



Śri Vyāsa-pūjā

April 2018

Appearance day of our beloved
spiritual master His Holiness Kadamba
Kanana Swami

Content

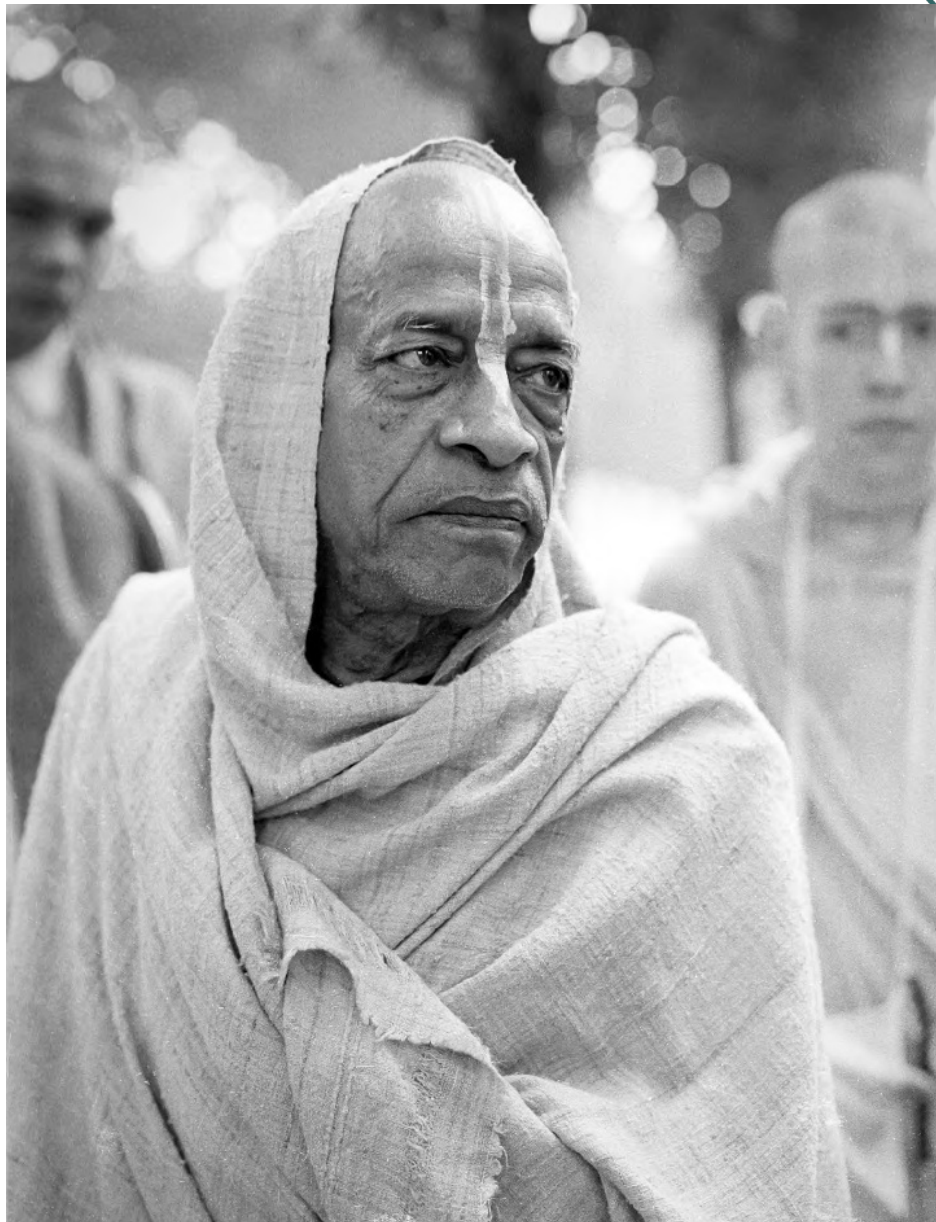
“Guru is a chief man”	2
Significance of Śrī	
Vyāsa-pūjā.....	4

Offerings

Adikarta Das	13
Aditya Devi Dasi	15
Advaita Simha Dasa	16
Ahuti Devi Dasi	18
Ananda Vrindavan Dasi	19
Antardvip Dasa	21
Anukampana Devi Dasi	22
Bahulasva Das	24
Balaram Das	26
Bali Mardana Das	27
Bhakta Arvind & Bhaktin	
Reena Shah.....	29
Bhakta Guntis	30
Bhakta Heman	31
Bhakta Martin	35
Bhakta Raven Goven-	
der	37
Bhakta Rishi	38
Bhakta Satish	40
Bhakta Vatsal Dasa	41
Bhakta Viktor	43
Bhakti Latika Dasi.....	44
Bhaktin Anamika	45
Bhaktin Fernanda	47
Bhaktin Hasita	48
Bhaktin Kata	51
Bhaktin Klara	52
Bhaktin Petra	53
Bharadvaja Dasa	54
Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi	55
Candrasedkhara Dasa.....	57

Charna	58
Citraketu Dasa	60
Citta Hari Dasa	62
Dahani Devi Dasi	63
Danistha Devi Dasi	65
Dayanidhi Dasa	66
Devananda Dasa	67
Dhruva Dasa	68
Doyal Govinda Dasa	69
Elisha	70
Gaura Narayana Das	71
Gauravani Dasi	75
Gita Govinda Devi Dasi	77
Godruma Das	80
Gopala Campu Dasa	81
Gopali Devi Dasi	83
Govinda Mohan Dasa	84
Gurudasa	86
Hamsa Avatar Dasa	89
Hari Vilasa Dasa	93
Harsarani Devi Dasi	95
Indrabhatta Dasa & Gokula	
Taruni Devi Dasi	98
Jagannatha Suta	
Dasa	99
Jalakeli Devi Dasi	100
Jay Kesava Dasa	101
Jay Nitai Dasa	103
Jay Radhika Devi Dasi	104
Jhulan Devi Dasi	105
Kasturi Manjari Devi	
Dasi	107
Kavita Devi Dasi	108
Kesava Bharati Das	111
Krishna Kirtan Dasa	113
Krishna Nama Dasa	116

Krsna Rupa Devi Dasi	117	Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi	182
Locan Dasa	118	Sudama Dasa	184
Maithili Devi Dasi	120	Sukhayanti Devi Dasi	186
Malini Devi Dasi	122	Surya Narayana Dasa	188
Mani Kundala Devi		Sutapa Das	191
Dasi	127	Svayambhu Dasa	193
Manu Dasa	129	Tamalini Dasi	194
Martina	131	Tamas	195
Matanga Dasa	132	Tanadavini Devi Dasi	196
Mathuresh Dasa	134	Tanumadhya Dasi	198
Merumala Devi Dasi	136	Tejo-gaura Das & Jala-	
Mitravinda Devi Dasi	137	yasa Devi Dasi	201
Murti-Seva Devi Dasi	138	Tirumala Devi Dasi	205
Naimisaranya Dasi	140	Tosani Dasi	207
Nama-rupa Dasi	142	Tukaram Dasa	210
Navadvipa Dasa	145	Tulsi Dasa	212
Nayanabhirama Dasa	147	Uddhava Dasa & Visa-	
Nilacala Candrika		kha Devi Dasi	215
Devi Dasi	149	Urugaya Dasa	216
Niskincana Caitanya		Vaibhavi Devi Dasi	218
Dasa	151	Vaisnava Sarvab-	
Pancajanya Dasa	153	hauma Das	219
Parama Karuna Dasa	154	Virabhadra Das	221
Parjanya Dasa	155	Visvambhara Caita-	
Premarnava Dasa	156	nya Das	222
Purna Tattva Dasa	157	Yasasvini Devi Dasi	223
Purusottama-		Yogeshvara Dasa	224
Ksetra Dasa	159	Yudhisthira Dasa	225
Radhadyuti Devi Dasi	160		
Radhakanta Das	162		
Ravindra Svarupa Das	163		
Revati Devi Dasi	164		
Rukmini Devi Dasi	167		
Sadbhuja Dasa	169		
Sanatani Devi Dasi	172		
Sangita Devi Dasi	174		
Sanjaya Dasa	176		
Sarvopama Dasa	178		
Sastravit Dasa	179		
Sesa Dasa	181		



**His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta
Swami Prabhupāda,
Founder-Ācārya of the International
Society for Krishna Consciousness**

Guru is a chief man

Prabhupada: Yes, the chief man. So the guru is there. He is the chief man, giving direction, or the captain. And others are plying, and the boat is also strong, and the wind is also favorable. In this circumstances, if you cannot cross, then you make suicide. The śāstras are there. That is favorable wind. You get the way. And the spiritual master is directing, 'Do like this.' And you have got a nice boat, and you are plying. Now cross over. Very big ocean in the material world. Just see the sky, how big it is. So we have to cross this material sky, penetrate the covering, then go to the spiritual sky. Then you are safe. Paras tasmāt tu bhāvaḥ anyaḥ 'vyakto 'vyaktāt sanātanaḥ (BG 8.20). That place, even after destruction of this whole material world, that is safe. So we have to go there, plying the boat.

Srila Prabhupada Morning Walk, Perth, May 11, 1975



Significance of Śrī Vyāsa- pūjā

by Tulsi das

In Śrīmad Bhāgavatam 10th Canto, Parīkṣit Mahārāja asks Śrīla Śukadeva Gosvāmīan interesting question:

“How it is possible for the Vedas, who are material sound, to describe the Absolute Reality, Brahman, which is beyond matter?”

The same question was asked by Narada Muni to Narayana Rsi and was discussed between the four Kumaras on the higher planetary systems. It is a lengthy discussion, but the answer is simple: Language, as everything else, is the energy of the Supreme, *janmādy asya yataḥ ‘janmādy asya yataḥ’* (Srimad Bhagavata, 1.1.1) therefore it acts according to His will. Thus, although it is true that the Absolute Reality is beyond the reach of the material words and senses. This same Absolute, being all powerful and all merciful, can reveal Himself through the media of the so-called material sound.

By manifesting the eternal Vedic sound, the Lord showers His mercy; but, without the proper teacher who can explain and exemplify this sound, the Lord’s mercy is not complete. The Vedas are voluminous and hard to understand (*vedenu durlabham*). Therefore we require the explanation and example of the Spiritual Master (*adurlabham tma-bhaktau*). Since the realisation of the Supreme is not a matter of mundane scholarship. The Vedic sound does not manifest in the heart of a person who is bereft of the mercy of the Spiritual Master. By submitting our lives to the will of Guru we prove that we are worthy to receive the mercy of God.

The original Guru is Krishna, thus Guru is only one. Srila Prabhupada explains: “When we speak of the fundamental principle of gurudeva, or ācāryadeva, we speak of something that is of universal application. There does not arise any question of discriminating my guru from yours or anyone else’s. There is only one guru, who appears in an infinity of forms to teach you, me, and all others... it has been

enjoined herewith that in order to receive that transcendental knowledge, one must approach the guru. Therefore, if the Absolute Truth is one, about which we think there is no difference of opinion, the guru also cannot be two. The ācāryadeva for whom we have assembled tonight to offer our humble homage is not the guru of sectarian institution or one out of many differing exponents of the truth. On the contrary, he is the Jagad-guru, or the guru of all of us; the only difference is that some obey him wholeheartedly, while others do not obey him directly. “
(Srla Prabhupada Vyāsa-pūjā Speech, Bombay, 1935).

The Spiritual Master is an external representative of the Supersoul. As such he is non-different from the Lord, “*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair*”(Sri Gurbastakam). There are two manifestations of Bhagavan – sevyā bhagavan and sevā bhagavan, or the Personality of Godhead, who is the master and the servitor Personality of Godhead. Thus the Spiritual Master is also Bhagavan but in the form of a servant.

Srla Prabhupada explains: “We are presenting our Krishna consciousness movement on this principle, that you should carry out the orders of the authority, and Krishna or God is the Supreme authority. Whatever He is speaking, instructing to the human society, they must accept it without any wrong interpretation. That will make them happy. So those who are sane persons, they do not hesitate to accept the authority of God and they become happy simply by abiding by the orders of the authority. And those who are following exactly the instruction of the Supreme Authority, they are also authority. So that is the difference between the Supreme Lord and spiritual master. Spiritual master is servant authority, and God is the master authority.

Therefore *sevyā bhagavān*, *sevā bhagavān*. Just like government officer, a servant authority, and the king is the master authority. So if one follows the instruction of the authority and teaches the people in general the same principles, then he becomes servant authority or the spiritual master. “

(Srla Prabhupada, Philosophy discussions with Syamasundara Dasa: John Stuart Mill).

“Then is spiritual master is as good as God? The next line is, kintu prabhor yaù priya eva tasya. A spiritual master is not God. He is... The distinction is sevyā-bhagavān, sevā-bhagavān. Sevyā means one who is worshiped, and sevā means one who is worshiper. The spiritual master is God and Krishna is God, but Krishna is worshipable God and spiritual master is worshiper God. He’s God, but he’s worshiper God. That is explained.” (Srla Prabhupada, Lecture on SB 1.8.43, Los Angeles, May 5, 1973).

Thus the Spiritual Master is God and at the same time he is not God; he is God, because he is a representative of God, and His very dear servant because he is acting on His behalf. And he is not God because he is an individual soul in the mood of servant of God. He looks like a normal personality, but he has a special status because of the importance of his mission.

The principle of accepting Spiritual Master is essential in spiritual life. Srila Rupa Gosvami in his book Bhakti-rasamrta-sindu writes that taking shelter of a bon-a-fide Spiritual Master is the first and most important principle in the process of bhakti (adau guru padasraya). Elsewhere in sashtra it is said *tad-vijñānārthaṁ sa gurum evābhigacchet* (Mundaka Upanishad 1.2.12) – to receive a transcendental knowledge one must approach a spiritual master.

In the Bhagavad-gita of the 4th Chapter, Lord Krishna (after describing to Arjuna different methods for spiritual advancement) concludes by saying:

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

“Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth” (Bg 4.34).

This is the secret for attaining spiritual perfection. In many places in the sashtras the glories and the sublime qualities of the Spiritual Master are described. In the Srimad Bhagavatam it is said *mad-bhakta-pūjābhyaadhikā* - “O sinless Uddhava, one can achieve loving service unto Me by performing first class worship of my devotee” (SB 11.19.21).

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

“One should know the ācārya as Myself and never disrespect him in any way. One should not envy him, thinking him an ordinary man, for he is the representative of all the demigods” (SB 11.17.27).



*tasmād gurum prapadyeta
jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ
brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam*

“Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bon-a-fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bon-a-fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bon-a-fide spiritual masters.” (SB 11.3.21).

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
śrī-gurum dīna-tāraṇam*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of all fallen souls, whose mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers, and enables the lame to cross mountains.” (Adapted from Bhāvārtha-dīpikā, Mangala Stotram 1).

The Spiritual Master saves the disciple from the terrible shackles of birth and death and gives him the most precious gift, love of Godhead. For that reason, the disciple is eternally indebted to his Spiritual Master. Although, this debt is impossible to repay, the disciple should always try his best to pay it back by becoming a property of his Guru. And by accepting the desire of his Guru as the only important consideration in his life. This is the reason why one should perform Guru Puja every day – to express his gratitude, and to remember that he should act only for the pleasure of Guru and Krishna. Thus dedicating his life completely to their service.

Once in the year, on the birthday of the Spiritual Master, the disciples should organise a special worship of the Spiritual Master as a representative of Srila Vyasadeva and guru parampara. This special celebration is called Vyāsa-pūjā.

The spiritual master is the representative of Vyāsadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyāsa-pūjā. (Bg18.76 purport.)

“The bon-a-fide spiritual master is called Vyāsa because he is a representative of Vyāsa. Worshiping the birthday of such a spiritual master is called Vyāsa-pūjā.” (Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta, Antya-līla, 20.82, purport).

Srila Prabhupada elaborates on the meaning of Vyāsa-pūjā:

“So this Vyāsa-pūjā means one day in a year, on the birthday of the spiritual master, because he is representative of Vyāsa, he is delivering the same knowledge which has come down by disciplic succession without any change, he is offered the respect. This is called Vyāsa-pūjā. And the spiritual master receives all honour, all contribution, on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, not for his person. Just like in our Country when there was British rule, there was a viceroy, a king’s representative.

“So naturally, when viceroy used to go to some meeting, many people used to present valuable jewels, valuable, because just to honour him. But the law was that not a single of the jewels or contribution the viceroy could touch. It was going to the royal treasury. The viceroy could accept on behalf of the king all contribution, but it goes to the king. Similarly, this day, Vyāsa-pūjā day, whatever honour, contribution and feelings is being offered to the spiritual master, it is... Again, as we have received the knowledge from upwards, similarly, this respect also goes from downward to the upward. This is the process. So as the spiritual master is teacher of the student, he has to teach the disciple how to send back his respect and contribution to God. This is called Vyāsa-pūjā.” (Lecture: Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā, New Vrindavan, 2nd September, 1972).

“So this Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony means to offer our thanks to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because He is the original guru. As we receive this message through paramparā system from Krishna to Brahmā, Brahmā to Nārada, Nārada to Vyāsadeva, Vyāsadeva to Madhvācārya, in this way, Mādhavendra Purī, then Īśvara Purī, then Caitanya Mahāprabhu, then six Gosvāmīs, then others, Bhaktivinoda Thākura, Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī, Gaura Kīśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī. Then we have taken. So this, as we come to this Krishna consciousness understanding through this long paramparā, similarly, in the Vyāsa-pūjā ceremony, whatever respect, honour, and presentation you give, that goes to Kāñṛea through that paramparā system, from down. As it is received through the paramparā system, so similarly, your offerings also goes through this paramparā system to the Supreme.”

The connection. (Lecture: Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā London, 22nd, August, 1973).





After this long list of names in Guru-parampara Srila Prabhupada says, “Then we have taken.” After Srila Prabhupada some other sincere souls took this difficult task, to assist in the deliverance of the conditioned souls on his behalf. And one of these great souls is our beloved Spiritual Master, His Holiness Srila Kadamba Kanana Swami Maharaja.

Dear Maharaja, please be merciful to us and please give us the shade of your lotus feet. Please give us opportunity to render some service for the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu under your guidance. Please make our faith very strong, because for those disciples who have implicit faith in the Lord, Spiritual Master, and his instructions, the import of the Vedic knowledge is revealed and they will surely achieve success on the spiritual path.

Srila Prabhupada writes in his Vyāsa-pūjā offering to his Guru-Maharaja, Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvāmi Maharaja:

“Personally, I have no hope for any direct service for the coming crores of births of the sojourn of my life, but I am confident that someday or other I shall be delivered from this mire of delusion in which I am at present so deeply sunk. Therefore let me with all my earnestness pray at the lotus feet of my divine master to allow me to suffer the lot for which I am destined due to my past misdoings, but to let me have this power of recollection: that I am nothing but a tiny servant of the almighty Absolute Godhead, realized through the unflinching mercy of my divine master. Let me therefore bow down at his lotus feet with all the humility at my command.”

Hari om tat sat.

24.01.2018,
Appearance day of Srila Advaita Acharya,
Sridham Mayapur

Offerings



Ke Jabi Ke Jabi Bhai Bhava - Sindhu - Para Locana das Thakura

*ke jabi ke jabi bhai bhava-sindhu-para
dhanya kali-yugera caitanya-avatara*

*amara gaurangera ghate adana-kheya vaya
jada, andha, atura avadhi para haya*

*harinamera naukakhani sri guru kandari
sankirtana kheroyala du'bahu pasari*

*saba jiva haila para premera vatase
padiya rahila locana apanara dose*

Who will go? Who will go, brothers? Who will cross over this ocean of material suffering? This Kali-yuga in which Sri Caitanya-avatara has appeared is blessed.

[Caitanya-avatara does not come in every Kali-yuga.]

At the bathing place of my Gauranga, a free ferry-boat is waiting. There is no restriction – everyone is coming, including the lame, blind and distressed. All are climbing aboard to cross over.

Harinama is the boat, Sri Guru is the helmsman and the sankirtana party moving with up-raised arms are the oars!

All souls can cross over with the favorable winds of prema. Only Locana dasa is so unfortunate that, due to his own fault, he has been left behind.

Adikarta Das

*nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale
śrimate kadamba kánana svámin iti námine*

*nama om visnu-pádáya krsna-prestháya bhú-tale
guru dása jayadvaita svámin iti námine*

*nama om visnu-pádáya krsna-prestháya bhú-tale
śrimate bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine*

*namas te sárasvate deve gaura-vání-pracárine
nirvísesa-súnyavádi-páscátya-deśa-tárine*

Lieber Guru Maharaja,

Nehmen Sie bitte meine achtungsvollen ehrerbietungen im staub ihres lotusfüssens an.

Alle Ehre sei an Ihrer Heiligkeit.

Alle Ehre sei an Sri Gauranga.

Alle Ehre sei an Ihrem Guru Maharaja 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 Maharaja Kadamba Kanana Swami, darf Ich erneut ein paar Zeilen als Offering für Ihnen zu schreiben, denn es kommt der Tag Ihrer Vyasa-puja bald hervor.

Vor allem möchte Ich Ihnen die beste mögliche Gesundheit wünschen, sowie bei der Gelegenheit meines letzten Offerings. Ihre möglichste Gesundheit bleibt auch weiter unter anderem eine der Hauptsachen, weitaus nicht nur für mich. Ich erlaube mir weiter über dessen sich zu freuen, dass Ihrer aktueller Gesundheitszustand möglichst Weise ohne ungewünschten Änderungen bleibt, und Sie kennen alle Ihre günstigen Taten, die für die ganze Welt Äußerst nötig sind weiteraus ausführen auch durch einen annehmbaren Komfort, den der Körper durch solchen Stand bieten kann.

