate benefit this bestows upon people in general, the Lord very quickly recognizes such service performed by a devotee.

We saw, heard and experienced, your display of living for others by voluntarily accepting suffering, so that they can come somehow to Krishna consciousness.

1. Your very act of accepting sannyasa order was on this premise. You were living a comfortable life in your grhastha ashram, fully satisfied and always non-envious. Even when you joined the movement and served in the temple from time to time, you were not content to merely advance your spiritual knowledge in Krishna consciousness, but voluntarily decided that you must completely dedicate your time, energy and person to this highest welfare activity.
2. You once told me that, for years, you sat down to relish and scrutinizingly study Srimad Bhagavatam at the Soho Street Temple every day for hours at end. While you relished Srila Prabhupada's gift to mankind in the form of his par excellence presentation of Srimad Bhagavatam, you also said that you realized "...if I have 5 pounds in my pocket but you need 10 pounds, then, even if I want to alleviate your difficulty, I can only give you 5 pounds...". Your study and practice of Srimad Bhagavatam was so that you could share this relish that you experienced practically with the masses, and that is what you did by taking sannyasa and renouncing a comfortable life that you had worked so hard for all those years. Yet you accepted renunciation knowing that your age was advancing, and you will have no family to



rely on or turn to should anything happen. You simply depended on Krishna and Srila Prabhupada just so that you could single-mindedly devote your time and energy in the twilight years of your life to alleviate our suffering.

3. Many times, as the years went by and you took disciples and heard and guided them patiently past all their problems and challenges, you would muse over the fact that it was easier to live as a grhastha than to become a sannyasi! You would laugh heartily and say, "*...I left one ashram with so many challenges and embracing another to take on more challenges!*" Yes, despite all your disciples throwing all their problems, sorrows and woes on you, day after day, year after years, like the great Lord Shiva who consumed the deadly *halahala* poison to save the demigods and demons so that they could continue churning the milk ocean, you swallowed and absorbed all our problems, sorrows, complaints and woes, relieving us of them, by mercifully and kindly removing them from our lives with your soothing instructions from Srimad Bhagavatam, your loving encouragement and your sweet words. You knew fully well how much burden this would be on you, at your advanced age, but you voluntarily accepted this suffering so that we could somehow be more peaceful in Krishna consciousness.
4. When a disciple was in financial difficulty, you personally took out money from your daksina and gladly gave it to him to help him tide over his difficulties. Like a kind father who always looks out for his sons and daughters while enduring suffering on their behalf, you undertook personally the loving care of your disciples and any soul who turned to you for shelter, without consideration of your difficulties and challenges. This is how you worshipped the Supreme Lord and led by example for all of us to follow.
5. One last thing I recall – when I had a serious fall and sustained multiple fractures and was hospitalized, I called you to say I had difficulty completing my chanting of 16 rounds as the pain was excruciating and I was unable to concentrate and chant. I was perplexed and worried I could not fulfill my initiation vows of chanting. You told me not to worry at all and just do whatever rounds of chanting I could manage. Later in the evening when I contacted you again, HG Vaishnavaseva Prabhu picked up your phone and when I asked what you were doing, *he said you were chanting my rounds for me.* He said, "*After you called, Maharaja was very worried for you, and he said that he needed to chant your rounds to help you maintain your vows, and so he went down to the temple and he is now chanting in front of Rukmini Dwarakadhish.*" I was shocked and astounded by the extent to which you voluntarily accepted my suffering on you and eased it by performing my vows that were meant for you! That very day, because of your sterling example, you gave me the strength to chant my rounds, somehow or other.

Thank you Srila Gurudev for teaching us this highest method of worshipping the Lord. Thank you for teaching us to think less of ourselves and more of others. Thank you for gifting us these invaluable treasures of devotional qualities through your life.



Our separation from you is unbearable every day of our lives, but 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 potency 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.

Thank you, Maharaja, for appearing in our lives.
Your servants many, many times removed,
Devakinandan das and Radhika devi dasi



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--Dinavatsala Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

*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*

Please accept my dandavats at your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Holiness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

A very happy Vyasa Puja Maharaj. Maharaj as i am writing this Vyasa Puja, i really feel the most fortunate yet the most insignificant and most unqualified living entity been to have been accepted by Divine Grace's firm shelter.

Maharaj, the more i begin to associate with Maharaj, in terms of obeying your instructions in a way of studying Srila Prabhupada books and by carefully hearing to your classes, the more faith and guidance i begin to receive.

Maharaj in S.B. 1.2.18 in the purport, Srila Prabhupada has written the following:

*The devotee Bhāgavata is a direct representative of Bhagavān, the Personality of Godhead. So by pleasing the devotee Bhāgavata one can receive the benefit of the book Bhāgavata. **Human reason fails to understand how by serving the devotee Bhāgavata or the book Bhāgavata one gets gradual promotion on the path of devotion.** But actually these are facts explained by Śrīla Nārādadeva, who happened to be a maidservant's son in his previous life. The maidservant was engaged in the menial service of the sages, and thus he also came into contact with them. And simply by associating with them and accepting the remnants of foodstuff left by the sages, the son of the maidservant got the chance to become the great devotee and personality Śrīla Nārādadeva. These are the miraculous effects of the association of Bhāgavatas. **And to understand these effects practically, it should be noted that by such sincere association of the Bhāgavatas one is sure to receive transcendental knowledge very easily, with the result that he becomes fixed in the devotional service of the Lord.** The more progress is made in devotional service under the guidance of the Bhāgavatas, the more one becomes fixed in the transcendental loving service of the Lord. **The messages of the book Bhāgavata, therefore, have to be received from the devotee Bhāgavata, and the combination of these two Bhāgavatas, will help the neophyte devotee to make progress on and on.***

It never ceases to amaze me Maharaj how you are helping us, directly by your presence in our lives in your service, and indirectly through our godbrothers and sisters, to constantly see the hand of Krishna always. Maharaj, the instructions and the most sincere God Brothers and Sisters that we have, is the remnants of your food stuff and the association of Maharaj is the

constant hearing and discussion of your classes. Maharaj ***the speciality of your instructions is that they are most practical can be applied in any time, place and circumstances.***

Maharaj your only motivation was to bring us towards Krishna, so that we can be happy and peaceful and never be in any form of difficulty. For me Maharaj, i have seen how being connected with Maharaj has revolutionized our lives. Because Maharaj you are always with Bhagavatam, that purity will always follow, if we are connected to Maharaj in the form of following your instructions.

*yatra yogeśvaraḥ kṛṣṇo yatra pāṛtho dhanur-dharaḥ
tatra śrīr vijayo bhūtīr dhruvā nītīr matīr mama*

Wherever there is Krishna, the master of all mystics, and wherever there is Arjuna, the supreme archer, there will also certainly be opulence, victory, extraordinary power, and morality. That is my opinion.

Maharaj to those who want to feel Maharaj's presence, Maharaj is always in fact more with us now in the form of Maharaj's classes, God siblings and loving guidance in the form of your instructions. Simply by following Maharaj instructions somehow, or even by very simply accepting them in our hearts, Maharaj you have guided us on how we can practise them. We have to simply be sincere and ready to accept them and the path is laid for us to walk on.

Maharaj when we used to call Maharaj in our weekely calls, Maharaj you would ask us how the programs are going. Maharaj we are most happy to say that by your Mercy, even though there is an on-going Pandemic, the attendance of the classes is flourishing, prasadam distribution is going on and kirtans are estatic. H.G. Devakinandan Prabhu has beautifully flown Maharaj victory flag all these years and is constantly guiding us to do the same. We are most grateful to him Maharaj.

Maharaj on this most auspicious day of your appearance, I fervently pray that you allow me to serve my God Brothers and Sisters, to always serve you. Please place me at the dust of your lotus feet, begging for your continued mercy with a heart filled with sincere gratitude to you.

Aspiring to be your servant,
Dinavatsala Krishna das



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--Drutha Hari Krishna das

*om̐ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

**I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the
torch of knowledge**

*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*

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 your
appearance Maharaj. On this most auspicious 102nd year of your blessed appearance, we offer
our respectful obeisances to your lotus feet to our eternal spiritual master. Your transcendental
lectures are keeping us in the safe shelters. This year I have cultivate hearing Lord Sri Ram
Charndra's sampurna ramayan because of you. Maharaj, you have given the wonderful lectures
on "Bhagavatam way – The Key to Rama Rajya" in Dwarka on Srimad Bhagavatam verse on
9.10.53 in January 2013. Each words is like pearl and jewel so precious for the spiritual life and
enrichment. We have the greatest fortune having association of Your Divine Grace lotus feet,
hearing your transcendental messages and lectures from Srimad Bhagavat Gita and Srimad
Bhagavatam of glorification of Lord Krishna.

Gurudev, I humbly beg you Gurudev please keep me under the safe shelter of your lotus feet
so that I do not get influenced maya. Please shower forever grateful for your causeless mercy
upon us, so that we can render service to you and Srila Prabhupada.

Your unworthy servant,

Drutha Hari Krishna das, Durga and Medha Lakshmi

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--Ganga devi dasi & Manjari devi dasi

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Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavats at your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Holiness. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj a very happy Vyasa Puja to you. Maharaj i still rejoice the day on which you had very kindly given my mother and myself shelter at your lotus feet.

Maharaj your kindness and unconditional love for living entities is beyond our understanding. Maharaj you are really an ocean of mercy. Thank you Maharaj for accepting us, even though we have no qualifications and at that point not much seriousness at all. Maharaj just encouraged us not to worry, but carry on chanting.

SB 4.20.31

*tvan-māyayāddhā jana īśa khaṇḍito
yad anyad āśāsta ṛtātmano 'budhaḥ
yathā cared bāla-hitam̐ pitā svayaṁ
tathā tvam evārhasi naḥ samīhitum*

My Lord, due to Your illusory energy, all living beings in this material world have forgotten their real constitutional position, and out of ignorance they are always desirous of material happiness in the form of society, friendship and love. Therefore, please do not ask me to take some material benefits from You, but as a father, not waiting for the son's demand, does everything for the benefit of the son, please bestow upon me whatever You think best for me.

Maharaj you have taught me one thing that i would not forget which is - **simply depend on Krishna and be patient and tolerant.** This one instruction has saved me. Thank you Maharaj for instilling upon us never to ask material benefits and material happiness. The more we take guidance from Maharaj instructions in the form of your classes and association from the God siblings, we can feel the strong presence of Maharaj and naturally we feel blissful in the devotional service. Such is the purity of Maharaj.

Maharaj, by your mercy please allow us to always continue to be with Srila Prabhupada books and to continue to be determined in the devotional service. Our precious time is reducing at every moment and therefore we just would want to spend whichever time we have in devotional service.



Thank you Maharaj for bestowing upon us the most wonderful causeless mercy of devotional service. Please allow us to remain your servant eternally and to always see the hand of Krishna at every juncture of our lives.

Your servants,
Ganga devi dasi & Manjari devi dasi



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--Go-Palak Krsna das

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Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

Srimad Bhagavatam, 5th Canto, Chp 12, Text 12 goes as follows:

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

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.

In the purport to this verse, Srila Prabhupada states that "One cannot attain the perfection of spiritual life simply by following the directions of the Vedas. One has to approach a pure devotee." He further states that, "*a materialistic person sometimes thinks that simply by executing pious activities and remaining at home one can understand the Absolute Truth. That is denied in this verse. Nor can one understand the Absolute Truth simply by observing the rules and regulations of brahmacharya (celibacy). One only has to serve the pure devotee. That will help one understand the Absolute Truth without fail.*"

We have the greatest fortune of being under the shelter, having had the association of Your Divine Grace, hearing from your lotus lips on transcendental messages and lectures from Srimad Bhagavatam, and being able to serve you. I cannot fathom the extent of mercy that is bestowed upon me to have been accepted as your disciple. This verse is very clear: Only by serving you, will we have any chance of understanding the Lord, and going back to the spiritual world.

Our heart is hardened by material conditioning, and we humbly pray to break this hardened heart, and allow us the taste the nectar of the instructions of Srimad Bhagavatam. I always pray at your lotus feet that I am able to always keep connected to these instructions to try and study Bhagavatam. I beg that you would accept my humble attempts of 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 Siva Kumar

To:

His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja

Hare Krishna Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your blessed appearance i would like to say a few things and offer a few services and promises at your lotus feet.

Firstly, thank you for being a huge impact in my life and always guiding me towards progressing in Krishna consciousness. Although I have almost no memory of meeting Your Holiness, I have always felt your presence when I am attending programmes or in the association of god brothers and sisters and this has always been inspiring in guiding me and motivating me to progress in Krishna consciousness.

With this new year coming up and with myself being fired up to do more service, largely due to the wonderful preaching efforts and kind guidance of Madan Mohan Prabhu, I humbly request for your blessings for me to take on more service at the Gauranga Centre and to continue to serve Krishna and hopefully advance in devotional service to please you Maharaja.

I will always be indebted to you Guru Maharaja.

Your humble servant,

Gopal Siva Kumar



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--Govardhan das & Krsnamayi devi dasi

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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*
HDG Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki Jai!!

Dear Gurudev!

On this happy and auspicious occasion of your Vyasapuja, Maharaj, we are gratefully remembering you, your instructions, your qualities, your pastimes, and remembering the impact Maharaj has made in our lives more than ever.

One of the qualities you epitomize, Maharaj, is the mood of being the servant of the servant of the servant and of great humility. You gave all your time and energy in the service of not only your disciples but all living entities. At Abu Dhabi once you stayed up all night even after arriving from the airport at night in order to instruct the devotees, for the benefit of the devotees, even though you could have taken rest. With this pastime you also emphasized to us the value of time. Even at an advanced age and failing health, you always had time for us. You taught us the following verse which you lived by

*kālakṣepo na kartavyo kṣīṇam āyuh kṣaṇe kṣaṇe
yamasya karuṇā nāsti kartavyam hari kīrtanam*

The precious time should not be wasted, because our lifespan is reducing every moment. Yamaraja has no mercy. Hence our duty is to do Hari kirtana.

In every situation your only thought was how to be in service or how to engage others in the service of the Lord. Maharaj, you used to remember us always and inquired about us if you did not hear from us for a while. You used to tell us to call you regularly. We did not have this mood of service towards you Maharaj. But you were always concerned about our well being, both material and spiritual. And you used to follow up with us till the matter was resolved.

However, others were in their dealings with you, you always had a humble approach and treated others with due respect. Maharaj, you showed us how not to counteract and maintain good relations with all. Anyone can love a friend or a well wisher, but it really takes a pure heart to forgive someone who has done injustice to you. This is the quality of a paramhansa. We saw these qualities in you Maharaj.

Because of your compassionate nature every living entity was very comfortable in your presence. You made them feel wanted. Whatever your schedule was, you had the same loving and caring disposition towards them and a welcoming smile. We used to see Maharaj greeting each and every student at the Prahlad school everyday and the children used to feel very special. The children also wanted to share their "tiffin" with Maharaj. One thing you always

gave to others was your unconditional love Maharaj. Your life was a living example of this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 1.4.12,

*śivāya lokasya bhavāya bhūtaye
ya uttama-śloka-parāyaṇā janāḥ
jīvanti nātmārtham asau parāśrayaṁ*

Those who are devoted to the cause of the Personality of Godhead live only for the welfare, development and happiness of others. They do not live for any selfish interest.

Even the labourers who worked for the temple construction can vouch for this.

And Maharaj, you were always very encouraging to us. You always fanned the good in us without ever highlighting our shortcomings, though we were always full of faults. And our behaviour and lives changed even without us realizing. HH Radhanath Maharaj once said, **Paramahansas extract godly qualities from everyone and change their behaviour.** We were reminded of you Maharaj.

Further Maharaj, you always encouraged us to do our best in whatever we did. Even while hearing **Maharaj was very particular that we had a notebook and pen in hand and that we took notes.** We remember in one class after mangalarti, Maharaj, while speaking would ask devotees what Maharaj had spoken and if the devotee could not reply, **Maharaj chastised the devotee saying that the devotee did not hear properly and did not take notes.** Seeing this, other devotees became more careful in hearing and noting down points. While giving class Maharaj was very particular that the speaker covered each and every point from the verse, translation and purport. Maharaj said **there should be no point left unclear to the audience. And we should speak according to the audience without compromising the philosophy, as in Prabhupada's books.**

Maharaj, you perfectly followed Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's principle of *priti pūrṇa vyavahār* and *yukti pūrṇa pracār*. What is our qualification? Our only qualification is your faith in us and unconditional mercy on us. This is the natural heart of a paramhamsa. Once Srila Prabhupada was asked, "Are you a perfect person?" Srila Prabhupada replied, "**No. I am not perfect. But by the causeless mercy of my spiritual master, he is allowing me to offer some little service on his behalf. It is his perfection. It is his mercy. That is my only qualification**"

This is the quality of real saints. Kulashekara Alzhar says the following verse in Perumal Thirumozhi – 5.3

*aham asmy aparadhānām alayo 'kincano 'gatih
tvam evopāyabhuto bhava' iti prārthanā matih*

I am the abode of all sins, utterly helpless and without any other resource. O Lord! You alone must be my means!



Gurudev this is our prayer to you. Please forgive us for our inebrieties and offences and always keep us in your shelter Gurudev!

HDG Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev ki Jai!!

Your servants,

Govardhan das and Krishnamayi devi dasi



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--Krishnacandra das & family

Hare Krishna Dearest Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Guru and 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
namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Happy Appearance Day Maharaj!

Krishna does not agree to award devotional service to merely anyone... **Devotional service can in fact be attained only through the mercy of a pure devotee.** — The Nectar of Devotion, Page 14.

On this auspicious Day, we want to thank you Maharaj for so mercifully giving us shelter at your lotus feet.

*śuśrūṣoḥ śraddadhānasya vāsudeva-kathā-ruciḥ
syān mahat-sevayā viprāḥ puṇya-tīrtha-niṣevanāt*

O twice-born sages, by serving those devotees who are completely freed from all vice, great service is done. By such service, one gains affinity for hearing the messages of Vāsudeva. SB 1.2.16

Maharaj it is through your mercy that we are able to be in contact with Bhagavatam. The daily SB classes headed by Radhika mataji and the Godbrothers classes on Sundays have kept us sane. You have constantly drummed into our heads the importance of burying ourselves in Bhagavatam.

Maharaj you have clearly indicated to us that

1. **Whatever is there in Srimad Bhagavatam, we need; what is not there we don't need.** You have advised us to **keep everything simple and to do our duties in a way where we can read Bhagavatham regularly and chant sincerely to remember Krishna.**
2. Service is not only doing the external service (arathi etc) **the first service is reading.** You have taught us that we can counteract the intelligence of the mind with the knowledge that comes from Srila Prabhupad's books.
3. You have also indicated that **if we are able to sit with Bhagavatham continuously it shows our progress and that if we did the service of reading Srimad Bhagavatham right, all other services will be taken care of.**

*vettha tvam saumya tat sarvam tattvatas tad-anugrahāt
brūyuh snigdhasya śiṣyasya guravo guhyam apy uta*

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

Srila Prabhupada says in the above verse's purport that the **secret of success in spiritual life is in satisfying the spiritual master and thereby getting his sincere blessings.** We remember how this point was explained to us by Devaki Prabhu when he narrated the story of Sudama.

The first thing Sudama and Krishna spoke about when they met was about Sandipani Muni.

Krishna said: We both are prosperous because of our spiritual master's blessings. Sudama is in a very poor state but Krishna is saying that Sudama is prosperous, because he has consciousness of the Lord. From Porbandar to Dwaraka, he only remembered Krishna and not about asking him anything. **This consciousness is protected because of the spiritual master's blessings. And also because of his quality of being gentle and submissive as a disciple.**

Maharaj, you have also indicated that Srimad Bhagavatam is spotless but we are dirty. Hence, it is very difficult for us to understand this glorious text. It is by the mercy of pure devotees like you, that we can understand something.

Maharaj, we continue to pray that we develop this quality of being gentle and submissive and to serve your lotus feet by following your instructions sincerely. Our strength to perform anything in devotional service is derived from you. We pray that you always keep us firmly fixed at your lotus feet.

Your humble servants,
Dwaravathi devi dasi, Vaishnavi devi dasi, Krishnacandra das, Mayuri devi dasi and Divyaradhe.



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--Krsna Kinkara das

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate mahavisnu go-svamin iti namine
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-salākayā cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave
namaḥ*

*mūkam karoti vācālam paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat-krpā tam aham vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-
tāraṇamtrṇād api sunīcena taror api sahiṣṇunā amāninā mānadena kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj, who is very dear Srila Prabhupada and Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at Their lotus feet. I offer my humble obeisances to all assembled Vaishnavas, my god-brothers & sisters in Singapore and around the world!

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

The most joyful, auspicious day in a year for all of us, your disciples and well-wishers have arrived. On this day, please allow us to glorify you, befitting your transcendental disposition. Though we cannot completely comprehend your transcendental position and the vastness of it being celebrated both in the material and the spiritual worlds, let us remember you in the spirit of the unconditional love you bestowed upon us day after day, year after year on earth in our devotional lives.

By your causeless mercy (strictly and without any adulteration), our lives were saved from the clutches of maya. Thus, the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was made factual by your transcendental favor upon us. I feel blessed to take darshan of you today Gurudev. May Their Lordships Sri Sri Radhasyamsundar, Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav, Sri Sri Jaganath, Baladev and Subadramayi, Sri Sri Sita-Ram Lakshman Hanuman Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and Srila Prabhupada be pleased with our puny endeavors to glorify you.

Many times, we mistakenly think that Krsna is beautified by the ornaments or the clothes He wears... on the contrary, the reality is, they are not only beautified but glorified eternally on the account of being adorned on the transcendental body of Krsna and being associated with Krsna. Otherwise, they find no self-worth nor factual existence. Similarly, without being adorned by your transcendental body as some form of ornaments, our miserable lives have little significance, value or purpose.

