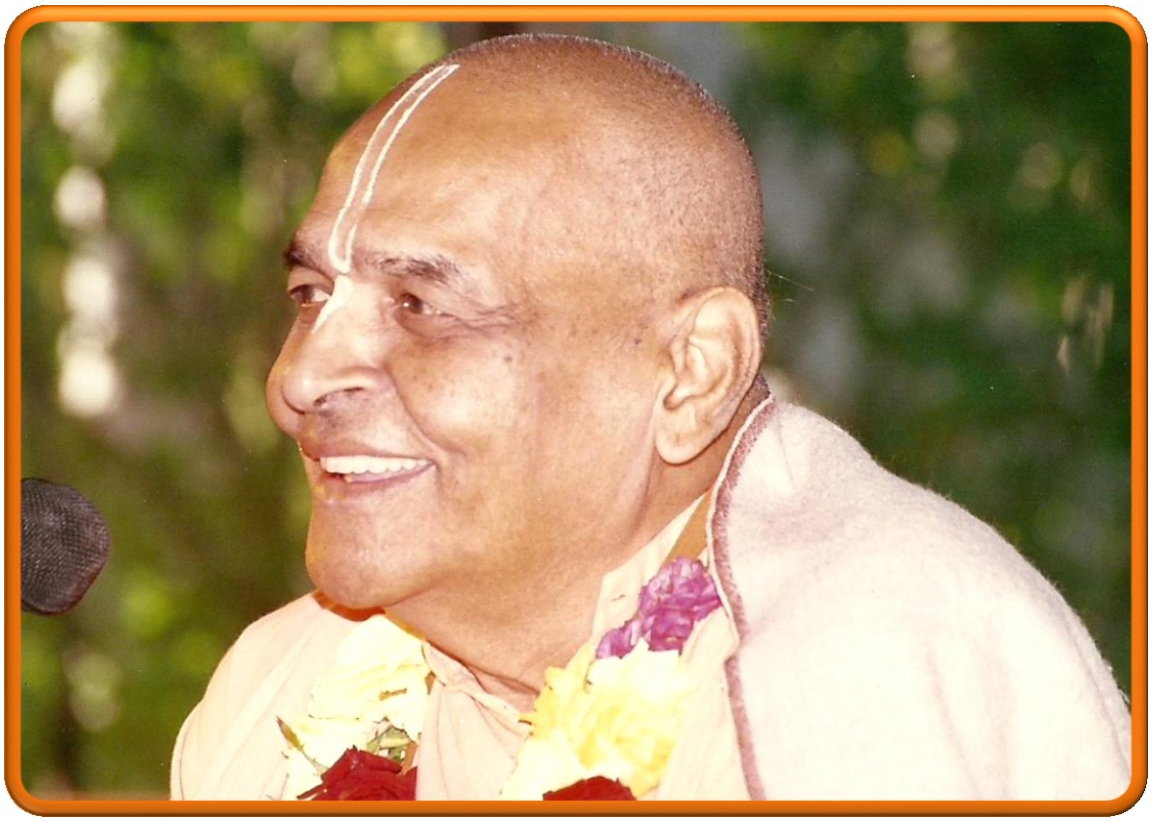
Srila Maha Visnu Goswami Pranam Mantra

Hare Krishna mantrena pana karite, swase swase pade pade

cittam pratiksanam spanamti ca ramanti ca, dhrdha bhagvatam dharma premadharanuraga

karuna dhrsti varsayati sadaivam, samsarinam dukha harana devaya tubhyam



Equivalents

hare Krishna mantrena - the Hare Krishna mantra; pana - relishes; karite - does; swaseswase - with every breath; padepade - at every step; cittam - His heart; pratiksanam - every moment; spanamti - bathing in; ca - also; ramanti - playing and enjoying; ca - also; dhrdha - firmly fixed; bhagvatam dharma - aural reception of the vedantasruti (SrimadBhagvatam); premadharanuraga - the transcendental flood of love overflowing from the great Scripture; karuna - merciful; dhrsti - glance; varsayati - bestowing; sadaivam - always; samsarinam - of the materialist men; dukha - miseries; harana - vanquishes; devayatubhyam - worshipable Spiritual Master; jnanam - complete knowledge of the Absolute; ca - also; vairagya - detachment from the material association; murtaye -

personified; Krishnapremaya - love of Godhead (Sri Krishna); murtaye - personified; mahavisnugoswami - SrilaMahavisnuGoswami; priya - my beloved; guruve - Spiritual Master; namah - I offer my respectful obeisances unto His lotus feet.

Translation

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

Srimad Bhagvatam 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

namami murdhana caranaravinde

sri bhagavata patha su-medhase

pracarine loka tarine

sri mahavisnu goswami namine

Equivalents

namami - offer obeisances; murdhana - bow my head; caranaravinde - unto the lotus feet of SrilaMahavisnuGoswamiMaharaj; sribhagavata - of srimadBhagavatam; patha - the path; su-medhase - very inteligently (that which is practical and appealing to general mass of people); pracarine - preaches; loka - general mass of people; tarine - delivers; srimahavisnugoswami - SrilaMahavisnuGoswamiMaharaj; namine - name.

Translation

I offer my respectful obeisances and bow my head unto the lotus feet of SrilaMahavisnu 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 Vyasa-puja 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 worshiping, one may think that this man is teaching his disciples man-worshiping, anthropomorphism. But it is not man worshiping. 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 PanditMahasaya, because he is actually doing the pandita's work. So he edits and he works very hard. And... Not only that, his wife also helps in this connection. So actually, that is wanted.

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

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

So actually, married couples should be paramahamsas. Paramahamsa means the topmost stage of sannyasi. Paramahamsa. A sannyasi has got four stages: kuticaka, 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 kuticaka. Then gradually, when he is practiced, he begs from home to home. He does not anymore depend on his own home. (aside:) Stop this. That is called bahudaka. Bahudaka means collecting his necessity from many places. And then as he becomes practiced, he becomes parivrajakacarya. He goes from place to place, village to village, preaching the message of Krishna. As our SrimanRevatinandana Maharaja is doing. He has now very nice bus. All others also doing.Grhasthas are also doing. Because our only business is Krishna. It doesn't matter whether a grhastha, vanaprastha, sannyasi. It doesn't matter. So when he preaches all over the world, that is called parivrajakacarya. And when he's experienced, he executes the work by his assistants. That is called paramahamsa. So grhasthas are supposed to be paramahamsa. Just like BhaktivinodaThakura, he was grhastha, magistrate, government servant, but he has worked so much for Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in writing books. Not only writing books, but also begetting a child like Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja, my spiritual master. So that is grhastha. They should produce children like Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Maharaja. Because we want big stalwart men to preach this Krishna consciousness movement.

So everyone has got duty in Krishna consciousness, and this duty is taught by Krishna and the spiritual master. ***Guru- krishna-krpayapaya bhakti-lata-bija. Ei rupe brahmanda bhramite kono bhagyavan jiva.*** Anyone who is coming to Krishna consciousness, he's not ordinary living being. Anyone who is connected with our movement, he's not ordinary living being. Actually, he's liberated soul. And I am very much hopeful that my disciples

who are now participating today, even if I die, my movement will not stop, I am very much hopeful. Yes. All these nice boys and girls who have taken so seriously... BhaktivinodaThakura wanted that European and American people may understand the philosophy of Caitanya cult and take part in it. That was his desire. My Guru Maharaja, His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami Prabhupada, he also attempted to send his disciples to preach Caitanya cult in the Western world. One of them, he advised me also. First meeting, perhaps you know, he asked me to preach. So at that time I was young man, only twenty-five years old, and I was also householder. So I should have joined and executed his desire immediately, but due to my ill luck I could not immediately execute his order, but it was in my heart that it is to be done. So better late than never, I executed his order at the age of seventy years, not at the age of twenty-five. So actually I wasted so much time, I can understand that. From twenty... The message was there when I was twenty-five years old, but I began at the age of seventy years. But I did not forget the message. Otherwise, how could I do? That was, that is a fact. I was simply finding out the opportunity, how to do it. So anyway, although I began very late, at the age of seventy years, so by the help of my disciples this movement is gaining ground and is spreading all over the world. So therefore I have to thank you. It is all due to you. It is not my credit, but it is your credit that you are helping me in executing the order of my Guru Maharaja

So this movement, Krishna consciousness movement, that you already know, that this is a most essential, most important movement to the human society. Last night the Ambassador of India, His Excellency Rasagotra, he was present here. He also appreciated that this movement is very important movement, and he was very pleased that I have done so much. So this movement will go on. Nobody can stop. So this Vyasa-puja ceremony means to offer our thanks to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because He is 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]

Satam prasangan mama virya-samvido
bhavanti hrt-karna-rasayanah kathah
taj-josanad asv apavarga-vartmani
sraddha bhaktir ratir anukramisyati

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-gitaAs 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 CaitanyaMahaprabhu says, [Cc. Madhya 7.128]

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

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

So it is not very difficult. One may not think that "I am not qualified to become guru." No, you are qualified if you follow strictly the *parampara* system. Then you are qualified. That's all. *Amara ajnaya guru hana...* And what is the difficulty? Caitanya Mahaprabhu says, "Don't feel any difficulty." Because as spiritual master, what you have to do? *Yare dekha, tare kaha, 'Krishna'-upadesa.* Whomever you meet, you simply speak to him the instruction which Krishna gives. What Krishna instruction gives? That is also very easy. What is that? Krishna says *man-manabhava mad-bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru.* Krishna says "Just become My devotee, always think of Me, offer Me obeisances, and worship Me." So here is Krishna. If you simply think "Here is Krishna, Radha-Krishna Deity," you may be fool number, rascal number one. That doesn't matter. But you are getting impression of this Radha-Krishna, think of Him: "Oh, how nicely Krishna is decorated." This much. No erudite scholarship. Simply...Krishna says, *man-manabhava mad-bhakto.* Here is Deity. Worship Him nicely as it is regulated principle. Even you are not worshiping, simply think of Krishna, "Here is Radha-Krishna." Impression. What is the difficulty? As soon as you see Radha-Krishna, you get some impression. Think of that impression. Where is the difficulty? *Man-manabhava mad-bhakto.* "Worship me." If you have got opportunity, worship. If you are initiated, worship here. Or you install Deity at home, as our Ksirodakasayi Prabhu is doing. Everyone can do it. Where is the difficulty? Now ask him how he is happy. The whole family is happy. Not only he. But his wife, his children, everyone is happy. Practical. *Man-manabhava mad-bhakto mad-yaji mam namaskuru.* And if you cannot do anything, simply come and offer your obeisances: "My dear Lord Krishna, I am so poor, so unfortunate, I cannot do all these things, but I offer my humble obeisances unto Your lotus feet." That much also. If you do this, you become spiritual master.

So, simply by accepting this principle, and even if you are not learned, illiterate, you are hearing so much from *Bhagavad-gita,* you simply repeat that. Simply repeat that. There is no question of becoming very learned scholar. God has given you this ear. Even if you are blind, you cannot read, you can hear. So Krishna *upadesa,* what is Krishna...? This is *'Krishna'-upadesa.* And at last,

Krishna says, *sarva-dharmanparityajya mam ekamsaranamvraja.* So if you simply preach this cult, "My dear friend, my dear brother, you surrender to Krishna," you become spiritual master. You become spiritual master. You go door to door. No other talks. Simply say, "My dear friend, you are very nice, you are very learned." That was adopted by Prabodhananda Sarasvati.

dante nidhaya trnakam padayor nipatya
kaku-satam krtva caham bravimi
he sadhavah sakalam eva vihaya durad
caitanya-candra-carane kurutanuragam

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

So I hope that all of you, men, women, boys and girls, become spiritual master, and follow this principle. Spiritual master, simply, sincerely, follow the principles and speak to the general public. Then Krishna immediately becomes your favorite. Krishna does not become your favorite; you become Krishna's favorite. Krishna says in the *Bhagavad-gita, na ca tasmad manusyesu kascin me priya-krttamah:* "One who is doing this humble service of preaching work, Krishna consciousness, nobody is dearer than him to Me." So if you want to become recognized by Krishna very quickly, you take up this process of becoming spiritual master, present the *Bhagavad-gita* as it is. Your life is perfect.

Thank you very much.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Sri Guru Vandana

sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bandomuisavadhana mate
jaharaprasadebhai, e bhavatoriya jai,
krishna-prapti hoy jaha ha'te

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

guru-mukha-padma-vakya, cittetekoriyaaikya,
arnakoriho mane asa,
sri-guru-caranerati, ei se uttama-gati,
jeprasade pure sarvasa

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.

cakhu-dandilojei, janmejanmeprabhusei,
divya-jnanhrdeprokasito,
prema-bhaktijahahoite, avidyavinasajate,
vede gay jaharacarito

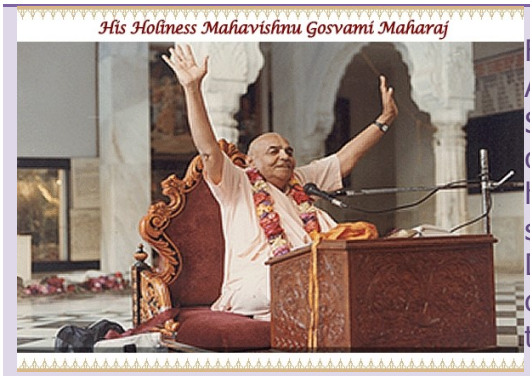
He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth. From him ecstatic prema emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character.

sri-gurukaruna-sindhu, adhamajanarabandhu,
lokanathlokerajivana
hahaprabhukorodoya, deho more pada-chaya,
ebejasaghusuktribhuvana

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

Sri Maha-Visnu Goswami Kirti-Astakam

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



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

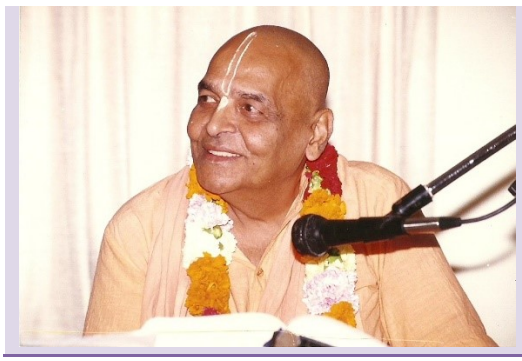
(2)

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

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

(3)

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



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

(4)

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

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

(5)

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

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

(6)

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

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

(7)

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

O` SrilaMaha-VisnuGoswami, 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)

dina viraja Krishna das gita caritam
guru mahavisnu pujya deva arpanam
guru seva abhilasa tivra bhavanam
kim karisyati adhama-papa jivanam

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

Our Only Shelter

Srimad Bhaagavatam Shaastra paanim atula
kaarunya chandraananam
ajnaana timiraapahaaya patitaan
sankalpa sooryodayam
deenaanaam sheela gunonnati krta matih
shaastraartha ratna pradam
mad bhaagyam mad eka sharanam mad guror
anyaam na manyaamaham.

Translation

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

Ocean Of Exalted Qualities

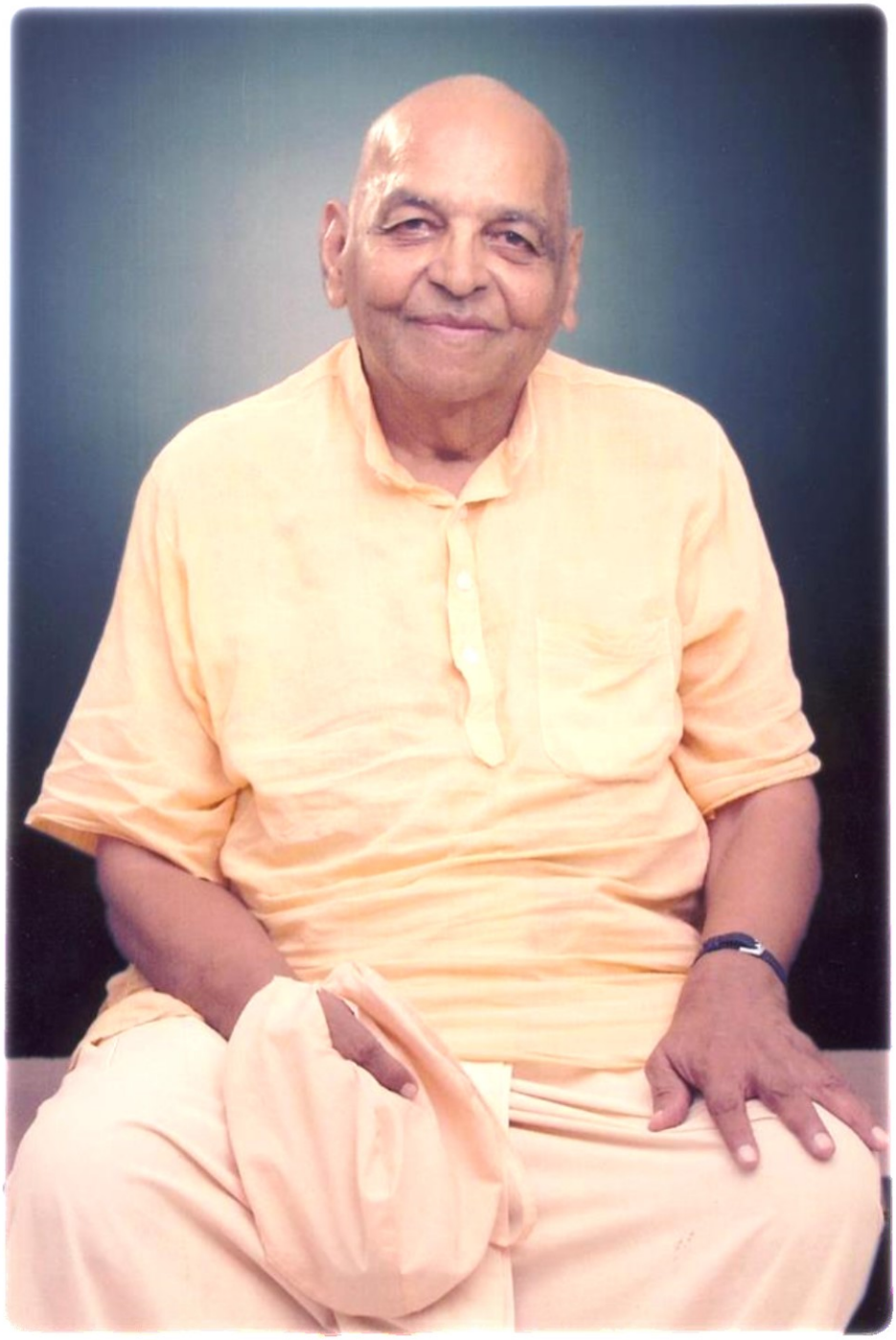
Mandasmita Mukhaambojam mahaneeya gunaarnavam
Madura Bhaashinam shaantam sarva bhuta dayaa param
Sadaa Krishna rasaavishtah paramaananda vigraham
Srimad Bhagavata Magna hrdayam Srigurum tam natosmyaham

Translation

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 Gurvastaka

*(Written by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura)**



samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-
tranayakarunyaghanaghanatvam
praptasyakalyana-gunarnavasya
vandegurohsri-caranaravindam

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.

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

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

sri-vigraharadhana-nitya-nana-
srngara-tan-mandira-marjanadau
yuktasyabhaktamscaniyunjato 'pi
vandegurohsri-caranaravindam

The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri SriRadha and Krishna. 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-sri-bhagavat-prasada
svadv-anna-trptanhari-bhakta-sanghan
krtvaivatrptimbhajatahsadaiva
vandegurohsri-caranaravindam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 [Krishna].

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

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

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“If you follow any other path apart from Bhagavata dharma, means you are sick. And in order to cure yourself from that sickness, you have to come to Bhagavatam and Prabhupada particularly”

Dear Guru Maharaja, Hare Krishna.

Please accept my sat koti obeisances at your most auspicious lotus feet on your glorious appearance day.

While I know you have innumerable transcendental qualities, I always find it difficult to express them in writing. Besides my laziness, this has been one of the reasons of not glorifying you in writing several times in the past. Also, many a times, I was reluctant to share my feelings with everyone except you and therefore, sent my offering separately to be offered at your lotus feet.

With your mercy, I will try to write a few lines in your glorification for your pleasure.

Guru Maharaja, you have one unique quality that is rarely found even among saints and sages. It is mentioned in the Srila Prabupada's purport in the following verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 8.16.20 –

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 8.16.20

upatiṣṭhasva puruṣaṁ
bhagavantaṁ janārdanam
sarva-bhūta-guhā-vāsaṁ
vāsudevaṁ jagad-gurum

Translation:

My dear Aditi, engage in devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is the master of everything, who can subdue everyone's enemies, and who sits within everyone's heart. Only that Supreme Person — Kṛṣṇa, or Vāsudeva — can bestow all auspicious benedictions upon everyone, for He is the spiritual master of the universe.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 8.16.20 Srila Prabhupada Purport:

Whenever one is perplexed**, **let him take shelter of the lotus feet of Vāsudeva**, Kṛṣṇa**, who will give the devotee intelligence to help him surpass all difficulties** and return home, back to Godhead. Kaśyapa Muni advised his wife **to seek shelter at the lotus feet of Vāsudeva**, Kṛṣṇa, so that **all her problems** would be **very easily solved**. Thus Kaśyapa Muni was an ideal spiritual master. He was not so foolish that he would present himself as an exalted personality, as good as God. **He was actually a bona fide guru because he advised his wife to seek shelter at the lotus feet of Vāsudeva. One who trains his subordinate or disciple to worship Vāsudeva is the truly bona fide spiritual master.

Here in the purport Srila Prabhupada gives the criteria to determine whether a person is bona fide guru. A bona fide spiritual always advises all his disciples and others to take the shelter of Krishna and only Krishna, as Kasyapa Muni advised his wife. I remember several instances where you instructed me and others in perplexing situations not to deviate even slightly from the shelter of Krishna by approaching astrologers, foretellers, brahamanas, etc. to get relief from material miseries. Hence, you are the truly bona fide spiritual master.

Whereas this verse mentions that the duty of a bona fide spiritual master is to instruct everyone to take the shelter of Krishna, Srimad Bhagavtam 8.17.1 mentions that the duty of a disciple is to strictly follow the instructions without laziness (atandritaah) like Aditi.

Further, in the purport of this verse Srila Prabhupada writes what happens if a disciple doesn't follow the instructions of his bona fide spiritual master "…***As soon as the disciple thinks independently, not caring for the instructions of the spiritual master, he is a failure (yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi****)…"*.

Also, in this purport Srila Prabhupada writes the result of following *"…Aditi very strictly followed the instructions of her husband and spiritual master, and thus she was successful".*

Later in the same episode, Srila Prabhupada writes in his purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 8.17.12 very strikingly how a devotee is relieved from all his sufferings "…***The Supreme Personality of Godhead****, being situated in everyone's heart, and especially in the hearts of His devotees,* ***is always ready to help devotees in adversity****. Since He knows everything,* ***He knows how things are to be adjusted****, and* ***He does the needful*** *to relieve the suffering of His devotee"*

On this day, it's customary to beg for the mercy of spiritual master. However, I don't want to beg anything because you have been taking care of me materially and spiritually for so many years despite my disobedience, laziness and impudence.

Dear Guru Maharaja, you are the Supreme Lord for me and I would like to write the following verse in your glorification –

In Bhagavad-gītā 11.44:

tasmāt praṇamya praṇidhāya kāyaṁ
prasādaye tvām aham īśam īḍyam
piteva putrasya sakheva sakhyuḥ
priyaḥ priyāyārhasi deva soḍhum

Translation:

You are the Supreme Lord, to be worshiped by every living being. Thus I fall down to offer You my respectful obeisances and ask Your mercy. As a father tolerates the impudence of his son, a friend the impertinence of a friend, or a husband the familiarity of his wife, please tolerate the wrongs I may have done You.

My dear Gurudeva, please accept sat koti humble obeisances of Radha Charan, Murli Manohar, Vasudeva Krsna and Mangala Aarti at your lotus feet. We all thank you from the core of our heart and again offer our sata koti obeisances for constantly keeping us under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant,

Svayam Sphuraty Krishna das

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Vasudev Krishna das and Krisna Preeti devi dasi

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet.

Gurudev! One more has year passed without your physical association but we can feel your presence in your instruction more than before. It is time for us to glorify your pastimes and introspect ourselves.

On this auspicious occasion of Vyasa Puja kindly accept the following verse from SB 7.6.27 submitted at your lotus feet for your pleasure:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.6.27

jñānaṁ tad etad amalaṁ duravāpam āha
nārāyaṇo nara-sakhaḥ kila nāradāya
ekāntināṁ bhagavatas tad akiñcanānāṁ
pādāravinda-rajasāpluta-dehināṁ syāt

TRANSLATION

Narayana, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the well-wisher and friend of all living entities, formerly explained this transcendental knowledge to the great saint Narada. Such knowledge is extremely difficult to understand without the mercy of a saintly person like Narada, but everyone who has taken shelter of Narada's disciplic succession can understand this confidential knowledge.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada in his purport writes:

It is stated here that this confidential knowledge is extremely difficult to understand, yet it is very easy to understand if one takes shelter of a pure devotee. This confidential knowledge is also mentioned at the end of Bhagavad-gita, where the Lord says, sarva-dharmaan parityajya maam ekam sharanam vraja: [Bg. 18.66] "Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me." This knowledge is an extremely confidential secret, but it can be understood if one approaches the Supreme Personality of Godhead through the bona fide agent, the spiritual master in the disciplic succession from Närada. Prahlada Maharaja wanted to impress upon the sons of the demons that although such knowledge can be understood only by a saintly person like Närada, they should not be disappointed, for if one takes shelter of Narada instead of material teachers, this knowledge is possible to understand. Understanding does not depend upon high parentage. The living entity is certainly pure on the spiritual platform, and

therefore anyone who attains the spiritual platform by the grace of the spiritual master can also understand this confidential knowledge.

Prahalad Maharaj was an elevated soul and was able to receive the knowledge by the Grace of his spiritual master Sri Narada.Prahalad maharaj was able to understand the confidential knowledge.

Maharaj, we are not elevated souls like Prahalad Maharaj, rather we are fallen ones, but somehow or other we have taken your shelter and you have accepted us as your disciples, from our end we are trying to follow your instructions, please be merciful to us, ignore our shortcomings and guide us so that we may be able to understand this confidential knowledge.

Please bless us so that we can engage our selves as guided by you.

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay.

Your insignificant servants but most fortunate souls,

Vasudev Krishna Das

Krishna Preeti Devi Dasi

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Hrshikesh Krishnadas & Kaushalya Devi Dasi

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

Sri Sri Neelmadhav Ji ki Jay

Sri Sri Rukmani Dwarikadhish Ji ki Jay

Sri Sri Radhika Raman Ji ki Jay

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay

Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Dear Maharaj kindly accept our sat koti dandvat pranams at your lotus feet.

Maharaj today is a very special and wonderful day for all of us as we all together celebrate your glorious Vyasa Pooja occasion. The memories of your last physical darshan is very much alive as if it is was yesterday.

In fact 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. What we miss calls to you and your wonderful voice asking how are you son. Heart starts crying at this moment.

We are so extremely fortunate to be under your kind protection under your lotus feet. Ther is no other shelter for us other than your lotus feet. Our whole life would have been complete waste without your shelter and mercy. We feel fully secured and protected under your lotus feet.

Maharaj your mercy has no limits and is truly causless. 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.

We did not understand the power of service unto pure devotees like you otherwise we would have served your lotus feet and obtained the ultimate goal of life. This has been confirmed in the pages of Srimad Bhagvatam.

While humbly requesting the answers to his queries, Parikshit maharaj states following (SB 6.1.10)

"I therefore consider this process of repeated sinning and atoning to be useless"

Answering this great realization, Srila Sukdev Goswami Ji confirms and provides wonderfull solution to sinners and unqualified persons to achive the ultimate goal of life. He states as follows in SB 6.1.16

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 6.1.16

na tathā hy aghavān rājan
pūyeta tapa-ādibhiḥ
yathā kṛṣṇārpita-prāṇas
tat-puruṣa-niṣevayā

Translation:

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.

Srila Prabhupas writes in the wonderful purport as follows: As Krishna says

In Bhagavad-gītā 9.13

mahātmānas tu māṁ pārtha
daivīṁ prakṛtim āśritāḥ
bhajanty ananya-manaso
jñātvā bhūtādim avyayam

Translation:

O son of Pṛthā, those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature. They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible.

Thus the symptom of a mahätmä is that he has no engagement other than service to Krishna. **One must render service to a Vaishnava in order to get freed from sinful reactions, revive one's original Krishna consciousness and be trained in how to love Krishna.**

Maharaj you are true representation of statements in above purport. You are always fully engaged in devotional service under protection of divine nature as you have no engagement other than service of Krishna.

However we are so unfortunate that we did not serve your lotus feet in order to get freed from sinful reactions.

Maharaj you are so kind that in spite of our inability you have allowed us to be in your service.

We humbly request you to keep us in your shelter and enable us to follow your instructions to be your true disciples.

Maharaj kindly allow us to continue in your service for the rest of our lives. Please bestow your mercy on us so that we can be your sevants in your mission according to your desire and plan.Without your mercy and sanction, we have no capacity.

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!!

His Holiness Mahavishnu Maharaj's Vyasa Puja Utsav ki Jay !!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila Gurudev!!

Your insignificant servants,

Hrshikesh Krsnadas & Kaushalya Devi Dasi,

Abu Dhabi.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- 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 five years since you have left us physically but still you are very much accessible to your pure disciples. I am one of the most careless disciple engaged fully in material mire , and you have become inaccessible because of my own faults. I don't feel the separation at all by the force of time. No tears are flowing from my eyes for your association. Of late I don't have much taste in Krishna consciousness and more taste in material consciousness. I think the main reason for this is because of vaisnava aparadh to your sincere disciples. I therefore pray at the feet of all your disciples and ask for forgiveness. Also I request the dust of your Divine Grace lotus feet to pick me up from this ocean of material rotten condition to devotional service. You have been giving unadulterated love of godhead to us but my rascal mind is not accepting this nectar and naturally wants to drink the poison of the material world again and again.

Frankly speaking I don't have neither qualification nor I deserve to glorify your Divine Grace because of my being completely engulfed in material activities. I have forgotten the word transcendence because I am unable to comprehend or realise it.

However for my own purification I offer this wonderful verse at your lotus feet. Please please be merciful for this errand disciple and accept this insignificant offering.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.22.16

vyaktam ātmavatām ātmā
bhagavān ātma-bhāvanaḥ
svānām anugrahāyemāṁ
siddha-rūpī caraty ajaḥ

Translation:

The Supreme Personality of Godhead is always anxious to elevate the living entities, who are His parts and parcels, and for their special benefit the Lord travels all over the world in the form of self-realized persons like you.

Maharaj you are the personification of this verse and especially the word aatma bhaavanah – always wishing to elevate the living entities.

Aatma bhaavanah

Your Divine Grace have always been wishing to elevate the living entities so wonderfully and lovingly. Your encouragement to our son HG krpana vatsala Krishna das infact encouraged us in devotional service.

Aatma vataam – transcendentalists

Your Divine Grace was always situated in transcendental platform eventhough we may talk to you so many material things. In fact I can feel that you were so compassionate that you come down to our level and encourage us to come out of the material platform.

In one of the lectures, you were so much encouraging one devotee to chant the Srimad Bhagavatham verse and you emphatically suggested to that devotee to learn the verse correctly and understand the meaning of the verse. You are one of the few acaryas who emphasised on reading word to word meaning of Srimad Bhagavatham and Srimad Bhagavad Gita which is being ignored nowadays.

Anugahaya – just to show mercy

I never dreamt in my life that I will ever touch this transcendental book Srimad Bhagavad Gita and also speak on it. It is all possible because of your extreme mercy on this most fallen soul.

Maharaj I came to abudhabi to make money and be happy and now after 19 years in Abudhabi , I am finding myself not satisfied at all and not at all happy. I am still in miserable condition as I was in 1996 when I landed in Abudhabi. No change in the material condition of my life.

But as far as my spiritual life is concerned (in my case I am yet in material atmosphere and I am unable to make my spiritual life and material life both on transcendental level and I am struggling in it), you have completely changed the complete outlook and your have benedicted with supreme transcendental benefit of Krishna consciousness to us which is the invaluable gem of our life.

Your Divine Grace appeared in my life without asking for it. That is to show just special mercy on me and my family as mentioned by parikshit maharaj,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.19.36

anyathā te 'vyakta-gater
darśanaṁ naḥ kathaṁ nṛṇām
nitarāṁ mriyamāṇānāṁ
saṁsiddhasya vanīyasaḥ

Translation:

Otherwise [without being inspired by Lord Kṛṣṇa] how is it that you have voluntarily appeared here, though you are moving incognito to the common man and are not visible to us who are on the verge of death?

Maharaj , you are the personfication of this verse. Every verse of Srimad Bhagavatham make us feel that you lived in each of those verses as it is and

therefore you were completely transcendental in nature eventhough you were dealing with so many living entities like me who are completely absorbed in material thoughts

Anyatha – otherwise without being inspired by Lord Krishna

I don't know to thank the Supreme Lord who has inspired your Divine Grace to come to abudhabi. You could have gone to sharjah, Alain, Dubai and so many other Emirates in United Arab Emirates. And the timing was also perfect that you started coming to Abudhabi from 1996 and give your divine darshan to us . In fact I landed in Abudhabi in Dec 1996 and within two years I was able to have your darshan eventhough I don't deserve a bit of it.

Avyakta gateh : Of one whose movements are invisible

Srila Prabhupada uses the word "moving incognito to the common man." Your Divine Grace is a pure devotee but you were moving with us as if like a fatherly figure. In the beginning of our association we were just happy to be associated with you for your loving glances and encouragement on my family and we did not understand your exalted position of a pure devotee. Even today I am like the common man not able to recognize your Supreme Divine potency of your pure devotion.

Vaniyasah – Voluntary appearance.

Your appearance in Abudhabi is voluntary and was to show special mercy on the devotees of Abudhabi. We were so fortunate that everytime you have to travel to London you made a point to drop in Abudhabi regularly. You could have chosen to fly directly from India to London, but because of your special compassion and mercy on the fallen souls like me that you decided to have a break in journey in Abudhabi. Your Divine Grace has appeared in Abudhabi about 20 times in 11 years which means atleast two times in a year, you were merciful to put your lotus feet in the land of Abudhabi which is parched with scarcity of Bhakthi.

Nitaram – specifically

Maharaj you have specifically chosen the most fallen souls like us in Abudhabi and it is your own specific choice and that means it is definitely your compassion and Krishna's causeless mercy. This clearly shows your Divine Grace Causeless mercy on us without even asking for it. This is just like the rain pouring on dry desert eventhough they deserve a bit of it.

Samsiddhasya- of one who is all perfect.

Your divine grace is always perfect in all respects. Maharaj that on one occasion you were giving Brahimincal initiation to HG Vaijayanthi mala devi dasi, that you did not take the food till 2 pm in order to ensure that all the disciples for Gayatri have memorised the mantra. Your were so meticulous that you wrote the mantra with your Divine Lotus hand and gave it to Vaijayanthimala devi dasi to copy the same mantra for all the disciples who have come for Brahminical

initiation . But she was little lazy and you immediately told her that she has to make the copies immediately and give it to all the disciples and that they should memorise the mantra before leaving.

I remember that day you were leaving Abudhabi, you were ready 4 hours before the flight time and ready to start with all the things like passport and ticket are ready in your hand. One time your Divine Grace was walking withyour lotus feet in Neel madhav dam and you saw a rubber band in the road and you immediately bent down to take it and keep for future use.

The personalities holding the Five Great elements were with folded hands and stated that you never wasted any of the Five elements more than required. Unless you are supremely perfect it is not possible that the presiding dieties of the Five Great elements would appear before you. Your Divine Grace is completely perfect in all respects.

Srila Prabhupada writes in the purport the way to utilise the causeless mercy

1, One can achieve the nucleus of devotional service of the Lord by the mercy of the spiritual master and the Personality of Godhead. (Nucleus is sincere loving devotional service to the Lord)

2. The Spiritual master is the manifested representative of the Personality of Godhead to help one to achieve ultimate success.

3. One can achieve the ultimate success of going back to Godhead if he is favored by the Lord's sending His true representative.

4. As soon as a true representative of the Lord is met by a devotee of the Lord, the devotee is assured a guarantee for going back to Godhead just after leaving the present body.

Srila Prabhudpada concludes that only two qualifications are required for a disciple to become successful after obtaining the causeless mercy of a pure devotee.

1. To become a real devotee of the Lord.
2. To become sincere in Devotional service.

In order to become a real devotee also requires special mercy of the Spiritual master and the Lord and therefore I pray at the lotus feet of Your Divine grace to remove all the contaminations in my heart and place only devotional service to you as my goal of my life.

Maharaj I am completely insincere in Devotional service and I am lacking so much on my side. I really feel that I want to improve myselves in Devotional service, but my mind is always carried away by the lustful desires of material happiness and completely submerged in that realm without even thinking of the transcendental realm which is going to give eternal happiness and bliss.