Sie sind ein ozean der grundlosen barmherzigkeit, die von der Krishnas stammt und sie auch genauso für alle Lebewesen unbegreiflich ist. daher kann Ich unter anderem wahrnehmen, dass Sie zu mir trotz meiner unansehnlichkeit, ununterbrochen Ihre güte im schattenihren Lotosfüßen äußern.

Man kann sehr gut ahnen, trotzdem man allerhand Lebensproben ausgestellt wird, dass diese Güte nicht abnehmend wird, aber eher nimmt sie weiter zu. Diese ihre güte wird nicht nur zu mir, aber ähnlich auch zu den meisten lebewessen die sich in Ihrer nahe mall auch kurz befanden bezogen. So grenzenlos ist die gnade eines echten spirituellen Meisters.

Alle offenbarten Schriften erklären, dass dank einem bloßem Augenblick in der Gesellschaft des reinen geweihten, ist es dem Menschen möglich den allen Erfolg zu erreichen. So ein Augenblick ist der größte Schatz der menschlichen Gesellschaft.

Und auch weiter bleibt unter vielem anderem gültig:

*om ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-śalákayá
caksur unmīlītam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Ich bin in der dunkelsten Unwissenheit geboren und mein spiritueller Meister öffnete mir die Augen mit einer Fackel der Erkenntnis. Ich bringe Ihm meine achtungsvolle Ehrerbietungen dar.

Mit dauernder Dankbarkeit und demütig, möchte Ich Ihre Lotusfüße, die Lotusfüße meines spirituellen Meisters, Srila Guru Maharaja Kadamba Kanana Swami, ununterbrochen verehren und auch daher neige ich mich Ihnen stets erneut und bringe Ihnen, mit dem herzlichen Glückwunsch, meine achtungsvolle Ehrerbietungen dar. Ihr ewiger Schuldner und unansehnlicher Schüller,

Adikarta Das



Aditya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for inspiring purpose in my life.

Thank you for your extraordinary kindness.

This kindness has changed my life beyond measure.

Even in the smallest every day conversations,

I find myself quoting your numerous examples and explanations.

You give me strength to perform my seva.

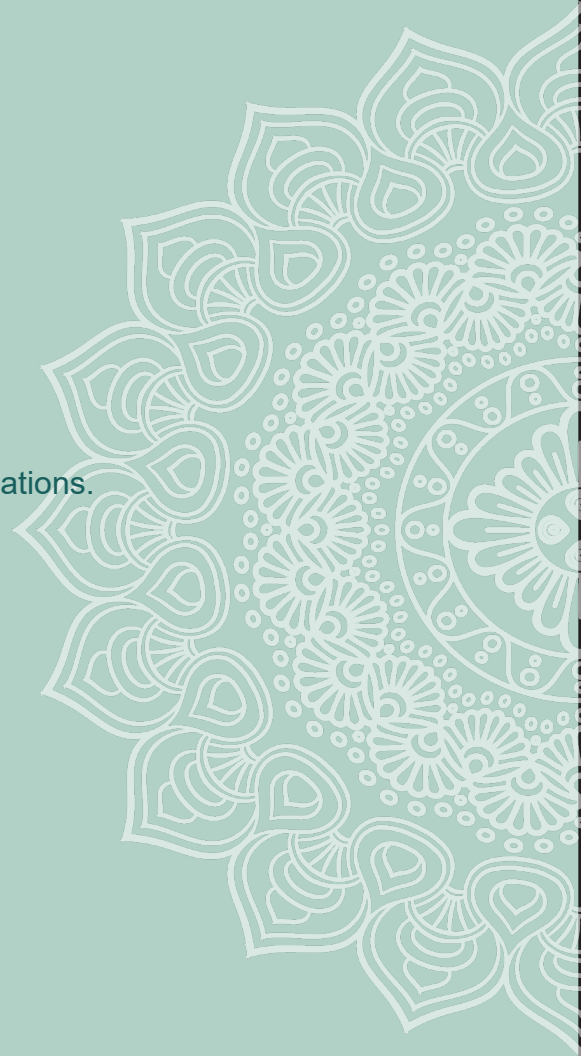
Your wonderful influence is always with me.

And I know I will never be alone.

Your servant,

Aditya Devi Dasi

(United Kingdom)



Advaita Simha Das

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to you Guru Maharaja.

*yasya prasadaḥ bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yashas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

Every year when I am writing your offering it is always on an appearance day of some Vaishnavas or the Lord himself. Last year it was Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura's and two years ago it was on Nityananda Trayodasi. This time it is Narottam das Thakur's appearance day.

I am thinking of how can I compare you to him and what came into my mind is to see in you his greatness in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I just read a book about him and he was such a dedicated, genius and an intelligent person. All these great songs he wrote to engage the people in bhajans and how he tried to give out as much mercy as possible.

This is the connection to you because always when I listen to you or when I see you, you always speak about how we can give out the mercy. You give me so much inspiration by your own example to always be enthusiastic and give everything I have in the service of the Lord.

I just listened to a seminar from you entitled: 'Expanding the mercy,' and you said:

"yāre dekha, tāre kaha 'kṛṣṇa'-upadeśa." (Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta, Madhya-līla, 7.128).

This is the verse who describes Srila Prabhupada the most. There is one verse also which keeps me going to help spread the mission. And that is why I learnt this verse some years ago to always remember the mercy of Caitanya Mahāprabhu. The funny thing is in so many lectures you recite the first two lines of this verse:



*kathañcana smṛte yasmin
duṣkaraṁ sukaraṁ bhavet
vismṛte viparītaṁ syāt
śrī-caitanyaṁ namāmi tam*

(Sri Caitanya-Caritamṛta, Adi-līla, 14.1)

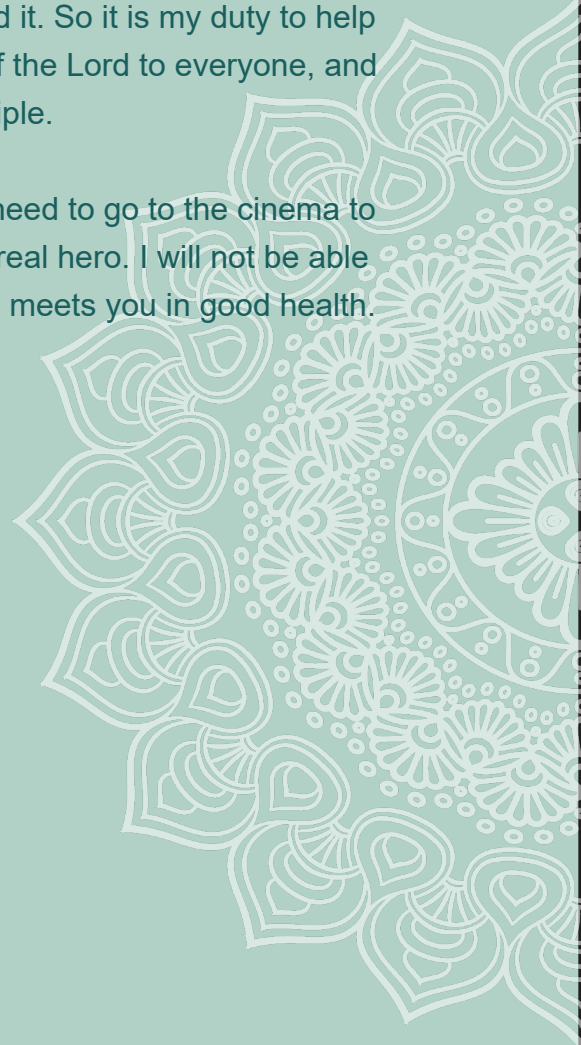
So every day I have this connection to you through this verse - to always remember that everything is possible with the mercy of Mahāprabhu. I am sure that is your constant meditation - the mercy of the Lord and how to spread it. So it is my duty to help you as good as I can to remember and share the mercy of the Lord to everyone, and in this way one day maybe I deserve to become your disciple.

Guru Maharaja you are my transcendental hero. I do not need to go to the cinema to see some heroes on the screen because I have you as a real hero. I will not be able to attend your Vyasa-puja this year but I hope this offering meets you in good health.

Hare Krishna. Jay Prabhupada

Your always aspiring servant,

Advaita Simha Das



Ahuti Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I was only two months in the company of the devotees when I visited your Vyasa-puja. Here I deeply fell in love with Krishna through your grace and the grace of the devotees. Your purity, strength, wisdom, kindness, gentleness, friendliness, serenely, personal approach, singing, kirtan and love for Krishna - it did not come from this planet.

My heart was full of love and indestructible faith in Krishna. It lasts today. I cannot serve you personally but with your grace I can serve my husband Dhruva Das. He is reflection of your pure qualities. Thank you for your blessings in the marriage. It is the most beautiful gift. Thank you for the initiation - it is the greatest grace.

Your servant,

Ahuti Devi Dasi



Ananda Vrindavan Dasi

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance.

Best wishes for your appearance day!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

There surely will be ups and downs in the life of a disciple, but the most amazing thing about the guru is that he is so transcendently heavy that nothing can move him an inch from the lotus feet of Krishna and his service. So, whenever one looks in the direction of guru, he will find him in the same position, fully absorbed in Krishna. What can be more encouraging and blissful than his fixedness and loving commitment? I thank you so much for this powerful example which is so dear to me.

Few years ago, I had a good fortune to cook for you after you got back from your health treatments in India. It was a most intense time in my life, where I realised so much about the relationship between guru and disciple and how I have many miles to walk on that path. I am really grateful you gave me chance to experience how is it to dedicate fully, for my level. And I apologise for all my lacking, and there were many; just one of them was experimenting cooking on you!

However, I remember in particular I asked your young servant Nimai, who jokingly nicked-named me 'a kitchen slave', that I want only one payment for my service, and that is your food remnants every day, after every meal. And he really made sure I got them for a whole month; I remain his debtor forever! I am telling this because a funny thing happened after I came back home afterwards. Besides spiritual benefits of associating with a sadhu in such a powerful way, that are impossible to calculate, the thing was when I sat before my harmonium – and I did not play it for a really long time, and I cannot play well anyway – I started playing harmonium with such an ease and expertise that was obviously not mine! I was utterly amazed at that; look at all the wonders maha-maha can do!

Another thing I will never forget is when you were visiting Ljubljana for Janmashtami 2017. Everybody wanted your time and attention, and the program was packed with events. You obviously could not afford meeting everybody, so when I approached you in the middle of all the hustle, asking can you find a little time. You kind of froze and

apologised by saying, 'It's too busy, we will see.' Then I added, 'It's about your book I am working on. There are some things that need to be sorted out.' You immediately responded, 'Aha! Yes, of course, when?' By this, Krishna was really merciful to me, as this episode showed me what is most sacred and important to you, and that is a practical service. That is what inspires you, way more than some small talks about life, unavoidable problems, etc. When it is about the service for Krishna you always react, respond and find time and words. For me this was really important as it made me realise that the best, safest position I can take is one of a humble, grateful service.

Happy birthday Maharaja, and may Krishna bless you with good health and good, faithful disciples. I apologise for all my carelessness. Thank you for giving me a shelter of service. I ask you on this day, to kindly bless me with deeper sincerity and surrender to Krishna and His devotees.

Your servant,

Ananda Vrindavan Dasi



Antardvip Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami!

All glories to you!

In our lives, some years are better and some years are worse. It may even happen that some are super bad, things go terribly wrong although our intentions were the best. We just get smashed by some karma and we cannot do anything about it. We do not know why it came. We do not understand anything about what happened. We just suffer terribly.

For me the last year was such a disaster that it has seriously shaken my confidence in anything I do. I lost the vision of where I am going and what I will do - things lost their sense. And you were disappointed in me which is the worst imaginable thing which can happen. Now I am falling at your lotus feet and begging for your mercy, "I took this as the special mercy of the Lord, who always desires benediction for His devotees." (Srimad Bhagavatam, 1.6.10).

I found out that my Krsna consciousness is not so profound yet that in such critical period I would seek refuge only in the holy name and the philosophy. Instead I got lost in sadness, grief and sorrow which is in fact just another form of material enjoyment. I am wondering which advancement I made if even any. When real troubles come I do not call Krishna with stronger urgency, but I forget about Him. Well, not completely but the former enthusiasm is gone due to material suffering. I am not so transcendental yet. I cannot completely see the bad things which happened as special mercy of the Lord. But I believe that there is some higher sense of it all and that Krishna knows what He is doing with my life.

Even when my life turned into pile of ruins, I can still count my blessings. By your kind mercy I am every day in the association of the devotees and I can do practical service in ISKCON. Your loving favour keeps me here somehow. And for me this is the greatest benediction ever.

“Unless one is favoured by a pure devotee, one cannot attain the platform of devotional service.” (Caitanya-caritamṛta Madhya-līla 22.51).

Thank you for being favourable to me and not rejecting me despite I am quite a lost case. By Your mercy and support even the lost cases can start flying finally.

Thank You for being here for us. You are our security.

Your grateful servant,

Antardvip Das

Anukampana Devi Das

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

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

*nama oṃ 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.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Another year has passed and I am feeling gratitude that again I can have a moment remembering you, and rest of the parampara who have mercifully given their instructions for path to Krishna and with



Krishna. And especially you, because you are here with us, showing that path and being there for us with your guidance and example.

The past year for me was especially about accepting Krishna's will instead of mine and having needed space you gave me that space. It also became even more important to remember how we are made of mercy, and especially how we are made of the mercy of our spiritual master. I wish I want Krishna more and more instead of all the other things I also want.

But luckily I know you want only Krishna so I am hanging on there and proud to be your disciple. Hoping one day you will be proud of me being your disciple. Even from a distance, even having doubted it, you are such a personal spiritual master. And your understanding towards different things on what life brings to us is so much on the ground, making us peaceful to continue our spiritual practices, whatever comes to us. Because you are not easily shaken and therefore we do not need to be either.

Wanting to remember this, I also pray for having more faith and to surrender more, knowing Krishna to catch me. I wish you our dear spiritual master have a wonderful year ahead, filled with good health and connecting new people with Krishna. Reminding us, who already got the mercy of being connected to Krishna through you. To see us as the property of our guru. And to give our lives to the mission of Srila Prabhupada, like you are doing. To become more aligned with the interest of Srila Prabhupada and in this way more closer to him. Ultimately to be seen by Krishna.

Thank you dear Kadamba Kanana Swami for being my guidance.

Your servant,

Anukampana Devi Dasi

Bahulasva 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*

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 Kadamba Kanana Swami,

My life has taken a radical change recently, since my wife left the body after being acutely sick and without any warning just passed away. We had made so many plans together, she had just received a permanent visa and just got her first job here in Stockholm. We were planning to stay for a longer period in Mayapur where we bought a flat.

My life was in turmoil when she left, she was my dearest devotee friend. Now everything is different for me. I just feel I cannot make so much plans any more. Now I have to consult you about my future life. Take shelter to you, to the holy name, to devotee association and to service, to Srila Prabhupada.

Even if I did that before also, but now I realised how temporary our association with the bodies are. So, I got a kind of shocking experience of that now. And I was almost forced into waking up about this false shelter coming from the physical association. I realised that I have to take shelter in that what is permanent.

That is our service to guru and Gauranga and all the devotees. Shelter in the holy name, in hearing and chanting. Shelter in the process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. By this process develops the taste for service. That is the real shelter. We can develop this taste



only by the association with devotees, by giving them respect and gratitude. And by faith in the holy name. We have association with Krishna. In His incarnation as the holy name. It is so powerful it cannot be exaggerated, we just have to believe it.

We have to remind our self that we have got something wonderful, like the maha-mantra, even if we struggle with our disturbing mind during japa we must remember that it is all mercy whether we take it as medicine or nectar.

Material life is temporary and full of miseries that we have heard so many times, and sometimes we can see it very graphically. Srila Prabhupada gave us this movement of Krsna consciousness, a consciousness about who we are, where we come from, where we belong, our natural and original consciousness as servant of the servant, of the servant of Krishna and His devotees. This is where we have to take shelter and find our happiness.

During all these hard times you were present by answering my desperate calls, and you also called me and invited me to travel with you, which I could not for different reason. You told me to take shelter in the holy name, Srimad Bhagavatam and the association of devotees. So, you gave some medicine but you did not leave me with that. No, you also asked me after some time. "How are you now? Like a good doctor caring for his patient, maybe as much important as the medicine. So, I felt your presence.

It is said that bhakti is only going on by mercy from the beginning to the end, and sometimes we do not see the mercy, but we are somehow or other in the process of bhakti yoga. So it is there and we can try to be an instrument to that mercy by receiving and giving it to others. To continuing the service we have, and extend the service as much as we can.

Srila Prabhupada said that without the mercy from guru you cannot even take one step forward in spiritual life. So I am begging for your mercy for my next step now. You use to quote Srila Prabhupada as, "Your ever well-wisher" and I know that you are that to all of us.

So, I hope I can reciprocate that love and care that you give by render some service that would please you.

Your servant,
Bahulasva Dasa

Balarama 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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Maharaja,

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

This is an offering for the occasion of your birthday anniversary.

I would like to congratulate you to your sixty five years. Please be with us as long as possible. We, your students, love you.

I often think about your orders to me, like reading Srimad Bhagavatam every day, be well versed in scriptures, develop brahminical behaviour and propensities and distributing prasadam

You wanted your every student should have some aim how to help the mission of Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON to progress. I help you in your mission of helping Srila Prabhupada by prasadam distribution and occasionally book distribution.

Like every year I can promise you that with the help of such devotees like Jay Keshava Prabhu I will distribute books on Kings Day for your greater glory.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Your student and disciple,

Balaram Dasa (Czech Republic)



Bali Mardana Das

My Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja.

All glories to you.

Another year has passed since my last Vyasa-puja reflection. In this time I have been working out how to do more harinama in the days/evenings and how to distribute Srila Prabhupada's books. I have been following your nectar on Facebook and other social media. This is really inspiring for me to be able to regularly keep in touch with your words and exemplary actions.

It is a sincere desire of mine that we can organise a four hour kirtan outdoors in Leicester, involving different types of musical genres, with the assistance of the local temple and congregational devotees. I am still in the planning stages and will send you an invite in advance, should it be possible.

My biggest source of realisation has been Saturday night harinama – Lord Caitanya's mission to alleviate the sufferings of Kali-yuga's people. My son occasionally assists my endeavour, and we regularly see several devotees come along. We are well received, and will, I think, go down in future Leicester folklore.

Your kirtans and bhajans have inspired me to become braver in leading harinama. Now I do not have to rely on the same devotees to lead, or cancel if they do not show up. I am also stretching myself in my social interaction in the Mind, Body and Soul events led by Gurudasa. And I act as spiritual mentor to friends and family wherever the opportunity arises.

Darpan is at technical college, studying a business course. His practical events have involved making and selling food to fellow students. I have been largely instrumental in the preparation of these menus, and of course offered them to my deities, thereby performing covert prasadam distribution. It is by your empowerment and blessings that I can do any service.

I never dreamt of having such a personal and charming spiritual master. Your commitment to your disciples and Lord Caitanya's mission is beyond question. You embody compassion and lead by example. You are always good natured and jovial, but with an underlying mood of gravity and urgency in self realisation. I pray that I can make you happy.

I am looking forward to have more of your association. May I ever remain your eternal servant.

Your servant,

Bali Mardana Das



Bhakta Arvind and Bhatkin Reena Shah

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeisance.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.
All glories to your divine grace.

On this auspicious day we pray to Lord Krishan for your continued guidance to show us the way to the ultimate goal of life.

We remember that very special day in Radhadesh on the 27th of August 2017 at 8:10am when we were fortunate enough to get darshan of your lotus feet for the very first time. As we reflect back on that moment and all that has followed, like being able to chant sixty-four round the very next day, we have only just begun to realise the power of your mercy.

We are most fallen, have no qualifications to glorify your divine qualities. We pray to the lord that we keep on receiving your causeless mercy in the years to come and are able to serve you eternally.

Your insignificant aspiring servants,

Bhakta Arvind and bhaktin Reena Shah

Bhakta Guntis Lans

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

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

*nama oṃ 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.

Greetings awesome personification of inspiration and dedication holy and amazingly graceful Kadamba Kanana Maharaja!

Today is auspicious and beautiful day - when unique and special personality appeared on earth. To teach, inspire and share his unique care. Light of knowledge from centre and transcendental melody from golden heart. You are the champion of universal transcendental Olympic games, running with grace. Creating movements in dance.

You are completely ready prepared because you practiced sincerely. Keeping highest goal in your mind to be victorious and to shine bright. You are unique, you are special and your teachers know that. They smile with jubilant hearts. Showering blessings and cheering Yeah! Hey! We are very pleased with you and your wonderful service. Because you inspire so many and gracefully caring for them. Being a perfect example. Creating a space in which we all see beyond our senses, beyond our minds, beyond intelligent, attachments and beyond our very old friend. Mr. False Ego - the man.

You are amazingly awesome. You are special and unique. You are victorious and you are the champion. With smile we will follow your



way. Carrying mood in our centres, we will all make you happy and great. My brothers, my sister's and myself we all are highly blessed to have you by our sides.

We All Wish You Happy Birthday!!!

With best wishes, gratitude, appreciation, happy smiles and eternal love.

Yours in service,

All your sons, daughters and Bhakta. Guntis

Bhakta Heman

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

*namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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

*namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja celebration.