Krsna wears the Kaustuba jewel around His neck and Gurudev, you wear Krsna close to your heart and hold Him tightly by your mere recitation of Srimad Bhagavatam. The glorification of your name, fame and activities are very pleasing to Krsna, Srila Prabhupada, his followers and us. You can only be found in the midst of Srimad Bhagavatam. **Where there is Bhagavatam, you are present. Unmistakable.** By your kindness, you have made it easy to find you Maharaj.





All we have to do is knock on any of those 18000 doors found in SB and you will open the door. And if we can't open 18000 doors, then you taught us how to find you with just one door. And if we want to serve you and Krsna expertly, you taught us how to even open that one door and go in to serve you with the key of devotional service.

You also mercifully taught us the "secret" formula even – M-R-T-R – S. That is to **M**emorize – **R**ecite – **T**hink – **R**ealize and **S**peak on a verse.

Maharaj, you have stressed that, even if during our whole lifetime, we are not able to master many verses, at least if we can master one verse and whereby we can attain spiritual perfection and save ourselves from the greatest danger in this material world (*padam... padam... yat vipadam*). Wherein every step is steeped in danger. This is the key. The transcendental key to your heart, which can open the world of Krsna to us in your eternal service in Goloka Vrndavan. This is the easiest way.

Maharaj, you said that in order to capture the attention of Krsna within a verse, we have to invest our **thinking, feeling and willingness**, just like Bhisma dev, who was on a bed of arrows, waited for Krsna to arrive deliberately so that he could invest his **full consciousness** at the lotus feet of Krsna and leave his body.

You taught us that we learn how to **live** in this world from the pages of Bhagavad-Gita and we learn how to **leave** this world from the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam.

Maharaj, you also said that in order to attract the **attention of Krsna** within the verses, we have to **lovingly chant** the verses and that Krsna is found in the verse by the syllable "Om" (pranavah, Sarva vedesu).

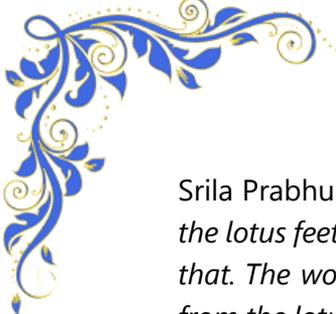
Once you said that; "**many times, we rush through these verses and not catch Krsna. This is our defect**". "**Our throats, must vibrate this sound vibration for our own good. It is not only meant for eating**".

And because you have kindly and most humbly requested us to by way of ... "**please... please take to SB**" countless times, and other times by way of chastisement, we are somehow coming to this point.

So on this glorious day, I wish to please Gurudev and seek your audience and presence by trying to open one door so that all of us are benefited in our devotional service. This verse was handpicked from SB for our study by you Maharaj and thus relished by you. **It's ŚB 3.9.5**

*ye tu tvadīya-caraṇāmbuja-kośa-gandharṁ
jighranti karṇa-vivaraiḥ śruti-vāta-nītam
bhaktyā grhīta-caraṇaḥ parayā ca teṣāṁ
nāpaiṣi nātha hṛdayāmburuhāt sva-puṁsām*

O my Lord, persons who smell the aroma of Your lotus feet, carried by the air of Vedic sound through the holes of the ears, accept Your devotional service. For them You are never separated from the lotus of their hearts.



Srila Prabhupada in his purport says, *For the pure devotee of the Lord, there is nothing beyond the lotus feet of the Lord, and the Lord knows that such devotees do not wish anything more than that. The word tu specifically establishes this fact. The Lord also does not wish to be separated from the lotus hearts of those pure devotees. That is the transcendental relationship between the pure devotees and the Personality of Godhead. Because the Lord does not wish to separate Himself from the hearts of such pure devotees, it is understood that they are specifically dearer than the impersonalists. The relationship of the pure devotees with the Lord develops because of devotional service to the Lord on the **authentic basis of Vedic authority. Such pure devotees are not mundane sentimentalists but are factually realists because their activities are supported by the Vedic authorities who have given aural reception to the facts mentioned in the Vedic literature.***

I remember how Maharaj relished reading again and again Srila Prabhupada's purports. They are your life and soul! Maharaj, you embodied this verse in your life and activities and tried to teach us the way of the Maha Bhagavatas and live out our lives in your footsteps. May this transcendental door to the spiritual world to the lotus feet of Krsna, be kept open for all of us so that we can remain in your eternal devotional service.

Jai His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Gosvami Maharaj Vyasa Puja Mahotsav Ki Jai! Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Ananta koti vaisnava vrnda ki Jai!

Your servant,
Krsna kinkara das,
Singapore



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--Madan Mohan das & Siddhida devi dasi

To: Our most beloved Spiritual Master

nama om̐ 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.

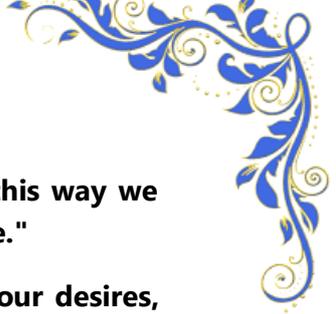
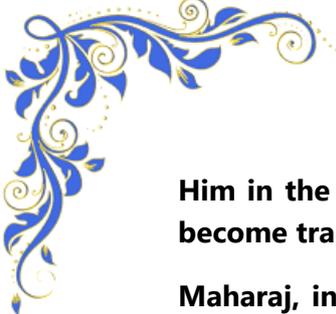
Dear Maharaj, no matter how much time and space comes between us, we feel Your grasp stronger than ever. At times we are fully aware it is You that allows lungs within our lungs, illuminates our heart and allows us an understanding unique and far beyond our qualifications. And on all levels of life it is You that provides for us all that we need to succeed. As with every passing year we feel your presence through your different instructions to us. This year too is no exception with the following instructions of yours guiding us through the uncertainties we currently face:

1. **Everyone's four walls are represented differently. Never shun away or be disturbed in your duties.**
2. Social formalities are to be respected, but Krishna is far beyond the subtle and gross coverings of this material world
3. And Your hammering statement to us – *"I am giving you all these practical answers to navigate your material life, because that is what you are interested in – material life"*

Maharaj, all that we possess is Your mercy, nothing more nothing less. Even when we flop, fail and fall, which we do daily, You continue to carry us, to bear our burden, and sustain our soul. We are slowly coming to understand that without You there is no joy, what to speak of any type of access to the spiritual world. Without You we will forever suffer our fate with the continual cycle beginning in the womb and ending in a tomb. Without You we are lost, blind and all alone. You are our only ever well-wishing friend. You are the Acharya descended here to spread the glories of the most munificent form of the Lord – Srimad Bhagavatam.

Srila Prabhupada writes in a letter dated 24 Nov 1968:

"When we remember always to have **unflinching faith in the spiritual master and the message of Krishna** then automatically we become free from the attacking Maya. In the material concept also, everyone is trying to avoid the onslaughts of Maya but with no success. To the sincere devotee, however, this ocean of maya is easily crossed by the cool breeze of Krishna's grace. **So this is our business, to submit to Krishna's desire to have us back with**



Him in the eternal sky of Krishna Loka. And when we are determined in this way we become transcendental to the so-called hardships of place and circumstance."

Maharaj, in the midst of the ongoing upheavals we simply pray to align our desires, aspirations, and goals to Your Divine Grace's resolution to take us home to Krishna.

Maharaj, Please give us the strength and courage to do our part in properly glorifying You and not forget for a moment that we are nothing without You.

Your aspiring servants,
Madan Mohan das & Siddhida devi dasi



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--Nayanranjani devi dasi

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cakṣur unmlītaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dearest Maharaj,

Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and all glories to your Divine Grace.

A very happy appearance day to you Maharaj! It is going to be 12 years since your departure from this world, and your physical absence is immensely felt. Yet, it is known and accepted by many Godsiblings that despite your physical absence, you have, in some way or the other, continuously been with us, guiding us lovingly and thereby, helping us move forward in our lives.

In a few lectures and conversations, you placed emphasis on the phrase "**anti-material particle**", and when questioned about how one can remain *connected* with you after your physical departure, you highlighted this particular phrase and explained that **as long as one has this material body, connections between individuals will be fraught with impediments such as physical distances, health issues, and technological glitches**. You further explained that **once we get rid of this material body, the connection becomes very smooth, strong and clear because of a lack of such barriers, and also because of the transition to a spiritual platform, which is always obstacle-free and superior compared to anything material**. Thereafter, you would always continue keeping us under your shelter, provided of course, that we follow your instructions and the teachings of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam. Who else but a pure devotee like yourself can keep in his shelter conditioned souls even after physically departing from this world, and provide clear and simple explanations of such complicated, spiritual subject matters. You are truly missed Maharaj, and my only prayer is to always be able to serve you and follow your instructions so that I may constantly be under your shelter too.

Recently, I came across the verse **S.B. 3.15.25**, in the purport of which Srila Prabhupad painstakingly lists the desirable qualities of a devotee, which are twenty-six in number. On this blessed occasion of your Vyasapuja, I would like to make an attempt, however unqualified it may be, to glorify you with three of these qualities.

1. **Very kind:** Everyone who knew you or came across you for even a moment, described you as very kind. You always had a kind and gentle word for all, regardless of who they were (whether construction workers building the Rajkot temple whose welfare you cared about, or the man in the lift at one of the ISKCON temples whom you used to greet everyday when you were there, government officials, or devotees). This shows



that you saw everyone with equal vision, just as a pure devotee does (**B.G. 5.18** - *paṇḍitāḥ sama-darśinaḥ*), and were therefore kind and non-discriminatory towards all. You really were and are the epitome of kindness Maharaj.

2. **Does not quarrel with anyone:** One of the results of being very kind is that one never quarrels. You too, never quarrelled with anybody. Despite being a true transcendentalist and a pure Vaishnava knowing the highest and Absolute Truth, you were always respectful of various people with various beliefs. When invited to give classes at different temples or gatherings of people with other beliefs, you would graciously accept and impart your knowledge and wisdom to all, leaving everyone in awe and reverence of you. You also instructed once that ***if somebody wants to fight, he must be in ignorance, so if he is in ignorance, why should we retaliate and force ourselves to be in ignorance. We should be in the mode of goodness or purified mode of goodness, so enmity and therefore duality cannot survive in Krishna Consciousness.*** You would only see the good in everything and everyone, so how could the question of quarrel even arise?
3. **Accepts Krishna Consciousness as the highest goal of life:** In spite of being exposed to people with contrasting and varying beliefs throughout your life, especially as a preacher, and going through the first 3 stages of varnashrama before taking sannyasa, you always lived a life grounded on Vedic principles, and accepted Krishna Consciousness very easily when you met Srila Prabhupad. You were firmly anchored and fixed in Krishna Consciousness because of your sincerity and seriousness towards Srila Prabhupad and his teachings, and have always given instructions on the basis of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam since you knew and had realised Krishna, the Absolute Truth and goal of life. The emphasis you placed on reading Srimad Bhagavatam, and your realisations from it, are unparalleled. ***You fervently and persistently stressed the urgency of understanding our precarious position in this material world, with death knocking on our doors at any time, therefore constantly reminding us that this world and our relations are merely temporary, much like a travel lounge.*** All this teaches us the concept of detachment, and thereafter attachment only to Krishna. Only a bona fide spiritual master and pure devotee such as yourself, who has accepted and realised Krishna Consciousness as the highest goal of life, would be able to give such instructions and realisations.

Words fall short in glorification of your unparalleled and innumerable qualities, but I do hope that you accept the above and that it brought you a smile. All I can say is that I am extremely grateful to you for having accepted a fallen soul such as myself as your disciple. I will try my best to perform well all the services that come my way by yours and Krishna's mercy. Please bless me that I forever be in the service of the Lord, yourself, and the devotees, and that I follow your instructions cent percent no matter what the circumstances, because I want nothing else other than to be under your shelter always and never lose my connection with you Maharaj.



Your underserving servant,
Nayanranjani devi dasi



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--Neelmadhav Krishna das

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namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

My dear Gurudeva,

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

I am very grateful to you for accepting me, this fallen soul, as your disciple. Ever since I met you at Nasik, you were so kind and compassionate to me, and used to answer my phone calls even though I was not initiated at that time. I was so unfortunate I didn't have close association with your good self. I humbly request you to grant me good health, so that I can do my sadhana very well. I read Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam almost everyday. I pray to you that I can be very regular and study it as per your instructions.

I apologise for my shortcomings and humbly request you to pardon me.

Thank you once again Srila Gurudeva for all that you have provided me. I humbly request your good and kind self to forgive me for any offences I might have committed at your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudeva ki Jai!

Your most fallen servant.

Neelmadhav Krishna das



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--Paramanand Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat Pranams on your Lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

We have not been able to be near your Lotus feet at Rajkot, since 2018. The situation around has always kept on reminding me of your teachings "***I have to leave***". It is not easy to understand your teachings and using those during the demanding time in life, is almost impossible. Especially being far from the perfection in devotional service as well as understanding, I have no option, but to just pray to your lotus feet to give me the strength, to face this difficult situation, and under no circumstances, do I go away from your and Prabhupada's divine teachings.

While reading Bhagavatam, I came across Lord Kapila's teachings to His mother Devahuti, 3.32.40. In this Lord says that *the knowledge of devotional service is not to be instructed to persons who are greedy and too attached to family life, nor to persons who are non-devotees and who are envious of the devotees and the Personality of Godhead*. But as Mahaprabhu has often said that the devotees of the Lord are more kind than the Lord. By your causeless kindness, though not qualified at all, and having a number of defects at various degrees, you have decided to accept us and guide us through this ocean of difficulties.

Further in 3.32.41, the Lord continues saying, "*Instructions should be given to the faithful devotee who is respectful to the spiritual master, nonenvious, friendly to all kinds of living entities, and eager to render service with faith and sincerity*". After reading this, I can see that I have no other option, but just to continue and stay surrendered to your Lotus feet, so I will be able to get a glimpse of a fraction of these qualities mentioned by Lord Kapila.

Maharaj, life has been a struggle for me and you being a pure devotee of the Lord, are fully aware of the same. You have showered your special mercy on us, by not only accepting us under your shelter but guiding us all the time by your eternal teachings which are through your calendars, classes, books, Grantharaj, and association of the Godbrothers.

I have nothing, but just to fall on your lotus feet and keep on begging for your mercy, so that I continue to follow your instructions sincerely and reach up to your expectations. I need the strength to follow your instructions and you can be the only source of it.

While begging you to forgive me for all my offenses, and keeping my head on your Lotus feet, I remain your eternal servant

Paramanand Krishna das.

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--Raghunandan das and Smita

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Dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupad. All glories your Divine Grace.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaj. It's the end of 2021 and it has been almost 12 full years since you have departed this world. We all still miss your physical presence as always and take solace in your lectures and instructions. Your lectures and instructions are the guiding light for all our lives in this material world. I pray to Krishna that by His and your mercy, at the end of this lifetime, I may be at your lotus feet again as you are our eternal father.

Being a father myself, I truly now understand how patient you have been as a father to all of us. This year, I had taught Kavim Krishna the four seed verses to Bhagavad-Gita (10.8/9/10/11). Teaching a 4-year-old boy, tested the boundaries of my patience. I was stern with him at times, begging him at times and even bribing him that I would buy him a toy if he recited at least 2 lines of the verse.

While teaching him the verses, I remembered how you had thought me the four seed verses when the first time I met you in 2000. Maharaj and I had gone for your daily walks in the morning around the carpark near the HDB blocks. You had instructed me to take a stool for you to sit and a copy of the Bhagavad-Gita in my hands. I remember that every 10 to 15 meters of walking around the carpark, you had told me to put the stool down for you to sit and asked me to recite and memorize the 4 verses one by one.

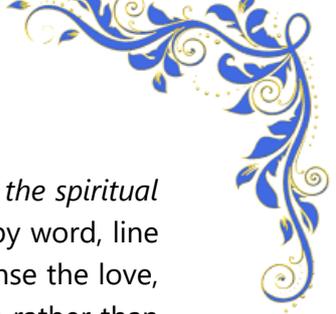
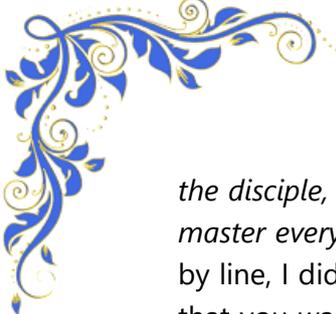
You would read the verse one word by one word and ask me to repeat it. Then you read the first line of the verse and asked me to close the Bhagavad-Gita and repeat it 5 times without looking at the verse. Then moved on to the next line of the verse and again asked me to repeat it 5 times without looking at the verse.

"ahaṁ sarvasya prabhavo, now close the book, repeat 5 times!. mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate, now close the book, repeat 5 times!. ahaṁ sarvasya prabhavo, mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate, now repeat the 1st and 2nd line, 5 times!"

Me being me, very dull headed, I remember how I could not even memorize the first line of the first verse (SB 10.8) and Maharaj so patiently, again and again, repeated the line by line of the same verse with me for the next 45 minutes before moving on to the next verse. Anyone would have become increasingly frustrated at the manner that I could not properly pronounce and memorize the verses. I was afraid that Maharaj would give up on me and even scold me for being utterly useless at this point.

Prabhupad explains in the purport of SB 3.25.30 - *"Knowledge of the Absolute Truth is not very easily understood by ordinary, less intelligent men; but if the spiritual master is kind enough to*





the disciple, however unintelligent the disciple maybe, then by the divine grace of the spiritual master everything is revealed" Maharaj, your patience knows no bounds. Word by word, line by line, I didn't even sense any frustration but just patience and love. I could sense the love, that you wanted me to learn the verses for the benefit of my devotional service rather than anything. That love is exhibited with natural patience and kindness that a father has for his son for the ultimate benefit of the son. I understood this when I was teaching the same verses to Kavim Krishna.

I also remember how you were very patient and tolerant with us when our room was very untidy when you walked past it while we were staying in Devaki Prabhu's house during your visit to Singapore. I remember how you were very tolerant and kind when I had served you cold chapatis and overheated sabjis when I was alone with you in Rajkot. You accepted it without complaining and even told me to take some chapatis for myself but to make them hot before eating. I remember how you never gave up on me when I lost my way for a while when I was studying in Australia and showed patience and special attention in protecting me. Prabhupad explains in the purport of BG 4.34, where he says, "***the spiritual master is by nature very kind toward the disciple***". You are naturally loving, kind and patient not only towards me but all your disciples and your well-wishers.

You directed and showed us the way to be kind and patient towards our family, God-siblings, devotees and even people in general. You always emphasized that our ***Behavior is the most important outcome of our devotional service. Without refining and improving our behaviour, you have many times stressed that there is no use to the thousand verses memorized or the hundreds of services that we are leading and engaged in.***

I have realized that there is no true happiness in this material world and devotional service in this material world is always on a razor's edge. SB 3.15.24, Purport: "*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*" Without your blessings, mercy, kindness, patience and guidance, I would always be in this material world chewing the chewed aimlessly.

BG13.8-12 Purport: "*Because a bona fide spiritual master is a representative of Kṛṣṇa, if he bestows any blessings upon his disciple, that will make the disciple immediately advanced without the disciple's following the regulative principles. Or, the regulative principles will be easier for one who has served the spiritual master without reservation*".

I humbly pray onto your lotus feet that I refine and improve my behaviour according to your instructions and Bhagavatam without any reservations. Kindly bestow your blessings, so that I can advance in my devotional service with the sole goal of only coming back to you at the end of this lifetime, Maharaj.

Thank you very much for your kindness and patience, Maharaj. Hare Krishna
Your disciple and servant always,
Raghnandan das, Smita and Kavim Krishna das

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--Sangeeta devi dasi

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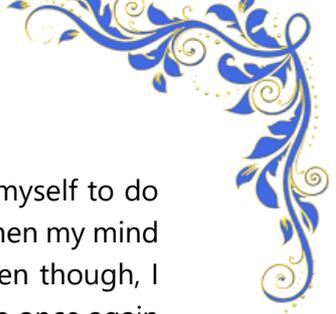
I humbly offer this letter to you as an offering and ask, undeservingly, for your blessings and guidance. Maharaj, I turned 15 this year. Each year, as I grow older, I find my mind rebelling more against my spiritual advancement. As I shifted into a more difficult level of school this year, I found myself using it as an excuse to forgo my devotional service for the day.

Moreover, it was a tricky year as I dealt with the disappointment of my grades and my own emotions through the loss of relationships and a shift in my mindset. Maharaj, fortunately, it is now my holidays and I am trying to increase my devotional service each day. Maharaj, this year, I have attempted to learn tunes on the harmonium by the Lord's mercy and find myself connected to Krishna every time I sit in front of the Deities.

However, I have also picked up the bad habit of procrastinating on my chanting. I try to understand the importance of chanting and I know that it is my appointment with Krishna every day and should be one of my main priorities but I find my mind wondering whenever I pick up my beads or sometimes, getting distracted before I can even pick them up. I feel discouraged every time I finish a round feeling like I could have chanted it better and I cannot help but feel down. I know that these are material feelings that I should avoid but sometimes, my mind is so loud that I cannot help but listen to it.

Maharaj, I kindly ask you to help guide my consciousness so I can step out of this repetitive cycle. I know that it will take both my own endeavour to protect my consciousness and I can only pray that you grant me the mercy and strength to improve. I pray humbly at your lotus feet to help me gain knowledge and a clear mind to pick up my beads and make the connection to my devotional service. I also ask you to guide me in quieting my mind and avoiding unnecessary material sentiments. Maharaj, recently, I have been regularly following and paying attention to the classes given by devotees during the Saturday programs. After a long year of covid and exams, I have taken the opportunity to get back to the Gauranga Centre every week instead of having to study for an exam. However, as I am listening to the lectures, I once again find myself getting distracted. Maharaj, I ask for your help to guide my mind and help me to listen more attentively so I can relish the realisations and learn from the classes.

