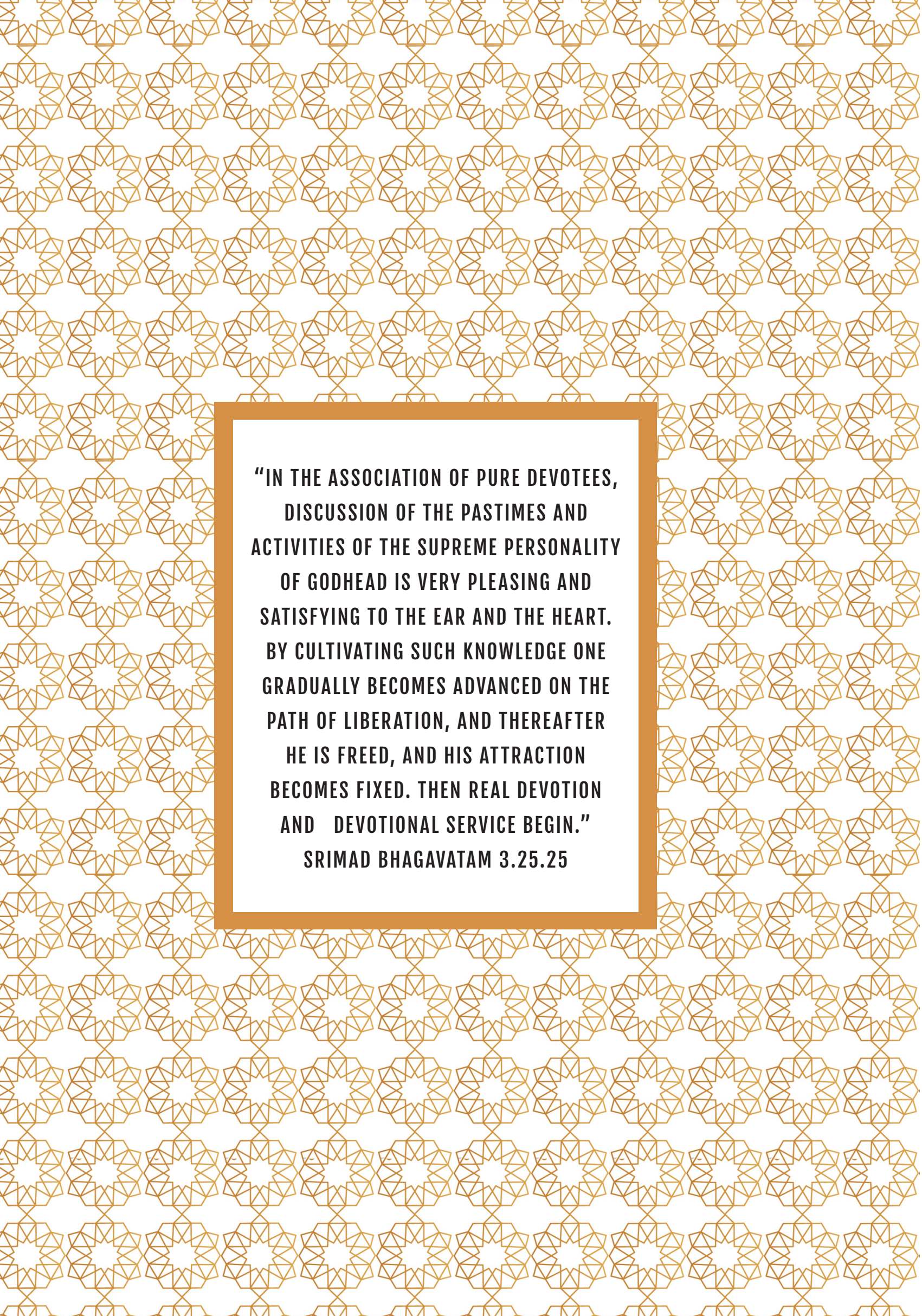




**"IN THE ASSOCIATION OF PURE DEVOTEES,
DISCUSSION OF THE PASTIMES AND
ACTIVITIES OF THE SUPREME PERSONALITY
OF GODHEAD IS VERY PLEASING AND
SATISFYING TO THE EAR AND THE HEART.
BY CULTIVATING SUCH KNOWLEDGE ONE
GRADUALLY BECOMES ADVANCED ON THE
PATH OF LIBERATION, AND THEREAFTER
HE IS FREED, AND HIS ATTRACTION
BECOMES FIXED. THEN REAL DEVOTION
AND DEVOTIONAL SERVICE BEGIN."**

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Appearance day of our beloved

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BHAGAVAD-GITA 4.34

**JUST TRY TO LEARN THE TRUTH BY APPROACHING A SPIRITUAL
MASTER. INQUIRE FROM HIM SUBMISSIVELY AND RENDER SERVICE
UNTO HIM. THE SELF-REALIZED SOUL CAN IMPART KNOWLEDGE UNTO
YOU BECAUSE HE HAS SEEN THE TRUTH**

The path of spiritual realization is undoubtedly difficult. The Lord therefore advises us to approach a bona fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession from the Lord Himself. No one can be a bona fide spiritual master without following this principle of disciplic succession.

The Lord is the original spiritual master, and a person in the disciplic succession can convey the message of the Lord as it is to his disciple. No one can be spiritually realized by manufacturing his own process, as is the fashion of the foolish pretenders. The Bhagavatam says: dharmam hi saksad-bhagavat-pranitam—the path of religion is directly enunciated by the Lord. Therefore, mental speculation or dry arguments cannot help one progress in spiritual life. One has to approach a bona fide spiritual master to receive the knowledge. Such a spiritual master should be accepted in full surrender, and one should serve the spiritual master like a menial servant, without false prestige. Satisfaction of the self-realized spiritual master is the secret of advancement in spiritual life. Inquiries and submission constitute the proper combination for spiritual understanding. Unless there is submission and service, inquiries from the learned spiritual master will not be effective. One must be able to pass the test of the spiritual master, and when he sees the genuine desire of the disciple, he automatically blesses the disciple with genuine spiritual understanding. In this verse, both blind following and absurd inquiries are condemned. One should not only hear submissively from the spiritual master; but one must also get a clear understanding from him, in submission and service and inquiries. A bona fide spiritual master is by nature very kind toward the disciple. Therefore when the student is submissive and is always ready to render service, the reciprocation of knowledge and inquiries becomes perfect.

SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI VYASA-PUJA

BY GAURAVANI DAS

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to HH Jayadvaita swami

All glories to our beloved Kadamba Kanana Swami.

I was asked to write meaning and importance of Vyasapuja offering i am apologizing i have never done this, new challenge but with mercy of our spiritual master.

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

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“The Supreme Personality of Godhead has the form of sac-cid-ānanda-vigraha — transcendental bliss, knowledge and eternity. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him, who turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains. Such is the mercy of the Lord.” (CC Madhya 17.80)

Expression reflects and reinforce emotion. The celebration of Vyasa-puja is an expression of the gratitude that the disciple feels for the spiritual master. And that feeling becomes reinforced when a disciple expresses one’s own gratitude and hears other disciples’ express their gratitude.

The spiritual master’s guidance and grace are indispensable for elevating and liberating souls caught in this dangerous and treacherous material existence. The spiritual master is non-different from the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as the sacred scriptures proclaim. In Srimad-Bhagavatam, in the Uddhava Gita (11.17.27: acaryam mam vijaniyam), Krishna himself declares that the acarya is nondifferent from Him. This non-difference is not because of a merging of beings but because of a joining of hearts. The spiritual master is purely and selflessly surrendered to Krishna, as Arjuna at the end of the Bhagavad-gita (18.73). The spiritual master is not just the conveyor of Krishna’s will – he is also the gateway to Krishna; on Krishna’s behalf, he receives the disciple’s service and bestows mercy.

yasya prasada bhagavata prasado
yasya 'prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi

By the mercy of the spiritual master is the mercy of Krishna accessed. So potent and transformational is the spiritual master's mercy that the sincere disciple feels and remains indebted, lifetime after lifetime. The disciple strives to express that gratitude by dedicating one's own life to the spiritual master's service.

During the course of our life, Vyasapuja offers us a precious annual opportunity to meditate on and better appreciate our spiritual master's gifts. In composing our offering to the spiritual master, we go deep into our heart. Going beyond the routines and superficialities that frequently crowd our consciousness, we focus on that which matters most – the supreme treasure of Krishna-bhakti with which the spiritual master has enriched our heart. And by hearing the offerings of other devotees, we see those devotees with greater appreciation – not just for their political roles in this world, but also as devoted and exalted souls committed to the spiritual master's service.

Vyasadeva is the quintessential spiritual master. He is the literary incarnation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. By rendering the Vedic message in written form, he preserves and propagates that timeless treasure of wisdom. Therein, he provides a comprehensive gamut of guidelines for elevating people at all levels. And he also gives in Srimad-Bhagavatam, the ripened fruit of the Vedic literature (Bhagavatam 1.1.3), the conclusive guidelines of pure devotion for those seeking life's highest destination – eternal spiritual love for Krishna.

All spiritual masters follow in the footsteps of Vyasadeva and carry on his mission. Thus, the spiritual master represents Krishna, specifically Krishna in his manifestation as Vyasadeva. Through the numerous representatives of Vyasadeva over millennia culminating for us in our spiritual master, we receive the treasure of bhakti.

So one must love the spiritual master with unflinching faith, and one must be steady and fixed. When we are approaching the spiritual master, We should pray like Sanatana Goswami, 'I was born in a low family, my associates are low, I myself am fallen, I have passed my whole life fallen in the well of sinful materialism. I don't know what is good for me, and what is bad. Who am I? Why do the three-fold miseries always give me trouble? Now I am confused about my duty. Because of miserly weakness, I have lost all composure. 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.'

It is only possible to attain this all-important spiritual birth, with the help of the spiritual master. He gives us the seed of devotional service, which grows into a devotional creeper by which we can attain the real purpose of life, devotional service to Krishna. The qualification of our spiritual master is that he is a great lover of Holy name and he is real follower of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Krishna who is also charged with spiritual understanding. The qualification of the disciple is that One become more serious in KC, in our understanding or dealing.

One become more eager to serve to our beloved spiritual master and follow his instructions or advances. One is deeper and become more mature disciple. And be strongly interested in Krishna that he can give up the wrong conception that, 'I am this body, and this belongs to me,' and other illusory things, such as lust and anger. When both the spiritual master and the disciple are qualified, then the fire of full spiritual realisation manifests.

When a disciple grows up ...he internalises the guru's instruction. It is no longer that the guru tells everything to his disciple, but his disciple knows from having absorbed his instructions, he listened carefully and he has it inside. In a mature relationship with the spiritual master, there is this element of visrambhara (friendliness). This relation is certainly there, but the mood will always be there that we will never jump over our spiritual master. We will always remain his, learning from him, taking the position of a humble student who approaches his teacher naturally in a humble way. That is what we desire. That is what the spiritual master desires more than anything.

"So this Vyasa-puja ceremony means to offer our thanks to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because He is the original guru. As we receive this message through parampara system from Krishna to Brahma, Brahma to Narada, Narada to Vyasadeva, Vyasadeva to Madhvacarya, in this way, Madhavendra Puri, then Isvara Puri, then Caitanya Mahaprabhu, then six Gosvamis, then others, Bhaktivinoda Thakura, Jagannatha dasa Babaji, Gaura Kisor dasa Babaji Maharaja, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. Then we have taken 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. (Srila Prabhupada Lecture, August 22, 1973)

Our dearest spiritual master is man of the action, He can't just sit and wait in comfortable place, no matter what we always go out there and give himself to others

in mission of Lord Gauranga. Gurudev is man of so many talents and incredible qualities. Personally inspires even his endless bottom of inspiration, living Caitanya Mahaprabhu Siksastaka, his deep and unlimited love for holy name and following in foot steps of his beloved spiritual master H.H.Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhu-pada.

There is so many reasons to show our love, friendship, grateful attitude or appreciation but one realization I will hopefully remember until rest of my life .. live like today is your last day... or last chance to show, say and appreciate what you have and always be happy in Krishna consciousness. Because you never know when is not too late.

All glories to our beloved spiritual master , who always gave us as his priorities, love us even when we are rascals, is there whenever we need him, and is huge inspiration for many many many fallen souls.

All glories to our spiritual master who is our living example how to be a humble disciple and at the same time incredibly inspiring spiritual master.
I am forever grateful for Krishna's mercy and send him in my life.

Your eternal servant
Gauravani Dasi



STRONG INDIVIDUALS

If I think of what I would desire to achieve, it is to become a strong individual – strong in integrity, strong in character, to be someone who lives by his word, to be someone who embraces principles regardless of whether it brings me gain or loss, comfort or distress. This is what I would like to be and this is what I would like to transmit to all of my disciples. I would like my disciples to be people who live by principles, who live by their word regardless of the situation, who can recognise that the illusory energy is strong but who remain observers of themselves and who are not just going to fall prey to their mind and senses, but who will say, “No!” For this, one needs to be strong in knowledge. Knowledge is not just a matter of parroting. It is a matter of hearing, assimilating and thinking. A lot of my Krishna consciousness comes from thinking about things. Not just hearing and reading *•r•mad-Bh•gavatam* but meditating on, “What does this mean for me? What are the consequences of what I’m reading here?” For example, when I read that we are eternal servants of Krishna, then I think that no matter what happens, we are Krishna’s servants! Nothing in the world can change that! This kind of thinking can eventually make us what Srila Prabhupada phrased as ‘independently thoughtful’. This means a lot to me. I am looking for people who deeply think about what they are doing with their lives and why they are doing it. I am looking for people who live very consciously and in this way become strong in their own conviction and independently thoughtful. Something I learnt from observing Tamal Krishna Maharaja is that the principal duty of the spiritual master is to give people a greater vision for themselves than that which they can come up with on their own. I want disciples who have a vision for their lives, who know where they are going and what they are trying to achieve in this life, and I will be happy to add to it.

Kadamba Kanana Swami, Guru and Disciple: Awakening Spiritual Vision

OFFERINGS

Acyuta Kesava Dasa & Anakulya Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ

paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim

yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande

śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam

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

Lord Krishna in the Srimad Bhagavatam says that the genuine vaishnava guru is sarva-deva-maya, "The representative of all the demigods." (SB 11.17.27). With their backing, then, the Guru can possess their nearly limitless power, including the ability to grant speech to the dumb and steps to the lame.

Back in 2009 when we were still living in Bloemfontein we were blessed by your mercy when Guru Maharaj visited the Iskcon Centre. We were inspired and uplifted by Guru Maharaj's kirtan at one of the programs in Bloemfontein. Little did we know back then, that Guru Maharaj had left a samskara within our hearts.

Many years had passed and we had moved to East London. Then in 2017 at the Festival of Chariots in Durban we were swept away by Gurudeva's kirtan and talk. It was at this stage that we knew for sure that we had found our spiritual master.

We thank you Gurudeva for your compassion, patience, understanding, practical guidance in our bhakti yoga endeavours, for making time for us to have darshan despite your very busy schedule, and for being a fatherly figure in our lives. The last year has been sweet while challenging as we both took initiation. The road has not been easy but Gurudeva has been with us every step of the way. Our Lights have been rekindled by the spark from Gurudeva. Our sincerest gratitude for having ignited this flame.

We love the way Gurudeva always puts Srila Prabhupada at the centre of everything, and highlights the need for all of us to please Srila Prabhupada. We humbly pray that on this auspicious Vyasa-puja day of Guru Maharaj that we are able to serve Gurudeva by pleasing Srila Prabhupada, because we know that by pleasing Srila Prabhupada, we will be pleasing our dearest Guru Maharaj. We pray that we are able to have darshan of our beloved spiritual master soon.

Your insignificant servants,

Acyuta Kesava Dasa & Anakulya Devi Dasi
Iskcon East London, Eastern Cape
(South Africa)

Adi Ganga Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

At the time of writing, I have been initiated for one week. For the first time in my life, I am beginning to see what it means to be on solid ground. I am now under your shelter and protection. And through you, I am also connected to the entire disciplic succession, the Brahma-Madhva-Gaudiya-Vaishnava Sampradaya, a lineage of venerated and exalted acaryas who have passed down sublime teachings to fallen souls like us, in order to bring us back into our true position as servant of the

servant of the servant (x infinite) of Krishna.

I feel fortunate to have been given the jewel of this opportunity to serve your lotus feet because to me, you embody the grace, the mercy and the sacrifice of previous acaryas. Your expert knowledge distilled in ways that I could understand is what first drew me to you. And since then, I have witnessed your inordinate care. I saw how you gave up your rest to give me your personal time, your darshan. Even when I am far away from you, I feel your benevolence guiding me through rocky terrain. I have seen how you watch over us and look after us all.

Yesterday, I watched a video of you on harinama. Less than one week after initiation, seeing your smiling, blissful face and your rousing melodies in service to Srila Prabhupada's movement, I realised that I want nothing more in this life than to be able to serve you. Directly, without deviation. And with as much devotion my tiny heart can muster. The tears started to flow. Because who am I? Why is it that I think I can be useful to you?

I am fallen Maharaj. I remain on an unstable platform and every day I struggle to get basic sadhana done while being terrorised by relentless waves of material energy, which keep tossing me this way and that. Yet my heart yearns to truly anchor itself, ground itself, in your service. I humbly ask for your blessings so that I can spend what is left of this lifetime focusing on you, serving my godfamily and the devotees, in Srila Prabhupada's extraordinary mission to make the whole world Krishna conscious.

You affect all our lives in ways big and small, in stories expressed and untold, extending and expanding yourself day and night. Never shrinking from the enormity of the task. Offering yourself, your life, your time, your body into unlimited service, over and over again, every second of every minute, every minute of every hour, every hour of every day, every day of every week, every week of every month, every month of every year, year after year after year. It is on the strength of your unparalleled service that I can be delivered from these relentless waves, even as I can do nothing about it except flail around and try not to sink. Truly, I stand on the shoulders of a giant. I am awed by that strength. And your quiet, unassuming splendour.

Please bless me so that I always remain in your service and live out each day thinking how I can please you and putting your teachings into practice.

Always your servant,

Adi Ganga Devi Dasi

Adikarta Das

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Lieber Guru Maharaj,

Nehmen Sie bitte meine, im Staub Ihres Lotusfüßens, achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen an. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrer Heiligkeit. Alle Ehre sei an Sri Gauranga. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrem Guru Maharaj, his holiness Srila Guru Dasa Jayadvaita Swami. Alle Ehre sei an Srila Prabhupada.

Dank Ihrer Grundlosen Barmherzigkeit, der Barmherzigkeit meines echten spirituellen meisters Srila Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami, darf Ich jetzt wieder mal erneut ein paar Zeilen als Offering an Ihnen zu schreiben, denn es tretet die Zeit Ihrer Vyasa-puja ein.

Diese äußerst glückverheißende Begebenheit ist im Grunde weiterhin ein für alle Mal, weitaus nicht nur für uns alle, aber auch für die ganze Allheit, der Feiertag.

Vor allem möchte Ich Ihnen, bei der Gelegenheit meines Offerings, auch heute, doch täglich in meinem jeden Alltag, die beste mögliche Gesundheit wünschen. Das bleibt für uns alle weiterhin eine der größten Wichtigkeiten. Von Ihrer möglichst besten Gesundheit spült sich alles, das so volles Ihrer Gnade, was von Ihnen den Lebewesen zuzurollen kann, eigentlich aus dem Grunde ab, obwohl auf der höchsten transzendentalen Ebene, findet man durch keinen Körper, der aus dem Wesen einer materiellen Welt stammt, keine Beschränkung. Doch was von der ungesundheit so eines Körpers alles, und im Zusammenhang mit Ihrer transzendentalen Persönlichkeit insbesondere, auftreten kann, ist für jedem, der einmal mit Ihrer grundlosen Barmherzigkeit ins Betreffen kommen durfte, kaum erträglich. Sie Sind sich aber des Leiden eines materiellen Körpers, eines materiellen Daseins, was jede Zeit auftreten kann, äußerst bewusst. Aus Ihrer grundlosen Barmherzigkeit nahmen Sie dieses Leiden auf Sich, um damit Sie allmählich als ein Echter spiritueller meister, allem Lebewesen ihren rechten Weg nach Hause zeigen können, und dadurch sie, auf möglichst, am besten alle, auf höchst transzendente Art, retten.

Sie Sind und bleiben ein für alle Mal ein Nektar Ozean der sämtlichen Grundlosen

Barmherzigkeit, die zweifellos von der Krishnas stammt. Als echter Vertreter der Höchsten Persönlichkeit Gottes, machen Sie allem Lebewesen, die das unermessliche Glück mal bekamen, sich in Ihrer Nähe mindestens einmal verhalten zu können, obwohl diese sich es unbedingt immer nicht bewusst sein müssten, die Augen auf.

So können einige, oder auch alle Lebewesen, auf den Bord Ihres transzendentalen Schiff, der durch Ihnen angeführt wird, auf Grund Ihrer höchst transzendentalen Güte, aufgehoben werden, und den Ozean des materiellen Daseins zusammen einfach überqueren.

Mit Dankbarkeit und demütig, möchte Ich stets Ihre Lotusfüße, die Lotusfüße meines spirituellen meisters, Srila Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami, ununterbrochen verehren, und auch daher, unter anderem, neige ich mich vor Ihnen stets erneut, und bringe Ihnen, mit dem herzlichen Glückwunsch insgesamt, meine achtungsvolle Ehrerbietungen dar.

Ihr ewiger Schuldner und unansehnlicher Schüller,
Adikarta Dasa
(Czech)

Adrienn Makaine Patay

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Lieber Guru Maharaj,

Nehmen Sie bitte meine, im Staub Ihres Lotusfüßens, achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen an.

Alle Ehre sei an Ihrer Heiligkeit.

Alle Ehre sei an Sri Gauranga.

Alle Ehre sei an Ihrem Guru Maharaj,

his holiness Srila Guru Dasa Jayadvaita Swami.

Alle Ehre sei an Srila Prabhupada.

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

An diesem günstigen Tag deiner Erscheinung möchte ich dir ein paar Worte meiner Dankbarkeit darbringen.

Wofür bin ich dir dankbar? Für jede Menge. Ich bin dir unendlich dankbar dafür, dass du mich, diese unwissende, gefallene Seele mit so vielen Fehlern und materiellen Wünschen als deine Schülerin akzeptiert hast. Ich habe mir diese Beziehung zu dir so sehr gewünscht und bin jetzt so glücklich, dass die Tür zu dir jetzt offen steht. Es liegt nun nur an mir, ob und wie weit ich durch diese Tür gehe.

Für deine indirekten und direkten Anweisungen bin ich dir ebenfalls sehr dankbar. Im Februar 2018 hast du in Berlin einen Vortrag gegeben, in dem du sagtest: „Viele sagen, dass die Spiritualität Teil ihres Lebens ist. Das ist soweit gut. Aber das ist kein Krishna-Bewusstsein. Krisna-Bewusstsein bedeutet, dass Krishna zum Mittelpunkt, zur wichtigsten Sache unseres Lebens wird. Alles Andere in unserem Leben ist nur dafür da, dass es unsere Beziehung zu Krishna unterstützt. ... Man sollte langsam, nach und nach das Gewicht von seinem materiellen Bein auf sein spirituelles Bein legen.“ Das waren keine persönlichen Anweisungen an mich, dennoch sprachen mich diese Worte an und haben mein Herz erreicht und sich in mein Herz gesetzt.

Ich bin unbeschreiblich dankbar dafür, dass du im vergangenen Jahr in Ljubljana trotz Jetlag und deiner zahlreichen anderweitigen Beschäftigungen meinem Mann und mir deine kostbare Zeit geopfert hast und mir persönliche Anweisungen gegeben hast. Ich versuche denen so gut ich kann zu befolgen und kann nur hoffen, dass ich dich mit meinem service erfreuen kann.

An diesem glückverheißenden Tag deiner Erscheinung in dieser Welt bete ich zu dir, dass du mir deine Gnade geben mögest, dass ich den Schritt nach vorne wirklich wage, das Gewicht von dem materiellen Bein auf das spirituelle Bein zu legen und dass ich keine Angst davor habe, mein Leben uneingeschränkt Krishna zu geben.

Deine aufstrebende Dienerin,

Adrienn Makaine Patay

Alpesh Patel

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

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Maharaj,

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

I listen to your beautiful devotional kirtans every day. The joys, ecstasy and happiness it brings me cannot be quantified. It has really given me a spiritual awakening and the motivation to delve deeper into Krishna Consciousness. Thank you for connecting me with Krishna and your blessings will help make my connection to Krishna become stronger and closer.

Your humble servant,

Alpesh

Ambarish Carana Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

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

You have come in my life to give a meaning to its existence. You are always there, like my father, who picks me up each time I fall. Despite we do not meet, despite we do not physically communicate, still I feel you are watching all my deeds; congratulating me whenever I did something good, and correcting me whenever the deed is wrong. I really feel I cannot hide anything from you, and of course I should not, especially if it is something wrong.

All this makes me understand how much I am fortunate to have you as my spiritual

master, and how much Lord Kṛṣṇa is merciful, to have brought me to you. For sure, without any doubt, Lord Kṛṣṇa as the Paramatma guides us to our spiritual master, I can feel this it is so strong and at the same time, so natural, so obvious.

Thinking of all this, I am sincerely grateful to the Lord and sincerely grateful to you, Maharaj. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for every advantage I am getting in my spiritual life; for every little step I am making towards the Lord; for every successful service I am rendering to the Lord; for everything special mercy I am getting from the Lord, because I know and I am fully convinced, that all this is due to your blessings and your mercy. I wish to thank you also for giving me such a nice and meaningful spiritual name.

I can go on and on with these examples, but I will stop here, with your permission, as I know you need to read from my god brothers and god sisters as well. And I am sure that they have a lot of more interesting things to tell you. Please take care of yourself, you are so important for me.

Your insignificant servant and disciple,

Ambarish Carana Dasa

Amiya Vilasa Dasa & Rasa Sthali Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada. Please accept our humble obeisance onto your lotus feet. On this auspicious day we pray to Lord Krishna for your continued guidance to show us the way to the ultimate goal of life.

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yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi

dhyāyan stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam

vande guroḥ śrī-charaṇāravindam.

"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."(Sri Guruvastakam).

It is only recently that we have understood the full potency of this prayer as we try to follow your instructions on the importance of reading our revered scriptures.

Whenever we get the mercy of your association, we are always awed by your kindness and understanding to the extent that we become supercharged and our progress in bhakti takes another step up.

We pray to the Lord that we keep on receiving your causeless mercy and association, so that we remain ever so supercharged in following your instructions in the years to come and are able to serve you eternally.

We are most fallen, have no qualifications to glorify your divine qualities.
Your insignificant servants,

Amiya Vilasa Das & Rasa Sthali Devi Dasi

Amrtavani Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Only your particular brand of mercy could have possibly transformed my life so much! You came with your music and dance, with your unconditional acceptance, with your kindness and intelligence, and made me a servant of Kṛṣṇa.

You often quote His Holiness Tamal Krishna Gosvami's words, that the Guru gives the disciple a greater vision than the disciple can possibly envision on his own.

Yes, it was always my desire to 'live happily ever after' here, in this world. And you taught me about another world, full of magic and mystery, full of colour and variety, where happiness is ever increasing. You have given me a greater vision that, even in this world, we can be well-wishers of all, and help everyone experience happiness. I pray that I may become selfless enough to share in this ideal according to your desire.

I was listening to a lecture in which you said that, in order to preach, we should have an honest heart that is completely dedicated to Kṛṣṇa. And I immediately thought, 'That's why you are so successful in turning crows into swans.' It is your honest heart, your complete dedication to Kṛṣṇa that has spurred so many, including me, to follow you even though I lack the piety and depth to be a true follower.

This is my prayer this Vyasa-puja – that, with your blessings, I may become a true follower. I have not yet deeply realized my good fortune; I still do not know the real meaning of Guru even after hearing so much about it, even after producing a book on the topic. I pray that, by your mercy, this may manifest in my heart, and I may

become a proper disciple.

The material world is a jungle – so much confusion and bewilderment. All I want is to simply follow you. I would like to remove everything from my life that does not represent you and Srila Prabhupada, so please give me the intelligence to know what these are, and the strength to let it go.