All glories to you.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your divine Vyasa-puja day.

Gurudeva, although I am unqualified and fallen I will try to say a few words to glorify you.

Dear Gurudeva, I really do not know how will I describe your mercy onto me? Last year when you came to London I was able to reveal that I have been aspiring for over two years and wanted to take shelter at your lotus feet. You immediately said: "Yes no problem." Although I am not qualified.

By your mercy, I have been able to serve as a servant leader in one of the East London Bhakti Vrikshas. I am at the point of starting another group and all these have been possible only through your mercy and blessings.

I also admire your Vaishnava qualities as well as admire all those you have inspired. I can feel the compassion you have for all the conditioned souls. I am humbled by our journey. It makes me reflect on all the sacrifices you made in your life for guru and Krishna. I think and reflect on your words you utter that inspire me to talk about Krishna and Mahaprabhu's movement.

Gurudeva, I pray that I always remain attached to the shelter of your divine feet. Please keep showering your mercy onto me. Please forgive me for any offence I might have committed in my attempt to glorify your pure personality.

Wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja day.

His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami ki jai!

Your insignificant and fallen servant,

Bhakta. Heman
(London)





The disciple who becomes like a personal attendant of the spiritual master begins to serve the need of the spiritual master. Such a disciple becomes like an extension of the spiritual master. Then the spiritual master's influence in the world is increasing. If he has a thousand of such disciples, then he has thousand wings by which he can fly!

Bhakta Martin

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

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

*nama oṁ 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.

Dear Spiritual Master,

I am very happy that I could be on Krishna's farm and follow temple program. And every day listen to lecture from Srimad Bhagavatam and do service for temple. It is perfection of life to be completely absorbed in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

On this occasion of your Vyasa-puja I want to thank you for being here for us. You could live in Vrindavan and do what you like, but you rather come here to this landless land and try to explain to us the transcendental knowledge, and save us before the biggest danger to take another birth.

Every time you find the time for everyone and talk with them. I want learn this generosity also. Not like I only do my service and after that I go to do my things. Every time I think how to serve others and find the way of how I can help them, their soul. In the Caitanya Caritamṛta Adi-lila 6th Chapter it is written that: "Service to Lord Krishna brings the most happiness of life." But how could I realise that I should not try to satisfy myself but rather to serve Krishna? I feel that I am not able to.

Thank you that you showed us by your example on how to surrender to Krishna, how to practice spiritual life and how to detach from material things. You visit holy places and holy places are everywhere you go because Sri Krishna is still with you.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam it is stated:

“My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage.” (SB 1.13.10).

This is like you. When you visit any place, this place is suddenly full of Krishna consciousness and it is easy to understand the transcendental themes. You are like a glowing torch of Srila Prahupada. I feel to be obliged to bring this light on and give it to other people. Sometimes my faith is not very strong and I have doubts and as soon I am in your presence my faith begins to be stronger and I cease to doubt.

Your lectures inspires me and gives me the courage to surrender more. On one lecture you said that, “If one fully surrender to Krishna miracles could happen.” I have those words on my mind. It is not easy to leave living way of life and certainties.

I sometimes give priority to work and certainties instead of spiritual life and studying. It is not easy to believe that Krishna takes care about His devotees and I can fully surrender to Him. And I should not be afraid of how I secure my body. My mind and senses dictate to me of what I should do. I still do not understand that I am the soul and not the body.

I pray for being qualified to serve you in the way you really want me to and not according to my ideas. And that I could correctly understand your instructions and follow them to please you. Please help me overcome my selfishness, laziness, distrust, pride, envy and malice.

I beg for your blessings that I never forget Krishna and that I find the determination to serve this movement.

Your fallen servant,

Bhakta Martin
(Czech Republic)



Bhakta Raven

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

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

*nama oṁ 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.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

You once told me that it is okay if I cannot do big things for Krishna but if I do a lot of little things that will result in a big thing. These words mean everything to me!

I never understood the true meaning of faith until I saw your faith in this movement. For me, I honestly never thought that I would go out onto the streets and do harinama, let alone book distribution. I never thought that I could be an instrument in helping to save someone's life by going out onto the streets, but through your mercy it is all possible.

I am so grateful to you for giving me that rare opportunity to be a part of this sankirtana movement. I know that I can never repay you and so I pray that I may always be engaged in this sankirtana mood.

Hopefully in that way I may assist you in this mission.

I am so fortunate to have your strong guidance in my life and I want to thank Srila Prabhupada for giving me you. I pray that I can always try to serve you and follow your instructions.

All glories to you, my dear Guru Maharaja!

Your aspiring servant,
Bhakta Raven
(South Africa)

Bhakta Rishi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Maharaja. And all glories unto you on the most glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja!

The inspiration for this offering comes from a time last year when I was on a family holiday to the Maldives.

Wherever I go, even if it is for a couple of days, I always find myself packing a copy of your quote books which Sesa Prabhu kindly gave me: Golokera Prema Dhana. This particular copy has done a fair bit of travelling over the past few months.

In the Maldives, it sat on my bedside table and I would often take shelter of it and relish the different quotes that you had picked out for us. I was reading the section about the holy name and it almost felt like I had a Eureka moment when I came across the most beautiful translation of the third verse of Bhaktivinoda Thakura's bhajan. He prays:

'Alone I find, I have no strength to chant the holy name of Lord Hari. I beg you, therefore, please be merciful and with a particle of faith, give me the great treasure of the holy name of Krsna.' (Ohe Vaisnava Thakura, Saranagati).

I instantly connected with it, rushed to find the full bhajan and fell

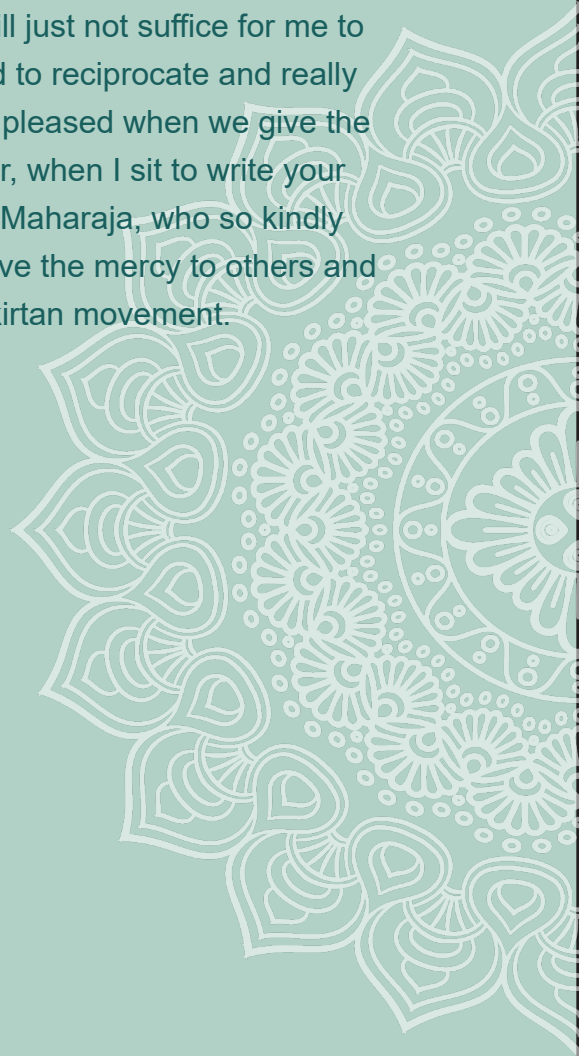


in love with its deep meaning. Each and every verse resonated with me and I would sing this prayer again and again, convinced that you are that Vaishnava Thakura, convinced that you are that ocean of mercy, convinced that Krishna is yours and that you have the power to give Him to me. It was incredibly hope-giving. In the Maldives, stranded in an environment where the modes of passion and ignorance reigned supreme, I felt so much relief and happiness to know that such a Vaishnava Thakura has come to rescue me. I can rely on this bhajan to help me remember how, by your boundless mercy, I will be saved. Thank you, dear Guru Maharaja.

But thinking about you now and reflecting, I know that it will just not suffice for me to sit there and bask in your never-ending mercy. Now I need to reciprocate and really do something to please you. And I know that you are very pleased when we give the mercy to others. So that is what I shall do so that next year, when I sit to write your Vyasa-puja offering, I can tell you, that for you, dear Guru Maharaja, who so kindly gave me so much mercy, I have tried my utmost best to give the mercy to others and introduce more and more souls to this magnanimous sankirtan movement.

Your aspiring servant,

Bhakta Rishi



Bhakta Satish

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

Please accept my obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

Another year has past another year closer to the death of my body. Gradually it begins to sink in how little time I have got to do some serious service. Some serious service for Srila Prabhupada's mission and to really contribute, which I really do not know how.

I am going to do this really and do not know from where I am going to get the strength. So insignificant

I feel towards great Vaishnavas, Vaishnavis, our great acharyas, Gurudas Jayadvaita Swami

and you Gurudeva. The thing that I do know, is that I am sure that I need mercy Gurudeva. Lots of mercy from all my god brothers and god sisters. Mercy from all our great acharyas, mercy from Gurudas Jayadvaita Swami and you Gurudeva.

I do not know what I have done to get the chance to serve your lotus feet. I do not know what I have done to get the chance to serve Gurudas Jayadvaita Swami's lotus feet, and that of the maha lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.



Gurudeva, you are my hero and my guiding light. Begging to you, and our great acharyas to please be merciful upon me. Please bless me Gurudeva. Aching to wake my spiritual identity. Aching to waking my spiritual life. I need your blessings to wake the dormant sleeping potency of my spiritual life. Thank you Gurudeva that I am still here!

Your aspiring disciple and servant,

Bhakta Satish

Bhakta Vatsal 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Maharaja while travelling with you I have understood this verse. You have opened my eyes with a torch light of knowledge with you setting an example by loving dealings and practical applications of philosophy. You said that Caitanya Mahaprabhu's wave of mercy came on the ocean of bhakti which made it easier for us. But Srila Prabhupada's mercy came and made it much easier. But your mercy broke all the barriers and made it even much easier for fallen souls like us.

One of the example is your magnanimity. You tolerate so much to uplift others by engaging them in devotional service. One time I was cooking lunch for you in Mumbai

and you were literally waiting and the lunch was swimming in ghee and the soup was as thin as water. Although so much ghee is bad for your health but you still honoured it just to uplift me and later on told me that: "Perhaps I could use less ghee and perhaps the soup can be little thicker."

And you are so tolerant that after so many months you told me that I being an optician cannot align Giriraj eyes properly. Then I realised since how many months you have been tolerating my service. But you did not chastise me, rather you taught me personally how to put it right.

You have been feeding me so much prasadam with love and your service has given some meaning to my life. I am grateful to you. I look forward to getting more opportunity to serve. Begging your mercy in the form of service.

Your servant,

Bhakta Vatsal Dasa



Bhakta Viktor

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

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

*nama oṁ 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.

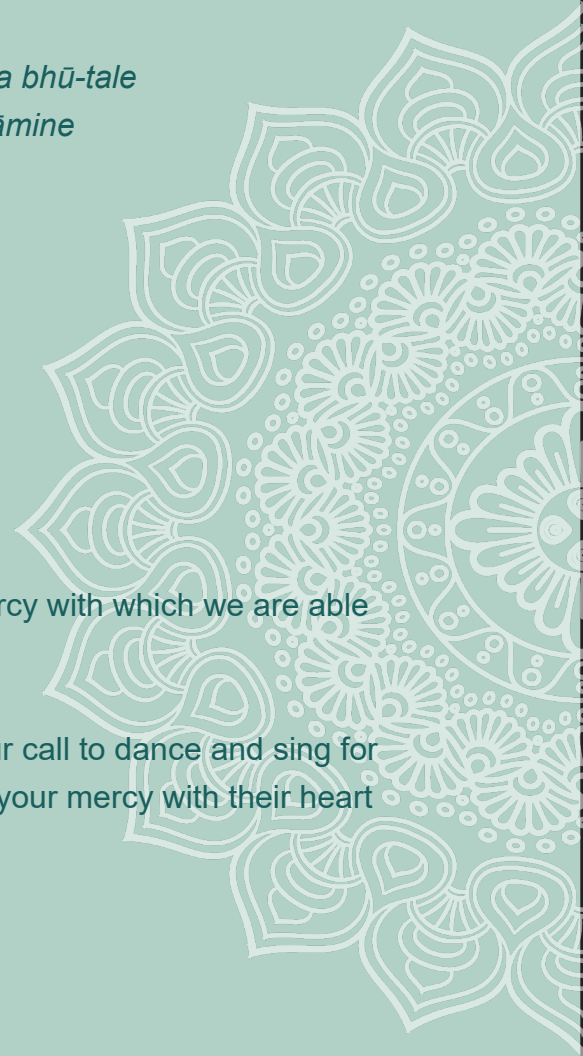
All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

I want to thank you for blessing us with your unlimited mercy with which we are able to humbly serve Srimati Radharani and Krishna.

I hope that more and more people will be able to hear your call to dance and sing for the pleasure of Radha Govinda, and that they will accept your mercy with their heart and soul.

Your servant,

Bhakta Viktor



Bhakti Latika 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*

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 on this auspicious day we want to thank you for bestowing your mercy and shelter on us. We are in complete awe of the devotional path commandeered by you, Guru Maharaja. Your perfect example of how to live a Kṛṣṇa conscious lifestyle is an inspiration for us.

Guru Maharaja, getting just a moment of your association is the highest benediction that we have received. Your personal presence always gives such incredible inspiration to be Kṛṣṇa conscious, to hear and chant about Krishna and to know more about Krishna. Your instructions contain such incredible strength to empower one to serve Krishna.

Over the years it has been astounding to see the transformations others have gone through by taking full advantage of your vapu and vani. Although, foolishly I have not taken full advantage of your association Guru Maharaja, I pray that I can be given the ability soon to take full advantage of your vapu and vani through all the different stages of life and somehow or other please you.

On this day I beg for a drop of your mercy, that I may somehow maintain some connection, be allowed some shelter, despite my insubordination, my disregard, my lack of trust and faith, the offenses I have made.



You are an ocean of auspicious qualities, receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. I offer my respectful obeisances unto you Guru Maharaja, and beg to remain your aspiring servant and disciple.

Your insignificant servant,

Bhakti Latika Dasi

Bhaktin Anamika

*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*

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 is passing quickly. Already, it is a year since I wrote a Vyasa-puja offering to you, my first ever. In my eyes and by your mercy, the year that has just gone has passed with success as the biggest benefit is that you accepted me as your aspiring disciple.

The rest of the year, though, has been uncomfortable. Internally, I noticed episodes of behaviour that included pride, impatience and weariness, especially in the ways I relate to a family that I am not close to. These blind spots in my character have become more visible as I began to understand just how far off I am from the favourable qualities that are imbibed in Vaishnava behaviour. Fear and insecurity bubbled to the surface too as I faced my workaholic tendencies, and decided that I would no longer spend valuable time and energy in the anxiety of trying to perform in profes-

sional roles which never suited my nature in the first place just because they brought a modicum of peace financially. As I embark on the transition of a career change to better suit my inclinations and fit in with a spiritual practice that is becoming more and more important, I have often thought about what you might say to me during this time of uncertainty.

It is very much clear how much of your shelter and protection I need. I look forward to the day when I might be able to have the opportunity to serve you and understand what would please you most.

I very much believe that attending your Vyasa-puja last year catapulted my development. The friends I made, the opportunities to serve, and the guidance and wisdom received from you, made me yearn for a spiritually-centred life.

Until that time comes round again, I take your association by hearing your classes online and trying to follow the example of your disciples who have provided me with so much inspiration and support; they may not be aware of all the ways in which they have benefited me and continue to do so.

Thank you so much Maharaja for coming in to my life and adding meaning. Your very presence is so inspiring, how you have faced down adversity in your own life yet retained your warmth, kindness and humour, how you genuinely care about us, made obvious in so many ways (I remember you waving your arms, motioning us to get out of the way of an oncoming tram during the Kings day harinama last year, concern etched on your face), you give so much of yourself, all the time, in order to lead us closer and closer to Krishna.

What can I say but that I am so grateful to be part of your wonderful family.

Hare Krishna

Your servant,

Bhaktin Anamika



Bhaktin Fernanda

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

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

*nama om̐ 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.

This year was very special because I have the pleasure to meet you in person and it was special because I never feel as safe as I was when you told me that we can make it this life that we can go with Krishna and serve him together.

I can see the qualities of Srila Prabhupada reflected on you and one of that most exalted qualities is the personalism with all people around. This year it was the first time I travelled with harinama ruci's party and I could see (in that devotees) how is the real surrender to the holy name and as you said in a class we thought that we are not attached to Krishna until you separate from Him. Now we are in Mexico and it is a little difficult for me to have the same enthusiasm. But because of Srila Prabhupada's mercy we now live in the temple, doing many services like book distribution, commanding in ashrama, and we had this very nice experience in December by which I gave classes to the new people. It was great.

I pray all day with yours and Srila Prabhupada's face on mind and heart trying to understand Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's and the acaryas mood and be just a drop of the ocean of the compassion that he had with other living entities and be sincere with this harinama sankirtan movement.

Asking for your blessings.

Your eternal servant,

Bhaktin Fernanda (Mexico)

Bhaktin Hasita

Dearest Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you.

You have been a central source of inspiration for me for over ten years; your rocking, melodious kirtans and dedication to the holy name, the wisdom and realisation in your words and classes and your personal example in forgiveness, kindness and devotee care.

I am filled with so much content having developed a relationship of service with you over the past three years and am always anticipating your next visit with excitement. Thank you for always being so unbelievably gracious, for whole heartedly accepting the smallest offerings I can present to you, for your continual encouragement, kind words, undeserved praise, for making yourself so accessible and happily giving your time. And for all the blessings and mercy that you have showered me with which have helped me leaps and bounds in my spiritual journey that I am completely dependent on.

I feel so fortunate that Srimati Radharani engaged me in your service and pray She continues to do so. I would not want it to be any other way. If there is ever anything I can do for you, then please let me know. I will be waiting to serve you.

With love,

Your aspiring servant,

Bhaktin Hasita





What does it mean to follow the mood of the spiritual master? I think, it means that whatever is really important and essential to the spiritual master, that should also be essential to the disciple.

Bhaktin Kata

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you.

Although I am not the least qualified to contribute to your Vyasa-puja book, which is written by your empowered disciples. Still, on the occasion of your appearance day, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all those teachings, enthusing kirtanas, lectures and blogs that you kindly give us.

I would also like to express my wish and prayers for your health and strength to continue your mission. Those of us who cannot be close to you, we learn to think more soberly through your messages which continually remind us of our spiritual duties. I derive limitless inspiration from each of your messages which mystically answer those questions which occupy my mind without even putting them. As if you were hearing the questions of the devotees. However, real inspiration comes when, hearing your kirtans or reading your writings, my desire to chant, read and study the details of spiritual life increases.

Already when we first met, you made a pun on my name which helped me to immerse in Kṛṣṇa-katha. My deepest impression of our meeting was that wonderful simplicity and purity that irradiates from you, and purifies everything around you. This simplicity directs the attention away from the external and towards the essential knowledge and remembrance which increases the desire to serve. We can experience that in your company, we are always at a tīrtha (the holy places of pilgrimage).

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

(Srimad Bhagavatam, 1.13.10)

Your grateful servant,

Bhaktin Kata Fodor (Budapest, Hungary)

Bhaktin Klara

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to you!

Every year I am trying to get absorbed into my deeper thoughts when I am writing the offering. Suddenly, I am finding out that it is not so easy for me to express them by words. What can I say?

I am simply very blessed, fortunate and happy, that I have met you.

It is said that you are a very expert captain of our boat (body) during our sailing to cross over the ocean of material existence. I always see your strength, strong-mindedness, persistence and patience. You are the best guide and example.

Last year we had the opportunity to spend the most precious moments in your association in Vrindavan during Kartik. I have been there for the first time and I was little bit afraid of some things because we were only three Matajis there and I did not know what to expect. But when you came and I saw you and then all these thoughts and worries just disappeared. I was really glad that you were that person who showed me all these holy places, although I am not able to really see them and understand them.

I always feel such an inspiration in your association. Suddenly, all problems are gone. However, Srila Prabhupada also often pointed out that there are two ways of associating with spiritual master – apart from vapu there is also vani. I hope that I will be able to really serve you through your instructions and feel your everlasting association.

Dear Guru Maharaja, thank you for everything.

Your eternal debtor,

Bhaktin Klara



Bhaktin Petra

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Your Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Nowadays nobody has time. And because Krishna says in 'The Bhagavad-gita': "Time I am," I think it means that nobody has Krishna. You have always time for everybody and keep us together by your faith in the chanting of the holy names. You do not ever lose the hope in the spiritual advancement of us all. And you trust in unconditional mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga and pray for us at their lotus feet. We cannot ever repay it to you, but at least we want to nicely and honestly follow you. Indeed, the attachment to the lotus feet of the guru will fulfil all the desires.

Everything starts with faith and I have the faith that by your mercy I will come to my spiritual maximum already in this lifetime. And I will be able to please our saviour, well-wisher and eternal teacher Srila Prabhupada.

Your beginner,

Bhaktin Petra
(Studenka)

Bharadvaja Dasa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my profound obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you.

All glories to your spiritual master.

I offer my respectful obeisances to Srimad Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who has fully surrendered to the lotus feet of Krishna.