Maharaj, even as I understand my negligence of my devotional service is the cause of this, I feel upset and discouraged as my grades in school fall. This year, I had a lot of emotions as my grades dropped in a way it had never before. I have been blessed with the ability to get good grades almost my entire life and the disappointment and pressure I feel often consumes me when I do not do well enough. My own expectations that I place on myself often weigh me down. It is my number one duty to study in school and I feel disturbed in my mind when I



cannot fulfil that duty. I find myself unmotivated most days and I cannot bring myself to do better despite knowing that it is my duty to do so. I also know that at moments when my mind is too loud, I should chant my rounds yet I feel unmotivated to do that too. Even though, I have managed to turn my grades around at the end of this year, the fear of failure once again weighs down on me heavily. Even as I go into an exam knowing that all I can do is try my best and leave the rest to Krishna and Maharaj, I always come out regretful as to not trying hard enough and I dwell on the paper longer than I should. Maharaj, next year is an important year in my life as It decides most of my future. I ask for your help to have a clear mind and rely on Krishna in tough situations.

Maharaj, I cannot express to you how much I want to do better in my devotional service, for my own consciousness and also to please my parents. Maharaj, I ask you to guide me as I attempt my journey further into Krishna consciousness. As I look around and see devotees taking initiation and furthering their devotional service, I am inspired to want to be in their spot one day. It is by Krishna and your mercy that I am now engaged in making Garlands for their Lordships Sri Jaganath, Baladev and Subhadra in our Centre. I find myself very peaceful as I string garlands for the Lord and I hope that I continue to be blessed with opportunities like these.

I humbly request your guidance and blessings to strengthen my connection to Krishna. I know how blessed I am to be able to be born into Krishna consciousness and I hope that I am able to take full advantage of the support I have and the association of the devotees in our community. Maharaj, I have spoken from the bottom of my heart with all the emotions that I have been feeling in the past year and I really hope that I am able to pick up on my devotional service and do better. Please give me the intelligence to manage my time wisely, to develop a taste for my chanting and to find a peace of mind to continue and strengthen my connection to Krishna.

Your humble servant always,
Sangeeta devi dasi



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--Sarangandan & Sumithra dasi

Hare Krishna dear Srila Gurudeva,

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

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We are grateful to Gurudeva for giving us an opportunity to write an offering on this auspicious day.

Maharaj, we have not met you in person, but we definitely can feel Maharaj's presence through the devotees here in Singapore. Only with Maharaj's association through God-brothers and God-sisters, we are trying to put Krishna in center of our lives. We will ever be so grateful to Maharaj and Krishna for this.

We are also grateful to Maharaj to allow us to hear on Maharaj's discourses every week for more than a year. We recently heard from Maharaj on the verse 3.25.11. In this lecture, Maharaj is referring to the importance of remaining balanced in our lives

*om pūrṇam adah pūrṇam idam pūrṇāt pūrṇam udacyate
pūrṇasya pūrṇam ādāya pūrṇam evāvaśiṣyate*

The Personality of Godhead is perfect and complete, and because He is completely perfect, all emanations from Him, such as this phenomenal world, are perfectly equipped as complete wholes. Whatever is produced of the Complete Whole is also complete in itself. Because He is the Complete Whole, even though so many complete units emanate from Him, He remains the complete balance.

This verse says that Krishna is completely balanced. We can see from Maharaj's life that Maharaj is also completely balanced. With all the influence of this material nature and the modes, we sincerely seek Maharaj blessings so that we also try to become balanced in our lives.

We are praying to Maharaj on this auspicious day to keep us in the services of Vaishnavas so that we don't deviate from the path of devotional service and surrender.

Your menial servants,

Sarangandan dasan, Sumithra dasi, Sharanya dasi

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--Shakti Dhara Krsna das & Kasthuri

*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*

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.

Gurudev, on this auspicious day, please allow us to share a small realization. There have been many realizations that have come about from this current situation that we are experiencing. For us it has been the dearth of association with all our wonderful god siblings. This was the association that Gurudev has always instructed us to keep and treasure. There are 3 types of people in this world, 1st who reads, understands and avoids the bad situation, next the person who sees others going through the difficulty and avoids it and lastly the person who has been told, sees it in person but needs to experience it personally before realizing the danger. Unfortunately, I am the 3rd type Gurudev. We knew association is key but we ran away when it was there, then when it was taken from us, we crave for it and get the slaps due to the difficulty of keeping the connection through service and your instructions.

It has been very difficult to keep the fire going to maintain the routine without this association. We do sit in or listen to the recordings of the weekly discussions, however nothing gives us the bliss of participating in Kirtan and relishing discussions in person, I attribute this to our dull mind, that we need this constant human contact. But, as per the requirement of the corporate world, change is inevitable and adaptation is a necessary requirement, we need to adapt. We pray that we can change our mindset and not do what is pleasurable to us in devotional service but do what is pleasurable to the Lord and Gurudev.

Gurudev, the other constant lesson that you have always drilled into us, is to see the hand of Krishna in every situation. This is something that we always hold dear to heart. Though we do not see Krishna's hand in anything, I just see yours Gurudev. We cannot fathom why the Lord would ever take any interest in us, we are just like Nala Kuvera and Manigriva, its only because of Your influence on the Lord that we are still here. It is because of Your arrangement that we have a daughter who is constantly demanding us to tell her the Gajendra Story, the Human saving Lakshmana Story, Narashimha Dev Story, always demanding to take the lead in doing Tulasi Arati, Lighting lamps during Karthik. It just constantly reminds me of that time in Rajkot where Gurudev was telling us about why it is most important to get the little ones connected to Krishna. They will cause the adults to change their behavior and that is truly what Purna has done. She is pushing us to read more, so that we can tell her more stories. She is pushing us to lead by example, basically it does seem that You have placed her there, to push us to follow your instructions. Just as you had lead your whole life as an example to follow, you have



created a situation where we need to lead by example, for there is no protection in this world that is greater than that of the connection to the Supreme Lord.

And if we are parents that are worth our salt, we will need to strive to lead by example. 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 Prabupad teachings.

Jai Srila Gurudev! Jai His Holiness Mahavisnu Goswami Gurudev centennial Vyasa-Puja Ki Jai!

Your Children and Grandchild,
Shakti Dara Krishna das, Bhaktin Kasthuri and Purna Kirtana Sanjeevan



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--Svayam Prakash Krsna das & Krsna Rati 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
om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śālākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept our prostrated humble obeisances unto your divine grace's lotus feet. Wish your divine grace a very happy appearance day.

Gurudev, this year too has passed and we were hoping that during this year's Vyasa Puja, we will be able to take physical darshan of your divine grace at Rajkot, but unfortunately Krishna has other plans. We feel that Krishna is increasing the feeling of separation in our hearts, so we become more and more eager to take your darshan. In this connection we are reminded of the beautiful verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 1.6.21 that is very dear to your divine grace:

*हन्तास्मिञ्जन्मनि भवान्मा मां द्रष्टुमिहार्हति ।
अविपक्वकषायाणां दुर्दर्शोऽहं कुयोगिनाम्*

*hantāsmiñ janmani bhavān mā māṁ draṣṭum ihārhati
avipakva-kaṣāyāṇāṁ durdarśo 'haṁ kuyoginām*

O Nārada [the Lord spoke], I regret that during this lifetime you will not be able to see Me anymore. Those who are incomplete in service and who are not completely free from all material taints can hardly see Me.

Because we are not sincere in following your divine grace's instructions, the Lord is ensuring that we become more serious and sincere in our devotional service and at the same time develop more intense feelings of separation from your divine grace. We pray to your divine grace's lotus feet that we may be able to take your divine grace's darshan soon and to also take the wonderful association of our godsiblings in Rajkot dham who are rendering self-less and uninterrupted devotional service and unwaveringly serving your divine grace's instructions under the able leadership of HG Devakinandan prabhuji and HG Vaishnavaseva prabhuji which is a great source of inspiration to us.

Gurudev, this year too by your divine grace's blessings, we got together through online medium on every Sunday to hear, relish and discuss your divine grace lectures in the wonderful association of our godsiblings world-wide. Previously we were getting together physically once a month in Singapore, but now by Krsna's arrangement we are getting together virtually every Sunday. We really look forward to this sanga of devotees in which we can truly relish your divine grace's lectures which are already nectarean by themselves. We are reminded of the beautiful verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25.25:



सतां प्रसङ्गान्मम वीर्यसंविदो
भवन्ति हृत्कर्णरसायनाः कथाः ।
तज्जोषणादाश्वपवर्गवर्त्मनि
श्रद्धा रतिर्भक्तिरनुक्रमिष्यति ॥

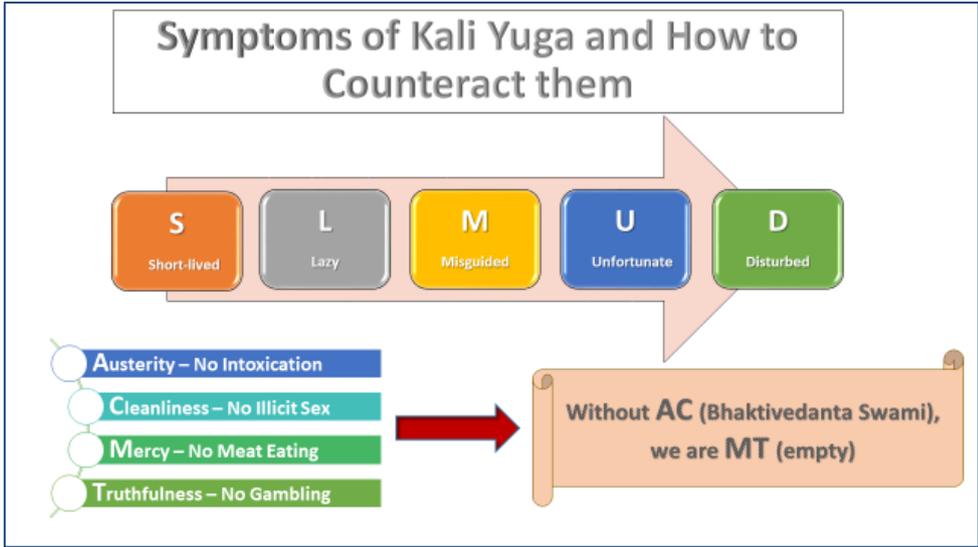
*satām prasaṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ
taj-joṣaṇād āśv apavarga-vartmani
śraddhā ratir bhaktir anukramiṣyati*

In the association of pure devotees, discussion of the pastimes and activities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is very pleasing and satisfying to the ear and the heart. By cultivating such knowledge one gradually becomes advanced on the path of liberation, and thereafter he is freed, and his attraction becomes fixed. Then real devotion and devotional service begin.

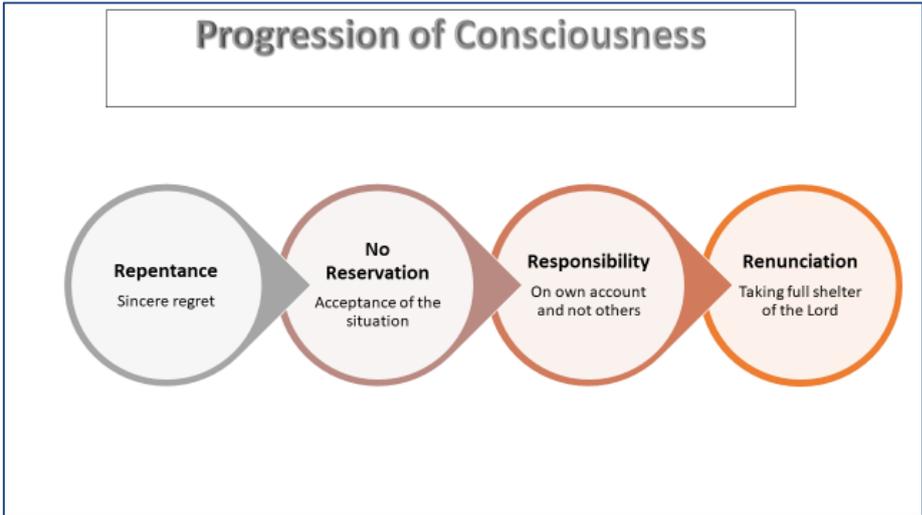
Srila Prabhupada often says that **Krishna katha means topics of Lord Krishna and His pure devotees** as well and truly we experience this everytime we get together, although virtually, to hear your divine grace lectures and discuss the beautiful points spoken by your divine grace. Another factor is that there is no material impediment, for eg, physically getting together, which proves that this joy of hearing and sharing is transcendental as it deals with the vani of a pure devotee like your divine grace. We are grateful to HG Kalacakra prabhu and his team of dedicated devotees who are doing such wonderful service of expanding your divine grace's vani and making it accessible to so many souls.

We were fortunate to hear the series of lectures your divine grace delivered in Sydney in 2003 from Srimad Bhagavatam 1.19.1 to 6. It is indeed a very rare jewel to have Gurudev's lectures on a continuous set of verses and we had the opportunity to relish the nectar from these lectures for weeks together. With your divine grace's permission, we would like to re-collect some salient points that emanated from your divine grace's lotus mouth on which we can eternally meditate upon and practice in our lives.

- As a pre-cursor to these verses, Gurudev had also spoken in another set of lectures from Srimad Bhagavatam 1st canto 16th to 18th chapters in connection with the rule of Maharaj Parikshi leading to the episode where he is cursed by Shringi Brahmana. Gurudev beautifully explained the attributes of kali yuga from SB 1.1.10 and Gurudev gave us the beautiful acronym – SL MUD, S for short-lived, L for lazy, M for misguided, U for unfortunate and D for (always) disturbed. In order to counter these bad qualities, Srimad Bhagavatam insists that one develop the qualities of Austerity (A), Cleanliness (C), Mercy (M) and Truthfulness (T) which Srila Prabhupada gave in terms of the four corresponding regulative principles of No intoxication, No illicit sex, No meat-eating and No gambling. All along we were thinking where these principles are coming from because no other spiritual leader has given this formula and only by Gurudev's mercy this wisdom from Srimad Bhagavatam was revealed to all of us. Gurudev again gave a beautiful way to remember this – **Without AC (Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada), we are MT (empty).**



- The set of verses from SB 1.19.1 to 6 present a nice progression of consciousness as follows. First of all Maharaj Parikshit felt **repentant** for his wrong action of putting the dead snake on Rsi Samika’s neck. Secondly he accepted his situation without any **reservation** and was ready to accept whatever the Lord ordained. Thirdly, he took full **responsibility** for his own actions and was ready to face the punishment (in the form of the curse) and as a responsible devotee he didn’t want any of his reactions, to affect his family members. Finally, Parikshit Maharaj **renounced** his kingdom to take complete shelter of the Lord’s lotus feet.

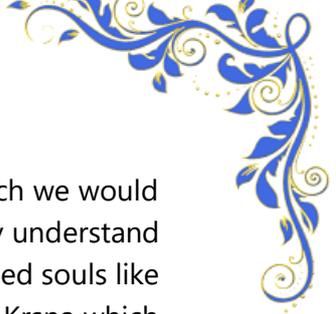


- Gurudev beautifully explained that this is the way to be responsibly detached from our material situation. All other forms of detachment that we may feel or practice are very temporary, like the detachment felt by the helpless child in the womb of his mother (jantu prayers), detachment we feel when we attend the funeral ceremony of some near or dear one (*smashana-vairagya*), even the detachment we feel when hearing Krishna katha. All these are temporary and real practical detachment is when we truly understand that "Nothing is in our control and everything is being done by Krsna. We do our duties to the best of our ability. But the same time we know that the



results are up to Him. So we are not the shirkers, we are very sincere workers. But when the result comes, then fully we depend upon Him. That is how the **detachment** should be created".

- Gurudev wonderfully explained the difference between lamentation and repentance. "Regarding lamentation one thing we should remember that **outward show of lamentation will not help us. But with lamentation on one side that, "I am lamenting that I have done this wrong", the other side, the Krsna consciousness must develop. Otherwise today we lament, tomorrow again we commit the sins. Again we lament, again we (sin), this becomes a business. Please remember this.**"
- Gurudev further explained how our sins catch up without us realizing the effect of the reactions. "Parikshit Maharaj laments that, "I have disobeyed the injunctions of the shastras and I have disrespected the brahmana out of foolishness." And because he has disrespected, he is awaiting some difficulty. But see how the difficulty magnifies. Frankly speaking his crime was not that serious. Because he was thirsty and hungry so while going out he found the dead snake and he took with the stick and garlanded to the rsi's neck. So at the most what would have been the reaction? That somebody may bring hundred snakes and put on his neck. That may be the reaction. **But no, as the time goes by, the reaction of the sins multiply manifold.** And end is the example in front of us, Parikshit Maharaj's example. That just for garlanding the neck of the rsi, he had to die. And this is our case also. **In joking mood, we don't understand these things. But sins are catching us. And that's why the first duty is to give them (to those we are preaching to) some medicine, effective medicine by which their sins must stop. And the medicine is real awakening of the Krsna conscious activities.**"
- Gurudev then went to explain the significance of taking unflinching shelter of Krsna just as how Parikshit Maharaj did. "*mad-āśrayāḥ kathā mṛṣṭāḥ* (SB 3.25.23), *mad-āśrayāḥ*, you must take My shelter. *mad-āśrayāḥ*, and how do you take My shelter? *kathā mṛṣṭāḥ*, My delightful topics must be with you always. *mad-āśrayāḥ kathā mṛṣṭāḥ*, *śṛṇvanti kathayanti ca*, *śṛṇvanti*, those who hear, *kathayanti ca*, those who speak, and if you follow this simple stage, *mad-āśrayāḥ*, take my shelter, hear My pastimes and speak My pastimes so your mind is full with My pastimes. And because your mind is full with My pastimes the result is *tapanti vividhās tāpā*, *tapanti* means get miserable, *vividhās tāpā*, means by threefold miseries, *na*, you don't suffer from the miseries. And the result is *mad-gata-cetasāḥ*, because you are completely, mind is absorbed in Me and that's why these threefold miseries are absent. Please, **clean your minds and don't worry about anything at all. As it is we are not in control. The control is Kṛṣṇa's.** Kṛṣṇa will sort out everything, we should not worry about these things. And as soon as you come to these then *mad-āśrayāḥ kathā mṛṣṭāḥ*, *śṛṇvanti kathayanti ca*, this if we follow it and *vividhās tāpā*, *tapanti na*, then we are not suffering from the threefold miseries or material miseries. No, miseries can't touch you because your mind is completely full with Kṛṣṇa katha."



We are eternally grateful to your divine grace for giving us practical wisdom which we would never have got in spite of reading Srila Prabhupada's books on our own. We truly understand and appreciate how important a bonafide spiritual master is in uplifting conditioned souls like us from the mire of material existence and placing them at the lotus feet of Lord Krsna which is the eternal residence of pure devotees.

Thank you Gurudev for your divine grace's eternal guidance and shower of mercy upon us even though we do not deserve it due to our obstinacy and lack of sincerity in following your divine grace's instructions. We pray hard at your divine grace's lotus feet and to all our godsiblings that we become more serious and sincere since time is running out of our lives as the years go by.

Your divine grace's unworthy servants,
Svayam Prakash Krsna das and Krsnarati devi dasi



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--Vishal

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

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

In the Caitanya Caritamrita it is said

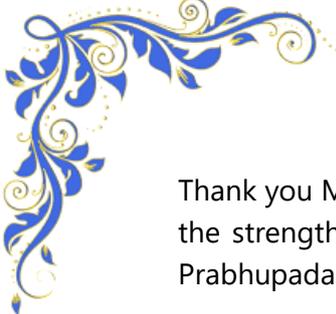
*brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja*

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.

Even though I have not physically met you, by Your and Krishna's causeless mercy, I have been able to come in touch with you and Krishna consciousness through your beloved disciple Devakinandan prabhu.

Srila Prabhupada many times said – Krishna will never cheat you. Probably, he said that because in this world there is such high likelihood of us getting cheated. 8 years back when I was searching for spiritual understanding of life in different paths, schools and teachers, one thing that attracted me to Krishna Consciousness out of many other things, was the genuine real spiritual personality Srila Prabhupada was. How he sacrificed everything for fulfilling his spiritual master's mission and how even at his death bed, his behaviour was not different from what he had preached through out his life. For me that was perhaps the most convincing thing – that Srila Prabhupada was not different at his death bed, nor was he different when he was living alone within the four walls of Radha Damodar Mandir.

Today, what still keeps me alive in Krishna consciousness and gives me enthusiasm despite my innumerable failures, is how you lived your life in the same way as Srila Prabhupada did, executing pure unalloyed devotional service without caring about the formalities of this material world. When you were, in one sense, "a normal devotee" in the Soho street temple, you were completely immersed in your study of Srimad Bhagavatam. You never thought, now I must preach and sit on the Vyasasana. You were perfectly content and simply satisfied in your loving devotional service to Krishna. When you were in Dwarka, whether there was 1 devotee or a few or none, you never budged from uninterrupted reading of Srimad Bhagavatam and you kept glorifying Krishna for His pleasure. And towards the end, when your body was not cooperating, you still pushed on to preach with all the challenges of the body.