Thank you for being the rain cloud that pours down torrents of mercy in so many ways: your kirtan, your lectures and your books, all of which are infiltrating all corners of the world and changing hearts. Thank you for your tireless presence that always enlivens and enthuses us. Thank you for taking such personal care of me and those close to me. Thank you for giving me Kṛṣṇa and His holy names – the most precious gift!

It is my hope and prayer that Kṛṣṇa keeps you in wonderful health, full of vitality, so that more and more people will be touched by the mercy that you carry.

Your servant,

Amrtavani Devi Dasi

Anita Patel

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I am thankful that by the mercy of Lord Sri Krishna we are blessed to have your teachings, guidance, kirtans and association. Being in your presence always uplifts my sadhana and strengthens my conviction. Your mood in preaching and connecting to devotees who seek shelter from you Maharaj is so merciful. For this I am so grateful, because even to have a moment in your association is a blessing. Your kirtans are ecstatic and once heard I can hear in my mind days and weeks after.

I pray to Srimati Radharani that long may you continue to rescue souls like me, who have been entangled in the material world and delivered to Krishna.

Your humble servant,

Anita

Hare Krishna

Anna Ioanna Patiri

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada and to all the devotees.

It is almost a dream to be able to write these words to you, never could have thought something like that one year ago. I am a "fresh" in Krishna Consciousness and it is not even been a year that you gave me the blessing to accept me as your disciple.

When I first saw you in Italy I did not know who you were, I was not even a devotee yet. But Krishna's arrangements made in a way that I was enchanted by your music, by your voice, the only ones that talk directly to my heart. I had to wait for a year to be able to meet you again, and during that year I had been "running" after your kirtans and lectures, to let my mind know what my heart already knew, that I am yours.

I will always remember one of the very first classes of yours that I listened to, where you started like this: "No one of us has ever actually seen Krishna and if someone tells me that he has I will ask him if he has also seen a good doctor."

But then in another class you taught me which are the real windows to look through, the paintings of Krishna and the spiritual world and not the ones of the constantly changing material world. Showing how to fly high and have roots at the same time.

Time was passing and the feeling of separation that I had with you even if we had not actually ever met, was growing constantly. So much that one of the first things I told you when we met was: "Guru Maharaj, I missed you so much". I actually even miss you now that you are in front of me.

You are teaching me how to detach from the material world remaining grounded down to earth. You are showing me to read the scriptures but also listen to my dreams where I see you and me from now and then. How to follow a strong sadhana

and in the same time be flexible with others. How to continuously do service but also purify the subtle part of me.

I still have a lot to learn about how to serve you and not allow problems that do not exist interfere. Sometimes my mind does some jokes but then I look at you, remember you, what you have done, and what you have been through. And I ask myself:

“How is it possible to have done all these in a lifetime and be still going on?”

I pray to Krishna to keep you healthy and strong, to carry on what you have been doing for all of us. The world needs you. We need you. I need you. After having met you I realised what a spiritual master is - an endless container of love where one can pour all the love that he has into and it is not a problem.

My wish is that every human being has the possibility to get to know Krishna Consciousness and the bliss that Krishna's mercy has given to me and to all of us here. To meet an authentic spiritual master in order to set them free from the false expectations and bonds of the material world. As you once said: “Chanting the maha mantra breaks all bonds, even James Bond.”

Eternally grateful.

Your humble servant,

Anna Ioanna

Antaranga Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

The spiritual master is an immovable force because of being strongly connected with deep roots of Krishna Consciousness to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Dear Maharaj, you are our strength in devotional service and you are our shelter. In moments of hesitation, your words cut through the illusion of our ignorance like a sword sharpened with knowledge of the Absolute Truth and your own personal style of delivering this blow is unique and always loving. I will eternally pray that one day I can truly develop qualities of a servant according to your vision.

Your (trying to be) servant,

Antaranga Dasa

Antardvip Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you, All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja please let me wish you the best health and lot of strength on your amazing mission in the glorious service of your Gurudev and Srila Prabhupada.

It is said that by the mercy of the spiritual master the impossible becomes possible and I am slowly realizing this truth in my own life.

Just a few years ago I absolutely could not imagine leaving home and traveling around the world only with one suitcase and a backpack. "You are so attached to this Prague and to so many things." You told me once and it was true. "Kṛṣṇa will gradually cut it." I replied little embarrassed and you slightly nodded with soft smile.

It is amazing to see how the situation totally changed within next few years and how it clearly happened by your mercy and following your instructions. My life went through few turbulences and it seemed to be very tough and helpless at times when I could not understand why all those bad things were happening to me. I lost practically everything and went through really difficult times. But looking backwards, all that moved me to another stage in my life which I could not imagine in my wildest dreams.

I always wanted to travel and I had also desires deep in my heart to personally serve you, to do harinam every day around the world with Visnu Jana. But it was all just like impossible fantasy.

Soon it will be two years since you asked me "Why you have not been to Africa with me yet?" You took me with you on the exciting journey on your preaching mission around the world. Tolerating me and my imperfect attempts to serve you every day and even teaching me how to take care of your and later my own Giriraj.

And when the right time came I could also join Visnu Jana on his amazing worldwide harinam tour. This would never happen if you did not take me with you and did not help me to leave Prague. Although I had such a desire I could not imagine practically doing that.

The mercy of the spiritual master truly makes impossible become possible. And even when circumstances or his instructions first seem to be unfavorable everything always happens for our ultimate spiritual benefit and growth. And Kṛṣṇa really fulfills all our desires which are beneficial for our spiritual life. That is so amazing.

Dear Guru Maharaj, thank you for all your personal care throughout the years and for everything you have done and still are doing. It is all so special and valuable. I can never thank you enough.

Your servant,
Antardvip Dasa

Anukampana Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru-Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Once again last week seeing you on a harinama in New York in the rain with only a few devotees was an inspirational sight. You always show us the practical example everywhere and in everything and especially in how to take up service to please the vaishnavas. You told in Bromma temple in your visit this year on how could we turn vaishnavas down when they ask us for service. We simply cannot turn them down. I pray that the devotees keep asking me for service so that I just have to do it and in the process gain all their blessings which will mean everything to me! May that be an important aspect of what keeps me going as it has kept you going.

You remind me again and again how valuable is the opportunity to serve Krishna by always taking that opportunity you have. You also give that opportunity to me and I am forever grateful for that. Thank you for your trust and blessings that feel so unconditional. With your guidance there is ever increasing attachment to Krishna and to all that is given to us by Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Anukampana Devi Dasi

Arjuna Dasa

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Lieber Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

da wir uns eine lange Zeit nicht gesehen haben, möchte ich mich hiermit an Dich wenden, um Dir mitzuteilen, dass ich Dich und Krishna nicht vergessen habe. Nach einer längeren Pause mit Bhakti Yoga, chante ich wieder 16 Runden und befolge alle Prinzipien, nur Zigaretten und Kaffee konnte ich leider bis jetzt noch nicht aufgeben. Du bedeutest mir als mein spiritueller meister sehr viel und es tut mir leid, dass ich Dich enttäuscht habe.

Jetzt möchte ich aber auf dem richtigen Weg bleiben. Die Gemeinschaft mit Dir war immer sehr inspirierend und glückseelig. Ich wünsche mir sehr, bei Deinen Lotusfüßen Zuflucht zu finden und hingebungsvollen Dienst zu praktizieren. Mein Wunsch ist es, Dich zufrieden zu stellen und somit auch Lord Krishna.

Bitte lass mich dein Diener werden

Dein Schüler,

Arjuna Dasa

Arundhati Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I am very grateful that you travel around the world with such an empowerment to rescue all the fallen souls. You are like an ocean of mercy! You are so well learned and inspire me, especially by your very ecstatic bhajans and kirtans. Being connected to you means everything to me however since I became a mother following the regular sadhana and travelling to see you has become more difficult. But in my heart I wish to always support your preaching and see you personally from time to time.

Since August 2019 I am fully back in Govinda's service. We had a big financial crises during the spring and the summer. The temple and restaurant was closed due to a financial breakdown. I had to come back early from parental leave, because we could not finance one external employee anymore. Devotees came forward with donations. Then the situation was rescued when Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva and Srimati Subadhara showed Their mercy. We had the biggest Ratha Yatra ever in our time in Gothenburg. There was 150 devotees dancing and chanting and thousands of people in the city centre, because the Swedish sport ladies had won a price and there was a big gathering. Normally on Monday afternoons the city center is very empty in summer. The congregation gave very generous donations and we had a very big feast with Mahavishnu Swami, Parasurama Prabhu and the whole Ratha Yatra crew.

My husband and I have the full responsibility for the restaurant and we are doing mostly all services. We have some volunteers helping a little with dish washing. Our daughter is with us, because we do not want to send her in public kindergarten. It looks like Krishna supports this plan. Vaisnavi is fully growing up in temple and

restaurant atmosphere and can do little services when she likes, like cutting salad, preparing lassi, helping with cooking.

Every festival in Gothenburg we are fully engaged in the service. Istvan is cooking big feasts and usually he is cooking by far too much. After the program devotees come with big containers and get their prasadam for nearly half the week.

I am in charge of children programs. I make regular theaters, children together with the adults. The theater for Gita Jayanti was a special mercy, because I let all the actors, small and grown up alike, learn some slokas. They performed very nicely. The theater for Advaita Arcarya's appearance day was a big challenge because we showed when Lord Caitanya revealed His Universal form, which was a little tricky but came out very wonderfully.

All this services we are doing in Gothenburg is just possible for our small family because of your blessings. Without your mercy it would be impossible to support Lord Caitanya's mission in this way. I am very thankful that you blessed me by taking me as your disciple.

We have decided to leave Sweden this summer, after nearly 9 years, and try to live in Hungary in Krishna Valley. The lifestyle living as a family in the restaurant in the middle of the city is not easy. We have so much responsibilities that we sometimes do not know where our heads are.

Istvan got a job in the Radhe Resort as cook. Vaisnavi can join the Krishna kindergarten and later school. I really wish that I will get more time to go deeper in my spiritual life.

Your disciple,

Arundhati Devi Dasi

Avinash Jaykaran

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna,

Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

My name is Avinash Jaykaran I live in South Africa and I often offer my assistance in kirtan and other services at ISKCON Pitermaritzburg (Sri Sri Dayal Nital Gaura Hari) also I often visit, New Jaganath Puri (Durban, Phoenix) and Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple (Durban, Chatsworth), where I chant and be with the deities.

This is my first time writing an offering to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja I am happy and anxious to get this opportunity. Anxious because I hope my words can sufficiently express my gratitude and appreciation to you, on this auspicious day. Maharaj, ever since I started hearing your kirtans and philosophy of Krishna Consciousness my Krishna Consciousness has become much deeper and better to connect to.

The knowledge that you give out through your expert discourses and the way you present the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness is always clear, tasteful, understandable, insightful, thoughtful and all done in a fun yet serious mood is very helpful and resonate with myself and so many on the path of Krishna Consciousness. I appreciate everything you do. I feel very blessed and thankful to have this chance to write you an offering. I would like to humbly thank you and wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja and may you see many more.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant,
Avinash Jaykaran

Bali Mardan Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Time is going so fast. I am inspired to see you Maharaj engaged in the service of the Lordships. When I am feeling down, I seek the shelter of your words by listening to your class.

I recently met you Maharaj in Soho St Temple in central London. Maharaj you gave an amazing class and kirtan. I am doing three to four harinamas during the week and occasionally undertaking book distribution. Sometimes, Darpan is coming to harinama with me. Also I have been assisting Gurudasa in his programs by driving him to different places. I am reading the Srimad Bhagavatam daily.

I feel very grateful that Maharaj has taken me as his disciple. I will not forget how fortune I am to have you Maharaj in my life. I hope to see you again when you are in the United Kingdom

Your servant,

Bali Mardan Dasa



KEEPING “GURU – DISCIPLE RELATIONSHIP” FRESH

**SO, ONE HAS TO LOOK AFTER HIS VOWS AND KEEP THEM
VERY FRESH AND KEEP THEM CLOSE TO THE HEART. IF WE
DO LIKE THAT THEN OUR SPIRITUAL MASTER IS ALWAYS
WITH US. HE IS NOT FAR AWAY – ACTUALLY THEN THE
RELATIONSHIP BECOMES VERY POSITIVE. YES, I AM OF
COURSE ALSO A DISCIPLE, AND I AM TRYING TO DO THE
SAME THING. I’M TRYING TO KEEP THAT RELATIONSHIP
VERY FRESH.**

Balarama Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Last year had gone, but I am still here. I am really happy that I can say it. It is due to your mercy. Thank you for your support, which you provided me through emails, through all past year.

I will distribute prasadam as long as possible. Even at cost of much troubles connected with this service.

Hare Krishna.

Your disciple,

Balarama Dasa

Bhakta Shyam Krishna Dasa

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Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this special day of your Vyasa-puja, I sincerely pray to Krishna to keep you in good health. To help you in preaching and spreading Krishna Consciousness around the world. I wish you a very happy birthday.

Your aspiring disciple,

Bhakta Shyam Krishna Dasa

(Mauritius)

Bhargava Dasa, Shobamayi Devi Dasi & Tharisha papa

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Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Our humble pranams at your lotus feet. We are so blessed in this lifetime to get

your association. Thank you for everything you do. You put your heart and soul in everything you do and it touches our lives immensely, purifying us at every step.

The spring in your step, the warmth of your approach, the welcoming smile, deep revelations and steadfastness, encourages us to deepen our Krishna Consciousness. With every word and every kirtan you draw us closer and closer to the Supreme Lord Krishna, making us soar for evermore like water in the desert. Hankering for every drop of nectar. What would our lives be without your association? Thank you for everything you give to us, to the world, to your Guru Maharaj, to Srila Prabhupada and the Lord.

With tears in our eyes and love in our hearts, we humbly bow down at your lotus feet, ever seeking your divine guidance and blessings in our devotional service.

May the Lord always keep you well and safe.

Your insignificant servants,

Bhargava Dasa, Shobamayi Devi Dasi

& Tharisha papa

Bianka Schmidt

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Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this auspicious day,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This is the first offering that I am writing to you, and while there are so many things that I could say, it is a real challenge to find the perfect words. It so difficult to describe your unlimited glories. Nevertheless, I shall try.

When I first saw you last year at King's Day festival, I knew right away that you are my spiritual master. Your energy and enthusiasm instantly got me in ecstasy, I have never experienced before. I got goosebumps and tears came to my eyes. At the

same time, being in your association was a very comfortable and calm feeling. I felt that I have found the missing puzzle from my life. I was hopelessly and aimlessly wandering in the material world, but when I met you, I realised you are the shelter I have been looking for all this time. I am most fortunate that I have found you Guru Maharaj. You have given me guidance, hope and purpose.

Your fantastic, energetic kirtans are indescribably amazing. They give me strength and inspiration on difficult days, they bring me joy and cleans my heart from the dust of material existence. I listen to them all the time, and I cannot thank you enough for these melodies and the help that you provide me though chanting the holy name.

Your love of Sri Krishna and Srila Prabhupada is so deep and exemplary. My limited understanding cannot comprehend how you are able to do your wonderful service to Them. It is obvious to me, that no ordinary person could ever do this. You travel the world to spread Krishna Consciousness to us, lost and fallen souls, and this is a true sign of real compassion. I admire your strength, your deep faith and your attentiveness to your disciples. You are so personal with everyone, which shows that your kindness knows no limits.

Guru Maharaj, as a perfect spiritual master, you inspire me to do my sadhana better. I hope to do something that will please you, but I have absolutely no qualification, except my desperate desire to satisfy you. My offering to you is that I promise that I will try everything to always remain determined in Krishna Consciousness.

I feel very fortunate to be under the shelter of your lotus feet, and with your guidance and empowerment, I hope I can succeed. I try to take your words and put them in my heart as the goal of my life and my main object of meditation. I pray to always be able to serve you and Srila Prabhupada.

Thank You for being part of my life. All glories to you on your divine appearance day

Your servant,
Bianka Schmidt
(From Hungary)

Brendan

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

A man from the Netherlands' may you be,

'Just trying to make sense of it all', you said to me,

Your kirtan can thaw my heart,

the delivery of Krishna Consciousness pierces my ego, thinking I smart,

The humour and stories I will hold,

long after they are personally told,

A place in my heart there will be,

A man from the Netherlands may you be.

Your servant,

Brendan

Candrabhanu Dasa & Indumati Devi Dasi

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Dear spiritual master Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you from a whole heart on this important day, for your hard work and day by day preaching Krishna Consciousness to the conditioned souls. Thank you for visiting Krishna's Court years ago. You gave the beautiful, inspiring lecture, right after you accepted the sanyas. Right away, we knew we wanted to accept you as the spiritual master, even if you were not yet accepting disciples. Thank you for keeping us on our way to Krishna, even though we are so fallen.

Letter to: Mahapurusa

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Los Angeles

12 February, 1968

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“To stick to the principles advised by the Spiritual Master and serve Krishna under the direction of the Spiritual Master is the only hope of our advancing in Krishna Consciousness. The Spiritual Master and Krishna are two parallel lines. You have to make your progress on these two parallel lines, you cannot avoid one in preference of the other. The train, on two tracks, moves forward. The Spiritual Master and Krishna are like these two tracks, they must be served simultaneously. Krishna helps one to find bona fide Spiritual Master, and bona fide Spiritual Master helps one to understand Krishna. If one does not get bona fide Spiritual Master, then how he can ever understand Krishna? You cannot serve Krishna without Spiritual Master, or serve just Spiritual Master without serving Krishna. They must be served simultaneously.”

Your humble servants,

Candrabhanu Dasa & Indumati Devi Dasi

Candrasedkhara Dasa

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Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I wish I could tell you that my spiritual life is smooth sailing and that everything is perfect. I wish I could say that my detachment to this world is decreasing and that my attachment to Krishna and His devotees is increasing.

What I can say though is that I am still trying- trying to choose for Kṛṣṇa. Trying to turn my life around despite the pushings from the material energy. Trying to be what you want me to be. I have accepted that spiritual life is going to be a struggle - a struggle right until the end. I am trying to implement the tools you have given me to lessen the struggle. Thank you for these tools and the annual parikramas. Although I do not always see it, I know these tools are strengthening me.

This year I commit to continue trying to make progress on this path.

Your servant,
Candrasekhara Dasa
Sasolburg, (South Africa)

Citta Hari Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your holiness. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, and all glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Again I am very happy that I may witness one more of your Vyasa-puja celebrations with you. The last time I met you I asked you for advice on my ashrama. Jokingly you asked me if I wanted to accept sannyas. Eventually you said if I want to be a brahmācāri I should wait another year and then we will talk again. Funnily in the meantime I got to know a girl through the grace of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His devotees. She is a disciple of His Holiness Radhanath Swami and determined in devotional service. So the question of my ashrama has been resolved for now. My most important goal is to be a real disciple of yours. I sincerely want to serve the mission of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu as well as to serve Srila Prabhupada and you and all the vaishnavas, while I fully devote myself to the purification process of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Fortunately, there are endless opportunities for devotional service. I am still working on my time management and the balance of health, sadhana and service. And once again I write this offering at the last possible day in the evening as often before.

I hope and pray with all my heart that one day I will be able to offer you really valuable service that will benefit you in your mission and that will adequately appreciate your actions in this world.

I remain, deeply grateful.
Your servant,

Citta Hari Dasa

Dahani Devi Dasi

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My Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Ever-merciful,

thoughtful,

patient and sacred.

Magnanimous,

compassionate,

immersing yourself fully.

Exemplary,

soft-hearted towards us

yet strict with yourself and the Mission's course.

Let me always remain

in the circle of our God family

and in that way close to your lotus feet.

If not to contribute, then just to witness

the Golden age you are all making happen.

Thank you for the mercy

of Their Lordships, Caitanya and Nityanada,

that you so selflessly distribute wherever you go.

Your insignificant servant,

Dahani Devi Dasi

Darpan Gohil

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance's and All glories to you, All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami, All glories to his divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

I remember a few years ago you said during your Vyasa-puja that one should not give flexibility to japa and I did not take it seriously because I did not realise the impact of this statement. However, this statement came again in a similar manner from His Grace Aindra Prabhu who said:

“Devotees who do not chant their rounds but are good kirtaniers are just Entertainers.”

Then I realised that my kirtan has no meaning without my fixed and focused japa of 16 rounds. When I set this into practice, my sadhana became strong and resulting in my preaching activities to become more meaningful. All I had to do was follow your instructions with endeavor, sincerity and the rest will be taken care of.

I even experienced this on a practical level. One day Gurudasa picked upon my japa and noticed my pronunciation was not quite correct. After that, I sat with him for almost 5 hours chanting japa with good pronunciation and good focus. But I did not like the experience of somebody correcting me.

The interesting part was that I had a dream at the end of the night. The dream was a courtroom scene, the judge was Krishna, the jury members was the Guru Parampara, I was the defendant and you were my lawyer. On the opposing bench was maya accusing me that everything that I did was not up to standards. But you as my lawyer defended me by saying to the judge that I could do better and that you will personally oversee it and take care of my rehabilitation then the judge and the jury were in an agreement to your solution and granted me bail. If it had not been for you, my dear Guru Maharaj, I would have been thrown in jail.

Only now I can comprehend whatever you do is the best for the disciple, and I am very grateful to you and my god brothers for every time they have corrected me.

Thank you for guiding me to become a better devotee. I apologies for all the mistakes I have committed. I will continue to endeavour to please you with all my heart.

Your servant,

Darpan

Devakinandana Rampaul

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Although your schedule around the world is really tight, still you give your time to this little island like Mauritius. You always refer this little island as the Kirtan Island.

Once Srila Prabhupada has predicted that Mauritius will become the first Krishna conscious country in the whole world and you are fulfilling this prediction, by you coming to Mauritius along with your wonderful kirtan and lectures. Moreover you always encourage the youth to take up this Krishna Consciousness seriously as they are the future representatives of Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I wish you a happy Krishna conscious birthday and I pray to Krishna that you will live a long and healthy life and always grace this Kirtan Island by your presence. Oh Gurudeva I beg you to give me your mercy so that I may become an instrument in ISKCON.

Your most fallen of the fallen servant,

Devakinandana
(Mauritius)

Dhirasanta Dasa

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Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I was initiated recently, but starting from that point I could really speak of some genuine spiritual life. A lot of possibilities for serving the mission of Srila Prabhupada are coming to my path and more responsibilities and more empowerment is there.

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What am I thinking about when I am writing this offering? You told us that the strong should help the weak and I am feeling that by the mercy of the Supreme Lord I find myself on the strong side. But only by your mercy it can be possible to stay strong. The only strength that is there is the attachment to your lotus feet. Mahajano-yena-gata sa panthah. And I do not feel myself being strong, rather the opposite, but everyone is waiting miracles done by me. My deep realization is that all is done by your blessing and me being weak can become my main strength if I would always remember of taking the shelter within your instructions.

Every time I am getting inspired by the depth of your heart, heart of the real vaishnava. Let there be always a place for new sincere souls that want to get home, and let us, your disciples, stay strong to take care of those newcomers. Let me be more willing for serving you and let you be happy with our attempts to satisfy you by spreading Srila Prabhupada's movement to more and more places.

Sri harinama sankirtana jagna ki Jay.

Your insignificant servant,

Dhirasanta Dasa

Disha Simhadri

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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to thank you for inspiring me to

do book distribution in Mauritius. I got the opportunity to serve you since two years at Mataji Sakhi Vrinda's place.

Since I have met you Gurudeva, I have found a new hope in my life. I have learnt how attentive chanting, reading and hearing helps to detach with material desires. It has been two years since I am distributing books under the guidance of Prabhu Tamal Krishna Das aand Mataji Nilamani. I remember during our skype talk at Mataji Sakhi Vrinda's place, when one of your disciple had asked us about the figures of marathon then you had said "That is a joke in Mauritius". Taking this as an instruction I started to distribute books every Sunday. Because earlier I used to distribute books only once a month or when there were festivals.

Though we get your darshan once in a year but through your lectures and dreams, I get to learn many things and I feel your presence. You are also here to help me. In most of your lectures, you always says that the spiritual master is the representative of God. He is our best friend and we must be honest and truthful towards the Guru. So I want to dedicate my life in your service.

Guru Maharaj, though I am a fallen soul, please bless me so that I can please you, Srila Prabhupada and Krishna and that I can also be engaged in distributing Prabhupada's books.

Your fallen servant,

Disha
(Mauritius)

Doyal Govinda Dasa

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Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I am really looking forward to this auspicious opportunity writing an offering to you as the annual observance of Vyasa-puja marks the beginning of worship of the guru throughout the year.

During the last few months I have gratefully made an experience on how important this guiding principle is, following it every day. If I remember you, the mercy flows, which shows that you are the most merciful person in my life. As it is stated that things become very easy which apparently seem very difficult, if one remembers Lord Caitanya, and things which look very easy become extremely difficult if one does not remember Lord Caitanya, all the obstacles in my daily life can be overcome, if I constantly remember you and praying for your help. These are not only flattering words but I have made this experience over and over again. I was thinking of Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda and even Srila Prabhupada, but the solution or guidance started to flow as I was taking shelter with you.

In this sense I am furthermore indebted to you and pray to you that I can become your disciple you wish me to become. As you stated in: Words of a public hermit page 86, I like to adjust to your desires because I like to do what you want me to do. My bag is packed quickly if you want me to go traveling, on the other hand Heidelberg is developing nicely as the community grows steadily and lots of enthusiasm is there, for harinamas, Sunday feasts and serving the devotees. So whatever it may be you like me to do, may I utter one request, "Please let me do something very nice for you, Lord Nityananda and Lord Caitanya." Please help me that I can fully surrender and give myself.

You are my father, my friend and my only wealth, so I pray that I can follow in your foot steps and fulfill your advice given on page 45 Words of a public hermit that we

have to become rain clouds to save the people from this blazing fire. You are the one who saves me from the fire and I wish to follow your order to save others. I like to go out on sankirtana with books, I like to do some bhajans, serving in whatever capacity I am supposed to do, but please pray that I can remove some shackles of material energy around me.

I feel very grateful that you are the captain on my ship and on the ship of all my god sisters and God brother because you bring us to the island where we can find one treasure; the intense desire to reach pure Krishna Consciousness (bhajana rahasya) or prayojana - the necessity to develop pure love of Godhead.

Thank you so much for being so magnanimous, caring, guiding, loving, inspiring, self-controlled, strict, merciful, sarvopakaraka, friendly.

Your servant,

Doyal Govinda Dasa

Dr Franka Engel

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my best wishes for your health and your great service for the spreading of Krishna Consciousness.

You said in one lecture: "Everything good comes from bhakti."

There are sometimes hardships on this path. But then I read "Prabhupada Lilamrita," through which difficulties Srila Prabhupada had gone alone, what he tried, to fulfill the wish of his spiritual master. And how hard you work, dear Maharaj, always engaged in loving pure devotional service.

You said last year during a Vyasa-puja lecture, that it is your wish, that your disciples become Prabhupada men and women.

I hope, by your mercy and the mercy of the vaishnavas, I can make a little insignificant contribution to connect some people at my place with Prabhupada and his books, especially the "Bhagavad-gita".

The scriptures and your books like, "Words Of a Public Hermit," and "Devotional Service," give me daily guidance, which I would not miss anymore. I am very grateful, that you connect us disciples with the mercy of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I see it in my own spiritual life, how totally I am dependent on this mercy.

In little steps a transformation of my consciousness is developing, which, hopefully, will drive away all the selfish personal materialistic desires and demoniac tendencies from my heart. That I am able, to serve you in such a way, that you and the vaishnavas are pleased.

Your servant of the servant,

Dr Franka Engels

(Germany)

Elisha Patel

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Today on this special time of your appearance day I am reminded of your association and how valuable it is to me. You took some time to talk to me whenever you visit England (the country where it is grey and raining most of the time) which I thought was very nice of you considering that I am not your disciple. I am very appreciative about you taking the time to talk to us all. You are very much down to earth and very approachable to us all.

I feel blessed to be given the opportunity to do some devotional service for you. With your blessings I hope to continue to carry out this devotional service for you even when I am at University, since I very much enjoy doing it.

I hope to see you again soon.

Your servant,

Elisha Patel

Gaura Narayana Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

Throughout the whole year I run around like a headless chicken, but during this time of the year, on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, I feel that no I am not headless, I do have a Master.