I have the highest hope and confidence in your confidential disciple His Grace Devakinandan das prabuji who is following your legacy 100% and is guiding

us in every step of our life and I am very much indebted to him and ofcourse to your Divine Grace we are indebted eternally. Your disciple has acquired all the qualities of yours because of your unlimited mercy showered on this deserving disciple. HG Devaki prabhuji is undergoing so much of physical and mental stress due to various material difficulties of this world. Maharaj, I beg from the core of my heart, Please mitigate those difficulties so that his Service to you continues eternally and he can share all of your wonderful devotional attributes to us till we and your grand disciples die. Inspite of knowing your divine Grace exalted qualities I am yet to develop faith in your divine grace instructions and follow it word by word. I am still struggling with my body, mind and senses which are dragging away from your shelter and always giving valid reasons for not taking shelter of your safe lotus feet.

Maharaj I am yet to come to the level of your disciple of becoming Krishna consciousness in every walk of of my life and translate Srimad Bhagavatham into my behaviour. I am struggling to work on applying the principles of Srimad Bhagavatam in my day to day duties . Please show a drop of your mercy so that I can really be your obedient student. As you said that I am still crude in behaviour and yet to refine myself as a disciple of yours.

Therefore I pray at your lotus feet with this verse sung by HIS DIVINE GRACE Srila Bhakthi Vinod Thakura in his Saranagati and pray from the core of my heart that I should become really a disciple of Your divine Grace one day and serve your lotus feet life after life eventhough I am unable to do it.

Jogyataa vicaare . kichu naahi paai, tomaara karunaa saara

Karunaa naa hoile, Kaandiyaa kaandiyaa, praana naa raakhibo aara

When I examine myself, I find nothing of good value. Your mercy is therefore essential to me. If you are not merciful, I will constantly weep, Please make me your beloved servant.

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Your disobedient son,

Sajjanapriya Krishna das

Abu Dhabi.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Girivaradhari das

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of VYASA POOJA 2015

Dear Gurudev,

kṛpaa-bindu diyaa, koro ei daase,
trnaapekhaa ati hina
sakala sahane, bala diyaa koro',
nija-maane spṛhaa-hina

Gurudev, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. Give me all help. Give me strength. Let me be as you are, without desires or aspirations.

I regret that I have no pure devotion to Your Divine Grace. I am sad that I have no absolute love for you. Apart from feeling of gratitude for saving me from ignorance, I have only intellectual and philosophical appreciation for you as my eternal spiritual master. However the scriptures reveal that unless one has the same faith and love for Guru as much as he has for Krishna, the secrets of all Vedas are not revealed:

yasya deve paraa bhaktir
yatha deve tatha gurau
tasyaite kathitaa hy arthaah
prakaashante mahaatmanah

The real import of the scriptures is revealed to one who has unflinching faith in both the Supreme Personality of Godhead and the spiritual master.

Maharaj, when will I have that implicit faith and love for you, required under this prescription?

Maharaj today on this auspicious day of your appearance, I offer the following verse from Shrimad Bhagavatam

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.2.3

yaḥ svānubhāvam akhila-śruti-sāram ekam
adhyātma-dīpam atititīrṣatāṁ tamo 'ndham
saṁsāriṇāṁ karuṇayāha purāṇa-guhyaṁ
taṁ vyāsa-sūnum upayāmi guruṁ munīnām

Translation:

Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto him [Śuka], the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyāsadeva, who, out of his great

compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential supplement to the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.

Maharaj I was listening to one of your discourses of the above mentioned verse. You gave me practical insight how to preach. I have tried to assimilate few points from it. Please accept this as an offering from this "lost case".

1. *Sva-anubhavam* means **our own experience.** Everybody is full of experiences. You have mentioned here as Prabhupad explained us his experience we must also relate our practical experiences to the general mass.
2. Then we have *shruti saaram* i.e we have **the *essence* of all the scriptures.**
3. With the combination of our own experience and the scriptural essence, there is *adhyaatma deepam* **- *the transcendental lamp of knowledge is rekindled in our hearts.***
4. As soon as the lamp is rekindled, there is *atititirsataam tamondham* - ***we can easily cross over the blinded darkness of ignorance.***
5. Then we have to ***compassionately speak out this knowledge*** for the benefit of all the materialistic people suffering repeated births and deaths here (*samsaarinaam karunaya aaha*).
6. ***We have to take bath in Srimad Bhagavatam.*** Dirty body can be cleansed by water. Dirty consciousness cannot be cleansed by water. So wash your consciousness always.
7. ***Try*** to spend as much time as possible with Srimad Bhagavatam, Srimad Bhagavad gita and Chaitanya Caritamrita. Srila Prabhupada has given us everything in toto and if we lose touch with his literature, we are doomed. With fixed and one pointed intelligence we have to go to him and there is no necessity of any other literature.

Even though you are physically absent but through your vani, you have left with us so many treasures and instruction for improving our sadhana on practical way.

Please continue to bless me so that I may become attached to serving your mission and follow your instruction under the safe shelter of your divine lotus feet.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Radha Neel Madhav ki Jay

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Your unworthy servant always,

Girivaradhari das

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine
Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjan- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Dear Maharaj, you opened my eyes and by your mercy I am able to do little service, although I know that I have no capacity to do anything.

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. We are grateful to Lord Krishna for sending an empowered representative like your good self.

I see that all along, you have been molding me, as per Your divine plan. Let me be grateful for all your inconceivable mercy and guidance. Maharaj, keep guiding me, so that I don't go astray from your instructions and your divine plan.

In one of the lectures HG Devaki prabhu said : "Maharaj instructed us that in order to get impetus from Krishna, we must become inspired by Krishna. Maharaj taught us there is only one verse in the entire Srimad Bhagavatam that speaks about the inspiration Krishna gives us. Maharaj lived that verse. In Srimad Bhagavatam verse 3.29.39, Kapila deva says to Devahuti mata,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.29.39

na cāsya kaścid dayito
na dveṣyo na ca bāndhavaḥ
āviśaty apramatto 'sau
pramattaṁ janam anta-kṛt

Translation:

No one is dear to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, nor is anyone His enemy or friend. But He gives inspiration to those who have not forgotten Him and destroys those who have.

When Maharaj was speaking to us in the Bhakti Vedanta hospital, many times he quoted this verse and said that as long as we are trying to remember Krishna, we will always have the inspiration to remember Krishna. Maharaj said, "Do not

search for inspiration in the sky, when it is very much on the ground. Inspiration is not something when your hair stands on end and for a moment you feel like jumping high in kirtan. Inspiration is actually coming on the platform of serious study of Srimad Bhagavatam. If you bury your head in Bhagavatam, then naturally Krishna gives you the impetus to become inspired on the basis of Bhagavatam. By remembrance of Krishna we are inspired. By forgetfulness of Krishna we will have to die." The Vaishnavas never die because they continue living on the basis of instructions and Srimad Bhagavatam. Sri Suta Gosvami also says,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.3.40

idaṁ bhāgavataṁ nāma
purāṇaṁ brahma-sammitam
uttama-śloka-caritaṁ
cakāra bhagavān ṛṣiḥ
niḥśreyasāya lokasya
dhanyaṁ svasty-ayanaṁ mahat

Translation:

This Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the literary incarnation of God, and it is compiled by Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the incarnation of God. It is meant for the ultimate good of all people, and it is all-successful, all-blissful and all-perfect.

Maharaj you quoted ,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.8.4

śṛṇvataḥ śraddhayā nityaṁ
gṛṇataś ca sva-ceṣṭitam
kālena nātidīrgheṇa
bhagavān viśate hṛdi

TRANSLATION

Persons who hear Srimad-Bhagavatam regularly and are always taking the matter very seriously will have the Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna manifested in their hearts within a short time.

You emphasized particularly granatas ca sva-cestitam – that until and unless one is serious in one's endeavor in studying Srimad Bhagavatam, one cannot see Krishna in the heart. "Studying Bhagavatam does not mean memorizing verses

or spewing them like parrots, he said." "It means we should contemplate lovingly and deeply what Krishna is telling us!"

I have no doubt that you have been guiding me and will continue to guide me. My only fear is I should not miss to recognize that and be grateful to you. Let me not get covered to an extent that I start offending you and your devotees, knowingly or unknowingly.

Maharaj you have been extremely tolerant and have been ignoring all my faults and motivating me. I pray and seek to take inspiration from verse SB 3.29.39 which you said is the only verse in the entire Srimad Bhagavatam that speaks about inspiration.

I alongwith my better half Sindhu and sons Pranataatma Bandhu and Siddharth with his wife Sinduja seek your mercy to always remain fixed in discharging our duties and following your instructions uninterruptedly and unmotivatedly.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai !!

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Gosvami Maharaj's Vyasa puja utsav ki Jai !!!

All Glories to Srila Prabhupad !!!!

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

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

Your humble servant,

Sri Ramchandra Das

Abu Dhabi

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Tushta Krishna Das & Sunití Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudev,

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srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories, all glories, all glories to you on this blessed day of your Sri Vyasa Puja !

Dear Guru Maharaj we wish you a very happy vyasa-puja and pray to Srimati Radharani for many happy returns of this auspicious day. Maharaj your causeless mercy that I could continue my devotional service keeping you at the centre of my life and as usual I feel myself your presence in our life.

Dear Guru Maharaj though I am not qualified to glorify you but I am fully convinced & aware of the importance of spiritual master & trying my level best to please you as per your instructions through the path of devotional service.

Dear Guru Maharaj I read the real meaning of the Vedic knowledge is revealed only to those advanced aspirants who have the same implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master.

yasya deva para bhaktir
yatha deve tatha gurau
tasyaite kathita hy arthaah
prakaasante mahaatmanah

Only unto those great souls who have the same implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge, spiritual realization (brahmabhuta) automatically revealed. Where as failure to properly worship the spiritual master results in fall down.

Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura has pointed out that the original cause of offending the Lord and falling down from one's position is one's not learning how to properly worship a bona fide spiritual master. One who is trained to offer respectful obeisances and worship to the bona fide spiritual master automatically offers proper worship to the Supreme Lord.

Naradaji concludes his teachings to Vasudeva,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.5.3

ya eṣāṁ puruṣaṁ sākṣād
ātma-prabhavam īśvaram
na bhajanty avajānanti
sthānād bhraṣṭāḥ patanty adhaḥ

Translation:

If any of the members of the four varṇas and four āśramas fail to worship or intentionally disrespect the Personality of Godhead, who is the source of their own creation, they will fall down from their position into a hellish state of life.

Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Ṭhakura has pointed out that the original cause of offending the Lord and falling down from one's position is one's not learning how to properly worship a bona fide spiritual master. One who is trained to offer respectful obeisances and worship to the bona fide spiritual master automatically offers proper worship to the Supreme Lord. Without the mercy of a bona fide spiritual master, even a so-called religious man will gradually become atheistic, offend the Lord by foolish speculation and fall into a hellish condition of life.

Dear Guru Maharaja you are an embodiment of this as a disciple & proved yourself by living in vedic style perfectly as per recommendation in shastras which made us proud that we are followers of His Divine Grace, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada, Founder Acharya of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).

Maharaj you have proved your unrelenting natural spontaneity in devotion to fulfill the mission of Srila Prabhupada and the equivalent transcendental distinction and eminence of love for Lord Sri Krishna, by building Sri Sri Rukmini-Dwarkadhish Temple at Dwarka & Sri sri Radha Neel-Madhav Temple at Rajkot. Dear Guru Maharaj your all instructions are very much practical and heart touching and useful to our daily life. Below are the few which reminds me how to be stable in devotional service.

1) Bhakti is the only way to get out of materialistic behaviour and material modes. Anti-septic potency of devotional service is so great that it removes the material infection, even in this life.

2) You must carry Bhagavatam in your heart as you run. Then your consciousness and actions will be in-line with Krishna

3) We have to be always convinced that whatever situation Krishna puts us in, is suitable for us to perform bhakti. If this full trust is there, then Krishna will never cheat us.

4) The only source of the problem is the inability of us to put our hands together and thank Krishna for what we have. That is the reason why we cannot be peaceful.

5) Those who sincerely allow Krishna to be in their house and in their hearts, they are not inauspicious at all.

6) For those who always remember the Lord, the protection (kavacha) of the Lord is always there. The other living entities will also change and will not cause any difficulty to us. This way the miseries arising out of other living entities (adibhautik) can be mitigated.

Maharaj with reference to my previous offering I mentioned that I have achieved material goal but lagging very much in spiritual goal but by the grace of Lord Krishna's mercy & your blessings this year I got many opportunities to serve devotees and encouraged new devotees to become Krishna conscious & hope many will join to spread the massage of Lord Chaitanya.
On this holy day commemorating 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, bless me with Krishna consciousness, and empower me to share whatever I have learned and realized. On the occasion of our dear spiritual master's 96th Vyasa puja anniversary it is the best chance for all of us to redeem ourselves from all the difficulties and re-energize spiritually to serve the lotus feet of our spiritual master eternally.

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad Ki Jai.

Your most insignificant servants,

Tusta Krishna Das & Suniti Devi Dasi

Sharjah.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Prabhupadananda das and Family

H.H. MAHAVISHNU GOSWAMI MAHARAJ, OUR GURUDEV.

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 POOJA.**

This is our humble offering to our beloved Guru Dev on the eve of Vyasa pooja day.

Srila Gurudeva, it is your mercy and your kindness that you have shown us the right path of devotional service to Krishna. Maharaj you explained us everything in accordance with logic and reason, as well as scriptural authority and tradition. It is said that a blind cannot lead the blind. Only a master who knows Krishna, rightly teaches others about Him. Not only does the realized guru know the truth. He loves the truth. In its original sense, the term philosopher means "one who loves truth." So one might say that the spiritual master is the ideal philosopher. Nor is it a mere concept or idea, however grandiose or sublime, that he loves. It is the Personal Truth, Lord, who elicits/produces his deepest devotional sentiments.

Absolute Truth, or God, appears so infinite, transcendent, or esoteric/mystrious that it must be beyond our human powers to perceive it. So we think that no one can achieve perfect realization of Truth. We accept the idea of "teacher" only in a limited sense. One person, we think, may be able to tell us something of his own relative insights about relative truths i.e.Guru.

By the mercy of Krishna one finds a bonafide spiritual master and by the mercy of the spiritual master, one finds Krishna.

Sri Gurvastakam, Verse 1

"The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities."

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 5.14.13 Purport:

"One should approach a guru who can extinguish the blazing fire of this material world, the struggle for existence. People want to be cheated, and therefore they go to yogis and svamis who play tricks, but tricks do not mitigate the miseries of material life. If being able to manufacture gold is a criterion for

becoming God, then why not accept Krishna, the proprietor of the entire universe, wherein there are countless tons of gold? As mentioned before, the color of gold is compared to the will-O'-the-wisp or yellow stool; therefore one should not be allured by gold-manufacturing gurus but should sincerely approach a devotee like Jada Bharata. Jada Bharata instructed Rahugana Maharaja so well that the King was relieved from the bodily conception. One cannot become happy by accepting a false guru. A guru should be accepted as advised in Srimad-Bhagavatam (11.3.21). Tasmad gurum prapadyeta jijnasuh sreya uttamam: **One should approach a bona fide guru to inquire about the highest benefit of life**. Such a guru is described as follows: sabde pare ca nisnatam. Such a guru does not manufacture gold or juggle words. He is well versed in the conclusions of Vedic knowledge (vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah). He is freed from all material contamination and is fully engaged in Krsna's service. If one is able to obtain the dust of the lotus feet of such a guru, his life becomes successful. Otherwise he is baffled both in this life and in the next."

Maharaj you are the true example of the above as mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 5.14.13

guru-śuśrūṣayā bhaktyā
sarva-labdhārpaṇena ca
saṅgena sādhu-bhaktānām
īśvarārādhanena ca
śraddhayā tat-kathāyāṁ ca
kīrtanair guṇa-karmaṇām
tat-pādāmburuha-dhyānāt
tal-liṅgekṣārhaṇādibhiḥ

Translation:
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 shastras and guru.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7:7:30 Purport:

"One's first duty is to accept a bona fide spiritual master. The student or disciple should be very inquisitive; he should be eager to know the complete truth about eternal religion (sanatana-dharma). The words guru-susrusaya mean that one should personally serve the spiritual master by giving him bodily comforts, helping

him in bathing, dressing, sleeping, eating and so on. This is called guru-susrusanam. A disciple should serve the spiritual master as a menial servant, and whatever he has in his possession should be dedicated to the spiritual master.pranair arthair dhiya vaca. Everyone has his life, his wealth, his intelligence and his words, and all of them should be offered to the Supreme Personality of Godhead through the via medium of the spiritual master. Everything should be offered to the spiritual master as a matter of duty, but the offering should be made to the spiritual master with heart and soul, not artificially to gain material prestige. This offering is called arpana. Moreover, one should live among devotees, saintly persons, to learn the etiquette and proper behavior of devotional service. Srila Visvanatha Chakravarti Thakura remarks in this connection that whatever is offered to the spiritual master should be offered with love and affection, not for material adoration."

Srila Gurudeva, your lotus feet are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. We bow to your lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By your grace we can cross over the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna.

We humbly pray to Your Divine Grace, Please forgive us for all my offences which we committed during devotional services and guide us so that we can improve our quality devotional service

On this very auspicious day of your divine appearance, you have given chance to us to offer our adoration, our worship to you, because you may bless us to make peaceful progress in Krishna consciousness. O lord, O Gurudeva, may you always be the object of our vision. Only the Holy name of Krishna can destroy our pride and illusion. Although our mind and intelligence are contaminated by wicked inclinations, make our mind always meditate upon your lotus feet in causeless devotion.O Gurudeva you have given us shelter of your lotus feet mercifully. You are the only person in whom the whole world can take shelter of your lotus feet.

You are the axe that cuts down the tree of material existence for your servants. We therefore offer our obeisance unto you, who are the greatest of all transcendentalists. Our dear Srila Gurudeva, seeing you is the perfection of one's eyesight, touching your lotus feet is the perfection of the sense of touch, and glorifying your good qualities is the tongue's real activity, for advancement of one's spiritual life. In the material world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord. O master of the senses, O our lord, Gurudeva, let us offer our obeisances unto you again and again. I repeatedly offer my obeisances unto Srila Gurudeva, whose glances are full of mercy and who bestows transcendental bliss. O renowned lord, please, please protect us and kindly shower your mercy upon us again and again. Our respectful obeisance unto you, Dear Gurudeva, we offer our obeisance unto you, you are our eternal guru. Our dear Gurudeva, as mentioned in vedic scripture, only by your blessings we can make very rapid progress. Vedeshu durlabham adurlabhamaatma-bhaktau [BS. 5.33], otherwise it is very difficult for one to attain the ultimate goal of life and reach the supreme

destination, Goloka Vrindavana, simply by studying Vedanta philosophy or Vedic literature. However, this highest perfectional stage cannot be attained very easily. As we sing every day Yasyaprasaadaad bhagavat-prasaadah by the mercy of the spiritual master, acharya, we immediately get the blessings of Lord. If spiritual master, acharya, is pleased, then we can know that Krishna is also pleased.

Our business in this spiritual line is guru-parampara. We have to first receive the merciful benediction from the acharya, and then Krishna will be pleased and He'll also give His blessings. Krishna says, that "If anyone worships Krishna directly and if anyone worships Krishna through the acharya, he's better devotee who is coming to Me through acharya." Even a moment's association with a pure devotee cannot be compared to being transferred to the heavenly planets or even merging into the Brahman effulgence in complete liberation. For living entities who are destined to give up the body and die, association with pure devotees is the highest benediction. "Everyone gets a father and mother, but if one gets the benediction of Krishna and Guru, he can conquer material nature and return home, back to Godhead."

Srila Gurudeva, our prayer to you is that you please keep us close to the devotees, let us please continue to chant our rounds, and offer our food and strive to improve our sādhana. We do not want to fall away and be disconnected from your causeless mercy. Please allow us to be a puppet in your hands to help strengthen your movement, to restore the faith in those who have drifted too far away, and to help establish some of the old ways of chanting and hearing kīrtana as well! Your sweet voice is the only solace for our mind and heart. When we hear you sing /talk, everything immediately changes, and is calm and alright; so we are listening constantly to your japa, lectures, and kīrtana more than ever before.

Your humble servants,

Prabhupadananda das,

Pratibha Mataji,

Prabhupadpriya Krishna das (Pratik),

& Prahlad prabhu

Abu Dhabi, UAE.

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---- Radha Damodar das, Sarva Mangala Devi Dasi and Family

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SATAKOTI DANDAVATS AT YOUR LOTUS FEET MAHARAJ.

SRILA PRABHUPAD KI JAI
SRILA GURUDEV KI JAI

By the mercy of Krishna one finds a bonafide spiritual master and by the mercy of the spiritual master, one finds Krishna. Maharaj we are very much indebted to you for accepting the fallen souls like us as "your disciples", as we are not at all qualified and fit to be the ONE.

Gurudev! On this auspicious occasion, we would like to offer below verses from Srimad Bhagavatam to your lotus feet as our sincere offering.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.2.53

tri-bhuvana-vibhava-hetave 'py akuṇṭha-
smṛtir ajitātma-surādibhir vimṛgyāt
na calati bhagavat-padāravindāl
lava-nimiṣārdham api yaḥ sa vaiṣṇavāgryaḥ

Translation:

The lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead are sought even by the greatest of demigods, such as Brahmā and Śiva, who have all accepted the Supreme Personality of Godhead as their life and soul. A pure devotee of the Lord can never forget those lotus feet in any circumstance. He will not give up his shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord for a single moment — indeed, not for half a moment — even in exchange for the benediction of ruling and enjoying the opulence of the entire universe. Such a devotee of the Lord is to be considered the best of the Vaiṣṇavas.

And our most beloved Gurudev you are the perfect and the best Vaishnava!!!

It is simply impossible for a pure devotee to forget the lotus feet of the Personality of Godhead, since everything that exists is in fact an expansion of the Supreme Lord. Since nothing is separate from the Supreme Lord, a pure devotee of the Lord cannot think of anything but the Lord. Nor can a pure devotee contemplate ruling or enjoying universal opulence; even if given all the opulence of the universe, he would immediately offer it at the lotus feet of the Lord and return to his position of a humble servant of the Lord.

We all have noticed and experienced how **humble** our Gurudev was always. If given a choice for perfect Synonym for HUMBLE, we would says its our **GURUDEV**. One of the simple example I remember, whenever we used to perform Guru Aarthi in front of our Gurudev, our Gurudev would simply meditate and fix his eyes constantly on the lotus feet of KRSNA, he would never lift his eyes even for a single second and would never take the glories upon him, and in return he would offer it back to Lord Krsna and Srila Prabhupad. This shows the humbleness of our Gurudev. This practice we have seen in almost all the qualities Gurudev had.

Maharaj you had hammered us again and again by setting your own examples and through your many wonderful lectures of being Humble, Meek, Austerity, Cleanliness, Simplicity, Sincerity, Non-Envious, Friendly behavior, Non-Agitated , Merciful, Truthful, Harmless. These behaviors we all should carry and imbibe in ourselves to lead a better and peaceful life.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.3.24

śaucaṁ tapas titikṣāṁ ca
maunaṁ svādhyāyam ārjavam
brahmacaryam ahiṁsāṁ ca
samatvaṁ dvandva-saṁjñayoḥ

Translation:

To serve the spiritual master the disciple should learn cleanliness, austerity, tolerance, silence, study of Vedic knowledge, simplicity, celibacy, nonviolence, and equanimity in the face of material dualities such as heat and cold, happiness and distress.

- Śaucam, or "cleanliness," refers to both internal and external purity. We should not only be clean externally but internally clean by our behaviour and attitude.
- Tapaḥ - Austerity : One should remain fixed in executing his proper duty in life.
- Svādhyāyam : one should study Vedic literature according to his individual ability and also teach others. Specifically one should study those books which increase one's desire to serve the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
- Arjavam indicates simplicity or straightforwardness.
- Ahiṁsām indicates that one should not commit violence against any living entity. Unless one is aware of the subtle laws of karma, by which a living being enjoys and suffers, one cannot actually practice ahiṁsā, or nonviolence.
- Samatvaṁ dvandva-saṁjñayoḥ indicates that one should keep a cool head even when disturbing material dualities become manifest.
- One's first duty is to accept a bona fide spiritual master. The student or disciple should be very inquisitive. Inquisitiveness comes only when we are eager and sincere to learn and study Srimad Bhagvatam & Bhagavdgita.
- Vapu Seva : One should personally serve the spiritual master by giving him bodily comforts, helping him in bathing, dressing, sleeping, eating and so on.

- Vani Seva : If we are unable to serve our Spritual master by Vapu, we should be serving by Vani seva. Through Gurudev's vani seva we should be enlightened, inspired and motivated and should occupy our life by following Gurudev's instructions and lead a peaceful and spiritual life.
- Following the order of the bona fide spiritual master is the only duty of the disciple, and this completely faithful execution of the order of the bona fide spiritual master is the secret of success.
- The order of the spiritual master is the active principle in spiritual life. Anyone who disobeys the order of the spiritual master immediately becomes useless.
- As soon as the disciple thinks independently, not caring for the instructions of the spiritual master, he is a failure.
- The duty of all true disciples is to repay the debt to their spiritual master by offering him, with pure hearts, their wealth and even their very lives.
- Thus by offering everything to the spiritual master, one realizes one's self to be an eternal servant of the Lord.
- The spiritual master does not exploit the disciple but rather engages him fully in Krsna consciousness for the disciple's eternal benefit.

Its now 5 long years we have been separated from you Gurudev and feeling misfortune as we are unable to serve you by VAPU seva and we really MISS you Gurudev. Even though we are not at all perfect disciples and just trying to be devotees, you have given us your ultimate shelter and has always guided and protected us, who else can be so merciful than you Maharaj. You have given us the real meaning of our existence. You have given Krishna to us.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU LIFE AFTER LIFE.

Gurudev, we seek your blessings so that every life, wherever we be, we desire to be your sincere discipless and plead you that you should be ONLY our Guru Maharaj our SPRITUAL MASTER for EVER and for EVER.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Maharaj we sincerely seek your extreme mercy and your blessings upon us always so that, we may learn perfect lessons from your instructions and from Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhaagvad Gita and purify our existence, get eternal peace and return back to your lotus feet our eternal Home.

Maharaj please bless all of us and forgive us for all our sins/offences committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Your humble and insignificant Servants

Radha Damodar Das

Sarva Mangala Devi Dasi

Nimai & Meenakshi

ABU DHABI

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Radha Ramana Krishna Das and Anuradha Devi Dasi

Dear beloved Father,

Please accept our humble satakoti dandavat pranams at your love bounded lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Vyasa Pooja.

Beloved Maharaj, we would like to deeply thank you for all your support and attention shown to our family. Maharaj, we feel completely protected under your shelter. You are a very kind and caring father with very much insight.

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

Translation:

By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Our Dear Father, before getting initiation from you, we used to think that we are unfortunate souls. But after initiation, we felt that we are very fortunate and understood our goal of existence. Maharaj, as per your loving instruction we are teaching young children at home and in the school also I am teaching moral values, Krishna stories and Krishna bhajans. Every day, we are chanting Bhagavad Gita fifteenth chapter in the afternoon before lunch in the school.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.1.15

yat-pāda-saṁśrayāḥ sūta
munayaḥ praśamāyanāḥ
sadyaḥ punanty upaspṛṣṭāḥ
svardhuny-āpo 'nusevayā

Translation:

O Sūta, those great sages who have completely taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord can at once sanctify those who come in touch with them, whereas the waters of the Ganges can sanctify only after prolonged use.

Srila Prabhupada writes in his ever wonderful Purport:

Pure devotees of the Lord are more powerful than the waters of the sacred river Ganges. One can derive spiritual benefit out of prolonged use of the Ganges waters. But one can be sanctified at once by the mercy of a pure devotee of the Lord. In Bhagavad-gita it is said that any person, regardless of birth as sudra, woman, or merchant, can take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord and by so doing

can return to Godhead. To take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord means to take shelter of the pure devotees. The pure devotees whose only business is serving are honored by the names Prabhupada and Vishnupada, which indicate such devotees to be representatives of the lotus feet of the Lord. Anyone, therefore, who takes shelter of the lotus feet of a pure devotee by accepting the pure devotee as his spiritual master can be at once purified. Such devotees of the Lord are honored equally with the Lord because they are engaged in the most confidential service of the Lord, for they deliver out of the material world the fallen souls whom the Lord wants to return home, back to Godhead. Such pure devotees are better known as vice lords according to revealed scriptures. The sincere disciple of the pure devotee considers the spiritual master equal to the Lord, but always considers himself to be a humble servant of the servant of the Lord. This is the pure devotional path.

Maharaj, please bless us to carry out our devotional duties with utmost sincerity and help us chant very faithfully under any circumstances and give us the understanding that we remain always dependent only on Lord Sri Krishna.

We offer our respectful obeisances to you and pray to bless our family to progress in our spiritual path.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Your humble servants,
Radharaman krishna das
Anuradha devi dasi
Chennai.

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Sadashiv Krishna 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.

Dear beloved Gurumaharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

Maharaj,

Past few years in my life has made me realize that all the mistakes (rather blunders) I have made, after accepting this path of devotional service is the prime reason why I am suffering although I claim myself to be in this paramapara of bhakti.

I have felt most satisfied, most peaceful, most comfortable when I am with all devotees doing seva, associating with pure devotees. And I know that this is the only path which will keep me materially healthy too because it gives me a sense of direct protection from You. But still I deviate from my vows and my commitment unto You, due to the drive of my sense gratificatory tendencies and that makes me weak.

Maharaj,

Somehow or other, please keep me under your shelter and seva. With an impure mind, I am not able to improve my chanting and inturn my behavior but I have a desire to improve. And a bit of understanding you have given to me that unless I improve I can not expect my subjects, my family to take this path. Krsna gives direct instructions to disciple like me

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.3.23

sarvato manaso 'saṅgam
ādau saṅgaṁ ca sādhuṣu
dayāṁ maitrīṁ praśrayaṁ ca
bhūteṣv addhā yathocitam

Translation:

A sincere disciple should learn to dissociate the mind from everything material and positively cultivate association with his spiritual master and other saintly devotees. He should be merciful to those in an inferior position to him, cultivate friendship with those on an equal level and meekly serve those in a higher spiritual position. Thus he should learn to deal properly with all living beings.

This verse clearly tells that to keep the mind away from impurity, a sincere disciple must do 3 things

I. Disassociate mind with everything material

I have tried in past, but due to my weakness I get dragged to material sense gratification and not able to control myself at times. I know only by tying myself to your lotus feet, I can come over it, else there is no other way.

II. Positively cultivate association with spiritual master and saintly devotees

Your vaniseva alone is enough to bless us with your association and we have to be with saintly devotees, as that would help us rememeber you.

III. Deal properly with all the living beings, practically as follows

- ***Be merciful to those in an inferior position :*** Overwhelmed by my false ego, I have to come to senses now, I have to be gentle and helping towards others.
- ***Cultivate friendship with those on an equal level :*** By nature, not being friendly with everyone, I lack a lot in this aspect.
- ***Meekly serve those in a higher spiritual position:*** I can not hide from you, you know Maharaj, how miser I am in serving pure devotees and senior devotees.

Maharaj,

Krishna has clearly demanded most essential qualities in disciples so that he can serve his Spiritual Master in verse,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.3.24

śaucaṁ tapas titikṣāṁ ca
maunaṁ svādhyāyam ārjavam
brahmacaryam ahiṁsāṁ ca
samatvaṁ dvandva-saṁjñayoḥ

Translation:

To serve the spiritual master the disciple should learn cleanliness, austerity, tolerance, silence, study of Vedic knowledge, simplicity, celibacy, nonviolence, and equanimity in the face of material dualities such as heat and cold, happiness and distress.

These qualities are

***śaucam* :** cleanliness

***tapas* :** austerity

***titikṣām* :** tolerance

***maunam* :** silence

***svādhyāyam* :** study of the Vedas

***ārjavam* :** simplicity

***brahmacaryam* :** celibacy

***ahiṁsām* :** nonviolence

***samatvam dvandva-saṁjñayoḥ* :** equanimity in situations of duality

Cutivating these qualities are possible only by associating with someone who has these qualities. Hence Maharaj, I pray at your lotus feet to keep me under the shelter and association of Your Holiness and all the devotees, as the devotees of Krishna naturally has above qualities by the dint of their ***bhakti bhaava.***

Maharaj,

Please keep me under your shelter and don't let me leave your shelter and protect this useless servant from committing more sins. Please let me not hesitate to take up all the services that you are sending my way and let me accept and continue with those services with my full heart, as that alone will purify my mind from all my sinful tenedencies.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay, Srila Gurudev ki Jay.

Shri Shri Radha-Neelmadhavji ki Jai

Shri Shri Laddu Gopalji ki Jai

Your Humble Servant,

Sadashiva Krishna Das.

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----Vikuntha Nath das and Family

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj!

Dandavat Pranam!

All glories unto you!

All glories unto Srila Prabhupada!

Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

Maharaj, your glories are unlimited! We always hear and read about your glories form our god brothers. Whenever I hear about your personal association with them, I miss that lost opportunity. But I am sure you will give us that chance again to serve you in person.

Maharaj, we are not at all qualified to glorify your divine self. Infact, this is the time when we can look back and contemplate where we stand in devotional platform. And this is the time when we again request you to please forgive us for our misbehaviours and bless us with your kind mercy so that we can cross over this ocean of material distress.

Maharaj, you made devotional life look so easy by your simplicity that we were illusioned that it is so easy to achieve Krishna. We never understood your strong will power and firm faith in Krishna behind your simplicity. We thought devotional service is so very easy, we can cross over ocean of material distress just like crossing **water contained in a calf's hoof-print** but we forgot that it is possible ONLY **For those who have accepted the boat of the lotus feet of the** Lord and Guru. You have explained this in one of your lecture while discussing on verse,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.14.58

samāśritā ye pada-pallava-plavaṁ
mahat-padaṁ puṇya-yaśo murāreḥ
bhavāmbudhir vatsa-padaṁ paraṁ padaṁ
padaṁ padaṁ yad vipadāṁ na teṣām

Translation:

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 paraṁ padam, Vaikuṇṭha, the place where there are no material miseries, not the place where there is danger at every step.

Prabhupada explains: According to Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, the word pallava also indicates that Lord Krishna's lotus feet are just like desire trees, which can fulfill all the desires of the Lord's pure devotees. Same time Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura says in Śrī Śrī Gurv-aṣṭaka:

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo,
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi,

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.

So without your mercy we cannot understand Krishna and we cannot invite mercy of the Lord. And without understanding you and following your instructions we cannot invite your mercy.

Maharaj, your faith in Krishna is unparalleled. You have given us mantra of simple and natural life but we are so engrossed in sense gratification that our struggle with internal and external world is continuing day and night. I wonder what we could do if you have not taken us under your kind shelter. It is your vani, which keeps pulling us back on right track. Now I understand why Prabhpada wrote in preface of Bhagwat Gītā As It Is,

"We hope, therefore, that people will derive the greatest benefit by studying Bhagavad-gita As It Is as we have presented it here, and if even one man becomes a pure devotee of the Lord, we shall consider our attempt a success."

I hope and wish one day we will be able to surrender unto you in totality. Now we surrender as per our own conveniance. We pray, we cook, we arrange programs and we perform daily activities… but all as per our own comfort and taste. We hardly keep Krishna in mind while performing daily activities.

I pray to Krishna and to your divine self to give us enough strength so that like Arjuna one day we can also say: sthito 'smi gata-sandehaḥ, kariṣye vacanaṁ tava

All glories unto you and Srila Prabhupada !

Your humble servants,

Vaikunta Nath Das

Sarita Devi Dasi

Yashika and Bhuvanesh

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Govindang Krishna Das and Tungabhadra Devi Dasi

Param Pujya Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisance and koti koti dandavat pranams at your lotus feet.

Om ajnana-timirandhaysa jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur unmilitum yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

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

The glories of the Great Vaishnavas are unlimited. Following verse from Shiv Puran states the magnanimity of the Great Vaishnavas:

asita-giri-samam syāt kajjalam sindhu-pātre
sura-taruvara-shākhā lekhanī patra-murvī,
likhati yadi grhītvā shāradā sarva-kālam
tadapi tava gunānām īsha pāram na yāti.

TRANSLATION

If the black mountain be ink, the ocean the inkpot, the branch of the stout wish-fulfilling tree a pen, the earth the writing leaf, and if taking these the Goddess of Learning writes for eternity, even then the limit of Your virtues will not be reached.

However with our bleak devotion and love we shall try to glorify gurudev.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.25.21 (Kardam muni says to mata Devhuti)

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ

TRANSLATION

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

From the above verse following divine qualities of a Sadhu can be meditated upon:

1) ***titikṣavaḥ :*** Tolerant:

Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport "While engaged in preaching work, Sadhu has to meet with so many opposing elements, and therefore the sādhu, or devotee of the Lord, has to be very tolerant. Someone may ill-treat him ….. The sādhu has the thankless task of impressing upon them the importance of devotional service".

Gurudev you traveled extensively throughtout the globe and took lots of pain to spread love of Godhead and instructions of Srila Prabhupada.

You visited Abudhabi several times to elevate us. 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, chastising 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!!

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

Although Gurudev had a terminal bodily ailment during later stage of your pastime (2010) in this material world, you took lots of pain and visited Panvel to spread the message of Krishna for hours.

You always tolerate our misbehaviours, disqualifications and always reciprocate with great fatherly love.