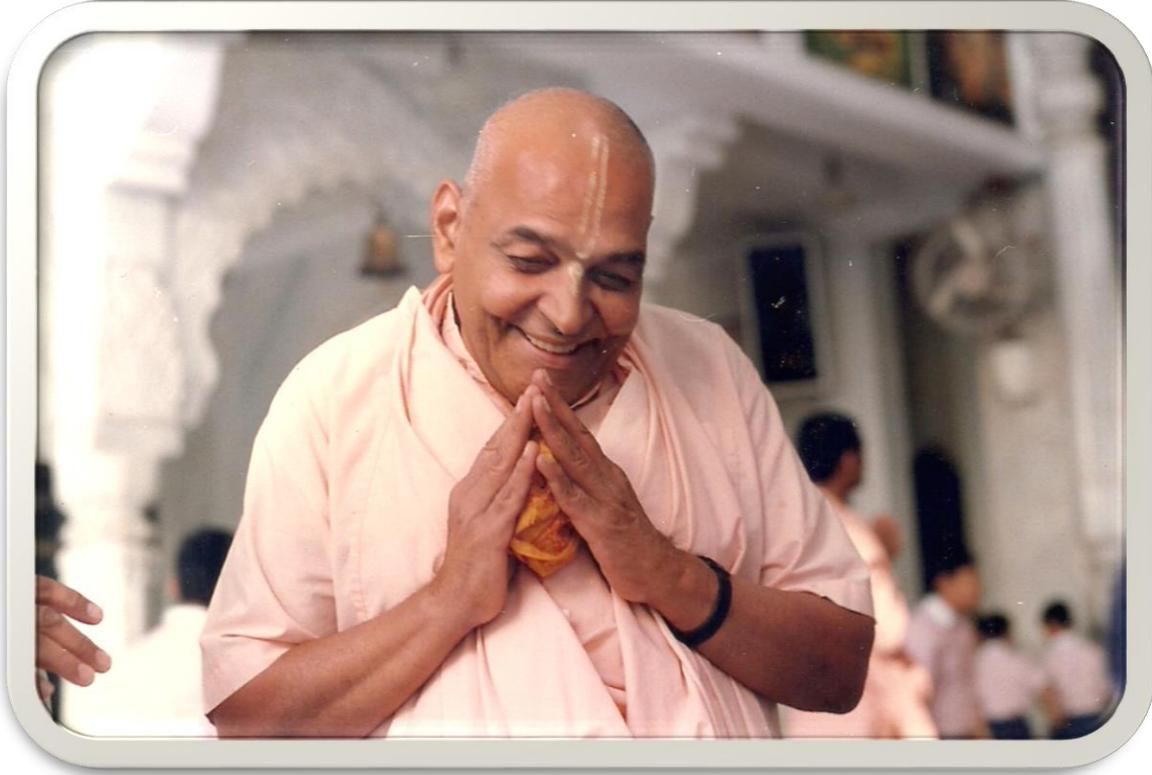


Thank you Maharaj for giving me the fortune of coming into your association. Please give me the strength to improve the fabric of my devotional service and serve you in serving Srila Prabhupada's mission

Your servant,
Vishal



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“Everything is a passing phase. So sometimes, something comes which is favourable to us, that is also passing phase. It is not going to continue”

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--Abhirakanya devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj Ji,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Pooja 2021.

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

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.

Last week we were in Rajkot. There was an amazing crowd in the Sunday programme. After the programme I was sitting in the Samadhi. I observed a lady standing and praying for a long time. Out of curiosity I went to her and asked whether she has met you. She said, she knew you just through the devotees around there. And she said whenever she comes to pray to you her prayers are heard. The following verse is very apt for your divine self. Srimad Bhagavatam 4.9.47 says,

*yasya prasanno bhagavān guṇair maitry-ādibhir hariḥ
tasmai namanti bhūtāni nimnam āpa iva svayam*

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 Prabhupad mentions the following statement in the purport of the above verse. "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."

Maharaj, you are a perfect teacher and all your advice and instructions are always based on Bhagavatam. It is my own foolishness 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 wish I can get those time again. Please forgive me for my unlimited sins and offenses and please grant us your mercy so that we may serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead Shri Krishna eternally.

Your unworthy daughter,
Abhirakanya devi dasi

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--Girivaradhari das

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisance's. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva!

*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*

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
dhyāyan stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ
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.

I don't have any qualifications whatsoever. For my own purification, I wish to offer the following verse on your appearance day from Srimad Bhagavatam SB 7.15.25

*rajas tamaś ca sattvena sattvaṁ copaśamena ca
etat sarvaṁ gurau bhaktyā puruṣo hy aṅjasā 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.

Srila Prabhupad in his transcendental purport says, "Just by treating the root cause of an ailment, one can conquer all bodily pains and sufferings. Similarly, if one is devoted and faithful to the spiritual master, he can conquer the influence of sattva-guṇa, rajo-guṇa and tamo-guṇa very easily."

I had no qualification for being picked up by you. You knew my mind and on several occasions, in Abu Dhabi you caught me from the crowd when my mind was wandering away from your class. I pray at your lotus feet:

Please, Maharaj, please make me your sincere devotee so that I can follow your divine instructions "as it is "

Please bestow upon me your mercy so that I can become humble like straw in the street and more tolerant than the tree, qualities of which you were embodiment.





Please give me the strength never to leave the chanting and for study Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam in the association of devotees and put them into practice

I humbly pray at your lotus feet to please keep me and my family always at your lotus feet. Please bestow your causeless mercy so that we can continue doing devotional service which pleases you and Srila Prabhupada.

Your lost case,
Girivaradhari das



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--Prathap Nair & Uma Prathap

Our Dear Guru Maharaj,

Our humble obeisances at your lotus feet on your Vyasa puja day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

We are ashamed to come before you with this offering, as we are not the least dedicated and have hardly made any progress in our spiritual lives. Considering the fact that we are now retired and have not much obligations materially and also because the end of life is not so far away and is lurking just around the corner, we should be devoting our whole time burying ourselves in the scriptures. Yet there is no taste for studying the scriptures.

Maharaj, without your causeless mercy we can never hope to earn enough spiritual credits to become your disciples in some not so far away lifetime. We are the lowest of the lowest, lower than even Jagai and Madhai and so deserve your very special mercy, because spiritual masters like you are very kind to the needy as is stated in SB 3.7.36:

*anuvratānām śiṣyāṇām putrāṇām ca dvijottama
anāprṣṭam 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.

Please bestow your blessings upon us that we will have ears to hear and 'mati' to assimilate the knowledge that flows from your vani. Recently we came upon this coming verse of Upadesamrta of Srila Rupa Goswami, which reminded us of you:

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

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.

You have made so many disciples around the world because you are a real Goswami, the master of your senses and you engaged yourself in Hrshikesha-sevanam while you were here. You are eternal, your vani is eternal and it continues to inspire millions around the world, making them devotees of Krishna. It is your humble and gentle vani that attracted us to you in the first place and still attracts so many fallen souls to take up Krishna consciousness. We are so very grateful to you, Maharaj, for showing us the immense value of human life and how we have to utilize every moment of our valuable time in this human body to move closer to Krishna.

Srimad Bhagavatam 4.22.16 states:

*vyaktam ātmavatām ātmā bhagavān ātma-bhāvanah
svānām anugrahāyemām siddha-rūpī caraty ajaḥ*

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.

In your advanced age, uncaring for your failing health, you travelled all over the world transforming the hearts of everyone you met. And the chain reaction of your selfless service to the Supreme Lord continues even today, as your disciples are in turn, changing the hearts of many others. We ourselves are here in Krishna consciousness because of the mercy bestowed upon us by your sincere and dedicated disciples to whom we are forever indebted.

However, as said in SB 3.23.57, in spite of having obtained your association through your vani and your disciples, we are still ensnared by the illusory energy of the Lord, and do not seek liberation from the miseries of this world. It could only be because we lack in pious credits in this lifetime. But there is some hope, a silver lining in the cloud, that Srila Prabhupad points out in the purport of SB 3.7.20 where he says that ***even if one has no assets of favorable austerity, if he nevertheless takes shelter of the mahatmas who are engaged in chanting and hearing the glories of the Lord, he is sure to make progress on the path back home, back to Godhead.***

Our dearest Maharaj, please grant us shelter at your lotus feet, that we will have complete attachment for your transcendental vani this lifetime and for all lifetimes to come, which will surely act as the boat to take us across the bhav sagar unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord.

Yours unworthy but aspiring-to-be disciples,
Prathap Nair and Uma Prathap.



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--Radha Damodhar das & Sarva Mangala devi dasi

Hare Krishna Gurudev!,

Please accept our satakoti dandavat pranams on your lotus feet Maharaj. Srila Prabhupada ki Jai! Srila Gurudev ki Jai.

On this very auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Pooja, we would like to offer below few verses from Srimad Bhagvatham to purify ourselves. In Srimad Bhagavatam 3.9.11 Lord Brahmaji says

*tvam bhakti-yoga-paribhāvita-hṛt-saroja
āsse śrutekṣita-patho nanu nātha puṁsām
yad-yad-dhiyā ta urugāya vibhāvayanti
tat-tad-vapuḥ praṇayase sad-anugrahāya*

O my Lord, Your devotees can see You through the ears by the process of bona fide hearing, and thus their hearts become cleansed, and You take Your seat there. You are so merciful to Your devotees that You manifest Yourself in the particular eternal form of transcendence in which they always think of You.

Gurudev you always quoted from Srimad Bhagvatam and reminded us about the round about of this material existence. The human body is like a junction. One may either take the path of liberation or the path leading to the hellish condition and you always reminded us that we should come out from the comfort cushion life, by showing mercy and compassion always upon others and not to ourselves and to follow austerities.

10.63.26 says that -The word *bīja-roha-pravāha* is explained as follows: The conditioned soul accepts a material body, with which he attempts to enjoy the material world. That body is the seed (*bīja*) of future material existence because when a person acts with that body he creates further reactions (*karma*), which grow (*roha*) into the obligation to accept another material body. In other words, material life is a chain of actions and reactions. The simple decision to surrender to the Supreme Lord releases the conditioned soul from this futile repetition of material growth and reaction.

What you sow you get - SB 3.31.1

*sṛī-bhagavān uvāca
karmaṇā daiva-netreṇa jantur dehopapattaye
triyāḥ praviṣṭa udaram puṁso retaḥ-kaṇāśrayaḥ*

The Personality of Godhead said: Under the supervision of the Supreme Lord and according to the result of his work, the living entity, the soul, is made to enter into the womb of a woman through the particle of male semen to assume a particular type of body.

After suffering different kinds of hellish conditions, a man comes again to the human form of body. After suffering there, when he who has had many types of hellish bodies, like those of dogs and hogs, is to come again to the human form, he is given the chance to take his birth in the same type of body from which he degraded himself to hell. Everything is done by the supervision of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Material nature supplies the body, but it does so under the direction of the Supersoul.

SB 10.14.8

*tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo
bhuñjāna evātma-kṛtāṁ vipākam
hṛd-vāg-vapurahir vidadhan namas te
jīveta yo muktī-pade sa dāya-bhāk*

My dear Lord, one who earnestly waits for You to bestow Your causeless mercy upon him, all the while patiently suffering the reactions of his past misdeeds and offering You respectful obeisances with his heart, words and body, is surely eligible for liberation, for it has become his rightful claim

A sincere devotee earnestly desires to go back to the Lord's abode. Therefore, he willingly accepts the Lord's merciful punishment and continues offering respects and obeisances to the Lord with his heart, words and body. Such a bona fide servant of the Lord, considering all hardship a small price to pay for gaining the personal association of the Lord, certainly becomes a legitimate son of God, as indicated here by the words *dāya-bhāk*. Just as one cannot approach the sun without becoming fire, one cannot approach the supreme pure, Lord Kṛṣṇa, without undergoing a rigid purificatory process, which may appear like suffering but which is in fact a curative treatment administered by the personal hand of the Lord.

SB: 5.18.12 Śrī Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja, the author of *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, says that all good qualities become manifest in the body of a Vaiṣṇava and that only by the presence of these good qualities can one distinguish a Vaiṣṇava from a non-Vaiṣṇava. Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja lists the following twenty-six good qualities of a Vaiṣṇava. These are all originally qualities of Kṛṣṇa, and when one becomes a devotee they automatically become manifest. All the below qualities reminds us about you Gurudev.

1) He is very kind to everyone. (2) He does not make anyone his enemy. (3) He is truthful. (4) He is equal to everyone. (5) No one can find any fault in him. (6) He is magnanimous. (7) He is mild. (8) He is always clean. (9) He is without possessions. (10) He everyone's benefit. (11) He is very peaceful. (12) He is always surrendered to Kṛṣṇa. (13) He has no material desires. (14) He is very meek. (15) He is steady. (16) He controls his senses. (17) He does not eat more than required. (18) He is not influenced by the Lord's illusory energy. (19) He offers respect to everyone. (20) He does not desire any respect for himself. (21) He is very grave. (22) He is merciful. (23) He is friendly. (24) He is poetic. (25) He is expert. (26) He is silent.

Below few Instructions from Gurudev's **Pearls of Wisdom** :

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- Except Bhagavatam we should not hear anything else. Otherwise your mind will be diverting here and there. Bhagvatam only is required. Try to understand the verses of Bhagavatam and every verse is Bhagavatam.
 - Just belong to Krishna somehow or the other. Chant intensively, recite, read Prabhupad's literature and he will gradually hold your finger and take you very slowly to Krishna. But only thing we have to do is to go to him, go to Prabhupada. If you don't go what can he do? He says that I am writing but you people are not reading what can I do. So please don't leave Prabhupada.
 - As soon as we see the end of the all the bodies, you are not too much attached. You are only attached to your own body. This is the point. Reality is that unless you come to the point you will never understand Bhagavatam. Bhagavad Gita shows us how to live our life whereas Bhagvatam shows us how to dies. Please don't ignore these scriptures. You may ignore anything and everything but this is our aim of existence to get fully aware of the reality before we vanish.

Gurudev always say we should not get attached to humility rather humility should get attached to us. Humility is the byproduct of sincere devotional service. We should always be in connection with Vaisnavaseva and Vaisnavasanga.

Maharaj you always insisted us to bury ourselves into Srimad Bhagavatam our holy scriptures. Each and every verses need to be hammered again and again in order, we can learn and practice at least few verses in our life and can lead our life in piously and spiritually. Srimad Bhagvatam and Bhagvat Gita is the heart and soul to you and therefore we too need to follow your instruction very seriously and do Vani Seva.

Gurudev, it is very painful to be separated from you for years now, still we are connected with you through the pages of Srimad Bhagvatam, though your Nectarian Instructions, chanting and 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 this material nature.

Gurudev, on this very special occasion we beg your extreme 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 blessings, so that we read and understand Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagvad Gita and apply in our daily life and get our existence purified. Gurudev, please forgive us for all our sins and offences committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai !!!!

Thank you very much.

Your humble and insignificant servants

Radha Damodhar das and Sarva Mangala devi dasi, Nimai & Meenakshi

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--Sadashiv Krsna das

**Sri Sri RadhaNeel 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 Pooja 2021.

Dear beloved Gurumaharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisance.

Maharaj, I have taken shelter of your lotus feet and desire strongly to follow my vows, but due
to weakness of my heart, I am perpetually failing to do so. In 12 years of your shelter, I am just
taking your shelter for granted and not realizing the importance of this shelter which can
protect me from all my fall down.

Maharaj, Knowing that I am not your true disciple and always praying unto you for forgiveness
for the blunders and mistakes which I commit in following your orders and instructions, please
if you so wish, please let me develop a strong desire in my heart to become your true disciple.
In SB 10.80.41, Shri Sandipani muni describes the duty of a true disciple.

*etad eva hi sac-chisyaiḥ kartavyam guru-niṣkṛtam
yad vai viśuddha-bhāvena sarvārthātmārpaṇam gurau*

**This indeed is the duty of all true disciples: to repay the debt to their spiritual master by
offering him, with pure hearts, their wealth and even their very lives.**

With this impure heart, I have no inclination to offer the wealth unto you, what to speak of my
life. Struggling with anarthas in me, my heart can only become pure if I develop a strong desire
to think about serving you always, all time. This will only keep anarthas away. Please Maharaj,
please help me regarding this.

The Hari-bhakti-vilasa lists the following qualifications for a bona fide disciple, who may be
trained and engaged in Deity worship:

- He should be devoted to the lotus feet of the spiritual master.
- He should be fully capable of upholding the vows made to the spiritual master.
- He should be engaged day and night in the Lord's service with body, mind and words.
- He should be desirous of knowing the Absolute Truth.
- He should be spotless in character, truthful, gentle and polite, pleasing in appearance and intelligent.

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- He should show proper respect to elders, to initiated Vaisnavas and to the Lord; he should observe silence concerning material subjects and should have control of his senses.
 - He should have no attraction for committing sinful activities.

The bona fide disciple should not possess the following characteristics:

- He should not be lazy, dirty, sickly, continually afflicted or lamenting, angry, proud, lusty or coveting material desires.
- He should not show the enjoying mood; he should not indulge in sinful activities such as taking meat, intoxication, gambling or illicit sex; he should not earn a living by unjust means.
- He should not use vulgar or coarse language, should not be critical of others, and should not be miserly, malicious, devious or envious; he should not give pain to others or be addicted to cruel activities.
- He should not be ignorant, nor should he be proud of material learning; he should not indulge in non-Vaisnava philosophies; he should not be addicted to over-eating.

Reading all above, I am not at all qualified to become your disciple, although you have accepted me. Please give me strength that I do not get attracted to this repeated sense gratification and stick to service unto your lotus feet. Please Maharaj, this wretched being has developed no qualities to attract your mercy, only committing more and more blunders unto your lotus feet and offending your shelter. Please pick me up Maharaj from all the filth created by me alone and place me as one of the atoms at your lotus feet Maharaj. Although I am not qualified and eligible, but You are merciful. Please Maharaj, please, please pick me up.

Your ungrateful Servant,
Sadashiv Krishna das.

***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



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--Sajjanapriya Krishna das

Our most beloved and respected Maharaj,
Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. On the occasion of
your Vyasa pooja celebrations, please accept the following offering of your son.

It is nearly 11 years since you gloriously left this planet to the eternal abode of the Lord and
be engaged in the service of Srila Prabhupada. As years go by, my remembrance of you is
depleting due to my own fault.

Maharaj you came in life without asking from me. You entered in my lives and completely
orchestrated my whole life. But I am being indisciplined and indolent disciple and not able to
accept the way you are orchestrating my life. This is due to my bodily consciousness of life. It
is nicely mentioned in srimad Bhagavatham 1.19.36

*anyathā te 'vyakta-gateḥ darśanam naḥ katham nr̥ṇām
nitarām mriyamāṇānām saṁsiddhasya vanīyasaḥ*

anyathā — otherwise; *te* — your; *avyakta-gateḥ* — of one whose movements are invisible;
darśanam — meeting; *naḥ* — for us; *katham* — how; *nr̥ṇām* — of the people; *nitarām* —
specifically; *mriyamāṇānām* — of those who are about to die; *saṁsiddhasya* — 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 have appeared voluntarily in my life and you spoke with such gravity that I should
take up Krishna consciousness immediately and should not delay. When I went to Abudhabi, I
had no intention to become spiritual at all, but you came as causeless mercy of the Lord. I have
done so much sins that I don't deserve to have darshan of Your Divine Grace but you
voluntarily appeared and it is due to your causeless mercy on this errand soul suffering in this
life.

Srila Prabhupada in the purport states that, "*the Spiritual master is the manifested
representative of the Personality of Godhead.*" I should understand this statement and should
not be neglectful. But I have taken your Holiness for granted and had comitted so many
offenses. Eventhough, I don't deserve to be a disciple, you have accepted me as one. I am
offering this verse on glorification of your transcendental qualities. You are the embodiment
of this beautiful verse of Srimad Bhagavad Gita 18.57

*cetasā sarva-karmāṇi mayi sannyasya mat-parah
buddhi-yogam upāśritya mac-cittaḥ satatam bhava*



cetasā — by intelligence; *sarva-karmāṇi* — all kinds of activities; *mayi* — unto Me; *sannyasya* — giving up; *mat-parah* — under My protection; *buddhi-yogam* — devotional activities; *upāśritya* — taking shelter of; *mat-cittaḥ* — in consciousness of Me; *satatam* — twenty-four hours a day; *bhava* — just become.

In all activities just depend upon Me and work always under My protection. In such devotional service, be fully conscious of Me.

cetasā sarva-karmāṇi – In all activities depend on Krishna: Maharaj I remember that a dhoti was given to you by your father and your mother directed you to offer it to the Lord and wear it. You realised the principle and lived the whole life on this principle. The manifestation of Dwaraka temple is the real example. With no source of funding, you embarked on this project with complete dependence on Sri Sri Dwarakadish. You were reading Srimad Bhagavatham on a vacant land and completely depending on Krishna and the land was given free and the temple came up in a majestic manner.

mayi sannyasya – Giving up everything for the Lord: When you were hospitalised for stroke in London, you were ready to give up sannyasa itself, as you felt that without travelling and preaching, sannyasa is not right. But Krishna responded that all your limbs became very active and you were almost normal to travel again and because of that renunciation and dependence on the Lord, we were fortunate to come under your shelter or otherwise we would have become unfortunate souls.

mat-parah – Always under Krishna's protection: While constructing the temple in Dwaraka, you were threatened by local people for building ISKCON temple in Dwaraka, especially very near the old temple of Sri Sri Dwarakadish temple. But since you were completely protected, nobody could dare to touch you. Due to the protection of Krishna, their attitude and dealings completely changed and they became part of the temple opening and in fact the local pandits did the traditional fire yajna and became very favourable to Iskcon..

buddhi-yogam upāśritya - working under the shelter of the Lord: Maharaj you are always under the shelter of Krishna and never accepted any glorification for your selves at any time. When we offer the puja to your Divine grace, you used to offer it back to the Lord. Your transcendental intelligence was never accepting those glorifications or aarati. You renounced all the glorification from the core of your heart by surrendering to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupad.

mac-cittaḥ satatam bhava – always remembering the Lord: Therefore, since you are always dependent, protected and sheltered under the Lord, you are automatically conscious of the Lord in every transaction of your life. You were always remembering the lord. While taking the bath we try to enjoy sense gratification in the mind, while you were reciting Srimad Bhagavad gita and always remembering the Lord.

Krishna is and was orchestrating your whole life which is fully sublime and no obstacles could affect your consciousness. Even during your stroke, you were completely depending upon Krishna and not on medicines. Your unflinching faith and remembrance was sufficient enough

to come out of the sickness without an iota of effect on your body. You preached more vigorously and gave shelter for all of us in Abudhabi. This is your causeless mercy on us.