Thank you for giving sense to my senseless life.

I was recently reading the Brhad Bhagvatam and I was contemplating on the journey of the Gopa Kumar. Whilst I was wondering what Gopa Kumar did to achieve this inconceivable feat, I then came across this verse when Gopa Kumar met with Lord Shiva :

atrapī bhagavantam yad
drstavān asi tadrsam
sad-guroh krpaya kṛṣṇa-
didṛkṣa-bhara-karitam

Lord Shiva explains how Gopa Kumar has managed to see Krishna only by the Mercy of the Spiritual master, even in the impersonal abode Mahakala Pura.

After reading the above verse I realized that I had skimmed through the verses at the beginning of the chapter when Gopa Kumar met his spiritual master. His spiritual master taught him various rules of worship and meditation on mantra but then he said something amazing, he said “Because you are very dear to me, I have now given you everything I possess. By the power of this mantra, you will understand and attain everything on your own.”

I thought this is hope-giving because for sure you are my Suhr̥t-srestha, the best possible friend and you are my ever well-wisher, your causeless mercy is always there. It is just that this disciple of yours is a bit slow in grabbing the mercy.

I pray to the lotus feet of Krishna Balarama that They allow me to serve you with all sincerity because even an attempt to service your lotus feet would be the success of this headless chicken.

Thank you for everything

Your eternal servant

Gaura Narayana Das

Gita Gamyā Devī Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you Maharaj, for bringing me to the lotus feet of some of the most saintly beings to grace this planet, including yourself. Thank you for this.

Thank you for making me want Krishna Consciousness so much. I am not there. I am at a point right now where I am struggling to deal with and accept myself, and coming very short. So for all these shortcomings and offenses, I am really sorry.

But I have so much to look forward to, learning how to find presence and appreciation in. I so look forward to meeting so many more vaisnavas, to hearing the holy name for so much more time and in so many different ways, being able to appreciate it. For how much more I will be able to come to understand and love and think about Krishna and know him more. For how much more I am learning to be and bring out the best qualities in the association of vaisnavas and appreciate them, and have incredible, memorable moments with them, and be able to serve them sincerely and please you.

You are the most merciful and also quite strange. You are certainly making the word tolerant look insignificant. You are always with me, you are all pervasive. When I am drifting into the dark woods of my mind and maya, your voice somehow comes wafting in and wraps my being in a protective coat of eternity and lightness. It is mercy.

You are the miracle in my life. You are still so far also, and by my own shortcomings. I am also desperate to catch up to your capacity for love and devotion, to you and to Srila Prabhupada. To serve from the heart so willingly, sincerely, ablaze with love, yet I never will and so I can only appreciate it. Really appreciate my fortune to know

you. You are always there in my heart.

You are completely out of this world. Your depth and moods are the most tangible and beautifully living, present experiences I have ever witnessed. You have a compassion that is so unmatched, a loving vision which pierces the heart, and helps me to begin to understand that the compassion of a pure devotee is just not conceivable by any regular being. It is not to be overlooked or taken for granted for a second. I cannot take you for granted.

Although everyone is their unique and special self, somehow you have given me a deeper sense of hope in the pure goodness of humankind which is so very rare to see these days. I am mostly at a loss for words and short of love.

So I just pray for now that Krishna takes the greatest care of you, that you may be able to give more to the vaishnavs, and I may follow sincerely with my heart and soul and actually become pleasing. That my words may become actions.

Please accept me as your insignificant servant,
Gita Ganya Devi Dasi

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Gurudeva,

I am writing my Vyasa-puja offering to you on the appearance day of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura and I am absorbed in his teachings. One of his quotes struck my heart! It immediately changed my prospective of meditation unto you, for he reminded me so much of you.

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"If we take shelter of the lotus feet of the spiritual master, we can become free from illusion, fear and distress. If we wholeheartedly take shelter of Him, all auspiciousness will be showered upon us." (Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura).

Yes, you are empowered to make us feel free from fear and distress, to shower all auspiciousness upon us. To develop love for Krishna and to go back to Him. You have empowered me to lead ISKCON Amsterdam for approximately four years as Temple President till September last year. Thereafter, the younger generation took over, which I feel to be natural. I am a vanaprastha so it is good to make space for and empower the new generation. When I however came to the point that I had no service anymore and get fear to dry up spiritually, I received your Whatsapp message "Take contact with Guru Gauranga das prabhu. He is organizing the first ISKCON Law Conference and it would be nice if you visit this Conference." Naturally I followed your instruction and went to Gainesville, Florida. It was amazing, I met ISKCON lawyers and attorneys from all over the world.

Lots of service is waiting for us, the members of this newborn ISKCON Law Department. So Krishna brought new wonderful service on my path, thanks to you! Talking about new service, also in Brooklyn Temple in New York Sri Sri Radha Govinda allowed me to assist the devotees over there and to have steady service as well as pujari, New York dream. Last but not least you triggered my creativity and so I started my own Bhakti Yoga Center in Almere, 18 min from Amsterdam.

Gurudeva, I am so much indebted to you. You took away all my distress. Distress because of my fear of being bereft of service. For what is a life without service?

Often in your lectures, emphasis that the devotees are Prabhupada men. To be honest, you are Prabhupada's superman. The most 4 prominent ISKCON centers from all over the world are No. 1 Vrindavan, No. 2 Mayapur, No. 3 Bombay and No. 4 New York. I do not know about your activities in Bombay but as far as concerning the other 3 centers it is well known that you had/still have leading managerial positions in Vrindavan, Mayapur and New York as well. You started your spiritual life in Vrindavan Dham. Thereafter Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Prabhupada called, or caught you to take charge of the construction of Srila Prabhupada's Samadhi. Also later in Mayapur you wrote the amazing Master plan regarding the Development of Mayapur in future. In Vrindavan, Radha Shyamasundar and Krishna Balarama entrusted you the role of Temple President, and that is quite something. Quote from Srila Prabhupada "Mayapur and Vrindavan are places of spiritual inspiration for all devotees of ISKCON. They are the best places in the world to come and chant Hare Krishna and prepare for going back home, back to Godhead".

Srila Prabhupada mentions Vrindavan and Mayapur to be the best places in the whole world to prepare to go back to Krishna. What pious activities you must have performed in previous lives that Krishna entrusted your leadership in these places in particular. It underlines that you are not from this platform, although you consider yourself as an insignificant sannyasi. Last but not least, at this moment you are managing the reconstruction/re-development of Brooklyn Temple in New York. It is a crazy job, extremely responsible and still you accepted to take the lead in this project. Not bothering about your health and age. Jayadvaita Maharaja instructed you, Prabhupada, Krishna is calling again. And I saw you acting as a manager in New York: court cases, fundraising, producing a Master plan for New York's future, including the implementation part. What a big Krishna adventure, it looks like Mission Impossible, but Prabhupada has lots of faith in his superman. That is why at the age of 66 years, you got this project to make you dance as a puppet in his hand. You are the right person, the right manager, with the right qualities. Srila Prabhupada knew and he entrusted you Brooklyn, New York, the center of ISKCON worldwide, to fulfill his mission in the place where he started ISKCON, where the first ISKCON sannyasis were born, where he felt home.

How fortunate I feel and how fortunate all of us are having you as our Gurudeva. Your patience, inspiration, dedication, your love for Prabhupada and Krishna is beyond understanding. Thank you so much for guiding us in coming closer and closer to Krishna and thus enable us to go back to Godhead.

Your indebted servant,

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi



OUR EVERYTHING

BEHIND THE VOWS IS THE SPIRITUAL MASTER, WHO PLAYS A BIG PART, BECAUSE IN THAT RELATIONSHIP WE CAN FIND LOVE, WE CAN FIND STRENGTH, WE CAN FIND INSPIRATION...WE CAN FIND SO MUCH, IF WE INVEST IN IT! SO WE MUST INVEST IN IT AND BE GRATEFUL IN WHATEVER WE GET IN RETURN. WHEN ONE IS RELATING TO A SPIRITUAL MASTER, ONE HAS TO INVEST IN THE RELATIONSHIP AS MUCH AS ONE CAN AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MAY COME IN RETURN.

Gita Lalasa Dasi

Happy Appearance Day dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Every year I am lost for words on how to not only express my gratitude but also to glorify you. So I repeat the words of the great acharyas:

dina hina patita pamara nahi bache
brahmar durlabha prema sabakare jace

“Lord Nityananda freely offered this exalted prema, which is difficult for Lord Brahma to attain, even to the fallen wretched souls who did not desire it.” (Locana Das Thakura).

Thank you for being an agent of Lord Nityananda in my life and at every moment freely giving me an opportunity to reconnect to and love Krishna. The fun and engaging harinam in Amsterdam, where despite the cold, rainy day, you came out and stayed out to lead by example on how we can be instruments in Lord Nityananda's service.

The beautiful kirtan you lead under the stars at University of Queensland, where you introduced 50 students to the chanting of the holy names, and later connecting with them through your humour and easy going personality. The glorious kartik parikrama, especially the 3 days in Jaipur, giving us the knowledge and equipping us with prayers so we could connect to the three deities of Radha Madan Mohan, Radha Govinda and Radha Gopinath. Also for literally fighting the bus demon, or the anarthas in my heart stopping me from getting there.

The time you take out to talk to me, to guide me, to humour me, to break my false ego, to chastise me, to encourage me and most of all for allowing me to serve you in my limited capacity and knowledge.

Your mercy saves me every single day from falling back into the old patterns and traps of the material world, all I have to do is connect to you in the many ways you have taught me how. Please bless me that I can realise within my heart all that you have taught and shared with me.

Thank you for being a transparent medium of Lord Nityananda's mercy in my life. It is only through your mercy I exist and serve Krishna.

Yours in service
Gita Lalasa Dasi

Godruma Dasa

My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami (Guru Maharaj),

Today, the appearance day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura Maharaja, gives very good impetus to commemorate your glories as well. As he was sometimes extremely intimidating, even to the extent of being terrifying to many of his contemporaries, so are you - at least to me. But neither Bhakti Siddhanta nor you want anyone to feel like this. It seems to be a side effect of being truly unimpressed by mundane achievements. Not only this but also everything which keeps us here, especially our attachment for ignorance and cheating. You both want the real thing. You want us to be really happy. You do not buy into any form of duplicity, how subtle it may be.

In fact, you even see things in me which I would try to hide if I had been aware of them myself, and this is the scariest thing. It is no use hiding anything from you, although I am so used to having this option. My life consists basically out of this option: To hide in ignorance and cheat others about my true self. And you know all this. You could ridicule me to the extent no one else could. You could harm me in a way no one else could. Because of your complete knowledge.

I know, with the little bit of brain I still have, that you are in this position only because you would never misuse this power. My main task seems to realize this with my heart, so that you can tell me anything and I would not be angry with you. You should be able to chastise me and know that I happily accept it as your greatest gift. You should be able to use me like a tool to serve your Guru Maharaj. You do not deserve anything less than this. You offer me the gift of your wisdom, and the price is my confidence and sincerity in action.

This is another glory of yours, that although you haven't received so much from me yet, you still continue to be my well-wisher - this makes me feel very grateful. Of course, like a swan is able to separate milk from water so you are able to see my spiritual spark and fan it. That explains your willingness to oversee my shortcomings, your clear vision of what lies ahead if I continue to follow you: Perfection and unlimited bliss.

As Bhakti Siddhanta was placed on the platform of Supreme Truth and surrendered completely to it, so are you. This is so impressive. Like the famous 'lion guru' you are always ready to fight, fight the darkness. Somehow you can give the heaviest lectures in the mood of an angel. No one can be offended with you because your charm wins us over. You are always very kind because you speak from the position

of purity. "Purity is the force" as our Prabhupada said. And you handle this force with such ease and gentleness that it is impossible not to bow down to you.

You once told me that your Giriraja took over your life and makes all the arrangements. I could sense that you would tell me more about it if I would be more qualified. You made me understand that He and His activities are completely true to you. It is not someone you merely believe in, instead you realized His importance. And you know already that there never will be anyone who is able to debunk that.

Last year I prayed to soon come to the understanding of what it means to be your worthy disciple and at the same time your friend. Then, in the course of the last year I found out that first I have to become your faithful patient. Just like a doctor can only help his patient if he is willing to accept and apply his expert advice, so I also have to work on my trust in you and accept that you and your advice will never cause me unnecessary pain.

You give so many shining examples through your own behavior that help me to make my life perfect. Thank you very much for this. Thank you very much for blessing me with the right service and environment so that I can continue growing into these big shoes you already gave me, called:

Godruma Dasa

- at your service

Gopali Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

One day you came and I knew you were the one.

You were the rain, you were the sun.

But I needed both, cause I needed you.

You were the one, I was searching all my life.

When it is dark, you are my light.

You will always be my beloved spiritual guide.

I am walking like a blind man through the jungle of life. My eyes are covered and I cannot distinguish where to go, what is right and what is wrong. So many wrong steps, so many slips. Always bewildered by the illusion of happiness. Hoping - now I will find it, if I do this, I will get it. But it slips away and ends up in disappointment.

Even though my heart cries for Krishna and spiritual life, my mind gets constantly distracted by the allurements that the jungle of life offers. So poor is my condition. Still, day after day, I chant my rounds, read Bhagavatam and try to be a better devotee again and again. Why am I doing it? I am doing it because I have faith in you. Krishna seems to be so far away. Always acting, hiding, not showing Himself. Or maybe just my eyes are so dirty and covered, but you are here. Shining even through the nescience covering my eyes. How you gave up everything, how you dedicated your whole being, the depth of your life experience, the softness and kindness you show to people, your maturity, how you are surrendering your life to serving Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. I wish to be like you. Fully determined and dedicated to Krishna. There is one thing I never want to lose. Service to you.

Please keep me engaged in your service. Please keep me engaged in your service.

Continue to be so kind and merciful and grant this unworthy creature service to your lotus feet. Constantly, uninterruptedly, eternally. Please continue to overlook all the shortcomings and never send me away.

Your eternal servant,

Gopali Devi Dasi

Guntis Lan

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I trust this meets you all well in your auspicious appearance day. You are very sweet and special person, a guide, a friend and spiritual father to so many, a source of love and inspiration, great example of service and dedication. Gentle, kind, full of compassion.

When you glorify the holy names it feels like a big family of devotees marching on the way back home back to Godhead. With sun that shines warm and bright. Blue sky without clouds. Everyone on that path is joyous and their hearts overflowing with transcendental happiness. Some people are jumping up and down other's spinning around other's holding arms swing by in the ecstatic waves of transcendental holy names. The road is from holy sand of Vrindavan. On the sides of the road are beautiful trees full with beautiful birds singing along with everyone else. Flowers so generously sharing their fragrances and offering to pilgrims returning home. It is a transcendental harinamas, it is sankirtana and it is a most beautiful path directly back home in company of true eternal Friends. When you are glorifying the holy names this vision is always in the heart. And I have not seen anything like that anywhere in this game.

This vision is the only real thing I have. Only true experience that I pray to be a part of. To go home in company of eternal family under ecstatic transcendental sound of the holy names. I'm deeply Grateful to you for your response, for your care, for everything that you give and are.

Kindly bless me to always be able to assist you and your family in the best of my abilities.

Kind Regards in your special day!

Yours sincerely,
Guntis Lan

Gurudasa

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to HH Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Gurudeva, Dearest Kadamba Kanana, Swami

Over years, few moments.... the penny's dropped

Kadamba Kanana Swami, My Guru, My Lord, Bona fide Pure, Spiritual Master!

Then most times maya covering, just mundane vision

Me the ungrateful shallow shadow trying some version of bhakti

Familiar, bowing head daily doing ritual

Got enough inspiration from Gurudeva to plod along serving the sankirtan mission
till I die

Thats the least I can do, live in the math, serve in the math, die in the math, my usual
babble

So far had been giving half baked version of dedication

Things are about to change, the divine week came:

February 2020 the Guru came to UK

Gurumaharaja gave me attention

I got the smiles, I got the looks

Got the jokes, got the instructions, the encouragements

And then the turn around, the real turn around

I'm hoping it's start of the real turn around

Basically My Spiritual Master blasted me, simple
Maybe he was on only 3% blast power toward me
But I felt it, I sure did, the chastisement, I got smashed
He exposed my ugly dark heart, Pure and Bright is my Guru
He span my consciousness away from unhealthy familiarity to the devotees
He showed me “get your self together, you are better than this”
He showed me his love by the His transcendental angry face
He chastised me in a way I was fully satisfied
All the nonsense I think I got away with got blasted with that chastisement
I needed that, I’m in ecstasy, My real well wisher
Your soft touch is glorious but your penetrating sword work as a powerful Sadhu:
even more glorious
The transcendental blade cut deep, cut the diseased infection and given a new life
Fortunate am I to be the disciple of Kadamba Kanana Swami
I forever shout out to the world
Thousands and Millions of obeisances at your Lotus feet, where I am safe, drowned
in ecstasy
My heart cries Never again Gurudeva will I let you down
My heart begs Never again Gurudeva that I make such slow advancement
My heart cries I love you dear Spiritual Master
My heart still although shallow is trying to swim deep forever now
Deep down at your precious Lotus feet
Only can a pure devotee have this effect on someone
Only a wonderful transparent via medium of God can have people dancing for
hours singing Krishna’s names and immersed
Only an empowered being could be so loved by genuine devotees
Only a Saint can attract people of every background

Only a true spiritual master can deliver his disciples

My Gurumaharaja ji Jaya!

Dear pure empowered Vicelord

Do not give up on me yet

I beg for blessings

For now I have at least a little glimpse of the reality

Of this Divine relationship between you the Glorious Spiritual Master and the heavily conditioned soul aspiring to be your disciple

Thank you Maharaja again and again and again

Eternally indebted. Your servant gurudasa

Hamsa Avatar Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

"The supreme spiritual master is Kṛṣṇa, who is therefore known as caitya-guru. This refers to the Supersoul, who is sitting in everyone's heart. He helps from within as stated in Bhagavad-gītā, and He sends the spiritual master, who helps from without. The spiritual master is the external manifestation of the caitya-guru, or the spiritual master sitting in everyone's heart." (SB, 4.8.44 purport).

Recently I read a very nice Vyasa-puja offering of His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami which he wrote in 1987. He was imagining himself in his next birth. He said:

"Here we are Srila Prabhupada, enjoying like anything in the heavenly planets. Every

day another associate from ISKCON join us, and I am beginning to wonder who those rare few were who went directly to the spiritual kingdoms. Most of us have wonderful empires. We have beautiful bodies that have tremendous longevity. We're surrounded by luxuries, extremely potent intoxicants, and gorgeous damsels. We are all, however, suffering tremendously, as we are slaves to all these opulences. I remember you so often stressing that we are not the body. I, however, found myself many times thinking, 'Why does he repeat this so much?' I remember you attacking the impersonalists with tumultuous vigor, but I could not at that time appreciate the significance of these attacks. In those days I thought that you were speaking mainly to the non-devotees, and I did not realize these instructions were for us. But due to our lack of becoming more internally connected with you, we are mostly now prisoners of the heavenly dungeons - our devotion could take us only this far."

Thank you, dear Guru Maharaj, that by your personal example, you teach us what is our real goal of life, what is bhaktir-uttama. By your dealings with us, by your teachings and of course by your kirtans, you elevate us from that bodily platform and impersonalism. You literally drag us back to Godhead from these material dungeons.

I try to distribute books once or twice a week for about one or two hours. I do not distribute many but I do it for my own purification. One time I was distributing about two hours, I sold some books but mostly people that day were infected by the disease called, 'no time, no way!' Then when I was going to tram station - home, I suddenly realized, when I looked around, how artificial is that modern culture. People are driving in plastic and metal vehicles, which makes just noise and bad smell. Everybody is nervously rushing somewhere. I was remembering Vrindavan as Srila Prabhupada describes in his books. How peaceful and natural the spiritual world is, where all are happy there serving Sri Krishna and His devotees. This way for a little moment by the mercy of sankirtana I got that vision. That evening my wife needed to play one of your lecture, from which she was very inspired. In that lecture you said, that we are thinking that our/this life is the reality for us and that Vrindavan and the spiritual world we are trying to imagine. But you described that the opposite is the reality. Our life in this world is a dream and the real life is spiritual, and our real home is Vrindavan.

I thank you, that you always stay with us, that you are true manifestation of a original spiritual master, Lord Nityananda. Giving love of God for free to everybody, even to such tiny little soul like me, although I am unfortunately not much internally connected with you.

Your servant,

Hamsa Avatar Dasa

Hari Vilasa Dasa

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śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

In the final chapter of the seventh canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, we find Narada Muni's "Instructions for Civilized Human Beings." He gives a list of remedies that one must follow to become civilized, which includes conquering sleep, by eating little, conquering disturbances by remaining silent, conquering anger, by giving up envy and so forth. Such noble qualities. And that was Prabhupada's goal – to create men of character to push forward God's mission on earth.

I have tried to become civilized, to develop these qualities. But it is difficult. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Who can eat little? Who can give up envy? Who can conquer fear by discussing the truth? With such difficult measures these qualities seem out of reach. But then, at the end of this section, we find this wonderful verse:

*rajas tamaś ca sattvena
sattvaṁ copaśamena ca
etat sarvaṁ gurau bhaktyā
puruṣo hy aśjasā jayet*

"One must conquer the modes of passion and ignorance by developing the mode of goodness, and then one must become detached from the mode of goodness by promoting oneself to the platform of śuddha-sattva. All this can be automatically done if one engages in the service of the spiritual master with faith and devotion. In this way one can conquer the influence of the modes of nature." (SB 7.15.25).

Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport to this verse:

"Just by treating the root cause of an ailment, one can conquer all bodily pains and sufferings. Similarly, if one is devoted and faithful to the spiritual master, he can

conquer the influence of sattva-guna, rajo-guna and tamo-guna very easily... If the spiritual master is favorably inclined, one naturally receives the mercy of the Supreme Lord, and by the mercy of the Supreme Lord one immediately becomes transcendental, conquering all the influences of sattva-guna, rajo-guna and tamo-guna within this material world."

Maharaj, what do I know of becoming civilized? Not much. What do I know of truly surrendering to the spiritual master? Even less. But Maharaj, one thing I can say, is that I have some faith in your service. Even though I cannot fully surrender to it, I know that it is my only hope. I have tried many things before, but nothing has helped. And I can see that the little I have tried to do for you has already transformed me more than I could imagine.

My prayer today is that I may always remain obliged to you and always be grateful for the wonderful life and opportunity you have given me. You are my well-wisher and my dearest friend, and I am eternally grateful for somehow being connected to you.

Your disciple,

Hari Vilasa Dasa

Harish Ramphul (Heman)

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I would like to offer you my utmost appreciation and thanks for being monumentally supportive and inspirational in my Krishna Consciousness. I can certainly say that the strength and encouragement I gain in your association is priceless and cannot be obtained by ordinary means. I am most fortunate to have such association even in my dreams. As far as I have read, the material energy is not known for her mercy. Therefore I have taken the association of the holy name as much as I can through kirtan around East London. With your immense kripa, I am still able to lead Bhakti Vriksha and trying my very best to connect more souls to the mission of Sri Caitanya. Please keep showering specks of your mercy onto me Gurudeva.

As quoted in the 11th Canto of Srimad Bhagavatam: 'The devotees of the Lord, peacefully fixed in absolute knowledge, are the ultimate shelter for those who are repeatedly rising and falling within the fearful ocean of material life. Such devotees are just like a strong boat that comes to rescue persons who are at the point of drowning.' (SB 11.26.32).

Having fully taken shelter of Srila Jayadvaita Swami, Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya, you give us shelter and inspiration in the greatest liberation movement ever to grace this earth. You are a true revolutionary Gurudeva. You inspire an uprising in the hearts of all you meet. May you continue for years to come. I will never be able to repay you for what you have done for me, all I can ask is for you to bless me to be able to help others in their extraction from material existence. And I can offer that to you.

Happy appearance day Gurudeva.

Your servant and servant of the servants,

Heman

Harsarani Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

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

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I bow down at your lotus feet endlessly, and take shelter there eternally. Please allow me to take the dust from your lotus feet and place it upon my head for added protection. Knowingly that the dust from your lotus feet is always submerged in Vrindavan. And it is that very same dust which is emanating directly from Lord Krishna.

On this most auspicious day I am reflecting back on the highlights of those moments in your association in the last twelve months that were very special and sacred. I watched you in amazement, adoration and in awe. It truly was amazing to have witnessed all of this. You never stop giving Krishna Consciousness which is also one of your amazing traits. I am greatly inspired by you. For me you still remain to make Krishna Consciousness very exciting and ever fresh. You are my eternal father, my eternal mother, my spiritual guide, and my mentor.

I am writing this offering on this auspicious day of the appearance day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura. Instead of attending the temple program, I had

a strong desire to do something special in honour of Maharaj's appearance day. So I made a meagre attempt to do book distribution on my own in the freezing cold weather. I was in an area where it was heavily populated with Muslims and immigrants, all for the sake of distributing some of Srila Prabhupada's books.

I find devotional service very addictive and spiritually nourishing. You have often said that we should do something for Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada gave us Krishna and the most valuable gift of Krishna Consciousness. So we must use this gift wisely and appreciate its contents for it can save us from the life of destruction.

Whereas you gave us Lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada, with his books and his teachings on how we can advance in spiritual life, and to always remain focused in our spiritual activities as well as relating everything to Krishna, thus carving our own journey back home back to Godhead.

You are completely detached from the bodily concept. A very pure spiritual being who has the power to transform even the lamest person into an advanced devotee of Krishna. You are very kind, very merciful and always showering us all with your endless blessings.

We all had a very blissful yatra with you last year in Vrindavan and Jaipur. Your behaviour exemplifies the true meaning of a servant of a servant. As always you went out of your way for us all by ensuring that we were all cared for even when one of the buses broke down on the way to Jaipur which you referred to as the demon bus. You waited for us all from the broken bus demon to ensure that each and every one of us had the chance to take darshan of the deities there.

Even in Jaipur you were spoon feeding us with a lot of spiritual knowledge from the previous acaryas. I really liked what you said about Srila Bhakti Vinod Thakura's wisdom on empowerment. Where he related empowerment to developing the qualities of the spiritual world. 'Where one has the quality of blissfulness and full of knowledge.' (Jaipur lecture, November 2019, Kadamba Kanana Swami).

As a representative of Lord Krishna, you are always fanning that spiritual spark within each of us until the spark becomes a blazing fire of non-stoppable devotional service in ecstasy which completely takes over the entire body, mind and soul. At that stage you just stand back and watch us all blossoming in our devotional services with great absorption and taste. You give us that taste which is emanating deep within your heart and it is you who is heavily absorbed in preaching to us all the glories of the holy name and devotional service.

You have purchased Krishna again and again and captured our hearts again and again. You have deep love for Lord Krishna and I can easily see that from the tone of your voice when singing soothing or ecstatically loud kirtans and from your kathas on Krishna which are all very sweet and captivating.

Over the years I feel very fortunate to have had contact with you even though your association was very limited, it is the quality that is most important. I feel blessed to have witnessed my fellow god siblings' enthusiasm and determination when immersed in devotional service. Your wish is for all of us to become pure devotees in this life time. Therefore you want us to follow in the footsteps of all the previous acaryas who are the branches and the sub branches of the Caitanya tree. (Caitanya Caritamra, Adi lila, Chapter 10).

You have transformed my life for the better for which any kind of repayment from me is very minor. I am eternally indebted to you and will seek ways in which I can please Lord Krishna and you dear Guru Maharaj. I meditate with pursuance on what I can do in order to make you both happy. With a hope of being more instrumental in this mission.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance I pray to Lord Nrsimha deva to always look after you and to protect you from any illnesses and diseases. May the Supreme Lord and the previous acaryas shower you with endless blessings and mercy again and again.

Your insignificant servant and unworthy spiritual daughter,
Harsarani Devi Dasi

Indrabhatta Dasa & Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet, Maharaj .

All glories to his divine grace A C Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your divine grace Jayadvaita Maharaj.

On this special occasion, Maharaj, we would like to offer a humble prayer to the Lord. We are keenly aware of the many, many challenges you are facing. There is the ever widening expanse of responsibilities you are having to shoulder. They require you to travel endlessly from continent to continent with sharp changes in the climate, the people, their desires, all of them impacting on your time, your energy, and your health in general. Wherever you are devotees' expectations are always high. They want the most lively kirtans, the most inspiring classes, your time to visit

them at their homes – all of this and much, much more.