2) ***kāruṇikāḥ :*** Merciful:

Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport – "Sadhu's 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 Krishna conscious. Be a devotee of Lord Krishna. Don't spoil your life in simply fulfilling your animal propensities. Human life is meant for self-realization, or Krishna consciousness." These are the preachings of a sādhu. He is not satisfied with his own liberation. He always thinks about others. He is the most compassionate personality towards all the fallen souls. Therefore one of his qualifications is kārunika, great mercy to the fallen souls."

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

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 bahaviour 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 all souls, without any discrimination – be a small kid or the elderly person or a menial worker.

Gurudev always used to say "Be merciful to all except your own self".

3) ***suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām :*** Friendly to all living entities:

Your dealing with all category and classes of persons – let it be KG going kid or an elderly scholar, was very loving and without duplicity. You always used to tell us to have faces like Watermelon – round & nice innocent and not like rotten Banana – morose.

You distributed the love of Godhead freely and without any reservations to all. You treated all the living entities equal – let it be your direct disciple, devotee, non-devotee, learned, menial worker, elderly person or a kid. BG 5.18 states – "The humble sages, by virtue of true knowledge, see with equal vision a learned and gentle brāhmaṇa, a cow, an elephant, a dog and a dog-eater [outcaste]."

Gurudev was friendly not only to all the living entities (marginal energy) but he treated with equal honor the non living entities (material energy – like pen, paper, cloths, time, etc). Gurudev never used to waste any of material energy and always tried to maximize/optimize its usage for service of Lord Krishna.

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

We remember how Gurudev became little angry on a bank manager in Rajkot who was not ready to release the Lakshmi of the cheque. The very next moment you lovingly inquired about the bank manager's family, his material & spiritual wellbeing, etc!!

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).

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

4) ***ajāta-śatravaḥ*** : inimical to none:

Srila Prabhupada states in the purport – "Yet although a sādhu is not inimical towards anyone, the world is so ungrateful that even a sādhu has many enemies. What is the difference between an enemy and a friend? It is a difference in behavior. A sādhu behaves with all conditioned souls for their ultimate relief from

material entanglement. Therefore no one can be more friendly than a sādhu in relieving a conditioned soul."

How can there be any enemy-disliking you? How can there be anyone who doesn't fall in love with you? You always carry Krishna in your heart. You always greet and spread Krishna's message with great enthusiasm to anyone who meets you. When we see you or hear your lectures or bhajans or hear your glorification by devotees there is always festival of mind "manso mahotsavam". Gurudev used to say – "hate the sin and not the sinner." Gurudev also insisted we shall not kill anyone by our words. Gurudev used to correct us with great love and care and with sweet words – so we tend to correct our mistakes. Sometimes Gurudev becomes angry (shows his Narsimha Roop) for our wrong act. The very next moment He will become a very loving father consoling us.

5) ***śāntāḥ :*** peaceful:

Because of your constant association with Lord Krishna you always remain peaceful in any situation. You accepted Krishna's plan as it is. You always insisted to keep our character clean without any duplicity. You did all worldly formalities very expertly to perform devotional service peacefully. You emphasized on us that we must do our duty expertly so that whatever remaining time we have we can devote to Krishna peacefully. You always insisted that we should close our material accounts daily, so that we can be relieved from the burden of the day and remain peaceful.

6) ***sādhavaḥ :*** abiding by scriptures:

Srila Prabhupada says in purport – "A sādhu means one who follows the principles of scripture and at the same time is a devotee of the Lord. One who actually follows the principles of scripture must be a devotee of God because all the śāstras instruct us to obey the orders of the Personality of Godhead. Therefore sādhu means a follower of the scriptural injunctions and a devotee of the Lord. All these characteristics are prominent in a devotee."

You have taught us to seriously study the scriptures – Shrimad Bhagavad Gita & Shrimad Bhagavatam. For any verse you have always taught us to go to word to word meaning first and then recite lovingly. You have asked us to do Shrnwan, Supathan and then Vicharana paro. You are teaching us by your own example. In Soho temple you used to read Srimad Bhagavatam 12 hours a day continuously sitting on the side of one pillar there. This pillar is now proudly named as Srila Mahavishnu Goswami pillar. And it is great inspiration for the devotees in Soho temple. You always followed the injunction of scriptures in your life and taught us by your own example – be it in following instructions of Srila Prabhupada, remain clean from outside as well as from inside, behavior as per scriptural recommandations, austerity – waking up for mangala aarti , cleaning clothes, study and apply Srimad Bhagavatam & Bhagavad Gita verses in our day to day life, etc.

7) ***sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ:*** adorned with sublime characteristics:

Gurudev you are adorned with all the sublime characteristics described in the scriputres. You are the purest. Gurudev the purity in your words, actions and

thoughts attracts and encourages living entity everywhere. Your tongue is always busy in glorifying the lord. Your actions are always as per the vedic culture – from daily menial activity like washing the clothes to the big activity like constructing a temple. You see everywhere the energy of the lord, respect it and utilise with great care. You are always absorbed in reading Srimad Bhagavatam and think deeply on each verse about its practical application. That is how your thoughts are always pure.

Because of all the sublime qualities - purity, love and devotion, devotees (who had associated with you) would remember you with great reverence and glorify you. Because of your purity the Rajkot temple construction is going on very nicely. The 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. Whenever we visit you at your Samadhi we get lots of guidance, energy and enthusiasm to carry out your instruction. During out last visit to Rajkot in Aug 2014 we experienced this pastime which shows the Purity and Devotion of Gurudev. We took a rickshaw after getting down from Volvo bus to the temple. We were reciting the 12th Chapter of Srimad Bhagvat Gita. By hearing us rickshawala told that he also knew some verses of Gitaji and he started reciting some verses. When we reached the temple he said that "this is going to be a Grand and Glorious temple" pointing towards temple under construction. He said he felt extremely happy whenever he passed by the temple on a rickshaw ride. After talking to him for some time we came to know that he follows Islam and he is Muslim!! So this shows the pure and firm Devotion of Param Pujya Gurudev. Param Pujya Gurudev ki jai!!

We would like to express our hearful thanks to Param Pujya Gurudev to have shown us the right path and for having encouraged us during this full year. This year by blessing of Gurudev we are blessed with a nice son. You are very kind to give him a beautiful name – Parikshit Krishna das. This year was very tough for us – leaving UAE at very short notice, Tugabhadra's critical – life threatening condition post delivery, her extensive travels during pregnancy, etc. However you directed and protected us on all occasions through a very transperant medium of our respected and loving elder god brother – HG Devakinandan Prabhuji. Your divine instruction through him is only ray of hope for us (as we are not very sincere in following your instructions. We have a desire to follow sincerely). Your blessings allowed Tungabhadra to remember and recite the full BG chapter 12 during her delivery – inspite of her life threatening critical condition in Operation Theater. You kindly allowed her to remember Shree Shree Radha Nilmadhavji, the big Temple pillers, your divine Samadhi with your smiling face and recitation of BG 12th chapter's last verse when while the baby was just coming out of the womb. This is a very special mercy on us. Your blessings saved her and our son. We are not very sincere in chanting, reading SB & BG and following your instructions, still every now and then when we sincerely pray to you for shelter it is always available. Who can be more merciful then Your Divine Grace?

We woluld 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 Kalachakra Prabhuji, H G Swayam Sphurti Krishna Prabhuji,

H G Sajjan Priya Krishna Prabhuji and many other senior God Brothers and God Sisters for guiding us, encouraging us & sharing your instructions.

Finally we would like to quote the following verse and beg mercy and guidance from Param Pujya Gurudev

In Bhagavad-gītā 2.7

kārpaṇya-doṣopahata-svabhāvaḥ
pṛcchāmi tvāṁ dharma-sammūḍha-cetāḥ
yac chreyaḥ syān niścitaṁ brūhi tan me
śiṣyas te 'haṁ śādhi māṁ tvāṁ prapannam

TRANSLATION:

Now I am confused about my duty and have lost all composure because of miserly weakness. In this condition I am asking You to tell me for certain what is best for me. Now I am Your disciple, and a soul surrendered unto You. Please instruct me.

We are so contaminated that we cannot approach the Lord without the mercy & association of the pure devotees. By ***following your instructions strictly*** 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 grow in nice Krishna consciousness environment and that he becomes a nice devotee.

Hare Krishna,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev,

Our koti koti dandavat pranam at your lotus feet,

Your most fallen children,

Govindang Krishna Das

Tungabhadra Devi Dasi

Parikshit Krishna Das

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Abhirakanya Devi dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of VYASA POOJA 2015

Dear Gurudev,

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa **consciousness."**

Please accept the following verse as my humble offering

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 5.5.6

evaṁ manaḥ karma-vaśaṁ prayuṅkte
avidyayātmany upadhīyamāne
prītir na yāvan mayi vāsudeve
na mucyate deha-yogena tāvat

Translation:

When the living entity is covered by the mode of ignorance, he does not understand the individual living being and the supreme living being, and his mind is subjugated by fruitive activity. Therefore, until one has love for Lord Vāsudeva, who is none other than Myself, he is certainly not delivered from having to accept a material body again and again.

H.D.G. Srila Prabhupad mentions in the purport of the above verse " Unless he comes in contact with a devotee of the Lord, a guru, he does not become attached to the service of Lord Vāsudeva."

This is very true for us. We were literally wandering here and there covered in mode of ignorance, running for material comforts. Every evening our thought was where to wander, which mall today, or simply go for a long drive. We have really wasted so much of our life time. I only knew a few shlokas and never knew anything from the scriptures till i came to your shelter.

Maharaj your grace in our lives has given the real meaning to our lives. You have nurtured us, changed our way of thinking, our lifestyle, our food habits, time management. My life totally changed after the deities came into our lives.

Maharaj, I can't forget the day in Dwarka amidst the busy schedule of inauguration you arranged a mataji to get me Gopalji for seva. You advised me that please see that the deities features are nice. After seeing them, placing the Gopalji in your lotus palm you sang lovingly the Balamukundashtakam. Then after a few years gave us the opportunity to serve Shri Shri Radha Gopinathji. Nitaigaurachandra also came into our lives. Maharaj, we are really very much indebted to you. Though we are doing some seva, there may be so many mistakes. Please guide me and take me to the right path. I have no other shelter.

Maharaj please keep me engaged in the service of Srila Prabhupad. Maharaj please also guide me to perform my duties towards my family properly. of-late my health doesnt permit me to be active. Your words "don't be merciful to your body" haunts me to get up and be active. Maharaj please see that I don't get puffed up and deviated from doing services. Please correct me whenever I am wrong.

Maharaj, I still need to control my tongue, my temper and improve my behavior. I am so much contaminated and imperfect that I cannot be qualified to be your disciple. Often I feel you are instructing us thru some senior devotees. And many a times, I get a perfect teaching from daily calendar either by Your divine grace or Srila Prabhupad.

Maharaj, we often approach our dear God brother H.G. Devakinandan for our petty problems. Many a times, we can feel your words coming thru him. I am very much obliged for your constant guidance to us and Krishnakinkar dasanu das.

Please bless me to follow your instructions and be your efficient and obedient daughter.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Srila Prabhupad ki Jay , Srila Gurudev ki Jay

Your unworthy daughter,

Abhirakanya Devi Dasi.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Vaijayanti mala devi dasi

Our most beloved and Dearest Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev!

Maharaj thank you very much for blessing us with another Vyasapooja, an occasion to intensely remember you with gratitude and lots of love. The credit for all the good fortune in our lives goes entirely to you and I always remember that we can only remain indebted and obliged to you for ever. We miss your physical presence with your loving and affectionate glances, kind words and caring gestures. The moment I hear your voice, I feel so comforted and your purity touches my heart straightaway. Maharaj, I have to submit to you that I am still struggling with the modes and the disturbance of my agitating senses and I fully know that is because of my lack of sincerity and alertness and my inability to remember you all the time.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa pooja, I offer the following Srimad Bhagavatam verses for your pleasure and for my own purification. These are verses offered in glorification of Lord Vishnnu who personally appeared in the sacrifice performed by Shri Daksha.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.7.29

rudra uvāca

tava varada varāṅghrāv āśiṣehākhilārthe
hy api munibhir asaktair ādareṇārhaṇīye
yadi racita-dhiyaṁ māvidya-loko 'paviddhaṁ
japati na gaṇaye tat tvat-parānugraheṇa

Translation:

Lord Śiva said: My dear Lord, my mind and consciousness are always fixed on Your lotus feet, which, as the source of all benediction and the fulfillment of all desires, are worshiped by all liberated great sages because Your lotus feet are worthy of worship. With my mind fixed on Your lotus feet, I am no longer disturbed by persons who blaspheme me, claiming that my activities are not purified. I do not mind their accusations, and I excuse them out of compassion, just as You exhibit compassion toward all living entities.

Srila Prabhupada writes in his wonderful purport:

Lord Siva expresses herein his regret at having been angry and having disturbed the sacrificial activities of Daksha. King Daksha had insulted him in many ways, and thus he had become angry and had frustrated the entire sacrificial

ceremony. Later, when he was pleased, the yajna performances were reinstituted, and therefore he regretted his activities. Now he says that because his mind is fixed on the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord, Vishnu, he is no longer disturbed by the ordinary critics of his way of life. From this statement by Lord Siva it is understood that as long as one is on the material platform one is affected by the three modes of material nature. As soon as one is in Krishna consciousness, however, one is no longer affected by such material activities. One should therefore always be fixed in Krishna consciousness, busy in the transcendental loving service of the Lord. It is guaranteed that such a devotee will never be affected by the actions and reactions of the three modes of material nature. This fact is also corroborated in Bhagavad-gita: anyone who is fixed in the transcendental service of the Lord has surpassed all the material qualities and is situated in the status of Brahman realization, in which one is not afflicted by hankering for material objects. The recommendation of the Srimad-Bhagavatam is that one should always be Krishna conscious and should never forget his transcendental relationship with the Lord. This program has to be followed strictly by everyone. From the statement of Lord Siva it is understood that he was always in Krishna consciousness, and thus he remained free from material affliction. The only remedy, therefore, is to continue Krishna consciousness rigidly, in order to get out of the contamination of the material modes.

Maharaj I also take this opportunity to express my regret for all my inebrities and all the activities I perform and the way I behave with others that are not at all pleasing to you. This deviation occurs because I am not focused to remember your presence at all the times. I do not know Krishna. I pray that let my consciousness be fixed at your lotus feet and in that way I shall win over all the disturbances. I beg this from you because I am confident of tvat para anugraha – your transcendental compassion.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.7.30

bhṛgur uvāca

yan māyayā gahanayāpahṛtātma-bodhā
brahmādayas tanu-bhṛtas tamasi svapantaḥ
nātman-śritaṁ tava vidanty adhunāpi tattvaṁ
so 'yaṁ prasīdatu bhavān praṇatātma-bandhuḥ

Translation:

Śrī Bhṛgu said: My dear Lord, all living entities, beginning from the highest, namely Lord Brahmā, down to the ordinary ant, are under the influence of the insurmountable spell of illusory energy, and thus they are ignorant of their constitutional position. Everyone believes in the concept of the body, and all are thus submerged in the darkness of illusion. They are actually unable to understand how You live in every living entity as the Supersoul, nor can they understand Your absolute position. But You are the eternal friend and protector of all surrendered souls. Therefore, please be kind toward us and forgive all our offenses.

Maharaj I offer this verse unto your lotus feet and I pray to be excused for all my offences. I do not have any strength on my own and I only depend on your causeless mercy.

It is said in Srimad Ramayana that Lord Rama sent Shri Hanumanji as the messenger to locate Sita mata in Srilanka. At that time, Hanumanji had no idea of how Sita mata would look like. He went on the mission of finding Her out, on the order of Lord Rama. First he reached the women's quarters of King Ravana in Sri lanka and on seeing the Queen Mandodari looking very beautiful and sleeping, first he thought that this is Sita mata. But then immediately, he realized that she cannot be Sita mata because having lost the association of Her husband Lord Rama, how can Sita mata sleep so peacefully and dress Herself so opulently? And Hanumanji has seen the situation of Lord Rama who was constantly lamenting in separation of Sita mata. Hanumanji is considered to be a spiritual master who is in the mission of locating the Jivatma and helping the jivatma attain Paramatma. So the symptom of the lost Jivatma, he thought is that She must be in great anxiety and hankering to reunite with Paramatma. Then he located Her in Ashoka vana. In my case, Maharaj I wonder what made you take me under your shelter because I did not and even now do not exhibit any symptom of even a little anxiety and hankering to go back to the Eternal father. This is nothing but your causeless mercy that you have come in my life to forcefully open my eyes. Who else can do this? I do not deserve to chant the Holy names, I do not deserve to worship the deities, I do not deserve in any way to call myself your disciple. I can only offer the following verse spoken by Shri Sudama in Srimad Bhagavatam 10.81.16 even though I don't have the humble mood of Sudamaji.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.81.16

kvāhaṁ daridraḥ pāpīyān
kva kṛṣṇaḥ śrī-niketanaḥ
brahma-bandhur iti smāhaṁ
bāhubhyāṁ pariraṁbhitaḥ

Translation:

Who am I? A sinful, poor friend of a brāhmaṇa. And who is Kṛṣṇa? The Supreme Personality of Godhead, full in six opulences. Nonetheless, He has embraced me with His two arms.

I humbly request you to accept the following offering at your lotus feet just like a father is pleased with the words spoken by his small child even though it is full of mistakes.

Yan naama shruti maatrena bhaktir hrdaye utpadyate

Yad guna smarana maatrena bhaya shoko 'pahaayate

Yad rupa darshana maatrena sarva samshayam nasyate

Yasya aashraya maatrena sarva shreyah avaapyate

Yasya cintana maatrena hrdaya granthih Bhidyate

Yasyaanghri pranaama maatrena pumaan purna prashaantaye

Tasya gunaalayasya mahanubhaavasya

carana smaranam premnaa

bhaave bhaave hrdaya bhavane

bhuya evaastu bhuyah

mityaacaraami murkhoham / paapoham apriya karah

visaadi dirgha sutri ca /sato naiskritikah aalasoham /

ittam guna lesa vivarjitasya / tavaagra gamanasya naarhasya

anyadaa saranam naasti / tvam eva saranam guro!

Simply by hearing the name of whom, loving devotional service sprouts up in our hearts, Simply by remembering the transcendental qualities of whom, fear and lamentation are extinguished, simply by having darshan of whom, we achieve the ultimate good, simply by thinking of whom, the knots in the heart are pierced, simply by bowing down to whose lotus feet, one attains eternal peace , let the loving remembrance of the lotus feet of that spiritual master who is the abode of all transcendental qualities, and supreme compassion, remain again and again in the core of my heart in whatever birth I may take.

I am a foolish hypocrite, false pretender showing off myself as a devotee even though I am full of sins,and I do all activites which are not pleasing to my spiritual master. I am morose since I procrastinate the auspicious activities and I am a cheater, expert at insulting others and Lazy. Being devoid of even a tinge of a good quality, I do not deserve to present myself before my spiritual master, Yet maharaj, I have no other shelter other than you.

Maharaj on this most auspicious occasion, when you can bestow us your special mercy, I make the following appeal to you Maharaj. Whom else can we ask Maharaj ? Maharaj your most beloved sons HG Devakinandan das prabhu and Hg Vaishnava seva das Prabhuji along with so many are serving with so much dedication to see that they may be able to offer the Marble temple of Shri Shri Radha neelmadhvaji for your pleasure. Please continue to shower them with all your love blessings and strength to fulfil this mission. Our beloved God brother HG Dheeraj Krishna das prabhuji has been in hospital for a long time and the family is very much disturbed and I humbly pray to you Maharaj for his recovery.

Maharaj I pray on this most auspicious day of Vyasa-puja,to please continue to teach me, please continue to uncover the illuminating knowledge of

Krishna consciousness in my heart. Please don't allow me to remain a blind, insincere fool.

Please bless us so we may be your devoted, sincere, and loyal servants, always hankering for your wonderful mercy.

Your daughter and aspiring servant,

Vaijayanti Mala Devi Dasi

Abu dhabi.

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---- Pranataatma Bandhu Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my shatakoti dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupad and Gurudev.

Every year in my vyasapooja offering, I often complain to you about various different 'apparent' problems in my life. For some reason I used to consider the problems that I faced in life to be the most difficult. However, interestingly I noticed that in this regard I am not alone! People are clamouring at the top of their voices to exclaim who has the biggest problem. But, then eventually one has to accept that it is the nature of this material world. Even when we don't have any problems we tend to manufacture them to make ourselves feel like we are the one slogging it out in this world.

Prahlad maharaj in his prayers to Lord Narsimhadev very nicely describes this predicament in the verse

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.9.39

naitan manas tava kathāsu vikuṇṭha-nātha
samprīyate durita-duṣṭam asādhu tīvram
kāmāturaṁ harṣa-śoka-bhayaiṣaṇārtaṁ
tasmin kathaṁ tava gatiṁ vimṛśāmi dīnaḥ

Translation:

My dear Lord of the Vaikuṇṭha planets, where there is no anxiety, my mind is extremely sinful and lusty, being sometimes so-called happy and sometimes so-called distressed. My mind is full of lamentation and fear, and it always seeks more and more money. Thus it has become most polluted and is never satisfied in topics concerning You. I am therefore most fallen and poor. In such a status of life, how shall I be able to discuss Your activities?

Prahlad Maharaj out of his mercy for us fallen souls is clearly describing our predicament. People are always busy fearing the worst or lamenting for that which is not there. Like Prahlad maharaj says the key lies in realizing that just as we get distress similarly happiness comes without endeavour. Once we come to this realization then all our efforts can then be dovetailed to self-realization.

Maharaj, in engineering a civil engineer while building a structure includes a factor of safety to account for the variables that he cannot account for. Even with all the analysis, the calculation and formulation, it can be rendered null and

void if Krishna so desires. Such is the power and will of the Lord. In my attempt to be a humble servant of the same Supreme Lord I pray at your lotus feet to continue giving me guidance and keep the fire of my devotional service going.

In a classroom, a genuine teacher when asked a question imparts knowledge to not just the questioner but to everyone present for the benefit of all. On most occasions he is eager to impart knowledge to his students for their benefit. Similarly, Bhagavatam describes this kind nature of the spiritual master in the verse 3.7.36 as follows:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.7.36

anuvratānāṁ śiṣyāṇāṁ
putrāṇāṁ ca dvijottama
anāpṛṣṭam api brūyur
guravo dīna-vatsalāḥ

Translation:

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.

Even though a disciple may not be asked by the spiritual master, he is eager to talk about transcendental subject matters just as you did every time you came down to Abu Dhabi or I came over to see you in Rajkot. It's amazing how I still reminisce your instructions through interactions with people that I come across in my everyday life. Every time I feel like my devotional service is lacking somehow there is somebody who tunes me in to your eternal broadcast and I feel at peace. Please keep me tuned in at all times so that I may continually listen to your instructions and adhere to them from close to my heart.

Sometimes as devotees we feel that we can do better with any particular service but given my present predicament, I'll take any service with both hands anything that will put me in association with you and your devotees.

Maharaj, kindly keep my mind body and soul healthy so that I can use it in your service with full enthusiasm.

Your humble servant,

Pranataatma Bandhu Krishna das

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---- Kripanavatsala Das

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Hare Krsna Maharaj!

Please accept my Dandavat Pranams at your Lotus Feet! All glories to Srila Prabhupad!

In my last Vyas Puja offering I had promised you to put into practice what I hear and study in Krsna Consciousness. I have hardly made any progress on that. But I will strive hard to do it.

Maharaj, I looked up the meaning of Acharya and what I found made me think. The word Aacharya comes from the root word 'Charya' in Sanskrit. Thus it literally connotes – **One who teaches by Conduct or Example.**

You are the real Acharya. How many instructions you have given us simply by your exemplary actions. I feel sad that when I was with you, it did not occur to me that in all your actions there were lessons for me to learn. Now, I want to try to remember some of those instructions:

- Once when you were in Abu Dhabi, I recall entering your room in the morning and paying obeisance to you. In the silence of the morning, I heard you softly say 'Vancha Kalpa Tarubyascha...' It struck me powerfully. I'm such a fallen soul and yet when I paid obeisance Maharaj returned it. I felt so ashamed then. But that was a lesson you were teaching me. I learnt that one must be humble to make progress in devotional service.

- There is this one time when you were giving Srimad Bhagavatam class in Rajkot. You read the verse and then asked us to read. I was sharing a Bhagavatam copy with one very elderly god-brother (much elder to my father). Like a fool trying to show off how well I can read the verse, I started reciting immediately. You cut me off and asked me to read after that prabhuji recites. I remember you saying *"He is elder to you son. That is proper etiquette".* You taught me Vedic etiquette. How one should respect the elders always!

In this and in many other ways you have instructed me by your actions. I want to put at least a little of what I have learnt from you into practise and I know that would be possible only by your mercy Maharaj. By your mercy anything is possible!

On this very auspicious day of your Vyas puja I fall at your Lotus Feet and pray that I may have unflinching attachment to your instructions and that I should always put them into practise in my life.

Granthraj Srimad Bhagavatam Ki Jay!

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev Ki Jay!

Your Servant,

Kripanavatsala Krishna Das

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Krpana Vatsala Krishna Das

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of Your Divine Grace's Vyasa Pooja.

Maharaj, I am factually unqualified to write about your Divine Grace; yet I make a puny attempt to glorify you, as the effort will aid the purification of my heart, that is contaminated with loads of material desires.

Maharaj, the one year since your last Vyasa Puja has been a rather happening one for me. This was the year that saw my transition from a student to a working person. This transition steered me to a crossroad. The crossroad presented me with two options – one was easier and the other one challenging. The decision making moment was even more challenging, as the spectre of the thought that Your Divine Grace's considerate guidance was not just a phone call away dawned on me. I will have to attribute this to my own incertitude in your strong message that Your Divine Grace is eternally present and accessible to one and all just as before and that the only thing that has changed is the medium. The earlier gross mediums of direct physical interaction or telecommunication have now been displaced by more subtler mediums of spiritual communication that are established on the platform of devotional service and adherence to the Spiritual Master's instructions. However, just as a kind father always overlooks his son's inebrieties, for the umpteenth time, Your Divine Grace once again decided to override all my weaknesses with your compassion and your concern for my wellbeing. Finally, I was able to derive enough strength and power from Your Divine Grace's kindness to prop up myself to take up the challenge and tide through it. When I look back at the timeline between my decision making point and today, I begin to realize that your watchful yet caring glances from the spiritual sky above have ensured that the transition remained as seamless as possible.

Maharaj, the worthless and tainted soul that I am, despite hearing and reading several times that final goal of our life is to be liberated from the daunting waves of the ocean of material existence and go back to Godhead as expeditiously as possible, I have always had my own apprehensions regarding my ability to achieve the same in a few lifetimes. However, Maharaj, this token mercy that you showed me in helping me surf through what I consider "challenging waves of study-work transition" leaves me rest assured that I have hopped on to one of the swiftest and finest ships that will take me beyond this ocean – The ship that is skippered by your Divine Grace and built on your transcendental instructions and mercy. Surely Maharaj, as long as I stay on board this ship by taking shelter of your instructions, liberation from the waves of the material ocean is a plausible task that could take place even in this lifetime.

Maharaj, my mind is always disturbed and overflowing with material thoughts and desires. I am not able to harness my mind into serving your instructions. Please forgive me Maharaj, for all my inattentiveness and indifference to your transcendental instructions. I would like to offer the following prayer from Srimad Bhagavatham that is spoken by Akrura to the Supreme Lord, which is indicative of my current state.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.40.27

notsahe 'haṁ kṛpaṇa-dhīḥ
kāma-karma-hataṁ manaḥ
roddhuṁ pramāthibhiś cākṣair
hriyamāṇam itas tataḥ

Translation:

My intelligence is so crippled that I cannot find the strength to curb my mind, which is disturbed by material desires and activities and constantly dragged here and there by my obstinate senses.

The above verse is an apt prayer for me to offer at the lotus feet of your Divine Grace on the occasion of Your Divine Grace's Vyasa Puja. I am actually behaving like a "Krpana Dhih" (One with crippled intelligence) as mentioned by Akrura. However, Maharaj, I sincerely pray at the lotus feet of your Divine Grace to grant me strength to overcome the wanderings of my mind so that one day I will be able to do justice to the spiritual name that Your Divine Grace kindly awarded me by becoming the true servant of Krpana Vatsala.

Your humble servant,

Krpana Vatsala Krishna Das

Mumbai

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Prathap and Uma Prathap

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our dandavat pranaams on this auspicious occasion of Vyaasa Puja.

Maharaj, by your causeless mercy, I am continuing my study of Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita, as regularly as I can. My chanting is also regular now, because of your unlimited mercy upon this undeserving soul.

This year we would like to dedicate verses SB 7.7.30-31 which I read quite recently and which affected me a lot mainly because I have been unable to do any of it and yet you are so extremely kind to me that I am still able to touch Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita, in spite of all my inebrieties.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.7.30-31

guru-śuśrūṣayā bhaktyā
sarva-labdhārpaṇena ca
saṅgena sādhu-bhaktānām
īśvarārādhanena ca

śraddhayā tat-kathāyāṁ ca
kīrtanair guṇa-karmaṇām
tat-pādāmburuha-dhyānāt
tal-liṅgekṣārhaṇādibhiḥ

Translation:

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 śāstra and guru.

In the purport to this verse Srila Prabhupada quotes Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī in his Bhakti-*rasāmṛta-sindhu* 1.2.74-75 and advises that to practice Bhakti-yoga, one must first accept a bona fide spiritual master.

In Bhakti-rasāmṛtasindhu 1.2.74–75

guru-pādāśrayas tasmāt
kṛṣṇa-dīkṣādi-śikṣaṇam

viśrambheṇa guroḥ sevā

sādhu-vartmānuvartanam

sad-dharma-pṛcchā bhogādi-

tyāgaḥ kṛṣṇasya hetave

Srila Prabhupada writes that a disciple should serve the spiritual master as a menial servant, and whatever he has in his possession should be dedicated to the spiritual master. *Prāṇair arthair dhiyā vācā.* Everyone has his life, his wealth, his intelligence and his words, and all of them should be offered to the Supreme Personality of Godhead through the medium of the spiritual master. Maharaj, you have always been so very kind and merciful towards us. Please bless us that we are able to dedicate all our life, wealth, intelligence and words unto you and we are able to carry out your wishes to the letter. Please bless us that our affection for all material things become secondary to carrying out your wishes. Although we know very well our duty, yet we are unable to carry them out due to our various inebrieties. In the purport Prabhupada also recommends that one should associate with devotees. This is so simple in a place like Abu Dhabi where there are so many wonderful devotees who are so very encouraging and pleasant to associate with. Yet we are so degraded that we are unable even to have such wonderful association and instead we commit one vaisnava aparadha after another, knowingly and unknowingly. Thus instead of going up the ladder of devotional service, we seem to systematically slide down the ladder much faster than our attempt to climb up. Maharaj, only such a merciful representative of Lord Krishna as you, can still continue to shower your mercy on such undeserving personalities as ourself. We sincerely pray to you that with the help of your guiding hands we are able to overcome all our short comings and strive steadily on the path of devotional service that you have so mercifully opened before us. We will never be able to convey our deep gratitude to Lord Krishna and to you for choosing us as one among the selected few from the 8.4 million species of life in this material world, to give this wonderful knowledge of devotional service by which we can go back home, back to Godhead. In the purport to SB 6.16.6, Srila Prabhupada quotes Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu:

In Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta 19.151

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva

guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

Harassed life after life by the laws of nature, the living entity wanders throughout the entire universe in different planets and different species of life. Somehow or other, if he is fortunate enough, he comes in touch with a devotee who reforms his entire life. Then the living entity goes back home, back to Godhead. Therefore it is said:

janame janame sabe pitā mātā pāya

kṛṣṇa guru nahi mile baja hari ei

In the transmigration of the soul through different bodies, everyone, in every form of life — be it human, animal, tree or demigod — gets a father and mother. This is not very difficult. The difficulty is to obtain a bona fide spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa. Therefore the duty of a human being is to capture the opportunity to come in touch with Kṛṣṇa's representative, the bona fide spiritual master. Under the guidance of the spiritual master, the spiritual father, one can return home, back to Godhead.

We sincerely pray that life after life, we will be able to render loving devotional service to Lord Krishna and always be able to see Him in our heart of hearts with the eye of devotion tinged with the salve of love, as confirmed in Brahma Samhita Bs 5.38:

In Śrī Brahma-saṁhitā 5.38

premāñjana-cchurita-bhakti-vilocanena
santaḥ sadaiva hṛdayeṣu vilokayanti
yaṁ śyāmasundaram acintya-guṇa-svarūpaṁ
govindam ādi-puruṣaṁ tam ahaṁ bhajāmi

Translation:

I worship Govinda, the primeval Lord, who is Śyāmasundara, Kṛṣṇa Himself with inconceivable innumerable attributes, whom the pure devotees see in their heart of hearts with the eye of devotion tinged with the salve of love.

Maharaj, we pray for your continued mercy, which makes even a dumb man become the greatest orator and even a lame man cross mountains, as stated in the following verse in Cc Madhya 17.80

In Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā 17.80

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
paramānanda-mādhavam

With all due respects and with koti koti dandavat pranams, we conclude.

All glories to Lord Sri Krishna, Srila Prabhupada & Srila Gurudev!

Your servants,

Prathap and Uma Prathap

Abu Dhabi

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Purna-ananda Krishna Das

I BEG TO OFFER SATA KOTI DANDAVAT PRANAMS AT THE DUST OF YOUR LOTUS FEET ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF OUR GURU MAHARAJ VYASAPUJA.

I WISH TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING VERSES ,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.7.19

yat-sevayā bhagavataḥ
kūṭa-sthasya madhu-dviṣaḥ
rati-rāso bhavet tīvraḥ
pādayor vyasanārdanaḥ

Translation:

By serving the feet of the spiritual master, one is enabled to develop transcendental ecstasy in the service of the Personality of Godhead, who is the unchangeable enemy of the Madhu demon and whose service vanquishes one's material distresses.

The association of a bona fide spiritual master like the sage Maitreya can be of absolute help in achieving transcendental attachment for the direct service of the Lord. The Lord is the enemy of the Madhu demon, or in other words He is the enemy of the suffering of His pure devotee. The word rati-raassah is significant in this verse. Service to the Lord is rendered in different transcendental mellows (relationships): neutral, active, friendly, parental and nuptial. A living entity in the liberated position of transcendental service to the Lord becomes attracted to one of the above-mentioned mellows, and when one is engaged in transcendental loving service to the Lord, one's service attachment in the material world is automatically vanquished. As stated in Bhagavad-gitä (2.59), rasa-varjam raso 'py asya param drshtva nivartate.

It's is our bounden duty to follow your nectarean instructions which will help us to cross over this ocean of material miseries and I simply pray at your lotus feet of your causless mercy.

ALL GLORIES TO SRI GURUDEV !

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA !!

Your humble servant

Purna-ananda Krishna Das

Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Stíhapragya Krishna Das, Vasundhara Devi Dasi and Family

My Dearest Gurudeva/ Maharaji

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Maharaji I am sure from the core of my heart that you are reading this offering from your child and transcendentally smiling with joy. As I feel day by day the bonding between you and me is increasing and I can remember your words that after Leave I this planet I will be with each and every one of my disciples. Maharaja I can realize, feel your words and can experience your presence that cannot be explained in words.

I your das would like to offer following verses on this auspicious vyasa pooja day

In Guru Vandana Verses 1 to 4:

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

Translation:

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

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

Translation:

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

Translation:

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

Jaya Jaya Prabhupada! Jaya jaya Gurudeva!

Translation:

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

Maharaj i have realized two things till now in this spiritual journey from the day I got initiated :

1. Without spiritual master there is no other way to escape or get rid of the material pains.

   There is no other go! No other go! No other go!

2. Without spiritual master Krishna is very difficult to achieve and this human form of life is useless.

One thing that I have realized that in this birth you have shown me mercy and accepted me and my family and granted us the rights to do Krishna pooja. Me and my family are really thankful and will be indebted millions of lives even after getting liberated. "Jivas or souls identity is only by his spiritual master" Me and my family are so proud and we always say that our spiritual master is HG Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. Our identity in this material world and devotional life is only due to you or else we would have been simply dragged in the clutches of Maya/material world.

Please forgive us for any offences in this offering on Vyasa Pooja Day my Gurudeva.

Our little Vrindavan Chandra is now 2 years and he recognizes/ knows you as a great grandfather (baba in Marathi) and kisses your photograph daily and offers flowers to you only .

Maharajji Hare Krishna to you..

Hare Krishna to you…

Hare Krishna to you Gurudeva!!!

Hare Krishna to you!!!!!

Happy Birthday Gurudeva…

Srila Prabhupad Ki Jai!!!

Srila Gurudev Ki Jai!!!

Your Humble Servants forever,

Stihapragya Krishna Das,

Vasundhara Devi Dasi,

Kishore Chandra Das,

Little Vrindavan Chandra,

Abu Dhabi.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
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---- Lakshmi Devi Dasi

I Offer Sata Koti Dandavat Pranamas at the dust of your Lotus feet on this very auspicious Occasion of Guru Maharaja's Vyasa Puja.

I like to hear this song from your lotus mouth whenever you sing it, hence I wish to offer this song in my offering,

In Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya Lila: Chapter 7 Verse 96

Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!he!
Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!he!
Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!raksa!mam!

Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!Krsna!pahi mam!
rama!raghava!rama!raghava!rama!raghava!raksa! mam!
krsna! kesava!krsna! kesava!krsna! kesava!pahi!mam!