Maharaj to be frank with you, I am still confused about my spiritual and material duties and because of my offences and past deeds, I am undergoing unendurable miseries of material existence.

I submit this bhajan by Bhakti vinod thakura at your lotus feet. Please pick me up, if you feel that I am atleast qualified to become a disciple, please accept me at your lotus feet as I have no other shelter.

*āmāre tārīte, kāhāro śakati,
avanī-bhitore nāhi
doyāla ṭhākura! ghoṣanā tomāra,
adhama pāmāre trāhi*

No one else has the power to deliver me. O merciful Lord, by Your declaration, kindly deliver this vile and lowly sinner.

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

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.

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

Your disobedient son
Sajjanapriya Krishna das
Abu Dhabi.

***Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama
Hare Hare***

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay



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--Stithapragya Krishna das & Vasundhara devi dasi

His Holiness Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai!

Hare Krishna Maharaji,

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

On this auspicious day of Vyas pooja December 2021. We would like to offer following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (SB 4.8.22)

तमेव वत्साश्रय भृत्यवत्सलं
मुमुक्षुभिर्मृग्यपदाब्जपद्धतिम् ।
अनन्यभावे निजधर्मभाविते
मनस्यवस्थाप्य भजस्व पूरुषम् ॥

*tam eva vatsāśraya bhṛtya-vatsalaṁ
mumuṣubhir mṛgya-padābja-paddhatim
ananya-bhāve nija-dharma-bhāvite
manasy avasthāpya bhajasva pūruṣam*

tam - Him; **eva** - also; **vatsa** - my dear boy; **āśraya** - take shelter; **bhṛtya-vatsalam** - of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is very kind to His devotees; **mumuṣubhiḥ** - also by persons desiring liberation; **mṛgya** - to be sought; **pada-abja** - lotus feet; **paddhatim** - system; **ananya-bhāve** - in an unflinching situation; **nija-dharma-bhāvite** - being situated in one's original constitutional position; **manasi** - unto the mind; **avasthāpya** - placing; **bhajasva** - go on executing devotional service; **pūruṣam** - the Supreme Person.

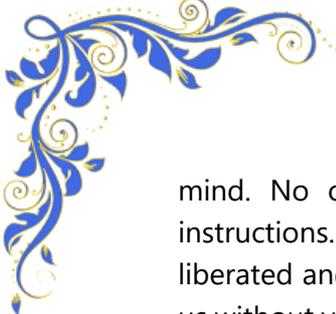
My dear boy, you also should take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is very kind to His devotees. Persons seeking liberation from the cycle of birth and death always take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord in devotional service. Becoming purified by executing your allotted occupation, just situate the Supreme Personality of Godhead in your heart, and without deviating for a moment, engage always in His service.

O my Maharaj, O my Gurudeva its has been more than a decade presently when you have left to Goloka Vrindavan dhama, still we feel you are physically present with us all. We feel you are more with us now and are closely seeing and monitoring us.

Whenever we read Srimad Bhagavatam whenever we listen such instructive verse. We directly connect to you. We feel you are reading this verse as you are physically present and our brain simulates your voice and we feel personally touched. We feel you are reading and speaking and we are listening to the verse and translation in Srimad Bhagavatam class.

You are so kind and you always instruct us to take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Your words "**Please Please Please Please**" **go to Krishna** echoes in my ears and





mind. No other person other than a pure devotee can give such important/valuable instructions. You always focused on devotional service and always told us you should get liberated and cut off this entanglement of cycle of birth and death. And it is not possible for us without you as a Spiritual Master. As you are a purified soul. We still ponder and remember your words clearly expressing, "**just do seva for Krishna and get occupied in Krishna's seva. Purify your existence and try to situate the Supreme Personality of God in your heart and life.**"

As you were so focussed on devotional service and you did not deviate for a moment and were constantly engaged in Sri Krishna's service. As an eternal spiritual father/spiritual master you have ensured that our future generations will easily and constantly get engaged in Sri Sri Radha Neel Madhav dham seva. As the temple has come out based on your devotional service and love towards Krishna. Your aim to engage thousands of people in service of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna has been fulfilled and we also seek your mercy that we get engaged in more and more seva.

Maharaj its only you and Sri Krishna from whom we can demand stable devotional service without deviating for a moment and always engage in Lords service. We would like to express our humble gratitude and sincere thankfulness to you Maharaj for coming in our life as a spiritual master and bless us with devotional life and Krishna.

Last but not the least Kishore Chandra Krishna Das in now 14 years old and is playing kirtans on harmonium and he can nicely play kirtan tunes, even he writes tunes and give its to Vrindavan Chandra for playing and learning. Vrindavan Chandra is now 8 years old and is always enthusiastic to do aarti. They both have their separate conches to play before and after during Sandhya aarti. Kishore Chandra Das plays conch nonstop for almost 15 to 18 Seconds while Vrindavan Chandra wants to compete.

Vrindavan Chandra also has started playing key board and his first song this year was Jay Radha Madhava on the instrument. He even closes his eyes and plays it.

Truly missing you Maharaj we cannot express in words or in any form. Me and Vasundhara (Vasudha) simply miss you a lot Gurudev. Both kids also are always curious to see and meet you. However, I can't explain them when they can meet you physically. Since its very difficult for us to explain them.

Hare Krishna to you. Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday to you□

Yours humble servant forever.

Stithapragya Krishna Das, Vasundhara devi dasi, Kishore Chandra and Vrindavan Chandra



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--Svayam Sphuraty Krishna das & Radha Charan devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Hare Krishna. On the occasion of your auspicious appearance day, please accept our sata koti humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

At the outset, Maharaja we would like to express our gratitude to His Grace Devaki Nandan Prabhu, Kalacakra Prabhu and Sajjan Priya Prabhu for pushing lazy souls like us to write something in your glorifications. We are fortunate to have such god brothers among us.

Maharaja on this auspicious occasion and in your glorification, I would like to recite the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam (11.14.27) wherein Lord Krishna instructs Sri Uddhava -

*viṣayān dhyāyataś cittaṁ, viṣayeṣu viṣajjate
mām anusmarataś cittaṁ, mayy eva pravilīyate*

viṣayān — objects of sense gratification; *dhyāyataḥ* — of one who is meditating on; *cittaṁ* — the consciousness; *viṣayeṣu* — in the objects of gratification; *viṣajjate* — becomes attached; *mām* — Me; *anusmarataḥ* — of one remembering constantly; *cittaṁ* — the consciousness; *mayi* — in Me; *eva* — certainly; *pravilīyate* — is absorbed.

The mind of one meditating upon the objects of sense gratification is certainly entangled in such objects, but if one constantly remembers Me, then the mind is absorbed in Me.

In this verse, the first line describes position of conditioned souls like us, and second line describes position of a liberated soul like Yourself. Consequences of contemplating (repeatedly thinking for a long time) *i. e.* *dhyāyataś* on sense objects (*viṣayān*) is that we start liking them and our mind becomes attached to them (*cittaṁ viṣayeṣu viṣajjate*). The consequence of becoming attached to sense objects is beautifully described by Shankaracharyaji in the following verse –

*sabdādibhiḥ pancabhireva panca, pancatvamapuh svagunena baddhah
kuranga-matanga-patanga-mina, bhrnga narah pancabhirancitah kim*

This verse mentions how below mentioned five different kinds of living entities meet death due to the attachment to only one of the five senses -

1. **Kuranga (deer)** - meets his death because it cannot control the urges of ears, which always hanker to hear pleasing material sound (*sabda*). It runs towards the sweet sounds made by a hunter and gets killed by him.
2. **Matanga (elephant)** - meets his death because it cannot control the urges of skin, which always hanker to touch something very soft (*sparsha*). As he starts walking towards she elephant, he falls into a trap which has been set up by the hunter.

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3. **Patanga (the moth)** - meets his death because it cannot control the urges of eyes, which always hanker to see beautiful material forms (rupa). It gets attracted by the sight of fire, and unknowingly gets burned into ashes while rushing into it.
 4. **Mina (the fish)** - meets his death because it cannot control the urges of tongue, which always hanker to taste (rasa) material food. The fish, being hungry for the bait, eagerly jumps up to bite into it, and gets caught in the net.
 5. **Bhringa (the bee)** - meets his death because it cannot control the urges of nose, which always hanker to smell fragrance (gandha) of material objects. It gets intoxicated by the fragrance of the lotus flowers and gets trapped into it.

The last part of the verse explains pitiable condition of a conditioned human being. Deer, elephant, moth, fish and bees are attached predominantly to only one sense i. e. the sense of sound, form, taste, smell, touch respectively, and end up losing their lives. But a human being is attached to and entangled by [not one but] all the five senses. If attachment to just one sense causes these entities to lose their lives, then what to speak of a human being who is attached to all the five senses.

Maharaja, the second line of the verse i.e. *mām anusmarataś cittam, mayy eva pravilyate* describes position of eternally liberated soul like You. An ordinary living entity remembers (*dhyāyataś*) sense objects and gets absorbed in (consumed by) sense objects. However, a pure devotee, like yourself constantly remembers Krishna (*anusmarataś cittam*) and gets absorbed (*pravilyate*) in Krishna.

As mentioned in the purport of this verse, *anusmarataḥ*, or constant remembrance, is possible for one who always chants and hears the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Due to the causeless mercy of Krishna, we were fortunate to get some opportunities to serve you. While attempting to serve you, we noted how you utilised each and every second of existence in hearing and chanting the glories of Krishna. In 1995, when you blessed our house first time with your visit, we distinctly remember how you would relish hearing Srimad Bhagavatam even while honouring prasadam. We remember how you would start chanting *Krishna, Krishna, Krishna ...* even when you had to walk a few steps from your room to the temple room. We also remember how you would make everyone memorise a verse with translation while travelling from Abu Dhabi to Dubai for preaching programs.

One of your innumerable transcendental qualities is your expert and practical understanding of Srimad Bhagavatam. This is due to your another transcendental quality of hearing about Krishna with '*rapt attention*'. Maharaja, you are the personification of the below text from the purport given by Srila Prabhupada in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.3.44 '*...The secret of knowing Bhagavatam is mentioned here. No one can give rapt attention who is not pure in mind. No one can be pure in mind who is not pure in action. No one can be pure in action who is not pure in eating, sleeping, fearing and mating. But somehow or other if someone hears with rapt attention from the right person, at the very beginning one can assuredly see Lord Sri Krishna in person in the pages of Bhagavatam.*'



We pray unto Your lotus feet to give us your mercy so that we can make some sincere attempts to stop contemplating on sense enjoyment and make more endeavour to hear and chant Krishna's name and glories with attention.

We are grateful to you Maharaja for giving us shelter unto your lotus feet and taking care of us more than we deserve.

Finally, we would like to quote an extract from Srila Prabhupada's offering to Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur, on the occasion of his Vyasa Puja. *"Personally, I have no hope for any direct service for the coming crores of births of the sojourn of my life, but I am confident that some day or other I shall be delivered from this mire of delusion in which I am at present so deeply sunk. Therefore, let me with all my earnestness pray at the lotus feet of my divine spiritual master to allow me to suffer the lot for which I am destined due to my past misdoings, but to let me have this power of recollection: that I am nothing but a tiny servant of the Almighty Godhead, realized through the unflinching mercy of my divine master. Let me therefore bow down at his lotus feet with all the humility at my command."* -

Thank you very much Maharaja.

Your humble servants,

Svayam Sphuraty Krishna das and Radha Charan devi dasi



***Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
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--Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Hare Krishna our dear and respected Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of Maharaj's Vyasa puja 2021. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev!

On this most auspicious occasion, please accept the following verse as my heartfelt prayer at your lotus feet.

ŚB 11.29.40

नमोऽस्तु ते महायोगिन् प्रपन्नमनुशाधि माम् ।
यथा त्वच्चरणाम्भोजे रतिः स्यादनपायिनी ॥

*namo 'stu te mahā-yogin prapannam anuśādhi mām
yathā tvac-caraṇāmbhoje ratiḥ syād anapāyini*

Obeisances unto You, O greatest of yogīs. Please instruct me, who am surrendered unto You, how I may have undeviating attachment to Your lotus feet.

Maharaj, years are rolling like the chariot wheels. We are all suffering from the absence of your physical presence. But just as a mother takes care of her small child who is sleeping and shivering in cold, by covering the child very lovingly with a blanket, even though the child does not have the capacity to comprehend or understand that this security and warmth is being given by the mother, but just feels comforted, Maharaj, you are comforting, pacifying, protecting all of us in various ways out of your causeless mercy and compassion upon all of us.

I ever remain obliged to all our God brothers and sisters who are putting in so many efforts to bring to us all your instructions and loving words every day without fail. As we are advancing in age and gradually losing our physical and mental strength, your words are proving to be more and more true in our lives. You have always shown us with your personal example that absorption in Krishna katha and Krishna's services is the only way for happiness and peace in this world. It is only my immaturity and resistance to your teachings that makes me guilty and miserable.

Our only solace is remembering the moments we spent with you which you so mercifully allowed. You used to sit in the midst of all of us and talk to us with an extremely gentle mood out of genuine concern for all of us. You made us all feel at ease. You created an informal atmosphere knowing all our immaturity, that many times we became too familiar, but you were ever forgiving and ever accessible and ever loving.

The more I think about it, the more I become amazed as to what good fortune I, who am so unqualified and completely filled with so many ineptitudes, had done to deserve even a bit of the causeless mercy you showered upon me. I was reading in Srimad Ramayana how much

affection was showered by Lord Sri Ramachandra on the monkeys. Srimad Bhagavatam describes this very beautifully in 11.29.4

किं चित्रमच्युत तवैतदशेषबन्धोदासेष्वनन्यशरणेषु यदात्मसात्त्वम् ।
योऽरोचयत् सह मृगैः स्वयमीश्वराणांश्रीमत्किरीटतटपीडितपादपीठः ॥

*kiṁ citram acyuta tavaitad aśeṣa-bandho
dāseṣv ananya-śaraṇesu yad ātma-sāttvam
yo 'rocayat saha mṛgaiḥ svayam īśvarāṇāṁ
śrīmat-kirīṭa-taṭa-pīḍita-pāda-pīṭhaḥ*

My dear infallible Lord, it is not very astonishing that You intimately approach Your servants who have taken exclusive shelter of You. After all, during Your appearance as Lord Rāmacandra, even while great demigods like Brahmā were vying to place the effulgent tips of their helmets upon the cushion where Your lotus feet rested, You displayed special affection for monkeys such as Hanumān because they had taken exclusive shelter of You.

Herein we see that the monkeys had taken exclusive shelter of the Lord whereas I am so foolish and full of contaminations and rebellious and egoistic that I did not seek your exclusive shelter. Even then you are showering all your mercy on a hypocrite like me. What words can describe your glories who keeps on showering mercy and tolerating persons like me? I remember a verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 8.23.7 which was referred by HG Kalacakra prabhujī in one of his classes.

ŚB 8.23.7

यत्पादपद्ममकरन्दनिषेवणेन
ब्रह्मादयः शरणदाश्रुवते विभूतीः ।
कस्माद् वयं कुसृतयः खलयोनयस्ते
दाक्षिण्यदृष्टिपदवीं भवतः प्रणीताः ॥

*yat-pāda-padma-makaranda-niṣevanena
brahmādayaḥśaraṇadāśnuvate vibhūtīḥ
kasmād vyaṁ kusṛtayaḥ khala-yonayas te
dākṣiṇya-drṣṭi-padavīm bhavataḥ praṇītāḥ*

O supreme shelter of everyone, great personalities like Brahmā enjoy their perfection simply by tasting the honey of rendering service at Your lotus feet. But as for us, who are all rogues and debauchees born of an envious family of demons, how have we received Your mercy? It has been possible only because Your mercy is causeless.

Devahuti mata speaks out of great genuine humility in Srimad Bhagavatam

ŚB 3.23.57

साहं भगवतो नूनं वञ्चिता मायया दृढम् ।
यत्त्वां विमुक्तिदं प्राप्य न मुमुक्षेय बन्धनात् ॥



sāham bhagavato nūnam vañcitā māyayā dr̥dham
yat tvām vimuktidaṁ prāpya na mumukṣeya bandhanāt

My lord, surely I have been solidly cheated by the insurmountable illusory energy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, for in spite of having obtained your association, which gives liberation from material bondage, I did not seek such liberation.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport. "An intelligent man should utilize good opportunities. The first opportunity is the human form of life, and the second opportunity is to take birth in a suitable family where there is cultivation of spiritual knowledge; this is rarely obtained. **The greatest opportunity is to have the association of a saintly person.** Devahuti was conscious that she was born as the daughter of an emperor. She was sufficiently educated and cultured, and at last she got Kardama Muni, a saintly person and a great yogé, as her husband. Still, if she did not get liberation from the entanglement of material energy, then certainly she would be cheated by the insurmountable illusory energy. Actually, the illusory, material energy is cheating everyone."

I have cheated myself on account of my own foolishness and lack of good fortune and sinful activities and lack of good deeds and I cannot blame anyone for this.

Maharaj, I would like to recall the following words spoken by you regarding the eternal search of all the living entities and this deserves to be etched in gold. These words are like fragrant golden flowers and I offer the same at your lotus feet.

"We require pitā - father. Particularly ladies, they always search for father, because they miss the father. And for ladies it is a high austerity that they have to leave the family and go to completely new family and get mixed with that. It is very difficult. We cannot stay even one night in any other place. And she has to sacrifice the whole life. So they always search for father figure in the in-law's house also. And if somebody is affectionate to her, she is happy. The same way, we people love our mother very much. Sex is opposite. Male people are attracted to their mother and female children are attracted to the father. So we always search out the mother. It is not that we like to talk to the ladies. But when we talk, we search out - "Is she like my mother? is she like my sister?" This is how the living entities search out.

This is how when we don't know these pure relationships, as soon as we come in contact with somebody we have dirty feeling. But these are the eternal search because our mother has passed away. In some cases, the mother may be alive. But when mother passes away, you don't like it at all and you can't help. After parents pass away, you try to find out somewhere. "Is she like my mother, is she like my sister?" And women try to find out, "Is he like my father, is he like my brother?" These are the eternal search and once your parents pass away, then we have to wait up to next life, janme janme pitā se- don't know really, whether we are going to get the same mother and father, **but we wish that we get the same living entities and this is how it is eternal search.**"

All this search ends with our taking shelter at your lotus feet Maharaj. We experience the love of millions of parents in your shelter Maharaj. Srimad Bhagavatam 10.85.19

*tat te gato 'smy araṇam adya padāravindam
āpanna-saṁsṛti-bhayāpaham āṛta-bandho*

Therefore, O friend of the distressed, I now approach Your lotus feet for shelter — the same lotus feet that dispel all fear of worldly existence for those who have surrendered to them

Maharaj, You have always been instructing or rather compassionately requesting us to have a regulated life and absorption in Srimad Bhagavatam which alone can uplift our mind and strengthen it in such a way that we can see the finer nuances of life and the hand of Krishna in everything. Maharaj you always say that accepting the plan of the Lord means being attentive and respectful to our near and dear ones as they have been bestowed upon us by Krishna. Regulation, Absorption and Acceptance - This alone can please you Maharaj and I am guilty of not falling in line with your instructions. Please forgive me Maharaj for all my offences and let my repentance be objective rather than sentimental.

Please accept the following humble offering, though full of errors.

*ati sītala hita dikṣita smita pūrta vadanam
nata pakṣita pata uddhṛta pathi darśita caraṇam
bhava nāsita śrita poṣita ati pāvana smaraṇam
guru puṅgava guru puṅgava śaraṇam tava caraṇau*

*madhu pūraṇa kali nāsana amalāśuka śāstram
hrdi sthāpita mukha pūrta kṛṣṇāmṛta jaladhe
Paripālaya vidyālaya paripīḍitaṁ anīsam
guru puṅgava guru puṅgava śaraṇam tava caraṇau*

*asadindriya vegād patitosmi bhava toyē
Vijitendriya vimalī kuru kṛpayā mama kumatim
srīla prabhupādasya śikṣayā sarva jana rakṣaṇa nipuṇa
guru puṅgava guru puṅgava śaraṇam tava caraṇau*

Maharaj, your face is filled with a smile which is extremely cool and soothing, your face is glowing with your vow to always do genuine welfare for all. Your lotus feet favours anyone who bows down, delivers them and guides them in the right direction. Maharaj your remembrance destorys this ocean of birth and death, protects and nourishes all the sheltered persons and purifies those who remember you. O exalted spirtual master, we take shelter of your lotus feet.

Maharaj, the scripture spoken by Sukhadeva goswami Srimad Bhagavatam is full of sweetness and destroys kali and it is established in your heart and your heart and mouth are filled with the nectarean ocean of Krishna. We are in great suffering on account of our ignorance. Oh the abode of all knowledge and wisdom, please protect us by blessing us with the knowledge. O exalted spirtual master, we take shelter of your lotus feet.

I have fallen into the deep waters of material existence on account of the urges of the temporary senses. Maharaj you have conquered your senses. Please purify my foolish





mind out of your causeless mercy. Maharaj you are an expert in protecting and delivering the living entities with the practical instructions and teachings of Srila Prabhupada. O exalted spiritual master, we take shelter of your lotus feet.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Seeking your blessings on this most auspicious occasion

Thank you very much.

Aspiring to be your worthy servant and daughter

Vaijayantimala devi dasi

Chennai.



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--Krishna Kinkara dasanu das

Hare Krishna Beloved Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace and All glories to Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada.

Today is your Vyasa Puja and on this auspicious occasion, I humbly offer a beautiful verse from Srimad Bhagavatam for your pleasure. In Canto 1 Chapter 3, verse 38, Suta Goswami says,

*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 Krishna, who carries the wheel of the chariot in His hand, can know the creator of the universe in His full glory, power and transcendence.