On this most auspicious day when you appeared on this planet to help fulfilling the Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's desire of spreading Krsna consciousness all around the world, and defeating deeply rooted impersonalism and voidism.

At this occasion I would like to thank you for your unconditioned mercy which you bestowed on me and with the power of your preaching penetrated deep into my heart. I pray at your lotus feet for being able to understand your message more profoundly and more fully because the knowledge contained in it is very important, unlimited and ever fresh.

By your preaching and example, you give me the opportunity to eventually achieve the perfection of life under your guidance. I beg you for your blessings that I can always follow your instructions, that you are satisfied with me and I could become a good servant of your servants.

Dear Guru Maharaja, thank you very much for everything. I am deeply indebted to you for your merciful sacrifice which you make. Thank you that by your mercy even I can walk on this sublime path of bhakti-yoga.

Please, bless me and all your disciples that we can always cherish in our hearts the hope for returning home, back to Krishna. Please kindly keep us always in the association of the devotees and allow us to take shelter in the dust of your lotus feet.

Dear Guru Maharaja on your further path I wish you a lot of health and strength and good disciples with whom you will be always satisfied.

With infinite respect.

Your negligible and forever indebted servant,
Bharadvaja Dasa



Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

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

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Another year has gone by and here I am trying to write something that can allow me to express my feeling of gratitude and respect for you, even though I know there can never be enough words to do this.

Five years ago when I officially came in contact with Krishna's devotees, I said to one of them: "I want to go to India " and he said: "Just wait for a bit longer until you have a better understanding and can develop more appreciation for the whole philosophy." Five years later, here I am, writing this little attempt for glorifying you in front of Radha Madhava deities in Mayapur. I cannot say that I have got such understanding and appreciation yet. But I think, definitely little more than what could had been there five years ago, only because of your mercy and devotees' mercy.

Recently, while doing my Bhakti Shastri course, we came across one verse from The Caitanya Caritamrta, Madhya-lila 19, 151, whilst studying The Nectar of Instruction:

"In the course of traversing the universal creation of Brahma, some fortunate soul may receive the seed of Bhakti Lata, the creeper of devotional service. This is all by the mercy of guru and Krishna."

I know I am one of those fortunate souls, who for sure does not deserve so much mercy, but as I also heard once, when mercy comes just grab it, because we do not know when it will come again.

Thank you so much for being so kind and merciful Maharaja. Thank you for being so supportive at all times - for opening the doors for me to come and stay in Mayapur dham and do my Bhakti Shastri studies, and experience all the mercy of this incredible and transcendental place.

Thank you for that spontaneous darshan last year in Prabhupada's bhajan kutir during your visit to Mayapur. Where once again I could feel that as a father you were

giving me instructions based on what I could take at that time.

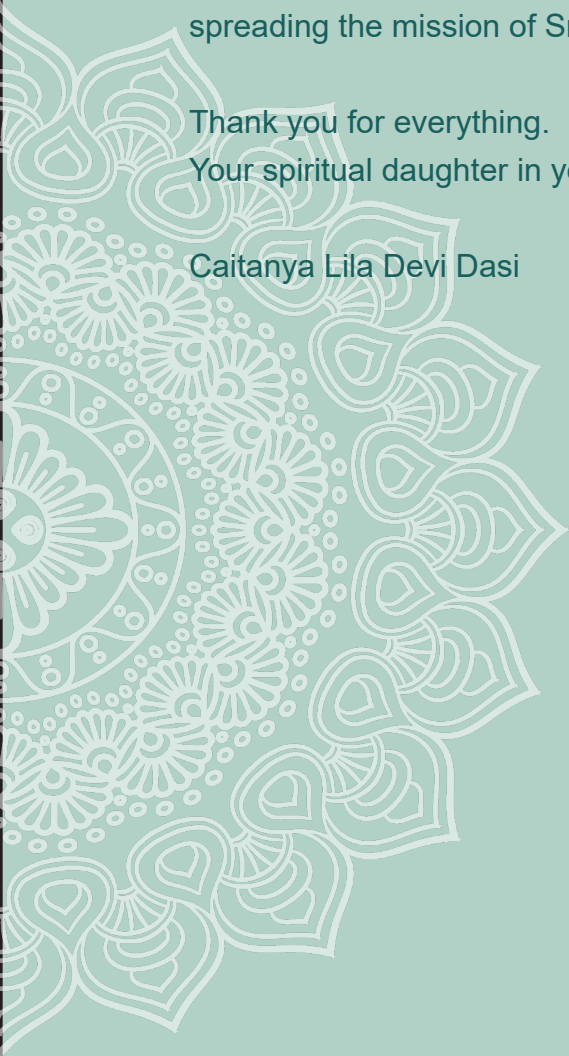
Thank you for the disciple reunion in the same visit, in which you opened yourself to us and you shared how His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami has given you the instruction of taking disciples on his behalf and you kindly accepted (despite all the difficulties that it represents) just for our own benefit, for taking us closer to Krishna.

I will not ever be able to repay to you for having given shelter at your lotus feet. But I can only pray that I can stay always under your guidance, in trying to assist you spreading the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Thank you for everything.

Your spiritual daughter in your service

Caitanya Lila Devi Dasi



Candrasekhara 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

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 Guru Maharaja,

Best wishes on your Vyasa-puja. I pray that Lord Krishna allows you to be physically present with us for many years to celebrate many more Vyasa-pujas with you. Thank you for all that you do for Lord Caitanya's movement, the great people of this movement and for your disciples. By your extensive travel, your recorded lectures and the great family you have provided for me I feel nourished.

This world is not an easy one. Especially if you want to be a Hare Kṛṣṇa. But by your efforts a safe zone has been created for us. I pray that I always choose to stay in that safe zone.

Thank you for always being there for me.

Your servant,

Candrasekhara Dasa

arna

*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*

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 Krishna my dear Guru Maharaja,

It is not easy for me to write in English, but I will try my best. Although I am thinking of you, and listen to your lessons, I am not been in contact with you for some time. But that does not mean that I do not do service, and that I do not feel your mercy.

On contrary, every day, I have some doubts in my life and I choose randomly some of your lessons and within a moment and in a second, I am getting an answer! Immediately, I feel blessed to have you in my life and hope I will be able to reciprocate to you in the future with better service and to be a better devotee.

Also I feel that I have a friend, teacher, good guidance, and that is the only treasure in my life.

But really, what is important to me- is that I stay always in your mercy, and you stay always in my heart. In that way I can survive, I can live. But without that, I am done – I am gone.

So my prayer is always the same that is the wish - crying for help, for mercy. It is like this dear Krishna and my dear Guru,

Please do not forget me, do not reject me and do not turn your



head off me. Please, show me your love, your mercy/ Show me the way so that I can be a better devotee. So that I can be able to accept your prema, your endless love and feel real happiness in this life, to be able to help others too in their lives.

Also, we all know that service is sweet, and four days ago, Nityananda Prabhu blessed me that I can be in the middle of festival. Somehow an important person for everything, between older devotees with two initiations. So I also felt that it was your mercy too. I just want to thank you for all the help that you are giving to us all, by sharing your realizations and trying to elevate us from dirt. And I offer my deep obeisances unto you and your service!

Hope that we will be able to serve Sri Sri Radha and Sri Krishna, life after life, no matter where!

Your servant,

M. Charna
(Belgrade, Serbia)



Citraketu Dasa

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

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

*nama oṃ 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.

An year has passed quickly, and I did not advance. I would like to write a very nice offering to you. The nicest one! And this is already a symptom of being unqualified to properly glorify you from my heart. To say thanks for everything you've done for me express my gratitude for trying to help me despite being a hopeless case. You are merciful, and I am unable to properly understand this, therefore when I have to appreciate you, I am in trouble. I think I need help like in everything.

It is not easy to be a Guru:

"It is not an easy thing to become Guru. Guru means very, very heavy responsibility, not easy thing, no, not at all. He should have such potency to digest the karmas, the sinful reactions coming. Disciples, in so many lakhs of lives, have so many sins are accumulated. Giving shelter means all these things will come to Guru. Guru is in the front, he gives shelter, 'all right, stay. I'll face.' Guru is facing. So if he's not so potentially powerful, how can he face this? No."
(Bhubaneswar, 4 July 1992, Sri Srimad Gour Govinda Swami).



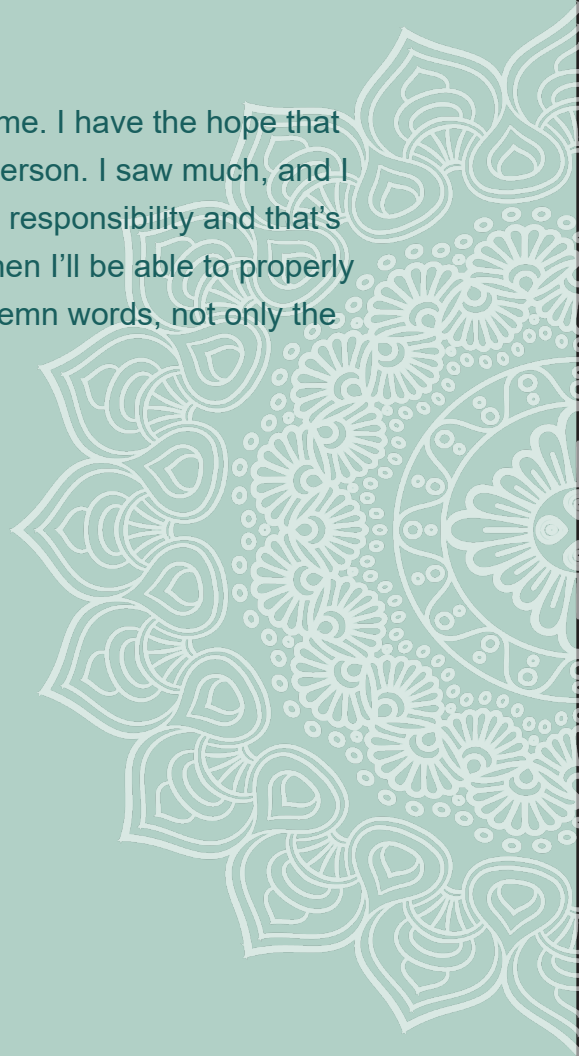
Success is measured in money in the material world and renunciation in the spiritual world. Examining any Vaishnava saint, I can see that they were all very much renounced. You are, too, and therefore you are very dear to me. If I look around, I see madmen wherever I look, and when I look into the mirror, I see yet another one there. If you would be here by me, you would be the only exception.

I have been watching you very attentively from the first moment onwards, but you have never failed before my worthless person – and this contains everything I think and feel about you. I feel bad because I would like to become more than what I am now, but something prevents me.

I think I have understood the difference between you and me. I have the hope that maybe one day I will become surrendered to your divine person. I saw much, and I am careful, maybe I will miss the chance, but I have much responsibility and that's what life has taught me. Maybe once the day will come when I'll be able to properly appreciate you, and there will be sentiment behind the solemn words, not only the knowledge that this is the custom and etiquette.

Your mad servant,

Citraketu Dasa



Citta Hari Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your Holiness.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Please accept my best wishes for your appearance day. I am happy that I may witness one more of your birthday-celebrations with you. Please accept the service I do for Śrī Śrī Prahlād Narasiṃha and the devotees at the German Simhachalam farm.

It is very intense and I am so busy that I write this offering at the last possible day in the evening. I am thinking of you every day and I am always perplexed about how much service you did in the past in managing temple affairs. And how you simultaneously followed a focused spiritual sadhana.

Once you asked me how I am. My answer was neither positive nor negative. I realised that you do care for my well-being from your heart. I felt ashamed that I was not in ecstasy. But because you asked me, I felt so good and so recognized then suddenly ecstatic. Still many days after this I felt this energy within me. I learned from this experience that it is my duty that I am well and that this is so nice.

I learn so much from your Holiness. I pray that you may help me to become a good disciple of yours.

I remain, deeply grateful,

Your servant,

Citta Hari Dasa



Dahani 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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

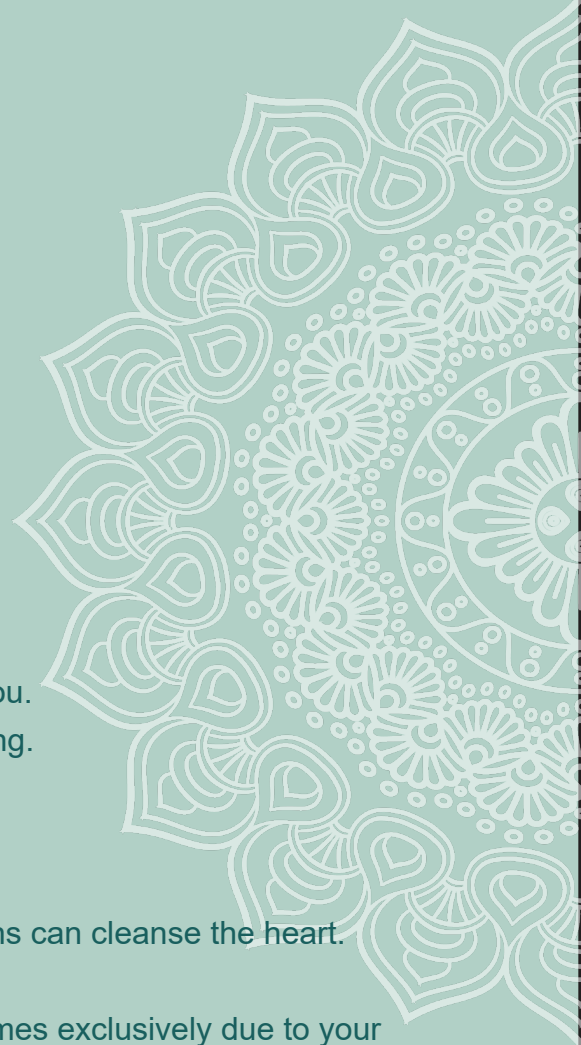
All glories to you.
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

Please let me thank you for your sincere compassion.
With it, you shine like a radiant gem.
And inspire all around you to be better, to improve.
I am grateful that you gathered such nice family around you.
My god sisters are helpful and supportive, caring and loving.
Thank you for them.

There are just a few things I realised so far:
That you teach in a very delicate way and that your lessons can cleanse the heart.
That you will never abandon me, nor will my god family.
And that all the auspiciousness that appears in my life comes exclusively due to your blessings.
Thank you for always speaking about the weather with me.
Since I have nothing else to offer

Thank you for understanding the limits I face with.
And supporting me to go beyond, without a word being said.
Thank you for holding us all together.
Thank you for praying for us.



Each meeting with you for me is surprising.
I can't wait to hear you, and then often I cry while listening to you.
Or you bring me such joy and such feeling of ease, even in the most difficult moments.

You often take time to share your realizations with me.
Although there are so many others who are much more deserving of your attention than me.
Even when giving me the Gayatri mantra,
you spoke so sincerely, so patiently, with so much encouragement.
And ended with: "I hope you will make something out of it."

I am grateful that you still hold me near.
Although I am an underachiever
full of excuses and justifications.
Thank you, dearest Gurudeva!

Your foolish and deeply grateful servant,

Dahani Devi Dasi



Danistha 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

ama 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!

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I want to wish you a very happy appearance day. I offer my humble obeisance unto your lotus feet. I thank Krishna for giving me the opportunity to celebrate this very special day of your appearance dear master.

This is the most special date in the year, it is the date that I live for. It is a nourishing experience to see how my god brothers and sisters serve you in many ways, how they express their love towards you and how they are very enthusiastic and take care of every detail of this wonderful celebration. I can see that this is a reflection of the ocean of mercy that you are with us, coming here and be small time with you and with my spiritual family fills my heart with spiritual illusions.

I am always amazed how generous you are Guru Maharaja with your time, you always have time for us. I will never forget how last year on King's Day you were leading and taking care the whole harinama through the streets of Amsterdam or the sweets that you gave to me and my sister for our journey back.

There is no words to describe how grateful I am and I hope that one day I will be able to serve you in such a dedicated way. I ask humbly for your blessings to do it. Thank you for allowing me be part of this precious family.

Thank you for your heart touching kirtanas, your eye opening lectures and that love for Krishna that you mercifully share with us.

His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami ki jaya!

Your servant,

Danistha Devi Dasi
Hare Krishna

Dayanidhi Dasa

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
sṛimate 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
sṛimate 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.

Dear Guru Maharaja - Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Lorsque je suis dans un avion, j'espère avoir le meilleur pilote.

Lorsque je suis sur un bateau, j'espère avoir le meilleur capitaine.

Lorsque je suis en bus, j'espère avoir le meilleur chauffeur.

Dans les airs, sur mer, ou sur terre, j'espère avoir le meilleur guide.

Pour la vie spirituelle, une chose est sûre, je n'aurai jamais pu rêver avoir un meilleur guide que vous Gurudev. Puissiez-vous me pardonner, m'accordez votre miséricorde, votre bénédiction,



m'aider à être le moins offensant dans toutes les pratiques de ma bhakti et surtout devenir petit à petit un pur dévot de Krishna.

Your eternal servant,

Dayanidhi Dasa

Devananda 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*

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 Krishna, Dear beloved Maharaja,

May I as your lowly, unqualified, fallen servant, wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja. May the Lord shower you with blessings and mercy. You are truly an inspiration in this world of darkness and degradation, lighting the way with your infinite wisdom and knowledge. You are very much loved by all who know you.

Hare Krishna,

Your humblest of servants,

Devananda Dasa

(Leicester, England, UK)

Dhruva Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

First I would like to again and again offer you my life. I remember how I cleaned a few years ago of guest room in New Ekacakra. My spiritual brother had on the wardrobe frame with your photo. I wanted to clean dust and when I saw you, then it came, it was unforgettable. It seemed to me that I was to pass out, but after a few seconds I found out that I stood there, 'Wow,' And Then I understood, that this is my spiritual master. "O' my Lord Krishna Thank you for the sign," I thought. All the time your Holiness are inspiring me serve to Srila Prabhupada.

Materialistic life is still very attractive for me and my desire to enjoy the senses is still strong but thought: "My life belongs to you is stronger and gives me the power continue in spiritual life." Your mercy is attracting me more. Please accept me and use me.

Your aspirant,

Dhruva Dasa



Doyal Govinda Dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I simply like to express my deep gratitude for your service in the mission of Lord Caitanya and Srila Prabhupada. It is amazing how dedicated you serve your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada and how you extend the mercy to your disciples. Through your compassion all of us have the possibility to be engaged in devotional service and make progress on our way back to Godhead.

In my offering this year, I simply like to refer to our recent meeting as it showed all the different relationships one can have with you as a spiritual master, which makes you so admirable.

While going for a suitcase it was a relaxed and amicable relationship, as I was explaining about my recent development we were in the mood of spiritual master and disciple but at the same time you were showing your care and affection. It was also funny and yes, my duties on the European level also make it necessary that I am aware that you carefully keep track of donations given to you.

Writing this should give an impression how deeply spiritual a relationship with you will be and that I have never ever regret the step taking initiation from you. Of course, you can also be very sharp and heavy but this is the personal mood you are in with different disciples, I have been spared from this.

These few hours with you were extraordinary special and I pray and do not give up fighting against my mind, so that I can repay my debt to you very soon. At the moment I am still trapped in my little world without serving you, but I keep meditating that I can expand your mercy, the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya.

By your influence the Lord will use me as an instrument, I pray that the time will come back when you sing and I will dance until my feet will bleed. Both of us will never forget Cape Town!

Let us do it once again, and do not do it only with but with all your disciples, so that we will become empowered by you and reach abilities which exceed even our dreams. In this way the whole world will benefit.
Thank You so much. Srila Prabhupada Ki jay!

Your disciple,

Doyal Govinda Dasa

Elisha

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 Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

I am hoping that you are well and in good health. I wanted to wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja day, the day of your appearance. I still enjoy listening to your lectures, and I always look forward to seeing you when you come to England. I hope to see you again.

Your servant,

Elisha
(United Kingdom)



Gaura Narayana das

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisance, All glories to Srila Jai Advaita Swami! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Srila Prabhupada often quoted a verse from Caitanya Caritamrita Madhya –Lila 22.31, chapter entitled The process of devotional service.

*kṛṣṇa — sūrya-sama; māyā haya andhakāra
yāhāṅ kṛṣṇa, tāhāṅ nāhi māyāra adhikāra*

I heard this many times and I always thought it's a beautiful verse, but recently when I heard Prabhupada quoting the verse then I start thinking that I have heard this many times and it's amazing but how does it work in real life. Nice analogy but how is it really applied in my life? In a sense that it's a nice idea but how is it executed or implemented?

As I was thinking about it the word stuck out is 'Adhikar' which is duly translated as the Jurisdiction. Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur said that the disciple is the property of a spiritual master and I remember you saying something similar that once an individual takes a decision to accept a spiritual master then he accept that from that day onwards he is the property of a spiritual master.

I come from the village and I see that when there is no owner of a land then a land either become barren or grows just weed and forest, however when the same land is in a jurisdiction of a capable farmer then it produces fruits and grains.

So as I connect the previous statements and analogy with the original verse then I understand that the weed would take over the land only when there is no guardian of that land but the moment a capable farmer takes charge of the land he turns that barren land into grain producing land.

Krishna is Surya sama, like a sun but his light or rays which are dissipating the Andhkar is his bonafide representative, a spiritual master. When I connect the things with the verse I understand that since the disciple is in the jurisdiction of the spiritual master, which means he is the property of spiritual master and spiritual master is representative of Krishna, therefore, maya have no adhikar or influence on the disciple

because he is protected by the spiritual master.