My Guru Maharaj is very kind and compassionate because he has given shelter to an ignorant person like me a place at his Lotus Feet. I pray to you Guru Maharaj so that by your mercy I can follow your Instruction given so that I can serve the Lord.

Last time when I could meet you, It was in Nasik. You had asked me for my sons to send them there for Vacations. Now my sons are able to follow in your footsteps by your mercy. They are connected with Pune. Thank you for accepting my small offering. I beg Forgiveness for any offenses I have committed at your Lotus feet.

ALL GLORIES TO MAHA VISHNU GOSWAMI MAHARAJ

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA

ALL GLORIES TO RADHA NILMADHAVA

ALL GLORIES TO RUKMINI DWARKADEESH

Your Humble Servant

Lakshmi Devi Dasi

Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Australia

“Please, don't increase the conditioning and that is Prabhupada's message. Have just the bare minimum necessities and then only devotional service is possible.”

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Taral Vilocana Krsna dasa

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Dearest eternal father, Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the blessed occasion of your Vyasa Puja observance in 2015.

We are thankful for the opportunity to once again deeply consider the importance of this occasion in renewing our commitment to you as an aspring devotee and re-inititiate the process of renewing our eternal connection with the Supreme Lord through the via medium of a bona fide spiritual master.

As you know, it is 10 years since our initiation. Time flies! And of course you remember I asked you when I should wear a shikha. You quickly responded, "Give it 10 years, by then your patients in your new clinic will be used to you and you can keep a shikha". You are so kind to give me that time so I could adjust to the idea – now I am looking forward to fulfiling at least that instruction in our clinic in Sydney!

I pray that I may get the opportunity to continue some regular planned study of Srimad Bhagavatam and have the opportunity to speak on your beloved Deity incarnate more often. It is a little challenging in Sydney due to our own failings to obtain that opportunity however due to our regular service in the Children's class, Gopals Glorious Gang, it has been a regular "discipline", as you so eloquently described it. I find it personally very encouraging to see the children so enthusiastically reading the purports of His Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada and understanding the deep philosophy and using mnemonics you have developed to deepen their understanding and practice of the Bhagavata way of life which you exemplified. Whoever said that this is too much for children was certainly off the mark! I can't believe it, but the children actually asked me to set an exam for them on the whole year's work instead of having extended play time at our end of year celebration yesterday.

"Sponges", Maharaj - you said "they are like sponges" and it is up to us to vacate our "kursi" and give them a chance. "How long you will continue your blah blah blah!?" you jokingly used to say.

I would like, for your pleasure to acknowledge, on this special day, using the words of our Founder Acarya, Srila Prabhupada, the pre-eminence of the position of Guru. It serves as a timely reminder for me on the key to success in spiritual life. Srila Prabhupada in his letter to Satadhanya on 20th Feb 1972 writes

"Thankyou very much for your sincere endeavour and faith in your Spiritual Master. The key to success in spiritual life is to always endeavour to please the Spiritual Master, and follow his instructions. One who is determined in this effort will advance very quickly Krishna Consciousness."

I am so looking forward to our children reciting Kunti Maharani's prayers and presenting brief pravachans on selected verses for your and Srila Prabhupada's pleasure at our observance in Sydney, Australia. I can imagine that you will be smiling and delighted in their simplicity and sincerity - theirein lying inspiration and guidance for us all.

I am so fortunate to have been taken into your spiritual family and hope, by your blessings to be a worthy son in your service of Their Lordships and the Vaisnavas. In your manifest pastimes we regret that we could do little, but for your Divine Grace it was always easy to encourage me nonetheless and for this I remain eternally and joyfully indebted.

Aspiring to achieve your service eternally

Taral Vilocana Krsna dasa

Sydney, Australia

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Mayuri Krishna

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

I offer my respectful obeisances to our founder acharya Srila Prabhupada.

I offer my humble obeisances to the divine lotus feet of His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj and to all the vaishnavas who are present here on the special occasion of Maharaj's Vyasa Puja.

I would like to make this offering on behalf of Gopal's Glorious Gang in Sydney Australia.

Maharaj i would like to thank you for giving us such admirable disciples like Viraj Krishna prabhu who has taught us the basics of Krishna consciousness in Prahlad School in Sydney many years ago. Right now under the guidance of your dear disciple Taral Vilocana Krishna prabhu we are regularly attending GGG (Gopal's Glorious Gang) and learning the greatest literature of Srimad Bhagavatam and Bhagavad Gita.

Maharaj so far we have learnt chp 12, 15 of BG , chaturshloki of SB, Kunti Maharani Prayers , Vritrasura prayers, Siksastakam and also learnt a few bhajans and looked at the deeper meaning of them. We accomplished powerpoint presentations and assessments based on all these teachings.

Now we are learning Chapter 9 of BG and Sri Kevalashtakam.

Maharaj please give us your blessings to all of Gopal's Glorious Gang students, teachers and parents so that we can progress in our spiritual life under the guidance of Srila Prabhupada and all the vaishnavas.

Hare Krishna!

Your humble servants,

Mayuri Krishna , Gopal's Glorious Gang, Sydney Australia

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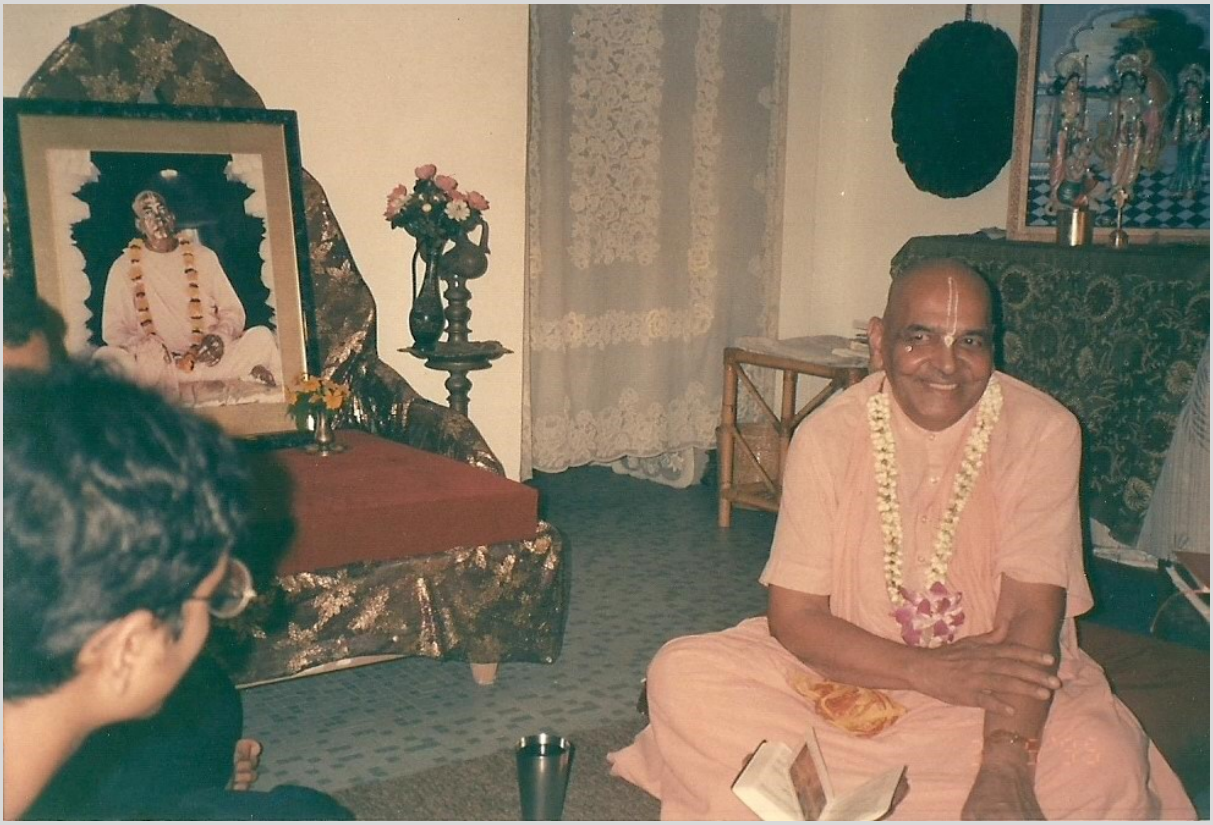

“When you are with Bhagavatam, you don't have time to entertain the klesh. It is all mental. And those who are with the mind, they are correctly known as mentals. *We are all mentals, if we don't come to Bhagavatam.* Then mental hospitals, get beat and drugged. Save yourselves from these things. Even now India is much better.”

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Tejasvi Krishna das

His Holiness Mahavishnu Maharaj's Vyasa Puja Utsav ki Jay !!

Dear Gurudeva, please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

On the occasion of you all-auspicious appearance day please hear this vyasa-puja offering.

In Sri Gurvastakam verse 7 Translation:

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 bonafide representative of Sri Hari [Krsna].

In the word-by-word meaning it is given:

Saksat--directly; hari-tvena--with the quality of Hari;

Further in the purport to Bhagavad-gita verse 10.1 Srila Prabhupada states:

The word paramam is explained thus by Parāśara Muni: one who is full in six opulences, who has full strength, full fame, wealth, knowledge, beauty and renunciation, is paramam, or the Supreme Personality of Godhead. While Kṛṣṇa was present on this earth, He displayed all six opulences. Therefore great sages like Parāśara Muni have all accepted Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

The spiritual master as a transparent via-medium exhibits these six opulences of the Lord. And in you, Gurudeva, we happened to see the true platform of renunciation. In order to help and encourage us, your disciples, you would set aside even your own need to breathe. I remember one incident where a few of us were enjoying laughing and joking with you, you would go on because we wanted to have that experience with you. Afterwards when we had left I would return alone and find you gasping for air, having exerted yourself to the max simply to satisfy our desire. Please forgive such careless behaviour O Gurudeva, like a father forgives an ignorant child. Even at the Bhaktivedanta hospital when you were about to leave your body undergoing difficulties we can hardly imagine, you would still give full attention to our desperate need to get an instruction from you that we could carry on our heads for the rest of our lives. Feeling this need you would set aside all concern for your own comfort and give us such profound instructions, leaving us all satisfied that these instructions were as good as being spoken by the Lord Himself directly. One time you asked me if I had ever seen you morose, reflecting for a brief moment I realized actually no, I had never in any way experienced you morose! This is also proven by the fact that so many

disciples and well-wishers always felt completely free to come and visit you, share with you and laugh with you. Because of your rare quality of complete sense control, endeavoring always to serve and protect your dependents, you carried always the prestige of the renounced order of life on your head. As such the material opulences would be attracted to you and soon we would see a stone-temple in Dwaraka, Radha-Neelamadhav dham in Rajkot and Sri Prahlad School. Now we are seeing the final phases of the completion of the Glory of Saurasthra, your magnificent offering to Srila Prabhupada on the occasion of ISKCON's 50th year anniversary. This is a characteristic of exalted pure devotees of the Lord, such as Dhruva Maharaja, Prahlada Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada, because of their absolute dedication to the Lord's service, the Lord would bestow upon them unrivaled opulences in this world. And even while in the midst of all these opulences they would never deviate from the Lord's service. Because of this very rare and extraordinary qualification of yours, the Lord would direct us to your shelter, so that we, by your guidance and spiritual care, would be revived from our material slumber. Like a doctor we experience you administering treatment to cut our material attachments.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.88.8 Translation:

The Personality of Godhead said: If I especially favor someone, I gradually deprive him of his wealth. Then the relatives and friends of such a poverty-stricken man abandon him. In this way he suffers one distress after another.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.88.11 Translation:

Because I am difficult to worship, people generally avoid Me and instead worship other deities, who are quickly satisfied. When people receive kingly opulences from these deities, they become arrogant, intoxicated with pride and neglectful of their duties. They dare to offend even the demigods who have bestowed benedictions upon them.

In support of the Lords statements Prahlada Maharaja says in eight canto chapter 22 verse16 "My Lord, it is Your Lordship who gave this Bali the very great opulence of the post of heavenly king, and now, today, it is You who have taken it all away. I think You have acted with equal beauty in both ways. Because his exalted position as king of heaven was putting him in the darkness of ignorance, You have done him a very merciful favor by taking away all his opulence."

In the purport Srila Prabhupada comments

As it is said, *yasyaham anugrhnami harisye tad-dhanam sanaih* (*SB* 10.88.8). It is by the mercy of the Lord that one gets all material opulence, but if such material opulence causes one to become puffed up and forget the process of self-realization, the Lord certainly takes all the opulence away. The Lord bestows mercy upon His devotee by helping him find out his constitutional position. For that purpose, the Lord is always ready to help the devotee in every way. But material opulence is sometimes dangerous because it diverts one's attention to

false prestige by giving one the impression that he is the owner and master of everything he surveys, although actually this is not the fact. To protect the devotee from such a misunderstanding, the Lord, showing special mercy, sometimes takes away his material possessions. *Yasyaham anugrhnami harisye tad-dhanam sanaih*.

To the same effect, the kings imprisoned by Jarasandha said to Krishna, having been delivered by Him:

Previously, blinded by the intoxication of riches, we wanted to conquer this earth, and thus we fought one another to achieve victory, mercilessly harassing our own subjects. We arrogantly disregarded You, O Lord, who stood before us as death. But now, O Kṛṣṇa, that powerful form of Yours called time, moving mysteriously and irresistibly, has deprived us of our opulences. Now that You have mercifully destroyed our pride, we beg simply to remember Your lotus feet. From Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.73.12-13.

As it is Krishna's purpose to crush the pride in His devotees, which act only to harm ourselves and others, the spiritual master being the confidential servant of the Lord helps to remove the pride from the disciples heart.

After having his pride crushed the disciple comes to see that the material opulence he was attached to never was his to begin with. It was simply on loan, and as soon as it was not properly utilized for the service of the Lord, the material opulence was removed like the source of a disease is removed by a physician. To the degree such disease is taken out from the heart, to the proportionate degree our passion to lord it over material opulence diminishes. In the end may we be left with only loving relationships with the devotees and the firm desire to please the Lord by unmotivated devotional service.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.88.9 Translation:

When he becomes frustrated in his attempts to make money and instead befriends My devotees, I bestow My special mercy upon him.

Praying to remain a recipient of your spiritual care.

Your insignificant servant,

Tejasvi Krishnadas

India –Chennai

"Please always remember that difficulties are also temporary and they don't touch us unless we allow them to touch us. Don't allow them to touch. **I was so very busy that I didn't have time to think that these people are troubling me.** ***I had only Bhagavatam and it is more than enough. For lives to come, it is more than enough, what to talk of this life?Please, please - if you really want to follow something from me, then just don't turn your head away from Bhagavatam. Always you must go to it."***

His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj

namami murdhana caranaravinde
sri bhagavat pata su medhase
pracharine loka tarine
sri mahavishnu goswami iti namine

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

Sri Sri Rukmini Dwarakadish, Dwaraka Dham

On the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja celebration, your disciples in Chennai take this transcendental opportunity to present their insignificant offerings at your lotus feet.

We begin our offerings with this beautiful verse in shastras:

mukam karoti vaachaalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripaa tam aham vande
shri-gurum dina-taarinam

I offer my respectful obeisance's 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.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

--- Kalacakra Krsna Das

Dearest Gurudev,

Hare Krishna. Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Your Divine Grace.

Maharaj, the timing of writing this offering is pretty odd, stroke of mid-night as Gita-jayanti dawns, but it also signifies how much wayward my service unto you has become over the years. I seek your blessings before writing this offering as a mark of my gratitude to all that you have given us.

Maharaj, this year has been pretty adventurous one so far. I was made to travel to a few places in India and also travel to UK for official visits. We are happy that wherever we travel Maharaj, by your causeless mercy we get the opportunity to share your realizations, practical instructions, transcendental and witty arguments etc with different people and they all enjoy it, even though they have not seen you or heard about you before. After hearing about your glories, when they joyfully say, "H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki jai!" we get goose bumps, thinking about our own great fortune of having obtained you as our loving eternal father! You have always lived your life according to your terms – love everyone, pray for everyone but without any demands to anyone. You were completely unassuming and hence you were always approachable to people from all corners of the world, all wakes of life and all ages, and you are doing that now also Maharaj.

In this year itself we had to come to UK twice. While your words are 100% true that this is not an easy place to stay, at the same time I have to admit that there is a special charm in thinking that we are in a place where you have spent most of your lifetime Maharaj. Every other devotee we meet here knows you, and the moment we say that we are disciples of H H Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj (I am yet to become your true disciple Maharaj), the devotees immediately recall your enchanting personality and share so many nice pastimes about you. Maharaj, I wish to share all those memories with you face to face, especially the ones Navadvip prabhu and Dadaji and his family shared with me. I can imagine how joyful you will be to hear someone recalling their fond memories of you, and your counter remembrances laced with jokes, and when breaking into laughter how you will transcendentally adjust the dentures back to its place when it slightly pop out of your mouth, these are so transcendentally pleasing to remember Maharaj.

Maharaj I had to come again to UK the second half of this year and am still here, missing out on the wonderful opportunity to be there in Rajkot for the special Vyasa puja on 25th Dec. It is such a rare opportunity, it is a holiday and on a Friday too, which means devotees get extended time to glorify you and perform nice seva together in Rajkot. Since the beginning of the year, I have been inviting and coercing all my godbrothers to somehow or other make time to be there in Rajkot. In that process I assumed that I will somehow or other be there too, but you had a transcendental plan. Sometimes the plans that you make in

conjunction with the Supreme Lord for your children are bewildering, but in the end we see that they are for our ultimate benefit and purification only.

I recalled the time when I rushed back from US on 4th Jan 2010 when you were hospitalized in Bhaktivedanta Hospital. It was a long and arduous journey especially when I was very anxious if I will be able to see you, talk to you, in what condition you will be and so on. The moment I landed in the hospital, Vaishnav prabhu asked us to prepare to go to Panvel and that you are also coming! To say that I was shocked is an understatement. For the condition you were in, you were doing the unimaginable and inconceivable for us. When we reached Panvel land after a bumpy ride, you brought back your trademark jokes on each one of us, but individually we knew the serious message you were giving us. Though I remember it often since then, at this situation, what you told me appears very true as to what you expected me to do according to my limitations. The moment you saw me in the Panvel land you told me, "Kalacakra, you were more dear to me when you were far away from me than when you are near me. You were in the job, why did you come all the way?" I have to say I was embarrassed, more so when all the devotees burst into laughter. But in the midst of that laughter, the words you told me lovingly, "It is so nice to see you" got almost buried. I am glad it did, because I don't think anyone else could have relished it as much I did. While those soothing words relieved my pain then, it is also healing my pain of separation now. I will be missing all the celebrations, remembrances of various devotees, the beautiful kirtans, carrying you in the vyaasaasan to your ashram and Samadhi etc, but within my limited capacity, I will try to remember your glories and serve you Maharaj. I take heart from the fact that this year I will be dearer to you than last year, though I do not qualify for your special love at all!

In Singapore in 2008 when one of the devotees asked a question to you Maharaj that they wanted to be in your association more often, you replied by asking them to recite the verse,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.23.33

śravaṇād darśanād dhyānān
mayi bhāvo 'nukīrtanāt
na tathā sannikarṣeṇa
pratiyāta tato gṛhān

Translation:

It is by hearing about Me, seeing My Deity form, meditating upon Me and chanting My names and glories that love for Me develops, not by physical proximity. Therefore please go back to your homes.

You have taught us time and again that our sannikarsha with you is through imbibing your instructions in our day-day life, sharing it with others, have genuine love and compassion for the other souls like you did, serve cooperatively and develop loving devotion unto the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. I hope and pray on this auspicious day that wherever I am being tossed around as a result of my past karma or whatever else, let me never leave the shelter of your lotus feet any moment!!

Your son,
Kalacakra Krsna das.

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--- Sudarshana Devi Dasi

Dear Maharaj,

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

This year had been a different experience Maharaj. Somehow by your arrangement we are staying in UK for the past few months. In UK, by your mercy, we had the opportunity to meet many souls whom you had touched and were fortunate to hear how you had helped each one them in your unique way of love, care and Bhagavatam. Honestly speaking Maharaj, after seeing the sufferings of people here, I have slowly started to realise that whatever stage we are in now, be it material or spiritual point of view is completely mercy of your Divine Grace and Krishna. By your mercy, few months ago Prabhuji was given the opportunity to give class on Srimad Bhagavatam verse 6.10.6 in Soho temple.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 6.10.6

nūnaṁ svārtha-paro loko
na veda para-saṅkaṭam
yadi veda na yāceta
neti nāha yad īśvaraḥ

Translation:

Those who are too self-interested beg something from others, not knowing of others' pain. But if the beggar knew the difficulty of the giver, he would not ask for anything. Similarly, he who is able to give charity does not know the beggar's difficulty, for otherwise he would not refuse to give the beggar anything he might want as charity.

This verse has been like an eye-opener for us and helped us so much in changing the way we used to look at things in life or deal with people. Thank you so much for this verse. Bhagavatam is indeed very very practical and if not for Maharaj, we would have never touched this or be able to relish this.

Thank you for always being with us and helping us at every step. We feel your presence very much especially when there are tough times and uncertainities, you are right near us arranging help, from unexpected corners. In one of Bhagavatam classes Maharaj is mentioning how people not following Srila Prabhupada's process might not even get a glass of water in a foreign land, whereas people like us who are doing only half-hearted devotional service are well received and there is no lack of anything. How true are your words Maharaj,

because for at least 5 weeks we could not find proper accommodation here and were kindly hosted by so many unknown devotees by mercy of Srila Prabhupada. And wherever people hear your words Maharaj, they are very much inspired to study Srimad Bhagavatam. Thank you again for all that you have given us and we pray for your continuous guidance and directions.

Your daughter,

Sudarshana devi dasi

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

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

Being puny conditioned souls we don't have capacity to glorify transcendental qualities of Maharaj. We pray at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupaad for guidance and begin this offering.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 11.14.16

nirapekṣaṁ muniṁ śāntaṁ
nirvairaṁ sama-darśanam
anuvrajāmy ahaṁ nityaṁ
pūyeyety aṅghri-reṇubhiḥ

Translation:

With the dust of My devotees' lotus feet I desire to purify the material worlds, which are situated within Me. Thus, I always follow the footsteps of My pure devotees, who are free from all personal desire, rapt in thought of My pastimes, peaceful, without any feelings of enmity, and of equal disposition everywhere.

Maharaj you have offered your life as pure devotional service to Supreme Lord by exhibiting great qualities stated in the verse, "free from all personal desire, rapt in thought of My pastimes, peaceful, without any feelings of enmity, and of equal disposition everywhere". As result of this purity the devotees all the over world irrespective cast, religion and economical condition attracted to your purity.

The qualities "free from all personal desire and peaceful" are closely connected. Maharaj always instructs this BG (2.70) to devotees on how to attain peace.

In Bhagavad-gītā 2.70

āpūryamāṇam acala-pratiṣṭhaṁ
samudram āpaḥ praviśanti yadvat

tadvat kāmā yaṁ praviśanti sarve
sa śāntim āpnoti na kāma-kāmī

Translation:

A person who is not disturbed by the incessant flow of desires – that enter like rivers into the ocean, which is ever being filled but is always still – can alone achieve peace, and not the man who strives to satisfy such desires.

Maharaj you have not only instructed this verse, but lived this verse. We heard from senior devotees, that you were born in big family. By providence, you got responsibility to manage the family at young age. At the time of retirement from material duties everyone in family were well settled and all wants to serve you nicely. At that time, you had renounced family life in service of Srila Prabhupaad! Later, when you had come to Dwaraka, you didn't have place to stay. You had decided to stay in open land with small tent. Bearing mid-day sun and over-night chill weather you have done Srimad Bhagavatam study for long hours till you got the accommodation very soon by arrangement of providence. Once, Dwaraka temple constructed, without considering advanced age you have decided to move to Rajkot for great mission very next day. These past times clearly indicates that you were never disturbed by incessant flow desires and hence you were always peaceful.

The other two qualities "without any feelings of enmity, and of equal disposition everywhere" again closely connected. This is possible only when devotee fixed knowledge that all living entities are soul and part of Krishna. In SBG-(5.18) Krishna speaks following verse:

In Bhagavad-gītā 5.18

vidyā-vinaya-sampanne
brāhmaṇe gavi hastini
śuni caiva śva-pāke ca
paṇḍitāḥ sama-darśinaḥ

Translation:

The humble sages, by virtue of true knowledge, see with equal vision a learned and gentle brāhmaṇa, a cow, an elephant, a dog and a dog-eater [outcaste].

In purport, Srila Prabhupaad explains, A Kṛṣṇa conscious person does not make any distinction between species or castes. The brāhmaṇa and the outcaste may be different from the social point of view, or a dog, a cow and an elephant may be different from the point of view of species, but these differences of body are meaningless from the viewpoint of a learned transcendentalist.

Maharaj having full wisdom of this verse you have exhibited these qualities throughout the life. One time a person had stolen money from Rajkot temple office. All devotees were angry at that person. As Maharaj knew that person will be punished by Krishna, you felt sorry for that person and prayed for him. This

way Maharaj had no enmity over person who had done theft. Many times we will feel that Maharaj is so loving towards us and taking special care of us. When we speak to other devotees they will have same feeling. Maharaj you were equal to all the living entities.

Although you have shown how to exhibit proper behavior with pure devotion we are really struggling hard to improve our behavior. We fall at your lotus feet, praying to you that kindly keep inspiring our heart so that one day we will wake up from ignorance and practice pure devotion in form of serious Bhagavatam study and improving behavior.

Your humble servants,

Ananda Murthi Krishna das,

Savitha Devi Dasi,

Chennai.

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--- Divya Vidya Devi Dasi and Krishnaananda Pradhayini Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj!

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

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

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

Maharaj, when I was teaching Vrträsura prayers to Krishnanandha Pradhayini Devi Dasi, I like the translation of the 2nd verse (SB 6.11.25).

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 6.11.25

na nāka-pṛṣṭhaṁ na ca pārameṣṭhyaṁ
na sārva-bhaumaṁ na rasādhipatyam
na yoga-siddhīr apunar-bhavaṁ vā
samañjasa tvā virahayya kāṅkṣe

Translation:

O my Lord, source of all opportunities, I do not desire to enjoy in Dhruvaloka, the heavenly planets or the planet where Lord Brahmā resides, nor do I want to be the supreme ruler of all the earthly planets or the lower planetary systems. I do not desire to be master of the powers of mystic yoga, nor do I want liberation if I have to give up Your lotus feet.

This shows how great and pure devotee Vrtrasura is. Pure devotees never desire any material gain.Srila Rüpa Gosvämé says in Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu (1.1.11) about the purity of bhakti, devotional service.

In Śrī Caitanya Caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā, Chapter 19 TEXT 167

anyābhilāṣitā-śūnyaṁ
jñāna-karmādy-anāvṛtam
ānukūlyena kṛṣṇānu-
śīlanaṁ bhaktir uttamā

"One should render transcendental loving service to the Supreme Lord Krishna favorably and without desire for material profit or gain through fruitive activities or philosophical speculation. That is called pure devotional service."

Srila Rüpa Gosvami further explains that bhakti is kleshaagni shbhada, which means if one takes to devotional service, all kinds of unnecessary labor and material distress cease entirely and one achieves all good fortune. Bhakti is so powerful that it is also said to be moksha-laghutaakrt; in other words, it minimizes the importance of liberation.

Such is the value of "bhakti" (Krishna Consciousness), which we got through your causeless mercy. I am not sincere, perfect, and attentive in bhakti, but instead of many failures, I am still trying to do bhakti only with your mercy. Maharaj, I humbly request you to "Please protect our Bhakti and Devotional Service and always engage us in your and Krishna's loving service 24 hrs a day with devotee association. Please always be with us."

Please protect H.G.Divya Ratna Krishna Das Prabhu's soul. We both (Myself and Krishanandha Pradhyani) has nobody other than you and Krishna. You are saving us in all the situation. I can realize that. We are very grateful to you Maharaj, for your love and affection.

Always Remember Maharaj! Never Forget Maharaj !

Always Remember Krishna! Never Forget Krishna!

Your useless servants,

Divya Vidya Devi Dasi
Krishnaanandha Pradhaayini Devi Dasi

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---- Gopalkrishna das, Prasannalakshmi devi dasi and Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.
nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

We offer our humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of our beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on the auspicious occasion of his Vyasa puja celebration.

On this glorious occasion, having been given this transcendental opportunity, we are presenting this offering with the complete understanding that without your mercy, Maharaj, we are incapable of performing this act.

Dear Guru Maharaj,

During the course of life, we have engaged ourselves in various activities with a desire to maintain our family, earn good money and achieve success. This was with the intention to ultimately "**settle down**" in life one day. In this quest we have been sincerely attempting to please people from different walks of life.

By your Divine Grace's mercy when we were studying Srimad Bhagavatam, we came across this verse 4.22.8, where King Pṛthu says:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.22.8

kiṁ tasya durlabhataram
iha loke paratra ca
yasya viprāḥ prasīdanti
śivo viṣṇuś ca sānugaḥ

Translation:

Any person upon whom the brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas are pleased can achieve anything which is very rare to obtain in this world as well as after death. Not only that, but one also receives the favor of the auspicious Lord Śiva and Lord Viṣṇu, who accompany the brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas.

Purport:

The brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas are the bearers of Lord Viṣṇu, the all-auspicious. As confirmed,

In Brahma-saṁhitā (5.38):

premāñjana-cchurita-bhakti-vilocanena
santaḥ sadaiva hṛdayeṣu vilokayanti
yaṁ śyāmasundaram acintya-guṇa-svarūpaṁ
govindam ādi-puruṣaṁ tam ahaṁ bhajāmi

The devotees, out of their extreme love for Govinda, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, always carry the Lord within their hearts. The Lord is already in the heart of everyone, but the Vaiṣṇavas and the brāhmaṇas actually perceive and see Him always in ecstasy. Therefore brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas are carriers of Viṣṇu. Wherever they go, Lord Viṣṇu, Lord Śiva or the devotees of Lord Viṣṇu are all carried. The four Kumāras are brāhmaṇas, and they visited the place of Mahārāja Pṛthu. Naturally Lord Viṣṇu and His devotees were also present. Under the circumstances, the conclusion is that when the brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas are pleased with a person, Lord Viṣṇu is also pleased. This is confirmed by Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura in his eight stanzas on the spiritual master:*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādaḥ*. By pleasing the spiritual master, who is both brāhmaṇa and Vaiṣṇava, one pleases the Supreme Personality of Godhead. If the Supreme Personality of Godhead is pleased, then one has nothing more to achieve either in this world or after death.

Guru Maharaj you have been always carrying the Supreme Lord in your heart and engaged in the eternal service of pleasing Him.

We therefore realize by the mercy of your Divine Grace that we need not run after anything temporary in this material world nor try to please various people, but sincerely work towards pleasing your Divine Grace through genuine behavior and obedient attitude.

By this we would automatically achieve the rarest of rare success in this life and ultimately settle down in spiritual life eternally.On this auspicious occasion we sincerely seek your blessings in executing this simple truth.

Your insignificant servants.

Gopalkrishna das, Prasannalakshmi devi dasi

Sri Radha Radhika devi dasi

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I offer my humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on the auspicious occasion of his Vyasa puja celebration.

My dear Gurudeva, it is only because of your causeless mercy, your divine grace allowing me to think and write glorification about your divine grace. Otherwise it is not so easy to think about this service in this material world which is full of miseries.

As explained in Srimad Bhagavatam 7.9.11 and 7.9.12, The supreme personality of godhead is fully self-satisfied and does not need anything from others. Still he is allowing us to do service, to be purified from the material world (material consciousness).

Similarly, Your divine grace is also fully self-satisfied but auspicious occasions like this, your divine grace allowing me to be purified from the material consciousness which is the cause of my miseries.

I could understand from the Srimad Bhagavatam 3.31.18 how your divine grace is bestowing causeless mercy on this fallen soul, who is your insignificant disciple.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.31.18

yenedṛśīṁ gatim asau daśa-māsya īśa
saṅgrāhitaḥ puru-dayena bhavādṛśena
svenaiva tuṣyatu kṛtena sa dīna-nāthaḥ
ko nāma tat-prati vināñjalim asya kuryāt

Translation:

My dear Lord, by Your causeless mercy I am awakened to consciousness, although I am only ten months old. For this causeless mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the friend of all fallen souls, there is no way to express my gratitude but to pray with folded hands.

This sloka clearly explains my situation Maharaj. I am so fallen and entrapped by the illusory energy of the lord and have no qualification to render service unto your lotus feet. Still as stated by Jiva here, your divine grace is a friend of all fallen souls like me. Without considering my lowest condition, your divine grace accepted me as your disciple.

The Jiva prays to the lord here that he has been awakened to consciousness by the lords mercy. Out of ignorance still I am not realizing this place is miserable and leading life of sinful life which is forgetting your lotus feet. Still whatever consciousness is developed towards spiritual life at this stage is only because of your divine grace's causeless mercy.

Just like in the womb, this material world is also abominable place where there is no happiness. People like me thinking of varieties of sense pleasure out of ignorance. It is only by your causeless mercy, your divine grace imparting the transcendental knowledge from the spotless purana, the Bhagavata Purana to all fallen souls to transcend this material world.

I am so disturbed in this material world throughout the life because of not remembering or following your transcendental instruction that to see the hand of Krishna in everything. As your divine grace instructed, "A grateful person is automatically peaceful and peaceful person is automatically grateful." Yes Maharaj, since I am not grateful to your lotus feet and the surrounding people, my mind is always disturbed.

Your divine grace has shown us several times practically that whatever the precarious condition happened in your life, your divine grace tolerated everything and leads peaceful life everywhere in this universe. It so happened because your divine grace had the gift of tolerance which came by accepting everything as Lord Krishna's mercy.

As your divine grace is also 'Deena Natha' to the fallen souls, your divine grace is not waiting for us to surrender unto your lotus feet, rather actively reclaiming the fallen souls like me. Even if I am not sincere enough to render service unto your lotus feet, your divine grace reclaimed me several times through your disciples whenever deviating from the original path.

As your divine grace lead an exemplary life of expressing the gratitude towards lord Krishna and other living entities, your divine grace were very peaceful in doing devotional service. During your last days in Bhaktivedanta Hospital, your divine grace thought of leaving your body but waited for Lord Krishna's approval by tolerating the pain instead of imposing on him. I heard from H.G.Devakinandan Prabhu how your divine grace were shown your gratitude as 'Sorry Son' towards the devotees who helped you to wear padukas and said 'Thank you son' for many instances where your divine grace would not even say that. It seems that saying 'Sorry' or 'Thank You' is easiest one but it's exactly opposite in material world.

By your divine grace's mercy alone is driving us (devotees of mappedu and my family members) to do devotional service to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna. We are trying to imbibe the mood of reading Srila Prabhupada's books (Bhagavat Gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam) and trying to implement it in our life. We are getting some programs around our village where we are trying to

share transcendental knowledge from Srimad Bhagavatam which is your divine grace life.

Lord Krishna himself has come as Lord Caitanya to show practically how to become devotee of Lord Krishna. Same way, HDG Srila Prabhupada gave us everything what needs to be followed but from your divine grace instructions which are your transcendental realizations helped us to practice the same practically.

I beg your lotus feet for the causeless mercy to remove the inability of serving your lotus feet.

Your Servant

Hrishikesha Krishna Das
Sumathi

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Jyestha Devi Dasi

Dandavat Pranams Maharaj,

This year, the auspicious day to have the opportunity to remember and glorify you falls on December 25th. With my minimum capacity, I shall try to write a few words of glorification.

Maharaj, to begin with, I should be very grateful to you for many things. Just a very simple activity like helping me to wake up in the morning to do my chanting. If I pray to you at night, it really works out. Helping my family to carry on nicely, performing the little bit of devotional service, and the weekend programs which really run by your mercy only.

The other day, I was advised to take an MRI scan. Going into the machine was really scary. So, I started reciting some shlokas which you have taught all your disciples. If it is not for you Maharaj, I wouldn't have even thought of reciting shlokas at that moment. I was thanking the Lord for giving me shelter at your Lotus Feet, for which I really do not know how much pious activities I would have done in my previous births.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.22.6

diṣṭyā me bhagavān dṛṣṭo
durdarśo yo 'kṛtātmanām
diṣṭyā pāda-rajaḥ spṛṣṭaṁ
śīrṣṇā me bhavataḥ śivam

Translation:

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, Srila Prabhupada writes that 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. The above verse clearly tells us how much valuable a spiritual master is for a disciple.

I pray at your lotus feet to help me to be more sincere in my devotional services and to behave nicely and friendly with others which you always stress every time you speak on a Bhagavatam verse.

In Nama-Sankirtana By Srila Narottama dasa Thakura Text : 7

tadera charana-sebi-bhakta-sane bas

janame janame hoy e abhilash

Translation:

This is my desire: that birth after birth I may live with those devotees who serve the lotus feet of these Six Goswamis.

I pray at your Lotus Feet to imbibe this mood whenever I do my devotional services.

Your humble servant,

Jyeshta Devi Dasi

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Manmohan Krsna Das

Dear Gurumaharaj

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupad. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja.

Object of glorification determines the position of a conditioned living entity in its journey through this material world.

If I choose to remain at your lotus feet and follow your instructions sincerely, joyfully and with faith, my object of glorification remain the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna, who is so dear to you, Maharaj.