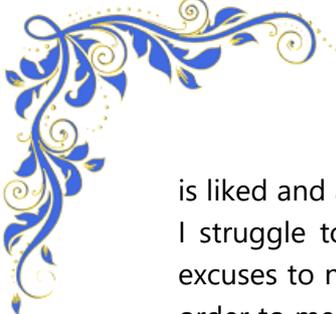
In the above verse, Suta Goswami brings to our attention 3 key criteria in performing our spiritual services necessary to know The Supreme Personality of Godhead namely in His full glory, power, and transcendence, being

1. Unreserved
2. Uninterrupted, and
3. Favourable service.

Dear Gurudev, for my benefit (which goes to show how selfish I am), I would like to elaborate on the above three criteria with the little understanding I have obtained from reading the purport by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupad and the Granthraj offerings of your respected and sincere disciples.

In the purport, Srila Prabhupad says "The pure devotees have nothing to derive as personal profit from their unalloyed service to the Lord. They render incessant service to the Lord spontaneously, without any reservation". Dear Gurudev, I would shamefully like to admit that I do my saadhana with always a desire that I would like for Krishna to fulfill. The fact that Radha Gopinath has been extremely merciful to almost always give me what I desire despite being an utter rascal goes to show how benevolent He is, however, I seek your blessings in order to help me perform my seva to you and Their Lordship in an unreserved manner.

Srila Prabhupad further goes to explain "the Lord Himself guides the pure devotees toward the path of realization due to their constant engagement in the loving service of the Lord in spontaneous affection". The second criterion in the above verse was "uninterrupted". H. G. Sudarshana Mataji very well explained in one of her Granthraj offerings "The word "santatayā" in the above verse means - "without any gap" or un-interrupted. Consistency is a factor which



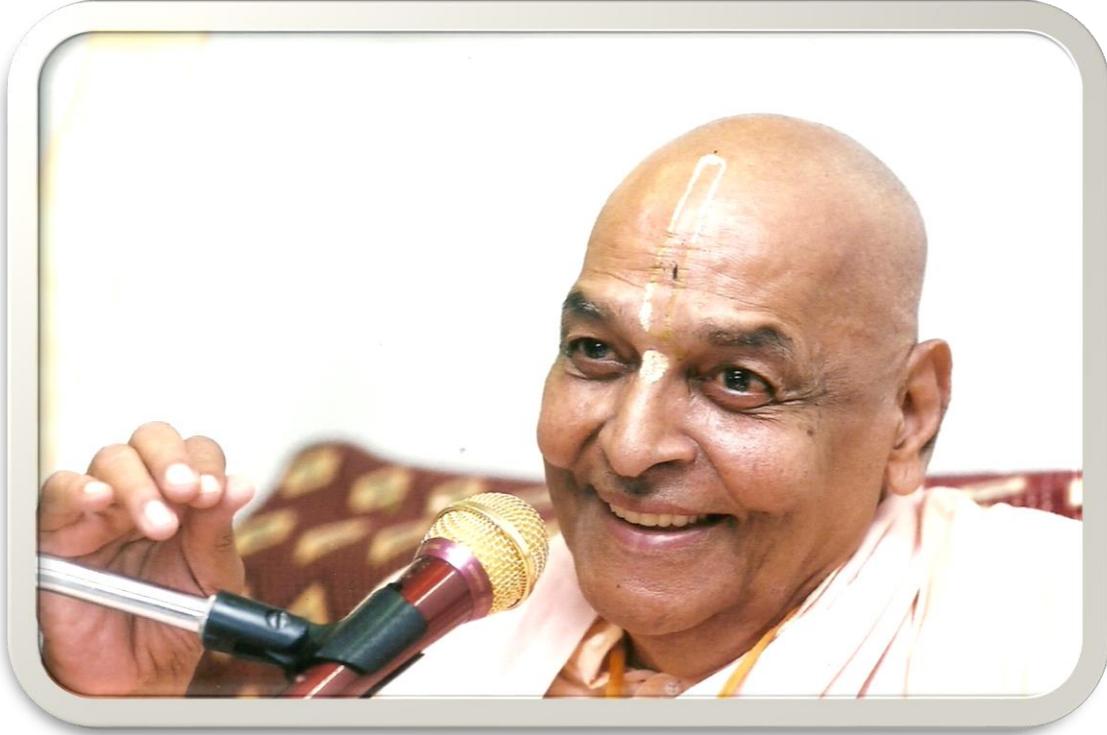
is liked and appreciated by all in all walks of life". Gurudev you are watching me every day as I struggle to maintain consistency in my Saadhana. My mind very easily finds a hundred excuses to not do my Japa and I try very hard to fight my mind to ignore its lazy excuses in order to meet my quota of prescribed rounds. However, there are days where I fail to do so, and I humbly beg you to continue to slap my head on such days so I can fight my lazy mind and continue my Saadhana in an uninterrupted manner.

Last but not the least, Srila Prabhupad states that "those who are rendering service unto Him directly under the direction of His beloved agent are rendering service unto Him favorably". Dear Gurudev, you are my only connection to Krishna. You are His beloved agent. Please give me the strength and guidance to maintain the direction that you had given to me, being to chant and write, in the form of your final instructions, so I may have the slightest chance to know the creator of the universe in His full glory, power, and transcendence.

Your loving grandson,
Krishna Kinkar dasanudas



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“The thing is the root has to become powerful and powerful day by day. And the root is sincere devotional service. Please, even if you carry some scratch even now, in your mind, throw it away as soon as possible, and fill up your mind with only Srimad Bhagavatam, nothing else”

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--Raghuveer Krishna das & Sita Rani devi dasi

nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate maha viṣṇu goswāmin iti nāmine
HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

We still remember first time we called you from Singapore. We had never met you before. Your health was not good. However, you personally took the phone call and guided us on the path of bhakti. To reflect on this, we were and are still wondering, no one on earth of your stature does this. Even a common person does not have time to attend to unknown persons. Then what to speak of a Maharaj?

We are still thinking Maharaj why did you do this for an unqualified persons like us. We get only one answer - this is simply because of your causeless mercy to distribute bhakti on behalf of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. There are no words to express our gratitude to you Maharaj.

Now that you have accepted these unqualified souls, we beg you to make us do unmotivated, uninterrupted devotional service for the pleasure of Krishna, Srila Prabhupada and yourself.

These servants of yours remain indebted to you as there is no way to repay the debt even in hundreds of lifetimes

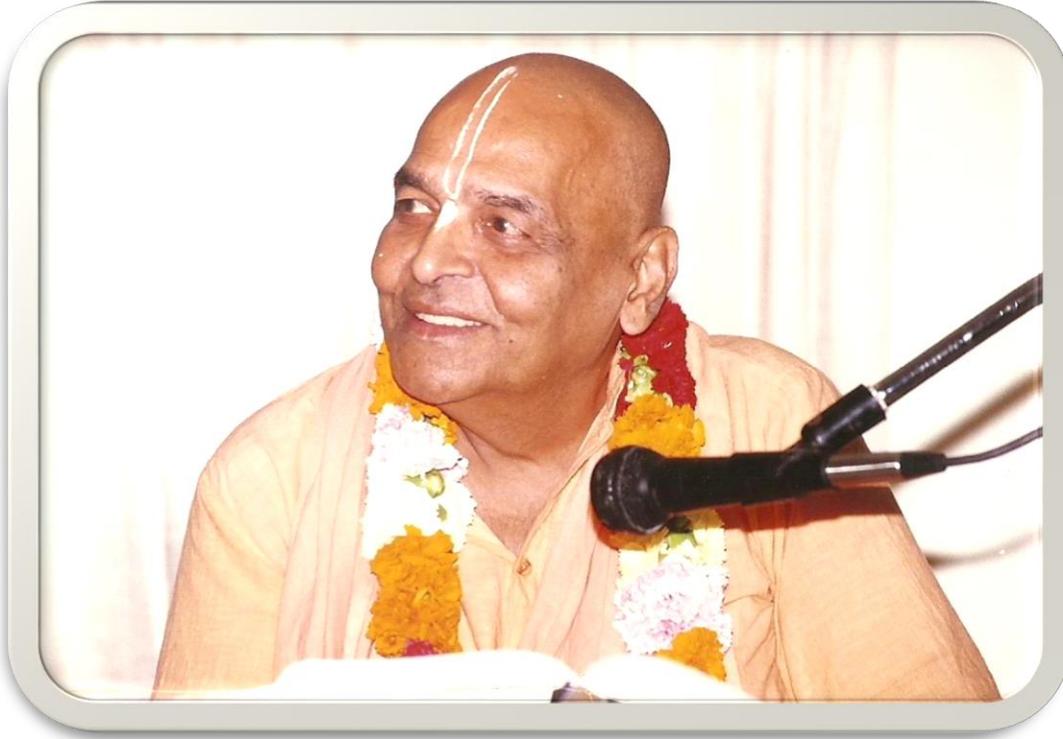
Maharaj please save our souls. .

Your humble servants,

Raghuveer Krishna das and Sita Rani devi dasi



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“We should stop being pretender and just please, genuinely, do whatever you can. You have come so far, long way behind you were and you have traveled so much distance. Now the goal is very near. So, just a bit of push and you are there”

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--Avani Yadav

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Today is your Vyas puja and I feel very fortunate and lucky to be able to write to you.

Unfortunately I was too young to remember much from the programs, but i do remember the time you handed me an apple and i was very happy. To this day, i still reminisce about that day. I am very grateful to my parents and mentors for keeping me guided towards the path of Krishna conciousness. I would like to offer the below verse to you on this auspicious day. (Srimad Bhagavatam 8.3.15)

*namo namas te 'khila-kāraṇāya
niṣkāraṇāyādbhuta-kāraṇāya
sarvāgamāmnāya-mahārṇavāya
namo 'pavargāya parāyaṇāya*

My Lord, You are the cause of all causes, but You Yourself have no causes. Therefore, You are the wonderful cause of everything. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You, who are the shelter of the Vedic knowledge contained in the shastras like the Pancharatras and Vedanta-sutra, which are Your representations, and who are the source of the parampara system. Because it is You who can give liberation, You are the only shelter for all transcendentalists. Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto You.

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 humble servant,
Avani Yadav



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--Bhuvanesh

Hare Krishna Maharaj! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace and Srila Prabhupada.

Today is your Vyasa Puja, and I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to write about you! I did not have the fortune to meet you much throughout my life, but I do remember one such encounter of meeting you when I was about 6 or 7 in Abu Dhabi in one of the programs. You were so kind and soft towards us and I occasionally think about that encounter. I am grateful to my parents and devotees such as Kalchakra Prabhu, for they are such an inspiration to me and help me not forget you Maharaj. Every time I would listen to one of your lectures through Kalchakra Prabhu or in my free time, I would feel content and peaceful and would have something new to take away every time. You have always asked your devotees to look after the children and your concern towards us, seemed so genuine and heartwarming, I will always cherish that.

It seems as though you are watching over me and guiding me at every step of my life so that I do not fall down into the darkness of forgetting you or Krishna. And with devotees such as Kalchakra prabhu and my parents who are trying to carry out your mission, I don't believe they will give me a chance of that happening.

I would like to quote Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura who said in his Gurv-aṣṭaka

*samsara-davanala-lidha-loka
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisance unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.

A Vaishnava is non different from Vishnu, he posses all such qualities which make him perfect in the eyes of the Lord. And Maharaj, you have all such qualities and are helping us achieve the same qualities so that even we become eligible to go back to Godhead by your blessings.

Maharaj, I would like to end by saying that I am truly blessed to have your association through such sincere and loving devotees. Thank you Maharaj for being a part of my life, showing me the purpose of it and guiding me throughout my journey.

Your servant,
Bhuvanesh

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--Mukund Yadav

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada
and all glories to you.

Maharaj, First, I would like to express my heart filled gratitude to you. I am full of problems
and defects, but you as a true Vaishnava not only provided me with shelter of your lotus feet,
but also guided me to associate with your true disciples as to practice Krishna consciousness
in the most practical way.

O Maharaj, I do not have the qualifications to glorify you, but I pray to your lotus feet to attain
your unconditional mercy so that I can speak my heart out, with right words in your
glorification.

Maharaj, I find you to be the peak of tolerance. You tolerated all our defects with lot of patience
and compassion, you also guided us on the path of self-realization. Just taking darshan of your
kind-self, opens up windows to the spiritual world. You are a fatherly figure and so
effulgent and omniscient. You can see through everyone's mind and problems.

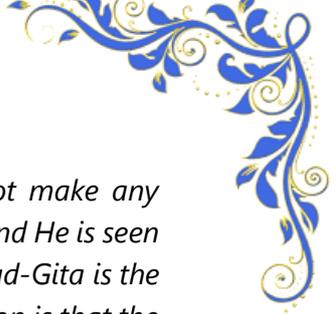
Maharaj, as true Vaishnava, you exhibited simplicity in all your actions. Your simple way of
living and high level of thinking gets reflected in all your actions, even in taking care of your
clothes or packing your bag while travelling. You saw Krishna in all moving and non-moving
objects around you, which is source of inspiration to all of us. You directed us silently with your
simple actions which is practical learning lesson for all of us.

Maharaj you also inspire us by your sheer valuable knowledge on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and
Bhagavad-gītā. Whatever little bit gets into my limited head, is just due to your wisdom of
knowledge on Krishna's instruction which you transferred to us in very simple and practical
way. You surrendered to instructions of Srila Prabhupada and his message. Again, you lead all
the fallen souls like me and show us that only way to remove the darkness of ignorance is by
light of the Vedic scriptures and by surrendering unto the lotus feet of Gurudev. We always
felt glowing effulgence, positivity and smiling face under all situations because you saw Krishna
hand in every situation. I would like to offer a sloka in your glorification as you loved
Bhagavatam and Bhagavatam is your life and soul.

*etāvad uktpopararāma tan mahad
bhūtaṁ nabho-liṅgam aliṅgam īśvaram
ahaṁ ca tasmai mahatāṁ mahiyase
śīrṣṇāvanāmaṁ vidadhe 'nukampitaḥ*

**Then that supreme authority, personified by sound and unseen by eyes, but most
wonderful, stopped speaking. Feeling a sense of gratitude, I offered my obeisances unto
Him, bowing my head.**





Purport: That the Personality of Godhead was not seen but only heard does not make any difference. The Personality of Godhead produced the four Vedas by His breathing, and He is seen and realized through the transcendental sound of the Vedas. Similarly, the Bhagavad-Gita is the sound representation of the Lord, and there is no difference in identity. The conclusion is that the Lord can be seen and heard by persistent chanting of the transcendental sound.

Your humble servant,
Balmukund



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--Radha Madan Mohan das & Satya Priya devi dasi

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my sat koti dandvat Pranams at dust of your lotus Feet. On the auspicious occasion of Vyas Puja, I wish to offer below verses from Srimad Bhagvatam (6.14.5)

*muktānām api siddhānām nārāyaṇa-parāyaṇaḥ
su-durlabhaḥ praśāntātmā koṭiṣv api mahā-mune*

O great sage, out of many millions of materially liberated people who are free from ignorance, and out of many millions of siddhas who have nearly attained perfection, there is hardly one pure devotee of Narayana. Only such a devotee is actually completely satisfied and peaceful.

Maharaj, the word peaceful and satisfied totally belongs to you. We have experienced by your grace that you are fully satisfied and completely peaceful in whatever circumstances you are in. Not only that, but you were always so joyful, enjoying the taste of Krsna bhakti in all conditions. Srila Prabhupad writes in purport that *Karmi people become envious and ask, "How is it possible to live so comfortably without working? How is it that you have so many cars, bright faces and nice cloths? "* Not knowing that Krishna looks after His devotees, such people become surprised, and some become envious.

Your Goodness have kindly provided rare opportunity of Krishna consciousness to me. Dormant devotional service to Krishna is within everyone. Simply by associating with devotees, hearing their good instructions and chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra, one awakens his dormant love for Krishna. In this way one acquires the seed of devotional service. *guru-krsna-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bija.*

There are millions and trillions of living entities everywhere, and they are engaged by maya in suffering and enjoying the results of their fruitive activities, life after life. This is the position of materially conditioned living entities. Out of many of such living entities, one who is actually fortunate (*bhāgyavān*) comes in the contact with a bona fide spiritual master by Krsna's mercy.

Maharaj, I am so much thankful to you for kindly accepting me under the shelter of your lotus feet. All glories to you, All glories to your lotus feet.

Pls bless me so that we continue on the path of devotional service with all seriousness.

Your humble servant,

Radha Madan Mohan das and Satya Priya devi dasi.

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--Vaikunthanath das & Sarita devi dasi

Hare Krishna! HH Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!
Koti-Koti Dandvat Pranam at lotus feet of of Gurudev!

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya, jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur 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 obeisances unto him.

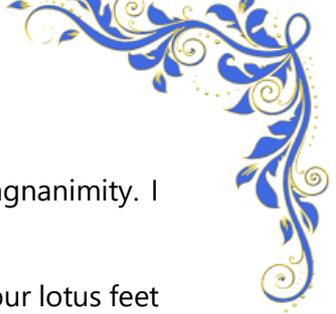
First of all, Thankyou Maharaj for taking us under your secure protection and giving us opportunity to serve your lotus feet. By your mercy we continue our sadhna and regular programs, although our dedication is very fragile and our material hankering is very high.

Maharaj, during the course of reading Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, I was just contemplating on the word "magnanimity." Through the pages of Bhāgavatam, I understood real meaning of magnanimity. It doesn't only lie in facilitating the needs of others or doing all sort of charity works, but "magnanimity", lies in protecting those interests even going against our own interests. Material creations are not Krishna's real interest, but He creates it just to full fill the desires of His part and parcels. He creates it with full facilities '*pūrṇāt pūrṇam udacyate*'. This is His magnanimity, to provide complete platform to *badh jivas* even going against His own real nature. Krishna being a compassionate father sits near us, facilitate our desires, guide us continuously and wait for us to turn towards Him so that He can happily take us back to our actual destination. He continuously facilitates and protects our interest although it doesn't align with His interests. This is His real magnanimity.

Maharaj! when I see my degree of commitment/ surrender and your degree of compassion towards us, I can appreciate your magnanimity. But still as disobedient son, I am always turning my face away and busy in sense gratification. I hear from my god brothers and sisters about your compassion, when you were physically present on this earth. How easily you were approachable and how you were concerned about our spiritual growth as well as material well being. I miss your physical association, but I can see your magnanimity towards me. Being not very obedient son and being regularly thrashed by the nature (created by my own previous/present desires), occasionally I loose hope in the self and the process, BUT very next moment I am back on track. Then I wonder who bring me back, who is forcing me back on the track.

I look around and find YOU ONLY. This is YOUR magnanimity. You are non different from Krishna, that is why even though my interests does not align with Yours, but still you give me all protection and patiently waits for me to turn towards you. This is YOUR Magnanimity. Like Krishna you work thru your extended energies. Our loving god brothers and sisters being empowered by you, are as compassionate as you and they are always there to protect us from this unsurmountable material nature. They are our source of inspiration. When I see their





dedication and hard work to serve you, I get glimpse of your potency and magnanimity. I become hopeful and my faith increases.

Thankyou Maharaj for giving such wonderful god brothers and sisters. I pray at your lotus feet to please always keep us under the secure protection of your lotus feet.

Guru Maharaj ki Jai!

Your insignificant servant,
Vaikunthanath das Sarita devi dasi



UK - London



“Don't think that there is no one to look after you and you can behave as you like. If you behave as you like, then you lose your own existence. We are not here as we like. We are here as Krishna likes. You can't behave as you like. You have to behave as Krishna likes you to be”

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--Svayam Jyoti Krsna das

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ
vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

Guru Maharaj,

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

Our great Krishna Priya prabhu has not been well recently and remembered you so fondly. I remember you liked the fresh yogurt he brought to you daily and you relished very much.

Also, Guru Maharaj, you stated **ginger is the KING of all medicine**. With doctors and nurses you said, "you want me to live ??? then do not take blood every minute !!! Let me live with the blood I have in my body. --ha ha ha !" Nurses were not happy but consultant agreed with Guru Maharaj and said, "okay once a week !!!" To my knowledge no one has escaped taking blood thinning medicines from doctor except your kind self. This is KRISHNA Magic for His pure devotee!

Guru Maharaj you always showed us by example **not to be lazy and be active** -----if you move about---walk up and down staircase, along the road, in the park, body will naturally build an appetite and then you feel hungry and can digest the food. At the Manor, I remember parking the car at the entrance and walking with you almost a mile to the temple room--how determined you are to show us by example, not to pamper your body!

Guru Maharaj, whenever anyone sits on the Vyasasan, you will always sit on the floor and not ask for a chair to listen to Bhagavatam Class.

Everywhere and everyone you meet, they still remember **your warm smile and joking words and caring for the family and friends of the devotee by names** !!! With us you are like thunderbolt so that we can improve! Thank you for being merciful to us by giving us so many wonderful and powerful siblings throughout the world.

Kindly keep showering your mercy and blessings on this special occasion and always.