As I was reflecting like this my heart filled with deep gratitude and sense of fearlessness that I am owned by his most efficient representative, a sense of proud came that I am owned by someone who has dedicated his everything in the service of Srila Prabhupada.

Since you are the sole owner of this property please accept whatever grows in this land and by all mean cultivate it as you like and produce whatever you may desire from this land. Without you, I have no value and no use I am just a barren land but if you glance over then maybe by your mercy this barren land can produce something which can be offered to Krishna one day.

In your service eternally,

Your eternal servant
Gaura Narayana das





Worship of the spiritual master goes beyond offering a flower and offering some incense. It goes beyond one's own worship to the point of pleasing the spiritual master. The other day I was thinking, "Chant sixty-four rounds?" Then I thought, "That would be nice but wouldn't it be nicer to make sixty-four devotees!"

Gauravani 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to you,

My dear Guru Maharaja,

I was wondering what to write for this really auspicious day. I really wanted to make a song for you which will suit you and your mood. But I am still spaced out to do so. What I mean is again I write my offering last minute. Well what to do, right?

At this time I always remember what you said some years ago when I was still living in Radhadesh -busy as pujari, cook, your cook and spaced out servant. I was the Vyasa-puja cake maker and decorated the community hall for the Vyasa-puja festival. Somehow I could not make it to write my offering and the night before the festival I came to you with my apology that I somehow did not manage to write my offering. And you said: “Do not worry about it. Everything that you do here is your offering - your seva means more than a thousand plain words on a piece of paper.”

I always tried to make you happy and satisfied, just not yet successful, but a rascal like me, what can I expect? Gets back mostly a lovely kick. Exactly what I deserve, right? You are a wonderful teacher. You let me train myself in Siksastakam - verses. From the beginning, *trṇād api sunīcena taror'* through to even those like, ‘Oh my dear Lord you can break my heart but you will be my Lord.’ I know that your kindness and love. Sometimes you get angry or upset, and you can be super too, but when your face smiles everything is gone. Because your big heart is full of kindness, knowledge and lots of love, it just melts my stoned heart. It is sometimes hard to be in your eyes,

a “mature” disciple.

We do not have that much of your association like we used to. I miss it, I am sorry but I really want you to know that I understand your health is not good enough. Your time is limited and you are getting older. But still you do so much incredible sacrifice - you always give all of yourself there for us. Your fired up kirtans and deep, funny and in same time very serious lectures. I really appreciate what you do for us even when I seem to be annoying or whatever you think about me. I am sorry for that. I do not mean to. Just somehow it happened.

It is said that when it is someone’s appearance day the personality is super kind and merciful. As always but this day is even more obviously raining that massive mercy upon us. Please can you give this rascal your blessing and shakti to continue and hopefully one day will finally please the beloved spiritual master and make progress in my insignificant life. Thank you for being there for me

Your rascal daughter,

Gauravani Dasi



Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Gurudas Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to you.

I really really like and enjoy your lectures. Who does not feel attracted to the nectar from your lotus lips? Recently I again listened to, 'The journey of faith: From Amsterdam to India.'

What struck me is your realisation at your first visit in Vrindavan. Your first stay in the Krishna Balaram Temple, that Srila Prabhupada's presence was felt there. Every inch of the place had a story of Srila Prabhupada connected to it (even the bell). You mentioned that Prabhupada was even more present than Krishna. And you realized that through satisfying Prabhupada's desire we will attain Krishna. That love for Prabhupada symbolises dedication and sincerity.

Amsterdam Temple, although we cannot compare it with Vrindavan's Krishna Balaram Temple, gives me the same feeling. Ultimately Prabhupada established the temple in Amsterdam and it was a very complicated installation as I understood: everything what could go wrong, went wrong.

And now in order of the GBC (Governing Body Commission) since May 2017 I became Temple's President and every day reminds me of how less I do for Srila Prabhupada, for you. By whose mercy alone I got this responsible position. I mean, in the old days of Amsterdam, especially in the first small building where Prabhupada installed the deities, four guests were visiting the Sunday feasts. There was a restaurant, school programs, every day harinama party, and forty five devotees going out distributing books.

That is definitely not the situation these days. For sure lots of (international) devotees visit the temple at this moment and surely the amount is increasing. But it is not enough. It can be better, I must do much more. The keyword in this regard is "INSPIRATION". To memorize your words:

“I saw that Prabhupada managed to create inspiration in people. At first, I did not understand but later I appreciated that Prabhupada was the driving factor, the one who inspired His followers by love and I also became inspired by that, by love”.

Yes Gurudeva, you were inspired by Prabhupada’s love for his devotees and now this insignificant disciple of yours is inspired by – following in Prabhupada’s footsteps – your love for the devotees.

So I came to the understanding that managing is not simply a matter of a vision, plans, goals and so on. So the first realisation you gifted me with is that it comes up to love the devotees, to build friendships, relationships.

The second thing which melts my heart is your eagerness to really become Srila Prabhupada’s man. Following in the footsteps of your Gurudeva - His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. You are not satisfied by your perfect knowledge about Prabhupada’s teachings. Instead, you have a high goal and standard, not searching for the right example and adjust to them. No, Kadamba Kanana Swami wants to be an example, exemplary! In your words: “Let me be the model that Srila Prabhupada wanted us to be. Let me try for that”. And you did, you definitely became Prabhupada’s man!

And now Gurudeva, this insignificant disciple also strives to look a little bit like you. One who inspires by love, one who became an example for the whole universe. But boy oh boy, it will take me lots of lifetimes to reach this stage.

So I can only pray for your mercy, and wonder how I can attract Krishna’s mercy. Silently dreaming of becoming Gajendra the elephant, who despites his defects succeeded in attracting Krishna’s mercy.

Please Gurudeva, guide me in developing the qualities to attract Krishna’s mercy, thus your qualities, and in that way enable me to do my service in managing Amsterdam Temple successfully, pleasing you and Srila Prabhupada.

I do not know what Krishna’s plans are with me. If I understood well Krishna might have a bigger plan in the future. To memorise your words:

“Over the years I have realised that every situation that we are going through now in devotional service is an important contribution because whatever we do is to our eternal credit, in our eternal bank balance. At the same time, every service that we do now is a preparation for a greater service we do in the future”.



So please prepare me for the future Gurudeva. Give me your shelter on which I fully depend.

Make me fit for fulfilling only your desires, so I can enter into Krishna's abode.

Thank You for entrusting me the difficult but somehow or other grateful and challenging service in Amsterdam, a place which still must be a big headache for Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for tolerating me as your disciple. Although, still being unqualified and still making so many offenses.

Thank you for your incredible mercy, and for inspiring me to follow Srila Prabhupada's footsteps by following your footsteps

Still trying to become your servant,

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi



Godruma Dasa

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaja - Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

Certainly what you are giving me, in accepting me as your student, is priceless and I will never be able to pay it back. But still in a way you expect me to try hard, to at least try to the best of my ability.

The acharyas say that it will never be possible to pay back the guru's mercy. Still you encourage me, to try exactly this. You show me by example how I could try to pay back your mercy. I hear you like a coach, shouting encouragements from the side-line, demanding the most of his protégé. You do this in the most encouraging way. You demand without demanding; you demand by offering possibilities for service. You would say:

“Here it is, just jump right into it! No need for holding back anything! There may be danger, there may be risk. It does not matter, Krsna will protect you! “

And this you tell me with the most affectionate conviction - I can see you realized it. You are not afraid, you are free. Free of doubts, free of fear, free to serve - serve your Guru Maharaja, without reservation.

You encourage by being there for me. Even physically, you came to my wedding. That meant a lot to me. It shows your affection and well-wishing for what I am offering you. You are setting the pace by being at the frontline yourself. You very much know what you are talking about. Not only spiritually but also materially. And I have to learn to see it like that. Even when it looks to me like you would be wrong, you are never wrong, even when you are wrong! This is the most powerful position you have: You are my absolute guide. Not that I have already realized this, but you inspire this in me. You are perfect in showing me how to become perfect.

Every time when the pressure of conformity becomes almost unbreathable I remember you. How much you encourage us to be



ourselves and follow our hearts, follow in line with the acharyas for sure, but follow in our own ways. And these ways can be so different from the norm that we may feel desperate and lonely, but you give us the shelter we need to feel confident that it is all good - you are there for us, your helping hand is very close.

Thank you very much for listening to me and taking me seriously! For encouraging me on this path where I will always try to pay you back, knowing well that this will be impossible. Still I will try and pray for your mercy that I will never wake up and think, "Enough is enough!"

Your student, son and servant,
Godruma Dasa

Gopala Campu 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*

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 Guru Maharaja,

As I write this offering, I am gazing fondly at a photograph of yourself. In it, as in so many others, you are sitting before a microphone. You have paused during your lecture and your expression is deep and pensive. A sudden rush of remembrances about your inspiring qualities strikes me.

Guru Maharaja, you are an emblem of compassion and mercy in the spreading of Lord Caitanya's movement. You are a charismatic leader, using your broad-mindedness, deep thinking, experience and common sense to tirelessly push this mission forward. You are always connecting everyone you meet with Krishna, newcomers and old friends alike. Your good nature, charisma and gift with languages means that many souls are drawn to you, and because you are so addicted to Lord Hari, they are destined to follow suit.

Following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada and His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami you are an ever well-wisher of us all and you demonstrate this time and time again by propagating a distinctly "human" Krsna consciousness. You are always seeing that we are eternal servants of the Lord, no matter our disqualifications. You so easily forgive our mistakes, cheating and rebellious natures due to illusion. Like a loving father, you nudge us – sometimes gently, sometimes firmly – back onto the path.

A true "Prabhupada man", you are so intimately connected with his mood and teachings that you are able to prune away doubts from the hearts of devotees, and expose any deviations, with such eye-opening clarity. Such is your conviction, that just by your mere presence, the faith of others implicitly increases.

As your menial servant and disciple, I am renewing my commitment to you. Continuing eagerly to hear the words emanating from your lotus mouth. Listening to your matchless wisdom and guidance. I pray to always follow in your footsteps, and to keep the fulfilment of your instructions as my ultimate goal in life. To do something – anything – for Krishna, and to introduce others to Krishna. If there's one thing for sure, I know that would please you most.

Guru Maharaja, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja. Please look after your health. We need you. We need your blessings. You are Krishna's and Krishna is yours, and because of that, we are so fortunate to be your sons and daughters.

Long may you continue to sing and dance in the harinama of Lord Caitanya and His loving associates?

Your servant,
Gopala Campu Dasa



Gopali Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and Jayadvaita Swami.

Krishna is very merciful to us, nourishing us, guiding us, never forgetting any of us no matter of what twists and turns of material life we may happen to be in. Surrounding us in any possible way, mercifully reminding us of Himself, whether in form of the holy name, deity or caitya-guru. His merciful hand is directing our lives, connections with anything surrounding us and so on.

He is even coming to us in the form of a spiritual master. It is quite unique you have attracted Him by your service and sincerity of heart to assign you with such a task. Thanks for being a caring, funny, personal, deep and easy-going spiritual master.

I pray never to forget the taste of serving your lotus feet and to be able to incessantly engaged in this nectarean service.

Your servant,

Gopali Devi Dasi

Govinda Mohan Dasa

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

namo oà viñëu-padäya
kãñëa-preñöhäya bhü-täle
çrémate kadamba-känana
-svämin iti nămine
gaura-kâpāmātam prāpto
vraje mâyāpure'pi yaù
prabhupāda-priyo lokam
pāyayaty anivāritam

Hare Krishna.

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

You are my spiritual master, father and best friend. This year, I had the chance to either go to Mayapur or visit you for Vyasa-puja and I chose you because you embody Mayapur. Our relationship began in Mayapur, continued in Mayapur and I am sure will continue like that for a long time. Thank you for always encouraging me to connect with Mayapur and to connect with Bhagavatam.

Before Mayapur, in 2014, I did not actually know you very well, but knew of you. In the classes on Nectar of Devotion, I received my second instruction from you, and that was to attend King's day. At that time I had never even heard of King's day. But I kept it in my heart and by following it, it allowed us to build a relationship. When personally speaking to you I quickly realised that you understand my heart and my nature well and I quickly trusted you.

You are very sensitive towards your disciples but at the same time you always know what they need in order to make the next step in their growth and devotional service. You have been there during my toughest decisions, especially surrounding whom I take initiation from. I am ready to re-commit on a daily basis to serving you and every morning when I wake up I re-join the Hare Krishna movement. I believe that what pleases you is for us to be situated nicely



in Krsna consciousness, and then with that platform, actually do something special for Srila Prabhupada. Every morning I feel enthused and energised to give my life and the hours of the day to your service, because I see that example in you towards your spiritual master.

Thank you for being there while I fell on top of the moon and while I have wished the ground would swallow me up. Thank you for making devotional service, fun, creative and worthwhile. Thank you for casting a vision in devotional service for me bigger than I could imagine myself. Thank you for inviting into the parampara team.

My life is now yours. Whatever you want me to do, whoever you want me to be with, wherever you want me to go I will be there. Be it Africa, America, Australia or Antarctica I completely trust you.

Please engage me in your service always, to continue making life worth living.

Your servant,

Govinda Mohan Dasa



Gurudasa

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

What can I write this year.
To whisper into my Gurudeva's spiritual ear.
As I put my heart to mind,
nectar for glorification I find.
So many attributes to go into detail.
So many qualities to unveil.

Sold out to Lord Caitanya without any fear.
Empowered kirtaneer, solid Prabhupada man.
Loving, caring, always prioritising
pure, transcendental above material law.
Raw and yet refined, transparent via medium
expert at time place circumstance person.

My spiritual father, my ideal, my master.
Shelter of all including the lost odd balls.
Strong as a thunderbolt, soft as a rose etc.

I will attempt to expand on the soft rose like quality of my beloved saviour. Due to my being poor hearted, neophyte, fragile and insecure. Encouragement, empowerment, inspiration and care is mainly what I look for. I embrace and face this stage of my progress. I take shelter of the soft rose like lotus feet of Kadamba Kanana Swami. Dear father you may remember you may not, but I just remind and share handful of times when I received your soft rose care. It would be too voluminous to go through all sweet memories, so here is a few:

When I initially told you I wanted your shelter. You hugged me tightly - I was deeply touched.

When on the plane I had eaten but still hungry. You shared your share of your sandwiches - touched.

When I was on the airport and needed some sense gratification.
You bought me a fizzy drink - touched.



When I had tears in my eyes explaining my feelings of the situation with a previous spiritual master. You listened and understood - touched.

When I asked for permission to place my head at your lotus feet you agreed - touched.

When I wanted the name 'Gurudasa' despite my karmi name beginning with 'A' and despite me not disclosing to you or anyone you still gave me the name 'Gurudasa' (and on my 30th Birthday!) - touched.

When I kept playing the kartals wrong at one kirtan in Bracknell, afterwards I apologised and you told me, "No worries" and put me at ease - touched.

When I was with you in Radhadesh you said to someone in front of me: "Gurudasa is the pioneer of my blog." Despite the fact that without permission I decided to stop serving the website - touched.

When I temporarily decided to have a popup temple that I carried in bead bag you said it was something like sweet, nice and deep (whilst others had just criticised) - touched.

When you heard me chant and sing you glorified me so that now I want to do so much more singing and chanting - touched.

When I fell down a few times in spiritual life you encouraged and picked me up – touched.

When I walked with you in Iskcon Mayapur you held my hand reassuring me to nicely continue – touched.

When I complained about others in the movement you didn't just correct me and tell me "you are critical and it's all my fault" but instead agreed and understood – touched.

So so many like these incidents. And lately when we last met, seeing and knowing my circumstances and mentality you kindly gave me instructions to simply: "Be happy in Krsna consciousness." - touched.

You know me.

You empower me.

You know my strengths and weaknesses.

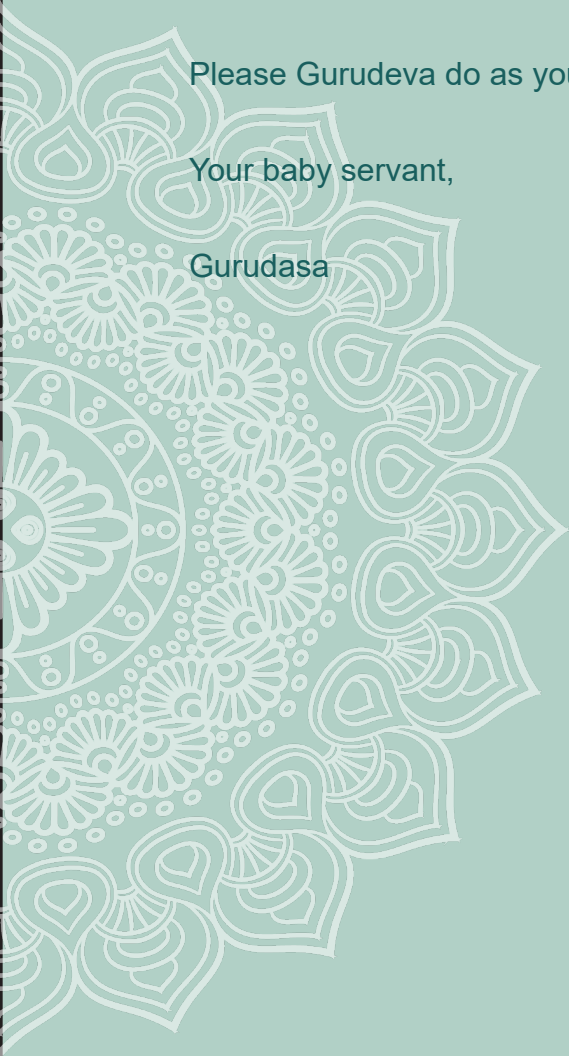
You uplift me and have faith in me!

May I try for my whole life unmotivated and uninterrupted to repay you for the excellent dealings and caring human interactions that I have received from you. May in my own mini way I do the same for others. Thank you for everything. I am so sorry for my childish mentality, my insecurities, my inability to receive your chastisements and my averseness to receive your thunderbolt mercy.

Please Gurudeva do as you wish with me but I hold onto your soft rose lotus feet.

Your baby servant,

Gurudasa



Hamsa Avatar Dasa

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your divine grace.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*api ced asi pāpebhyaḥ
sarvebhyaḥ pāpa-kṛt-tamaḥ
sarvaṁ jaāna-plavenaiva
vrjinaṁ santariṣyasi*

‘Even if you are considered to be the most sinful of all sinners, when you are situated in the boat of transcendental knowledge you will be able to cross over the ocean of miseries.’ (Bg 4.36)

“Once devotees had a program in Palais Theater in Melbourne. There were a lot of philosopher hippie types there, and Srila Prabhupada was sitting on his vyasasana. He gave a lecture, and the acoustics unfortunately were not that good. It was reverberating around the room and it was hard to catch what Srila Prabhupada was saying, but there were a lot of people there. Anyway, at one particular point somebody asked a question:

“There are so many yogis and swamis that have come and this and that. What can you do?” Either “what can you do,”

Inferring what that others can’t do or what can you do. Srila Prabhupada after a moment answered:

“I can save you from death!”

Then there was complete silence, and everyone knew that Srila Prabhupada really meant it.

From Prabhupada's complete silence, and everyone knew that Srila Prabhupada really meant it.'

(Gopinath Acharya das, Following Srila Prabhupada – A Chronological Series; Author: Yadubara Dasa).

Yes, when I review every year, I can see it is really like that. I am struggling to swim to save my spiritual life. But actually real help I can feel only in your association or in your instructions. By Krishna's mercy we were again in Slovenia for Janmashtami. I just whole day wonder how much energy and love you give to your devotional service and to this ISKCON rescue mission. You gave morning lecture, then initiations, two or three hours on harinama. Then back to temple for evening lecture. After that of course two hours kirtan with Abhishek, and at the end you stand up and dance in total ecstasy. You made all the devotees dance there and then you came to me and turned me round and round and call outed: "Move, move, move!!" and we were all dancing like anything till midnight. This is your life 24 hours engaged in Krishna's service.

Thank you for such transcendental experiences which are for my whole eternal life.

Thank you that you are saving me from the nescience and engage me in the divine service to Srila Prabhupada and his movement. I hope that one day I will dance perfectly as you like.

Trying to be your servant,

Hamsa Avatar Dasa





‘What service could I do for him? What could I do that would really please him? There is something that I should do. Something extra I should do!’
One comes to the spiritual master in service and not in physical proximity!

Hari Vilasa Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

“The service we do today, prepares us for the service we do tomorrow.”

When informed that Ratha Yatra was cancelled due to crazy coastal winds. You immediately said:

“No way! This is our time to preach. The Ratha Yatra must continue!”

On the strength of your words, the show went on, albeit with a canopy less chariot and only two bent and shaky festival tents. After doing the parade - with the hot African sun beating down from above, and the tent-bending wind blowing in from the coast. You sat on the ground and simply chanted the holy name, oblivious to the raging elements. And a crowd of people joined in, simply chanting Hare Krishna and transcending wind and sun. Everyone agreed: the festival was a great success. In one of the Gayatri mantras, we meditate on the spiritual master as one enthused by the bliss of Krsna consciousness, krsnanandaya dhimahi. Such indefatigable enthusiasm for Krsna consciousness can only be obtained by those willing to follow in your footsteps.

I was present when a devotee unexpectedly asked you about your intimate spiritual realisations. I expected some admonishment. However, after a moment of slight surprise, you replied in a gentle way, with an insight that was profound, whilst also keeping everyone's feet on the ground:

“Something I understood from the very beginning in my spiritual life, was that taking responsibility for Krishna's affairs in this world, is non-different from taking responsibility for Krishna's affairs in the spiritual world.”