Why I should not leave the shelter of your lotus feet is to remain in transcendence which enables me to glorify your object of love, Sri Krsna.

By glorifying Your Holiness, I remain eligible to lead a life which is simple, purposeful and useful in each moment of my journey in the material life.

As long as the sincerity in following your instructions drive me in all my efforts, your mercy is always available which makes all my desires fulfilled such that my devotional service remains healthier and blissful.

The moment I choose to do anything that is not sanctioned by your mercy, I am lost in the jungle of sense gratification.

Give me the strength of mind that I am not deluded by pride, anger and lust which are the enemies much more powerful and are the perennial source of miseries for me in this world.

If I am procrastinating in the execution of my duties as dictated by your mercy, it is again your causeless mercy that alone can redeem me from the pitfalls of inefficient way of life.

If I am effectively discharging all my duties in line with your guidelines, all that happens to me is as wished by your causeless mercy, Maharaj.

When shall I taste the elixir of spiritual bliss that is constantly flowing by way of your causeless mercy?

Can I just do all my acts by simply following your lotus feet? Your word is the beacon light which alone guide me in my sojourn in this material world which is full of pitfalls in the forms of my own avarice, envy and apathy. Accumulated contaminations in me are just unknown to me and the effect of such contaminations are my pitfalls in this material life. The shelter under your lotus feet is the only source of rescue from these pitfalls for me, Maharaj.

Your merciful instructions always guide me to live seriously, sincerely and effectively such that I am able to carry out all of them in full. Maharaj, please give me the shelter of your lotus feet in each and every one of my moment in life.

Maya is just waiting to grab me with her magic of limitless sense gratification and I am also inclined to choose her attractions due to my weakness of heart. Give me the strength that all my wrong inclinations are controlled gradually by my sadhana as directed by your mercy.

Only by following the way of life as illustrated by your own life that I can remain clear in this dense darkness of sense gratificatory tendencies in my life, Maharaj.

My god-brothers and god-sisters are the replica of your instructions if I choose to follow their care and concern for my spiritual well-being.

The smile, care and concern that are permanently radiating in the company of my god-brothers and god-sisters are the accumulated wealth that is given by your grace, Maharaj. It is up to me to choose to remain either richer or poorer by following or not following the guiding lives of my god-brothers and god-sisters. Their spiritual practice is the moon-light for me which is available always from the Sunlight that is your mercy, Maharaj.

Your whole life is a bundle of your instructions and I am always enlightened whenever I see the grandeur and splendour of that being followed by my god-brothers & god-sisters. So long as I am simple, sincere and progressive in sadhana I could clearly see your hands in all moments in my life and more particularly whenever I face critical situations.

Smile, simplicity and seriousness are the qualities that mark the everlasting presence of your grace in my memory. How can I live in a way incompatible with your grace and love which are showered on the most ineligible person like me? Shall I live in a way just suitable always as a serious disciple. I earnestly seek to practice whatever I assimilate from your Vani. Maharaj, give me your causeless mercy such that I just adopt the demonstrated lifestyle by my god-brothers and god-sisters.

Your expectations from your disciples which are reverberating in your vani are my bench marks for my success in all my spiritual endeavours. I earnestly seek to maintain my sadhana in such a way to fulfil your expectations on your disciple, the most fallen, ignorant and non-deserving person like me.

Your insignificant servant,

Manmohan Krsna das.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Poorna Prajna Dasa

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

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

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

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
cakshur unmilitam yena tasmai Sri-Gurave namah

Dear Gurumaharaj

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Prabhupad. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam 7th Canto, when Prahlad maharaj was pacifying the supreme lord with prayer he states,in SB 7.9.28

evaṁ janaṁ nipatitaṁ prabhavāhi-kūpe
kāmābhikāmam anu yaḥ prapatan prasaṅgāt
kṛtvātmasāt surarṣiṇā bhagavan gṛhītaḥ
so ʼhaṁ kathaṁ nu visṛje tava bhṛtya-sevām

Translation:

My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Nārada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service?

In the purport Srila Prabhupada writes that one should serve the spiritual master first. I was so much in ignorance that although you gave me chance to serve you, I did not utilize the opportunity to the full extent. You are so merciful that instead of my ignorance you are still blessing me to involve in small amount of devotional service.

I wish, I do better service by organizing better programs bringing more devotees to the congregation and make them chant and glorify the supreme lord and to read Srimad Bhagavatam.

Kindly bless me to do better service so that the flag you hoisted flies high in spreading the message of Srimad Bhagavatam.

Your insignificant servant,

Poorna Prajna Krsna Das.

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---- Prashantatma Das

Dear Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet ! All Glories to Srila Prabhupad and Srila gurudev!

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.28.6

sva-dhiṣṇyānām eka-deśe
manasā prāṇa-dhāraṇam
vaikuṇṭha-līlābhidhyānaṁ
samādhānaṁ tathātmanaḥ

Translation:

Fixing the vital air and the mind in one of the six circles of vital air circulation within the body, thus concentrating one's mind on the transcendental pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is called samādhi, or samādhāna, of the mind.

This verse is spoken by Lord Kapila while He is giving instruction to His beloved mother Devahuti about Dhyaana Yoga. First step in that is to go to a secluded place. This is very difficult in this age. So the so called Gurus of Dyana Yoga have constructed Ashrams where artificial silence is maintained. People can go there and following proper sitting poster, can do Pranayama (Breathing exercise) and with eyes half closed can concentrate vision on tip of the nose to control the mind. People sit like this for an hour or so daily and they think that Yoga means this only. Unfortunately neither the Guru nor the disciple know the meaning and the purpose of yoga. Samaadhi state as mentioned by Lord Kapila in this sloka is the last stage of Astanga Yoga vidya.

Lord Krishna clearly mentions in 6th Chapter of Bhagavad Geetha that after many births of practice only one can reach this stage. In most of the cases the yogi in Samaadhi state will first see the Brahman effulgence. At that time itself it is mentioned in scriptures that the yogi can quit his body by his own will and can go to any planet of his choice. He can even go to spiritual planet if he wants to. But he will be entering the spiritual planet in shantha (neutral) bhava. He will get a body of tree or plant or bird in spiritual planet. If a yogi reaches Samaadhi stage following the instruction of Lord Kapila as given in this verse, he will develop love of godhead. Srila Prabhupad nicely mentions that the yogi is no longer a dhyaana yogi, he has become a bhakthi yogi.

Our Guru Maharaj out of his causeless mercy gave wonderful instruction as to how we can reach this Samaadhi stage without undergoing the tedious process of Dhyaana Yoga, taking many births. Pranayama is the process of breathing meant for controlling the mind. The same can be done by chanting Maha Mantra. If we chant the Maha Mantra with full concentration and devotion to Lord Krishna, not only we can control our mind but also develop our love for Lord Krishna. Here

Lord Kapila says that by concentrating our mind on pastimes of Lord Krishna we can reach Samaadhi stage. This we can achieve by studying Srimad Bhagavatham daily. Studying means we have to go through thoroughly the wonderful purports given by Srila Prabhupad, assimilating the instructions he had given and following them.

Srimad Bhagavatham is full of transcendental pastimes of Lord and his devotees. So as long as we study Bhagavatham we will be in Samaadhi state. This the reason why our beloved Guru Maharaj said that we should never leave Bhagavatham. Once we leave Bhagavatham we are leaving Lord Krishna. As our beloved Guru used to mention BBC, we can be constantly in Samaadhi stage by studying Bhagavad Geetha, Bhagavatham and Chanting. By doing so we can get out of the cycle of birth and death.

Bhagavatham Grantharaj ki Jai,

Srila Prabhupad ki Jai,

Guru Maharaj Srila Mahavishnu Goswami ki Jai,

Your Humble Servant

Prashanthatma Das

Chennai

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---- Aarta Bandu Krishna Das , Kaveri Devi Dasi and family

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

You have been repeatedly reminding us on the miserable nature of the material world. Last year we really had a glimpse of the material bashing. It covered all aspects of our lives starting with health issues, Job issues, and weather issues. We really prayed to the Lord and yourself to ensure we do not succumb to the above problems and continue floating with our devotional service. We noted down the powerful statement from the daily calendar and would like to present the same.

Please do not get rotten into the material atmosphere. We have a powerful father. Recognize the authority of the father and come to him running not only at the time of difficulty but all the time we should run to Krishna.

We have learnt from your teachings and by our realizations in the last one year to try and put into practice the above instruction seriously.

I would like to offer this shloka from SB: 4.20.25 for your pleasure..

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.20.25

sa uttamaśloka mahan-mukha-cyuto
bhavat-padāmbhoja-sudhā kaṇānilaḥ
smṛtiṁ punar vismṛta-tattva-vartmanāṁ
kuyoginām no vitaraty alaṁ varaiḥ

Translation:

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.

Shrila Praphupada mentions – Shravanam ie hearing Krishna katha is the first step for approaching the Supreme Lord and this propensity or awakening comes when we hear the voice through the mouth of a pure devotee. So first service should be rendered to the spiritual master by listening to the glorification

of the Lord through his speech so that by his mercy one can approach the Supreme Personality of Godhead to render service.

The pure devotee always renders service at the lotus feet of the Lord therefore he has a direct connection with the saffron mercy particles that are strewn over the lotus feet of the Lord. The sleeping living entity is awakened when he hears the voice emanating from the lotus mouth of the pure devotee and he immediately remembers his eternal relationship with the Lord.

We pray at your lotus feet and Lord Sri Krishna that we will be provided with opportunities to listen and follow your instructions so that we always can perform devotional service sincerely to the best of our ability which will enable us to perform uninterrupted bhakti.

Yours in service of Srila Prabhupada,

Aarta Bandu Krishna das and Kaveri Devi Dasi

Mukunda Krishna das and Bala Krishna das

India – Hyderabad

"We will not be able to take a single breath more than what is alloted for us. We have experience of this. We will never be able to increase by even one moment. All these things in this material world are on a time scale, without exception. So that time should either be used in the maintenance jobs or responsibility or whatever and the rest of the time should be utilised for your own spiritual progress. "

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Shruta Ikshita Krishna Das ,Savita devidasi and Jahnavi Devidasi

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your Divine lotus feet.

All Glories unto His Divine Grace A.C. BhaktiVedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and the previous acharyas in parampara. All Glories to Sri Guru and Guranga.

Gurudev,

On the Glorious Occasion of your blessed appearance day, we pray to Shri Shri Radha NeelaMadhav so that we can make an attempt to glorify your Holiness even though we do not have any qualification.

Gurudev,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.17.18

arthābhāvaṁ viniścitya
pratītasyāpi nātmanaḥ
tāṁ cāpi yuṣmac-caraṇa-
sevayāhaṁ parāṇude

Translation:

But, my dear sir, I am obliged to you because now I can understand that this material manifestation is without substance, although it appears real. I am confident that by serving your feet it will be possible for me to give up the false idea.

Purport by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada: The sufferings of the conditioned soul are superficial and have no intrinsic value, like the cutting off of one's head in a dream. Yet although this statement is theoretically very true, it is very difficult for the common man or the neophyte on the transcendental path to realize practically. However, by serving the feet of great transcendentalists like Maitreya Muni and by constantly associating with them, one is enabled to give up the false idea that the soul suffers from material pangs.

Dear Srila Gurudev here two things are mentioned by Vidura to give up the false idea that the soul suffers from material pains. Gurudev by your causeless Mercy, You allowed us to do both.

1. Just by serving Lotus Feet of Spiritual Master and
2. Constantly being in association with them,

Through Your wonderful lectures you taught us how to practise devotional service in this material world. In all the Bhagavatam Lectures You gave us the practical applications which we can implement in our lives. Gurudev thru Your lectures you brought everyone closer to Bhagavatam (KRISHNA) and Bhagavatam into everyone's life. In most of the Lectures Srila Gurudev You taught how to recite the verses, made each one in the class to recite and vibrate the words in the verse. So Srila Gurudev we humbly request to show Your causeless Mercy to read Srimad Bhagavatam regularly with care and attention. In doing so we serve Your Holiness Srila Gurudev.

Gurudev one day after the Sunday feast program in Chicago I was having Prasadam and one devotee who was sitting beside me asked who is Your Spiritual Master and the moment I mentioned Your Holy name, the devotee glorified You and your attraction towards Bhagavatam. The devotee mentioned, Maharaj is a walking Bhagavatam. Maharaj carries Bhagavatam in His Heart. The devotee said, if we want to relish the sweetness or Melody of Bhagavatam we should hear from Maharaj. Thank You Srila Gurudev, you have left so much of Your causeless Mercy with each one of us and created an interest to read Srimad Bhagavatam.

Gurudev, Your greatest Quality is that you gave your association to everyone, Disciples, any other Devotee or anyone who came in contact. You showed Your Love towards them, invited them and touched their hearts by presenting the Glories of Krishna. You were very kind and merciful to the grandchildren. In many of Your classes Sirla Gurudev you mentioned how to train these young boys in Krsna Consciousness.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.17.19

yat-sevayā bhagavataḥ
kūṭa-sthasya madhu-dviṣaḥ
rati-rāso bhavet tīvraḥ
pādayor vyasanārdanaḥ

Translation:

By serving the feet of the spiritual master, one is enabled to develop transcendental ecstasy in the service of the Personality of Godhead, who is the unchangeable enemy of the Madhu demon and whose service vanquishes one's material distresses.

On this very auspicious day we beg for Your causeless mercy so that we will obey and follow your instructions in performing the devotional service to Sri Sri RadhaRamanji and in taking care of the devotees very nicely.

I humbly pray at your Lotus feet that I do my reading, chanting and Devotional Service sincerely and seriously.

Thankyou Gurudev for keeping us under your shelter.

Jai Srila Mahavishnu Gosvami Gurudev ki Jai.

Your insignificant disciple,

Shruta Ikshita Krsna Das.

Chicago USA.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
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---- Srilakshmi Devi Dasi

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

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

Hare Krishna Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories all glories to your divine grace under whom, with great mercy this ignorant was given shelter. All glories to your divine lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Happy Appearance Day my dear Srila Gurudev.

With your permission, Please accept this vyasapuja offering at your lotus feet though I have no qualification to glorify you Gurudev.

How should I thank you and show my gratitude for helping all your dear disciples in finishing the Rajkot temple project. As you know by your prayers and Lord Krishna's mercy it is going to complete. Your vision of temple is amazing Gurudev and it is going to come in front of us along with lots and lots of your mercy.

Gurudev, when the Dwaraka temple was in your vision and a devotee called and said to help for, immediately you have seen the merciful hand of the Lord and went and danced in front of the Lord thanking Him with great gratitude for the sanction. I pray that I could have a little bit of that gratitude to thank you for accepting me as your disciple and I always pray to be the follower of your instructions all the time.

Gurudev, this year is the best year that I never stopped thinking of your divine lotus feet and thanked so many many hundreds of times for giving shelter for me. And at each and every step I sensed your great presence. From the time I wake up everyday, by your cause less mercy you are there to guide and I can feel the helping hand of yours in all my activities like in cooking bhoga for the Lord, worshipping Sri Sri Radha Ramanji especially while speaking to other people. I humbly request you Gurudev to give this fallen ignorant foolish disciple to obey your instructions at any situation. I have seen the great blessings in my happiness and loving mercy in my distresses.

As Narada Muni travelled and transformed so many souls into great devotees similarly you too have travelled across the world to preach the message of Srimad Bhagavatam which is full of glories of the Supreme Lord. Your blissful presence and glorious words has transformed so many souls into wonderful devotees by whose association we can get true knowledge and the path to mitigate the repeated birth and death. I humbly pray that I take to this process very seriously.

In Sri Sri Shikshashtaka -3

trinad api sunicena

taror api sahishnuna

amaaninaa maanadena

kirtaniyah sadaa harihi

You are the greatest personality with great humility, great tolerance and very easily approachable and always having Srimad Bhagavatam dancing on your tongue. I beg and pray to you my dear Gurudev to please bless me with atleast one percent of these qualities so that for this life this soul gets purified which is now completely immersed in material miseries.

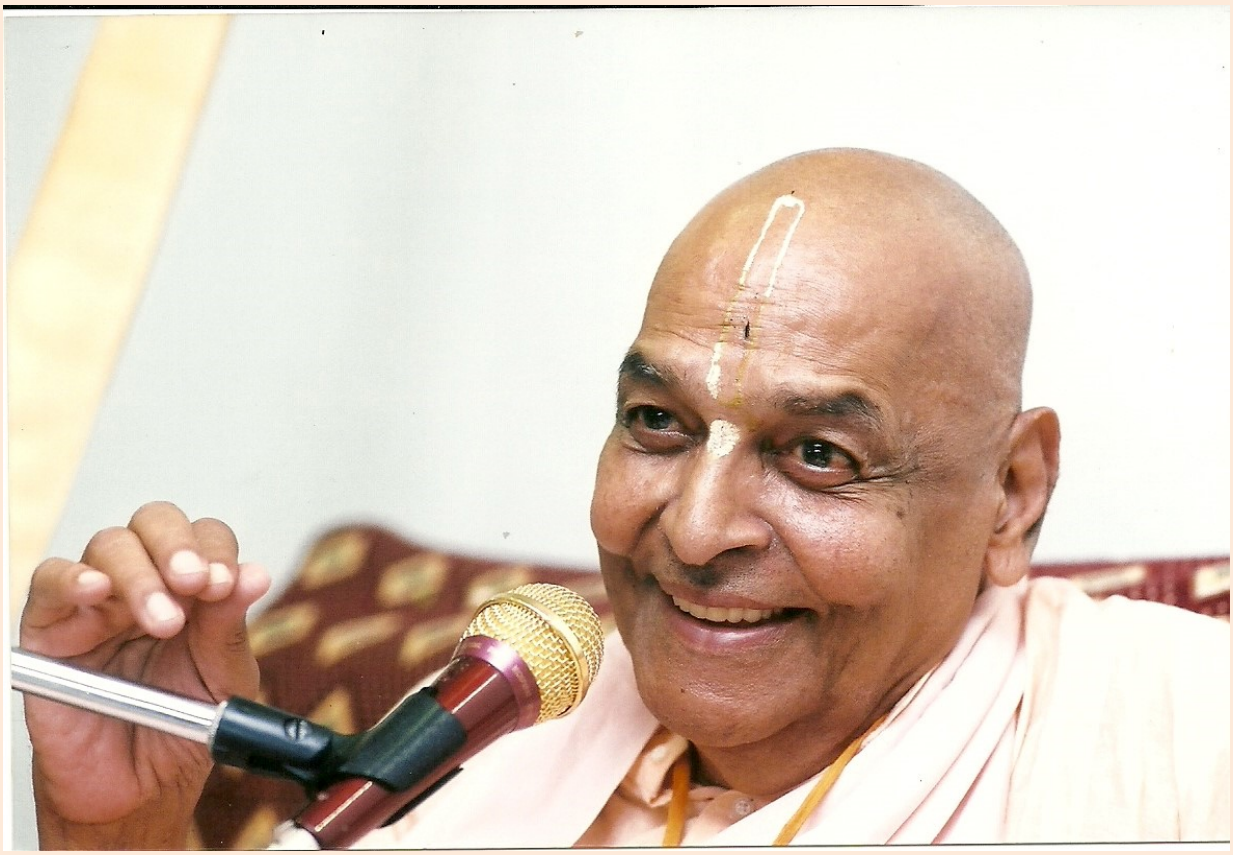
In this miserable material place where I was feeling that I was having so many problems one after the other, it has become very difficult for me alone to face or overcome those miseries, it is only you my dear divine grace who was there for me all the time as if personally helping me with your instructions. Hearing to your lectures is the greatest boon for this life time. Thank you very much Srila Gurudev for the wonderful gift of devotional service of chanting, reading, hearing and deity worship which has changed our family life to be very dependable on the mercy of the Lord. Please keep us at the shelter of your lotus feet.

I beg pardon for all the offences committed unto your lotus feet and unto the feet of all Vaishnavas and the Supreme Lord. Please bless me to always obey you and follow your instructions.

Your servant disciple daughter,

Srilakshmi devidasi.

India - Lucknow



“These young boys, particularly the younger ones, we should try to be merciful to them and just elevate them by teaching some verses or allow them to speak. They will be nice preachers in future. They will remember that, "My father was going to Dwaraka and there was some old man and he was calling me on the stage." (laughter) We would have gone by that time. But they will remember always. And that will give them the impetus to do devotional service."

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

Our Dearest Mahavishnu Goswami maharaj, Please accept our sashtagna dandawat to you on your appearance day.

May you be our only shelter forever

At this point, at a personal level in our lives, we feel that you are our only hope and shelter and the only way we would have any realization of Krishna is by executing instructions given by you.

Sri Sri Gurv-ashtaka Eight Prayers to the Guru :7

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

Translation:

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 [Krishna].

With this mood I would like to make an:-

Offering of our Services to you

Progress in following areas was made as part of our devotional service commitments of last Vyasa Puja (2014).

(i) In the year 2015 - Organized a large festivals for Gaur Poornima, Jagannath Rath yatra (1 week duration) and medium sized Tulasi Vivah with Naam Sakirtan spread over several areas of Lucknow.

(ii) Weekly Regular namhatta in Lucknow with 15-20 devotees - every Sunday Morning starting from Manglarti time – since the week of Gaur Poornima 2013.

(iii) Bhagvad Gita classes(weekdays) at office for half an hour- Prasann Vadan Das – since April 16, 2012. In this class the Bhagvad reading was started from Chapter 1 and Shloka 1 (with purport). We have completed reading all the shlokas of Bhagvad Gita with discussion on each and every one of Prabhupada's purport till Chapter 18, shloka 78 on Nov. 25, 2015.

This class starts at the beginning of the day of the office time and is for half an hour.

(iv) Srimad Bhagvatam class – After the completion of above mentioned Bhagvad Gita, Srimad Bhagvatam has been started in the same time slot from Nov. 26, 2015.

(v) As instructed by you Maharaj, we have tried to our best of our ability to execute Mangla aarti everyday and on Sunday execute it with other families at the local Jagannath temple.

Commitment for next year

(i) For the last year, we worked closely with Manohar Krishna Das prabhu on Technoseva and tried to do service for ISKCON Rajkot.
We commit that in the next year, we will make meaningful contribution to ISKCON Rajkot.

(ii) To start cultivating new devotees upto the level of getting them initiated in ISKCON.

(iii) Continue with preaching activities outlined in the previous section

Please bless us that your lotus feet be our only shelter eternally and we manage to fulfill your mission after taking requisite guidance from your eternal Dutaas-
His grace Devakinanda Das and His grace Vaishnava Seva Das prabus

Mahavishnu goswami maharaj ki jay.

Prabhupada ki jaya.

All glories to Gurudev's appearance day.

Yours servants eternally

Prasanna vadana das and Sangeeta Devi Dasi

Newzealand

***"Somebody may go to the lowest level. But why should we decrease our behaviour to that level? We should always, at least be in mode of goodness, if not more. We devotees should be habituated always to be in mode of purified goodness. sattvam vishuddham* - we require purified goodness. Mere goodness is also material. We have to cross over that and come to transcendental goodness."**

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Nrtya Gopal Krishna dasa

Dearest Gurudev Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories unto your lotus feet !

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana- salakaya
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah
mukam karoti vachalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripa tam aham vande
shri-gurum dina-taranam

Srila Gurudev,

You have always been kind, merciful and friendly in guiding me when you were physically present in this mortal world, and even now, you continue to shower your mercy.

Thank you for giving me shelter and having accepting me as your disciple. Each day I realise more and more how wonderful you were and each day I regret not having taking full advantage of your divine association.

Memories of you Srila Gurudev are ever fresh and whenever I remember them, I feel your presence once again.

Your love for Srimad Bhagavatam knew no bounds and you would nicely explain the verses to everyone. Even when others were not present, you would study the verses alone with deep contemplation.

You are still lovingly guiding us and may I one day be able to please you.

Due to your mercy, we were blessed with a daughter this year and we named her Krishna after queen Draupadi. Please bless us that we may be able to bring her up in a Krishna conscious way and that she may become a sincere and humble devotee in Lord Chaitanya's movement.

Thank you once again Maharaj for your kindness and loving guidance. May your glories be forever sung !

Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jaya !

Hare Krishna !

Your unworthy servant,

Nrtya Gopal Krishna dasa

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Avinash Krishna Das

Om ajnana-timirandhaysa jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur unmilitum yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All glories to Srila Gurudeva and All glories to Sri Guru and Sri SriGauranga

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.Maharaj, I would like to express my eternal gratefulness and indebtedness for me and my entire family for your causeless mercy and shelter. Only because of your causeless mercy H.G. Ambrish Prabhuji, H.G. Purna Prajna Mataji and H.G. Krsna Samarpan Krsna Das have been source of guidance and engage us in some kind of Devotional service. My family is extremely blessed by you and we feel it everyday. Maharaj,I would like to offer following verses,

In Bhagavad-gītā 12.9

atha cittaṁ samādhātuṁ
na śaknoṣi mayi sthiram
abhyāsa-yogena tato
mām icchāptuṁ dhanañ-jaya

Translation:

My dear Arjuna, O winner of wealth, if you cannot fix your mind upon Me without deviation, then follow the regulative principles of bhakti-yoga. In this way develop a desire to attain Me.

Maharaj, I have been living in India since Feb'15 with my father H.G. Amogh Krishna Das. So I am not able to serve your Namhatta Class run by H.G. Ambrish Prabhuji in Auckland. Maharaj, I always wanted to spend some time with my

father in his advanced stage and engage in some kind of devotional service. My father is also eternally indebted for the causeless mercy and shelter given by you. He is spending some of his time chanting and doing deity worship quite regularly and spiritualise his life. In the purport of above verses, Srila Prabhupada mentions about bhakti yoga. This practice can help anyone to rise to the level of God, then he is sure of his progress into Spiritual Kingdom of God, however only with the help of a Spiritual Master.Srila Prabhpada further gives solution for someone who is not able to practice the regulative principles of bhakti yoga, just by working for Supreme Lord. One should be sympathetic to the propagation of Krishna Consciousness. The voluntary service to the cause of Krishna Consciousness will help one to rise to a higher state of Love for God, where upon one becomes perfect. Maharaj, lately, I have not been getting regular association of devotees. But I have always tried to follow your instructions and have never forgotten you and Krishna. All the credit goes to Maharaj's Namahatta class for this and for leading a life in the separation of devotees. The training is source of inspiration in my day to day life here in India where I meet many types of people with very confused minds and philosophies as far as their spiritual lives are concerned. I always kept myself engaged in the Krishna Consciousness life as instructed by Maharaj and felt your presence in my life. Maharaj my book reading has suffered most in last 10 months. Maharaj my Devotional service is not intensifying and I know I am not progressing spiritually. I continue to lack faith in Krishna Consciousness activities .Maharaj I do not know how, but my aim of life is to serve you to please Srila Prabhupada under the able guidance of your most beloved disciple H.G. Ambrish Prabhu and by following the scriptures (varnashram-dharma). By your causeless mercy my life and circumstances are also becoming favourable to be able to remain engaged in your service.

Maharaj, please overlook my mistakes & shortcomings in the offering and bless me so that I can keep myself engaged in the service of the servants of the servants of the servants of Krishna.

Begging the mercy from all vaishnavas,

Your most fallen servant ,

Avinash Krishna Das

Auckland, New Zealand

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---- Sanjeev Saini

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

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

Om ajnana-timirandhaysa jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur unmilitum yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

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

Srila Gurudev please accept my most humble obeisances unto you.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

Srila Gurudev I am extremely fortunate to be your shiksha disciple and I am trying to follow your instructions. It's because of your causeless mercy I have the opportunity to associate with devotees and service to Srila Prabhupada. HG Ambarish Prabhu and his family tirelessly preaching your instructions and because of that I came in contact with you. I am very much gratefull to HG Ambarish Prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krsna Samarpan Krsna das for tolerating me and my family and engaging us in your service to please Srila Prabhupada.
Guru Maharaj because of your causeless mercy, last year I got the opportunity to be in the Rajkot dham on the occasion of your appearance day celebration. It was the most memorable moment in my life. I got the chance to see Guru Maharaj's personal belongings and room where Maharaj used to stay. Guru Maharaj lived in very simple and austere situation and showed his Acharan or practical example. I felt very fortunate to see Guru Maharaj's samadhi and paraphernalia.

Maharaj I try to recite the verses from Bhagavad Gita. But at this stage I am learning the correct pronunciation of verses and correct meter to recite them. I learned that reciting verses are very much pleasing to you. Whenever I get chance to listen your lectures I realize whatever taught in our Namahatta is non different to your instructions. But due to my impurities and laziness I failed to follow the instructions and having difficulties to do my chanting rounds. Guru

Maharaj I sincerely beg your pardon and mercy so I can overcome these impurities and engage myself and my family in your and Srila Prabhupada's service. I remember in one lecture Srila Gurudev said that if you can't remember any verse from Srimad Bhagwatam then remember one verse:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.08.21

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

These are the five names of Krishna and will purify you. Guru Maharaj I beg your mercy so I can recite verses from Bhagavad Gita and realize them in my life. I am eternally indebted to HG Ambarish Prabhu and his family for giving me the chance to attend the serious classes where I am getting the chance to study Bhagavad Gita. I would like to thank all the Namahatta devotees for helping us to progress in Krishna consciousness. I beg from all the devotees for their forgiveness for the offences I commit knowingly or unknowingly.

Thank you very much for the opportunities.

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

Srila Gurudev ki jai.

Your servant's servant's servant's and insignificant,

Sanjeev saini

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---- Dolly Saini

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

All glories to Srila Gurudev on his vyas puja day.

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 Prabupad to please Krishna. I feel so fortunate while doing any small service for Krishna. Each service is so beautiful that makes me feel very satisfied. Thank you Srila Gurudev for coming in this world and changing our lives. I am very thankful to HG Ambarish prabhu and his family for engaging us in your service. Maharaj I sincerely apologise for not following your instructions and I beg your mercy to become a sincere devotee.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

All glories to Srila Gurudev!!

Your most fallen servent

Dolly Saini

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Ambarisa Das

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nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare

Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!

Today we assemble together to meditate, contemplate and thank our good Lord Sri Krishna whose extreme causeless mercy upon us is incomparable to anyone in all the three Creations. We cannot even start to count our blessings we have received and our gratitude would never be enough in glorifying Him for giving us the mercy of His dear servant His Divine Grace, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada founder Acharya, ISKCON.

We cannot even fathom the extreme causeless mercy we have received from our dear Srila Prabhupada for giving us this transcendental organisation ISKCON and giving us the opportunity to unite with our Dearest of the Dear - our Life and Soul - our eternal Father and well wisher His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja, Srila Gurudeva who are engaged in the personal confidential service of Srila Prabhupada in reclaiming the fallen souls who have become conditioned in the material creation of Krishna.

All the scriptures proclaim that Lord Krishna is always very eager to bring back His eternal parts and parcels, His jivas who have fallen away in their independent pursuit of attaining illusory happiness back to be reunited with Him in His Vaikuntha Planets and more specifically in His personal abode of Goloka Vrindavan the highest planet in the spiritual world. He does this by sending His most confidential servants to appear in the authorised param-para system especially established by Him for the purpose.

Srila Gurudeva, His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja are that personality who have appeared on this planet just to glorify the Lord and reclaim us, the fallen conditional jivas who are trying to enjoy independently of Krishna to be reunited with Krishna. And this tough and thank less task of preaching Krishna Consciousness to us, the jivas, who have become hardened materialists' is executed by Srila Gurudeva not by force but by love. This love that Srila Gurudeva manifests in reclaiming all the lost souls is the manifestation of the actual love Srila Gurudeva is experiencing in Srila Gurudevas close association with Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. And that is why every one of us feels the shelter of the Lord through Srila Gurudeva, just as all the citizens during the reign of Maharaja Prthu experienced,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.21.49

aho vayaṁ hy adya pavitra-kīrte
tvayaiva nāthena mukunda-nāthāḥ
ya uttamaślokatamasya viṣṇor
brahmaṇya-devasya kathāṁ vyanakti

Translation:

The audience continued: Dear King Pṛthu, your reputation is the purest of all, for you are preaching the glories of the most glorified of all, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Lord of the brāhmaṇas. Since, due to our great fortune, we have you as our master, we think that we are living directly under the agency of the Lord.

Srila Gurudeva would always guide us by stating that this cloth of devotional service is very painstakingly woven by Him for each of us and it is very easy for us to tear the nicely woven cloth. Now it is up to us who have benefitted by this extreme causeless mercy of Srila Gurudeva to pray to Srila Gurudeva that we can make the most of the mercy received from Srila Gurudeva by preserving this nicely woven devotional cloth and give this mercy to the wider audience as far and wide as possible.

There is never a moment where we do not experience the divine merciful presence of Srila Gurudeva in our lives, lovingly guiding us in our day to day efforts in Krishna Consciousness. This is true not only for the disciples of Maharaja but even the grand disciples and devotees who surrender at the lotus feet of Maharaja. This proves the divinity and purity of Srila Gurudeva. Srila Gurudeva has given us this very unique opportunity for going back home back to godhead out of Gurudevas own accord and we can just simply pray with folded hands to Srila Gurudeva to bless us so that we never falter in our devotional service and

we perform only those activities that would always please Srila Gurudeva the most. Just like Maharaj Prthu prayed to the four kumaras,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.22.47

yair īdṛśī bhagavato gatir ātma-vāda
ekāntato nigamibhiḥ pratipāditā naḥ
tuṣyantv adabhra-karuṇāḥ sva-kṛtena nityaṁ
ko nāma tat pratikaroti vinoda-pātram

Translation:

Pṛthu Mahārāja continued: How can such persons, who have rendered unlimited service by explaining the path of self-realization in relation to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and whose explanations are given for our enlightenment with complete conviction and Vedic evidence, be repaid except by folded palms containing water for their satisfaction? Such great personalities can be satisfied only by their own activities, which are distributed amongst human society out of their unlimited mercy.

In the transcendental Purport, Srila Prabhupada reinforces the point of how no one can repay the extreme causeless mercy one has received by personalities like Srila Gurudeva:

"Knowledge of Krishna is such a great gift that it is impossible to repay the benefactor. Therefore Prthu Mahārāja requested the Kumāras to be satisfied by their own benevolent activities in delivering souls from the clutches of māyā. The King saw that there was no other way to satisfy them for their exalted activities. The word vinoda-pātram can be divided into two words, vinā - without and uda-pātram - offering of water in cupped hands, or can be understood as one word, vinoda-pātram, which means "joker." A joker's activities simply arouse laughter, and a person who tries to repay the spiritual master or teacher of the transcendental message of Krishna becomes a laughingstock just like a joker because it is not possible to repay such a debt. The best friend and benefactor of all people is one who awakens humanity to its original Krishna consciousness."

This sums up my position. Therefore, on this most auspicious day of Srila Gurudevas transcendental Vyasapuja, I pray at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva to please keep me and my family eternally situated at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva as that in itself is the perfection of our love for Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.

His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja Srila Gurudeva ki jai!

Jagatguru, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Your unqualified but loyal disciple,

Ambarisa Das

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---- Krsna Samarpan Krsna Das

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Srī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda,
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!

Before I give my offering, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am in no way qualified to glorify and express my appreciation for Maharaja, and thus I beg for forgiveness from Maharaja as my limited understanding of Maharaja's qualities and how He's changed my life cannot be represented by my own perception, as Maharaja is too transcendental for me to fully understand. Dear Srila Gurudeva, Growing up in a Krsna Conscious family, where my parents Ambarisa Das and Purna Prajna Devi Dasi were engaged in preaching since my childhood, it was difficult for me to understand why we were so busy every week. As a child, I found it hard to recognise the importance of Krishna Consciousness in our lives, and although even now I'm not as surrendered as I should be, I'm starting to see the difference Srila Gururdeva has made in our lives.

As a typical teenager living in the Western world, in the country of New Zealand, it was and still is, very difficult to maintain the discipline and calmness needed for understanding the power of Krsna Consciouness. With friends around me questioning the validity of the existence of God and resorting to sinful activities such as drugs and alcohol in an attempt to stimulate their senses, it is challenging for me to remain fixed in devotional service. And so I realised, that now it was up to me to develop the interest in Krishna Consciousness that I was being fed with my whole life with the mercy of my Parents. And thus by the mercy of Maharaja through my Parents, I tried to pay more attention to the devotional activities I would perform. For instance, chanting the Maha Mantra. Until my interactions with worldy minded people who were only interested in money, mating, and enjoying temporarily, I wasn't serious at all about chanting. I took it as a duty I had to perform daily. And I must say, not much has changed. However due to Maharaja's mercy, I'm trying my best to chant 16 rounds a day, though it should be minimum, although not with the keen desire to be engaged in Radharani's loving devotional service as the Maha Mantra denotes. I thus beg Srila Gurudeva to bless me so that I can chant with substance instead of it merely meaning words to me, because I want to be more fixed in my devotional service.