Our simple little prayer is, may Lord Krishna bless you with good health, abundant energy and a long life so that you will continue to remain the mainstay in our lives for many more years.

Your humble servants,
Indrabhatta Dasa & Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Jagadananda Dasa & Namanata Devi Dasi

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This past December marathon you came to Capetown and benedicted. You "empowered us to perform miracles". You said that Lord Caitanya is bestowing upon all sankirtana devotees the power to perform miracles in His name. Furthermore you said that Lord Caitanya's lila has not ended, that the sankirtana devotees are continually adding to the pastimes of the Lord.

This time last year you kindly accepted us as your formal disciples, it has been a most awe inspiring year in service to your lotus feet, always encouraging us even always appreciating the little things. For this we are grateful, but what can this gratitude do? You like to encourage your disciples to "do something!" Well Guru Maharaj we are taking you up on your offer and instruction to make our lives but mediums through which the Lord may perform His miracles. This is not at all difficult for Him, for He has already done the most amazing thing in our eyes, He has brought you into our lives and thus shone light onto our darkened hearts.

We simply beg to be of continual service to you and pray to Sri Sri Nitai Mayapur Chandra to bless you in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

Your disciples,
Jagadananda Dasa & Namanata Devi Dasi

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

kali-kālera dharma — kṛṣṇa-nāma-saṅkīrtana
kṛṣṇa-śakti vinā nahe tāra pravartana

“The fundamental religious system in the Age of Kali is the chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Unless empowered by Kṛṣṇa, one cannot propagate the saṅkīrtana movement.”(CC Antya-lila 7.11).

You are saying how material conditioning does not matter so much, that Kṛṣṇa's mercy is what it is all about. Limitless depth and profound substance in such a seemingly simple truth. In this way you are mercifully increasing all the auspicious qualities by fanning the spark of devotional service in us.

Having personally embraced Kṛṣṇa, you, a senapati, are leading us on, on the path to pure devotional service, which is flooding the entire world. The more one thinks about it, the more amazing it seems.

I beg you, please, let me be a part of this.

Your servant,

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Jai Nitai Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

To see your surrender is impressive. You have a strong dedication to Srila

Prabhupad, his mission, to your own Guru Maharaj (and to serve him), to the Srimad Bhagavatam and the glories, pastimes described therein, to the holy name, chanting it with such enthusiasm. And in many different ways, you are a ever well-wisher of your disciples, always encouraging us to make further steps towards Krishna. You are friend to so many, appreciating people for their individual nature. You are happy to see devotees be in ecstasy. You experience great ecstasy yourself and infect others with it. You love to worship the supreme Lord Sri Krishna, you love to celebrate Him in your talks and kirtans. These are just a few of many reasons which make you my master. You have set an extraordinary example of what it means to be a surrendered soul, by all the service you have done and all the service you are still doing.

I am proud to be your disciple, happy to be part of your family, grateful to have you in my life and most fortunate to have you as my guide. At the same time, I feel worthless to deserve your mercy, considering that I am not able to make any useful contribution despite you giving me so much of your mercy. But you still do not give up on me, and this gives me hope and determination to be a real devotee and become more surrendered.

Dear Guru Maharaj, thank you for being what you are. Thank you for accepting the trouble to be our spiritual master. And thank you for bringing Krishna in our lives with so much encouragement, joy and inspiration. I am still hoping to become a good disciple, a surrendered soul to Sri Sri Radha Krishna, a useful tool in the sankirtan movement and a determined preacher. I hope to develop the qualities of a devotee and become hundred percent happy in Krishna conscious.

I beg for your mercy, otherwise I see no other way to reach next level of my Krishna Consciousness.

Daily we are singing:

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."(Sri Guruvastakam).

May the activities I do be pleasing to you and may I find happiness in being your servant that is my hope that will make my life perfect.

Your servant,
Jai Nitai Dasa

Jay Keshava Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Jaiadvaita Swami. And all glories to you. I would like to thank you for this auspicious event of your Vyasa-puja for your kind guidance, patience and forgiveness.

*nṛ-deham ādyaṁ su-labhaṁ su-durlabhaṁ
plavaṁ su-kalpaṁ guru-karṇadhāraṁ
mayānukūlena nabhasvateritaṁ
pumān bhavābधिṁ na taret sa ātma-hā*

“The human body, which can award all benefits in life, is automatically obtained by the laws of nature, although it is a very rare achievement. This human body can be compared to a perfectly constructed boat having the spiritual master as the captain and the instructions of the Personality of Godhead as favorable winds impelling it on its course. Considering all these advantages, a human being who does not utilize his human life to cross the ocean of material existence must be considered the killer of his own soul.” (Srimad Bhagavatam, 11.20.17).

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Without the mercy of the spiritual master, real spiritual progress cannot be made. Who understood this is truly intelligent and happy. Pleasing the spiritual master is the process of pleasing Lord Kṛṣṇa. When the spiritual master is satisfied, Lord Kṛṣṇa is also satisfied. And the pupil is also satisfied. I pray to you to be able to please you at least once. This is a real perfection of life.

*'Sādhū-saṅga', 'sādhū-saṅga' - sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhū-saṅge-sarva-siddhi haya*

(Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta, Madhya lila, 22.54).

“Even a little association with devotees, the conditioned soul can get out of this miserable material condition. This Krishna Consciousness movement is therefore trying to give everyone a chance to associate with saintly people. Therefore, all members of this Krishna Consciousness society must themselves be perfect *sādhū*s in order to give a chance to fallen conditioned souls. This is the best humanitarian work.” (Srimad Bhagavatam, 5.14.38 purport).

This verse speaks of you because you are giving us your holy company. And because of this we can be gradually saved from these unpleasant conditions of material existence. And that is why you are a real humanitarian worker, really famous and a real friend of all.

*om ajṣāna-timirāndhasya
jṣānāśjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmlītaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave-namaḥ*

Still eager for your mercy and longing to become a true disciple.

Your servant,

Jay Keshava Dasa

Jayadeva Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I am really glad to have you around and I am very thankful for the opportunity of being part of this family.

On my own, there is no way of advancing on this path of Krishna Consciousness—too small, too limited, too attached, to dull and so on. But in the association of the vaishnavas, even for a person like me, there is a chance of getting some mercy and some taste, to stick to some sadhana, which is the cornerstone for real bhakti and the way back to Krishna.

Thank you for supporting and inspiring us again and again. I pray that you are allowed to grow this beautiful spiritual community more and more. I pray, that one day I might be able to serve you and my god brothers and sisters on this path.

Happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj.

Your insignificant servant,

Jayadeva Dasa

(Berlin)

Jhulan Devi Dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, your Vyasa-puja always reminds me how fortunate I am to have you in my life and even to be accepted as your disciple. Like how you treat us as unique individuals, I feel you are a very unique Guru who can transcend age, culture and language difference like abundance of your heart.

You have so many spiritual qualities and material qualities yet incredibly humble. Like how you are advanced in spiritual knowledge. Also you are able to manage big projects and speak 7 different languages. But what I appreciate the most is how you are being yourself at the same time loving and kind to others which comes from your love for Kṛṣṇa. I remember how I decided to take shelter of you. You were so friendly and kind to me, even though at that time I was a total stranger to you. You treated me as if you knew me for a long time. I felt truly acknowledged and accepted as a soul. You knew the power of kindness and were able to connect to people as a soul, which is what people want the most in these days.

When I was having difficulties with my English, I asked you how you taught yourself Hindi. You said when you used to manage restaurant in India with people who does not speak English, you just asked them the names of cooking tools in kitchen, then you were able to speak with nouns. Then you asked them about verbs like bring this and cook this, then you were able to speak in sentence. You expended the language like that. Before I saw how clever and intuitive it was, I was impressed more with how you were focused on human interaction rather than from the books and school, which is the purpose of language.

Maharaj, It was my greatest fortune to have your most uplifting association which I still cherish. Just being around you, I am so much reminded of Kṛṣṇa and the real mission. Here I am getting Kṛṣṇa's training to be kind to others like how you showed me. I am very much looking forward to seeing you again, hopefully as more mature Jhulan.

Your servant,

Jhulan Devi Dasi

Jnana-Samudra Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Years are just flying by. This year marks 10 years that I have been trying to practice Krishna Consciousness. Unfortunately I do not have much to show for it. I look at you and marvel at how much you have achieved in just the past year, let alone in your lifetime of Krishna Consciousness. You are always busy trying to serve your spiritual master and Srila Prabhupada with various projects and endeavors. I am convinced that it is because of your sincere desire to please them, they empower you to carry out your various services with an increasing amount of energy and ability. I pray they always continue to bless you in this way and also that I may imbibe your spirit in my life and hope to get your mercy to be able to serve you and our parampara in some way also.

Always grateful for accepting me as your disciple,

Your servant,

Jnana-Samudra Dasa



NOT EASY

WE MUST SERVE, WE MUST GIVE EVERYTHING-
SELFLESSLY. AND WHATEVER COMES, WE MUST BE
GRATEFUL AND WHATEVER DOESN'T COME, WE ALSO
ACCEPT AND WAIT PATIENTLY. AND THEN WHATEVER
MERCY COMES WE WILL ACCEPT IT- NOT AS SOMETHING
ORDINARY. WHATEVER ATTENTION, WHATEVER WAY
IT COMES WE NEVER ACCEPT IT AS ORDINARY. NOT
EASY... ONE HAS TO TELL THE MIND, BECAUSE THE MIND
TENDS TO TAKE IT ORDINARY AT TIMES BUT WE HAVE TO
TELL OUR MIND, 'NO! THIS IS NOT ORDINARY! THIS IS
VALUABLE!' BUT IF WE INVEST IN THIS RELATIONSHIP
THEN IT BECOMES A GREAT SOURCE OF STRENGTH, THEN IT
BECOMES A GREAT INSPIRATION IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.
AND IN FACT, WE REALISE THAT AT ONE POINT, IT'S OUR
ONLY MEANS TO KRSNA...IT'S OUR EVERYTHING!

Karuna-Sindhu Avatara Dasa

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

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

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to the cool lotus feet of my spiritual master, who is so very dear to Srila Prabhupada, and is a pure representative of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa. By your mercy I am able to be unplugged from illusion. My wish is that I may be able to please you with whatever little service I can render. I can never repay you for what you have done, I can only try and inspire others as you continuously inspire me.

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An example of this is when my parents met you at my initiation ceremony, last year September. You had a private conversation with them for less than 2 hours, after that my parents were so favourable towards Krishna Consciousness. Ever since I joined the movement, my biggest wish was to inspire my parents to become aware of their relationship with Krishna and continue their eternal devotional service. You granted my wish, no catch, no lamp to rub 3 times, simply out of your causeless mercy you gave them your timeless association and now my mother is speaking about becoming a devotee.

All glories to You Guru Maharaj. I pray to the Lord that you still have tons of work to do so that we may all have your association and also be engaged by you to reduce the amount. All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja for raising such an amazing disciple, without you this offering would not be possible.

Your young servant,

Karuna Sindhu Avatara Dasa

Karunika Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

When I am reading the scriptures, it almost always states the importance of a bona fide Guru, not just a Guru but a bona fide one.

The scriptures then go on to explain the qualities the Guru should have. I always think to myself that Maharaj has these wonderful qualities. You are always pushing us all to improve our sadhana in a way that we build more faith in Kṛṣṇa.

You often mention that you have faith in Srila Prabhupada who is perfect which keeps you on the perfect path. It is always very encouraging to hear this and helps me to want to deepen my faith more and more and not worry so much about the not so important things.

Maharaj, you are always so personal, regardless of how you feel you make sure you give time to others. Often devotees say to me that Maharaj is so personal and very practical. Thank you Guru Maharaj for always giving your time to us and showing us that as well as being serious in our devotional life we should always be practical.

Your servant,

Karunika Devi Dasi

Kasturi Manjari Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I am just so proud of being your servant! I do not deserve it, I do not know by which mercy it could have happened, surely by causeless, endless mercy. But what am I going to do with this mercy, with so many blessings? I do not want to take it for granted, I do not want to miss the opportunity to use it for the greatest benefit - for ending once for good this miserable material existence. Well, I am still a long distance from the goal, from going back to Godhead. But on the other hand your mercy can make this distance so short and this goal so accessible as if it was only one maha mantra far away. I am very dull, but there is one thing I can clearly perceive in my silly life - your mercy.

I do not do much for the mission, for preaching, and not even much for my sadhana, but I am still here. I never want to leave the association of devotees and the shelter of your feet. In this way, I am hoping for more mercy that can turn my stone-like heart into a diamond reflecting our sweet Lord Krishna.

Your servant,

Kasturi Manjari Dasi

Kavita Devi Dasi

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

Every year when I am writing this Vyasa-puja offering I look back on past year and I have a feeling that I was just wasting my time. With acting mindlessly, looking for excuses, trying not to push myself hard, be kind to myself in the name of health, my daughter, family, relationship or whatever else. And every year I have a feeling that nowadays I am much happier, peaceful and settled in Krishna Consciousness. By your mercy and mercy of all vaishnavas I am becoming more and more inspired in devotional service.

I am finding big taste in rising early in the morning, chant all my japa before my daughter wakes up, than chant some more rounds with her, doing home morning program, taking care of our Gaura Nitai deities and mainly really regular everyday reading of Srila Prabhupada's books. And drinking milk every evening with reading Krishna book. I am very fortunate that my life is arranged now like this, that I have a time and possibility for all those activities.

I mean I had the same time before as well, but I wasted it, starting with rising late in the morning and then everything following was messy. Actually I feel also a big shame with writing this. Since I am in Krishna Consciousness already 12 years or so and only now I feel settled and satisfied in my sadhana and devotional service. The truth is that my daughter is pushing me to do so. She is a real devotee. She has a very big sense for sadhana and duty generally. And I need to do it for her. Thank you for every blessing which you gave to her. She is simply a wonderful devotee.

Big inspiration to devotional service is coming also from our regular visiting of India. This year was the fourth time when we were there. This year we stayed only in Mayapur almost for 3 months. My husband finished his studies (Deity worship) and let us hope that he could continue with Bhakti satri course and maybe more. Amala learnt to speak English. She also learnt to play the harmonium nicely from Visakha mataji and we have a lot of friends there. As Amala loves her sadhana we were

coming regularly to morning programs, even to mangala arati. We also chanted in the temple with other young girls from SMISS school, which was very inspiring for Amala. She is now chanting every day 2 rounds very nicely. She really loves Sri Mayapur dham, and never wants to go back to Prague. Me as well. We hope that by the mercy of the devotees we could stay there and do some service.

I am talking again only about me and my family. What I want to avoid every year on writing Vyasa-puja offering. It should be glorification of you. But actually it still is. Since it is only by your mercy and mercy of Srila Prabhupada that we have such opportunities. And that we have inspiration and strength for proper sadhana, taste for chanting, for devotional service. My husband still cooks every morning from 4am for Govinda's as his service and when he finish he is going out with books 2 times in a week. To please you, to repay what you are doing for us.

I am trying to do my best to be nice a devotee as you wish. I could do it more better. Very often there are many challenges, I mean almost every day, but I welcome it. When I face it with Krishna Consciousness and your unceasing blessing, nothing is so difficult as it seems to be. You are giving me the strength and balance to stay calm in those challenges. They are coming and leaving again and again. Sometimes it is not even necessary to involve to the problem and if I stay calm and conscious it leaves itself. But it is not that easy always.

Every morning when we sing with Amala Gurvastakam I am thinking about you - "yasya prasada bhagavat prasado," what would I do without your mercy, where would I be then? I am praying that I can be all the time engaged in service to your lotus feet and never give up. You are my eternal inspiration, you never waste even a minute with mundane things, always showing me the correct path and the right way of bhakti. I wish I could please you at least with all the small things what I am able to do in my devotional service to you.

Your servant,

Kavita Devi Dasi

Kesava Bharati Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

The past year in Krishna Consciousness has been the best year of my life. I was actually realising how much your mercy has saved me by allowing me to take shelter at your lotus feet. A few years back you gave me an instruction to read Bhagavatam and I was thinking, "How am I going to do this?" Because I do not like to read. Just by following this instruction I have managed to get the association of Srila Prabhupada, all the great personalities in Bhagavatam and most importantly the empowerment from you to be able to deepen my Krishna Consciousness. The reading of Bhagavatam has captured my heart. Last year materially I have been suffering a lot, but by reading the Bhagavatam it has saved me.

I am not much of a devotee but in my heart I know that if I continue to serve your instructions to read, to do harinama sankirtana and to chant my rounds before 7am that I will perfect in my life. I would like to take this opportunity to offer any compliments, any glorifications and any successes that I have had to you as I am just the instrument in your hands.

In the last year I have been trying to push forward the harinama programs in South Africa and I have managed to do harinama every Friday in Sandton as well as once a month harinama in Soweto. At the end of the year I organised seven days of festive harinama which was very successful as we were getting up to fifty devotees a day to come and chant with us on the streets. This year I am hoping to increase the harinama by doing harinama more frequently and this will be my offering to you.

I pray that in my life I can become a good representative of you as my spiritual master. I have nothing valuable to offer but I know that if I please you then my life will become perfect.

Your insignificant servant,

Kesava Bharati Dasa

Kooshul Gopaul

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Im not the one who can glorify you because you are perfect. I am very fortunate that Krishna sent me at your guidance. You are not only my Guru but you are my dearest best friend, father and so on.

Thank you for inviting me in your personal Vyasa-puja and allowing me to serve you. For doing preaching you put your life on danger even you got firing and even get a bullet still you are doing.

You are a very busy, but still you are removing your precious time to see all your children around the world. You are a great singer for Krishna. I promise you I will become your sincere disciple. Make you and your Guru please and try to push this Krishna Conciousness forward. I will stay that humble forever by avoiding offenses.

Thank you Maharaj. Happy Krishna Conciousness birthday to you. May Sri Krishna Balarama Giriraj and Gaura Nitai bless you more to engage in Their service and stay in a good health.

Your most fallen one,

Kooshul Gopaul

Krishna Kirtan Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Guru and Parampara.

What is love? The labour of love? Is it selfless sacrifice and if so how does that look?

I asked you in London at the university program: what is your 3 tips for a successful Valentine's Day? You surprised me with only 1 too but it was powerful and deep. You stated that one should do something nice for someone they do not love/like.

This made many laugh but made me silent. I was and still am delighted by your depth of insight, broad mindedness and vision. You carry this unique flavour of having one foot in the spiritual world full of transcendental rasa whilst keeping the other foot in this human world, out of compassion for many.

I love this flavour of being both so far away yet so close and real. I appreciate this a lot in our recent acarya's as well. I begin to reflect who I can serve that I do not love. I think the person who I have neglected the most in my time on this planet is my known stranger - Sri Krishna. Like the acarya, He is so close yet so far. Unlike my attraction to you, who are so present - the Lord is so available yet I have little attraction to him.

Offences, stubbornness and miserliness have impeded my service to Him. Although I lose hope of being able to divert my heart from the things of this world to Him - in you I witness a living example of someone who tirelessly keeps trying to grow attraction and absorption in the nature, qualities and names of the Lord. My hope is success on this slippery path of bhakti marg is your verbal encouragement as well as the path you have shown in your living example.

So in conclusion - I pray on this occasion that I build the strength to become attracted and interested in cultivating loving service for someone I don't love - my Lord whom I have run away from. Please keep pushing me back towards the saffron dust from his lotus feet, and where I may fall or slip - continue to be kind and pick me back and once again show me the path.

Wishing you all success in your service to Guru and Prabhupada. Praying to be an instrument of your mission,
Your servant,
Krishna Kirtan Dasa

Krishna Smaranam Dasa

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to our beloved spiritual master.

The spiritual master is non-different from Lord Nityananda. By his mercy we receive Kṛṣṇa's holy name, initiation into Kṛṣṇa-mantras, and proper instruction by which we can attain eternal auspiciousness. Without the spiritual master's mercy we cannot receive the mercy of Lord Gauranga and Sri Radha-Govinda. Our previous acarya, Srila Narottama dasa Thakura, has explained this: the jivas' material existence is exhausted and the wealth of love of God is attained simply by their receiving the spiritual master's mercy. The spiritual master who is our devotional teacher, is an intimate devotee of Sri Gauranga.

By serving such a Guru with love, our perfection is guaranteed. Those whose hearts have become hard due to material attachment cannot chant the holy name of Krishna, who killed the aghasura demon, purely. If however, we hear Hari's holy name attentively from the mouth of the spiritual master, then the holy name will certainly intoxicate us. If the spiritual master bestows unconditional mercy upon us, seeing our sincere humility and eagerness, glorification of Hari will come from our mouth with intensity.

With humble obeisances.

Your servant of servants,

Krishna Smaranam Dasa

Krupa Maisuria

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I would like to sincerely wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja day and pray the celebrations fill you with unlimited joy.

Maharaj, it was this time last year that somehow or another, I got the chance to personally wish you a happy Vyasa-puja for the first time, in the form of a letter. It was personally delivered to you by Harsarani Mataji on the day. This opportunity filled me with a peace and joy I had never felt before. I also painted you a small peacock feather artwork. It was this tiny art piece that helped me begin to get through an extremely challenging time of my life.

In fact, ever since I first got the opportunity to meet you when you came to Leicester in 2016, I have felt this way. Whenever I felt lost, I would listen to your class and see clarity. Whenever I felt darkness, I would listen to your kirtan and see light. Whenever I lost hope, I would read that message you wrote in my copy of Bhagavad-gita in 2016, and feel restored. For me, this kind of experience is like magic - to have an answer, to have a solution, to have hope, all due to your mercy.

Maharaj, I thought I was a lost cause and admittedly, sometimes I still think I am. I used to walk around with such a heavy and deep burden of identifying with, 'what happened to me'. I was drowning in a sea of darkness, fear and instability. I remember one year before I met the devotees, saying to myself on a particularly traumatic day, that this was just the way I was always going to be, so I better accept it. Little did I know that that type of surrender would only further drown me in the sea of ignorance and pain.

But then, somehow, the devotees shone the lamp of knowledge, with their mercy,

and things changed. I actually dared to believe that what I had always falsely known, was only a tiny speck of dirt in comparison to this most faultless sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya. Maharaj, it is your disciples and aspirants that picked me up, never gave up on me and saw a hope that I was too blind to see. They took me in, gave me shelter from the storm of mundane existence and pacified me with the peace I needed so badly.

Since summer 2019, Harsarani Mataji has engaged me in transcription service for your inspirational blog. I have to admit, at first, I was really struggling and my mind was constantly telling me to give up. But again, by the kindness of your disciples, they kept me engaged. This service has helped to settle my fears, chant more sincerely and be calmed by your reassurance, as I listen to you glorify the Srimad Bhagavatam endlessly. Now, I can never stop talking about this service! It is so sublime. I believe it saved me, and for that, I want to thank your disciples, aspirants and you, Maharaj, for allowing such an insignificant to get the rare and sacred chance to engage in such a service. I am forever indebted.

Maharaj, I pray that one day I am able to serve you nicely, in whatever way you see fit. I can now finally see that whatever I experienced before, no matter how traumatic, was all utter nonsense. I know this because of your faith in Srila Prabhupada and the holy name. It is down to your inspirational wisdom and guidance that I can actually stand face to face with my anarthas and say, as you said in a previous class, "Sorry maya, no time for you!" It is now time for me to take hold of this rare human birth and endeavour to engage in devotional service, with some humility. I have a long way to go but I am now convinced, by your mercy, that this is the only way, the only way, the only way.

Thank you with all my heart for this opportunity Maharaj. Happy Vyasa-puja day.

Your insignificant servant,
Krupa

Lalita-Kunda Devi Dasi

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Gurudeva,

All glories to you.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

In the mood of deep humbleness I am offering my obeisances to your lotus feet.

I have been very fortunate to have been able to get your association. It was always very enlivening, deep and introspective to hear from you. You present the philosophy according to time, place and circumstance. Just like a torch light which dissipates the darkness in a room, your presentations are full of introspection and thoughtful which dissipate the ignorance within my mind.

The way you develop and maintain such personal relationships with everyone surely testifies to your realisation of your personal relationship with Kṛṣṇa. You show such compassion to the living entities who are in a state of forgetfulness of Kṛṣṇa, by constantly preaching and giving so much of your time, guidance and care.

I know that material nature is a cheat - promising satisfaction and never delivering. I pray for mercy in the form of determination, strength and courage to serve you and your instructions with heart and consciousness. I pray for humbleness and abhayam to surrender into you, Srila Prabhupada and his mission. I do not know if I am qualified to serve Kṛṣṇa but with your mercy I can serve you and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Thank you so much Gurudeva.

Your fallen servant,

Lalita-Kunda Devi Dāsi

Lekhasravanti Devi Dasi

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

*gaura-kapamatam prapto
vraje mayapure 'pi hau
prabhupada-priyo lokam
payayaty anivaritam*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Guru Maharaj,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

Writing you an “offering” should be very easy for me. There are only good things I can say about you and so many things to glorify you. Still, I find it difficult to choose the right words. Words that really do you justice.

You have given me shelter, even though I am so fallen and have so many problems. How can I ever find the right words that do justice to what you do, to what you give me and all your disciples? I remember only too well the “Bus Demon” in Jaipur. It was really crazy. Especially on the way back. There was only one bus. Nobody knew when the other buses back to Vrindavan would come. Bus number 1 was also the bus with your reserved seat. But you stayed outside so selflessly and waited until all of us found a seat in a bus, nobody knew how long it would take. But it was clear to you that you would not leave until the situation for the waiting devotees was clarified. For me this is symbolic of how important we all are to you and how much you care. Because of you I have lost much fear and doubt and gained so much joy and confidence.

Dear Guru Maharaj, I am so grateful that I can learn so much from you. Your lectures that are always to the point, your association, your enthusiastic kirtans, your sharp mind, your black humour and your inspiring way of preaching are always an example to me. I will do my best to serve the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the spirit of Srila Prabhupada and also in your spirit.

Thank you for all the opportunities to serve you and the mission. I hope I can give you back at least a small part of what you give to us with your big heart.

Your servant,

Lekhasravanti Devi Dasi

Lenart Debelak

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

When I am in your association I can feel that this very core of Krishna Consciousness which is hiding really deep in my heart is getting awakened. Your saintly presence revives that strongest and very intimate feelings of personal relationship with Krishna.

Your glorification of the Supreme Lord and deep absorption in His holy name brings up that most powerful 'Krishna' -ized spiritual atmosphere that I have ever experienced. It reminds me of the time when I met the devotee of Krishna for the first time, my vartma-pradar-aka-guru, who opened doors into spiritual dimension, reminded me of my eternal position as a servant of the Lord ·ri Hari.

I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for all your instructions and for giving me opportunity to serve you. I will do my best to devote myself more and more to the service of Srila Prabhupada's mission and your divine instructions. I pray that someday by the mercy of spiritual master and Krishna this lusty fly, which is now buzzing everywhere and searching for material sense enjoyment, will transform into a humble bumblebee who will be attracted only to the nectarian pastimes of Lord Sri Krishna and His devotees.

Your aspiring servant,

Lenart

(Slovenia)

Lila Kamala Devi Dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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Dear Maharaj,

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All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for another year of your love and guidance, for all those instructions received in person but also those unspoken ones. Those instructions you give us through lectures and sometimes even kirtans. Thank you for all those inward journeys you took me on during wonderful kirtans. Journeys to the places in my heart I have never been before. Those hidden parts of my heart being closed for so long. Thank you for opening them for love for Krishna. It has been sometimes painful going through those journeys filled with joy and tears but on the end always satisfying as I felt fulfillment.

Thank you for being so strict but yet so understanding to our material desires like going to the Brooklyn bridge tour instead of harinama. I appreciate it a lot and I see you not only as my spiritual master but also as my father. Thank you for having me as your disciple and I hope I will serve you better in the coming years.

Your servant,

Lila Kamala Devi Dasi

Madhawali Devi Dasi

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

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I have been thinking a lot, what would make you happy. I thought about service that is the most important in current circumstances.

I am bringing up my son Damodar in Krishna Consciousness. I do my best to create for him a nice relationship with Krishna. Keeping nice sadhana, singing morning programs, gaura arati, chanting rounds, cooking for Krishna, visiting festivals with nice devotees and showing him how nice is the life when Krishna is present.