Yours servant of the servant,
Svayamjyoti Krsna 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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--Sarvaishvarya Krishna das

श्रीव्यासपूजा-स्तुति – दिसम्बर १८, २०२१

श्रील महाविष्णु गोस्वामी महाराज

जीवन की इस उहापोह में गुरुवर तुम्हीं सहारा हो ।
अन्धकार में भटक रहे को तुम्ही एक उँजियारा हो ॥

माया अपने जाल बिछाकर मोहित फँसा रुलाती है ।
धन जन मान प्रतिष्ठा देकर तुमसे दूर भगाती है ॥

तव मुखाम्बुज से निकला निर्देशन ही जीवन मेरा ।
भागवत-कथामृत का अनुवादन ही हरपल चितपर घेरा ॥

दसवें सकन्ध तक पूर्ण होगया ग्यारहवें का दस तक पूरा ।
करुना कृपा बनाये रखिये जिससे काज न रहे अधूरा ॥

महामन्त्र जप करने की जो पावन विधि समझाये थे ।
बहुत काल तक कर न सके बस मिथ्या मोह ग्रसाये थे ॥

किन्तु आप हे दयानिधे विचलन से मुझको लिये बचाय ।
महामन्त्र जप करने में पुनि प्रीति अहैतुकी दिये जगाय ॥

भागवत-धर्म आचार-संहिता पालन नहीं करपाता हूँ ।
मिथ्या अहंकार के चलते निज विनाश-पथ जाता हूँ ॥

हे गुरुवर विनाश यदि पाऊँ तब होगा तव अपयश भारी ।
पार लगाओ नाव हमारी डूब रही भव-भँवर मझारी ॥

पंखहीन खग-शिशु हूँ स्वामी मात-पिता-भर्ता तुम मेरे ।
शरणागत असहाय पड़ा हूँ रखिये सदा दृष्टि के घेरे ॥

त्रिगुण-बाज चहुँदिश मँडराता पर इसको तुमसों भयभारी ।
अतः अकेला नहीं छोड़िये रखिये निकट यथा महतारी ॥

हे गुरुवर तव शरणागत हूँ तबभी माया विवश सताती ।
निश्चित शरणागति में त्रुटि है वरना यहतो निकट न आती ॥

मुझमें तो सामर्थ नहीं पर सर्वसमर्थ हो आप गोसाईँ ।
मेरे गुण-अवगुण न गिनिये रखिये अपनी विरद बचायी ॥

हे स्वामी बस आस आपकी अन्य आस न हृदय विचारी ।
तव पदपंकज-रज सेवन ही जन्मान्तर हिय इच्छाधारी ॥

कहने में संकोच हो रहा जानहु मनकी बात हमारी ।
श्रीहरिनाम हृदय में साजे राधाकृष्ण-पद प्रीति प्रगारी ॥

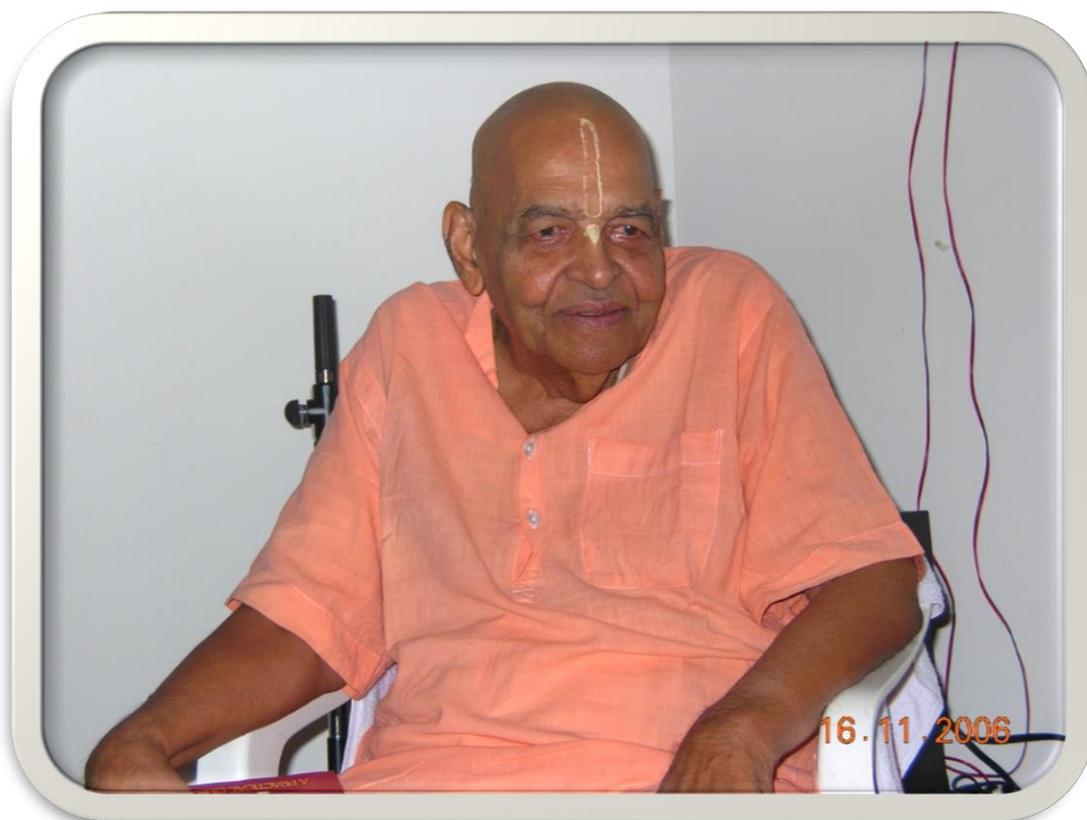


हे गुरुवर जिस तरह भागवत ज्ञान किये जगमें विस्तारा ।
स्वयं भागवतमय जीवन धरि निर्देशन भागवत अचारा ॥
सोइ भागवत-कृपा-रज पाऊँ दीजै अस आशीष सुचारा ।
स्वीकार कीजिये विनय हमारी शीश धरूँ पद बारम्बारा ॥

आपका अपनाही दासानुदास –
सर्वैश्वर्यकृष्ण दास



USA - Minneapolis



“So many things were going on. But even then, Prabhupada didn't lose his equilibrium. We should follow him. He was very undisturbed. And because he was undisturbed, he has written so many purports of Bhagavatam and never mentioned any of the difficulties which we underwent”

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--Aditeya Biswas

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

I have heard Maharaj-ji's lecture multiple times and inspired by one of his lecture about
spiritual cultivation and qualities.

Thank you Maharaj.
Hare Krishna.



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--Anasuya devi dasi

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

Maharaj, Its been such an eventful year and I was meditating on my offering to You this year..
As always, I am again and again reminded how your final instructions for me are so insightful
of my journey without your physical presence and thus so perfectly apt for me. Yet I find as
the years roll on, I am further and further removed from practicing and following your
instructions. All my situations and circumstances bring this home - how pertinent are the
instructions, how lacking I am in the practice and how much mercy I need to be even a little
bit true to your instructions.

As Srila Prabhupada says-*philosophy is the greatest, but better than that is practice of
philosophy.*

And as you taught-

*saṁsāra-kūpe patito 'tyagādhe
mohāndha-pūrṇe viṣayābhītapte
karāvalambam mama dehi viṣṇo
govinda dāmodara mādhaveti*

This day may I request your mercy to align my endeavor to your instructions. For without your
mercy, I find myself lost in my attempts, disoriented and unhappy.

*kabe ha'be bolo se-dina āmār
(āmār) aparādha ghuci', śuddha nāme ruci,
krpā-bale ha'be hṛdoye sañcār*

*trṇādhika hīna, kabe nīje māni',
sahiṣṇutā-guṇa hṛdoyete āni'
sakale mānada, āpani amāni,
ho'ye āswādībo nāma-rasa-sār*

Seeking your association that I have taken so very lightly and without due attention and
respect. May I also request that by your mercy, may I also value you, your association and
devotee association more and more in this and each lifetime. Hare Krishna Maharaj.

Your servant,
Anasuya devi dasi.



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--Ashish Biswas

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

Maharaji, with your blessings, the key connecting point which I remembered and helped me
is to, - "**Set the goals to satisfy our soul by connecting to Krishna.**"

Hare Krishna.
Your humble servant,
Ashish



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--Balaram das

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

Maharaj,

Last year also was very tough for us as pandemic continues. But by your mercy we are studying
Srimad Bhagavatam everyday evening without fail. All this is due to your mercy Gurudev.

By your mercy, our morning Mangala arati program /Japa conf call also going very
nicely. Please continue your mercy so we can continue this sadhana everyday Srila Gurudev.

As for as myself I am still struggling to get strong determination to study Srimad Bhagavatam. I
am so dull minded and not realizing life is short as you always mention in your lectures. Please
give me your mercy Srila Gurudev so I can start studying Srimad Bhagavatam seriously.

Your loving servant

Balaram das



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--Gargi

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

Maharaj - You have helped a lot with lectures and prayers and meaning of Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita. Maharaj you have helped a lot with understanding the deeper meaning behind life and the deeper meaning of verses, so that we can implement them in our own life. Maharaj also gives very practical meanings of life, not just for adults, but also for kids. Even though Maharaj had departed to Goloka, Maharaj always has a place in my heart to be able to understand everyday life and how it works. He was able to give deeper meaning to the instruction manual of life. (Bhagavad Gita).

Thank you Maharaj.
Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudeva,
Gargi



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--Gopika devi dasi

Dear Maharaja,

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

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

I haven't been sure what to offer this year. I would have liked to offer that I have memorized a set of prayers or a Bhagavad-Gita chapter that you want us to have by-hearted, but I haven't completed a set yet. I'm also not feeling that I have any deep realizations to share, so I feel like the only offering to make on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja is to offer my activities of the year to you and pray that you help me understand what has pleased you, what to continue with, and what to improve upon.

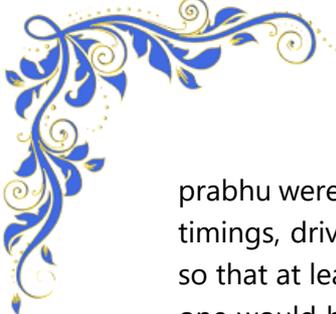
My year started with teaching 2nd grade virtually with a class that needed a sense of community and active teacher involvement. I tried to meditate on your instructions in carrying out this work. First, I stayed focused on your instruction to do work honestly - more than 100% honestly, and secondly to see Krishna in each student and treat them accordingly, and of course to give Krishna consciousness in any way possible. Being in the virtual setting, I was unable to really distribute eatable prasadam, so I had to meditate on how my behavior itself would give a good consciousness to the class. I tried to be caring and loving as I remember devotees relating that the workers building the temple were so happy because of your loving dealings with them. I definitely have a lot to develop in this area. Please accept the small steps I made and continue to guide me in being more Krishna conscious in my behavior and more loving in my dealings with my students.

As the school year wound down, summer prasadam distribution at the markets started to build up. We expanded to 2 locations every weekend and added one weekday evening market for about 10 weeks. It turned out to be a very busy season and the living entities were very eager to accept Krishna prasadam. Krishna blessed the efforts with wonderful devotees who very eagerly, lovingly and dedicatedly pitched in to get the prasadam out! I felt it was a confirmation of

*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.

Although we are still working towards fulfilling the first part, Krishna kindly still provided the energy and support to carry out the prasadam distribution at that level. Sujatha mataji, Subbarao prabhu and Parmanand prabhu were there practically every weekend to help serve out prasadam and close the stand down. Raghu prabhu joined mid season and remained steady with set up and morning serving from the time he started. Jayasri mataji and Venu



prabhu were always keeping an eye out for how they could contribute - by organizing devotee timings, driving up to help with prep during the week, and arranging their family's schedule so that at least one of them would be there to help get the prasadam out in the morning and one would be there to help clean up in the afternoon - and all that while they still managed their kids' school and sports schedules. And in reflecting, everyone was happily engaged in the service. It was very enlivening for me to do the service with all the devotees. I feel I grew in my understanding and acceptance of the value of a team of devotees and that it is important for me to learn and be comfortable to express that value of other devotees, appreciation for being part of a team, and caring for devotees in a team.

The festival service challenged me to try to build a sense of teamwork, not just participate as a team member. That was not so easy. I was challenged to make plans with devotee participation/input and communicating the important details in a way that gave everyone a chance to do their best service. And I struggled with what conversations to have with devotees - particularly senior devotees. Fortunately, the devotees were very forgiving and the senior devotees were willing to step out of their hurt to help me see a better way to organize and approach them and the service, so all the events took place at least.

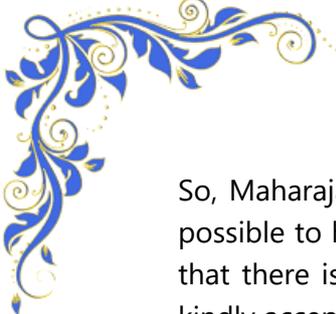
It was very exciting and enlivening to see though that for all the events, we did not only prasadam distribution, but also book distribution and harinam! It was amazing and only possible with all the devotees together. At each event, the prasadam more or less sold out, we did our best book distribution - thanks mostly to Gaya, Lalitha and Dhira Madhava matajjs, and we managed some harinam. The Harinam part seems to need the most improvement in strength, but in spite of only 2-3 chanters, Govinda prabhu, Parmanand prabhu, Venu prabhu and Bhumi mataji enthusiastically chanted the Holy name. And everyone was grateful that Govinda prabhu had purchased a battery powered headset mic, so the living entities could hear the chanting! Also, Gaya mataji, Govinda prabhu and Venu prabhu put nice efforts into creating beautiful and pleasing spaces at each event, so the living entities would be attracted to connect with Krishna! Please accept everyone's efforts to spread Krishna consciousness.

In the remaining part of the year, various service opportunities presented themselves, and some devotees recommended that I try to expand some of these services. Please help me understand if those services would be to your liking for me.

The services included giving a Ramayana presentation at one of the devotee family's son's school, giving an in home baking class, and travelling to the Denver temple to serve Sri Sri Radha Govinda and and to serve and have association with the devotees.

While Anu mataji and I were at Denver, we also met Ananta again and we all did some service together. He seems very happy there and has been doing lots of property fix up seva for the temple and the devotees. They are very happy with him!

Since I am making this offering very late, may I tell you that we had a very sweet Gita Jayanti celebration. Devotees visited Radha Syamasundara both in the morning and in the evening. The chanting of the Sanskrit in the evening was very sweet, harmonious and beautiful and many of the devotees were rosy-cheeked afterward!



So, Maharaja, please accept my gratitude - without your guidance it would not have been possible to have had such wonderful service and association, and at the same time, I realize that there is huge room for improvement and implementation of your instructions. Please kindly accept these attempts and keep us firmly at your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Gopika devi dasi



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--Jayasri

*vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

Hare Krishna Maharaja,

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

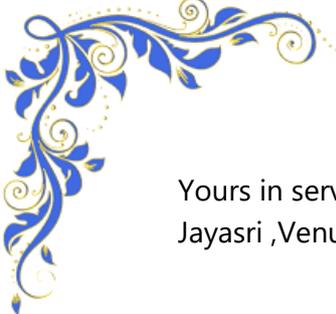
Thanks to Covid-19 (Krishna's energy), we are able to anchor my faith and my devotional service to Krishna much better than in the past years. Very blessed to have the association of your humble devotees Purnendu Prabhu, Anu mataji and Gopika mataji. They gave us shelter and without their association, my family wouldn't be where we are today. Although we haven't met you personally, we could feel your presence through them. Thank you for that mercy Maharaj.

Over the past 2 years, My family had the privilege to do some seva under the guidance of Purnendu Prabhu, Anu mataji and Gopika mataji – Prasadam distribution, Book distribution, Harinaam, Cow Protection, making garlands, cooking bhoga for RadhaShyamSundar and other services at the RadhaShyamSundar ashram. I am able to preach Krsna Consciousness to my extended family in India. I am doing a weekly session with the kids and adults to help them understand what Krsna Consciousness is. They all memorized Siksashtakam and in the process of memorizing Mukunda Mala strotram and Bhagavad Gita slokas. I am also engaging my mother daily in memorizing Kunti Maharani prayers. My sister and mother gave up meat eating and my sister and her 12 year old daughter are doing chanting, reading scriptures and following ekadasi vrat. Though I am not scholarly and not fit to do the preaching, but these sessions are helping me repeat the instructions I get from Purnendu Prabhu and Anu mataji and share the knowledge I gather from the association of other devotees in our nightly zoom call.

With their inspiration I am memorizing Kunti Maharani prayers and reading the scriptures on a daily basis. Our family also got a great temple experience visiting Tucson preaching center last year. Since then my husband and I are inspired to do Mangala Aarati every day at home and attend Mangala aarati at the ashram.

I recently worked on a transcription on one of your lecture "Audience should feel sheltered." It's a great experience listening to your words again and again.

Although I feel sheltered under Purnendu Prabhu, Anu mataji and Gopika mataji, I feel lost and anxious on the thought that they will not be here forever. This day I plead for your mercy to align our endeavors to your instructions and Prabhupada's instructions as we struggle with our shortcomings in all our services. Please bless us so that we make RadhaShyamSundar the center of our home, hanker for more and more devotee association and serve them in this life time and many.



Yours in service of the servant of your servant,
Jayasri ,Venu, Nikhil and Vineel



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--Lalitha B

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

Maharaj, I am so fortunate to hear your lectures once a week during our Japa calls in the morning. Throughout your lecture, you seem so happy and yet pass a serious message on reading Srimad Bhagavatham. You decipher the verses clearly and help us understand and implement in our daily life. I always remember the points on how you say about simplicity in our lives. Also the cleanliness of ourselves and while maintaining the altar.

With your blessings, I am able to start attending the Japa classes in our Minneapolis Yatra. Please shower your blessings upon us, so that we continue to have daily programs like these and hear more Krsna Katha.

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

Your humble servant,
Lalitha.



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--Leela Narsaiah Chekkala

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat Pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudev. Please accept my humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord.

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

Gurudev, I pray to your lotus feet to give me sufficient intelligence that I be aware of your special position so that my previous conditioning may not overcome me. Not only I pray at your lotus feet for your continued success on this Vyasa Puja but I also seek forgiveness for my faulty nature and pessimism with occasional outbursts, all due to the accumulated sins of my previous life.

Gurudev, Also I have a guilt of not attending your sessions which are held every Monday morning, my mind is such a big enemy of me that it just puts me on bed and unable to wake up early morning to attend your lectures.

Please please please Gurudev shower your blessings upon me, shower your mercy on me so I'm consistent in waking up early, do mangala arti, complete my chanting, attend your lectures, reading of Bhagavad Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam regularly.

Gurudev I pray on this most auspicious day that some day I may become your servant and dedicate my life unto your lotus feet to make this life successful and become a devotee.

I pray to remain your humble servant at your lotus feet. My obeisances again.

Fallen servant,
LeelaNC



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--Parmanand Jagnandan

*vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

Hare Krishna Maharaja,

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

Since the last time I wrote to you Maharaja, I said I would try to take up the services that would come my way, and by the grace of Krishna and the Vaisnavas, I am trying to stick to those words. Going on about two years now, your dear disciple Purnendu Prabhu has been engaging people from all over the world in an online class where we meet every evening for about one and a half to two hours to read and discuss scripture. In the past two years, we have discussed the first two cantos and part of the third canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, along with significant portions of the seventh and eight cantos. In addition, we have read portions of Caitanya Caritamṛta, all of Ramayana, and most recently we have read and discussed The Nectar of Instructions and are currently going through The Nectar of Devotion. Over the past month we also read the English translation and Sanskrit verses of Srimad Bhagavad-Gita in preparation of Gita Jayanti.

This reading has been going on in addition to numerous festivals and other opportunities to perform services such as Harinama, book and prasadam distribution.

About a year and a half ago, Purnendu Prabhu urged me to try and lead the discussions in the evening classes. Though I don't have many realizations, I have tried to follow that direction. As a result, I end up having to read and study more on my own, but there are many times where I know, I do not have the experience needed to give proper guidance to those who raise questions during the discussions. But I am trying to do better. Thankfully, Purnendu Prabhu and Anu Mataji are usually there to help give guidance and I learn much from hearing their explanations.

I have also tried to teach children in separate classes after I am done with work. So far, I have two small groups of children that I speak to on a weekly basis. One group is comprised of some of my nieces and nephews ages nine to sixteen, with whom I have been going over Ramayana and Bhagavad-Gita for the past year and a half. The other group is comprised of a couple of boys here in Minneapolis, ages twelve to fifteen. With this second group, I have been reading and discussing Perfect Questions Perfect Answers and just yesterday we started Bhagavad-Gita.

The other big item that I am trying to work through is how we will take Radha Shyamasundara Ashram forward. I know that Purnendu Prabhu, Anu Mataji and even Gopika Mataji might not always be here, and Purnendu Prabhu has tasked me with working with those coming to that ashram regularly to take the ashram forward. I don't have any qualification or experience in



this area. If you are pleased to do so, any guidance or inspiration you can provide on this is greatly appreciated.

Overall, this experience of leading discussions, giving classes and all the other service opportunities has allowed me to further solidify my understanding of Krishna Consciousness and conviction in this path as well as gain some realizations along the way. These services have humbled me further as I understand that I have a long way to go. I pray that the grace of Vaisnavas like yourself will always be upon me so that I may make further and further progress and that I always remain anxious for Radha Shyamasundara.

I am very afraid of developing pride in knowledge or taking up a leadership role when I am not qualified to do so. However, I am seeing that these are needed to be taken up for Krishna's service and somehow or another this is coming in front of me. Again and again, I am begging for proper guidance to know how to traverse the path ahead. While Purnendu Prabhu and Anu Mataji and there, I feel a little secure, but I do not know what I will do when they will not be there. I've realized a little bit regarding their mercy to continuously reach out others and help them along their journeys in Krishna Consciousness and know of my own unwillingness to continuously give mercy to others. This is something I will have to work on, because how can I expect Nityananda Prabhu's mercy when I am unwilling to give mercy to others? I just pray that by the grace of the Vaisnavas, I do not become lost along the way and that I can stay strong and move forward in my own journey at the same time.

Begging for the grace of the Vaishnavas, your humble servant,
Paramanand



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--Prahlad

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

Maharaj, even though I have no memories of you, you have made such a huge impact on my life and I can't even imagine what my life would be without your guidance and teachings. Whenever I hear your lectures, they are always easy to understand and I feel that your teachings are very applicable to my everyday life. It is all because of your mercy that I am as devoted to Krishna as I am and I hope that you continue giving me your blessing so I can continue on this path of Krishna Consciousness.

Your loving servant,
Prahlad



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--Radha

Hare Krishna Maharaj ji

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

Maharaj ji, by your mercy we are fortunate to have an opportunity to associate with your disciples here in Minneapolis. I am so thankful to them for helping us to connect and stay together in carrying our daily sadhana through morning japa calls at 4:30am. Maharaj your instructions are so simple and practical to implement in day-to-day life.