By reading Maharaja's quotes every day from the calendar before I go to High School and reading the Transcendental Mellows on weekends, it gives me the stability and drive to continue and work hard for my education, because by these direct instructions from Maharaja, I realised that happiness is temporary. As a teenager, I'd find myself feeling completely at peace one morning, and gloomy the next. However by being given the opportunity by my Parents to perform devotional activites such as Mangal Arati and the Offering of Bhoga, I'm gradually finding myself able to control my emotions. I noticed that by performing devotional service, I became more disciplined in my actions. One of my teachers noticed this too, asking my parents “What have you been feeding him?” The food for thought that's present in Gurudeva's instructions to me is extraordinary because they're so true to real life. What I really love about Maharaja's instructions are their practical applications of Krishna Consciouness in every day activities. For example this is a Transcendental Mellow from the 12th of October: "What we think is expressed as words. The words are basis of action. The actions we perform become our habits. The habits build up our character and our character leads to our destiny. This sequence reveals the importance of thought process.” From here Gurudeva explains the development of our destiny starting from our thought process. Maharaja is stressing the importance of thinking with a clear mind, because then those thought will be emitted properly into words. And thus, through this chain of thoughts stimulating our actions, actions translating into habits, habits shaping our character, and character molding our destiny, we'll be in control of our life. Hence, having stable thoughts is critical, and this stability is obtained through devotional service where we serve the devotees of the Lord.

The beauty of such quotes by Maharaja is that one doesn't have to be interested in Krishna Consciousness to be affected by them. Devotees can see the hand of Krishna in shaping our behaviour, but for a Karmi, this is a elaboration on the saying “Think before you speak”. Hence, Maharaja's quotes are suitable for anyone, and it goes to show how Krishna Consciousness can be applied by everyone, knowingly and unknowingly. With the abundance of instructions Maharaja is giving, I tend to find myself in a better position than my peers. They don't have any Spiritual security to go to when they're in a troubled state and hence their mind runs free and they perform sense gratificatory activites. And I'm happy to say, that due to the security of Krishna Consciousness by the causeless

mercy of Srila Gurudeva, I don't find the need to do any of these sinful activities. The fact that I can view such activities as being sinful is a testament to how profound Srila Prabhupada's movement is. Slowly, I'm trying to follow Maharaja's instructions by trying my best to follow the instructions of my Parents.

Srila Gurudeva, I pray that I may one day be able to fathom Your compassion, and to show my appreciation by bringing my friends and others to Krishna Consciouness. The position of the Western World has become so bad, that people don't want to hear the concept of God. Most of the youth are agnostic, they don't know what to believe in, so they believe in nothing. But I'm confident, by reading Your quotes, Maharaja, that people will realise that Krishna Consciouness is not a religion, or a liability, it's in fact a way of life. Srila Gurudeva, words are not enough to thank You for your causeless Mercy, both at times when I didn't see the importance of Krishna Consciouness, and when I needed the strength to continue. I pray that I will always be engaged in devotional service, and that I can preach to myself and others, with the guidance that my Parents have by Your Mercy. The WECAN Nama Hatta programs conducted by both my Parents, with the Mercy of Maharaja gives me peace of mind in an environment where I'm surrounded by people who have no interest for spiritual growth.

Please forgive me for the countless offences I have committed at Maharaja's feet, and the feet of Maharaja's loving disciples.

Your most insignificant disciple,

Krsna Samarpan Krsna Das

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Sarva Siddhi Devi Dasi

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All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to Srila Gurudeva and All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Sri Gauranga!

Dear Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble obeisances at Gurudev's lotus feet.

My offering is from S.B 7.14.2-4 on the auspicious occasion of Srila Gurudev's Vyas Puja.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.14.2-4

śrī-nārada uvāca,
gṛheṣv avasthito rājan
kriyāḥ kurvan yathocitāḥ
vāsudevārpaṇaṁ sākṣād
upāsīta mahā-munīn

Translation:

Nārada Muni replied: My dear King, those who stay at home as householders must act to earn their livelihood, and instead of trying to enjoy the results of their work themselves, they should offer these results to Kṛṣṇa, Vāsudeva. How to satisfy Vāsudeva in this life can be perfectly understood through the association of great devotees of the Lord.

śṛṇvan bhagavato 'bhīkṣṇam
avatāra-kathāmṛtam
śraddadhāno yathā-kālam

upaśānta-janāvṛtaḥ

sat-saṅgāc chanakaiḥ saṅgam

ātma-jāyātmajādiṣu

vimuñcen mucyamāneṣu

svayaṁ svapnavad utthitaḥ

Translation:

A gṛhastha must associate again and again with saintly persons, and with great respect he must hear the nectar of the activities of the Supreme Lord and His incarnations as these activities are described in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and other Purāṇas. Thus one should gradually become detached from affection for his wife and children, exactly like a man awakening from a dream.

Sri Narad Muni has beautifully instructed in these slokas how to get ideal family life & what are the occupational duties of a house holder , this is very relevant to anyone who is a householder & wants to advance in devotional service. The main points I have picked up from these verses are like this-

1. Grahastha should be fully dependent upon Krishna & try to satisfy Him in all respects by excecuting ones prescribed devotional service.
2. Devotional service should be started by Sravanam or hearing about the Lord from the mouths of realized souls.
3. Human life is not meant for working like a donkey. If we know our constitutional position & try to work under careful guidance of the spiritual master, we can at least learn how to spiritualise our lives even though living in this material world. Then it's not a bad bargain at all. For the maintenance of the family a householder must work & earn money, but should not over endeavour to accumulate money & spend it only for the sense gratification. Money should be wisely utilized in the service of Krishna.
4. A householder must be very much affectionate towards lower animals & should not kill them for his sense gratification.
5. A householder must not eat anything which is not offered to Krishna. The bhoga offered to Krishna is Prasad therefore spiritualised food & should be distributed to others as well.
6. A householder should also visit the holy places of pilgrimage mentioned in the puranas.

Maharaj, I will try to follow these valuable instructions to the best of my capacity to progress in my devotional service if Maharaj's & all Vaishnavas mercy is there with me.

As Maharaj has rightly said in one of the-transcendental mellows

"We are not getting into our chanting and studying, it is all very superficial. If we seriously study (Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita) and pick up the reality from there then nothing can affect us. When you equip yourself with the realities of life through the pages of Bhagavatam then we are never affected by material turbulences."

I have realised that my chanting & studying of Bhagavatam & Bhagvad Gita is superficial & this is because I'm part time devotee & not fully surrendered yet to Maharaj's lotus feet. My flickering mind keeps diverting me away from Krishna.

Maharaj, I'm very fortunate to get the association of the wonderful devotees at Namahatta & get the chance to hear the nectar from all the devotees. Maharajji's transcendental mellows & lectures are constantly delivered by H. G. Ambarish Prabhu & I'm relishing them so much.
My heartfelt thanks to those devotees who are tirelessly transcripting Maharajji's lectures for the benefit of fallen souls like myself.
Association of devotees is very important to progress in spiritual life & I'm very fortunate to have association of very nice devotees in Namahatta.
Maharaj, in my difficult times association of devotees has kept me focused at the lotus feet of Maharaj & Krishna, otherwise I would have been lost. I'm referring one of Maharaj's transcendental mellows here again

"We have to be always convinced that whatever situation Krishna puts us in, is suitable for us to perform Bhakti. If this full trust is there, then Krishna will never cheat us (your mind will never play games).

I'm eternally indebted to H.G. Ambarish Prabhu & H.G Purna Pragna Mataji for giving their mercy constantly & giving opportunity to serve the vaishnavas with my limited capacity.
Please forgive me for the offences I have done knowingly or unknowingly in excecuting the devotional service.
Thank you Srila Gurudev for accepting this fallen soul at your lotus feet & showing your causless mercy upon me. Please engage me in Maharaj's & all wonderful devotee's service.

Begging for the mercy of all Vaishnavas !

Your most fallen disciple ,

Sarva Siddhi Devi Dasi

Auckland,New Zealand

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Purna Prajna Devi Dasi.

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

TRANSLATION:

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 vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

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

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

Srī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda,
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Gurudeva ki jai! Jagadguru Srila Prabhupada ki jai!

Srila Gurudeva's transcendental Vyaspuja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!

Today is the most auspicious day of appearance of our Guru Maharaj, Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj on this planet earth. Vyasa-puja is the day for reinforcing our commitment, dedication, eternal indebtedness and gratitude to the lotus feet of our spiritual master, Srila Gurudev and strengthening our transcendental relationship with Srila Gurudev, and through Srila Gurudev to Srila Prabhupada and all the disciplic succession up to Krishna. We feel so fortunate and proud to be a part of this Krishna Conscious movement and it it all because of the mercy of Srila Gurudev.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.9.36

etāvad eva jijñāsyaṁ
tattva-jijñāsunātmanaḥ

anvaya-vyatirekābhyāṁ

yat syāt sarvatra sarvadā

Translation:

A person who is searching after the Supreme Absolute Truth, the Personality of Godhead, must certainly search for it up to this, in all circumstances, in all space and time, and both directly and indirectly.

Some lines from the strong purport of Srila Prabhupada are extracted below: to unfold the mystery of bhakti-yoga, as it is explained in the previous verse, is the ultimate stage of all inquiries or the highest objective for the inquisitive. Everyone is searching after self-realization in different ways—by karma-yoga, by jnana-yoga, by dhyäna-yoga, by räja-yoga, by bhakti-yoga, etc. To engage in self-realization is the responsibility of every living entity developed in consciousness. One who is developed in consciousness certainly makes inquiries into the mystery of the self, of the cosmic situation and of the problems of life, in all spheres and fields—social, political, economic, cultural, religious, moral, etc.—and in their different branches. But here the goal of all such inquiries is explained.

The Vedanta-sutra philosophy begins with this inquiry about life, and the Bhägavatam answers such inquiries up to this point, or the mystery of all inquiries. Lord Brahma wanted to be perfectly educated by the Personality of Godhead, and here is the answer by the Lord, finished in four nutshell verses, from aham eva to this verse, etaavad eva. This is the end of all self-realization processes. Men do not know that the ultimate goal of life is Vishnu, or the Supreme Personality of Godhead, due to being bewildered by the glaring reflection in the darkness, and as such everyone is entering into the darkest region of material existence, driven by the uncontrolled senses. The whole material existence has sprung up because of sense gratification, desires based principally on the sex desire, and the result is that in spite of all advancement of knowledge, the final goal of all the activities of the living entities is sense gratification. But here is the real goal of life, and everyone should know it by inquiries put before a bona fide spiritual master expert in the science of bhakti-yoga, or from a living personality of Bhagavatam life. Everyone is engaged in various kinds of scriptural inquiries, but the Srimad-Bhagavatam gives answers to all of the various students of self-realization: this ultimate objective of life is not to be searched out without great labor or perseverance. One who is imbued with such sincere inquiries must ask the bona fide spiritual master in the disciplic succession from Brahmäji, and that is the direction given here. Because the mystery was disclosed before Brahmäji by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the mystery of all such inquiries regarding self-realization must be put before such a spiritual master, who is directly the representative of the Lord, acknowledged in that disciplic succession. Such a bona fide spiritual master is able to clear up the whole thing by evidence from the revealed scriptures, both direct and indirect. Although everyone is free to consult the revealed scriptures in this connection, one still requires the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, and that is the direction in this verse. The bona fide spiritual master is the most confidential representative of the Lord, and one must receive direction from the spiritual master in the same spirit that Brahmaji received it from the Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna. The bona fide spiritual master in that bona fide chain of disciplic succession never claims to be the Lord Himself, although such a spiritual master is greater than the Lord in the sense that he can deliver the Lord by his personally realized experience. The Lord is not to be found

simply by education or by a good fertile brain, but surely He can be found by the sincere student through the transparent medium of the bona fide spiritual master. The revealed scriptures give directions directly to this end, but because the bewildered living entities are blinded by the glaring reflection in the darkness, they are unable to find the truth of the revealed scriptures.

The above purport is so true, everywhere around us we find people suffering and leading life without purpose, following anything that is in fashion without knowing the consequences of their actions or knowing but not caring about it. People have so many questions and there is a great need to give this eternal knowledge to the whole world .

As Srila Gurudev instructs give them practical philosophy and not scriptures, it definitely appeals to the inquisitive and general masses. The words Sarvatra Sarvada remind me of Srila Gurudev's important instruction that devotional service should be performed in all circumstances , in all space and time, consistently. Consistency is the key.

When we started the Namahatta programs 13 years ago with Srila Gurudev's mercy, this was one of the most important instructions we had received and now understand the meaning of how in spite of all the challenges and austerities, if we go on performing our devotional service to please our spiritual master and Krishna, it gives us so many realisations and experiences to purify ourselves. Srila Gurudev always said that Devotional service has to be joyfully performed. There has to be love and penance both and then we experience no penance but only nectar in performing our devotional service. I realise how I am not at all qualified and my complete incapacity yet on the other hand completely sheltered and guided by dear Srila Gurudev.

I am eternally grateful to Srila Gurudev for giving me shelter, to my husband Ambarisa Prabhu for guiding me patiently on this spiritual path and to Krishna Samarpan Krishna dasa in always assisting me in my devotional service. I am grateful to Krishna for giving me my family and the greater transcendental family, the nice Namahatta devotees who have loving relationships with each other and are always smiling and eager and enthusiastic to perform devotional service in the Namahatta programs.

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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---- Namrata Patil

Hare Krishna prabhujis and Mathajis

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

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

I am the most fallen person and do not have any qualification to do an offering to His Holiness Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj. I am very grateful to HG Ambarish prabhu that I have been given this opportunity to share my realizations on such an auspicious occasion.

Dear Maharaj

Please kindly accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupad. All Glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasa puja. On such an auspicious occasion, I beg for your kind mercy because I have realised that self-realised soul like you can impart knowledge unto me because you have seen the truth. As it is nicely mentioned,

In Bhagavad-gītā 4.34

tad viddhi praṇipātena
paripraśnena sevayā
upadekṣyanti te jñānaṁ
jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ

Translation:

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.

Guru Maharaj, only because of your causeless mercy unto my family, we have been following the namahatta program since six years which is conducted by HG Ambarish Prabhu and his family.

Guru Maharaj, although I never got an opportunity to see you in person, I always felt your mercy while cooking the bhoga, chanting, remembering verses, and doing devotional service. I always felt sheltered and protected; this is nothing but the extreme causeless mercy of Srila Gurudev that we have been receiving through HG Ambarish Prabhu and his family. HG Ambarish prabhu always kept us engaged through namahatta programs, all festival services, emails & transcendental mellows and namahatta TV programs. He is very kindly training and guiding us to become a good Krishna Conscious devotees.

I will be always grateful to HG Purna Prajna Mataji for engaging me in cooking service. Her valuable guidance and encouragement always helped me to cook the bhoga. Whenever I have come across problems whether it is material or spiritual, I always do discuss it with her and she has always helped me to find the satisfactory solutions without compromising the rules and regulations. I still remember her one instruction that by seeing your mood and sincere devotional service, Guru Maharaj will show you the path to come out of your problems. You just need to have firm faith in Guru Maharaj, Srila prabhupad and Shree Shree Radha Giridhari. This instruction always gives me strength to face the problems.

Guru Maharaj, I used to worry about how can I teach devotional service to my little 2 year old daughter? And even if I tried to teach her, would she be able to understand it at her very young age? And one day I read a nice quote from your calendar dated on 2nd November that is **"By telling the younger generation they won't take interest. You must show them by your practice. But after we leave they will remember how father and mother were behaving. If you love your children, then this is the way to love."** From this instruction I understood that if I do my devotional service sincerely, my daughter will certainly learn it. Now due to nice association of all the devotees, she has learnt to pay obeisances and very enthusiastically participating into puja and love to clap and dance during the kirtan. I would like to quote one verse

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.6.1

śrī-prahrāda uvāca
kaumāra ācaret prājño
dharmān bhāgavatān iha
durlabhaṁ mānuṣaṁ janma
tad apy adhruvam arthadam

Translation:

Prahlāda Mahārāja said: One who is sufficiently intelligent should use the human form of body from the very beginning of life — in other words, from the tender age of childhood — to practice the activities of devotional service, giving up all other engagements. The human body is most rarely

achieved, and although temporary like other bodies, it is meaningful because in human life one can perform devotional service. Even a slight amount of sincere devotional service can give one complete perfection.

I will always be thankful to HG Ambarish prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu for everything that they have done to help us progress in our devotional service and allowing and accepting me as one of our Namahatta family members.

I will be always grateful to all the matajis for all the love, care and guidance they are providing to my family. They always look after my daughter during Namahatta and festival service so I can get the opportunity to do the service. I am also thankful to all the namahatta devotees for everything they are doing to help us progress in this path of Krishna Consciousness. I am also very thankful to you for giving me such a precious namahatta family.

Today on this auspicious occasion, I sincerely pray at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev to give me the strength to follow the instructions sincerely and please forgive me for all my offences. I beg for your mercy so that I can always stay with this WECAN-MVG namahatta family and fulfill my responsibility as a family member. Guru Maharaj please bless our Namhatta family so that every year we will do more and more service and would be able to please you, Srila Prabhupad and Shree Shree Radha Giridhari and purify our soul.

I also beg all the devotees for their forgiveness if I have committed any offences.

Thank you very much for the opportunity

Your most fallen and unqualified Servant,

Namrata Patil.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Shital Patil

Hare Krishna Devotees,

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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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandvat pranams. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this "**most auspicious day of your vyasapuja**." Neither I have any qualification nor any intelligence to write an offering to such a great and elevated soul like you, but I beg for your mercy to allow me to do so as I feel eternally indebted to you for taking us under your shelter. The mercy of the spiritual master can turn the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains. So please be merciful to me.

First of all I would like to thank HG Ambarish Prabhu for giving me this opportunity. Although I am not fortunate enough to have your personal association and the opportunity to serve you, however HG Ambarish prabhu have kept us in your constant association through your Vaani. I have been listening to your instructions through your lectures, Transcendental mellows and Namahatta programs and your qualities can be nice described by following Verse,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.25.21

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ

Translation:

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

We have been following the WECAN-MVG Namahatta program for 5 years and everything that we know about Krishna Consciousness is taught to us by HG Ambarish Prabhu who were working relentlessly to keep us engaged all the time through his Namahatta program, emails and transcendental mellows, NTV, Sankirtan festivals, all the service opportunities and special programmes. It is really helping us to keep engaged and make progress in our devotional service. We are eternally grateful to HG Ambarisa Prabhu and Namahatta for helping us to progress on this path of devotional service. All his efforts to engage us reminds me of your nice Transcendental mellow –

"To request others to perform devotional service is the outer manifestation of inner devotional service."
I would like to quote the following verse BG 12.2 in relation to the activities that we do in the namahatta.

In Bhagavad-gītā 12.2

śrī-bhagavān uvāca
mayy āveśya mano ye mām
nitya-yuktā upāsate
śraddhayā parayopetās
te me yukta-tamā matāḥ

Translation:

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Those who fix their minds on My personal form and are always engaged in worshiping Me with great and transcendental faith are considered by Me to be most perfect.

Purport:

In answer to Arjuna's question, Kṛṣṇa clearly says that he who concentrates upon His personal form and who worships Him with faith and devotion is to be considered most perfect in yoga. For one in such Kṛṣṇa consciousness there are no material activities, because everything is done for Kṛṣṇa. A pure devotee is constantly engaged. Sometimes he chants, sometimes he hears or reads books

about Kṛṣṇa, or sometimes he cooks prasādam or goes to the marketplace to purchase something for Kṛṣṇa, or sometimes he washes the temple or the dishes – whatever he does, he does not let a single moment pass without devoting his activities to Kṛṣṇa. Such action is in full samādhi.

All the activities of pure devotee mentioned by Srila Prabhupad in this purport is being made available to us in the Namahatta by HG Ambarish prabhu. I am very thankful to him for these service opportunities and now it's up to me to make the most of it.

If I want to go back to God head, I must constantly engage myself in the service of the Lord as it is very nicely stated,

In Bhagavad-gītā 10.10

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

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

The only qualification that is needed here is sincerity and devotion. However I am still struggling to follow all the basic instructions and chant my 16 rounds sincerely and still too attached to the sense gratificatory activities despite all these nice facilities that have been made available to me. This is because I lack the commitment and devotion that is needed to become a good devotee.

I have realised that I am a biggest rascal and I need to commit and sincerely chant and follow these Krishna Conscious principles to purify my existence, so that I can able to focus on this single objective and ensure everything I do should lead me towards this one aim of developing a true love for the God head. Guru Maharaj, I sincerely apologise for all my inabilities and beg for forgiveness for all the offences that have been committing knowingly and un-knowingly.

It is not possible to become Krishna conscious unless you receive the mercy of spiritual master and Lord Krishna. Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura instructs us, in his famous prayers for the spiritual master, as follows:

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

Translation:

By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master.

I sincerely pray unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev and Srila Prabhupad for their extreme causeless mercy, opportunity for devotional service and the guidance to become a Krishna Conscious devotee and a loyal servant.

I and my family are eternally indebted and grateful to HG Ambarisa Prabhu, HG Purna Prajna Mataji and HG Krishna Samarpan Krishna Prabhu for their extreme causeless mercy, for guiding and taking care of us and for everything that they have done to help us progress in our devotional service.
I will be always grateful to HG Surya Chandra Prabhu for bringing us in touch with HG Ambarisa Prabhu and his WECAN-MVG Namahatta Group. I would also like to thank all the senior and junior devotees for helping us progress in this path of Krishna Consciousness.

I beg all the devotees for their forgiveness for all the offences that I have committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Thank you very much for the opportunities!!!

Your most fallen and unqualified Servant,

Shital Patil.

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---- Jagannivas Krishna Dasa

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

Hare Krishna Dearest Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Grace. Maharaja, we are remembering you and your instructions through Srimad Bhagavatam, service and association with god brothers and sisters. This year, along with many other years, has become past but I feel that I have not progressed an inch. Your Vyasa Puja is an annual check point where in I can reset my goals and objectives for the coming year and take some time to reflect on Sri Krishna and service to you Maharaja. I pray at your lotus feet for spiritual inspiration and strength for the coming year.

Somehow or other by your causeless mercy I have been engaged in the Newlands ISKCON Temple in various services including cooking for Sunday Feast, lecturing, serving guests, distributing books and helping out with festivals. By your grace I pray that I can remain in this service and hope to start new preaching activities next year helping to spread the message of Srimad Bhagavatam.

I fall at your lotus feet and beg for your mercy so that one day I can understand and fulfill your instructions.

Your servant,

Jagannivas Krishna Dasa Wellington, New Zealand

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---- Pradhan Gopika Devi Dasi

Om ajnana-timirandhaysa jnananjana-salakaya
Caksur unmilitum yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

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 my humble obeisances on this glorious occasion of Guru Maharaj's Vyas Puja.

What a year we have had Guru Maharaj. With all the nonsense and stress going on in this material world, WeCan Namahatta has kept me sane and brought me back on the path to spiritual progress. I am eternally grateful to H.G. Ambarish Prabhuji and H.G. Purnapragna Mataji and their son Krishna Samparpan Prabhuji for tirelessly hosting namahatta programmes every Saturday - come rain or sunshine. It is through this namahatta that I am able to connect with Guru Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudev I am attempting to read Srimad Bhagvatam by your mercy and I would like to share the following verse

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.2.18

naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu
nityaṁ bhāgavata-sevayā
bhagavaty uttama-śloke
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī

Translation:

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

In the Purport Srila Prabhupada writes that there are two types of Bhagvatas: the book Bhagvata and the devotee Bhagvata. Both of them or either of them are competent remedies and can be used to eliminate obstacles in the path to spiritual progress. They are the same because a devotee Bhagvata lives his life according to the book Bhagvata, and the book Bhagvata contains stories only about the devotee Bhagvata and the Supreme Personality of Godhead. In this way, we should reach out to both the book and the devotee Bhagvatas or at least one of them because they are one and the same. By serving the devotee Bhagavata and pleasing him, one can receive the benefits of the book Bhagavata

because the pure devotee is a direct representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and he can simplify the path of spiritual life.

The word "nityam" which Prabhupada translates as **"regularly"** is important. We must serve the devotee Bhagavata or hear about the book Bhagavata regularly only then will all the troublesome things in our heart be almost completely destroyed. We have to aim to do this **every day**, if not at **every moment**. Doing this one day a year will not help us. It is important to do regularly.

As Gurudev says "Your seriousness in Krishna Consciousness is tested by how long you can spend with Bhagavatam". I pray that by Gurudev's mercy I can continue to read, recite, remember and implement Srimad Bhagvatam in my life, as well as serve devotees regularly.

I pray to Krishna to please always engage me in Srila Prabhupada's and Srila Gurudev's and their servant's servant's servant's devotional service wherever I may be in whatever condition.

Please forgive me for any offenses I may have committed knowingly or unknowingly at the lotus feet of Maharaj.

Srila Gurudev ki Jai!

Your most fallen servant,

Pradhan Gopika Devi Dasi

Auckland

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---- Sopan Prabhu

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

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

Dear Maharaj ,

All Glories to Srila Prabhupad !
All glories to Srila Gurudev!

Please accept my most humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine appearance in this world, you were giving us the highest most valuable jewel Shri Krishna through Srila Prabhupad,the most beautiful supreme personality of God head . Radha Krishna, Vrindavan,past times the holy names & your wonderful teaching, guidance & many through our beloved Ambarish Das Prabhu whom I considered my mentor & a DHIRA & many jewels you have given us.

Shrila Gurudev we can't thank you enough for all these priceless jewels you have given us through Srila Prabhupad,we have hardly begin to repay you.

But we will support your mission lead by Ambarish Das Prabhu and that would be test of our love for you. Gurudev by your unflinching faith in your spiritual master Srila Prabhupad & your true devotion to Krishna, you made it possible even for a common layman to understand God & our relationship with Him.

Srila Gurudev ! you are ocean of mercy. Your teachings & guiding principles through Ambarish Das Prabhu leading me to the clear path of Bhakti.

Srila Gurudev on this most auspicious day, your Vyasa puja I beg lord Krishna to spread your teaching, name more and more and give all fallen souls like me a chance to understand the importance of spiritual life. Without you & Srila Prabhupad I would have remained totally lost in this material world. Please accept my deepest gratitude for coming to this mortal planet.

Srila Gurudev I beg you to please bless me that I follow the process of Krishna consciousness without any obstacle in the way. Please bless me that I never lose taste in chanting the holy names of the lord. I should never give up the association of the devotees by your mercy.

And also I request you to please always keep me under the shade of yours and Srila Prabhupad's lotus feet.

Your humble servant,

Sopan Prabhu

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---- Das Jagjeevan and Sudevi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva

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

On 10 July 2015, I received an email from your dear most disciple Devakinandan Das Prabhuji who informed me that by your mercy the Rajkot Temple, your dream project, is nearing completion and the opening date is most likely to be on Vijaya Dasami in October 2016. Dearest Maharaj the completion of Rajkot temple clearly reflects your purity and dedication. The temple will be a wonderful gift from you to Srila Prabhupada on ISKCON's 50th anniversary.

I have since been in contact with Devakinandan Prabhuji and have informed him that it is not possible for me to be present for inauguration meeting scheduled to be held either on 24 or 26 December. However, I have pledged full support and help and Krishna willing assured my presence to be part of the opening ceremony.Dearest Maharaj, I have also discussed with Devakinandana Prabhuji plans to bringing your disciples together in New Zealand and encourage and help them to forget their past differences and work together as a united team to assist in the inauguration ceremony. I am sure nothing will please you more than seeing your children cooperating and helping each other. Rajkot Temple was your special dream and therefore this is an opportune time and moment for all your children to make you proud.

I promise to make every effort possible to bring your children in New Zealand together. Please, please, please Dear Maharaj bless me and guide me so I can achieve this difficult task.With your blessings but despite ongoing challenges I am continuing to serve ISKCON Wellington. The desire to quit and focus on sadhna came to my mind many times but your daughter Sudevi Dasi continues to give me strength and keeps reminding me that such a step would hurt our Guru Maharaj deeply.

ISKCON Wellington slowly but surely is on the progression path solely due to your guidance, mercy and blessings. Devotee numbers are increasing and the temple is in a sound financial position.Dearest Maharaj, your physical absence hurts every time other ISKCON Gurus visit Wellington. However, your teachings and guidance over the years continue to be our strength and ray of light in the material darkness.

Please continue to guide me and give me the inner courage and power so I can serve the Krishna conscious movement of Srila Prabhupada till my last breath. I beg to remain your servant in all condition and situation and to have the opportunity to serve your lotus feet forever.

Your most fallen servants

Das Jagjeevan & Sudevi Dasi

Oman

"Any situation arises, it is Krishna given situation. In our languages we say many times that even the leaf of the tree does not move without the sanction of Krishna. So all the things which you are undergoing, are they not sanctioned by Krishna? So why keep blaming and worrying about people who ar troubling? Please these are the tenets we should follow."

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---- Swayam Siddha Krishna Das & Family

Beloved Gurudeva, Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad. All glories unto your divine grace.

Yet another appearance anniversary of my beloved spiritual master has come. Srila Prabhupad says in one of his lectures that "This is the business of the disciple, how to glorify the spiritual master, paramparā. I glorify my spiritual master, you glorify your spiritual master. If we simply do that, glorify, then Kṛṣṇa is glorified."

Srila Prabhupad says in purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 1.7.22 "Material existence is something like a blazing fire in the forest, which can be extinguished by the mercy of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. **The spiritual master is the mercy representative of the Lord**. Therefore, a person burning in the flames of material existence may receive the rains of mercy of the Lord through the transparent medium of the self-realized spiritual master. The spiritual master, by his words, can penetrate into the heart of the suffering person and inject knowledge transcendental, which alone can extinguish the fire of material existence".

When a pure devotee or spiritual master speaks, what he says should be accepted as having been directly spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead in the Parampara System.

I do not have any qualities to glorify your divine grace due to my fallen birth and the affinity toward material possessions. Your divine grace has given so much of valuable instructions for disciples like me for getting out of the clutches of Maya. But still due to the taste (disgusting) of material desires that I have been carrying since many lives, I'm far from being obedient to your divine grace. Kindly forgive me for all such offences I continue to commit to my eternal spiritual master who is the only shelter before Krishna can accept me as a potential devotee.

Your divine grace carried Srimad Bhagavatam in the heart throughout life. Always spoke Srimad Bhagavatam. There was no time in your life you forgot to glorify Srimad Bhagavatam. And your final instruction to the disciples were to read, understand and assimilate Srimad Bhagavatam. One who submissively follows this divine instruction would never fail to achieve your lotus feet which is actually the final destination for a sincere disciple.

The Srimad Bhagavatam says that the path of religion is directly enunciated by the Lord. Mental speculation and dry arguments cannot help one progress in spiritual life.

Our Sastras refers that one must 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.The Vedas declare,

In Svetasvatara Upanishad 6.23

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

Translation

"Unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed."

Your divine grace once told us “Please, please be kind to yourself and become serious in devotional service. Don't hesitate for a single second. There is no unemployment in Krishna Conciousness. As soon as you become sincere in devotional service, your taste for material things automatically decreases”

Please accept the below Srimad Bhagavatam sloka (7.9.28) as my humble offering on the occasion of your divine appearance day:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.9.28

evaṁ janaṁ nipatitaṁ prabhavāhi-kūpe
kāmābhikāmam anu yaḥ prapatan prasaṅgāt
kṛtvātmasāt surarṣiṇā bhagavan gṛhītaḥ
so ’haṁ kathaṁ nu visṛje tava bhṛtya-sevām

Translation:

My dear Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, because of my association with material desires, one after another, I was gradually falling into a blind well full of snakes, following the general populace. But Your servant Nārada Muni kindly accepted me as his disciple and

instructed me how to achieve this transcendental position. Therefore, my first duty is to serve him. How could I leave his service?

Srila Prabhupad writes in the purport to the above sloka "One should not be anxious to offer direct service to the Lord. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu advised that one become a servant of the servant of the servant of the Lord (gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ). This is the process for approaching the Supreme Lord. The first service should be rendered to the spiritual master so that by his mercy one can approach the Supreme Personality of God Head to render service." Prahlad Maharaj instructs us here that service to the spiritual master is actually the service to the Supreme Lord.

Gurudeva, please accept my offering on the occasion of your divine appearance day. Although I'm a totally fallen soul, by your causeless mercy I still have some desire left in me to serve you. Please bless me to love you, obey you and always remember you. Please forgive me for the endless offenses that I have been committing to you. Many many happy returns of the day. I miss you Gurudeva.

Your most unworthy spiritual son,

Swayam Siddha Krishna Das

Muscat, Oman

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---- Siddhida Devi Dasi

My dear Gurudev

Hare Krishna, Dandavat Pranams. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to Srila Prabhupad. Please accept my humble obeisance at your divine lotus feet on the occasion of your appearance day. I am totally unqualified to glorify your divine grace but still attempting to glorify your holiness with an intense desire to serve you life after life. Kindly bless me to submit this offering at your lotus feet.

Your glories are unlimited because you glorified the unlimited Srimad Bhagavatam always and everywhere.

Hence I take the shelter of Srimad Bhagavatam to glorify your holiness on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja celebration. Please bless me.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.21.40

pumāḻ labhetānativelam ātmanaḥ
prasīdato 'tyanta-śamaṁ svataḥ svayam
yan-nitya-sambandha-niṣevayā tataḥ
paraṁ kim atrāsti mukhaṁ havir-bhujām

Translation:

By regular service to the brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas, one can clear the dirt from his heart and thus enjoy supreme peace and liberation from material attachment and be satisfied. In this world there is no fruitive activity superior to serving the brāhmaṇa class, for this can bring pleasure to the demigods, for whom the many sacrifices are recommended.

Purport:

In Bhagavad-gītā (2.65) it is said, prasāde sarva-duḥkhānāṁ hānir asyopajāyate. Unless one is self-satisfied, he cannot be free from the miserable conditions of material existence. Therefore it is essential to render service to the brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas to achieve the perfection of self-satisfaction. Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura therefore says:

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

"Birth after birth I desire to serve the lotus feet of the ācāryas and live in a society of devotees." A spiritual atmosphere can be maintained only by living in a society of devotees and by serving the orders of the ācāryas. The spiritual master is the

best brāhmaṇa. At present, in the Age of Kali, it is very difficult to render service to the brāhmaṇa-kula, or the brāhmaṇa class. The difficulty, according to the Varāha Purāṇa, is that demons, taking advantage of Kali-yuga, have taken birth in brāhmaṇa families. Rākṣasāḥ kalim āśritya jāyante brahma-yoniṣu (Varāha Purāṇa). In other words, in this age there are many so-called caste brāhmaṇas and caste gosvāmīs who, taking advantage of the śāstra and of the innocence of people in general, claim to be brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas by hereditary right. One will not derive any benefit by rendering service to such false brāhmaṇa-kulas. One must therefore take shelter of a bona fide spiritual master and his associates and should also render service to them, for such activity will greatly help the neophyte in attaining full satisfaction. This has been very clearly explained by Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura in his explanation of the verse vyavasāyātmikā buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana (Bg. 2.41). By actually following the regulative principles of bhakti-yoga as recommended by Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura, one can very quickly come to the transcendental platform of liberation, as explained in this verse (atyanta-śamam).
The particular use of the word anativelam, "without delay," is very significant because simply by serving brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas one can get liberation. There is no need to undergo severe penances and austerities. The vivid example of this is Nārada Muni himself. In his previous birth, he was simply a maidservant's son, but he got the opportunity to serve exalted brāhmaṇas and Vaiṣṇavas, and thus in his next life he not only became liberated, but became famous as the supreme spiritual master of the entire Vaiṣṇava disciplic succession. According to the Vedic system, therefore, it is customarily recommended that after performing a ritualistic ceremony one should feed the brāhmaṇas.

One can achieve the goal of life by rendering service of the sadus and vaishnavas. We are holding on to your lotus feet tightly for your blessings, guidance and shelter throughout our life. Please always stay with us to guide us for advancing in spiritual life. Please accept all our prayers and bless us. Also please bless all of our Satsang members and our children Karthik and Gowri to advance in devotional service. So that they also get the mercy of Guru, Sadhu and Shastras.

With intense remembrance of your divine grace, yet another Vyasa Puja offering is submitted at your lotus feet of my eternal father His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Gurudev.

Your unworthy spiritual daughter.

Siddhida Devi Dasi

Muscat , Oman

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---- Karthik Satheesh

Hare Krishna Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Your Divine Grace. In spite of me being unfit to glorify Your Divine Grace, I will endeavour for completing this excellent opportunity given to me by Krsna. I hope Your Holiness will accept this.

As Your Holiness always took shelter of the 'unparalleled' Srimad Bhagavatam, I also being Your Divine Grace's worshiper, desire to take shelter of Srimad Bhagavatam to glorify your divine grace.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.3.17

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

Translation:

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

Srila Prabhupada says in the purport that, 'This verse indirectly confirms the greater importance of utilizing the human form of life to realize our lost relationship with the Supreme Lord by acceleration of devotional service. Time and tide wait for no man. So the time indicated by the sunrise and the sunset will be uselessly wasted if such time is not properly utilized for realizing identification of spiritual values. Even a fraction of the duration of life wasted cannot be compensated by any amount of gold.'

As mentioned in this verse by HDG Srila Prabhupada, Your Holiness never wasted time rather always utilized time to the maximum in Krishna Bhakti, Krishna Prema and glorifying the Supreme through Srimad Bhagavatam and always followed Srila Prabhupada's instructions.

Further Srila Prabhupada states that, 'Human life is simply awarded to a living entity (jīva) so that he can realize his spiritual identity and his permanent source of happiness. A living being, especially the human being, is seeking happiness because happiness is the natural situation of the living entity. In the Bhagavad-gītā (2.40) the Lord has explained such contact in the following words: Endeavours in devotional service are never baffled. Nor is there failure. A slight beginning of such activities is sufficient even to deliver a person from the great ocean of material fears.'