And also to be a nice inspiration for our parents, relatives, some of them frequently visit our house as they want to spend some time with their grandson. Maybe sometimes it is not easy, but I thank Krishna that he put me into these situations and I could find some uninvasive way of preaching. My comfort is not the point. If there is a chance to give the family prasadam, it is much more important.

Please Guru Maharaj, accept my offering to you doing my service with better consciousness, more concentration and with sastra-caksus.

That is what I can offer to you.

Hare Krishna.

Your insignificant servant,

Madhawali Devi Dasi

Madhusneha Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thinking back in time, from when I met you, to initiate and now, I sit here today dumbstruck. I do not know how or what to write. All I can say is thank you for your patience, encouragement and mercy dear Gurudeva. Thank you for giving me the holy name. Thank you for giving a place in a home where the whole world can live in. Thank you for giving me a life I love living—one which feels safe and has a purpose.

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

“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.” (Sri Guruvastakam).

I often stand in front of Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra, knowing I am not surrendered enough, full of problems, desires, and in a state of anxiety. I feel overwhelmed with the number of things I do not do right in life. I look at them without emotion and I know do not deserve to get their darshan. But despite taking nothing to the Lord, they kindly give me emotion and Maha. I am still trying to understand how this works. Mercy a concept so foreign to me, and one that I do not think I will fully understand. It is only by your mercy that I proudly walk out of the temple with a flower in my hand. A flower that makes living in this material world manageable. Thank you for being my ever well wisher.

You have given me so much, and I am so embarrassed to say I do not have much to offer you Gurudeva. But I am trying everyday to make life a little more Kṛṣṇa conscious. Trying obviously means that I fail, but the thought of being your disciple keeps me going. I know I am still underserving of your shelter, but I pray I can make you proud one day. Until that day, please do not give up on me.

Thank you for keeping me safe. Happy Vyasa-puja dear Gurudeva.

Your servant,

Madhusneha Dasi

Maha Man Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I wish you a happy Vyasa-puja. I am grateful to be allowed to be there and to take part at the Kingsday harinama.

Unfortunately I have not yet been released from the material moods of nature. But I feel more strength and success with harinama and sankirtana since my initiation. I really appreciate that you blessed me to be your disciple. I just want to mention a few things which inspires me a lot:

- During your sophisticated lectures, you answer questions that arise in my mind by resolving opposite aspects of a topic.
- Your outstanding kirtans are very gripping.
- Your caring, friendly, powerful and transcendental personality impresses and inspires me a lot.
- Depending on where you are doing a program, you will find exactly the right way to bring Krishna closer to your audience. You are always spreading Krishna consciousness and inspire everyone to devote themselves more.

Thank you what you are doing for all of us around the world! Please keep me under your shelter and be patient with me.

Your servant,

Maha Man Dasa



YOUR EVER WELL-WISHER

**ONE SHOULD KNOW THE SPIRITUAL MASTER...IT WAS
SRILA BHAKTISIDDHANTA SARASVATI THAKURA WHO FIRST
SIGNED HIS LETTERS WITH, "YOUR EVER WELL-WISHER"
AND COINED THAT ENGLISH PHRASE. AND IT WAS SRILA
PRABHUPADA WHO MADE THIS PHRASE THE VERY CORE OF
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND HIS DISCIPLES AND
THEREFORE WE ARE ALSO TAKING IT AT TIMES AND SAY,
"YOUR EVER WELL-WISHER" BECAUSE THAT IS THE FACT,
THAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP. JUST LIKE A PARENT WITH HIS
CHILD, LOOKING DOWN SO LOVINGLY AT HIS LITTLE BOY,
FULL OF AFFECTION- HIS EVER WELL-WISHER...!**

Maitri Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I hope and pray that you are keeping good health by Krishna's mercy. I am feeling blessed to be initiated by you Maharaj. I was told how much thought you give to each name. You are so merciful Guru Maharaj. Last year you put yourself into so much inconvenience to come to London Rathyatra just to fulfil the desire of your disciples. Just like Jagannatha ventures out to give mercy to people you came all the way from New York to give mercy to us. I am so grateful for the guidance you gave on how to bring new people to Krishna Consciousness during the question and answer session at Soho Temple.

Guru Maharaj, I start my day by listening to Vibhavari Sesa and end my day by listening to Premanjana CD. In this way I feel your presence as it is not always possible to get vapu which I have started to understand. I seek your mercy to progress on my spiritual journey. Looking forward to your Vyas-puja in April.

Your servant,

Maitri Devi Dasi

Mali Caitanya Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This offering is extraordinary opportunity on how one can say to you everything what they have in mind. I have in mind instructions from you. You gave me simple instructions but I realised that it is not that easy to follow them strictly permanently. I admire devotees who can wake up every day on mangala arati, are absorbed in Srimad Bhagavatam, have good sadhana, are actively preaching. Or serving in another way the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

I am not at that level. I sometimes wake up late and chant japa during the day and sometimes I even do not read. I am a slow snail. But I am working on it. If I look back I can see that I do constantly small progress and I would not give up until I handle it. This is not matter of short term imitation of spiritual progress but rather a complete change of thinking, feeling and willing. So I hope that one day you will be satisfied with me.

One verse in the Srimad Bhagavatam says: "The Lord continued: My dear mother, devotees who receive such transcendental opulences are never bereft of them; neither weapons nor the change of time can destroy such opulences. Because the devotees accept me as their friend, their relative, their son, preceptor, benefactor and Supreme Deity, they cannot be deprived of their possessions at any time." (SB 3.25.38).

In the purport it is written that devotees have different kinds of relationships with the Supreme Lord and because the Supreme Lord is eternal, the opulences of those relationships are never destroyed. Everybody needs love and one should direct it to Krishna, because Krishna never disappointed.

On the other hand, in the material world is everything temporary. We cannot jump on that level of pure devotees, but we can develop our desire to purify the self and to develop a relationship with Lord in society of devotees. If we accept Lord Krishna and His devotees as our preceptors than we can obtain eternal knowledge. It is clear that this wealth is not possible to obtain without appropriate effort and determination.

Now, by your grace, even I have the opportunity to develop this knowledge and become a small part of this chain of grace from the spiritual world through Brahma and disciple succession (parampara) to our material reality. By this way everybody can obtain this eternal diamond of devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada brought Krishna Consciousness to western world and you brought it to my home. This is only by your mercy that I can do spiritual progress. You give to me so much inspiration. Where would I be without your example and your guidance?

I pray for you blessing so that I would be more humble; so that I would be more respectful of other devotees; so that satisfaction of Krishna would be more important than my satisfaction; so that I would have always in my mind that everything must be done for Krishna's pleasure and that Krishna sees everything; so that I always would have your instructions as the highest priority.

Narottama Dasa says: "O Lord, please do not push me away from Your reddish lotus feet, for who is my beloved except for You?" (Ista Deve Vijnapti).

Your servant,

Mali Caitanya Dasa
(Czech)

Mani Kundala Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna, dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I have been preparing for writing the offering for long time, but eventually I am writting it at the last moment. All the time I was thinking what to write and waiting for the right inspiration.

On Friday we celebrated with the group of devotees the appearance of Lord Nityananda and it was a wonderful home festival. The devotees were reading various books to celebrate Nityananda Prabhu. A very nice point is that Nityananda Prabhu is the main Guru - spirirtual master of all spiritual masters. The Supreme Servant of the Supreme Lord Krishna. We cannot attain the lotus feet of Lord Gauranga without the mercy of Lord Nityananda.

Nityananda Prabhu is so merciful that he delivers the holy name to all and He wants only our faith in exchange. Such a wonderful opportunity in this age of Kali and we we can fully join this sankirtan movement. Now, when the Supreme Lord in the form of Gaura Nitai came to our house, I can absorb my mind more into the service for their pleasure. In this way I want to thank you, because you agreed and only through you and guru parampara I can serve the Lord and also you.

I thank you very much, that filled by ecstasy of love for Krishna you have descended to our level in order to pull us out of the ocean of maya and gave us opportunity to engage ourselves in devotional service. Thank you, and once more thank you.

Your servant,

Mani Kundala Devi Dasi

Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Kṛṣṇa my dear Gurudeva,

An year passed from my initiation where I promised to chant every day minimum sixteen rounds, and I chanted, every day. Sometimes it so easy, with love and full attention, lots of mercy I got then. Sometimes struggling with maya and with head full of other thoughts. Sometimes early in the morning and sometimes late at night after a busy day. When I chant you are present in my mind with your words that are coming:

“Chanting is our connection to Kṛṣṇa. It is our prayer for devotional service and prayer to engage Kṛṣṇa in our everyday life, so He can always be with us.”

My prayers are also going to you, for your health, for your strength to do all your service that you do for Kṛṣṇa and that you stay for many years with us leading us through this ocean full of maya with material traps and temptations. Gurudeva I wish you a very successful year, full of blessings of our beloved Lord, devotional service, some rest, lots of health and strength.

Your humble servant,

Manjubhasini Devi Dasi

Manu Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This little offering is based on Jacksons Song It's too late:

Kali-yuga is here, it's here to stay. It's dark and horrible, everything seem to be wrong.

It's too late to change the time, but it's not too late to change your mind.

Lord Caitanyas mission congressional chanting of the Lord's holy name is only way to save us in this area of all miserable conditioning.

Kali-yuga going to spreading its influence all over but Lord Krishna's sankirtana is right armour against it. We have to chant these holy names and win the greatest enemy and turn it to our best friend, our mind.

It's too late to change the time, but it's not too late to change your mind.

Spiritual master is the representative of Lord Krishna, so the best way to capture the mind is always remember his advice and keep his instructions on the mind.

Dear Maharaj, by your mercy it is possible to gross this horrible ocean of material existence. We beg you, please remove our obstacles and hindrances. This time is doomed, but by your help it can be conquered easily.

Your humble servants,

Manu Dasa & family

Matanga Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Another year has passed in my devotional life. It has been a year of ups and downs of many joys, struggles and realizations. Devotional life is very exciting, full with colours with many shades- in our devotional service, in our relationships, in our inner world of contemplation and analysis. The most precious element of course remains our relationship. The most intimate relationship of Guru-disciple.

So far I have been getting a new realisation. The spiritual master is an agent of the Divine Hand of Lord Krishna. This means that his behaviour and instruction towards us will always give us what we need (instead of what we want) in order to progress forward. Because of our conditioned nature we tend to have some expectations from this sacred relationship and often we make the mistake of considering our Guru as an entertainer or marriage - business counsellor and so on. But actually our Guru is fortunately always breaking our expectations in a very gracious way because he is a very charismatic personality and he does it with transcendental style.

I have realized that, like you stated in your Guru & Disciple book that every moment of association with our spiritual master is very precious and valuable. Even though such association might bring a bitter or a sweet experience it is always win win situation because our Guru is our ever well wisher. He will give us what is necessary to curb our pride and destroy our funny expectations. The mood of the Guru is always instructive and often the most precious gems are hidden there in its subtleties, and to be found by us the disciples.

I am also starting to realize that my Guru saved me from the greatest danger and I am very much indebted to him. He saved my life and now I must repay the debt. It is a big debt, it seems irrepayable. Therefore I was thinking to myself I must become a better disciple because without discipline and guidance I am lost. Therefore I pray for the mercy of the vaishnavas, for the mercy of Mahaprabhu in order to become

able to move forward and make a gift to my Guru. A gift of surrender and service attitude. A gift of compassion to the fallen souls. A gift of endeavoring to spread the mission of Srila Prabhupada. A gift of contributing the inundation of the world with love of God.

Therefore I also pray to your lotus feet, Guru Maharaj. Please be merciful to me and empower me to become a better servant and disciple. Please always guide me towards the Supreme Truth. I beg you to accept me. I beg you to always give me shelter at your lotus feet by which the most difficult task becomes very easy. Even though I know I will never be able to repay my debt I will at least try to do my best.

Thank you very much for everything you are doing for me and for the world.

Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Matanga Dasa

Merumala Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

The Tireless Preacher

The tireless preacher rises before dawn, chanting on sacred beads,

The day is carefully planned out to cover his spiritual needs.

A quiet moment with trusted travel companion Giriraj, spent in a meditative way,

He is a tiny yet mighty Anchor that grounds our Swami- come what may.

Not a minute to spare as the day kicks off in song!

His tunes of great mantra awakens souls who realize where they belong.

As the crowds gather around, he plays the audience to an ecstatic dance,

Chants of we want more but how much can we take from a saint whose granted us a second chance?

His journey is filled with past times worthy of the greatest adventure tales,

Preaching from what he has learnt, the advice passed down from great sages never fails.

Without missing a beat, he bursts onto the scene,

Amidst the gloomiest weather, his saffron cloth leads the dance party resembling a spiritual dream.

As the day winds down, he hears a knock on the door,

More time for preaching as devotees fill the room, eager to hear more.

Striking blue eyes and a youthful smile does mask a weary face,

Time is needed to rest but our tireless preacher resiliently continues his adventures at a record breaking pace.

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj!

Your servants of the servant,

Merumala Devi Dasi & family

(South Africa)

Mireille Tenfelde

Hare Krsna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve you even in an insignificant way.

Geef me alstublieft smaak van je lezingen zodat ik ze misschien kan herhalen zoals ze zijn voor t spirituele voordeel van anderen. And lastly please forgive me for all my offenses committed knowingly or unknowingly in the course of my trying to serve you and other vaisnavas.

Respect vol proberen - to be your humble servant,

Mireille

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to Srila Praphupada and Jayadvaita Swami.

You are the most loving person I ever had mer. You are the eye opener, the good friend who has the patience to accept me. The helpful teacher who enables me to progress and mine spiritually. You pour your protective wing over me without pushing me. Without you I would still live spiritually and materially behind the, 'moon.' I would like to thank you by spreading out your message over my own nose. Because without your help and wisdom, life would look sad and bland. You brought Krishna into my life with your pure nature and pure devotion. With your love and acceptance there are no obstacles that cannot be mastered.

May I finally grow to serve you devotedly. My caring teacher, I am in deep love with you.

Your humble servant,

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Monique

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Hare Krishna dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

This is completely new to me, so I am already apologising for doing this incorrectly. From the first time that I heard you speak and saw you in person, I knew that you were my Guru.

It has been a while and there were a lot of things going on in my life that made me not ready yet,

but Krishna brought me always back to you, Maharaj. This year I will join the Vyasa-puja for the first time. And I hope that it will be the first step to my initiation, because that is my greatest wish.

I really hope that you will accepting me soon as your disciple and I hope that I can serve you for a long time.

Always at your service,

Monique

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

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Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

You are so strong, even if sometimes due some circumstances.

You are a great example of humbleness.

You are a great kirtanier.

You are a great teacher in many ways.

You are the best Maharaj.

And we disciples are very lucky to have you in our spiritual lives. Thank you Maharaj, for always being with us. From time to time we do need your blessings.

Your humble servant,

Nadia Mani Devi Dasi

Nama-rupa Dasi

Happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this most auspicious day!

Today I got reminded of the quote that changed my life from Japa Reform Notebook by His Holiness Satsvarupa dasa Goswami: "When the spiritual master asks you to chant Hare Krishna, which he especially does at the time of your initiation that is an order different than is given to you by any other person in Krishna Consciousness. His request that you chant Hare Krishna when you take it up, forms the most intimate, personal relationship between yourself and your spiritual master, and yourself and Krishna in disciplic succession. So this is the real link for your friendship and your dependence on his instruction." Back then it awoke desire to be connected to Krishna and to you.

Nowadays it is a source of inspiration and a proof that this process really works.

The Hare Krishna maha mantra you gave me is mine- my true and priceless possession that keeps expanding and taking me to place of fearlessness and joy. It is the foundation of each and every day. I realize that when I give time and energy to Hare Kṛṣṇa maha mantra as a service to you, mantra gives me time and energy back.

Recently you gave an answer after the class as to what is most important thing to do in a day- you said: "Japa first, everything else comes after."

You gave me the name Nama-rupa dasi, the servant of the form of the holy name. My desire is to fully fulfill the meaning of that name as a service to you.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna

Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama

Rama Rama Hare Hare

Your servant and your mercy case,

Nama-rupa Dasi

Nara Narayana Dasa

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

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Hare Krishna my dear Gurudeva,

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

*evam-vidham tvam sakalātmanām api
svātmānam ātmāmatayā vicakṣate
gurv-arka-labdhopaniṣat-sucakṣuṣā
ye te tarantīva bhavānṛtāmbudhim*

"Those who have received the clear vision of knowledge from the sunlike spiritual master can see Krishna in this way, as the very Soul of all souls, the Supersoul of everyone's own self. Thus understanding Krishna original personality, they are able to cross over the ocean of illusory material existence." (Srimad Bhagavatam,10.14.24).

It is incredible to think that I have a personality like you to call my spiritual master, my guru. Since committing to you in front of Radha Gopinatha as your disciple, I received a shelter which I never had before. I felt that utmost care, protection and guidance from the day you first accepted me. This guidance ran in my spiritual life, from my practising of Krishna Consciousness, but it has made its way into my everyday life. When challenged at work or in certain social situations or in some relationships or simply through my mind's own struggles, the one question that gives me a meaningful perspective is, "What would Gurudeva say?" And to combat these challenges, I seek out your instructions, in the form of your lectures, your books, your Blog and your kirtan, and as always, I find this shelter that I have been searching for and I find my answers. So I hope that by way of your instructions making their way into my everyday life, that I one day learn how to serve you effectively and live a meaningful life for Krishna.

Over the last few years, I have been lucky to have spent some personal time with you. During these times, I have seen and felt your mystical qualities. I mean to begin with, I never imagined having a Guru, who could speak about ten different

languages, and with whom I could speak about spirituality in practice on one hand but also complicated legal concepts and issues on the other hand (the latter was in the context of your ongoing project with ISKCON Brooklyn). It is remarkable how intelligent and caring and patient and dedicated you are. You endlessly travel across the globe to visit all of your disciples and maintain those relationships despite a hectic lifestyle. Your efforts are not only appreciated, but also realised, as I see what a remarkable godfamily we have, all thanks to you.

I want to briefly touch on a message that I came across while transcribing your lectures for Kadamba Kanana Swami Blog (8 April 2019, in Amritsar, India) you said throughout the lecture that when one is bound by duty or by obligation, it is oppressive and one may feel that their freedom is limited. But when one is bound by love, one is not losing their freedom at all. Devotional service is something that is voluntarily performed out of free choice, out of love. Therefore, this full happiness and freedom also comes from devotional service. A powerful message which puts me at peace during the toughest of times.

I do not live that ideal devotee life, one that I wish I could show to you. I struggle and I make mistakes. Yet, you accept me and vouch for me to Krishna. So for this, there is no way I can begin to thank you.

I feel completely humbled and blessed to finally say that I have you as my spiritual master and I seek your blessings that I can one day serve you with all my heart and surrender wholly to my spiritual life, so that I can finally learn to love Krishna.

Eternally yours in service,

Nara Narayana Dasa

Nayanabhiram Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya

jñānāñjana-śalākayā

cakṣur unmlitaṁ yena

tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭam

sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ
dadāti sva-padāntikam

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

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaj,

Another year In, Another year out. Time I am as it is said. Change an undeniable factor. As the years flow by I reflect again on my own offering of service to you. Comparatively speaking compared to other years it has been a low tide this year passed. Time, place and circumstances will always change but I know the opportunities are always a stones throw away.

I do sincerely have that desire to be better and do better and take it moment to moment, day to day. The process has always been simple in its essence and it is always been on us to not only step up but keep up.

As Srila Prabhupada has said:

“Krishna takes a special appreciation for His devotees who are engaged in risking for His preaching work and He will give you special care and guidance at all times because you are sincerely trying to serve Him in this way.”

Sincerity is not always easy to maintain but I know when one is truly sincere than that bare honestly and offering from the heart can purchase what no money can. I am again truly honoured and humbled to have you as my spiritual master you are very merciful and kind.

I am very grateful again and again. I count my blessings and good fortune.
Thank you Maharaj.

Another mercy case.

Your servant,

Nayanabhiram Dasa

Nejc Hudolin

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I would like to express my gratitude to you, even though it is a fact that real gratitude and love for spiritual master is something very far for a soul like me. You mentioned that this in an interview. Why I love Srila Prabhupada? I feel that my heart is like a stone. But I am just simply amazed what you, Kadamba Kanana Swami and your disciples are doing to spread Krishna Consciousness and to help Srila Prabhupada in the mission of his spiritual master. And, somehow or other I am also inspired to do something.

I will try my best to go out on the streets of Slovenia as much as possible, distributing Srila Prabhupada's books and the holy name. Individually or through projects like Padayatra Slovenia. All for yours and Krishna's pleasure. I am lucky enough to have very nice association of devotees here in Ljubljana, so with theirs' and your blessings I hope I will keep on progressing in my Krishna

I will never forget your precious morning association during Giriraj puja in Ljubljana.

I hope one day my stonelike heart will melt and I will be really able to say sincerely - thank you so much.

Your insignificant servant,

Nejc

Nilamani Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

My Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for me. You have been there in my most difficult time. And I am very grateful to the Lord who gave me difficulty which made me closer to you. This is a blessing in disguise. You are representing Krishna, the Supreme Lord, in this world. You have kindly appeared in this material world to bring us back to Godhead. I am extremely indebted to you.

I pray to Krishna to squeeze my energy to the maximum until my last breath to serve you. Each and every word you send are like Vedic hymns which bring so much happiness to the soul. Fulfilling the orders of my spiritual master are the mission of my life, and I will continue do my best to fulfil all of them. I await eagerly for your blessing to be fruitful soon in bringing someone who will assist in pushing this movement.

My dear spiritual father, please always shower your blessing on your spiritual daughter who does not have enough words to express her love for you but knows that you will feel it for sure.

On this auspicious day I pray for your constant association.

Happy Vyas-Puja day my dearest Guru Maharaj.

Your Eternal servant,

Nilamani Dasi

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

As the years roll on, I am seeing more and more how much shelter you are providing me in my life. For me personally, this has become especially pertinent now in light of the various developments in my own life. You know which disciples need more guidance, hardness, softness and at what times. All in aid of their ongoing spiritual growth. You mentioned in one of your lectures how there are different types of mothers like the cow, the turtle and so on. The spiritual master innately knows what kind of motherly approach to take at what time. You perfectly exemplify this. At the same time you have your sharp eye on the big picture, what projects are conducive for the movement, which direction they should go, pitfalls to watch out for and so on.

It is inspiring and exhilarating seeing your vision and giving advice on the various enterprises we are trying to implement in our respective yatras. At the same time, it is also wondrous to see the joy, enthusiasm and pleasure that you are experiencing in your spiritual life and that you are giving to all of us. When I am in your kirtans, I completely forget about my day to day issues and just feel immersed in the holy names.

I know you want your disciples to do something substantial for Srila Prabhupada and I know that will take different form and shape depending on who the disciple is. I sincerely pray that I can really please you with my efforts for the movement, I pray that I can trust and rely more on the empowerment I am receiving from you. I am just over a decade in the movement, progressing very, very slowly and making many, many mistakes. But somehow you are merciful enough to show me so much kindness and encouragement.

I pray that me and our god family continue to benefit from your wonderful association not just just through your vani but through your vapu too, for many years to come.

Your aspiring servant and disciple,

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

Nita Patel

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

Guru Maharaj, I would like to make this offering to you on your Vyas-puja day. My name is Nita Patel. I live and serve in Leicester Temple. I met you a few years ago at Krishna Avanti School Leicester. We were introduced by Harsarani Devi Dasi. You spoke to me briefly and even though you had a tight schedule you listened with great interest. It felt like you were overjoyed – seeing such a big smile on your face, because I was already doing service so soon after I had joined Iskcon Leicester.

Guru Maharaj with your encouragement I have taken more services in different areas, also I have just started last year a garland workshop for children. Listening to your kirtan, and even your lecture of Caitanya Mahaprabhu dancing ecstatically with the disciples.

I mentioned it to my mentor Seva Priya Devi Dasi that I was looking for a Guru Maharaj who will take me further into my spiritual life. I was so anxious to have your blessings and accept me as your disciple. On February you came to London and I joined a few of your disciples to welcome you at the airport, you mercifully gave me your blessings and accepted me as your disciple.

On 2 February Guru Maharaj you gave a class on the commitments and be aware of taking vows of getting initiated. You encouraged your disciples to read regularly books of Srila Prabhupada, Bhagavad-gita and to chant 16 rounds. And keep the vows that they committed on their initiation day.

Guru Maharaj please give me your blessings that I could be worthy to serve you and progress in my spiritual life as your disciple.

Your servant,

Nita Patel

Nrsimha Caitanya Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

The time has come again when we can glorify you and express our gratitude towards you. The principle of Guru holds a very special place in sastras. It is something that gets us out of this material world which for me is still a concept too sublime to be fully appreciated. But I can appreciate how instrumental and unreplaceable you are in breaking down my concepts of enjoying the sufferings of this world. You do it with grace, kindness, sometimes you do it gently, some time it hurts. But always the effect of seeing the world for what it is comes at the end. Thank you for opening my eyes again and again.

The last two years were very hard for me due to an unfortunate event that happened in my family. I was utterly spent and although the biggest emergency was gone, I have exhausted all energy and could not rise up again. I wrote to you about my situation and you suggested that I come and spend some time with you. At that time it was still difficult for me to leave not only because of various circumstances but also because at that time everything was difficult. When I met you in Ljubljana for last year's Janmastami celebration, you said: "Nice to see you, where shall I take you next?", and You suggested that I come to Mauritius and South Africa with you and Harinamananda Prabhu. I knew this was an offer one can not refuse so I agreed and few weeks later I met with you in Mauritius.

Those two weeks of your association and of association of my enthusiastic godfamily were the spiritual boost I needed to get back on my feet. I am very grateful to you because it was like a spiritual rehabilitation. You even told everyone that you took me for a vacation. Thank you very much for the whole experience.

Although I cannot say I am doing especially well right now, I am finally on the path of improvement. You said that your heart is demanding but I also perceive it as

very kind. Somehow you are happy with me doing harinams with Harinamananda Prabhu from time to time somewhere around the world and I can feel your mercy always available. I would like to fully take hold of that mercy. I am a slow person and it might take me some time, but that is my goal – to take that mercy, become a worthy servant in Srila Prabhupada's mission, and hopefully in this way try to satisfy the demanding part of your heart.

All glories to you, dear Guru Maharaj, thank you for being so merciful to me!

Your humble servant,

Nrsimha Caitanya Dasa

Padmanabha Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, to Srila Jayadvaita Swami and to you.

Thank you Guru Maharaj, for accepting me the way I am, while also wanting me to be the way that it is easier to accept Krishna as my Lord and master, my guidance, my best friend and my shelter.

Thank you for engaging me and all my god brothers and god sisters in very personalised ways and services; it is definitely not one size fits all, or actually, no one. You see individual differences and adjust your approach while still also demanding absolute purity and surrender. How you do it is mij een raadsel but that you do it is very clear.

On the fantastic parikram in November you had a nice motley crew of disciples and well wishers around you. We all felt so happy to be with you, to hear from you and to chant with you in the many kirtans that went off. Like in Jaipur, hours and hours of dancing, like the Jaipurians had not seen in a while. Or maybe they do but not from dancing white elephants.

I heard that at Radhadesh mellows you said we should be the movement of mutual appreciation and I appreciate that a lot; a heart centered movement where people are liked and loved in real and realistic ways. I heard you speak about us being humans trying on a transcendental experience and how both sides need care and attention. I like very much that you make room for us individuals and give care and attention as and where needed.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for allowing me as a cousin in the Kadamba family.
With love,

Padmanabha Dasa

Sydney (Australia)



TO GIVE- THE KEY IN THE RELATIONSHIP

SOMETIMES IN THE BEGINNING STAGES , PEOPLE ARE ALSO TRYING TO SEE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRITUAL MASTER AS EVERYTHING. BUT, THEY ARE LOOKING AT WHAT THEY CAN GET FROM THAT RELATIONSHIP. AND THEY ARE LOOKING AS TO KIND OF GET THE MAXIMUM ATTENTION- TO GET A LETTER A DAY, TO GET A PHONE CALL IN BETWEEN- TO GET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND MILK AND MILK AND MILK- NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! IT IS NOT LIKE THAT! WE MUST GIVE, WE MUST GIVE TO OUR SPIRITUAL MASTER. IT'S WHAT WE GIVE THAT IS THE KEY TO THE RELATIONSHIP.