Practically mysticism. We chase after ethereal experiences, yet the true route towards experiencing Krishna, is by taking responsibility for His affairs, according to our abilities. For many years, you looked after Krishna's affairs as a manager of big projects. I can only imagine the consequences of such responsibilities - how the needs

of the project totally invade every crevasse of one's life, constantly dominating one's thoughts. But after some small responsibilities in devotional service, I have some appreciation for its power. Practical responsibilities help us drive out all the trash that is otherwise part of our lives and our minds. No time for nonsense. Sometimes we are warned about the risk of taking too much responsibility. But way worse and infinitely more frequent is taking too little. Who has the power to protect himself from material desires without taking shelter of spiritual responsibilities? But you lived the answer, "Take care of Krishna's affairs."

But Krishna's affairs are not restricted to the realm of money and bricks. Krishna cares about people, about living beings. When a devotee came to speak to you about devotee care, you replied:

"There are many departments of devotee care. One of them is spiritual. Devotee care is my full time service."

He wanted to discuss some ideas about raising the standards of the temple. It came from a good place - the sincere desire to help. But after listening to the proposed approach, pushing people up by making laws, you penetrated to the heart of the issue:

"These people are not just members of an institution that need to be corrected by legislation. They need inspiration and genuine concern. First speak to them as individuals, find out where they are and what they need to take the next step in their spiritual life."

After making some concession, saying that the devotees should get a six month window period to allow them a reasonable amount of time to get their act together. Your eyes flared up and you became very serious, "Do you not understand? They are your children. You must be their father..."

Enthusiasm in Krsna consciousness is available to those who are willing to be moved by Krishna's concerns. You often say that trust is the only capital in spiritual life, the binding force in spiritual relationships. I pray to follow in your footsteps by taking responsibility for some of Krishna's affairs, and one day earn the trust of my spiritual master.

All glories to you on this most auspicious day!
Your disciple,
Hari Vilasa Dasa



Harsarani Devi Dasi

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 ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-śalákayá
caksur unmílítam yena tasmai śrí-gurave namaha

“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.” (Bhagavad-gita – Introduction).

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaja,

I bow down to your lotus feet which carries the dust from Vraja, where I meditate on taking shelter eternally.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance, I reflect on the relationship we have had with you.

Over the years you have invested a lot of time in all of us. Whether individually or collectively, you attentively nurtured us all at some point within our life. With the focus being more on some of us at times when required. Just as the sun is shining down on all the inhabitants, but rays of the sun is not always equally perceived, since the sun rays penetrates far more intensely to some of the inhabitants.

You have often emphasised the fact that the material world is only temporary and not for us. For me the material world is like a battlefield of Kurusetra. And we the devotees of Krishna are the spiritual warriors who are fighting with the atheists/mayavadis with our spiritual weapons. Each soldier is in charge of a particular infantry. Whether it be the harinam, book distribution, preaching or the prasada distribution infantry. Their aim is to conquer the minds of the sleepy and bewildered souls in this age of darkness and illusion. The souls who are lost and need directing back home, back to Godhead where Lord Krsna awaits eagerly and patiently.

You have taught us that salvation can be given to society if they take up Krsna con-

sciousness. Just as in a similar way all the opponent side of the Pandavas (in the battle of Kurusetra) gained liberation by having seen the glance of the Lotus face of Krishna at the time of their death. Therefore victory in this war would certify peace and harmony on a worldwide basis. We are all part of Srila Prabhupada's army sharing a common mission, which is to spread the holy name globally far and wide.

I love the way you narrate the story of Gajendra from the eighth Canto of the Sri-mad Bhagavatam, and how he was struggling to fend off the crocodile who had his sharp teeth dug deeply into his leg, whilst being in the lake. Gajendra was struggling because his natural position was not in the lake, and therefore his strength had weakened. Although we are all practising Krsna consciousness. We too are at some point weakened by the waves of the material nescience which are sweeping us into the strong current of the illusory energy. We are not meant to be here. As you have taught us that our natural constitution is not here but in the spiritual world. That is where we feel at ease and can easily flourish in our sadhana without any distractions.

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

"By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master." (Sri Gurvastakam, Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura).

Therefore our dear master, our spiritual father and our very dear friend, we rely on your prayers to help us to continually rise above and beyond this deluded world. For you, the very pure soul can dissipate the darkness with your words of wisdom and glorification of the Supreme Lord, the Original Personality of Godhead, whose amorous pastimes and attractive eternal features should be the source of our ultimate goal. To conquer Him and to never forget him. The Supreme Lord Krsna who has all the avatars within Him is easily pleased by the heartfelt prayers from His pure devotees, who are representing Him - such as yourself.

Your prayers dear Guru Maharaja is our saving grace. It is by your prayers that we get the reciprocations from Srila Prabhupada and



Lord Krsna. For they are watching over us and protecting each and every one of us. But due to our ignorance we cannot fully acknowledge or appreciate it. Therefore the value of your prayers are very potent. Just like you who are very precious and valuable to us.

So our dear Guru Maharaja, let us all tightly hold onto your chaddar and follow you through to Srila Prabhupada who has the key to the back door. That back door which leads us to the spiritual world. We need you very much so in our lives, for you are far more dearly loved by us all. Please stay with us always and never leave us, so that we can render unflinching devotional service unto your lotus feet with great love and attention. Please guide us all back to the spiritual world with your expert advice and instructions.

Your servant/insignificant spiritual daughter,

Harsarani Devi Dasi



Indrabhatta Das and Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Our Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeissances at your lotus feet.

All glories to His Divine Grace A C Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your divine grace, Maharaja.

On this joyous and auspicious occasion, we would like to thank you, Maharaja for your mercy which is filtering down deeper and deeper into our family. The effect that this has had on some of the younger members in our family tree is truly amazing! This is especially so in the case of our youngest initiate. We had never expected her to go through such a transformation! Going beyond our immediate family, you have willingly and lovingly graced our function in which there were so many non-devotees. We believe that just your presence there, Maharaja, is bound to have a profound effect on some of the guests.

We also thank Lord Krishna for sparing you, Maharaja, so that more and more aspiring devotees can take shelter at your lotus feet. One glance at your tight schedule reveals how demanding a program you follow. And still you manage to be kind and loving to all your disciples and followers alike.

May this Vyasa-puja, like the others, be an occasion for all those who attend, an experience to treasure. Above all may it prove to be an opportunity to revive, refresh and renew their bond of love for Lord Krishna.

Your humble servants,

Indrabhatta Das and Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi



Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*tasmād gururṁ prapadyeta
jijñāsuḥ śreya uttamam
śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ
brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam*

‘Therefore any person who seriously desires real happiness must seek a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of the bona fide guru is that he has realized the conclusions of the scriptures by deliberation and is able to convince others of these conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, should be understood to be bona fide spiritual masters.’ (SB 11.3.21)

You are always saying how we should study the scriptures, because in this way we will not only become strong in our conviction but also be able to actually relish the nectar of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

During our walk in a park the atmosphere was pierced by an emergency car siren. You pointed out how this is not a real emergency, and that the person in danger is already dead. You told that the real emergency, the cutting edge, is to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. And how the Bhagavatam is actually not in the book, no. The Bhagavatam is out here, in our everyday life.

Out of surrender comes deep scriptural realisation which permeates your entire being and everyone knows you for that. When you speak you just bring Krishna right in the midst of our self-centered lives. And all of a sudden we become indebted. Just like that. So, one must act upon his debt and that means we have to give Krishna to others.

Maharaja, I will do my best to surrender more.

Your servant,

Jagannatha Suta Dasa

Jalakeli Devi Dasi

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

*gaura-kripamritam prapto vraje mayapure'pi yah
prabhupada-priyo lokam payayaty anivaritam*

*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*

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 had read once that Srila Prabhupada said how it is fine to have “spiritual pride”. To be proud of Lord Krishna and your guru.

I wish to tell you that I am very proud of you. I have been watching you for years on how you manage to bring out the best from someone and convert them to be devotees. Mercy of Lord Caitanya just flows out of you. With your unbelievable charisma and humour you draw attention, and bring us to the deepest points which are critical importance for our returning to the spiritual world.

I love to read between the lines what you want to tell, I try to recognize and follow that. Your physical presence is the nectar itself, but the spiritual bond that connects us as a guru and disciple is very deep and for me like holy dhama.

I always try to hear you, through all the possible ways you preach, and to understand every message of yours, because that is the only way and the road to Lord Caitanya and my only mission in life.

I had promised you on one darshan before the initiation that will never disappoint you and that I am praying Lord Krishna for it.



Thank you endlessly for all the opportunities you had given me to serve you somehow.

Always proud of you.

Your servant,
Jalakeli Devi Dasi

Jay Kesava Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.

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

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna -presthaya bhu-tale
gurudasa jayadvaita svamin iti namine*

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna – presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa- sunyavadi-pascatyā desa tarine.*

The spiritual master is the ocean of compassion and other infinitely many auspicious qualities. Only the lotus feet of the spiritual master can provide pure devotional service. Therefore, to satisfy the spiritual master is the perfection of life. It is our life mission. So everybody should be trying hard, so that he would not be considered to be like urine. The spiritual master saved us, so we should try to make a contribution for him and become a reliable assistant in his service to his spiritual master.

From my own experience, I can see that you really have a very noble character and that you are the true spiritual master, the real representative of Lord Nityananda. You are the personification of His mercy, and just as Narottama das Thakur says, “The

lotus feet of Lord Nityananda provide a cool shine of not one, but millions of moons.”

Such a glow we can hardly imagine. Your lotus feet also provide cool shine of many moons and are shelter for those who want to hide from the dangerous, burning fire of material existence. May we always stay in the shadow of your cooling lotus feet by taking the mission of the spiritual master truly as our life and soul.

Poor beggar always eager for your grace and shadow of your lotus feet,

Jay Kesava Dasa



Jay Nitai Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I offer my obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

To be in your association, to remember you, to hear your lectures and kirtan is a source of inspiration, essential for us to remain in Krsna consciousness and to make further progress. Thanks for all your kindness and for allowing us to have a relationship with you. This relationship nurtures our devotional service because we get guidance, shelter, we feel cared for and we belong to a wonderful family that sprung from you.

You like to give mercy, this is the experience one makes when dealing with you. Not concerned with your own benefit, you are meditating on how to help others to get some taste in Krsna consciousness.

We are eternally indebted for all the mercy that you shower on us. Even though we can never repay you, our desire is to become more sincere in devotional service, to drink until we get thirstier and give mercy to others.

We just met on the Radhadesh Mellows, and even though we did not spend much time with each other I feel very much uplifted. It is said that the spiritual master is the representation of the Supersoul. Therefore, he can see what obstacles we have, instruct us how to overcome them and shower his mercy upon us. Even though, we did not speak much, you helped me a lot, gave me guidance through your lectures and our small exchanges. When we take shelter of you, by meditating on you, following your instructions, serving you directly or indirectly or being blessed by your presence, our problems in spiritual can be overcome.

In this way let us deepen the realisation that you are the representative of the Supersoul and let us too take shelter and guidance of you.

Your servant,

Jaya Nitai Dasa

Jay Radhika Devi Dasi

My Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to you!

I am everyday giving thanks to Krishna that He allows me to find shelter at your lotus feet, although I am not worthy of it. To fulfil instructions of spiritual master day by day is not an easy thing. It needs endeavour and solid faith in guru and Krishna. I want to share with you my small realisation which I had got in last year.

Everybody wants to have besides him an ideal partner, but it is not possible, because the ideal one does not exist. We should take others as they are and help each other on spiritual path as much as we can. If we want to inspire others to Krsna consciousness, we alone have to be the example of it. It is important not to push others very much, because the pressure invoke counter pressure and decision made under such pressure would not have long existence. And this is not what we want. First we have to change ourselves, and then it is up to others if they join us.

Krishna sent me recently some peoples who showed me the way how to better bring up children. They are not devotees, but their upbringing principles are the same as in Krsna consciousness. The same principles as Urmila Mataji talked about them in her lectures. Neither upbringing by "Not upbringing" the children is not everything, but it helps.

I thank Krishna, that He is showing me every day how important is to work on ourselves everyday (in line with the sashtras), because only then we can please our guru and Krishna and make some spiritual advancement.

Thank you Guru Maharaja for everything you are doing for me.

Your insignificant servant,

Jaya Radhika Devi Dasi



Jhulan Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you Maharaja.

Thank you very much Maharaja for another year with us. This year I would like to write my appreciation for your teachings which gave me a lot of strength. Especially your encouragement of being an individual.

I came from a Country where individualism had been repressed. Such a pressure, I could not be myself there. I managed to escape and eventually became a Hare Krsna. But I had to confront the same issue again. I thought to be a devotee means sacrifice my individuality for the movement and that gave me a lot of pain. I became weak and confused. I have my own nature that I wanted to honour, but I just had to act unnatural and artificial, thought I had to do this for Srila Prabhupada.

I was reading your blog the other day and I really liked when you said:

“Let us be strong individuals but with that let us also take responsibility.”

You even said:

“I provide space in this movement for being individualistic people.”

What a relief, I literally took shelter of you Maharaja. I was so happy to hear that actually, it is ok to be an individual. Next day at mangala aarti, I danced like anything with joy. Of course, I should not forget what you meant by taking responsibility as being an individual.

Maharaja it looked very easy when you speak your realisation. But now I began to understand actually that takes a lot of surrender and compassion. Since you are also strong individual, you must have gone through many experiences as being an individual and because of your surrender, Krishna revealed you the truth. Therefore it is

realised knowledge. I feel always in debt because I am just taking from you.

Maharaja do you remember that I said I wish you chastised me sometimes. I saw you chastising other disciples that looked like mercy to me. And you said, you do not need to chastise me because I already chastise myself. I was so impressed to hear that because that showed me you care for your disciples as individuals and give advice accordingly.

Maharaja I am very grateful for your visit every year and giving us your vapu. I would like to repay you as much as I can through my service even though it is never going to be enough. Thank you for tolerating my immaturity and accepting my service. There is always a regret that it could have been better. That even makes me even more looking forward to your next visit and to serve you better.

Your servant,

Jhulan Devi Dasi



Kasturi Manjari 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*

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 Guru Maharaja,

As I am getting older, I realise more and more how much I depend on your mercy in practising my devotional service. Especially because my devotional service is not really much devotional. My Kṛṣṇa consciousness is not much conscious. I am rather performing everything automatically. I know that it does not please Kṛṣṇa much, but at least I am still doing something, I am still here, I am still around after all these years and I believe that by your mercy and by the mercy of previous acharyas Kṛṣṇa will somehow consider me too.

Without your mercy and blessings I cannot even chant. Thank you very much for that, you are keeping me alive spiritually. Of course I am trying to be more independent, but at the moment I am still a spiritual toddler - I will never give up. Because I have firm faith that Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the best thing in the entire universe, the sweetest, and the only meaningful. So if I am tasting a drop of this bliss by doing little for Kṛṣṇa, how much more is there for those who dive deep? Like you! You are the living example of surrender leading to never ending bliss.

What can I say, only thousands of thank you!

Your toddler servant,

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

Kavita Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your divine grace,
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Why is that, that it is always so difficult for me to write the offering? Well, I think I know it myself.....

It is all about my consciousness. I do not want to search into my consciousness right now. But yes, if I would be more in touch with Srila Prabhupada's book, with my japa, with holy name, with your lectures- writing an offering would be easier. Life would be easier! Well here I am, at least I know it.

But still with a touch of Krsna consciousness what is around me and inside of me? I am simply happy and satisfied. We have a beautiful and merciful deities.

My husband is still cooking in Govinda's, regularly. Once a week he is out with books. We have wonderful and always inspired daughter. Looks like really nice life. Can be, but "no gap" as Srila Prabhupada says. The more gaps, the more problems. We need moving ahead. For this we need fuel, yes Srila Prabhupada's books, nice japa, more association with devotees and kirtan!

Last summer was lovely. We had opportunity to visit many festivals with you. Czech summer camp, Janmashtami in Ljubljana, Leipzig, and Berlin Ratha yatra, Sunday program in Bratislava. So much of our association. It was really blissful. I had a chance to talk to you few times and a couple of your words created my next life again. Now it is so long from summer and I miss you. I am trying to take out some advices from your lectures and place them in my life, but it is not so easy as you talk to me directly.

I hope that I will please you at least with my effort to serve you.
Thank you.

Your servant,
Kavita Devi Dasi





It is said that the relationship with the spiritual master should be also be personal. He is not only the official representative of the parampara and of Krsna. He is not only the external manifestation of Supersoul but he is also our friend.

Kesava Bharati Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to you Guru Maharaja.

This past year has been one of my best years in Krsna consciousness and I owe all this to you as I have only been able to do any service by your causeless mercy.

I want to offer you any credit or glorification that devotees have given me as I know in my heart that I am not capable of doing any of these services.

In the beginning of last year, I was not sure how my life was going to unfold especially cause of my wedding and change of ashram that was coming my way. Somehow, by Krishna's mercy everything went well and we were fortunate enough to have His Grace Nanda Kumar Prabhu do our wedding.

In these past two years I was asked to start harinama by His Grace Nanda Kumar Prabhu in the streets of Sandton but this was a service that I knew that I was not comfortable with. However I thought of what you said at your last Vyasa-puja that, "We should try to do something for Srila Prabhupada in our lifetime," So I decided that I will do this as an offering to you.

I took the service up with the mind-set that I will just try by keeping in mind how dear harinama service is to you. In the initial stages it was so difficult because we did not have any support and sometimes it would just be the two of us on harinama but I kept on trying.

I did give up at one stage and I took on the service of cooking for the Sandton Temple restaurant but somehow by Krishna's mercy it did not work out and I was called back by one devotee by the name of Syama Kundh Das (who is disciple of His Grace San-karsan Adhikari Maharaja) to start the harinama again.

Since then I never looked back and the harinama has really taken off. Now we are

having harinam every week in Sandton with all the devotees and we are getting about twenty to forty devotees who are coming regularly.

I plan to try and take this harinama to another level by trying to help other temples doing harinama in their respective locations. All the success of these harinama I want to humbly offer at your lotus feet, and I pray that by your mercy that I can continue serving in some small way in Srila Prabhupada's movement.

Please forgive me for any offences I have made knowingly or unknowingly, and for any shortcomings that I have.

Your insignificant servant,

Kesava Bharati Dasa



Krishna Kirtan 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

ABOVE AND BEYOND...

Lord Krishna wanted someone to have rasa with. Srimati Radharani makes Krishna even happier than he can understand.

Lord Caitanya asked a Muslim man to chant the holy names. Srila Haridas Thakur chanted 300,000 holy names every day, even when presented by lust personified.

Lord Vishnu promised to protect his devotees. Lord Nrisimhadeva manifested a wonderful form to fulfil this order yet honour the words of his servant Brahmaji.

Radha Kundh vasis requested Srila Krishna Das Kaviraj Goswami to share information and pastimes of Sri Caitanyadev from the observations of Srila Raghunatha Das Goswami. And he created the jewel of Sri Caitanya Caritamṛta at the age of 90 with crippled hands and eyes.

Srila Lokanath Goswami humbly vowed to never have disciples. Srila Narottama Das Thakur would daily clean his toilet area in order for menial service. He later stole the heart of Sri Caitanya by his deeply profound poems and preaching.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur was asked to continue the work of his illus-

trious father Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur. He spread the cult of Sri Caitanya across all corners of India in mass.

Later He instructed a young Gandhi follower to print books of Krsna consciousness in English and share them. Later this Abhay became His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada who travelled the globe 14 times in 12 years from age 70+, installed over 100 temples and inspired over 10,000 disciples and distributed millions of transcendental books.

Srila Prabhupada wanted books printed and distributed urgently. A talented new yorker – now Srila Jayadvaita Swami – helped deliver the impossible task of producing and publishing 17 volumes of Caitanya Caritamrita within 2 months. No sleep. Just prayerful relentless hard work. 40 years later – still editing for the same master.

The heir to a multi-million dollar industrial firm was promised riches and security. But He saw past the temporary pleasures and illusion. He saw peace and kindness within his grandmother. Inspired by sense of adventure and independence, a spiritual seeker journeyed to the land of Bhakti. Kadamba Kanana Swami was born!

Your masters have asked much from you, knowing you to be a capable talented man. Restaurant manager, holding up altars whilst big foot Brahmananda has a break on you, temple commander, sankirtan in freezing ice with Mr Bhakta “Jai Nectar Bliss”, head of construction in Mayapur, president of ISKCON Vrindavan, Sannyasi, Guru and extensive traveller. You are even asked to raise the roof every night with the explosion of an explosion kirtan!!

Let us now reflect today on your Vyasa-puja, how you, like the other illustrious divine personalities in the school of Bhakti and Sarangati, consciously out of the labour of love – go above and beyond the instruction or need. Let the moment sink - mesmerising!

I once asked you in a darshan to accept me as your servant. Knowing my heart you responded perfectly, above and beyond my hopes and desires: “I will always be your eternal father and friend”. I fell flat on the floor along with my jaw.

Your Guru Maharaja awarded you Sannyasa and said: “We will now wave to each other from the planes in the sky”. You just keep flying in the hope to catch a merciful glance of him from the window seat. Your travels are relentless. Your compassion is unbound. You attract the independent conditioned souls. They quickly lose their



independence in you, being captured again and again by your steady example of kindness and determination to serve.