As you quoted in your calendar on 23rd March: "**We have everything. We have nothing. We don't lack anything. This is the beauty of Krishna and Krishna Consciousness.**" Maharaj, I pray to you to bless and give strength to our congregation to continue in serving the Lord Jaganath, Baladev and Subadra mai. It was a blessing to meet H.G. Devakinandana prabhujii in person several times who has been sharing your instructions and guiding us in every junction of our lives. As you instructed in your lectures, I would like to spend more time in reading Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad-Gita to understand and apply in our daily life.

Jai! His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Transcendental 2021 Vyasapuja Mahotsav ki
Jai!!

Hari Hari bol!

Your humble servant fallen soul

Radha



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--Reeta Chowdhury

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

Guru Maharaji, with your blessings, we are able to start attending the Japa call and reading Bhagavada Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam classes in our Minneapolis Yatra. I always remember that how you inspired us to develop the unflinching faith in the Lord and continuously do the devotional services in the association of devotees.

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

Your humble servant,
Reeta



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--Sarika Agrawal

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

Srila Gurudev,
Even though I am not your disciple, but I learned about you through your disciples here. We eagerly hear your Vani every Monday morning with a small group of devotees and share the valuable points with each other whatever we learned from you.

Some of the things that I am connected are:

1. Bhagavatam and Krishna are non-different. Glorification of Krishna is very important. We should never deviate with our sadhana. Everything is pre-decided. ***Our only business is to please Krishna.***

2. We should not increase the artificial necessities of life and never complicate our mind with unnecessary attachments, it will only concoct our mind. ***Better stay simple as much as possible, and keep all time for Krishna. and we have to have unflinching faith in the Vedic literature.*** Only this is the way to increase our devotional service.

3. ***Krishna consciousness is a way to stay happy and healthy.***

Chanting Hari Naam daily with unmotivated desire is my goal. Please give me strength Srila Gurudev so I can pray and listen about Krishna each and every day and glorify Krishna till my last breath, and my bhakti will be firm at every step.

Your humble servant,
Sarika Agrawal



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--Shriyan Japa

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Dandavat Pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudev. Please accept my humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord.

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Guru Maharaj, I have been reading your daily quotes from the calendar which we received from our devotees' association, if I miss reading it I will make sure that I am reading the previous day quote on the next day, but I am trying to read your quotes from the calendar without a miss.

Guru Maharaj, also, there are times when I chant for 30 mins or 15 mins or 10 mins or 5 mins. Also, I'm trying hard to memorize verses from Bhagavad Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam, as per your instructions, per May 09 quote where you say "**one shloka per day, improves the quality of our lives.**" Some days I'm trying to chant on beads.

Guru Maharaj, I am also helping my pappa to do chanting and recite the verses and by your mercy my pappa is doing that. Guru Maharaj, Please shower your blessings on me, my pappa, my mumma and everyone.

Thank You Guru Maharaj for everything, for all the good things, I have in my life.

Happy Krsna consciousness birthday Guru Maharaj.

Your humble servant,
Shriyan das (4 years old)



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--Subbarao

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to Srila Prabhupād.

"Guru is the mercy incarnation of God, mercy incarnation. God is kind to everyone, so He is teaching everyone from within, but still, to make it still more explicit, He sends His mercy in the form of guru." - Srila Srila Prabhupād says in one of his morning walks - (December 15 1973, Los Angeles)

Fortunate are the devotee souls who are the disciples of Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. I have the good fortune of being guided by Maharaj's disciples particularly Golden Valley devotees, Purnendu Prabhu, Anu Mataji and Gopika Mataji.

Purnendu Prabhu has blessed us with Gaura Nitai deities last year. Thanks to their association - my wife Sujatha and I have solidified the sadhana practice over the past five years.

-Chanting regularly 16 rounds

-Reading Srila Prabhupād Books

-Keeping the deities in the center of our Home and worshipping them

I am sincerely praying to Radha Shyama Sundar and Maharaj's Lotus feet for his blessings to bestow me with Guru similar to him, who is Srimad Bhagavatam in Practice.

Thank you Maharaj
Subbarao and Sujatha





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--The Gadiparthi Family

Hare Krishna Maharaj,
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev.

Dear Maharaj, we have received so much from your lectures, which are truly inspiring and calming for us to hear. We have learned about our main goal of life, to be devotees of Krishna, and how His names are the only way for us to escape the misery of the material world.

Please give us the strength to maintain our devotion through chanting, reading, and glorifying the names and pastimes of Lord Krishna.

Your humble servants,
The Gadiparthi Family
Hare Krishna



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--Udai Dommaraju

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my saatsang pranams at your Lotus feet on the occasion of your divine vyasa puja. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I would like to share, confess, beg your mercy at your lotus feet.

If there is one thing that I would like to go back and change in my life is to take your darshan when you visited USA in 2008. I moved into Minneapolis region only in 2008 and was able to meet your sincere disciples only in 2012. I felt very unfortunate for not having met your disciples and yourself, sooner in my life and saved myself from the clutches of maya. It's only mercy of yourself and your disciples that I could understand the purpose of life and was able to surrender myself to Bhagavan Krishna.

The one instruction from you, I keep hearing and trying my best to follow is B for Bhagavad Gita, Bhagavatam and Behavior. This one instruction has helped me to be a better human being and has helped me to gain lot of friends. This same instruction, has inspired my family to start Bhagavad satsang in our community. It's is all your mercy and your disciples mercy - around 8 families including their children regularly attend weekly Bhagavad Gita discussions and we can feel that your instructions are so contagious that every one is attracted to them. Please accept my humble prayer and help them succeed in their bhakti and give them intelligence to understand Bhagavad Gita.

Although I have been in the association of devotees and myself reading and sharing Bhagavad Gita with others, I still feel like struggling to keep up with my sadhana and bhakti. My chanting isn't improving in quality as it is lacking faith and sincerity. This year my office work has increased and unknowingly I have become very passionate for work which is slowly taking over my spiritual time. I beg your lotus feet to help me to prioritize my sadhana and bhakti over material dealings.

If not for the mercy of yourself and your disciples from Minneapolis yatra like HG Purnendu Prabhu, HG Anasuya Mataji, HG Atma Prabhu, HG Gopika Mataji, HG Balaram Prabhu, HG Venkat Prabhu, HG Manohar Prabhu, HG Yadushresta Prabhu and all Matajis and Prabhujis, and most importantly under the guidance of HG Devakinandan Prabhu, I am not sure where I could have been and how sinful I could have been. I beg your mercy to help me and drag me out of this material sinful pool.

Your loving and humble children and grandson,

Udai, Sangeetha & Reyaansh

Hare Krishna

USA - New Jersey



“Our culture has taught us, these are the family traditions that always we are connected to Krishna. It was a custom in our families that the younger children as soon as they get up in the morning first, they will go to all elders and bow down before them. This teaches them humility”

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--Aprameya Krsna das

*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*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of the 102nd anniversary of your appearance day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to your Divine Grace!

Guru Maharaj, last year we could not get a personal association of devotees due to the pandemic. From the last few months, we started participating in the temple and weekly Bhakti Vriksha (BV) programs. Last year we read Bhagavad Gita every day with our Bhakti vriksha group, and we are about to complete the 18th chapter by Dec 2021, and Gita reading will continue for the following year. By your mercy, my morning sadhana has improved. However, I lack consistency due to the early morning client's call. I am sure, by your mercy, I will be able to streamline this issue soon and complete my morning sadhana nicely.

Guru Maharaj, Roshni, and I are promoted at work; I am sure whatever recognition we have received would not have been possible without your mercy. So please bless us to use Laxmi to serve you, Srila Prabhupada, Sri Sri Radha Neelmadhav, and Sri Gaur Nitai. Next March, Guru Maharaj, your dear granddaughter Taarini Radhika, will be three years old. She has developed a nice inclination towards kirtans and hearing Shrimad Bhagavatam stories. Now she can also recall many names of the Shrimad Bhagavatam characters. So please give me the ability and enthusiasm to perform a nice devotional service to create a very nice Krishna conscious environment at home for our daughter.

Guru Maharaj, You will be very pleased to know that the construction of the new temple for Sri Sri Gaur Nitai in NJ is on its peak, and we anticipate completing the first phase of temple construction by next year. If everything goes according to the plan, the temple inauguration ceremony will occur next year on Radha Ashtami Day (2022).

Guru Maharaj, please give me the strength to improve my devotional service and serve you in serving Srila Prabhupada's mission.

Your ever-grateful servant and your loving son,
Aprameya Krsna das

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--Medha Bhoomireddi

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

On the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer the below verse from
Bhagavad Gita (12.2 and 8) to you.

*śrī-bhagavān uvāca
mayy āveśya mano ye mām nitya-yuktā upāsate
śraddhayā parayopetās te me yukta-tamā matāḥ*

Here Krishna says that we should worship Krishna in a form that is personal to us. He says, we
are the most perfect when we worship Him with pure bhakti.

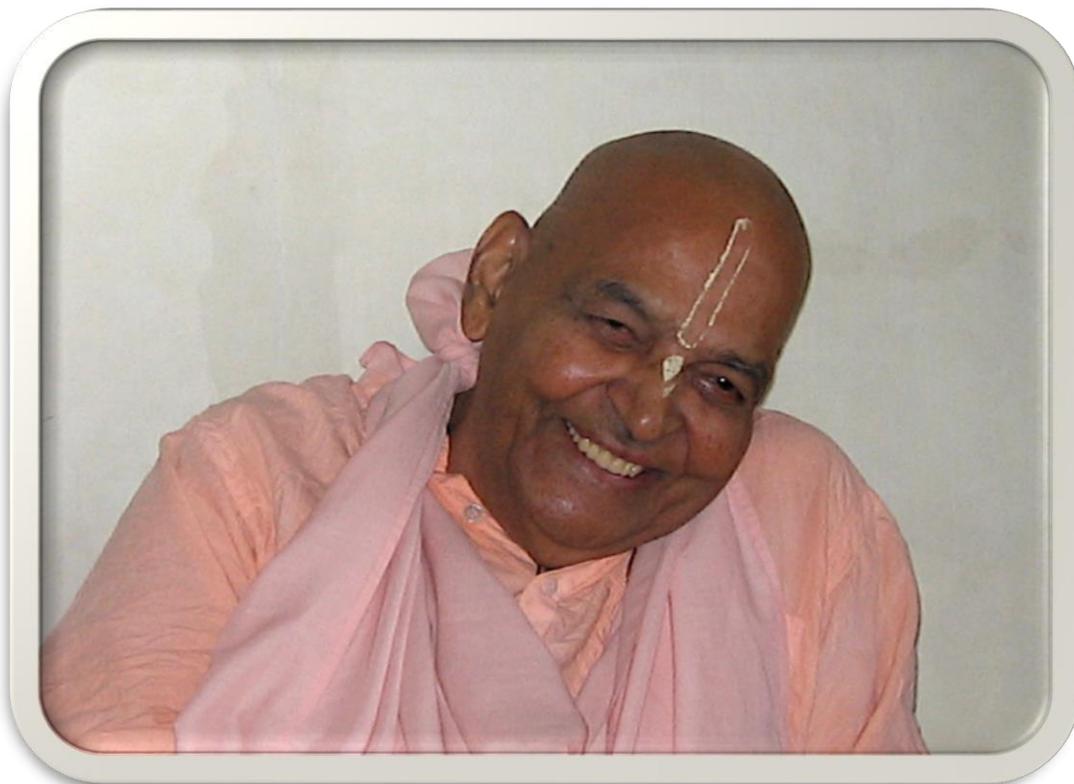
*mayy eva mana ādhatsva mayi buddhiṁ niveśaya
nivaśisyasi mayy eva ata ūrdhvaṁ na saṁśayaḥ*

Here Krishna says that we should fix our minds upon Him. Whatever intelligence we have, in
music, studies, etc., they should be directed towards Krishna. By doing this, we will always be
with Krishna. We should think of Krishna with bhakti, and we should always be kind to others,
because Krishna lives in all beings.

Thank you Maharaj.
Medha



USA - San Jose



“In human existence only, you can understand these things. And if you, nonsensically waste your human existence, then you are killing yourself. aatma haa - you know, suicide, you are committing your own suicide. Don't do it please”

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--Krupana Vatsala Krsna das (Jr)

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my satakoti pranams at your Lotus Feet on the occasion of your Divine Grace's 102nd Vyasa Puja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Gurudev.

This has been a very special year for me with the move near Iskcon Silicon Valley. This year I felt very special because I had the good fortune of meeting His Holiness Giriraj Maharaj and he asked me my name and who gave it to me. I mentioned your name Maharaj and he said it was a lovely name and told me that he met you once. Thank you very much for giving this name to me Maharaj. I am not at all qualified to be named so but your mercy I hope to serve so that one day (in many many cycles of births and deaths) I might be atleast worthy of some portion of it.

This year was a lot of firsts. Meeting HG Vaisesika Maharaj, HH Giriraj Maharaj and HH Hanumatpresak Maharaj in person for the first time was very exhilarating. Thank you for manifesting your shiksha in different forms and accepting whatever little service I could.

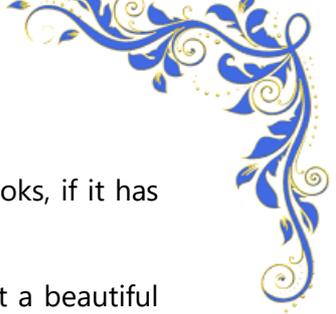
Maharaj, thank you very much for letting me be a small worthless part of ISKCON of Silicon Valley. Thanks to your grace, my reading and chanting have improved. I still have a lot to change, but please bless me to keep some of the tiny steps moving.

Since I mentioned HH Giriraj Maharaj, I would like to offer the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam on the occasion of your Vyasa Puja. (This was the verse Maharaj gave a lecture on).

*svayam samuttīrya sudustaram dyuman
bhavārṇavam bhīmam adabhra-sauhrdāḥ
bhavat-padāmbhoruha-nāvam atra te
nidhāya yātāḥ sad-anugraho bhavān*

(SB 10.2.31) (Demigods to the Lord) **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 [vanca-kalpataru]. When acaryas 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.**

Maharaj, the demigods have clearly stated that by following the boat which has been left by the Acaryas, we can cross over the material world. When a devotee sets something as a standard for disciples to follow, the Lord Himself accepts the process as a valid path of spiritual growth and change for the embodied soul. I therefore pray to your Lotus Feet, that I always stay on this boat of your instructions of chanting and immersing one in the scriptures. Vyasa Puja is the right time to pray to stay on this boat. A stranded person in the ocean can never



know if a piece of wood can take him ashore. But the boat, whichever way it looks, if it has been left by the Acarya, then there is no space for confusion.

In this years Prabhupad appearance day festival, HG Vaisesika Maharaj read out a beautiful passage on an incident which touched me a lot. It was Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja offering by Jagattarini Mataji on the meaning of Vyasa Puja.

*And one last reflection on this important day: Having a careful understanding of the meaning and importance of Vyasa Puja is essential, but we should remember that there are no required formalities in Krsna consciousness. Our experience and success in bhakti depend on our intention as we practice it. Govinda dasi describes how, in Montreal in 1968, she observed Srila Prabhupadas birthday without understanding the formal procedures of the Vyasa Puja ceremony. With affection she baked Srila Prabhupada the typical double-layer birthday cake one would offer someone celebrating a birthday in the West. After icing it, she brought it to his room with birthday candles aflame. He was surprised and raised his eyebrows in curiosity. When she told him this was how people celebrated birthdays in America, he simply nodded. She said, "Srila Prabhupada, now make a wish and blow out all the candles with one breath." Srila Prabhupada caught on, and with one deep whoosh of air, he blew out every candle on the cake. Then he laughed and said, "I have done good?" "Yes!" Govinda Dasi laughed. "Now you will get your wish. But you don't have to tell me or anyone what you wished for." **"I wish only for Krsna,"** he said, smiling, his voice deep. **"For Krsna and Krsna's service."** Now, over fifty years later, we are well trained in how to perform the proper ceremonies, yet at the same time may we retain a kind, loving, openhearted simplicity on this sacred occasion. And may we pray, as Srila Prabhupada prayed, that one day, by his grace, **we too may wish only for Krsna and Krsna's service.** This is the meaning of Vyasa Puja.*

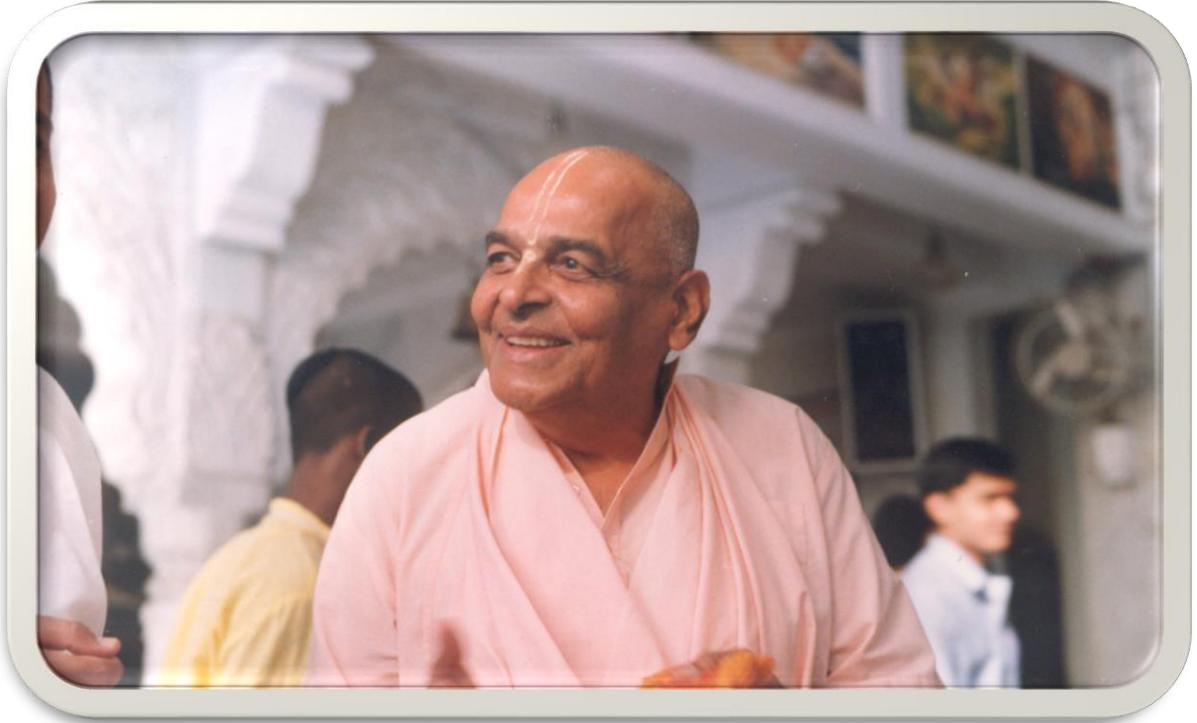
It was so moving to hear how Prabhupada was seizing the essence of Vyasa Puja mood from his disciple. Blowing candles on a cake would be considered Vedic anathema but Prabhupada understood the pure heart of Govinda Mataji. And because he accepted it, she stayed on the boat left by the Acarya. And that boat, mercifully designed by Prabhupada to accommodate her, and rowed beautifully by the paddle of sincerity, would be powerful enough to overcome the flood of the world.

Maharaj, it is clear to me that Vyasa Puja is not an intellectual exercise. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to do simple service (in a little manner) in the Vyasa Puja of Iskcon of Silicon Valley.

I pray at your Lotus Feet to slowly begin to understand and reflect what Vyasa Puja means to me this year and always.

Your humble Servant,
Krpana Vatsala Krsna das (Jr)
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“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.”

*Humble offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj On
the Auspicious Occasion of Vyasa Puja 2021*

--Jayanth Krishna das & Sarvamangala devi dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

*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*

Wish you a very happy Vyasapuja Maharaj!

Similar to the last year, this year also a tough year due to pandemic, struggles and challenges in personal life. We always remember your unflinching faith in the study of Srimad Bhagavatam and your instruction, **never to leave the hand of Sri Krishna in every situation**. We are humbly trying to follow your instruction to study Srimad Bhagavatam everyday without fail.

One more thing I want to share with you Maharaj, on the day of your Tirobhava mahotsav in February 2021 we got a call from a devotee family to gift us Sri Krishna Balaram deities. We accepted that as your blessing, mercy and to get more serious in our sadhana. The deities arrived on Jul 16th and we had Their welcome program on Jul 23rd (on Guru Poonima day). Unless one has the mercy of spiritual master, one cannot progress on the path of spiritual journey and worship Their Lordships. Please bless us Maharaj that we will continue to follow your instructions and one day we will become your worthy disciples. In this regard, I remember one sloka of Pracetas glorifying the Supreme Personality of Godhead. (Srimad Bhagavatam 4.30.30)

*asāv eva varo 'smākam īpsito jagataḥ pate
prasanno bhagavān yeṣāṃ apavarga-gurur gatih*

O Lord of the universe, You are the actual teacher of the science of devotional service. We are satisfied that Your Lordship is the ultimate goal of our life, and we pray that You will be satisfied with us. That is our benediction. We do not desire anything other than Your full satisfaction.

Please always keep us at your lotus feet and guide us in every step so that you will be satisfied with our behavior and whatever little attempts we are trying to serve you and all the Vaishnavas.

Yours humble servants,

Jayanth Krishna das and Sarvamangala devi dasi



*śrī mahāviṣṇu siddhivān parama dayāvān
divya guṇa vibhūṣita bhakti jñānavān
caraṇa koti daṇḍavat śīrṣa namanam
tava-kīrti-kīrtanam-sadā eṣa dāsa nivedam*

O Srila Mahavishnu 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.