Pandava Bandhava Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for everything you did for me. You gave me opportunity to serve in Mayapur, and in this way you moulded my life in a very Kṛṣṇa conscious manner. You told me to spend time in the dham studying and absorbing the mercy. You also told me to continue the preaching and to take care of devotees. These two instructions became the moto of my life.

You have conquered over my heart long ago. You did this with your kindness, encouragement, your genuine care. I always cherish the opportunities to associate with you and I always get enlivened by your personality. You are one of the great treasures of my life.

Dear Maharaja, I pray that I will have your assosiation and opportunity to serve you for many long years. Please be merciful to me and allow me to stay around.

Your servant,

Pandava Bandhava Dasa

Parama Karuna Das

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Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Participating in your kirtans when you are down under is the pinnacle of every year.
Your discourses are experienced, humorous and bright bring fresh insights and
allays my ever fear.

Your mood is down to earth. It is service and you relish it and in turn you help us all
to engage our propensities.

Your love for everyone is tangible and it extends to all corners of creation.

Your allegiance to Srila Prabhupadas mission and services you have performed and
have taken on into the future are just phenomenal.

You accessibility and open hearted dealings within the Vaisnava community is so
wonderful .not only limited with this society I am sure.

I am so grateful you accepted this fallen wretch,I am slowly becoming whole by
your mercy it is an honour and privilege to bow to you each and every day and look
forward to next I can say good day.

Happy appearance day, a blessed day indeed

Your servant,

Parama Karuna Dasa

Parjanya Dasa & Arca Murti Devi Dasi

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Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

We sincerely hope and pray that you are in the best of health. How can we connect with Krishna? How can we relate to Krishna's pastimes, without your intervention? Srila Prabhupada had said, "The spiritual master and Krishna are two parallel lines. The train on two tracks moves forward. The spiritual master and Krishna are like these two tracks. They must be served simultaneously, and the bon-a-fide spiritual master helps one to understand Krishna."

The social, political and economic situation in South Africa is quite challenging. Times are tough, but we have you to guide us along. Your book, 'Guru & disciple,' enlivens me. I am no, highflier in spreading Krishna Consciousness. But, by your mercy, I distribute Srila Prabhupada's books weekly, attend namahata programs and preach through our music at large gatherings. Also, being an ex-educator, I have been called to teach Bhagavad-gita and Krishna Consciousness to about seventy learners during their religious studies period. I also focus on reading Prabhupada's 4 books as per your recommendation.

Not everyone wants to travel to our ISKCON centres. Therefore, I am trying to spread Krishna Consciousness locally. Your quote, "The principal duty of the spiritual master is to give people a greater vision for themselves than that which they can come up with on their own." bears significance and Srila Prabhupada had said, "sisyas te ham sadhi mam tvam prapanam.. Now I am your disciple, and a soul surrendered unto you. Please instruct me."

I humbly beg! Please forgive me for any misgivings. We pray for your good health.

We look forward to your new book. I cannot wait for the Mayapur parikrama.

Your humble servants,

Parjanya Dasa & Arca Murti Devi Dasi

Pooja Somaiya

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Hare Krishna Dearest Kadamba Kanana Maharaj

Dandavat Pranam to you Maharaj.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

My name is Pooja Somaiya, from London.

I would like to make a special offering on your auspicious Vyasa-puja.

Today is a very special day that you came to this world for saving the conditioned souls in the movement of Sri Caitanya MahaPrabhu. You are doing this service for the pleasure of the Lord. In this way, I am one of the souls to surrender to you. Since I met you at the Leicester Ratha Yatra, I have been inspired by you more and more by how you are spreading the holy name. Listening to your lectures and kirtans really and truly inspire me. Since then, I am aspiring to take your shelter, to serve you as my spiritual master and as well the Lord by your mercy and grace.

Again, I got your association in the holy dham of Vrindavan during the most auspicious time, Kartik, last year. Of course, you also recently came to London, Bhaktivedanta Manor. It was wonderful to see you and associate with you Maharaj! Was really lovely to listen to your class and kirtan! This really inspires me and helps me advance in my spiritual life.

Maharaj please give me your blessings. I pray that you always stay in good health and bless me always. I wish to always serve you as my spiritual master.

Your servant,

Pooja

Punya Palika Devi Dasi

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Dear spiritual father,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I feel very insignificant when it comes to express my gratitude to you, for all the inspiration and love you have given to this insignificant person. I take so much from you, shamelessly, and you just keep giving and giving. I feel as though you have set me free, that my life was just a small box and you have let me out and taught me to fly. When I am with you there is this joy, a calm satisfaction, this feeling of yes! Serving Kṛṣṇa is real happiness. This is where I belong.

A revolutionary is a person who advocates revolution which means involving or causing a complete or dramatic change. And you have given us a change. You have given us a resolution to surrender now. You have mentioned in one of your blogs and through your blogs and lectures you gives us your direct instructions.

“We have to bring some goodness in our life and we have to invest in the mornings. Rise early and have strong morning program. Chant good japa. Read more in the Srimad Bhagvatam. Get absorbed and that will drive out this mode of passion and mode of ignorance, which are still sometimes weighing us down and making it hard for us to follow the rules and regulations of Krishna Consciousness.” (KKS Blog).

Srimad Bhagvatam is presenting how to change the heart from iron to gold, steel framed to butter, lust filled to love filled, parched to pleased, frustrated to exhilarate, unfulfilled to fully filled, pained to peaceful and of course empty to sat upon by The Lord.

In one of your talks in Vrindavan parikrama last year, you showed the importance of vapu and vani and you have given us assurance saying that even if you sometimes can not read our mails or answer them, you will take us back to Godhead. That moment I will never forget and it will always give the assurance of your love and

care that you have towards me.

Thank you for taking time to encourage, inspire, instruct and guide me. Your mercy has no bound. I know I have been slack many a times in writing to you and I know that I am an unworthy recipient and despite that you have accepted me and guided me as your daughter.

On this auspicious day, I pray to remain a speck of dust at your lotus feet and wishing and always praying for your better and better health, so that we get your association and get inspiration to handle our material life.

Your servant,

Punya Palika Devi Dasi

Purna Tattva Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your service, all glories to you! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Year 2019 was quite difficult, with divorce and everything about it. Fortunately by the grace of Kṛṣṇa, everything went well. I also tried to have another relationship, but that did not work and I felt it as a lost time. Now after 1.5 month of so called loneliness, I am more happy and full of energy as ever. I think that I have returned to my adolescent. I feel it is good, and good for my devotional life. I want to serve devotees, I am happy to visit them, to be with them, to work for them. Yes, this is my real sense of my human life. Thank you that you are my Guru.

I know that I am full of imperfections, but I think that everything is the will of Kṛṣṇa and He has some plan with us. So I believe that I am on right way back home, back to Vrindavan. I like to be there very much. I wish you all the best in any way. Again and again I pray for you for your protection, good health and success in devotional service to your Guru, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radhe Shyam.

Your invisible servant,

Purna Tattva Dasa

Purusottama Ksetra Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

You saved us all. Jagais and Madhais are changing into devotees by your mercy. In the jungle of sense objects I was tied with ropes of selfishness and with my imperfect senses I made mistakes by cheating others. I knew only sin and selfishness. You made me stand on my legs. You make the atmosphere of Vrindavan. But it is not possible to only buy a ticket to Vrindavan. You give us example how not to waste any moment. You are eternal, we are eternal and we cultivate the eternal reciprocation of instructions and service for Krishna. We listen to parampara succession and we serve to its representatives.

Service to you is a chance and the greatest blissful challenge and the meaning of life of your disciples. Without the service to you there is no other hope. Thanks to the blessing of vaisnava everything is possible. Even such a heart of mine might be soft and loving, without lust, anger and envy. Your blessing is here, we have to accept it and fight. We depend on it – how to please you, how to receive your association. In devotional service we should do what pleases you and to have absolute trust in your instructions. I beg you to be able to stay Krishna conscious in eternal devotional service to you life after life. Your personality shines like a sun, who would not want to go out of the shadow?

The shadow of servant,

Purusottama Ksetra Dasa

Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his holiness Candramauli Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna and happy happy Vyasa-puja day. I am so deeply grateful to Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radha Shyamasundar for sending you to guide, support, and care for all of us fallen souls. Though we have not spent too much time together, I have always been deeply inspired by your classes and your kirtans. You have made a very tangible difference in my life by bringing me closer to the holy names through your melodious and soulful kirtans, and also by your realized classes about Vraja and Caitanya Lila. I have had the privilege of hearing from you in Switzerland, Germany, United States, and India.

I will always be grateful to so many members of your godfamily who have treated me like family, and in this way I have also felt very connected and attached to you. I will always be grateful that you made the time to one day grace mine and my husband's home. I do need to redeem myself because I was not happy with how the prasadam came out that day! So maybe, if you would be so be so merciful, you can come back one day.

I pray that Radhe Shyam keep you healthy and happily engaged for many, many more years to come. We really need your wisdom and kirtan to stay afloat in our Krishna consciousness.

With my sincere gratitude and affection,

Your aspiring servant,

Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi
New York (USA)

Radhaharini Devi Dasi

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayapataka-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

My Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Although my Gurudeva is Srila Jayapataka Swami, yourself are a very great inspiration to me and my son Govinda who is learning the harmonium and mridanga. We regularly hear your kirtans and it is a really a very great boost for our Krishna Consciousness. Dear Maharaja please bless us on this auspicious occasion of your appearance to progress in our spiritual journey. Govinda and myself regularly sing your kirtan tunes.

Praying humbly to Lord Nrasimha deva to always protect you and help such souls like us to progress in devotional service.

Dandavat Pranams,

Radhaharini Devi Dasi

Radhakanta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Jayadvaita Mahraja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thinking about the time I spent with you, I always appreciated not only the knowledge of sastra you have, but also your expertize how to apply it in different situations. I was many times the witness, when some less important rule was being stressed so much or on another side important things surprisingly belittled. When you give some advice, I hear you often mention how Srila Prabhupada dealt in similar case. This inspired me also to study every Prabhupada's word and instruction. Srila Prabhupada is our only hope and I see you representing him

in every aspect of life and still you have your own wonderful personality, full of kindness, charm, wisdom. I can say I feel completely safe under your wing as my spiritual master.

In my present situation I do not know how much time I will be able to spend in your physical presence, but our philosophy doesn't place physical presence as all that is. I will forever keep those gems of minutes and hours I could spend with you in past and which made me thirsty after the nectar of spiritual life and gave me much strength. I try also to remember, that whatever mercy I got, I should pay it back by helping others.

The Srimad Bhagavatam states:

"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." (SB 3.7.19).

Practically when I remember during the service I try to do that it might please you, it gives me much inspiration and my consciousness grows from feeling like dwarf trying to climb over the mountain to the giant playfully lifting it. Without you inspiring me to continue my service I would many times given it up and was doing some other service, but that would also mean I would not theoretically progress so much, because by lifting heavy weights our power increases. This also proves that whatever service I might have somehow done, it was only by your mercy.

Sometimes I see devotees being afraid of speaking with their Guru or even coming in proximity to him. I am very glad that thanks to your friendly approach to your disciples this never was my case. You have understanding for our weaknesses and you do not spare the word of appreciation for every little service. You maybe had bigger plans with me in the past which I tried to be open to, but somehow I could not get out of the shell of my conditioned nature. But if you in the future will be able to recall my name, my life will be successful. Thank you Guru Maharaj for being here for us.

Your eternal servant,

Radhakanta Dasa

Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this auspicious day

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for accepting this fallen soul. You carry enthusiasm and positive energy with you which makes everyone around you uplifted. It is so amazing to see you doing so much for New York Temple, with such a dedication you are trying to follow your spiritual masters' instruction. I hope I will get at least a drop of this dedication to fulfill the instructions which you have given me. With my little contribution I am trying to help Sheffield namahatta.

Please on this auspicious day I beg from you the mercy for all the fallen souls of Sheffield, that one day they all become Krishna conscious and go back to Godhead. I will not be able to make it for Vyasa-puja this year but hopefully we will come next year. I am a begger and begging for you to keep me engaged in your service. I do not have enough faith to serve Krishna so I can only ask for service at your lotus feet.

Your insignificant daughter,

Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

Rai Kisorī Devi Dasi, Vyasa Kṛṣṇa Dasa, Vṛndāvanī & Varsanā Vasīnī

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

O ocean of mercy. We are so fortunate to be your disciples. I am writing this Vyasa-puja offering to you on the most auspicious occasion of Sri Nityananda Trayodasi for you are the representative of Lord Nityananda Rama in this material world who has so mercifully come to save us fallen souls. You are the embodiment of spiritual knowledge to guide us on the path of devotional service. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve such an exalted vaishnava as you. As our most beloved spiritual master you have always been here for us.

Just recently we went through some deep emotional situations and you were constantly by our side at that time. Never was there a moment when we felt weak because we knew that you were with us. Your grand daughters Vrindavani and Varsana Vasini are two drops of mercy given to us by you. Please always be with us to guide us all so that we can dedicate our lives to Sri Radha and Kṛṣṇa. We pray to you to please empower these two souls with great adherence and conviction so that they may wholeheartedly serve Srila Prabhupada's movement which is so dear to you. Thank you so much for everything Gurudeva.

Trying to be your servants,
Rai Kisor Devi Dasi, Vyasa Kṛṣṇa Dasa,
Vrindavani & Varsana Vasini

Ravindra Svarupa Dasa & Sri ji Devi Dasi

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Our dear Guru Maharaj,

We offer our respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Kadamba swami, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Every day we remember your lotus feet and during the last year we got a sweater from you. This hangs at home and when watching this your presence at home is enhanced.

By your mercy Sriji and I are able to do seva in Sri Krishna Dhaam temple and take care of our deities at home. Every day we feel your blessing during japa and seva. We are forever your eternal servants. We hope and pray that forever Kṛṣṇa will keep us as your servants.

Please never ever forget about us and keep us always at your lotus feet, which are our only shelter. We feel so much love coming from you even if we are physically far. We feel closer to you then ever and we try to serve you in the temple and at home.

Thank you for being our very very special father.

Your eternal servants,

Ravindra Svarupa Dasa & Sriji Devi Dasi

Revati Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Hare Krishna my dear Guru-Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj.

All glories to you.

The most auspicious day and the celebration of your appearance is always a wonderful opportunity to glorify you and to reflect on ones' relationship with you.

When it comes to the relationship with one's spiritual master, it is not just about meeting him, talking with him, attending his classes or kirtanas – although these seem to be the most pleasing activities.

However, serving his mission, his instructions is the more important part of the relationship. Unfortunately I am not really satisfied with just follow your instruction – to more or less retire. I am not sure about the reason. It might just be my false ego which isn't satisfied. After in the past playing the role of a “hero” for some years I felt useless now. And some doubts were rising.

I asked myself: Is sitting comfortable in my own home and mainly concentrating on my personal sādhana really enough?

For different reasons I had to give up my plan for a harināma/saṅkīrtan ashram in Puri. Kṛṣṇa made it easy for me, because there is someone else who wants to do exactly the same, he will start soon. And I can simply support the project financially. I am not doing it for this reason, but still: But can one buy the “ticket” for the final journey, back home?

Even worse, what is my qualification at all? Did I really change during all the years? Yes, in general my activities changed. Yes, in general I became more thoughtful about what to do and how to do it. But my critical “German” mind is still disturbing and again and again giving me trouble. I am doing my best not to act accordingly, not to make others feel offended. But as the years are passing by I often feel, that in

some sense I am still the same “proud and puffed up rascal” I was 20 years ago.

These are the moments where my self-created bubble of self-satisfaction and complacency bursts and I get a hard landing on the ground of the fact that I am still just at the airport waiting for the final boarding.

Thinking about my qualification (or rather disqualification) for going back home I feel like Don Quijote, fighting a hopeless fight against windmills.

When I came to this point some months ago, I felt really helpless. Useless and helpless seems to be a bad combination, but somehow it saved me. Because I gave up this foolish idea that I could go back home mainly on my own strength. Of course, I knew I am depending on your mercy, but only at this point I realized how much I am depending on you.

Kṛṣṇa helped me a “little bit”. By His and your mercy I came across an article on “Dandavats” where it was clearly explained that the disciple will be able to go back home because of the merciful prayers of his spiritual master. But not like it's very common nowadays in some religions just because of some lip-service. Rather Guru has to be satisfied with his disciple.

As far as you are concerned, I am sure that the Lord will listen to your prayers. How could He not listen to His devotee, who is dedicating his whole being to His service? This gives me so much hope against hope. Although, as far as my part of it is concerned, I am not sure – can you be satisfied with me?

So please let me know and help me to understand where I need to work on, what to do. Very often I feel helpless in the middle of all the thoughts, ideas, options, and opinions coming up from my vata-dominated mind. If I start to think about it, immediately I feel like Don Quijote again, fighting against an insurmountable enemy. The only difference: the enemy is real – as far as Maya can be called real.

So more than from my activities my hope against hope comes from the understanding that I am just depending on mercy. Your mercy, the mercy of Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada and the mercy of Nitai Gauranga. I am still dreaming of some direct service given by you. I mean apart of what I am doing now. Otherwise, one day I might get lost amongst an ever increasing number of different manifestations of the Lord in my home. Unable to travel any more, because I would need three suitcases for all of Them. And unable to serve Them properly.

Somehow this was to inform you that what I never expected happened again. One day, out of nowhere, the name “Venkata Bhatta” appeared in my mind. I understood he was somehow related to Lord Gauranga, couldn't remember exactly who he was, and asked “Mr. Google”. In this way I came across some photos from Lord

Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra, personally made and worshipped by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu when He stayed in Venkata Bhaṭṭa's house. I was extremely attracted by them.

Therefore, although I never ever had the idea to worship the Lord in this form, short time later I ordered someone to make some Deities exactly like this. Because the artist had some own ideas and mood the result was not exactly the same, but everyone confirms that they are even more beautiful!

By Their presence I feel more connected to the mercy of Lord Gauranga and I feel like I understood (at least to some extend) why Lord Jagannātha is His Ista-deva. For me it's like this is the form of Kṛṣṇa where He feels so much separation from Vrndavan and its inhabitants that He is more merciful than in His original form. Like Lord Gauranga, He can understand our suffering of separation, our desire to return home.

Now I am so fortunate to be reminded of this again and again, because I can see His feeling of separation every day. And my hope for His mercy becomes stronger. What more, apart of some service for you, could I desire? I can just pray that by your mercy this feeling of separation may become fully manifested in my heart.

Just one more desire comes up again and again: Right now I will have to stay in Germany for some more months, but after this I would very much like to go to and stay in Vrndavan. I am thinking about going there since quite a time but couldn't come to any final decision. I am just overly attached to my comfortable situation in Mayapur. So I can simply hope that by your's and the Lord's mercy I will get rid of this foolish attachment and even this desire will be fulfilled. On the other hand wherever one might be, there is always some service opportunity.

For some good reason (because of being your disciple) still full of hope against hope for a real "happy end."

I remain your eternal servant

Revati Devi Dasi

Rishi Ruparelia

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

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

When I think about our relationship, three undeniably life-moulding trips come to mind.

The first is when I was with you in Vrindavan in 2018. We would offer you a maha garland every morning after breakfast and you would accept it for our purification. You did not like how the maha petals would fall on the floor because we could step on them and in this way, disrespect the Lord's prasada. At every opportunity, I found myself picking up the petals from the floor of your room. On one occasion, smiling widely as a garland hung from your neck, you danced and danced so that the petals would rain onto the floor and there I was, catching the mercy on all fours and clearing your floor. All of this, just so that I could make a little spiritual advancement.

You gave me the benediction of being your personal servant in New Mayapur last summer – some of the most blissful moments of my life. I saw you giving every fibre of your being to the devotees and the mission without holding back. You told me that it is all about Prabhupada. You said that Prabhupada made a sacrifice so we must make a sacrifice. And then you asked me what I am going to do to give Krishna consciousness to the native people of England because that is what Prabhupada wanted. I saw you so surrendered to him, as by your words and example, you taught me what it means to be a Prabhupada man.

More recently in Mayapur this year, I felt our relationship deepen. You tolerated my mountain of shortcomings, accepted me and taught me many priceless lessons. Like a loving father, in one day alone you showed me what it means to have a heart: by not being fixed-minded but being accepting, flexible and just nice to others. I

always try to carry these instructions with me and see how I can make them a reality in my own life.

When it is your birthday in the material world, you receive presents from your friends and family. In spiritual life, it is very different. When a great personality, someone dear to the Lord, appears, the gifts are received by other persons. I am one such fortunate person. I sit here and think about all the invaluable gifts that I have received and continue to receive from you. I have mentioned only a few but by gosh, the gifts are many and my hands are only two. They are far from ordinary, ever-fresh in fact. They are a shelter, they give hope, they push me in just the right way and they remind me that you are always with me.

I will always remain grateful for everything you have gifted me. I have unwrapped many things but now I must wrap some gifts myself. I have inherited it now: I must become a giver. It is high time I make something of all that I have received and offer something back to you, the society of vaishnavas and the world.

With genuine gratitude from your servant,
Rishi Ruparelia

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Rocani Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I offer my humble obeisances to the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. Words are not enough to glorify you but please accept my humble attempt to do so.

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva

guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja.

“According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to higher planetary systems and some are going down into lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering entities, one who is fortunate gets the opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Krishna. By the mercy of both Krishna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.” (SB.6.1.2, purport).

I am so fortunate to get your association and that you accepted me under your shelter. I am so fallen that despite having this great blessing I feel I am not taking full advantage of it. But I sincerely wish to be more serious in my spiritual life and I am sure that by your continuously flowing mercy I will get the taste for devotional service and for the holy names.

You have relished the mellow of pure devotion which is seen in the ecstasy that you feel when you are doing kirtan. You have realised the Absolute Truth. You always endeavor to serve Krishna to the best of your abilities, even if you feel tired you do not show it as your wish to please Krishna and the vaishnavas is above your bodily condition of life. Your heart is full of compassion. You have a hearing ear always. These are the qualities I really admire. And there are lot more.

I will consider myself fortunate if I get even a little bit of the love that you have for Krishna and if I develop a little bit of the good qualities that you have. I pray to Krishna to keep you determined. To keep you always engaged in loving devotional service. And I pray for your good health so that there are no impediments in your preaching.

Your servant,

Rocani Devi Dasi

(Mauritius)

Rukmini Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

My Dear Spiritual Master,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

*om ajṣāna-timirāndhasya
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cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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I know that our relationship is eternal. I also know that these moments we have in the flesh are precious and numbered. My prayer is that I learn to imbibe your spirit, mood and focus and if possible, quickly. My prayer is that the depth of the vishnava that you are be revealed to myself, my god brothers and god sisters, and the world.

You once said that we honour a vaishanava by seeing the service they have done.

Often on

Jayadvaita Swami's Vyasa-puja you would elaborate on his services which were unknown to us as if to say, 'You should know who my spiritual master is.' I want to know who you are.

I happen to be in Mayapur, chanting japa in the Pancha Tattva extension. I remember hearing that you designed it, and the temple of Lord Nrsimhadeva. You once told me you designed the dome at the Radha Madhava entrance. We know the mammoth task of Srila Prabhupada's pushpa samadhi but how many other things were you responsible for that we reap the benefit of now? And in the future – like the Mayapur masterplan.

You said you knew very switch and lightbulb in the Krishna Balarama mandhira in Vrindavana and so I sometimes wonder if the marble would whisper to me off

all the sacrifices you made there. Big and small and selfless. You said you used to stay in the Goshala where the VIHE now stands and would draw water out of a well for bathing even in the bitter cold winter. And still attend mangal arotika even if it meant wading through monsoon waters.

I wish I fully understood your sacrifices in South Africa. Here it is with people rather than buildings. How many relationships have you invested in? And supported or not you see the vision of what this country needs and pursue it. You gave Soweto their first Ratha Yatra and still contribute and inspire that project each year. And now you envision an education centre supporting African students.

And how very little I know of New York, except that it consumes your thoughts and takes more out of you than is physically possible for a mere human being. I see you make this sacrifice from a distance and still you work doubly as hard to maintain the relationships you have across the world.

And what all of you have done for the rest of the world that I have never heard of.

And you still rise in the morning and turn to your japa beads faithfully. You still prefer to personally do Giriraja's puja because if you do not you feel that you have missed something. You are still as absorbed as ever, pouring out divine knowledge in a practical form from the spontaneous depths of your being and I am left to wonder when you had the time to put it all in there.

And so very unlike me, you are calm, peaceful, fiesty only because you want to be, sarcastic and funny. And we honour a vaishnava by their service but who knows of all your service? Who will tell me?

Srutakirti Prabhu recently said that now, fifty years later, he feels closer to Srila Prabhupada than he ever did when he was in his personal presence. I think it will take my whole life to know you, or more.

Shyamasundara Prabhu mentioned last night how Krishna would remind him in dreams, and other mystical ways, all that Srila Prabhupada had personally taught him so that he could write his book, 'Chasing Rhinos'.

I guess Krishna could tell me, maybe He will...

Your daughter,

Rukmini Devi Dasi

Sachimata Devi Dasi

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

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaj,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Ever since my husband and I met you in New Vraja Mandala around 2009, I have been inspired by you. You immediately impressed me by your friendly, down to earth personality. You were easily approachable and although in the renounced order of life, you exhibited none of the prestige I have experienced with some of the other sanyasis I have encountered. In one of our first conversations, you helped me to understand that all devotees, whether they are brahmacaris, householders, sanyasis or even Gurus, are human, and in the human state, can and will make mistakes. You helped me to understand that even if a Guru falls but then rectifies himself with Srila Prabhupada and Krishna; he is to be honored and respected. What counts is his love, devotion and years of service to Srila Prabhupada. You immediately brought peace to my troubled heart. In your decades of service to your Guru and Srila Prabhupada, you always bring your wholehearted interest, care, and determination to whatever project you are asked to be involved with. And if it does not succeed, you learn from the experience, and then proceed to the next project with sincere humility and the same determination to achieve the goal. Even if the service you are given is not exactly your "cup of tea, you follow wholeheartedly the instruction of Guru, and sastra, and do your best.

Thank you Maharaj, especially for your wonderful classes, hitting my cold stone heart to the core, reaching that spot I sometimes keep hidden. And thank you for your wonderful and super inspiring kirtans, that make an old senior devotee, jump and dance as if she were twenty. Thank you for all your humble and sincere efforts to serve Srila Prabhupada, and although not a direct initiated disciple of Srila Prabhupada, your words ring true, I have heard you say, "I am a Prabhupada man." All glories to you Maharaj on your Vyasa-puja. All glories to your unlimited service.

Your servant,
Sachimata Devi Dasi

Sadbhuja Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

First of all I want to thank you so much for being so available, natural and down to earth. Thank you for being authentic, straightforward and thoughtful. And thank you for creating a place in this movements where all the misfits fit in. I can see you attracting a lot of thoughtful and individualistic disciples. My hope is that we can be in a movement where there are no misfits, which is broad enough to accommodate the whole of society without the need to make compromises.

Our generation did not shape the movement yet, and I think its time that this is changing. From my perspective its time for Krishna Consciousness to stay grounded and connected to the tradition and teachings of Srila Prabhupada but to be more relevant to the world. I am not in peace with the fact that this movement has so little impact on society at large. So it is time to do something to become more relevant and relatable. More broadminded and inclusive. Less judging and more compassion. Less living for rules and more for the spirit. I am insignificant and my efforts and results are small. But if I can see myself making any contribution for this movement and in your service, then it is going towards this direction. I do not know if this offering is accepted or appreciated but that what is my calling?

Yes there is the saying that: "The religion that marries the spirit of the time is a widow tomorrow," But the alternative to marry the spirit of yesterday is not convincing to me. Then you are a widow before you even get married? So what is the solution to stay single? Well I know your take on that one. But as a movement how does it make sense to isolate our self? What is a movement that is not moving?

So thank you for allowing for that creative spirit to manifest new ways to do what we have done all along. Selling old wine in new bottles.