On your birthday, I raise my hands and bow my head to you, Oh virtuous gentleman, Oh noble master! Let me go above and beyond just chanting sixteen inattentive rounds and four regulative principles. Let me catch a firm grip of the mercy rope emanating from the transcendental bus of Sri Pancha Tattva and meet Srila Prabhupada at the back door. By your prayer alone, He will accept and embrace me, and pull me into the van en route to Sri Krishna's eternal pastimes.

Above and beyond - your service and surrender is limitless. Thank you.

Captured by your love.
Your servant,

Krishna Kirtan Dasa
(United Kingdom)



Krishna Nama 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*

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 the day of the spiritual master's Vyasa-puja the disciple should glorify his guru's exalted and divine qualities. Even though I am not qualified to glorify such an exalted personality as you, I will try my best.

The first thing I can think of is your self-sacrifice for the benefit of the whole world. You are always travelling and spreading the glories of Lord Krishna and His holy name all over the world. You are so merciful that you accept all inconveniences to help others become Kṛṣṇa conscious and go back to Krishna. All glories unto your lotus feet.

Another thing is that you are so merciful and compassionate that you accept all of us, your disciples, with all of our flaws and give us your guidance and wisdom freely. Many great personalities do not give their association so freely to everyone but you Guru Maharaja are always so merciful towards everyone. You are always down to earth and very personal with everyone. All of your disciples love you and appreciate you a lot. You are a great person and everyone wants to have a relationship with you.



Also, I would like to take the opportunity to mention that your kirtans and singing of the holy name is not from this world and hearing your kirtans is like nectar for us, the conditioned souls. Thank you, Guru Maharaja for being such a great person and spiritual master.

Thank you for giving us Krishna freely. Hare Krishna!

Your servant,

Krishna Nama Dasa

Krsna Rupa Devi Dasi

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaishnava devotees of the Lord who can fulfill the desires of everyone, just like desire trees, and who are full of compassion for the fallen souls”.

On this holy and auspicious appearance day, the Vyasa-puja of my spiritual master His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Maharaja, I would like express my heartfelt gratitude to your Holiness.

“By mercy of a spiritual master one receives the benediction of Sri Krishna without the grace of the spiritual master one cannot make any advancements.” (Sri Gurvas-takam. Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura).

I listen to your lectures, kirtans, read your quotes and transcripts. I learnt that when a devotee is close to Sri Krishna then Sri Krishna is close to the devotee. And if we turn to Sri Krishna things became bearable. It does not mean that everything just dis-

solves and goes away but it becomes bearable. We have to have firm faith that Sri Krishna will protect us. He is protecting us all the time we just cannot see. Sri Krishna reciprocate with us when we chant:

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Lord Caitanya is always there at every moment to protect us of maya. We pray to Lord Caitanya in gratitude for saving us. Sri Krishna cares for everyone nobody is neglected by Sri Krishna. Sri Krishna makes arrangements for our purification. The only way to avoid the influence of ignorance is to always chant the holy name:

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Maharaja my life seems to be full of most complicated health problems that I have been running around different hospitals for treatments X-Rays, MRI scans, CT scans and blood tests. Nothing can be done. I am depending on Sri Krishna. I have inflammation in my pancreas so I been in pain and got inflammation on knees as well so it is very difficult to walk. So I am depending on Sri Krishna.

Maharaja you are an ocean of mercy whenever I attempt to express my gratitude and appreciation words fail me. My eyes well up with tears just thinking about your kindness and sweetness. Please accept my tears of loving gratitude at your lotus feet which are my only shelter. You are my eternal saviour, protector, teacher, father, and master.

Please Maharaja I have nowhere else to go. Maharaja please give me your instructions on what I should do?

Your humble servant,

Krsna Rupa Devi Dasi



Locan Das

*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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca -kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*
(Sri Gurvastakam, Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura)

I have no power to understand your nature and glory, but whatever I know till now is already enough to make me your eternal servant. Your love for Srila Prabhupada and Caitanya Mahaprabhu, your concern for your disciples and your extreme kindness for all, makes you preach constantly, forgetting even your body, health and even the pleasure of bhajan.

You accepted so many disciples, often not even knowing them much you take their heavy sinful reactions on your head and promise to bring them back home, back to Godhead. Just by this inconceivably merciful act you are the most worshipable personality. What kindness and love is behind such an act?

I am really not a nice person. I am full of duplicitous behaviour, lust, misery and so many other faults.

The splendor of your qualities that kindly falls on me makes the Vaishnavas think that I am okay to be associated with.

Please forgive me for not offering you due glorification. Kindly keep me as your disciple and servant, in this world and the next let me glorify Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu for your pleasure. Please decorate my head with your jewel like instructions.

Your eternal servant,

Locan Das

(Ekachakra dham, India)

Maithili Devi Dasi

My Dearest Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

"The lotus feet of the spiritual master is the only way one can attain pure devotional service I now bow down to the lotus feet with great awe and reverence."

It may seem really easy for one to perform such pure devotional service. But I have experienced that being in the material world is not easy. Having come out of a serious surgery I realise that I could not remember Krishna to any extent. All that was in my mind was that I am going to die. No, not a single 'Krishna' escaped from my lips. How then will I remember Krishna at the real time of death? Not easy. This fear has gripped me: I never thought of Krishna even for a single second.

But you have given us such a wonderful god-family that offer their hearts to such person like me.

I was visited by a wonderful god-brother. He asked me, 'Are you thinking of Krishna?' I very boldly I realised how embarrassed I was when I told him that. He decided to read me a little something of Bhaktivinoda Thakur, and there my heart changed.

That the very next day in the hospital I doubled my chanting. I was so inspired by him. Your potency flows from you to your disciples



in a way that no words can describe. What would we do without such powerful devotees?

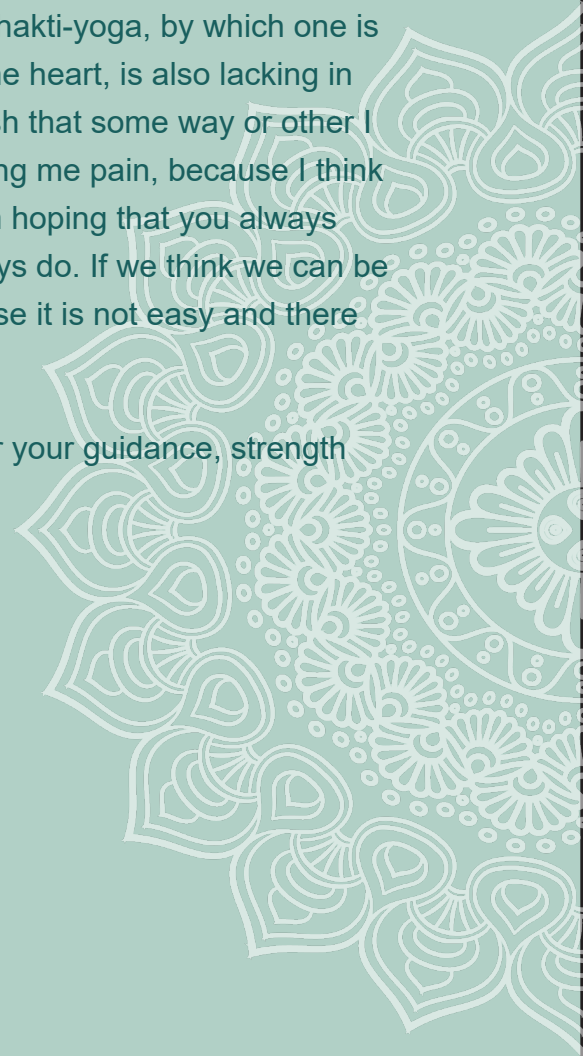
Obviously the mercy is coming via you and that makes me think what our lives would be without such spiritual a master like you?

We may not be the easiest bunch of disciples but I know you are always there for us. Our love and service to you is the thread that ties us together. I am struggling to be a good devotee. It is not easy. Kali-yuga is an extremely difficult time and we do not have the qualification that you have. The process of bhakti-yoga, by which one is always thinking of Krishna and fixing on his lotus feet in the heart, is also lacking in me. Therefore, I simply pray to you. I simply hope and wish that some way or other I may be able to serve your lotus feet. And this hope is giving me pain, because I think myself quite incompetent to approach my goal of life. I am hoping that you always stand by my side and give me your guidance as you always do. If we think we can be successful in any other way we have to be careful, because it is not easy and there are many pitfalls along the way.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray for your guidance, strength and enthusiasm and that I will make you proud of me

Your servant,

Maithili Devi Dasi



Malini Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

And all glories, all glories to you!

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge. (Bhagavad Gita Introduction).

My Dear Gurudeva,

Another year has passed and I am fortunate enough to write another offering to you on this special day of your appearance. My thoughts during the last couple of months were mostly about my relationship to Krishna and to you. I had a big realisation, which was painful on one hand but I was grateful having it on the other hand. I want to share this one with you.

I was always wondering what I could do to improve our relationship, I want to feel this deep connection other disciples talking about or disciples of Srila Prabhupada share. I know that everyone has a unique form of that relationship and I do not have to compare myself.

I saw that I was waiting the whole time for a feeling of deep connection and surrender to show up in my heart. But it is not that easy I realised with the help of Krishna. It is about my honest commitment and endeavour towards you. This was missing most of the time, maybe it was there from time to time, may be it was just a mechanical act of service, out of duty. But the honest, deep in my heart rooted desire to serve you to please Krishna was missing.



This is rooted in a lack of understanding having a spiritual teacher, it is value to my human form of life, my responsibilities and also the missing connection between the heart and the mind. Krishna gave me a dry period the last couple of months, spiritual dry, internally chaotic and less enthusiastic, I did not feel inspired to do things I liked doing before.

He gave me time and circumstances to think and to reflect. A lot of doubts came up as well as weakness within in heart. I am very grateful for that actually. While I read and listened to different classes. I was able to understand what the missing point was. The centre of my life was full of me. There was actually nothing else than me.

Even Krishna was just there because I had the desire to serve Him to get a relationship with Him, to been seen by Him, by the devotees, to be saved, to be protected, to be loved. Everything for me.

There is a big fear in my heart, the fear of losing. The fear of being disappointed. These fears are deeply rooted, but Krishna helped me to see them. The most important step will be to honestly put you and the Lord in the centre of my life and by this the fear will hopefully transform into love.

I overlooked the fact that you are the one giving me the connection to the Lord and that you are the one who is receiving my service to offer it to Krishna and that Krishna is actually more pleased if I serve His devotees instead of Him directly.

I heard all that before, but now I could feel that this was the key to strengthen our relationship. It is again about me. But this time it is about me making an honest effort towards your lotus feet, serving you with all my heart to please you, no matter what the outcome is for me.

I really want to change my mind-set and put you and Krishna in the centre of my life and follow your instructions with my heart.

Dear most Gurudeva, I beg for forgiveness of my weakness and I beg for your blessings to become a better disciple. I am really thankful for that realisation and I want to work on myself. I want to work on my japa, my deity worship, my reading and by following your instructions. Please bestow your mercy on me. I am so depending on your mercy and your prayers.

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

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

I fall to your lotus feet and beg your mercy and thank for your kindness, your way of dealing with me and for accepting me the way I am.

Your servant,

Malini Devi Dasi





If one is a servant, then the servant naturally develops the qualities of the master because whatever is important to the master is supposed to be important to the servant. So in this way, the servant gradually develops qualities like the master.

Mani Kundala Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna my dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja!

Only thanks to your mercy I continue further. After those few years of Kṛṣṇa consciousness I know that there is no other way like this one. It is absolutely perfect because it comes from the Absolute, Sri Krishna Himself. And by the disciplic succession through the spiritual master it descends to us, your disciples. Our task is to hold firmly by your lotus feet and follow your instructions. Then everything should be alright.

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

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

As this verse says, also your disciples could be compared to the off-springs of those animals. Some of your disciples have your direct association and leading, others you watch from far. And the others, who are not nearby, you contemplate about them. I am grateful for this bond which is between us.

*mahapraboh kirtana-nritya-gita-
vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena
romanacha-kampashru-taranga-bhajo
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam*

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

such a spiritual master.” (Sri Gurvastakam, Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura).
Your kirtans are able to catapult everyone across the borders of the material world and material perception. It is a wonderful remedy for all the material diseases. By this gift of yours you rescue unlimited living beings all around the world and the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada is in the right hands.

It is not the end of your wonderful qualities and I could hardly describe them all. I know I am a big debtor of yours and I could hardly give anything back.

Your servant,

Mani Kundala Devi Dasi



Manu 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*

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 Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept our humble offering on your Vyasa-puja day.

This little poem can be sung by the melody of the song by Bobby McFerren: Don't worry, be happy.

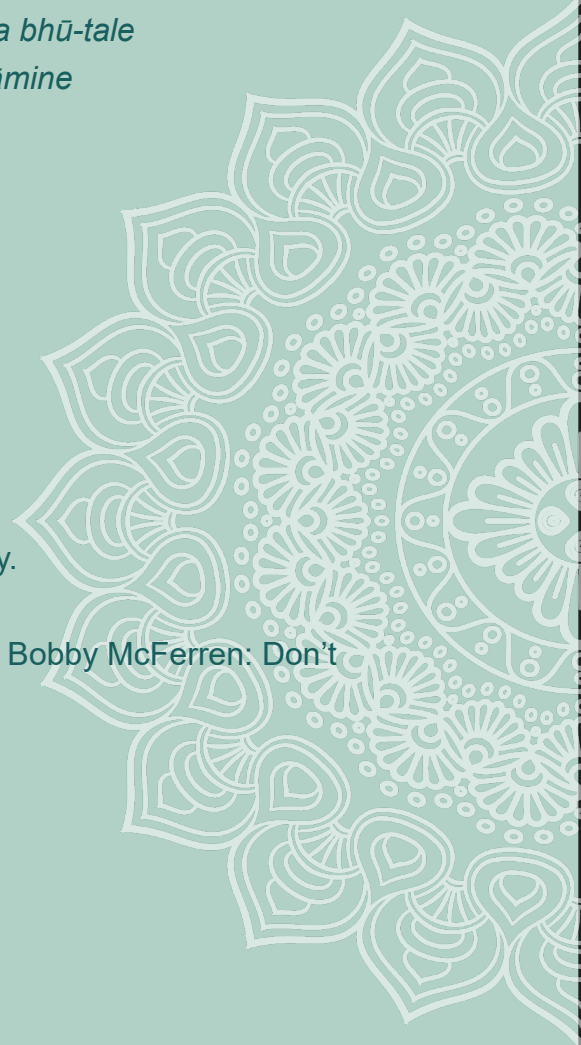
My Guru has told me that I'm a fool number one.
And that is why I have to just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Serve your Guru and be happy!
You can chant everywhere you go.
Every time you want and feel secure and more.

Serve your Guru and be happy!

I have no money, I have no fame,
but I have something which is much more great.
Because I know.

Serve your Guru and be happy!



The secret of the spiritual life is there,
when you realise a simple thing

Serve your Guru and be happy!

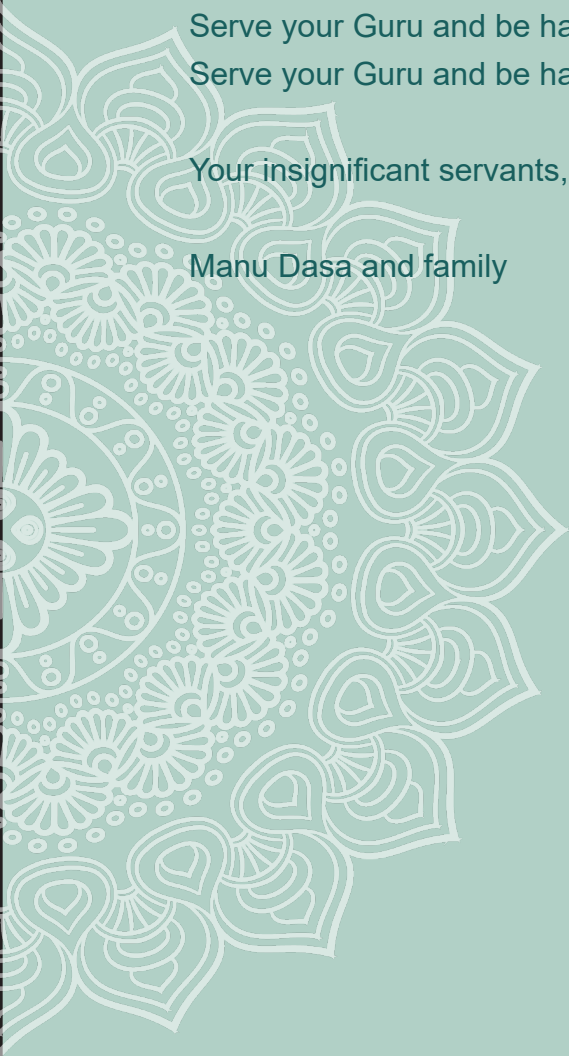
Lord Krishna has explained in Gita
a very nice thing that you have to be
the servant of the servant of Him.

Serve your Guru and be happy!

Serve your Guru and be happy!

Your insignificant servants,

Manu Dasa and family



Martina Franic

*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*

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 my humble offering to your grace on this auspicious day of your holy appearance.

I deeply thank Radha-Kṛṣṇa for letting you appear on this very day on Earth. Your grace has done many great and extraordinary services for our beloved Srila Prabhupada, your beloved Maharaja Jayadvaita Swami and all the other Vaishnavas.

Thank you for being a light in the darkness of my life, thank you for sharing your light, talents and knowledge so unselfishly with us. I wish that Krishna gives you many more years of spreading this knowledge, light, faith, ecstatic kirtans and deep lectures. We can only try to follow your divine lotus footsteps, so please grant us mercy to do the same.

All glories to your divine grace on your special day. All glories to assembled devotees. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Your humble servant,

Martina Franic
(Zagreb, Croatia)

Matanga Dasa

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to you.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Since I met you several years ago, you have been a constant source of inspiration for me. I remember when I heard your first lecture I was fascinated with your charismatic qualities and especially with your prominent sense of humour which keeps us always awake even after a late night festival evening and overeating with prasad. And what to speak of your nectarian kirtans that shake the ground of every temple and holy place? I have never seen such a temperament in a person at your age ever. Which is a sign of the special blessings of the Lord on you. Your angelic and powerful voice plus a heart full of devotion are able to attract even the most fallen souls. What can I say? A feature I can only aspire to get.

When we had our first walk together I felt the connection in my heart. Even if my conditioning does not permit me to have clear understanding of Paramatma I felt something special and unique about our relationship. It is said that when the student is ready the master appears. And you immediately gave me the instructions that were perfectly aligned with my longings in the heart.

Your broadmindedness and deep insight are always able to clear my doubts and uplift my mood and consciousness. Your intelligence is very swift and you are always able to give the most practical advice up to the ground that suits any situation and circumstance. All of the previous hardships that you have endured are a sign of your experience in live. Experience of the bitterness and roughness of maya which unexpectedly made you a very sweet Vaishnava.

I remember on the last Vyasa-puja you said something very relevant to me in one lecture that your entire life is a big mess. I can relate so much to this bold statement. Yes, you are also very bold like when, in your dream you were naked in-front of all of your disciples and had to cross them to take your clothes. Since I know



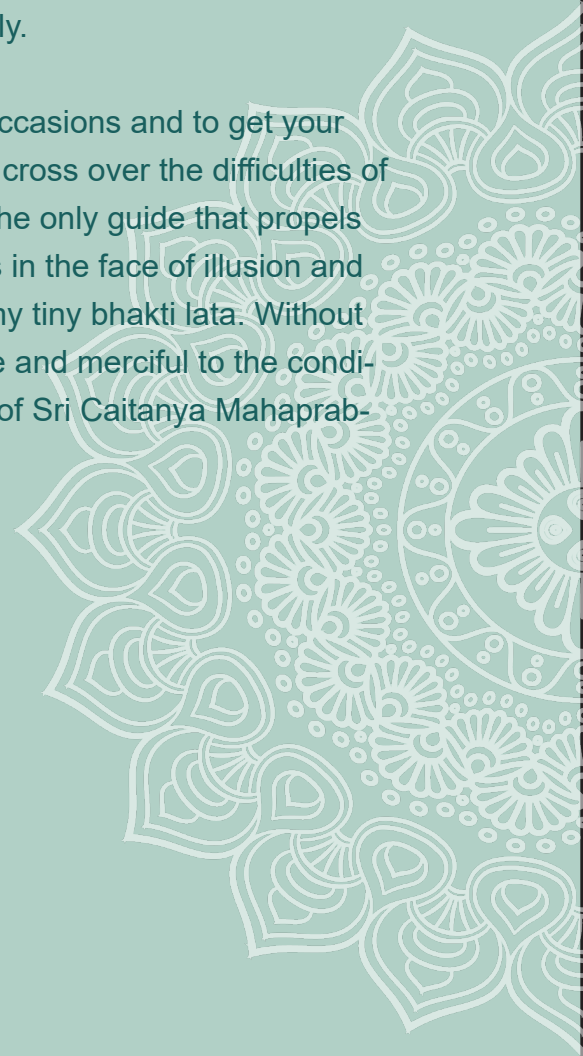
you, you have been always (symbolically) naked, transparent with us in all of your dealings and instructions.

The truth cannot be hidden, we have to face it and embrace it. Who else could help me to realize and embrace Sri Krishna, the Supreme Absolute Truth?! This is only you Guru Maharaja and because of this I put all of my faith in you. And I also beg for the mercy of your lotus like feet which can save me from the greatest danger and which are the only means of attaining pure devotional service to the Lord. I am very thankful for the occasions you gave me to personally serve you and learn from your expert example. This possibility enables me to grow greatly.