Keeping this statement of Srila Prabhupada in mind, Your Greatness never looked for so-called happiness but did always remember Prabhupada's and Krishna's instructions to preach Krishna Consciousness and to live a simple and humble life. Despite trailing health conditions, your Holiness always preached Srimad Bhagavatam. How much ever I try to glorify Your Divine Grace, it does not suffice.

With intense remembrance of your holiness, I conclude this humble offering by saying that in spite of Your Saintliness instructing me to learn more shlokas with their meanings, I being absurd do not understand its importance and always neglect Srimad Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita. Please bless me so that I improve and become at least an aspiring Vaishnava in this very life. I plead to your Divine Grace to accept this humble offering of mine. Please also bless me to attend your greatness's Vyaspuja this year and please do forgive me for being absent last year.

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Goswami Maharaj Ki Jai…

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai…

Your most indisciplined and foolish disciple,

Karthik Satheesh,

Muscat-Oman

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---- Gowri Satheesh

My Dear eternal Father, Gurudeva,

Hare Krishna, Dandavat Pranams. Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

Although I am not qualified to write this Vyasa Puja offering, still I attempt to please you. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to write this Vyasa Puja offering and to present this at your lotus feet on your birthday. I have not been learning slokas lately for the past few years, just learning them when my father is taking class every Thursday at home. I love you more than anybody else. I would like to quote a Bhagavat Gita sloka to glorify you.

In Bhagavad-gītā 2.71

vihāya kāmān yaḥ sarvān
pumāṁś carati niḥspṛhaḥ
nirmamo nirahaṅkāraḥ
sa śāntim adhigacchati

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TRANSLATION:

A person who has given up all desires for sense gratification, who lives free from desires, who has given up all sense of proprietorship and is devoid of false ego-he alone can attain real peace.

Purport:

To become desireless means not to desire anything for sense gratification. In other words, desire for becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious is actually desirelessness. To understand one's actual position as the eternal servitor of Kṛṣṇa, without falsely claiming this material body to be oneself and without falsely claiming proprietorship over anything in the world, is the perfect stage of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. One who is situated in this perfect stage knows that because Kṛṣṇa is the proprietor of everything, therefore everything must be used for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa. Arjuna did not want to fight for his own sense satisfaction, but when he became fully Kṛṣṇa conscious he fought because Kṛṣṇa wanted him to fight. For himself there was no desire to fight, but for Kṛṣṇa the same Arjuna fought to his best ability. Desire for the satisfaction of Kṛṣṇa is really desirelessness; it is not an artificial attempt to abolish desires. The living entity cannot be desireless or senseless, but he does have to change the quality of the desires. A materially desireless person certainly knows that everything belongs to Kṛṣṇa (īśāvāsyam

idaṁ sarvam), and therefore he does not falsely claim proprietorship over anything. This transcendental knowledge is based on self-realization-namely, knowing perfectly well that every living entity is the eternal part and parcel of Kṛṣṇa in spiritual identity. and therefore the eternal position of the living entity is never on the level of Krishna or greater than Him. This understanding of Krishna consciousness is the basic principle of real peace.

Only a personality like you can attain real peace. You lived free from all desires. I was not fortunate to participate in your previous Vyasa puja celebrations. I wish you a very happy Krishna conscious Vyasa Puja.

Your most disobedient unworthy aspiring disciple,

Gowri Satheesh

Muscat, Oman

Qatar

“If you are not with Krishna, means you are sick. Definitely. If you want to be alright, then you go to Krishna. You may be lying on the bed. But your eyes are not sick. Your body may be sick. So open the eyes and take to Bhagavad-Gita or Bhagavatam or hear Mahamantra”

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---- Anantha Shakti Krishna Das, Divya Rupa Devi Dasi and family

My dear Gurudeva and my dear eternal Father,

Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. O Maharaj please give us shelter and blessings at your lotus feet, so that we may understand your valuable instructions and be able to follow them with full sincerity.

Time has come again in the form of your Vyas Puja which enables us to think of you, meditate upon your instructions and teachings and thereby introspect ourselves.

From shastras, you always used to emphasis to say and help us understand what we should be satisfied with and what we should not be satisfied with.

santoshah trishu kartavyah
svadhaare bhojane dhane
santhoshah trishu na kartavyah
svaadhyaah japa dhaanayoh

"One should be always satisfied with these three things - their spouse, the food, and the amount of wealth they obtained. One should never be satisfied with these three things - the amount of scriptural study, the amount of chanting and the amount of charity they performed."

Maharaj, you always state that our attitude should be: "If Krishna is not giving us something, then we don't want it and whatever we get, it should be without much endeavor - effortlessly just like getting water.

In Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 8 Chapter 19 verse 24, Lord Vamanadev while explaining to Bali Maharaj why he did not ask for more than 3 paces of land, very nicely says,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 8.19.24

yadṛcchayopapannena
santuṣṭo vartate sukham
nāsantuṣṭas tribhir lokair
ajitātmopasāditaiḥ

Translation:

One should be satisfied with whatever he achieves by his previous destiny, for discontent can never bring happiness. A person who is not self-controlled will not be happy even with possessing the three worlds.

In his powerful purport to the above verse His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada very nicely says, "If Happiness is the ultimate goal of life, one must be satisfied with the position in which he is placed byProvidence." Krishna being our Supreme Father knows what we deserve, what is good for us. So weshould never question the Lord for our position.

In this connection, there is a short story to understand "we should be happy with whatever we have"

There was a tree whose branches were crooked. It was living in a dense forest where all trees were straight and tall. Their trunks were broad and in good shape. But, there was one tree which was having a crooked and shapeless trunk.The crooked trunk tree was sad. He thought "How ugly I am! All others are straight and have nice shape. I alone have crooked trunk."

One day a wood-cutter came there.He looked around and said "I will cut all trees here, except that crooked tree. That is of no use to me".He cut away all other trees. Now, the crooked tree was happy and thankful to Lord for creating it with crooked branch.

Moral of the story:

An opulence of an individual is not measured by how many houses one has, how many cars one has, or By the count of family members and friends one has.

It simply depends on how satisfied we are with whatever the Lord has blessed us with. But unfortunately most of the times we keep craving for things which we don't have and miss out to behappy and thankful for whatever we are blessed with.To overcome such attitude, Dear Maharaj, we meditate upon your instructions and make an offering to you, as Ganga water offered back to Ganga ji :

See Lord Krsna's hand in all circumstances: With this we become pacified and not blame anybody. This is how we achieve peace in all situations.

Be simple and do not complicate Devotional Service: Here with this instruction you tell us that Devotional Service to Lord Krsna is very simple and it can be performed in all circumstances (whether we are in happiness or distress) and by everybody like child, young man, old man, women etc. You practically showed how even children can be engaged in the service of Krsna.

muje Jaana Hai , muje Jaana hai,, muje Jaroor Jaana Hai : This instruction reminds us of our last day and gives lesson that we should remain detached to this material world and the way you practically showed us how to leave this body from this material world.

Lord Krsna can be seen and realized in the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam: Sine Lord Krsna can not be perceived with material senses, by this instruction you guided us how to see Krsna. By taking association of Bhagavatam our spiritual

senses becomes active and we can easily see Krsna, touch Krsna or hear Krsna from the pages of Srimad Bhagavatam.

Always Keep Lord's Name with you wherever you go: With this instruction you tell us the importance of Lord's Holy Name. We have to keep remembering and chanting Krishna's name in the form of Hare Krishna Mahamantra.

We have become seniors but not serious: With this instruction you break our false pride and continuously remind that we should not simply become senior but rather we should be sincere in devotional service. Sincerity is the key to success in devotional service to Krsna.

Maharaj your glories are unlimited, your instructions are unlimited and your mercy is unlimited. So please guide us on the path of devotional service.

Jai , Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Maharaj ki Jai!.

Your insignificant servants

Anantha Shakthi Krishna Das & Divya Roopa Devi Dasi,

Arvind & Darshan -Doha, Qatar

Singapore

“Unless I feel uncomfortable, why I should come for check-up. The moment we hear there is free check-up then everyone rush for that. This is wrong. We are doing these things because we are not ready to die. Those who are ready to die, they never die; those who are not ready to die, they always die every moment. Please, This is Bhagavatam ”

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---- Devakinandan Das, Radhika Devi Dasi

Our most revered and beloved spiritual master

His Divine Grace Srila Mahavishnu Gosvami Gurudev

Please accept our dandavats at your lotus feet, Gurudev.

All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Srila Gurudev, Srila Prabhupada has stated many times in Srimad Bhagavatam purports that no one can understand the workings and the mind of a pure Vaishnava. We have experienced this first hand in taking Your Divine Grace's pure association. No one can really understand the depth of your purity and sincerity to the Supreme Lord; all one can do is simply get a glimpse of your mercy and your purity.

Many times, we have wondered why Maharaj would speak and act in a certain way, and always, due to our puny lack of faith and defective senses, we are unable to comprehend your ways. But in time, we have found that, in all circumstances, Maharaj has always acted selflessly for the benefit to the living entities, your disciples and for the Supreme Lord's service. Such selfless service to the Lord and His creation is unparalleled.

We forget very often, in your time in this world, you undertook arduous and challenging services of building and maintaining Prahlad International School and temples for Their Lordships in both Dwarakadham and Rajkot, at an age when most persons were retired and worried about their own well-being and sustenance.

Maharaj, you never thought of your needs, nor your wants. In so doing, you endured tremendous difficulties and suffering in terms of health and bodily discomforts just so that the living entities can benefit by remembering the Lord and being engaged in His service. Truly, we understand today that we cannot fathom your glories Maharaj. Your Holiness is the living example of

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 8.7.44

tapyante loka-tāpena
sādhavaḥ prāyaśo janāḥ
paramārādhanaṁ tad dhi
puruṣasyākhilātmanaḥ

TRANSLATION

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.

Maharaj, on this blessed Vyasa Puja day, five (5) years have passed since you left our material vision. In all this time, we continuously pray to remember one instruction of yours that stood out always in our association with you. No matter what happens, you have always instructed us – "Just obey, just obey." As we read Srimad Bhagavatam today, we realize how important, no, imperative, is obedience to the spiritual master by the disciples – it can make or break our spiritual lives.

In the chapter entitled "The Renunciation of Kardama Muni", at 3.24.12, the following verse in stated:

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.24.12

brahmovāca

tvayā me 'pacitis tāta

kalpitā nirvyalīkataḥ

yan me sañjagṛhe vākyaṁ

bhavān mānada mānayan

Translation:

Lord Brahmā said: My dear son Kardama, since you have completely accepted my instructions without duplicity, showing them proper respect, you have worshiped me properly. Whatever instructions you took from me you have carried out, and thereby you have honored me.

Brahmaji became pleased with Kardama Muni's obedience to his (Brahma's instructions) of marrying Devahuti. Srila Prabhupada notes that Kardama Muni **"...carried out the orders of the spiritual master in toto and without cheating...".**

Srila Prabhupada states further in his transcendental purport, that, "... A conditioned soul in the material world has the disqualification of cheating. He has four disqualifications: he is sure to commit mistakes, he is sure to be illusioned, he is prone to cheat others, and his senses are imperfect**. But if one carries out the order of the spiritual master by disciplic succession, or the paramparā system, he overcomes the four defects. Therefore, knowledge received from the bona fide spiritual master is not cheating.** Any other knowledge which is manufactured by the conditioned soul is cheating only. Brahmā knew well that Kardama Muni exactly carried out the instructions received from him and that he actually honored his spiritual master. **To honor the spiritual master means to carry out his instructions word for word."**

Brahmaji continues in Srimad Bhagavatam to state the strict nature of obedience that sastras require from a disciple to his spiritual master. In 3.24.13, he states as follows:-

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.24.13

etāvaty eva śuśrūṣā

kāryā pitari putrakaiḥ

bāḍham ity anumanyeta
gauraveṇa guror vacaḥ

Translation:

Sons ought to render service to their father exactly to this extent. One should obey the command of his father or spiritual master with due deference, saying, "Yes, sir."

In the purport, Srila Prabhupada himself reminds us of the great importance and significance of obedience to guru. He states **"…. The son or disciple should accept the words of his spiritual master and father without hesitation. Whatever the father and the spiritual master order should be taken without argument: "Yes." There should be no instance in which the disciple or the son says, "This is not correct. I cannot carry it out." When he says that, he is fallen…"**

Further, Srila Prabhupada declares **".....Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura has stated that the order of the spiritual master is the life and soul of the disciples. As a man cannot separate his life from his body, a disciple cannot separate the order of the spiritual master from his life. If a disciple follows the instruction of the spiritual master in that way, he is sure to become perfect. This is confirmed in the Upaniṣads: the import of Vedic instruction is revealed automatically only to one who has implicit faith in the Supreme Personality of Godhead and in his spiritual master. One may be materially considered an illiterate man, but if he has faith in the spiritual master as well as in the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then the meaning of scriptural revelation is immediately manifested before him...."**

From these very important verses above, Maharaj, we can understand that until and unless we follow your instructions, we will always cheat others and, especially, ourselves, and be cheated subsequently. You, on the other hand, because you are pure and coming from parampara, never cheat us; you are our constant well-wisher, always.

We pray Maharaj, on this most auspicious day, for Your Divine Grace's blessings so that we, your children, can always hear you, work under your shelter, and be under your shelter, both in this life, and after we have passed from this world. Your shelter, Maharaj, is the only source of peace and bliss in this burning material existence. We do not want any other shelter in this world, Maharaj, except to obey you.

It is said that Vyasa Puja of Guru is the day to honour him. Srila Prabhupada has stated in his purport above that ***"…to honor the spiritual master means to carry out his instructions word for word."***

We pray, at your lotus feet, with whatever humility we can muster, that Maharaj, you will give us the strength one day to honor Your Divine Grace properly by obeying your instructions cent-percent. Without obedience to Your Divine Grace's instructions, there would be no chance for us to exist in Krsna consciousness for a single moment longer.

On a personal note, Maharaj, the temple that you designated and order us to complete remains uncompleted. There is no other reason for this lack of completion of your instructions on my part personally except weakness of the heart. We sincerely pray at your lotus feet to complete this instruction and thereby honour Your Divine Grace.

Your servants,

Devakinandan Das

Radhika Devi Dasi

Bhakta Gopal

Bhaktin Sangeeta Devi Dasi

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---- Raghunandan das

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.
Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

Dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

All glories your Divine Grace.

Let me pray to Lord Sri Krsna, that I will be able to make this offering sincerely and submissively unto to your most exalted lotus feet.

Thank you for looking after me. Thank you for giving me shelter. Thank you for making me your disciple though I am not worthy. Thank you for saving me repeatedly. We miss you and long to be with you. My prayer today and always, is that Krishna showers his mercy that I always think of you and be what you want.

It is coming to 5 years since Maharaj left this world physically, though we know that Maharaj actually never left us. Like a loving father knowing that we would not survive in this material world, you have always kept company with us, watching over us at every step of the way. We feel Maharaj's hand in every situations in our life.

In his purport to SB 1.13.27 Srila Prabhupada writes:

One may live in the darkest jungle alone out of home, but a steadfast devotee knows very well that he is not alone. The Supreme Personality of Godhead is with him, and He can protect His sincere devotee in any awkward circumstance.

Maharaj, this year is a very interesting year for me. You have shown me that your hand exists in every step of my life. You took away things to give something better. You removed obstacles for a clearer path to make our devotional service better. You have given me a new beginning to work on. You have expanded time for me to do my devotional service, study bhagavatam, attend many programs and listen to your lectures.

Listening to your lectures every morning has given me a new meaning to life. I feel Maharaj is instructing me everyday and am learning something new everyday. When I do something, I stop and remember "what did maharaj say in the morning".

From your lectures, I have learnt what control means. Maharaj said that you get agitated just keep quiet, when you keep quiet you will be with Krishna.

From your lecures, I have learnt what respect means. Maharaj said that when Krishna is in the heart of everyone, disrespecting someone is as good as disrespecting Krsna.

From your lecures, I have learnt what tolerance means. Maharaj said that we are put into the difficult situations by only Krishna, he just wants to see whether you react to the situation or tolerate and depend on him to get out of the situation.

From your lectures, I have learnt so many things this year that are more valuable than anything else in my life. We could publish books after books just with your many instructions from your lectures.

Maharaj, You have also allowed us to look after Krishna Balaram, Jagannath, Baladev, Subadra and Gaura Nitai deities in our home. Though I thought it would be a struggle as I am not up to the mark to do extensive deity worship, I was sure that I will be creating offences to the deities and somehow Krishna will not be pleased at all. But in actual fact you have sent them to look after us. How merciful you are Maharaj. Just by this, every aspect of my life has improved. Work, devotional service, character and behavior. I can never repay this to Maharaj. For all the trouble and pain I have caused maharaj, You have only shown me love.

From this, Maharaj has clearly thought me how to be merciful. In your lectures, Maharaj had said that in devotional service you have to be merciful to other living entities in order for them to come to Krsna. In this same way you have shown me mercy, for me to improve my devotional service for Krishna.

Though the year started in dismay and with many uncertainties, Maharaj, I have been very encouraged in devotional service for the last one year Maharaj and want to do more. I am looking forward to next year to work hard to please Maharaj to the best of my ability. I don't want to look back anymore.

Lastly Maharaj, please allow me to do some service for building your temple for Krishna. Maharaj said "His Money is My Money" speaking to my dad referring to me. This instructions is still ringing in my head after all this years. Please allow me in some way or other to serve you for the temple.

Your Servant always,

Raghunandan Das

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---- Dínavatsala Krishna Das

Hare Krishna Dearest Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandavats at your lotus feet. All Glories to your Divine Holiness. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Gurudev. Obeisances to Maharaj is not complete without offering obeisances to all your disciples, my God brothers and sisters.

Maharaj we really miss your physical presence with us. We long for when we can once again associate with Maharaj physically. Maharaj by hearing to your practical lectures we have always felt very enthused and encouraged in our devotional service. I feel the presence of Maharaj very strongly in your recorded lectures especially when we have our monthly God Siblings meetings and hear and discuss from Maharaj lectures.

Maharaj you have given us everything and everything right. Maharaj has given us the Royal Road to chant, read Srimad Bhagavatam and put Srimad Bhagavatam to practise daily and getting re-initiated daily. Every morning when we wake up and attend Mangal Arati, chant our rounds and read Bhagavatam, I feel a very strong presence of Maharaj and enthused. The day is just the opposite when I do not attend Mangal Arati. Honestly Maharaj, the mangal arati program which you have very kindly given us is really the main thing which keeps me going.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.5.10

na yad vacaś citra-padaṁ harer yaśo
jagat-pavitraṁ pragṛṇīta karhicit
tad vāyasaṁ tīrtham uśanti mānasā
na yatra haṁsā niramanty uśik-kṣayāḥ

Translation:

Those words which do not describe the glories of the Lord, who alone can sanctify the atmosphere of the whole universe, are considered by saintly persons to be like unto a place of pilgrimage for crows. Since the all-perfect persons are inhabitants of the transcendental abode, they do not derive any pleasure there.

Maharaj the above verse has really given us the guidance and bearing to know if we are really practising devotional service or if we are just going through the motion. If we have Krsna's names in our lives and are really placing

Bhagavatam to practise then our entire consciousness is purified and we see Good and the hand of Krishna everywhere.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.18.13

tulayāma lavenāpi
na svargaṁ nāpunar-bhavam
bhagavat-saṅgi-saṅgasya
martyānāṁ kim utāśiṣaḥ

Translation:

The value of a moment's association with the devotee of the Lord cannot even be compared to the attainment of heavenly planets or liberation from matter, and what to speak of worldly benedictions in the form of material prosperity, which are for those who are meant for death.

We can never compare Maharaj association with anything material. Maharaj is always in transcendental existence, namely in the loving service of the Lord, both in the material world and in the spiritual world. Srila Prabhupada writes in his purport:" As a government servant is always the same, either in the office or at home or at any place, so a devotee has nothing to do with anything material, for he is exclusively engaged in the transcendental service of the Lord. Since he has nothing to do with anything material, what pleasure can he derive from material benedictions like kingship or other overlordships, which are finished quickly with the end of the body? Devotional service is eternal; it has no end, because it is spiritual. Therefore, since the assets of a pure devotee are completely different from material assets, there is no comparison between the two."

The following words of Srila Bhaktisiddhänta Sarasvati, speak for themselves:
There is nothing more auspicious than serving the spiritual master. Among all kinds of worship, worship of the Supreme Lord is the greatest, but service to the spiritual master is even greater. Unless we are fully convinced about this, we cannot properly take shelter of our guru and understand that he is our shelter, protector, and maintainer.

On this day I pray that you please consider my request to give me another chance to become your servant and not try to be the master. I pray one day that I can genuinely please Maharaj. When will I ever become your sold out servant, the servant of your servant?

I can see no hope save and expect your causeless mercy.

Your servant,

Dinavatsala krsna das

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---- Madan Mohan Das & Siddhida Devi Dasi

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Hare Krishna dearest Gurudev,

Please accept our most humble dandavats at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Maharaj we beg Your Divine Grace to bless us with sincerity as we write our offering. Our mind ponders over so many considerations to sound scholarly and eloquent that we forget that we are glorifying the spiritual master – the personality who sees through every corner of his disciple's mind. Frankly, we theoretically write to glorify Maharaj, but practically desire others to appreciate our lies. We beg you with everything we have Maharaj, please bless us to be sincere.

Maharaj, His Divine Grace A.C Bhakrivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada writes in his Vyasa Puja offering to his Spiritual Master, "Personally, I have no hope for any direct service of the coming crores of births in 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 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 Absolute 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."

There is no better way to crystalize our thoughts than to quote Srila Prabhupada's words. We are completely insignificant, but Maharaj spends so much time in inspiring and encouraging us at every moment from our fallen condition. The past year is proof that you continue to penetrate each and every corner of our lives with your causeless mercy Maharaj. Maharaj, it is slowly becoming clear to our dull heads that whatever situation, circumstance or position you place us in, it is always for our benefit. Mercy, as we perceive it is always on a very superficial level, but by digging our heads into Srimad Bhagavatam we get a glimpse of the transcendental ways of the person Bhagavata.

Maharaj, you continue to refine our practices and realizations on the royal path of Bhakti. This year especially, Maharaj has constantly drilled us in accepting and imbibing the essence of Bhakti more than anyting. Maharaj, you are the emblem of pure devotional service, and whatever you did was only for the pleasure of the Lord. You had always tried to drill this into our heads since day

one, but due to our ego we never really imbibed it. Rather we were always equating material progress to be progress in Bhakti. But even though you are no longer within the purview of our material vision you continue to force us to smell this fragrance of unmotivated Bhakti. As Srila Prabupada says, whatever is realized is only through the agency of the Spiritual Master, if not on his own the living entity does not have any hope for direct service to Krishna. In our case, this is completely true. We are not even worthy of mercy Maharaj, but somehow or other, due to your impartial nature Maharaj is continuing to shower us with the highest form of mercy.

9 blessings and realizations which Maharaj bestowed on us this year:

- By placing us in different situations you taught us that Krishna can never be approached with material sentiments. We cannot actually please Krishna by material qualities.
- Krishna is Bhava Grahi Janardana – we should try and grasp the essence in all our different practices. By grasping the essence we become less judgemental of others and are forced to introspect.
- Never live 2 lives.
- Mercy, tolerance, equality, and friendship is the best form of worship. This is achieved by always having the goal in sight through all our endeavours – Love of Godhead.
- We don't need this material body and mind – we don't have to give too much heed to what they want.
- It's easy to perform uninterrupted service, but it is very difficult to perform uninterrupted devotional service. Our focus was always on apratihata, but you are forcing us to realize the overriding importance of ahaituki.
- Favours and curses are the same in this material world. Simply running around to win recognition and favours from others drains our energy from pursuing Krishna Consciousness. We become followers of narcissism rather than Bhakti. Maharaj lived this, and now he is guiding us to realize this.
- This year also by bestowing us with Seetha you have thought us how to bring everything into the fold of Bhakti. You made us remember these words of yours, "we fight with our parents, children, siblings and everyone else, and then we claim to love Krishna and His devotees. This is hypocrisy. The test is how we are behaving within the 4 wallls." For us this was the most important lesson. Please give us the strength to raise this child so that at least she will be able to follow your beloved ahaituki bhakti. It's been challenging Maharaj, but you have been holding our hands at every step.
- We are never alone. You are always with us.

If someone presents such gifts to us, how can we leave the shelter of such a person? What have we done to deserve this mercy? Dhruva Maharaj is quoted as follows,

In Caitanya Madhya Lila 22.42

sthānābhilāṣī tapasi sthito 'haṁ
tvāṁ prāptavān deva-munīndra-guhyam
kācaṁ vicinvann api divya-ratnaṁ
svāmin kṛtārtho 'smi varaṁ na yāce

TRANSLATION

When he was being benedicted by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Dhruva Mahārāja **said] " 'O my Lord, because I was seeking an opulent material position, I was performing severe types of penance and austerity. Now I have gotten You, who are very difficult for the great demigods, saintly persons and kings to attain. I was searching after a piece of glass, but instead I have found a most valuable jewel. Therefore I am so satisfied that I do not wish to ask any benediction from You.**

Despite all Maharaj has blessed us with, we are still running after broken glass in the form of recognition, honour, inclusion, sense gratification etc. Maharaj, you are the divya ratnam. We humbly pray that we become completely satisfied with your jewel like association which is still available to us and become completely satisfied in endeavouring for the pleasure of Guru and Krishna.

Your servants,

Madan Mohan das & Siddhida Devi Dasi

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.15.28

ṣaḍ-varga-saṁyamaikāntāḥ
sarvā niyama-codanāḥ
tad-antā yadi no yogān
āvaheyuḥ śramāvahāḥ

Translation:

Ritualistic ceremonies, regulative principles, austerities and the practice of yoga are all meant to control the senses and mind, but even after one is able to control the senses and mind, if he does not come to the point of meditation upon the Supreme Lord, all such activities are simply labor in frustration.

In the purport to this verse, it is said, "By various practices, one may come to the point of controlling the senses, but simply controlling the senses does not bring one to a substantial conclusion. However, by staunch faith in the spiritual master and the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one not only controls the senses but also realizes the Supreme Lord.

In Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad 6.23

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

Translation:

Unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master, all the imports of Vedic knowledge are automatically revealed.

It is further stated, tuṣyeyaṁ sarva-bhūtātmā guru-śuśrūṣayā and taranty añjo bhavārṇavam. Simply by rendering service to the spiritual master, one crosses the ocean of nescience and returns home, back to Godhead. Thus he gradually sees the Supreme Lord face to face and enjoys life in association with the Lord."

I have many disqualifications and no good qualities. It is only our greatest fortune that we were able to meet and take shelter of Your Divine Grace. It is only by your causeless mercy that we are continuing to study Bhagavatam in the association of devotees. Without your grace, one cannot make any advancement. yasya prasadad bhagavat-prasado, yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto 'pi. It is only by your mercy that we can somehow receive the benediction of Krishna.

Please allow me to be always fixed in my endeavors to please you, though it is faltering and insignificant. I beg that you would accept our attempts at devotional service to please you just as a loving father always accepts the kind offerings and attempts by his children.

Your unworthy servant

Go-palak krishna dasa

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---- Svayam Prakash Krishna Das and Krishna Rati Devi Dasi

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nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

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

Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept our prostrated humble obeisances at Your Divine Grace's lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Gurudev, wish Your Divine Grace a happy appearance day.

On this most auspicious day of Your Divine Grace's appearance day, with Your Divine Grace's permission, we would like to place this humble Vyasa Puja offering at Your Divine Grace's lotus feet.

Gurudev, this year has been particularly challenging for us in our devotional life where we had lot of health problems to deal with. As Gurudev always says, when there are material problems, the first thing that is affected is our devotional service, particularly our sadhana of chanting and reading. But somehow or the other, by Your Divine Grace's mercy, we forced our minds to continue hearing Gurudev's lectures and in this way we were really protected from drowning in the miseries. In our ordeals, we experienced what Gurudev always says that we cannot find material solutions to material problems. We tried anything and everything that was available under the umbrella of material solutions except for surrendering to the Lord by taking shelter at Your Divine Grace's lotus feet.

By Your Divine Grace's mercy and the sincere desires of our god siblings in Singapore, we continued to meet once a month to hear Gurudev.

We like to humbly present some of the transcendental nectarean words and instructions that emanated from Your Divine Grace's lotus mouth in the lectures we heard this year and which we found very relevant to us in our struggling condition.

1. We must continuously chant Hare Krishna mahamantra to counter the effect of material vibrations. As soon as we become a bit lethargic in chanting, we are consumed by the illusory material energy of the Lord.
2. Because we lack the faith in Krsna's transcendental names, we are weak in our sadhana and that is why we run after the material things.
3. Wherever there is Krsna and wherever there is a pure devotee (like Arjuna), there is OVEM – Opulence, Victory, Extraordinary power and Morality. Then how can material miseries affect us?
4. Because we were all fried by the material energy, we were looking for a cool shade and that is why we are here (devotional service), therefore we should not be in a cuckoo's land that we are in devotional service voluntarily.
5. Krsna is the enjoyer of everything in the spiritual and material worlds. We should become proud of Krsna's association and in that consciousness when we perform our activities, they become spiritual. Krishna selects His associates, so unless we become like Him, He will kick us out.
6. Bhagavad Gita verses must be in our throats always. At least 63 verses must be learnt thoroughly (4 seed verses, 20 verses each from 12th and 15th chapter and 19 verses from 2nd chapter, from 54 to 72). 2nd chapter must be studied and learnt nicely because it gives us an idea about this material life which is temporary irrespective of whatever comforts we have.
7. We should only visit those places and take association where our souls are nourished. The bodily enjoyments are not negated in spiritual life but our lifestyle is guided on a particular path that is chalked out by Krishna. Krishna satisfies our desires within limits and we also attain satisfaction in our spiritual lives.
8. Do not leave the assembly of devotees till we are alive and always catch hold of Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet.
9. Our scriptures exactly pin point the difficulties in our material life which is very important before spiritual progress can start. Particularly about Anger, the best instruction from sastra is – IGNORE. Ignore all the temporary situations and this is the way to control anger.
10. Unless our health is good, we cannot peacefully perform devotional service and without devotional service we can never become happy.
11. Gurudev explained OVER-ENDEAVOUR in the most practical way possible as follows. Let us say, we are looking for a 1 room flat for rent and we come across a skyscraper building. We know that we cannot afford to rent a flat in a sky scraper but still we try and find out how much is the rent and other details. This is over-endeavour, instead just rent a small room and use your money and time wisely in the service of Krsna.
12. Devotional service is like swimming against the current. Current is all sense gratification and we are going against the current. So we have to put extra endeavour to progress. Instead if we just move ahead a little and stop, we will be forced by the current to go backwards. So we have to continuously endeavour to progress spiritually and not be complacent at any stage.

By Gurudev's mercy, our fortnightly discussions in the namahatta programme are continuing. We are presently in the 2nd chapter of Bhagavad Gita and the discussions are deep and enlivening to all of us. We pray to Gurudev that we can sincerely continue these discussions to please Gurudev.

By Gurudev's mercy, we also started teaching Bhagavad Gita verses to a small group of children near our place of residence. The children have learnt the first two seed verses of the Bhagavad Gita along with the word to word and translation. It is really Gurudev's mercy as these children are new and it has helped our own faith in Bhagavad Gita and in Gurudev's instructions on the importance of this scripture in our devotional lives.

Gurudev, we also take this opportunity to take Gurudev's blessings and permission so that we may be able to convince some of our office colleagues who have attended some programmes and festivals in the past, to start a satsang programme from next year. With guidance from Gurudev and HG Devakinandan Prabhuji, we are hoping to start next year.

Gurudev, on this most auspicious occasion of Your Divine Grace's appearance day, we once again pray at Your Divine Grace's lotus feet that we may eternally be at the shelter of Your Divine Grace's lotus feet. We are very weak and struggling in our spiritual lives so kindly pick us up so we may wake up from our sleep on the lap of maya and become serious in our practice of devotional service and thus be able to follow Your Divine Grace's instructions every second of our existence.

Your most unqualified servants,

Svayam Prakash Krishna Das and Krishna Rati Devi Dasi

Singapore

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Paramanand Krishna das

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Dandavat Pranams on Your Lotus Feet.All Glories To You and Shrila Prabhupada

Gurudev, this year by your causeless mercy, Sri Sri Radha Shyam Sundarji have kept us in Their service. While staying alone in Singapore, you have given me the opportunity to read Bhagvatam and Chaitanya Charitamrit. In your classes you have always told us to read both regularly. After tasting the nectar now I regret that I wasted so many years of my life on reading the mundane and fiction literature. By your mercy, as your humble disciple, I was able to sit in front of our temple audience and speak about glories of You, Prabhupada, Gauranga and Krishna.Lord Jagannath has kept me in His service for Shayan Seva.

Gurudev, I meet some devotees during my travel and when I hear your loving interactions with them, it brings tears in my eyes and gives the very different feeling of father- son relation with you.

I have reached in the middle part of third canto and I am finding glories of Guru described by Shrila Prabhupada. In the purport of 3-4-26, Shrila Prabhupada says Uddhava and Maitreya were directly instructed by the Lord, both had the authority to become the spiritual master of Vidura or anyone else, but Maitreya, being elderly, had the first claim to becoming the spiritual master, especially for Vidura, who was much older than Uddhava. One should not be eager to become a spiritual master cheaply for the sake of profit and fame, but should become a spiritual master only for the service of the Lord. The Lord never tolerates the impertinence of maryädä-vyatikrama. One should never pass over the honor due to an elderly spiritual master in the interests of one's own personal gain and fame. Impertinence on the part of the pseudo spiritual master is very risky to progressive spiritual realization.

Gurudev, you have been living example of Shrila Prabhupada's instructions. This has further increased my attachment to your lotus feet. In 3-5-42 purport, Shrila Prabhupada says Devotional service entails being initiated by a bona fide spiritual master and following his instruction in regard to hearing about the Lord. Such a bona fide spiritual master is accepted by regularly hearing from him about the Lord. The improvement in knowledge and detachment can be perceived by devotees as an actual experience. Lord Sri Caitanya Mahäprabhu strongly recommended this process of hearing from a bona fidedevotee, and by following this process one can achieve the highest result, conquering all other methods.

Gurudev, by your causeless mercy, you have initiated us and given the taste of Krishna Prema even though we were not qualified. We are trying our best to read your instructions every day and bring the same down in our behaviours.

We are still far from the real knowledge and real detachment. We are very eager to experience the same and we beg on your lotus feet to give us the faith and strength to achieve the final goal of the life which you have been telling us.We falling at your lotus feet and beg your mercy so that we remain steady on the path shown by you.

Your always humble servants

Paramaanand Krishna das and Lakshmi Devi dasi

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.
Om ajnana-timirandhasya
jnananjan- salakaya

Please accept our humble obeisances Maharaj. All glory, all glory to your Divine Grace.

Gurudev, we are gathered again to celebrate the most auspicious occasion in our lives, which is your appearance day celebration. You appeared in this world on the auspicious occasion of Dattatreya Purnima to dissipate the ignorance piled up in our hearts for eons. Though you were self-realised and quite fit to be liberated just by your bhajana, you decided to sacrifice your life both to please Srila Prabhupad and to save hundreds of living entities like us from the dreadful ocean of material suffering. It is indeed our greatest fortune that we happened to be one of the recipients of your causeless mercy.

Maharaj, by your causeless mercy, we are being engaged in various services in the temple by our beloved God brother and your dear disciple, HG Devaki Prabhu. We are grateful for your mercy in allowing us to be part of a namhatta program in the area where we live. By your mercy and the Lord's will, few of the devotees attending the program are taking up the process seriously and are taking concrete steps to progress in Krsna Consciousness. Thank you for using us as your instruments in making this happen, Guru Maharaj.

Gurudev, as much as we are engaging in various activities, we are sorry to say that we are also struggling quite a lot due to our eagerness to serve the senses- especially the tongue. Because we are not able to control our tongue, we are prone to bad vices like criticising, fault finding, laziness, etc. We cannot speak lovingly with near and dear ones and cannot take criticism from others. Just the other day we read one of your quotes that said "We cannot handle criticism because we think we are perfect." But the fact of the matter is, we are most imperfect. But, we expect to be glorified and adored by everyone else. A small criticism is a huge blow to our false ego and we try to find so many reasons to prove that we are correct and the other person is wrong. You taught us ,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.18.48

tiraskṛtā vipralabdhāḥ
śaptāḥ kṣiptā hatā api
nāsya tat pratikurvanti
tad-bhaktāḥ prabhavo 'pi hi

Translation:

The devotees of the Lord are so forbearing that even though they are defamed, cheated, cursed, disturbed, neglected or even killed, they are never inclined to avenge themselves.

Though we learned this verse by heart, practical application of it is missing in our dealings with others Maharaj. It is our sincere prayer to your lotus feet that we be awarded the intelligence and remembrance to follow this and other instructions of yours carefully.

Gurudev, we were reminded by devotees recently that true glorification of Guru means to preach. Sri Guru is very pleased with a disciple when he or she follows the instructions of Guru in Toto and more importantly, preaches the message of Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam to others. That is the "real service" that a disciple can do unto his spiritual master. While we are very eager to preach to others the very little that we know, more often than not, we miss the point that **we** should be following the instructions ourselves first and foremost. This is because we are more concerned with our glory, how we want others to perceive us, how we want to "show" to others that we are engaged in preaching activities.