Your humble servant,
Sadbhuja Dasa

Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet. All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada

My best wishes on this most auspicious day of your appearance! We were so fortunate to spend some quality time with you in Vrindavan and Brisbane this year. There were so many amazing memories, realisations and learnings this year. While you were in Brisbane, I used to wake up early just so that I experience your morning program and especially just sit there to hear you chant. Just hearing you chant has helped me to chant my rounds better Guru Maharaj. The days where I am struggling with chanting and I need some inspiration, I just close my eyes and I can see you pacing up and down chanting your rounds and that is all I need to get back on track.

Another thing that I have realised this year is that you go above and beyond to take care of your disciples. I saw that in Vrindavan and also during your visit to Australia. The last day of Jaipur parikrama, and we were all ready to go back to Vrindavan but the buses did not turn up on time. Only one bus arrived that was not our bus, and I remember you were standing there and making sure that everyone with kids or any special needs went first. You could have easily gone on and sat in the first but you were the last to leave! When the famous bus demon struck, Yaduvamsa Prabhu and myself had stayed back in one of the buses to make sure the luggage was safe. When we finally got to Radha Madan Mohan Temple you greeted me there and thanked me for staying back. I must admit that I got an ego boost then, but later I found out that you have been doing kirtan for hours while you waited for all us and that too you had hardly eaten anything. After hearing that I realised the sacrifices you make for all other devotees.

While driving you to Brisbane airport, I had a few questions which I wanted to ask. However you were very tired but I thought now is the only time as you were leaving for Brisbane, so I asked them. However you dozed off in the car and only woke up just as we reached the airport. We then proceeded to do all the formalities and I was not sure if you had even heard my questions. Then just as you were leaving you just said five words and answered all my questions! There are so many more experiences and realisations that I can go on writing. Guru Maharaj, all I want to do is to follow your footsteps and follow your instructions and help you achieve fulfill your mission in whatever way I can.

I cannot wait to serve you again.

Your humble servant,
Sanatana Goswami Dasa

Sanatani Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

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jṣānāśjana-śalākayā

cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena

tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ

sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale

svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ

dadāti sva-padāntikam

One year went by so fast, and it makes me so happy to be back here with my true family. Thanks to you dear Maharaj. This year was a year of many changes. After six months in India and Vyasa-puja last year, I decided it was about time to get serious in Krishna consciousness again. So much wonderful association made me strong and inspired.

In July, just a week before our Ratha Yatra in Oslo, I was asked to step forward as a Temple president for the temple, and I sent you a message asking you what you thought about it. Your answer was: "You have my blessings, make it a great success" Oh my Govinda! What a blessing, what a responsibility, what an incredible mercy! I did cry the rest of that day, actually.

After an amazing Ratha Yatra with over one thousand guests we started looking for a new place for a new temple, and set the opening day to Balaram Jayanti. It was closely followed by Janmastami where we had one hundred and fifty guests and then Prabhupada disappearance day celebrations. Running a temple and being in charge of a growing yatra is the greatest mercy I could ever wish for. To have a

service that I know is pleasing to you and Srila Prabhupada, it fills my heart with great joy. And none of it would be possible without the mercy of you my dear Guru Maharaj.

Of course I do not do anything alone. Now I have Ananta by my side and Oslo yatra consists of so many wonderful friends, and some of us really feel like family. Our main focus is exactly that. Building a community of friends that can grow in service to Krishna together. We do Sunday feasts of course, and guests vary from fifty to a hundred. We offer different seminars and we have Wednesday kirtans and also Nama Hattas. There is arati two times a day, where different devotees are engaged to come and serve Lord Jagannath. All this would not be happening in Oslo without your blessings and faith in me to be a manager. Thank you.

Kartik - what else to say than an ocean of mercy. To see how you, Maharaj stretch yourself so that everyone gets your mercy, it inspires me so much. The parikrama was very special for me this year, because Jayanti and I was both without our children, and we could join 100% in every program. To wander in Braj with you and our family following the footsteps of the Six Goswamis, is an experience I will carry in my heart for the rest of this life.

Then it was the trip to Jaipur. I was so happy when I got to go on the A-team bus - the KKS bus. And I boarded with pride. That lasted for maybe minutes minutes until Gopali came and said "Maharaj wants a Mataji to leave so that a guide can fit here, will you leave Sanatani?" I immediately said no. Then Jayanti said that she would go, and I knew this would of course be one of those situations where I would regret if she went, so I got up anyway to go to the other bus.

After a nice nap in the bus, the bus broke down and we were kind of stranded on a bridge somewhere we did not know. Some of us were picked up by the other busses, and I was fortunate to get on the Punjabi bus which had kirtan the whole way. Later on in Jaipur in one lecture you said that those who were on the bus that broke down should actually not have come, but we were showered with special mercy to enter Jaipur.

The mercy you showered us with was very special. When we found out that we had no buses for return, you gave this amazing lecture where you spoke on how you may not be able to reply to all emails, messages, and soon, but you promised to take us all back to Godhead anyway. That was the most amazing experience of everything. A promise that you will take us back to Godhead. I have never heard any Guru except Prabhupada say that before. You are so special, Guru Maharaj.

At the end of January you came to Sweden for four days and Norway for one day. To have your association in these countries is nectarian. The sanga we have with you

there is really intimate and you are so relaxed. To have you in Norway after eight years was really ecstatic. You lifted the roof with your kirtan, and all the windows were steaming from the dancing devotees! I am really grateful to receive your guidance when it comes to managing in Oslo. I pray that you will come back very soon.

I hope I am worthy of that promise you made in Jaipur, and I pray to Krishna that I may stay in your service until you bring me back to Godhead.

Your servant that tries, really tries to be more humble,

Sanatani Devi Dasi

Sandra Jozwikova

My very kind Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Exactly one year ago, when I was for the first time at your Vyasa-puja, I was perceiving everything happening around me to be in connection with you. When I saw how close relationships you have with your disciples, I told myself:

“These are so blessed souls, how could I even come close to you, I do not even have karma for this. I am a woman, I cannot speak English and moreover, I am very shy.”

After some months Kṛṣṇa sent me a fabulous husband, who is by coincidence your sincere disciple and I am beginning to understand, how through him also my relationship with you is deepening. I cannot come close to you directly, but I can serve those, who know how to serve you and how to please you.

I want to thank you for everything you are doing for me, because your mercy is crucial for me. Without it, I was living only perplexed and empty life. Thank you for your captivating, witty and at the same time serious classes, they are touching my heart. Your famous and energetic kirtans are spiritual injection directly into the vein and they create quick addictions.

May you kindly give me the shelter in the shade of your lotus feet. I will try to serve you faithfully and with sincerity.

Your insignificant servant,
Sandra

Sanjaya Dasa

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śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada once paraphrased the mood Arjuna displayed so that Kṛṣṇa would speak those words known to the world as the Bhagavad-gita: "Please save me by your instructions."

So actually that is our duty as disciples to beg for that from you – please save us through your instructions.

However, the kindness of the followers of Lord Caitanya is such that they try to instruct and save even those who do not have that mood. Lord Nityananda would approach Jagai and Madhai, begging:

"Please chant Hare Krishna."

Srila Prabhupada would tell the same to so many Jagais and Madhais all over the world:

"Please chant Hare Krishna."

And all those Jagais and Madhais, how much could they appreciate, being so much focused on their own sinful dealings. But because Lord Nityananda had so much love, and because Srila Prabhupada had so much love, they had that strength to insist, that "Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa!"

So that is the miracle of the followers of Lord Caitanya so that they make anyone and everyone chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. We may not be as formidable sinners as Jagai and Madhai. But we may also not be as glorious disciples as Arjuna who begged: "Please save me by your instructions."

Over time though we realise you are saving us by your instructions. We do not understand how we are saved by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, but still you are so generous to ask:

"And how many rounds of Hare Kṛṣṇa are you promising to chant for the rest of your life?"

So chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa actually saves us from birth and death, and from selfishness, the great disease of the conditioned soul. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, that places us right there at Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet, which are the essence of our existence.

Over time we realise, a little bit.

Thank you for taking that great care and responsibility and risk, to ask us people of Kali-yuga, to take a vow of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Thank you for giving me into the association of devotees.

Thank you for letting me have this wonderful life of devotional service.

Thank you for letting me have the opportunity to become a sober, satisfied and happy human being.

Thank you for encouraging me to yearn for the taste of pure devotional service.

Thank you for teaching me that love of God is the ultimate thing to be achieved in all time and space and beyond.

I am so grateful that you have given me shelter in this movement of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda and all their associates and followers. I simply hope and pray that I can stay and learn to take more and more advantage, and that I can assist many others in doing the same.

Begging to remember, serve and please you.

Your disciple,

Sanjaya Dasa



BECOME A SERVANT

WE MUST GIVE OURSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND THEN WHATEVER COMES IN RETURN- THAT WE ACCEPT. BUT THEN WE ARE ABLE TO APPRECIATE IT, THEN IF WE HAVE GIVEN OURSELVES IN SURRENDER AND IN SERVICE AS MUCH AS WE CAN, THEN WE CAN ALSO HAVE THE EYES TO SEE THE VALUE OF WHAT COMES IN BETWEEN. AND THEN WE HAVE THE EYES, STRENGTH, INSIGHT AND THE INTELLIGENCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MERCY WE ARE GETTING. OTHERWISE IF WE SIMPLY TRY TO TAKE AND TAKE AND STILL NOT SATISFIED- 'I'M JUST NOT GETTING ENOUGH! I'M NOT GETTING ENOUGH MERCY! I'M NOT GETTING ENOUGH ASSOCIATION! HOW CAN I BE EXPECTED TO CARRY ON LIKE THIS?' NO, NOT LIKE THAT. THAT IS THE NEOPHYTE STAGE. THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST AFTER THE VOWS; THAT MAY EXIST BEFORE THE VOWS. AFTER THE VOWS THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST ANYMORE. AFTER THE VOWS ONE HAS TO GO TO THE LEVEL OF MATURITY IN THE RELATIONSHIP AND BECOME A SERVANT AND GIVE AND BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT COMES....

Seema Radia

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

On this Vyasa-puja day I pray to Srila Prabhupada with thanks for your presence in my life. Because of you I have been able to make steady progress and feel more peaceful in my life. Thank you Guru Maharaj, for the changes you have given me. My humble request is that you please do not ever give up on me. I am trying my best to develop quickly. I have increased my reading to at least one verse of Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam daily as per your instruction. Also reading The Kṛṣṇa Book. I am really enjoying it.

I was feeling separation when I was not with you in person. However I realised your presence and blessings during my dhama yatra whenever I paid obeisances and said your pranam mantras. My dham yatra was not complete until I had your darshan in person.

Wishing you Maharaj a wonderful Vyasa-puja. Please allow me to be your insignificant servant.

Your servant,

Seema

Sesa Dasa

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Dearest Guru Maharaj,

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, I automatically think about our relationship, and your relationship with many other siksa & diksa disciples.

In the purport of Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.8.32, Srila Prabhupada writes “it is the duty of the spiritual master to test the disciple to see how seriously he desires to execute devotional service. “

We continuously hear about and experience the many varieties of tests and obstacles whilst on the progressive path of devotional service. Occasionally you yourself will also give us one or two sudden tests, however along with that comes your kindness, your empowerment and your eternal blessings. Therefore, under your shelter it is no longer a test, you give us all glimpses of Krishna conscious ecstasy, and make the process so simple and joyful. Although there may be hurdles on the way, you turn the world into an exciting obstacle course where we want to do well and go beyond our restrictive self-beliefs. You bring out the best in us and for that I'm truly grateful. Thank you for taking my dull life and making it so colourful with Krishna consciousness. Thank you for broadening my eyesight to how dynamic this movement is, and how diversely engaged we can all be.

Srila Prabhupada once told his disciples although he came to the west practically like a vagabond that he never felt he was alone, he always had full faith that his spiritual master was with him and never lost that faith.

I feel immense great fortunate to have come in contact with you Maharaj, and I may not have the realization that you're always with me, even though you get so personally involved with all of us; giving us your time, advise, devotional guidance and much more. Because of your mercy and compassionate nature, you leave us with deep spiritual moments which make us always hanker to be in your association

again and again. You're always so open and accessible to me, and I now realize I need to do more and more to try and assist you in this mission, and in doing so I will always be personally present with you. For what does it benefit a disciple, if he shall gain the world, but not servant his spiritual master with unalloyed devotion?

I pray to always have your guiding words as a ringtone in my mind through the good times, through your tests, and through the material world's tests. Just as you are always there for me, I pray that one day I can please and make you proud.

Thank you for everything.

Attempting to become your servant,
Sesa das

Sneha Bhaki Dasi

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Dear Gurudeva,

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

As I start to write my offering, I am filled with instances about your mercy and unconditional love for us. You had asked us to come and see you in Vrindavan and what a parikrama that was.

I particularly remember the bus demon and yes I was on the bus with broken hearts. Gurudeva you stayed back at Radha Madan Mohan Temple so that we can get darsan as well. You sang for a really long time and it was not just then but even at Jaipur again just to keep us happy and engaged. Was there a need, no? Was that your mercy? Yes! Was that your love? Yes I could feel it. It was only a few days later I got to know that during that trip you hardly ate and we were having hot puris, jalebis, gulab jambu and what not. We were even complaining about the idlis not being sufficient. And here you were smiling, singing and talking about Kṛṣṇa. I feel guilty

and ashamed.

In one of your talks this year you said, "I have faith in you", you even mentioned, that you will come and visit us in jail. It actually gave me goosebumps because I know that you would. How do you trust us so much Gurudeva? Your belief in us scares me sometimes. I hope I can help in spreading Srila Prabhupada's movement, just the way you want us to.

Your visits to Brisbane are always super special. Through your actions you give us lessons for life time. Your chanting still echoes in my mind and your Giriraj puja is a symbol of purity. You let us implement our crazy ideas and it is clearly a sign that you so very well understand our mood. We are only just starting to get a hint of yours but it feels like you have known us for a long long time. In one of the outreach programs you said, "I am present at two places. I am here in front of you and also connected somewhere else, somewhere to the higher place." Every time I saw you after that, I knew you were here with us only on this material platform but somewhere else as well connected to something more meaningful and deep.

I pray on this special day and everyday that Kṛṣṇa keeps you in good health. Thank you so much for everything, I mean it. I rest myself at your mercy. I surrender unto your lotus feet, I completely do.

Your servant,

Sneha Bhakti Dasi

Sookriti Seenarain

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Gurudeva, I lack the words to express how I cherish, respect and seek your constant guidance and spiritual hand in my life.

With utmost humility, I offer at your lotus feet this small poem on your special Vyasa-puja in an attempt to express what words fail to convey.

You are the gateway
onto the path of surrender
in devotional service

You're the torchlight
guiding me towards life's colours bright
leaving darkness and vices at bay

I was - a lost wanderer
Behind a chase I know not
Your entry in my life
bears witness to my letting go of knots
for spiritual essence is my strife

Like the thirsty earth
I rest waiting for the drizzles
Today, I am a quenched soul
as you bless me
with showers of spiritual virtues

Amidst the mundanity of this earth
You held my hands
You freed me from my spiritual creases
And took care of my soul
Emitting the droplets of awakening

Your presence metamorphosed me
from my cocoon, I emerged
into a caterpillar on her search
And I met you
Things changed,
I shed my old self-

I am now a butterfly
In spiritual strength

Enlightened I am now
from the blizzards of ignorance
You turned me into
a spiritual magnet
Sponging in knowledge
For enlightenment

You a're my soothing balm
You heal my wounds
And You fill my spiritual gaps
with healing

Master of serenity
You taught me to control my mind
to maintain my spiritual equilibrium
As I stand on a scale
Tugged between the earth
and the universe

I rejoice in your divine voice
touching me as the lullabies
through your kirtans
Your lectures seeped into me
giving birth to spiritual blossoms

I long to be in your constant presence
You are the medium between
Krishna and me
You are my wind
Which guides me
On the ocean of spirituality
through the stormy and serene days

So on the most auspicious day of your appearance, I beg that you please accept this offering as a gentle attempt to somehow or another reciprocate with your causeless mercy. So that I can properly amass your blessings, obey your instruction whilst trying to serve your lotus feet with ever-more purity, tenderness and commitment.
Menial Servant at your lotus feet,

Sookriti
(Mauritius)

Srivas Pandit Dasa

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

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

When I reflect on the changes that I have experienced, I cannot help but wonder what I have done to receive the mercy of Guru Maharaj. I may not have knowledge of my past lives and knowledge of The Causeless Supreme Being's master plan, but a deep appreciation for all the souls who have been merciful in the past to me and all the devotees that continue to guide me in the present.

I understand that my bond with Maharaj will be my saving grace and allow me to experience a whole new realm of emotions and relationships. I pray that you remain my spiritual guide in the distant future, and kindly beg that Maharaj kindly continues to bless me with the spiritual mercy you so kindly bestow upon me, along with knowledge of its responsibility. Thank you for reshaping my mind, my life and moulding me into a receptacle of love and mercy. I do pray that I may find some way to repay my debt to Guru Maharaj some day. For now kindly accept my humble obeisances.

Your servant,

Srivasa Pandit Dasa

Pretoria,(South Africa)

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Life in Kali-yuga is not easy by the fact the whole environment is supporting ignorant lifestyle. However, a real deal is our internal conditioning. We can quite often fall into a really morose mindset and look on life as a glass which is half-empty. Each of us can find some reasons - material or devotional. I used to think this way.

During those moments, I have had always a vision of you speaking, walking, talking, singing and breathing for the best interest of other humans. You are always pointing out on a vision of Srila Prabhupada which everyone can incorporate very beautifully into their life and gradually create a stunning life of purpose. Therefore I would like to thank you for being a real anchor.

If we shift our perspective and take life as an exciting opportunity to learn every day something new and push our Krishna consciousness internally and externally day in, day out, little by little, we will be always happy. There is no doubt there are so many inspiring people in this world but Maharaj you are my ultimate role model. All I do is for a purpose to make you happy and act in the way you would be happy to see a daughter like me.

I am still excited about my initiation which happened some years back and cannot believe it has happened. It is not just a nice or formal spiritual ritual but real life begins with it and I am enormously fortunate you have accepted me as a disciple and giving all your blessings to make my devotional endeavours successful. I hope I will become some sort of servant one day and you will be pleased even though I am very unqualified but if the little squirrels were able to help Lord Rama I hope I could make it by the strength of your mercy and devotion.

Thank you so much for being here for us.

Your servant,

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Subala Dasa & Ratnavali Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

There is a remarkable momentum in our spiritual lives, which had become static, ever since you have showered mercy upon us. We are indebted to you, Gurudeva. Although we are not capable at all, of receiving your mercy due to ours being badly conditioned but still you have been extremely gracious upon us. May we always be able to work under your guidance for Srila Prabhupada's revolutionary mission of distributing Kṛṣṇa prema.

Your arrival has brightened our dark lives. May we always be able to serve you and follow your instructions.

Your servants,

Subala Dasa & Ratnavali Devi Dasi

Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi, Sri Vibhu & Sri Vibhav Krsna

Wish you happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj,

Reflecting back since last Vyasa-puja how we served you, we sincerely appreciate your blessings, love and care, few life turning moments and many more, played an important role. Thus empowered, we were able to render some menial services. Kindly accept our sincere gratitude.

From the last Vyasa-puja lecture, we meditated upon a few instructions to crosscheck whether our activities are in sync with your vision and work towards it. We were happy to know that we are on the right direction.

Are services include:

- home programmes (Namahattas)
- Youth preaching programmes,
- Online preaching programmes that include weekly talks on Ramayana,

Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

- Daily Online Japa where the group joins for morning on skype for chanting.
- Regular meetups within Germany.
- Yoga lessons, seminars in and around Düsseldorf.
- Book distribution.
- Last year Rama Navami celebrations were successful. We are conducting this time as well and want to make it an annual event. (mainly targeting public in and around Düsseldorf).

Last year in Vrindavan for two weeks, your darshan and precious association, blessed us. Only out of your mercy we gained true access to the Dhama, else we would be foreigners forever.

Sri Vibhu holds your instructions to his heart (he got in Koln Ratha Yatra and Vrindavan/Barsana) and feels inspired to serve with his kirtana service. He is taking classes to strengthen his Shastric knowledge and Mrdanga skills to become a good devotee. Kindly continue showering your blessings upon Sri Vibhu and Sri Vibhav Krsna.

Whatever we are doing, it is because you are in the center and pouring your inconceivable spiritual energy into these affairs. Otherwise, we have NO Chance and gone case.

Without your presence, we have no hope.

With your spiritual essence, we have full scope.

At any expense, we will not leave your glorious troupe.

Your mercy grants us the absence, from the cycle of birth and death loop.

Your instructions gave us the sense to stay connected to the divine rope.

Kindly dispense your blessings with which we can our job.

Let me walk in your footsteps and truly wake up the world.

Let me look upon your guidance and earnestly take your glories all over the world.

Let me seek your blessings and strictly preach truth of the spiritual world.

Happy appearance day dear Guru Maharaj.

Your servants,

Sudama Dasa, Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi,

Sri Vibhu & Sri Vibhav Krsna

Sukadeva Dasa & Satarupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaj. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj going to Vrindavan for parikrama with you was a dream which came through taking your blessing every day, visiting wonderful places of Krishna's pastime, and getting blessings.

Thank you for giving us the gift of faith and the blessing of hope. We thank you unlimitedly for connecting us on the Krishna conscious road.

Your most fallen servants,

Sukadeva Dasa & Satarupa Devi Dasi

Sumandira Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaj, thank you so much for always showering your mercy and your blessings on me and my family, It is because of your shelter we feel so protective in this miserable world. Me and my daughter we always look forward for your darshan in Sydney, You are so merciful Maharaj that you visit us every year in Sydney.

My prayers to Krishna, Maharaj for your better health always and my prayers to Radha Rani to give you more and more strength everyday so that you can serve Srila Prabhupada's mission of spreading the holy names in the every corner of the world. My family and myself eagerly waiting for your darshan this year in Sydney and in India.

Thank you Maharaj for accepting this fallen soul as your disciple.

Your servant,

Sumandira Devi Dasi

Surya Narayana Dasa

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Every day, when I think of my Guru Maharaj, I feel connected to Krishna and the way to wisdom and self-realization opens out of illusion is reality. Once again, thank you and I wish you to be among your disciples for a long time. With Krishna, life is full and I am grateful to be your student. What is out of reality is an illusion, what is out of illusion is reality. Thank you again and I wish you to be among your disciples for a long time.

Your eternal servant,

Surya Narayana Dasa

Sutapa Dasa

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

We meditate on the spiritual master, who is ever enthused and inspired in Krishna Consciousness.

From my observation, your entire life moves on inspiration. Your reading of sastra is not just informational and analytical, but reflective and profound – continuously mining gems that deeply inspire you and inspire those you share with. Your presentation of Krishna Consciousness is not staged and memorised, but fluid and spontaneous – bringing out personal realisations and delivering a genuine discourse based on what moves you. Your kirtans are not just musical and melodious, but a desperate cry for Krishna – an outpouring of spiritual emotion that ushers us into Krishna's world.

Your guidance is not only based on knowledge and experience, but divinely dictated – through you we receive the messages of Krishna, perfectly illuminating the journey we need to take in life. Your unwavering dedication to sharing Krishna Consciousness and helping others is not just a duty or vow, but fuelled by genuine care and concern – only an inspired person can embody such compassion by which they transcend material limitations and serve above and beyond what is humanly possible.

Of all our possessions in life, our inspiration and enthusiasm are perhaps the most valuable. You are giving us that in abundance. How inspired you are! We stay close to you and pray that we become inspired as you are, just so we can render some small service to say “thank you.”

I beg to remain, your humble servant,

Sutapa Dasa

Szilvia Bukta

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Dear Maharaj,

Hare Krishna your holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Please accept my respectful and humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja celebration, I offer my dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet.

Throughout my association with your Holiness, I have noted how you truly are one of Prabhupada's dearest sons. Your compassion and positive desire to deliver the science of bhakti and Krishna to anyone who wants the truth is evident in the facts of your everyday life: Just see how you answer all of our messages, each one as carefully and personally as another; how you go out of your way to give us face-to-face association; how you do everything to communicate the message of the Vedas to everyone, regardless of their qualification. Seeing how freely you are giving us this blessing, in the true spirit of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu without regard for your own material comfort or convenience is so inspiring. I experienced all these directly in Vrindavan and Jaipur during parikrama in 2019.

Your complete devotion to your spiritual master is demonstrating to us one of the most essential, practical lessons we as devotees can learn. Thank you so much for sharing your life with us, all over the world, just to help us understand demonstrably what it means to be a true vaishnava – to put real knowledge, intelligence and compassion into action.

Now I am trapped by your mercy, I pray at the dust of your lotus feet that I can become a good instrument in your hands, can properly receive and follow your instructions and try and serve your lotus feet with ever-increasing purity, love and devotion.

Your aspiring servant,

Szilvia Bukta

Tamala Krsna Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I hope you are doing well and in good health. During your Mauritius visit in September 2019, all the devotees who were attending your kirtans were actually experiencing the mood of the spiritual world with 2 and 3 hours of nonstop ecstatic kirtans. You gave us the taste of the spiritual world which everyone is looking for. I am always amazed and inspired by your mood and determination in preaching Krishna Consciousness, through various means whether kirtan, harinama or lecture. You are just amazing and wonderful.

Guru Maharaj you are an ocean of mercy, you are my spiritual father, and no one can be so merciful as you are to me. Thank you for your unlimited mercy upon me. Thank you for giving me a chance again. By only your mercy I can become pure and become a good servant of yours and the parampara. Your instructions are the only way where I can stay happy and progress in my spiritual life. Thank you for caring for me.

Hoping to meet you very soon

Your humble servant,

Tamala Krsna Dasa

Tanumadhya Dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

tatrābhiṣiktaḥ prayatas

tām upoṣya vibhāvarīm

samāhitaḥ paryacarad

rṣy-ādeśena pūruṣam

Translation:

“Elsewhere, Dhruva Mahārāja, having arrived at Madhuvana, took his bath in the river Yamunā and observed fasting in the night with great care and attention. After that, as advised by the great sage Nārada, he engaged himself in worshipping the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Purport:

The significance of this particular verse is that Dhruva Maharaja acted exactly according to the advice of his spiritual master, the great sage Narada. Srila Vishvanatha Cakravati also advises that if we want to be successful in our attempt to go back to Godhead, we must very seriously act according to the instruction of the spiritual master. That is the way of perfection. There need be no anxiety over attaining perfection because if one follows the instruction given by the spiritual master he is sure to attain perfection. Our only concern should be how to execute the order of the spiritual master. A spiritual master is expert in giving special instructions to each of his disciples, and if the disciple executes the order of the spiritual master, that is the way of his perfection.” (Srimad Bhagavatam, 4.8.71).

I have been thinking about this purport ever since a few weeks back when I read it. So many important points came to mind.

1. “If we want to be successful” we have to want it. It all starts with our desire. I know that you are our well-wisher and you dearly want us to be successful, even more than we might want it. By your mercy, our desire can also increase.
2. “We must very seriously act” – it cannot stay with the desire, it cannot just be in our thoughts, or be some serious words – we have to act. I have heard you mention so many times in lectures, “Just do something.”

3. It is not just a matter of doing something, we have to “act according to the instruction of the spiritual master”. And we have no excuses, you are constantly instructing us in lectures, in writing and sometimes even in person. In an answer to a question on what is the duty of the spiritual master and that of the disciple, Srila Prabhupada answered that it is the duty of the spiritual master to spread the movement of Lord Caitanya, and the duty of the disciple to assist the spiritual master. From this, I realise and understand that all your instructions are always directly or indirectly linked to this most important instruction. Whether it is to get us to a higher standard in order to be in a better position to spread the movement, or directly involving us in preaching projects.

So our way to perfection is laid out in this purport, but even more wonderful is that there need be no anxiety over attaining perfection. We do not even have to think of perfection, it is not something we have to strive for. That will be the natural outcome of following your instructions.

‘Our only concern should be how to execute the order of the spiritual master.’ It looks like such a simple task, it is so straight forward, but it is our duty to carefully consider what actions are necessary to execute the instruction. We might easily get side tracked by other actions, but we need to focus on the actions that help spread the movement. We also need to understand that we will never complete the task and can never think that we are done. This is our lifelong mission, the one task we have to constantly meditate on, constantly update and constantly act upon. It is a task that will not end, will constantly change, but will bring happiness to our present life.

It will make you happy if we remain fixed in whatever we do to spread the mercy of Lord Caitanya, and that will be the source of our own happiness. To the extent that we endeavor, to that extent we will find happiness. There is nothing in this world that can make us happy. Srila Prabhupada said that we can become very optimistic about Krishna Consciousness only if we are very pessimistic about the material world.

So Guru Maharaj, I know this is true because I have experienced it in my minute attempts. I therefore pray for your mercy so that I too can assist you in spreading the mercy of Lord Caitanya.

My prayer is that your happiness will always be my happiness.

With much gratitude.

Your disciple,

Tanumadhya Dasi

Taravali Devi Dasi

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Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

It is very difficult for me to put into words what you have done. Your unlimited mercy and compassion has sheltered me in such an inconceivable way. Although I have no desire for spiritual life, no endeavour for spiritual life and definately do not perform actions condusive to spiritual life, you have still blessed me with the opportunity and all necessities.

In what I think has been the toughest year of my life you have protected me and enabled me to be a 'drongo,' and just keep on going. By your blessings, guidance and prayers. By your mercy you've kept me engaged in devotional service and by your blessings and prayers you've kept me in the association of devotees.

I hope in this life I will be able to do something to please you, even in a small way. I am inconceivably grateful for your guidance and shelter Guru Maharaj and hope I can help you in your mission, in Srila Prabhupadas mission, in some way.

Your aspiring servant,

Taravali Devi Dasi



OPENING UP THE LOTUS FLOWER

THESE RITUALS OF INITIATION ARE MEANT TO BE A BLESSING AND THAT IS IT. WE SHOULD ALWAYS LOOK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BLESSING. THEY ARE LIKE SEEDS THAT WE PUT IN THE GROUND, AND FROM THIS SEED NOW OUR BHAKTI SHOULD REALLY GROW. JUST LIKE AT THE TIME OF INITIATION, ONE RECEIVES A LOTUS FLOWER BUT THE LOTUS FLOWER IS CLOSED AND ONE HAS TO OPEN THE LEAVES. WHEN WE GO TO WORK, TO OPEN UP ITS LEAVES, TO USE IT FOR PURE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS- USE IT TO LEARN THE SCIENCE OF DEVOTIONAL SERVICE, USE IT TO CHANT THE HOLY NAME WITH QUALITY, USE IT TO MAKE KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS OUR FIRST PRIORITY IN LIFE, AND STILL DO OUR MATERIAL DUTIES AS NICE AS POSSIBLE AS WE DID IT BEFORE, BUT OUR INTEREST HAS SHIFTED- THEN WE CAN GRADUALLY OPEN THIS LOTUS UNTIL IT LEADS TO DEEP AND MATURE KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS, WHERE WE DEVELOP DEEP ATTACHMENT TO KRSNA. AND GRADUALLY OUR LOVE FOR KRSNA DEVELOPS. AND AS IT DOES, SHOO! KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS BECOMES THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN THE WORLD...!

Tattva Darsana Dasa

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Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

om aṣṭāna-timirāndhasya

jṣānāśjana-śalākayā

cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena

tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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“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.”

tad-vijñānārthaṁ sa gurum evābhigacchet. “In order to understand the transcendental science, one must approach a spiritual master.” (Katha Upanisad).

Every one of us came alone into this world, without any memory, without any knowledge. Not knowing who we are. In a state of complete forgetfulness, in a helpless state, without any hope to get out of this situation, we arrived into this world in complete darkness. Only by the help of a bona fide spiritual master we are able to improve our miserable condition. Our own efforts are really limited. Only by causeless mercy it is possible to come out of the darkness into the light.

I cannot be enough thankful to you and all the vaishnavas who helped us somehow to start to walk out from the darkness of deep ignorance. I am not able to comprehend the magnitude of this gift what you gave us by giving the opportunity to go back to Godhead after this life. This world is full of suffering. Everyone suffers, from the tiny ant, up to the most elevated demigods. Repeated birth, death, old age and disease, leaves a mark on everyone. Apart of this there are various types of other sufferings as well (the illness of Kali-yuga – disagreements for example). What a wonderful world.

When we are young we are full of hope that we can enjoy life to its fullest. We want to conquer the world. But after a time when we get some realization and some intelligence by mercy, hopefully we realize in time that we should change our plans and surrender to Gods plan instead. Without your prayers to Kṛṣṇa and your inspiring example this would not be possible. The way you live and preach slowly opens our eyes. You show us the way and we are endeavouring to follow. You lead by example, you are engaged in 24 hours in Kṛṣṇa's service. And I am so far from that, I hope one day I can make real contribution as my gratitude.

Last year I had so many opportunities to travel and have your association. I travelled to festival after festival. I could inspire also some devotees from Hungary to join. This is also your mercy that I do not have to travel alone most of the time. I also try to help devotees to be able to attend these festivals in the most easy and comfortable way by helping them in the organization and travel. I also bought a bigger car to be able to bring more devotees to these festivals. Hopefully I can also use this vehicle in the service of your vapu form when you might come to Hungary.

Apart of the festivals I am actively serving at Vanipedia by translating Srila Prabhupada's words into Hungarian and try to help devotees doing the same. Please give us your blessings to be able to continue these services and to be able to grow more spiritually from them.

I pray that Kṛṣṇa may give you a good health and strength in your preaching (to save as many souls as possible) for many more years to come. I also pray that I may be a useful instrument in your hands to assist in your mission.

Thank you for everythin. You gave me a real meaning of life (Kṛṣṇa).

Your (aspiring to be more humble) servant,

Tattva Darsana Dasa

Thomas Weisz

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Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

On this most blessed day of your appearance please allow me to attempt to offer some words of appreciation at your divine lotus feet. Thank you very much for your merciful leading us to the spiritual world! As of myself, you are just dragging me against all my jibbing. May your mercy .towards your disciples — as well as all living entities — never run out! Everyday I pray to Krishna to make me your worthy disciple and to assist you in the mission of Sri Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada.

Let me remain near your lotus feet and
follow your footsteps forever!

Your humble servant,
Thomas Weisz

Tirumala Devi Dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna prestaya bhu-tale
srimate kadamba kanana swami iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna prestaya bhu-tale
gurudasa jayadvaita swami iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna prestaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swami iti namine*

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadai-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet millions of times. All glories to you Guru Maharaj. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami Maharaj. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Oh my dear father, you are so kind and caring. You have shown me such kindness, warmth and love. You have been so merciful to me despite my immaturity and often ignorant behavior. Before every opportunity to see you comes, I always tell myself to behave like a good disciple, ut I feel I never do. I have on so many occasions thought about my senior god brothers and sisters and sincerely tried to be more like them, but it does not work, I am just me.

I am always like a child on a sugar high around you, like the day I excitedly ran into a glass window when I saw you at the airport and then started waving and banging the window to get your attention. I feel like everyone else behaves like proper devotees. I do not know how many offenses I may have committed by now in my foolish behaviour. You are a pure devotee, a representative of Krishna, as good as God, and yet you put up with me.

Last December when we were in Cape Town, I was so excited to give you the beadbag I made for you. I remember waiting to speak to you in the temple room. Then you started opening your gift but you did not read the cards in order and I said, "Noooo you are supposed to open it in order." You started laughing and told the others around, "These things come with so many instructions. You have to open it the right way. I will open it later." I was relieved, but then I thought to myself, "Oh no, I am not supposed to instruct my Guru!" But you were so sweet and kind and happily showed me that you were using the wonky beadbag the next morning. I cannot even remember the number of times I stopped you midway through opening a gift to tell you that you were not opening it right and yet you always just laugh and play along with my nonsense. I have been thinking about all the crazy

things I have done and how each time you reciprocate with such love and kindness.

Like the first time I went to Mauritius. It was the first time I was leaving the country on my own and so I wanted to be on the same flight as you, just in case I somehow got lost. Being the silly girl I am, I ignorantly booked a business class seat. When we were checking in, I was told that my sister and I could not sit together because my seat was business class. I realised my mistake. I immediately messaged you to ask if we could swap seats. You agreed and told me that you and Arjun were already at the boarding gate. When we finally arrived at the gate, my sister and I sat down and then you saw me taking my iron tablets. You called me and explained how I need to take it with some vitamin C and then told me how I am just throwing money away by booking business class. You then told me that we need to ask permission to swap seats. I was shocked when you said that. I felt that you should not have to ask anyone permission for anything, you are a pure devotee, yet you are so humble.

So when we boarded, you found out that we could swap seats and then we quickly tried to swap while the other passengers were still boarding. Then you told me to stand aside so the others could pass. I was confused and said, "But I do not know what to do." Then you replied, "Yes, you do not know what to do!" Being like a silly monkey, I replied, "Oh yes Guru Maharaj I do not know, but that's what I meant." You rolled your eyes, sighed and then made your way to your seat. I finally sat down next to my sister. She said, "You're not still going ahead with your idea are you?" I said, "Of course I am." The fact that I may have just annoyed my Guru certainly would not stop me if I had a crazy plan for a surprise on the plane.

Finally we took off. I took out the special stainless steel tray and all the dishes out of my large handbag and started setting up an offering tray with fruit, nuts, a handmade card and a little bouquet of flowers. Naturally knowing that we were on the same flight meant that I needed to take advantage of the situation for a special surprise offering. And it was turning out better than expected. The business class seat, knowing your seat number, it was just perfect. The tray was prepared and I was ready. But then there was an announcement, "It is a criminal offence to interfere with the duties of the cabin crew." My sister looked at me, "Please do not do this. Do not get yourself locked up." I thought about how I never ever get to serve my own Guru and how his personal servant always gets to serve the prasadam I prepare. I thought, "It is okay if they lock me up, I am doing this."

So I casually walked into business class with my fancy tray and stood in the aisle and looked at you. You looked at me, surprised and then smiled and started choosing items from the tray. Then you took the bouquet of flowers and smiled. You took the little box of juice and told me that you did not need the cup. It was so special. You were so kind. When we got to take darshan of Sri Giriraja, I remember seeing

that little box juice in your room in Mauritius and then again when you returned to South Africa. You did not need any of the items I offered you that day, but still you accepted them.

I remember one time you were upstairs and you called, "Tiru, catch!" You then threw your bundle of clothes downstairs. It hit me straight in the face and I almost fell over. You laughed. I looked at you and then like a five year old shouted, "Ahhh but I was not ready. Throw again!" You just laughed and said, "No."

I sometimes happily remember all these times and other times I often feel like I should really try to be more serious. I am always like a crazy silly girl and it has been this way from the first time I ever spoke to you. I remember Govardhan Prabhu was speaking to you that day. I was so scared that you would leave before I could introduce myself and give you the present I made for you, so I rudely interrupted and you just smiled and spoke to me.

Last December when I excitedly told you that Jayadvaita Maharaja referred to me as his grand daughter in a letter, you replied, "Yes Jayadvaita Maharaja is very kind and caring. I am just crazy. But you are crazy too. So we fit well together." Then you smiled. That meant so much to me and I will never forget it because it made me feel I can just be myself and it is okay.

Guru Maharaj, thank you for accepting me even though I am so flawed and foolish. I wish I had more to offer you this Vyasa-puja, but as you know last year's challenges revealed me for the weak foolish fool that I really am. All I have wanted was to please you since I met you. And the only way I knew how to was through gifts until you told me to bring others to Krishna Consciousness by making things that would attract them. You kindly gave me such special instructions, yet I did not manage much at all last year. Yet through all of my challenges, you have been there at every step, even messaging and calling to check on me. And whenever things got unbearable and I cried, you always turned to whoever was with me and lovingly said, "Give her a big hug and lots of sweets." I am so touched Guru Maharaj. You are such a special devotee, yet you have time to care for this silly excuse for a servant. Thank you.

You have showered this daughter of yours with such love and affection, such mercy and blessings. I am horribly ashamed for not managing to have a worthy offering for you this year. All I have is my promise to do better.

Hare Krishna. With love.

Your eternal servant and daughter,

Your Tirumala Devi Dasi

Tulsi Dasa

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

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

All glories to you,
All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Another year past and I am wondering what can I offer at you on this most auspicious ocation.

Some books went out, some preaching programs were accomplished, some kirtans were made. I did some service to Jayadvaita Maharaja. Togethether with Pandava we also brought some devotees for first time to the holy dhamas - Vrindavan and Mayapur. But is that enough? Is this deep enough?

I feel it is not. I feel again and again I am unable to surrender completly. Falling short to make your words the one and only goal of my life. Every day we are singing "guru mukha padma vakya chitete koria akhya ara na koriho mane asa". Taking seriously the instructions of the guru and making them our life and soul is the only way our heart to be purified. This is the only way to get free from material desires.

One time I asked you "I do not know if I am austere enough to live for a whole life as a vaishnava, as a brahmacari". You told me: "It is not a question whether you austere or not, but to follow the process nicely. The process is so potent that if we are following it properly it will carry us". So this is what I am trying to do.

With the passing of the years I start to thing: "May be I have to slow down little bit". But again, you came to Mayapur this year just for a week, and you were teaching in the morning every day a seminar on Srimad Bhagavatam in Mayapur institute, in afternoon you were giving the whole week lectures on Siksastakam and making kirtan in Kirtan academy. Apart from that you gave 3 Bhagavatam classes in the morning, visited the Tovp gave an interview for the history of building the pushpa samadhi mandir of Srila Prabhupada led the devotees on a parikrama to Mamgachi. And for the end there was a super rocky kirtan at community hall on which all the

gurukulis especially were dancing like crazy. In the middle of the week you got sick, but still you went on with the whole program.

After this example how can we slow down? How can we be not enthusiastic to continue with full speed to push forward the mission of Krishna Consciousness? We are getting so much inspiration by your amazing example.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance I am praying for your mercy, dear Guru Maharaj. Please give me enthusiasm, purity and spiritual strength to continue on the path of Krishna Consciousness. Please accept the small service I am trying to do for your pleasure, the pleasure of Jayadvaita Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada.

Your servant,

Tulsi Dasa

Uddhava Dasa & Visakha Devi Dasi

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to his holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

You know and understand the importance of Srila Prabhupada's mission. This is evident in your life and in your actions. Even in the small details you see an opportunity to engage in service. When the Mayapur Panca-tattva deities were being casted you donated for the gold that is used in the casting process. You mentioned later that this 'small' contribution is your way of being an eternal part of the mission. Once the new temple in Mayapur is finalised your little service will keep making a difference in the coming future.

The real challenge is of course that we, as disciples, understand the importance of the 'small' contribution that you invested in ourselves. Once we do, we can also make a difference in the mission.

Your servant,

Uddhava Dasa & Visakha Devi Dasi

Urugaya Dasa

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

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

What can I say? I am not a good disciple. I find myself again and again serving the material energy. I have not understood how important a role you play in my life and neither have I really taken advantage of the opportunity to render service to you. I do not have full faith and conviction, nor am I good devotee. Yet you give me hope. You show me that I have a chance, that it is not all doom and gloom. The process works. I have that much conviction from you, that much faith. I can see that I am not a devotee, but I see that you are a devotee. So I am asking you to please help me to become a vaishnava.

Thank you for putting up with me. I am not good at been truthful. The last leg of dharma in this age. This year I want to focus on that - being truthful. On this note I want to promise I will never let go of this process, or of our Srila Prabhupada.

You have given me hope that I can one day be a pure devotee, and desire to develop and grow. Now in the present, with that goal in mind. For these things I can never repay you and you have given me so much more.

So I am optimistic for the future, and confident that you will be there to guide me in my spiritual life in all situations.

Your aspiring servant,

Urugaya Dasa

Vaibhavi Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for your everyday prayers for all of us. May my thumby prayers become one day at least little more noble as are yours.

Thank you for your patience and toleration of my fallings down. Thank you for your instructions which you are giving me and I thank Krishna for aranging everything in such a way that everything's working by His will even if I am not able to follow as you say to me.

Please accept my deep apologise for all my offences, both conscious and unconscious.

I wish to be a pure devotee for you and for Krishna may this happen. The perfection of life is to be a soul who eternally serves and goes back home. Perfection is to chant constantly and to be constantly in relationship with Krishna. Pefection is to distribute the love of Krishna and by this increases His bliss. You are the eternal example of it. Thank you for being here for us. Please forgive me my imperfect relationship to you. May that day come when you will be satisfied with me.

Thank you for everything.

Your servant,

Vaibhavi Devi Dasi



DISCIPLE HAS TO CONQUER THE SPIRITUAL MASTER

YOU HAVE TO CONQUER THE SPIRITUAL MASTER. THERE WAS THE STORY OF THE DOG AND SIVANANDA AND IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE DOG ATTAINED THE MERCY OF THE LORD BECAUSE SIVANANDA HAD BECOME ATTACHED TO THE DOG. SO THE STRESS IN THAT NARRATION IS PUT ON THAT THE SPIRITUAL MASTER HAD BECOME ATTACHED TO THE DISCIPLE NOT THE DISCIPLE ATTACHED TO THE SPIRITUAL MASTER BUT THE SPIRITUAL MASTER ATTACHED TO THE DISCIPLE. SO THUS THE DISCIPLE HAS TO CONQUER THE SPIRITUAL MASTER NOT THE SPIRITUAL MASTER HAS TO CONQUER THE DISCIPLE. NO IT'S THE DISCIPLE THAT HAS TO CONQUER THE SPIRITUAL MASTER BY THE SERVICE. BY THE SERVICE ATTITUDE. IT'S NOT THAT THE DISCIPLE HAS TO DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY AND ONLY SUCH DISCIPLES CONQUER THE HEART OF THE SPIRITUAL MASTER. THE SPIRITUAL MASTER IS VERY SOFT HEARTED. IT DOESN'T TAKE THAT MUCH BUT WHEN THE SPIRITUAL MASTER SEES A REAL SERVICE ATTITUDE IN A DISCIPLE THEN HE BECOMES CONQUERED HE BECOMES CONQUERED IMMEDIATELY HIS HEART SOFTENS. SO THIS WHAT WE HAVE TO KEEP IT UP. THE SERVICE ATTITUDE TO OUR SPIRITUAL MASTER

Vaisnava Dasa

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

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you, dear Guru Maharaj Kadamba Kanana Swami,

For preparing the exit from the cycle of rebirths for all living beings; whether one perceives it consciously or unconsciously. It is the goal of the soul, to return back to Godhead. So what can be more excellent than helping others to achieve that? If we are honest, this world is not a pleasant place. So thank you, because without you, we would have to keep on wandering in the dark, bereft of any hope. In the material realm you are the light, the refuge and grace.

Thank you for being. Thank you, because you are a true friend toward all living beings like Radha and Krishna. In deep appreciation, gratitude, respect, with best wishes and love.

Your servant,

Vaisnava Dasa.

Vani Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

You have asked me to become a pure devotee around four years ago. Maybe this is a reason why I am writing just now, after so long time, still what to do? Be sure please this task has not been finished yet. Sri Kṛṣṇa has not allowed to purify me yet but: I am still here, under the best guidance of your sincere disciple Kṛṣṇa Smaranam Dasa.

I have no devotional feelings but the gratefulness to you, him, your spiritual master, our Srila Prabhupada and Yours faith to process of bhakti-yoga makes my heart softer. I regularly observe your lectures, even though in Dutch language that I am able to understand only Sanskrit. Your last harinama (12 February) from New York city with five persons was great. You are such a dancer. You were totally transcendental between like zombie-rushing people, so grey maya-world and your group was like a flash of something fresh, colourful and real.

Thank all of you. harinama sankirtana yajna ki jaya! To wake up some right feelings in heart is like reviving a dead person like me. Thank you very much.

Yours in service,

Vani Devi Dasi

from Bhakti Yoga Centrum. From Studenka in this time Czech yatra

Vasumana Dasa

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine*

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine*

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

Dear Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I really wish one day to write you one Vyasa-puja letter and not to watch from the offerings from last years. I am hearing a lecture right now about the vows. I am thinking how important for you is that we as disciples to follow the vows we already promise to do. To satisfy the spiritual master, is succes in spiritual life. Dear Guru Maharaj, thank you for giving me inspiration in my spiritual life. You are my great example. I pray to Sri Kṛṣṇa, that you always be healthy and ready to preach this Kṛṣṇa conscious all around the world.

Your servant,

Vasumana Dasa

Vishakha Suddul

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

Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I hope that you are doing fine by the grace of Guru and mercy of Sri Gauranga. I pray for your good health so that you do not face any hindrance in your journey while accomplishing the divine mission of Srila Prabhupada, thus liberating

countless unfortunate souls like me.

You have been bestowing your mercy upon me since the very first day I had listened to one of your ecstatic kirtans on the Hare Krishna radio which my brother used to play every morning. Let me tell you, that morning I would carry out my daily household chores while listening to kirtans played on the radio. That moment when one of your kirtans was playing and the beat was going faster, I felt my heart beating at the same rhythm and I could no longer resist therefore I started dancing right on the spot with my broom in hand. That was such a magical moment for me (I often feel reluctant to dance during kirtans) almost an unforgettable one. It is said that there is usually two ways in which one can associate with a Guru, first is vani (words) and second is vapu (physical body). Oh Gurudeva! Your vani was one of the foremost reasons of my surrenderance unto you.

Then in the year 2015 you were invited for Kirtan Mela in Mauritius for the first time. Seeing the extent of your humility, how renounced and compassionate you are through your actions made my heart desire to serve you. A few years later, your visit in Mauritius had become more frequent and if you still remember, you had come to perform kirtan at our house in Petite Riviere (20th October 2016 and 20th September 2017). We felt very blissful and touched with your ever pleasure giving and power-packed kirtans accompanied by your wonderful lectures. After your last visit to Mauritius in 2019, I long for nothing more but rendering service unto your divine lotus feet.

Oh spiritual master, you are an expert boatman in this material existence, it seems like you have anchored my heart with the holy name of the Divine Absolute Truth and also via your instructions. This insignificant servant of yours is striving daily to be able to complete my rounds and follow the regulative principles.

On this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja, my humble request would be that you bestow your mercy upon me so that I may give up this slack attitude of mine, therefore show more perseverance while performing my daily sadhana bhakti. And also be able to read Srila Prabhupada's books on a regular basis, as well as serve the devotees. I pray that you shower your special mercy upon me, by blessing my spiritual endeavors and guiding me through the right path on this journey back home, Back to Godhead.

Please forgive me if I said something incorrect. I would also like to thank you for everything.

Your aspiring servant,

Vishakha

Vyasa Krsna Dasa

Hare Krishna dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Radha Golokananda and Sri Krishna Balaram.

I must have surely done something righteous sometime in my life. It is then that I received the benediction of getting a spiritual master as you. When Rai Kisoni had a preterm delivery and I learned of the sensibility of our children at the time of birth, I could not get hold of myself. I did not know how to deal with such a situation. I had to prepare myself to be strong for Rai Kisoni and the children while I was myself feeling so low. At that time I could only think of fully surrendering unto you and your instructions. While I was talking to you and telling you that I am fighting a lot but now I am starting to feel weak. Then you became my strength and told me "Oh Arjuna! Fight! Chant! Chant as much as you can." Then I came to realise the essence of having you in my life and the power of your message.

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I remembered at that time the story you told me about the Jango horse. On one hand you told me not to give up and on the other hand you also gave me the solution to my situation. I started chanting as much as I could, even to the point of neglecting eating and drinking. Dear Gurudev, your encouragement and constant guidance at every moment is my biggest support pillar.

We are ever grateful to you for being so caring my dear spiritual father. As soon as our two daughters were born, they have acted as a medium to strengthen our Guru-disciple relationship. They have made us preach to so many people during our hospital visits. Vrindavani and Varsana Vasini are so fortunate to have been blessed by you. Please continue to shower your blessings upon them. It is generally said that a grandparent has much more affection for his grandchildren than his children. So please make them so strong that they can always serve Guru and Gauranga with great love and devotion.

I am also very grateful to Srila Prabhupada for giving us such a caring and most amazing spiritual master as you. Happy Vyasa-puja Gurudev. Thank you so much for taking care of everything.

Your property,

Vyasa Krsna Dasa

Yasoda Dulal Dasa

Dear Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

It is a pleasure and honour to write you this offering again after a year. It has been a good year, tough year, enriching year and a merciful year. I am sure that I was able to make some progress on this path due to your powerful prayers and kind and merciful patience with me. We met twice last year and I was very happy to see you, listen to your lectures, your instructions, advice and recommendations. Since we do not see each other often, I really deeply appreciate your permission to personally serve other senior devotees as well and see it as a service to you. Thank you very much for that!

It might be unpleasant for you to hear about your glories but my understanding of an offering is that this is a good chance to praise you and point out some of many of your qualities. According to the personality theory encoded in the 'Invocation of Sri Isopanisad' a personality is someone who creates values that the others need and appreciate. The level of personality is measured by the benefits and values they bring to the people of the world.

In my eyes, you are the personification of a great personality. You tirelessly create melodic tunes and make devotees ecstatic during your kirtans. You have written many books that you so kindly distribute to your disciples so that they have your guidance. You create the possibilities to study for your disciples and pay for their courses, you can speak six languages fluently. You can tolerate incredible pain. You can tolerate mistakes of your disciples and guide them again and again. You can give a lecture on philosophy, a lila lecture, an address lecture, you can give a Television interview or a radio interview. You are a brilliant psychologist and have an incredible sense of humour. You have a charming confidence. You are strict and kind at the same time. I have not seen you fixing a car but I am pretty sure you can do it. You are a good actor, story teller and a musician.

I could go on and on. You are not the Supreme Personality of Godhead but you are like Him and remind me of Him. And due to you, your behaviour and your qualities I believe Krishna really does exist. You are an exemplary follower of our great acaryas like Bhakti Vinod Thakura, Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakura, Rupa and Sanatana Goswami and of course Srila Prabhupada who were not, "just" preaching Krishna Consciousness by lecturing but teaching by their example and by being great

personalities that other people were inspired to follow after seeing their "material" skills and spiritual qualities.

I do not know and have not seen such a personality like you who tries to help his disciples and guide them so selflessly, literally being there for them personally. I just cannot understand it how it is possible to travel, be present in public, be there for devotees personally and take care of sleep and health at the same time, but you can do it. You are my great example that I want to follow. I cannot be you but I can try as much as I can to be like you.

I have seen so many times you being so merciful that I have no doubt that you will shower your mercy and guidance on me. It is impossible to have doubts about you. I know that you are always sending your blessings and prayers to me. Thank you so much for that. So let the shower of your mercy fall on me and I promise you that I will do my best to purify myself to be able to accept it.

Thank you very much.

Your servant,

Yasoda Dulal Dasa

P. S. Please be patient with your disciple and this probably quite immature offering. I will get better at everything and improve it, I promise.

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Yogesvara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you,

All glories to his holiness Jayadvaita Swami,

All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I know Srila Prabhupada only from books. In my eyes you are very similar to him. You have many of his valuable qualities. Lord Caitanya bestowed pure devotion to Krishna to you. You are a beloved leader in his movement. You are a fearless fighter for Krishna Consciousness. You are a tireless manager and performer of Lord Caitanya's harinama. Thank you for your mercy.

Your eternal servant,

Yogesvara Dasa

Zoltan Mako

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

There was a time, not too long ago, when "finding the Guru" subject started to become heavy and overwhelming for me. All I could hear from others was that I should not wait long for finding a Guru but I should not rush it either. What to do? I was actively searching but was a bit lost. I have started to develop more faith in Krishna to see in which direction He would guide me.

It happened that Krishna, very kindly, arranged for me to travel and have your wonderful association in Ljubljana and Vrindavan last year 2019. These trips allowed me to strengthen my connection with you and also started to cement in my decision.

I find your nature very caring and kind towards devotees. You are very approachable and always have time for each and every one of us and when a problem arises you do not rest until it gets resolved. You balance your humours inner child and your serious side so well. Your Kirtans are just pure transcendental love in every way and you always put Krishna and Prabhupada in the front.

When you accepted me to become your aspiring disciple in the Manor, it triggered a feeling inside of me. A feeling that from that moment on I would have to step up and put more effort and work in my sadhana so I would be able to serve you, together with our god brothers and sisters, so you could fulfill Mahaprabhu's and Prabhupada's mission.

I sincerely pray to Krishna to keep you under His shelter always and in good health so you can carry on with your fantastic services!

Thank you for everything Maharaja

Your aspiring servant,
Zoltan Mako