But, real success can only come- by your mercy- when **we** practise the tenants of Bhagavatam in our own lives. We pray that, by your mercy, someday our dull head will realise this point. Again, by your mercy, we have in HG Devaki Prabhu a perfect example of one who is surrendered to Sri Guru's lotus feet. He is increasingly becoming a positive influence in our lives without whom, we would not have known your glories to any extent.

Maharaj, we have to confess that weekend programs have become a drag. We are going to the temple not with enthusiasm but as a weekend ritual. Only when there is some "service" we go there with some purpose. HG Devaki Prabhu warned us in the early days after you left the mortal world, that after your disappearance, disciples will slowly start to device their own agendas. And that we will try to establish "connection" with Krishna without you as our medium. While we may not have degraded to the level of ignoring you completely, we are seeing that the enthusiasm we had in the initial days is missing now. This is because we want to go to the temple for our own glorification and not to glorify Their Lordships! We miss the point that the reason we want to go there is only and only to glorify the Lord, to see Him, to hear about Him, to sing His glories, to honour His prasadam. It is about the Lord and not us. Because our endeavour is based on bodily platform, we are not able to sustain it since our bodies themselves are temporary, and anything that is done in relation to the bodies will also be temporary! We pray that with the help of senior devotees who are setting us the right example, we hope not to fall prey to personal motives and re-initiate ourselves into the right mood of devotional service, Guru Maharaj.

Guru Maharaj, you are a contradiction amongst sanyasis. While it is typical for sanyasis to be very grave and measured in their responses, you were always cheerful and spread cheerfulness to those around you. We recently met a devotee from Durban in Paris temple who met you when you were travelling to South

Africa in the early years. He mentioned that everyone there instantly developed a liking to you once they got in touch with you because you were so joyful all the time. You sometimes presented the gravest subjects in a most light hearted manner, teaching us that devotional service doesn't have to serious always. We also noticed that your "light hearted jokes" were always bordered within the spiritual realm. They were not cheap, they were always somehow related to Krishna or Bhagavatam, and they always taught us a lesson- in a light hearted way :-).

Maharaj, whenever we start writing of you, first thing we remember is your smile. That is may be because it touched our hearts so much. Whenever we come to you to say sense or nonsense, you will give that transcendental smile of yours which takes away all our anxieties. You are a transcendental psychologist who can give peace to people like us who are suffering with the mind just by your beautiful smile. In the beginning when we were hearing your lectures we thought that you are doctor by profession. But later we came to know that it's true you are the spiritual doctor who can cure our chronic diseases with the medicines of Chanting and Bhagavatam. Maharaj, we sincerely pray at your lotus feet that one day our devotional service will please you and bring a smile on your lotus face.

Maharaj, just like how Srila Prabhupad gave everything to devotees in ISKCON, you gave everything for us. You gave us Bhagavad Gita and Bhagavatam, you gave us deep philosophy, you gave us wonderful God siblings, you gave us a temple project that we can serve for the rest of our lives, you gave us devotional service, you gave us many instructions on how to lead our so called material lives, you gave so many health tips, you gave us verses in Bhagavatam and elsewhere that are otherwise hidden, you gave us names to name our children with, you gave us good standing in the devotee community by being one of the best gurus, you gave us the opportunity to serve you in your Samadhi after you left, you gave us temple programs to engage ourselves in various activities, you gave us many lectures that we can listen to and learn from for all our life, you gave us the standard for renunciation, you gave us parental worship which otherwise is generally ignored in ISKCON, and above all, you gave us your unalloyed mercy, though we are undeserving. And you gave us much more Gurudev. It is only us who are lacking. It is only us who are trying to elude from being recipients of your mercy.

Guru Maharaj, somehow or the other please grab us by the neck and kindly guide us away from the alluring effects of Lord's material energy and become the boat by which we can cross this ocean of material existence. In spite so many inebrieties, you still gave us shelter at your lotus feet. Please bless us on this most auspicious occasion that we are always in your shelter and that we continue to be of service to the devotees. We sincerely pray to you that we be in line with your mood by following in HG Devaki Prabhu's footsteps.

Please make us better servants of yours Gurudev.

Your totally unworthy servants,

Bal Krishna das, Prathah Darshini devi dasi.

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On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Drutha Hari Krishna Das

Please accept our humble Sata Koti Dandavat Pranams at your lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of vyasa pooja.

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

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.
Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

I humbly beg you Gurudev please keep me under the safe shelter of your lotus feet so that I do not get influenced by the glitters of maya. Please bless me so that I can enrich my service to you and Lord Krsna.

In Guru Gita - Skanda Purana, Dialogue between Shiva and Uma (Shakti)

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

Translation:

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.

I am so thankful to Lord Krishna for allowing such a wonderful spiritual soul to come into my life to provide me proper spiritual guidance. You are a kind and caring person who helps and touches everyone you associate with Maharaj. I pray to always remain free from drowning in the deep waters of ignorance and the relentless waves of happiness and distress brought on by the ocean of illusion that is maya, and always remain on this bhakti life boat guided into the 'favourable winds of The Lords mercy' by you, my eternal spiritual master.

Your unworthy servant,

Drutha Hari Krishna Das.

Humble Offering at the Lotus Feet of His Holiness MahaVishnu Goswami Maharaj
On the Auspicious Ocassion Of Vyasa Puja 2015

---- Krishnachandra das

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaj.

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

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

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

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

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

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

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

"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."

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.25.21

titikṣavaḥ kāruṇikāḥ
suhṛdaḥ sarva-dehinām
ajāta-śatravaḥ śāntāḥ
sādhavaḥ sādhu-bhūṣaṇāḥ

Translation:

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

Maharaj as I was reading the purport to this verse, every single point that Srila Prabhupada highlighted in regard to a Spiritual Master is simply an autobiography of your divine self. In fact you are what a Spiritual leader is.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.1.22

tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā
dustaraṁ nistitīrṣatām
kaliṁ sattva-haraṁ puṁsāṁ
karṇa-dhāra ivārṇavam

Translation:

We think that we have met Your Goodness by the will of providence, just so that we may accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the difficult ocean of Kali, which deteriorates all the good qualities of a human being.

Maharaj, because of your causeless mercy, you have accepted this unworthy me, as your son. You are the Karna-dhara, Captain, of my life.

Maharaj, you are the perfect captain. Your standards in every aspects of life are by no means easy to achieve for a fallen soul like me. You have lived a pure, unalloyed, sinless and undeviated devotional life and you expect the same from your children. You do not care for the formalities of this material world. You do not get satisfied with disciples who talk of plans but do not 'walk the talk'. You are super practical.

Being immature I have many times been very confused whenever you were very harsh on me. However, I followed your advice and stuck my head in Prabhupada's books.

Srila Prabhupada in his purport writes "While engaged in preaching work, he has to meet with so many opposing elements, and therefore the sādhu, or devotee of the Lord, has to be very tolerant. Someone may ill-treat him because the conditioned souls are not prepared to receive the transcendental knowledge of devotional service. They do not like it; that is their disease. The sādhu has the thankless task of impressing upon them the importance of devotional service."

Those who are spiritually matured will understand that both your praises and admonishments are one and the same. They are your causeless mercy on them.

Maharaj you have stressed and insisted on Mangala Arathi in so many lectures and personal talks. Mangala Arathi, Scriptures and Chanting (Msc) is the formula for a successful spiritual life. Anyone who can follow this very simple and

guaranteed formula will stand testimony to your instructions Maharaj. The highly qualified god brothers of mine are perfect examples of this. They are my inspiration and I pray that I always remain their menial servant on this day of your appearance day Maharaj.

Mayuri and myself are doing our part to make Msc, our life. We are helping each other by kicking each other from the bed to wake up for Mangala Arathi. We are checking on each other's chanting progress. We discuss points that we hear on lectures with each other.

Maharaj, by your causeless mercy, prasadam distribution is going on through Gopal's. We are trying to bring Gopal's to a better position so that it can be the instrument that you always wanted, for preaching. There are many challenges in this regard. However, your instructions from within are guiding us.

We are also doing our part in Tamil preaching service. Whenever Madan Mohan prabhu invites us to take class, we try our best to take that opportunity to serve the devotees in this area. We pray for your causeless mercy Maharaj that we could do more on this service.

We hope to give you more nice updates on our services in years ahead Maharaj. Please continue to guide us from within and without thru my God siblings as well as other devotees.

Your most fallen son,

Krishnachandra das

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---- Sakthi Dhara Krishna Das and Kasthuri

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

Maharaj please accept our humble obeisances and all glories to your Blessed Vyasa-Puja.

Maharaj we made it! Last year our only promise to you was to make sure I did not procrastinate so long that my offering does not reach you. Safe to say we have been able to keep this promise to you.

It is embarrassing that all our god siblings are making significant promises to you and keeping them, whereas here I seem happy in keeping this simple promise to You. That was the despair state we were in back then. However, by your mercy we have managed to improve our situation.

Maharaj, We were complicating our lives by not remembering the basics of what Maharaj kept reminding us. However, in the past year we went back to the basics. We have been keeping our Appointments with the Lord in the mornings and we have stopped worrying and tried to always see the hand of the lord in every situation and we have tried our best to stop worrying. And the most important of all, we ignored what everyone else thought. We just kept faith in chanting. Of course Maharaj, this was not achieved on our own strength; we were only able to change our mentality by the association of my God siblings. They kept us engaged and kept making sure that we got association with Maharaj via your lectures and your quotes.

Maharaj we were sentimental about you no longer being physically here with us. We missed your laughter, your advice on how we should live our lives and how to make Krishna consciousness a practical day-to-day occurrence. But this sentimentalism made us actually drift further away from you, as it reinforced that you are not here physically with us. Hence, whenever all our godsiblings met up and I would get caught up in the emotion of remembering you and the moment I left the venue, it was back to square one. Being a fool, it took me a long while to identify this and realize that our lives need to change, we needed to change the way we behaved and to practice all that Maharaj would emphasize. Maharaj you are still missed dearly by us and that feeling will never change. Nobody can ever replace your presence in our lives. But your legacy that you have left behind for me, in which I take shelter of, is your Vapu(my godsiblings) who constantly

drill your Vani into my thick skull. Hence, Just like the Lord, Maharaj you are both simultaneously here and not here.

Maharaj, Kasthuri and I have started studying the Bhagavad Gita together. We have started on memorizing the 18verses of Chapter 2. It is amazing how there are so many aspects of Devotional life that we have taken for granted. But when we have to explain these minute details to someone else it truly pushes us to understand this movement that Srila Prabhupad has founded. I am trying my best Maharaj to remember all that you have told us about how to Study the scriptures and how to live our lives and share them with Kasthuri. She has taken a strong liking to Kirtan and I am very thankful for. Being an academic, she has many queries and has taken up the process of reading enthusiastically. Hence, Your plan has worked Maharaj, she has brought me back on track.

Maharaj on this auspicious day, our only prayer is to join you in your service to the lord. We pray that as long as we are here, we will always remember your instructions and behave in a way that will please you. Lastly, We pray that we will have the sense to always remember the importance and the magnanimity of our godsiblings and never take them for granted.

Haribol!!

Jai H.H Mahavisnu Maharaj Vyasa Pooja Ki Jai!

Your foolish but unwavered children,

Sakthi Dhara Krishna Das

Kasthuri

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---- Mitravinda Devi Dasi

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine

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

Dear Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.Today is the most auspicious day as it is your appearance day. Once again we are blessed to glorify you Maharaj.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.25.21

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Moksha Moolam Guror Kripa,

Translation:

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.

Through your teaching I have learnt how to tolerate this material world which is full of pain.

As days and years pass by, I am learning slowly every single thing happening in life as what Maharaj has said in all your teaching what is this material world all about.

Thank you for guiding me through your lectures Gurudev.

Your Daughter,

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

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---- Vrndavanesvari devi dasi

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

Dearest Gurudev

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

Gurudev even though I am unqualified to describe your transcendental glories, I am sure that just like a Father accepts the broken language of his child you will accept this humble offering from your unqualified Daughter. It is mentioned in Sri chaitanya charithaamrta madhya leela ch 11 text 58 **"Our first duty is to satisfy the spiritual master who can arrange for the lord's mercy .A common man must first begin to serve the spiritual master or devotee. Then through the mercy of the devotee the lord will be satisfied. Unless one receives the dust of a devotee's lotus feet on one's head there is no possibility of advancement. Unless one approaches a pure devotee he cannot understand the supreme personality of Godhead. When the spiritual master is pleased then Lord Hari is pleased."**

It is also said: "When Lord Hari is angry, one's spiritual master can protect him. When one's spiritual master is angry, no one can give protection. Therefore with all efforts one should strive to please his spiritual master." Therefore one should always serve his spiritual master. In another place in the scriptures, the Supreme Personality of Godhead Himself declares: "First one should worship his spiritual master, and afterward worship Me. One who does this attains perfection. One who does not finds that all his efforts are in vain." Please forgive for all of the Offences I have knowingly or unknowingly committed at your lotus feet. You are our only shelter birth after birth.

Thank you once again for all the mercy you are unceasingly showering upon all of us .

Hare Krishna. Jaya srila gurudev ki Jaya.

Your Daughter,
Vrndavanesari Devi dasi

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---- Manjari Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to your divine holiness.

Maharaj it has been tough in coming to terms that you have left us physically.

Maharaj although you are no longer with us physically, your instructions and blessing would always continue to be with us through your lectures. Maharaj with your blessings we have the association of our wonderful god brothers and god sisters who are here to continuously guide us in devotional service.

Maharaj please allow me to offer 2 verses to maharaj .

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.7.22

arjuna uvāca

kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa mahā-bāho
bhaktānām abhayaṅkara
tvam eko dahyamānānām
apavargo 'si saṁsṛteḥ

TRANSLATION

Arjuna said: O my Lord Sri Krishna, You are the almighty Personality of Godhead. There is no limit to Your different energies. Therefore only You are competent to instill fearlessness in the hearts of Your devotees. Everyone in the flames of material miseries can find the path of liberation in You only.

Maharaj in this verse, you have taught me how to live in this world which if full of danger. Maharaj you have taught me in times when we are afraid of anything we must always chant this verse as and Krishna will help and save us. In this lecture, maharaj also taught me that verses should be chanted according to the situation we are in.

Second Verses is as follows: Lord Brahma explained to his son Narada Muni in Srimad Bhagavatam 2.6.34 as follows

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.6.34

na bhāratī me ’ṅga mṛṣopalakṣyate
na vai kvacin me manaso mṛṣā gatiḥ
na me hṛṣīkāṇi patanty asat-pathe
yan me hṛdautkaṇṭhyavatā dhṛto hariḥ

Translation:

O Nārada, because I have caught hold of the lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, with great zeal, whatever I say has never proved to have been false. Nor is the progress of my mind ever deterred. Nor are my senses ever degraded by temporary attachment to matter.

Maharaj, you have thus shown me in your life itself the usefulness of human life only if dovetailed to Krishna and the uselessness of human existence if we behave like animals,

One should always have the burning desire to serve the Lord regardless of one's condition. We should never give our mind a chance to think that we are affected by material conditions.

Dearest Maharaj I once again offer my heartfelt humble obesiances unto your most auspicious Vyasa Puja, Thank you very much for accepting me as your disciple. Please forgive me Maharaj for all my wrongdoings I have committed knowingly and unknowingly.

Maharaj, please always continue to bless me to make the right decisions in life and may my mind Be always attached to serving you and Lord Krishna with love.

Your disciple,

Manjari Devi Dasi

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---- Ganga Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dearest Maharaj.

Please accept my humble dandavats at your lotus feet.

All Glories to your Divine Holiness.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj by your mercy we are somehow continuing in the devotional service. We feel Maharaj presence very much especially during mangal arati and also when we recite Srimad Bhagavatam.

Maharaj we are always enlivened every day right from the morning, by attending Mangal Arati, chanting my rounds, reading Bhagavatam, performing Abhishek, offering Bhoga to their lordships and honouring Prasadam, Maharaj I never felt so peaceful and blissful in my life before. Thank you for always bestowing this devotional service upon us.

Please always give us the determination and strength to worship and chant.

Thank you very very much Maharaj

Your servant

Ganga Devi Dasi

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---- Mayuri Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

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

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

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I fall at your lotus feet to offer my repeated respectful obeisances and to thank you for accepting this insignificant soul as your daughter. You are right beside me. Every day, I speak to you and clarify about so many bizarre happenings. You have patiently heard me and guided me through the scriptures, God siblings and other devotees.

Maharaj, you have shown us how to live life through your own experiences. Many of our senior God siblings share that you are a person who walked the talk. You are lovingly called the walking Bhagavatham and you lived your life according to 1.6.26

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 1.6.26

nāmāny anantasya hata-trapaḥ paṭhan
guhyāni bhadrāṇi kṛtāni ca smaran
gāṁ paryaṭaṁs tuṣṭa-manā gata-spṛhaḥ
kālaṁ pratīkṣan vimado vimatsaraḥ

Translation:

Thus I began chanting the holy name and fame of the Lord by repeated recitation, ignoring all the formalities of the material world. Such chanting and remembering of the transcendental pastimes of the Lord are benedictory. So doing, I traveled all over the earth, fully satisfied, humble and unenvious.

Maharaj, you take the chanting of the glories of the Lord seriously and travel all over the world tirelessly despite your age so that others may also hear the glories of the Lord.

You have no desire for material gain and you are not envious of anyone. Your only business is to chant and remember the holy name, fame and pastimes of the Lord.

You have left when your plate was full to distribute the message of Bhagavatam for other's welfare without the motive of material gain.

Even now as we come together to do our little seva for the temple in Rajkut, you are preparing us to just do it as a service and not to expect anything from it. This is only happening because of your merciful and clear instructions.

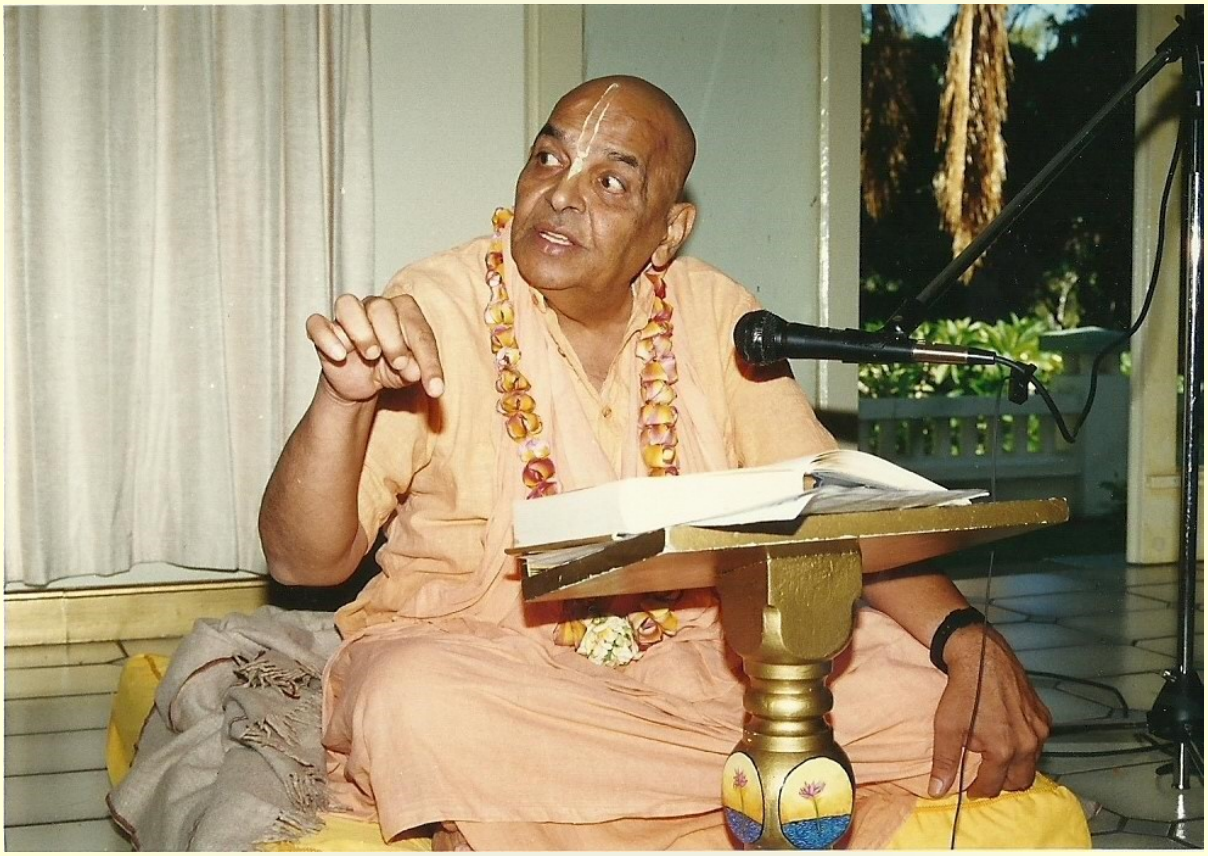
Maharaj, our seniors always tell us that we are each a gem and carry a small part of you in minute quantity. I pray that I can also do my devotional service with sincerity and without any expectation. Please bless us so that we may continue to do our best in Gopal's and Gopal's Garden and other services that you may lead us to do.

Happy Appearance Day Maharaj!

Your insignificant servant,

Mayuri Devi Dasi

USA



“Birth, we already had anyway and so that does not reduce the miserable condition we had at the time of birth. So *now knowledge should be there that again I do not want to squeeze myself into another womb. And by our own activities we are really ordering our next body*. You know just like if you place order for sweets from shops, the parcel comes home. So we are also placing orders - "I want hog's body." And the parcel comes. We don't want that. Please, this is Bhagavatam's instruction.”

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---- Manohar Krishna Das

Respected Guru Maharajji

Please accept my respectful humble obeisances

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Gurudeva

Gurudeva, i am thankful for your guidance you continue to give. Your presence is a great source of strength. I hope to follow your instructions and continue to make spiritual progress. I consider myself extremely fortunate to receive your shelter with the mercy of devotees and continue to get great support from all your sincere disciples. Your disciples are pure, sincere, straight forward and kind hearted. I have found a great spiritual family from whom i get great support and guidance all the time. I would like to uphold your name and fame as best as i can and help more and more come to the path of Krishna Consciousness via chanting and reading Srimad Bhagavad Geeta and Srimad Bhagavatam as explained by Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudeva I understand that Srimad Bhagavatam is extremely dear to you and you want us to be accomplished in studying this great literature while being extremely familiar with Srimad Bhagavad-gita and all this while keeping the fabric of our character extremely fine.

In Bhagavad-gītā 4.11

ye yathā māṁ prapadyante
tāṁs tathaiva bhajāmy aham
mama vartmānuvartante
manuṣyāḥ pārtha sarvaśaḥ

Translation:

As all surrender unto Me, I reward them accordingly. Everyone follows My path in all respects, O son of Pṛthā.

Gurudeva I realize that its our responsibility to be eager and perform devotional service lovingly, enthusiastically and without any motivation for personal gain continuously. In the purport of above verse Srila Prabhupada has quoted from,

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 2.3.10

akāmaḥ sarva-kāmo vā
mokṣa-kāma udāra-dhīḥ
tīvreṇa bhakti-yogena
yajeta puruṣaṁ param

Whether one is without desire [the condition of the devotees], or is desirous of all fruitive results or is after liberation, one should with all efforts try to worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead for complete perfection, culminating in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Gurudeva, with my current fruitive mentality I would like to serve you in the best possible way with great force.

Gurudeva, I realise that with age my body will detoriate. However may that never vanquish the fire of devotional service in me. May I be purified and continue to serve you.

Gurudeva, I still have miles to go and lot of improvement to make. I hope to listen carefully to your instructions and try to follow them. I need to get rid of my laziness and procrastination and focus on the study of SB and BG more and more.

After millions of lifetimes one finds a true Guru and gets an opportunity to improve. I dont want to let go this rare opportunity to genuinely improve. Maharaj you dont need our service, but we need to serve you in order to purify ourselves. Please accept our impure service and bless us so that we can perform pure service unto your lotus feet.

Maharaj, earlier I wrote a poem lamenting my current sad state of needing improvement. O merciful and expert one, please do the needful to rectify this indisciplined student of yours.

Hoping to please you somehow

While trying to be happy in the material way,

Time is quietly slipping away.

Happy with a puffed-up head,

No feeling of separation and certainly dead.

Engrossed in material affairs in full force,

No feeling of any shame or remorse.

Hankering after some cheap fame

Forgetful to chant the holy name

Happy in a demoniac way

Seeking sense enjoyment to this day

When will I wake up to your calling

And prevent myself from falling

Need to follow to your instructions now

Hope to be disciplined and please you somehow

Gurudeva I pray at your lotus feet and seek your blessings to become more disciplined and sincere in devotional service.

Your servant,

Manohar Krishna Das

Minneapolis

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---- *Atma Prasad Krishna das*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and your divine mission.

Maharaja it has been another intense, interesting and reflective year for me through which I have been contemplating the personal and dynamic nature of your mercy. It seemed like I am constantly being thrown between the extremes of being overwhelmed by the lowest of shortcomings and in contrast really feeling some sort of longing to go back to Godhead intensify. Through all these bewildering and uplifting moments I have been noticing your mercy act both as a mirror and as a window. As a window your mercy has shown me tiny glimpses of what could be, and as a mirror your mercy has shown me the horrible sight of what actually is. From the intense and opposite emotions that these two visions have shown me I have developed a sort of complex where I have an increasing hope of success but a deepening hopelessness when seeing my disqualification. This leaves me in a state where I have no idea what to say in front of you. I feel less qualified then ever to ask for your mercy and yet I need it more than ever. What can I say other than if you kindly pick me up now and help me towards intense and genuine devotion for the Lord and His devotees, it would truly be an ultimate expression of mercy without cause.

An undeserving soul,

Atma Prasada Krishna das

Minneapolis, USA

चरण-शरण गुरुदेव की
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---- Anasuya Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

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

Maharaj,this has been a rocky year for me however it has also been a year when, by Your mercy, I have had an opportunity to look at myself, my faith and my devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada's statement in SB 1.1.10 resonates with my state where he says "The people of this age are also very lazy, not only materially but in the matter of self-realization". And of course innumerable other faults you are already well aware of that I don't need to elaborate here.

Lacking in the requisite attitude and qualities and full of materialistic interests (NOI 3, NOI 2), I find myself finding security and comfort in the rituals of Krishna Consciousness, blending them with the fortune of a materialistically easy situation and calling that my devotional service. Lacking genuine attraction, I find myself without the least inspiration or motivation to pull out of this or to seek anything remotely beyond the bodily comfort. So it is only by Your love and Krishna's mercy, that something may change….that a door may open for personal and extended benefit, Without this, I remain ineffective in the world, disoriented in myself and although able, completely useless at a time when there is so much pain and confusion in the world. A sad waste of an able human being.

In Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 7.5.32

naiṣāṁ matis tāvad urukramāṅghriṁ
spṛśaty anarthāpagamo yad-arthaḥ
mahīyasāṁ pāda-rajo-'bhiṣekaṁ
niṣkiñcanānāṁ na vṛṇīta yāvat

Translation:

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.

So dear Maharaj, as with so many times in the past, when You rescued me from my own materialistic tendencies, fruitive intentions and complex mental activity, if You wish, please do something.

Ohe! Vaishnava thhâkura By Bhaktivinoda thhâkura

In S'aranâgati: Bhajana Lâlasâ: 7

ohe! vaishnava Thakur, doyâra sâgara, e dâse korunâ kori'
O venerable Vaisnava, o ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant

diyâ pada-châyâ, s'odho he âmâya, tomâra carana dhori
Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

chaya vega domi', chaya dosha s'odhi, chaya guna deho' dâse, chaya sat-sanga,
Teach me to control my six passions, rectify my six faults, bestow upon me the six qualities,

deho' he âmâre, bosechi sangera âs'e
and offer me, the six kinds of the holy association

diyâ pada-châyâ, s'odho he âmâya, tomâra carana dhori
Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

ekakî âmâra, nâhi pâya bala, hari-nâma-sankîrtane
Alone I do not find the strength to carry on, the sankirtana of Hari's name.

tumi kripâ kori: s'raddhâ-bindu diyâ, deho' krishna-nâma-dhane
Please bless me by giving me just one drop of faith, to obtain the treasure of Krishna's name.

krishna se tomâra, krishna dite pâro, tomâra s'akati âche
Krishna is yours; please bestow upon me Krishna for you have the power.

âmi to' kângâla, 'krishna 'krishna 'boli', dhâi tava pâche pâche
I am only a pauper, simply shouting, "Krishna! Krishna!"running behind you

ohe! vaishnava thâkura, doyâra sâgara, e dâse korunâ kori'
O venerable Vaisnava, o ocean of mercy, be merciful unto your servant.

diyâ pada-châyâ, s'odho he âmâya, tomâra carana dhori
Give me the shade of your lotus feet and purify me. I hold on to your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna Maharaj. Please accept my obeisances.

Your servant,

Anasuya devi dasi

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---- Gopika Devi Dasi

Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate MahaVishnu Goswami iti namine.

Dear Maharaja,

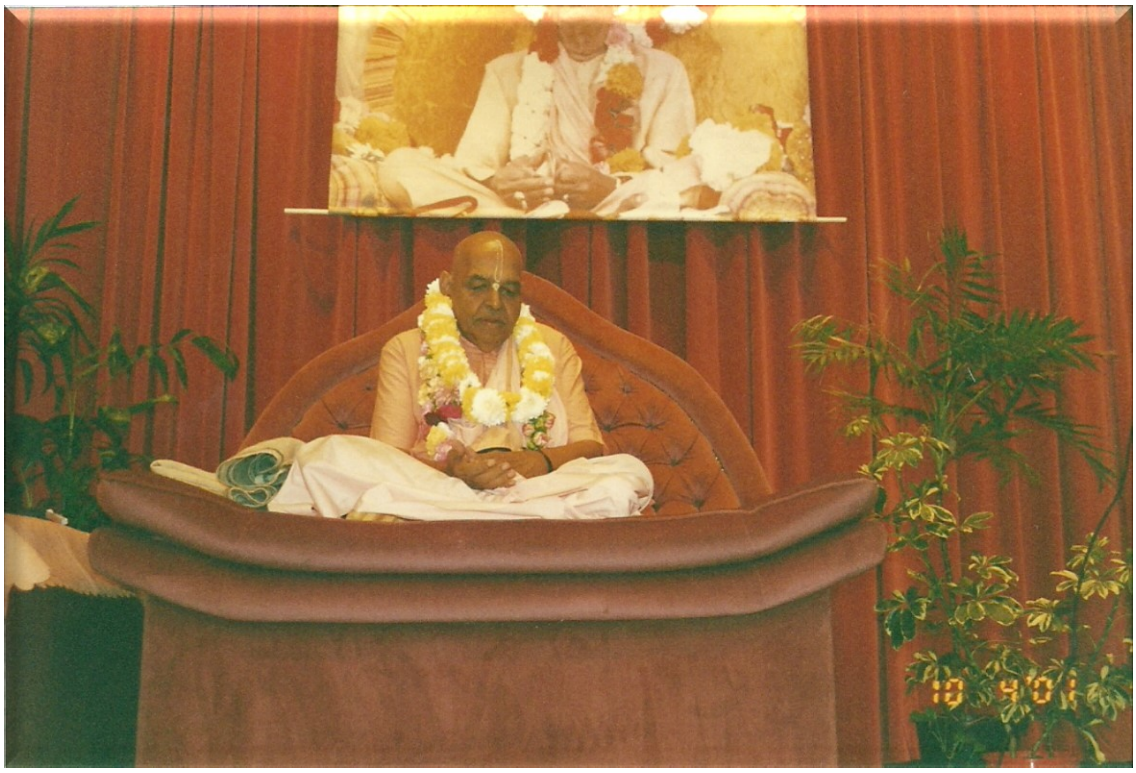
This has been a very challenging year for me. I have been floundering terribly and felt quite lost as to which direction to go. I listen to your lectures and feel the correctness of the instruction while listening and then somehow lose all intelligence as soon as I move from listening and often end up in the exact opposite of where I needed to be.Please somehow keep me with you.

Trying to be your servant,

Gopika devi dasi

Sri Guru-Ananta-Divya-Guna-Vibhusanam

The Decoration of Sri Guru's Unlimited Transcendental Qualities.



sad-guna vibhusita maitarah karuna eva ca,
nasyanti sarvopadhi santusta atmakam

vyahavara vibhusita daya dhrsti hasyam,
duhkhanam vivaso citta haranam

jivah alankrta uttamasloka vibhusanam,
'Krishnasya daso 'smi' smrtir avatisthate

vibhusanam govindam iksate nayanam,
Krishnam premanajana pradayate

Your transcendental qualities are endowed with decoration of friendship and mercy, which, in your presence destroys all anxiety and provides satisfaction to the mind. Your merciful glance and transcendental laughter is the ornament of your dealings and social interactions, which without fail captures and wins the hearts of the suffering living entities. Your tongue is always endowed with the decoration of melodious verses that glorify the Lord – upon hearing which the forgetful living entity's remembrance that 'I am a servant of Krishna' is at once restored. Your lotus eyes are always decorated with loving vision of Lord Govinda

– the giver of pleasure to the cows and you are able to give others this ointment of love of Godhead.

jivanam vibhusita bhaktivedanta bhavartha,
andha lokasya margay darsanam

cittam vibhusita Krishna nitya smaranam,
hrdayam sila'sya komalam

karna vibhusanam sruti vata nitam,
pibata bhagavatamrta anantikam

anjalim pumsam bhiksha vibhusita,
'Krishna nama-katha kirtanam satatam'

Indeed your whole life is decorated with instructions of Srila Prabhupada's Bhaktivendanta purports – and with this ornament you always show the right direction to the misguided living entities. Constant remembrance of Krishna is the ornament of your heart – in your presence even the most stone-hearted hearts softens. The nectarine verses of SrimadBhagavatam which is carried by the air of vedic sound is the decoration of your transcendental ears. You never tire of hearing Bhagavatam. Your two folded hands are endowed with decoration of transcendental humility, with which you humbly beg your audiences, 'Please, Please, Please - always chant Hare Krishna – Please Please Please always study Bhagavatam'.

vibhusita vibhusan ananta vibhusanam,
alankrtyasya mahavisnu deve caritam

kim va giyatam me iha ananta caritam,
na jnana na budhi tu vacanesu dariddratam

tatrapi janami idam eko satyam,
sraddhaya arhanam drdha-niscayat-ajnam

sarva klesa vinirmukta bhaktim labhya param,
dheyo sri-gurur vibhusita ananta-guna-caritam

O' my beloved and worshipable Srila Mahavisnu Goswami Maharaj, You are endowed with decorations of unlimited transcendental qualities. How can I then fully glorify you? I do not have any knowledge. I do not have any intelligence and I am poverty stricken in my vocabulary. However, despite of all my shortcomings I know of this one truth – That material miseries will be vanquished, devotional service will be established and supreme destination will be reached for one who has faith in you, for one who worships you, for one who with determination follows your instructions and for one who meditates O'Sri Guru on you who are endowed with decorations of unlimited transcendental qualities.

I offer my heartfelt humble obiesances unto your most auspicious lotus feet again and again. No matter how much I endeavour, I cannot express enough my gratitude to you for showing me the right direction in life. O' my eternal father I am confident that some day or other I will be fully able to follow the desire you have had for me in your heart for such a long time. Until that time I know I have to suffer for my misdoings and disobedience. Until that time I beg to remain under the soothing shelter of your lotus feet always.

VirajaKrishna das

Guru Shatkam

Six verses glorifying the Spiritual master

Saakshaat bhaagavataamrtam
sarva bhuta anu ranjanam
Sarva jivaatma tarpanam
sri bhagavad guna darpanam

Vratam sri Hari toshanam
Aasraya jivaatma poshanam
Prema smita taapa soshanam
bhava daavaagni nirvaapanam

Vilasita vishada maanasam

Mudita vadana aravindam
Kirtir yasya karna rocanam
Vaaco hrdaya granthi mocanam

Sa anuraaga avalokanam
Samasta soka naasanam
Sasvan manaso mahotsavam
Saranyam karuna arnavam

Caritam hrdaya paavanam
Yasya prajnaam ca shobhanam
Prabhupaada paada bhushanam
Asat vartma jana bhishanam

Praanam sri Krishna arpanam
Pranata aatma uddhaaranam
Namaami guurvaram varenyam
Bhuyo bhuyo natosmy aham

Maharaj is the personification of the nectar of Srimad Bhagavatam. He is expert in the art of pleasing all the living entities. He satisfies all the living entities and he is like a mirror reflecting all the qualities of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. His vow is to please Sri Hari and to protect the living entities sheltered under him. His loving smile extinguishes all our miseries and also extinguishes the fire of material existence. He has a gleaming and uncontaminated spotless heart which is reflected in his charming lotus like face. His fame and glories are very pleasing to our ears and His words eradicate the knot of false conceptions within the heart. His affectionate glances destroy all the miseries. He is constantly a festival of joy for our minds. He is worth taking shelter of as he is an ocean of compassion. His life and character are very purifying and his intelligence is transcendental. He is an ornament at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and for those who are not following the honest path, he is very fearful. His life is an offering at the lotus feet of Sri krishna for the deliverance of surrendered souls. To such an unparalleled spiritual master who is most worshipable, I again and again offer my respectful obeisances.

Vaijayanti mala devi dasi