I am always looking forward to serve you again in many occasions and to get your priceless association without which I would not be able to cross over the difficulties of my conditioned existence. Dear Guru Maharaja, you are the only guide that propels me to the right direction. You are always opening my eyes in the face of illusion and my great immaturity. You are the special nourishment of my tiny bhakti lata. Without you I am lost and perished. May you always be so humble and merciful to the conditioned souls. May your efforts help greatly the movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for everything.

Your not so humble servant,

Matanga Dasa



Mathuresh Das

*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*

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 you have kindly told me, that in the beginning of our devotional practice we always think about ourselves. “What I will get out of it?” This is the most important question. But later in due course of time, during our practice of devotional service we should become more purified and more apt to accept some responsibility. We will start to ask:

“What is my duty? How can I please you? How can I please Srila Prabhupada, the whole guru parampara and Lord Gauranga? Please tell me?”

This should come automatically with gratitude, because when the senses, mind and intelligence are purified, one will start to see the different reality. The reality, where Krishna is in the middle, more than me and my needs.

Many devotees have warned me and disclosed to me their personal experiences of certain, more intense purifications, which came to them right after their initiations, both first and second. I can confirm the same. Lord Krishna sees that we have become serious and this way He helps His sadhakas and intensifies their purification, so that they will come back home back to Godhead faster. The Lord arranges the life of His sincere sadhakas according to His sweet will and nobody can do nothing with it. Similarly just like Bharat Maharaja could not



leave the freshly born deer simply to drown in the river.

Sometimes even I cannot find out where exactly I made a mistake. But later Krishna gives me the intelligence that the mistake is not determined according to its immediate circumstances. The main problem is the primordial cause, when we wanted to abandon the service of the Lord and His eternal love for us. Not always are we so realised, that we appreciate those healing arrangements.

But with the blessings of pure devotees who are giving us their living examples, everything is possible. Even acquiring the sufficient intelligence for understanding and appreciating the Lord's causeless mercy in the form of seriously appearing personal reversals.

And I believe that this exactly happened to me also. The Lord has given me the discrimination for seeing the things as they are due to your favour. Because you are His favourite champion of His glorious sankirtana movement, we ordinary lamers like myself can survive only thanks to your shelter which you are mercifully giving to us.

You tirelessly spread the transcendental vibration of Hare Krishna Maha Mantra all over the world with unseen intensity and strength. Sometimes it looks like you are going to die during your kirtan not mindful to the material reality. You are doing that, what you love and what you are the best in. Pleasing the devotees and completely forgetting yourself.

Even though, we know how much you are qualified in other activities which could be also highly appreciated in Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON nowadays, you have chosen the essence. Having such deep faith in the sankirtana of Lord Gauranga you are risking your health and running far away from your comfort zone, which actually does not even exist for you.

Witnessing all this gives me tremendous inspiration for continuing in my personal desperate attempt of being a part of this amazing society. Praying for the ability of pleasing you and becoming the useful tool in your Krsna conscious family,

Your insignificant servant,

dasa-anu dasa
Mathuresh Das

Merumala Devi Dasi and Tamohara Dasa

Crazy Life!

It is a strange life, feeling that we do not belong.

But you guide us through our crazy days with knowledge and hearty song.

Like a careless zombie, I often tend to float about.

Yet I am thankful that you give me strength and remove my every doubt.

Exhausted after a busy day, thinking how righteously have I served or was it a wasted endeavour.

My stubborn nature asks me should I fully surrender.

Yet it is Lord Krishna's name and fame that you help me to cherish and remember.

Association, books and chanting but have we done our best?

Yet I find my peace and solace in knowing that you will be there in life's final test.

The life of a Kadamba Kanana Swami disciple is never dull, sometimes challenging, always crazy and fun.

You are our rock in times of strife and triumph when all is said and done.

Amidst Srila Prabhupada's glorious family, you have helped us find a space,

I pray for your continued mercy as we try to keep up the pace!

Your servants of the servant,

Merumala Devi Dasi and Tamohara Dasa
(Durban, South Africa)



Mitravinda 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you.
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to His Divine Srila Praphupada.

Hare Krishna Dear Maharaja,

How can I express my feelings and my thoughtful creations in relations to you?
So pure, devoted, and merciful as you are. Krishna can this do, but I must pray a lot,
to be a good disciple and servant to you.
So often I am feeling that I am a fool in my thoughts and a fool in my behaviour.
A lot of times in your presence and millions of times alone with myself. But what must
you think long before I realise how stupid I am.

How merciful are you to be so deep tolerant and helpful with my confusions?
I can never measure it.
You are like the ocean of devotion.
You are like a desire tree of mercy.

Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. But without you my spiritual father I
can neither see nor reach the smallest spiritual spark in the whole universes. So how
can I express my love and gratitude to you my spiritual master to appreciate your
help? In my deep love to you I bow down to your lotus feet and surrender in your
ocean of never ending mercy, love, kindness and your spiritual happiness.

Your thankful servant and disciple,
Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Murti-Seva 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*

Dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to Giriraja-Govinda!

To write an offering to you means for me to sit down and just think about you without doing anything else. It is very nice, but I cannot write long and nice stories about the common experiences we had together. The occasions of our association are very rare, but the moods you manifested at those occasions live on in my heart and I often reminisce about them. I have kept all your words in my memory and adjusted my life and my thoughts to match them. I associate with you through your vani rather than vapu.

Srila Prabhupada says that: “One must be careful not to associate with the spiritual master too directly lest he begins to see the spiritual master as an ordinary human being.” So far, Krishna has protected me from this danger. It is possible that many devotees do not even know how fortunate they are to have the possibility of closely associating with you and to render personal service to you.

When I sometimes feel jealousy and self-pity because of this, I think of your connection with Srila Prabhupada to be able to accept my situation. You also associate with Srila Prabhupada through vani, and this is not an obstacle of spiritual advancement, nor of trying to repay our debts. I have seen many devotees who were able to closely serve their gurus, but after a time having given up



their service and having repudiated the principles of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I think this might be the greatest source of pain in the heart of our spiritual master. A father always thinks about his lost child and asks himself, “Where he is? And what has happened to him?” You can see the powerful effect of *māyā* that can sometimes bewilder even devotees, but you do not give up, do not turn bitter and do not think that your efforts are fruitless – you only think about your dear Krishna and His satisfaction.

Srila Prabhupada has also said that the connection between the disciple and the spiritual master is transcendental and mystical. If the disciple sees the guru in a dream then that means that he was personally present with the disciple.

I often see you in my dreams, and in one case I dreamt about you visiting our home. You come alone, sat down before Gaura-Nitai and sung together with my husband. Meanwhile I prepared nice dishes for the deities. Offered them the food and then we consumed the remnants together. We did not tell a single word, but we understood each other anyway. The mood was beautifully spiritual. Your body was shining, and your face showed bliss and satisfaction. The Lord says that He lives in the hearts of saints and He makes those hearts and their whole being similar to His own abode. Wherever these holy men go, everything becomes a pilgrimage place in their tracks. If they visit a holy place, they purify them taking the sins the mundane people have left there.

My dear Gurudeva! That is what you did with our home and that is what you did with my life. Blessed is the mother who gave life to you, who embraced you and brought you up. She comforted you when you wept and felt happiness when you were happy.

All glories to you and your lotus feet at the day of your appearance. May rain of flowers from the higher planets fall on you.

In your eternal service,

Murti-Seva Devi Dasi

Naimisaranya 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*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

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

You continue to selflessly guide us all in our relationship with Krishna. You are so tolerant of our shortcomings. Sometimes I am thinking that you are too kind to me, that I should be chastised, but you know that I am not able to take chastisement. You have so much affection for your disciples. We are your fortunate children. My heart is filled with appreciation for you.

Over the past year, I have been fortunate enough to have your association more than I have ever had before. I have received so much mercy. Despite the struggles of material life, it has been one of the best years of my life. Having the opportunity to serve you, going on Vrndavana parikrama, times spent in Radhadesh and Holland; you give and give us more, yet it makes me crave more. I am greedy for your mercy. However, I have realised that I need to focus more on following your instructions than simply engaging in spiritual life in whichever way I choose.

No matter how many opportunities I get to serve you, it is difficult for me to fully surrender. It is said that Krishna is not interested in



what one is offering him but rather what is hidden behind one's back.

I am hiding so much from you Guru Maharaja, and I just cannot let go. I have a strong desire to find a comfortable place in the material world for myself and it causes me to lose sight of your instructions.

Your deep absorption in the ecstasy of serving Krishna is so inspiring. In your presence, spiritual life becomes easier for me since I am borrowing your inspiration, like *chaya bhava*. Perhaps if I serve you long enough, this *chaya bhava* can solidify into a more mature and consistent attachment to devotional service.

I pray that one day I can serve you in the way that you desire. I pray that I can fully surrender to you. I pray that Krishna protects you so that you can continue to preach His glories enthusiastically.

Your aspiring servant,

Naimisaranya Devi Dasi



Nama-rupa Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

Today I am far away from home. I have been living out of the suitcase for last four months. I started to understand when you say that even in dark you can find things in your suitcase. The journey so far came with some realisations that I would like to share:

The shelter of your lotus feet is very powerful. It is amazing – impenetrable. Every time uncertainty or a threat to my spiritual life appears it dissolves. Not because I pray fervently or some such. To be honest most of the times I see things in real light after they are gone. Circumstances just get sorted out and I am protected from myself and outer world over and over again. Thank you for being present in my life all the time.

When subtle tests come it is difficult to act on personal level. My tendency is to switch off and cut off anything that goes against the grain. And I see how naturally you navigate and guide me towards the true personal relationships. I find strength and a great inspiration in your example.

The more I know about guru-disciple relationship the more I see how you are pulling me along and the only contribution I am doing is not resisting too much. I pray I can be someone you can rely on. I pray I can truly and fully be dedicated to you in service. It has been an exploration journey to see what I am made of. And in the light of everything I joyfully confirm that the only thing I am made of is your mercy.

Thank you for everything and especially for everything I do not see and recognise.

Your mercy case and your servant,
Nama-rupa Dasi





So the spiritual master is always present in his instructions and following instructions does not come automatically, it takes real endeavour, but when that endeavour is made then the relationship becomes really meaningful

Navadvipa Dasa

*om ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-śalākayá
caksur unmīlītam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaha*

Dear Guru Maharaja,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

With my own words from my weak English vocabulary, how can I sing your glory that I feel on every step? But through your mercy somehow I came to know to the following verses from the book Sri Prema Bhakti-Candrika (PBC) composed by Srila Narottama dasa Thakura. Please, accept them as my offering.

I was born in the darkest region of ignorance, and you (my spiritual master) opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto you. (PBC 1)

The lotus feet of the spiritual master are the abode of pure devotional service. I bow down to those lotus feet with great care and attention. My dear brother (my dear mind)! It is through the grace of the spiritual master that we cross over this material existence and obtain Kṛṣṇa. (PBC 1.1)

Make the teachings from the lotus mouth of the spiritual master one with your heart, and do not desire anything else. Attachment to the lotus feet of the spiritual master is the best means of spiritual advancement. By his mercy all desires for spiritual perfection are fulfilled. (PBC 1.2)

He who has given me the gift of transcendental vision is my lord, birth after birth. By his mercy, divine knowledge is revealed within the heart, bestowing prema-bhakti and destroying ignorance. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character. (PBC 1.3)

O spiritual master, ocean of mercy and friend of the fallen souls, you are the teacher of everyone and the life of all people. O master! Be merciful unto me, and give me the shade of your lotus feet. May your glories now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds. (PBC 1.4)

One should decorate the body with the dust from the lotus feet of the Vaisnavas,

because, by this, one can achieve transcendental realizations. By constantly associating with the devotees, one's cultivation of devotional service is purified and one can conquer nescience. (PBC 1.5)

The nine processes of devotional service are the essence of Srimad-Bhagavatam. O brother! The best method of attaining loving devotional service is to always engage in performing these nine limbs of devotional service without taking shelter of the demigods. (PBC 1.9)

My desire is to have my heart purified by the statements of the Vaisnavas, scriptures and spiritual master, and seeing the unity of these three, I will always float in the ocean of love of God. I will be aloof from the bad association of the fruitive workers, mental speculators, and the people devoid of devotional service. I (Narottama dasa) sing this truth. (PBC 1.10)

One should serve Sri Krsna Caitanya deva with attachment and determination, because He is the desire-tree for bestowing love of God. He is non-different from the Son of the King of Vraja and the Life and Soul of Sri Radhika. This is simply wonderful. (PBC 9.12)

One should be absorbed internally in the thought of Sri Krsna, while externally practicing the nine processes of devotional service, always praying with humility. One should chant the names of Hari without deviation. Without the achievement of this goal of life, everything is wasted. (PBC 9.15)

Dear Gurudeva, how can I repay my debt to you? It is not possible to repay this debt. Srila Prabhupada uttered this from his lotus mouth, that the disciple cannot repay his debt to the spiritual master. So, Gurudeva, the only prayer I humbly direct unto your lotus feet is that you, out of your causeless mercy, please, purify this servant of yours.

Due to desiring purely ecstatic emotions (suddha-bhava), with intellect endowed with affection for Lord Krsna, everyone wants to be able to reveal and enter the all exalted goals of life performed by Radhika's Lord (rasa-vilasa).

Thank you for everything.

Your humble servant,
Navadvipa Dasa



Nayanabhirama 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you!

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*om ajnāna-timirāndhasya jnānānjana-śalākayā
caksur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

“I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.” (Bhagavad-gita – Introduction).

Hare Kṛṣṇa Maharaja,

Yes I am still in the darkest of ignorance, a hopeless mercy case, yet somehow or other you are still lighting my way with your kindness and mercy.

I was reading the other day that Srila Prabhupada had once said “If you are ready to accept unlimited mercy be prepared to give it also!” Which struck me, yes! It is true that we are begging and taking, but in turn we must be prepared to acknowledge and give it also just as you are showing. We must become like that and grow to that standard.

So you are always teaching us in this way. As you say about mercy you either use it or lose it. I understand my position and must always refocus on the necklace of jewels mentioned in Caitanya-caritāmṛta (Adi-līla 17.32), Srila Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī says:

“I am raising my hand and taking a vow. Please listen, all devotees; hear this: if you want to do bhajana, then make a garland with the thread of nama and the jewels of *trnad api sunicena*.”

These four qualities are the four jewels on that garland:

*trṇād api sunīcena taror api
sahiṣṇunā amāninā mānadena
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*
(Caitanya Caritmrta, Adi-lila 17.31)

So again I must refocus, reset in making a better offering to you. Hour to hour, day to day, year to year to serve and represent you and be better and imbibe these qualities as given by Lord Caitanya, the acharyas, Srila Prabhupada and you.

It is very simple the process. It is only us who get in the way of things. So it is like that. We are our own worst enemy sometimes. I am like the sign which you drive by at night on the highway that says “Work in progress.” So I am trying and getting stronger and better each year and am working on it. It may not always be easy but it is a process and I will continue to strive towards the goal (Krsna) and pleasing you.

Thank you again for being my spiritual master, teacher and friend. Thank you for always lighting my way.

Because who am I without your love?

Happy Vyasa-puja Maharaja. Another mercy case,

Your servant,

Nayanabhirama Dasa



Nilacala Candrika 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you.
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Compassion is the only need,
roaming around the world our souls you feed.
In this dark age of Kali,
forgiving all our sins and folly.

Giving us the precious gift of love,
how my soul raises like a dove.
Distributing freely Srila Prabhupada's treasure,
in your heart mercy has no measure.

Please hold my feeble hand,
and take me to the holy land
where harinaam is forever
and we sing and dance forever.

No desire to come back again
for Maya to whip and chain.
Joyfully serve the Lord with tears
for there is no place for any fears.



Please keep me under your wing
where I can eternally sing.
All glories unto your lotus feet
where Krishna I can surely meet.

My Dearest Guru Maharaja,

I feel so fortunate to be under your shelter. How lovingly you accepted me in your family of disciples, even though I do not deserve to stand anywhere near. Initiation means the beginning. I pray at your lotus feet that you take me through my spiritual life in any way you please, lovingly or harshly, just like how a parent treats a foolish child.

On the initiation day, you gave me several instructions of which one of them is to read Srimad Bhagavatam daily and keep it open always. Guru Maharaja, your words have had so much impact on me that I am trying to follow it sincerely.

Another instruction was that I should learn to forgive. I have so much envy and lust in the core of my heart that I really do not know how I will be able to do that. Because it came from your lotus mouth, I have a desire to do so. Please have mercy on me and help me purify my heart.

Another instruction was that I should become a pure devotee. This seems so impossible due to my deep ignorance and the proof of it is that I am still not able to give up my material attachments and surrender to Krishna and Vrindavan. So I please beg you to hold my hand and take me towards the Absolute destination where I can meet my beloved Krishna and Balaram.

I was overjoyed when you said that I am now your eternal disciple and no one can change that! This means that I am never alone and you will be with me every moment, wherever I am and would be.

I could go on writing and writing about your glories but somehow being in the material world, I stand limited in many ways. So please forgive me for my misgivings and offences at your lotus feet.

Your insignificant daughter and servant,
Nilacala Candrika Devi Dasi



Niskincana Caitanya Dasa

*nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale
śrímate kadamba kánana svámin iti námine*

*nama om visnu-pádáya krsna-prestháya bhú-tale
śrímate bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine*

*namas te sárasvate deve gaura-vání-pracárine
nirvísesa-śúnyavádi-páścátya-deśa-tárine*

Hare Krishna Maharaja,

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

Another year gone by and I feel like a soldier in a long, drawn out war of attrition with the material energy. More often than not, I am on the receiving end. Miraculously, I am still in the game and enjoying the war in a funny way. You mentioned once that when we leave the oasis of material illusion and embark on the path to the reality of spiritual paradise; we have to go through the desert. That is where the tests are. Of course, one has to watch out for the mirages too, which I succumb to on a regular basis.

But Krishna is so merciful that even in the cold, dark, desert night of the soul, he gives little droplets of nectar that really keeps me going. Often those droplets manifest through you in the form of your advice and wisdom. I must confess, I do not really call you much and I think I should but I definitely get so much strength and perspective from your teachings. Whether that be through your blog, your personal chats with me. Or words of wisdom that you have given to other disciples that I then get to hear about. You remind me of a fearless General fighting away and we are your loyal troops trying to follow through.

Like a top class General, you are an excellent strategist, looking at how the movement should push forward in different environments and circumstances; you always seem to be ten steps ahead in your thinking, an innovator and a man of splendid

contradictions. Devotees often seem to hold contradictory aspects but on closer inspection they are not really. They are just different angles of the same higher vision. Similarly you can come across as a Vaishnava maverick but on closer inspection, very few people have the level of fidelity, cast iron principles and rock solid loyalty that you have demonstrated to Srila Prabhupada throughout your life.

It is also wonderful to see that many of your disciples that I know are also blossoming by your mercy. You tend to attract disciples that can be a little eccentric and independent. However, underneath that, they are extremely deep in their realisations with exceptional integrity and character. Since I do not always get your direct association, I happily cling onto their dhotis knowing that they are representing you. One of them, in particular, I am trying to really now support in whatever vision and plan he wants to implement for the British yatra.

There is so much to do right now, I cannot think too much on a macro perspective otherwise I will just get scatter brained. Better I focus on the tasks and instructions that you and one of your senior disciples have given me and give myself fully to those, which would then be part of the grand mission. Of course I need to apply myself more to your instructions and override my silly little demons. But suffice to say, I am feeling more and more the need to give myself to the mission and not just wallow in my own imaginary issues going through the phases of ghana tarala each day. By your blessings, I just want to be fixed in the holy names and the mission for you and Srila Prabhupada. By your mercy I want to get my false sense of self out of the way and let your empowerment work its magic on me in the fullest way possible.

Your insignificant servant,

Niskincana Caitanya Dasa



Pancajanya 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*

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,

Happy Vyasa-puja. May you have many more. I honour and worship your divine grace as an instrument of Lord Krishna's mercy upon me and many others. Your dedication and surrender on the path of bhakti is really inspiring and we pray to have even a drop of that sincerity and determination to somehow or other devote our entire lives to devotional service.

After many lifetimes a fortunate soul comes across a bon-a-fide spiritual master by Lord Krishna's mercy. I pray that the good fortune of having come across your divine grace may culminate in the attainment of pure love of God, life's ultimate goal. I deeply thank you for all your generosity and mercy that you have shown me over the years. If it was not for your kindness I would not be where I am and I am truly, deeply grateful. How I can ever repay you is unknown to me, or even perhaps impossible, however it is my intention to take this gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness seriously and strive to perfect my life and hopefully by this sincere endeavour you shall be somewhat pleased with me. All glories to you! Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Pancajanya Dasa

Parama Karuna 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Spiritual life is simple but not easy. Especially for a complicated person like me. You take care of me for one and half decade which is quite some time. It is long enough to go through all kinds of experiences, good and bad.

Last year was maybe the worst year I remember. It was an exemplary period of struggle with the threefold miseries. It was a year of losing. Losing battles, losing energy, losing sanity, losing myself. And in the midst of all the troubles and disasters I often forgot to see the world through the eyes of shastra or from the Krishna's point of view.

However, it seems that I did not lose your mercy and blessings because I can still remember Krishna and chant His holy names. I still feel like a follower of Srila Prabhupada, although not a very good one. I still see myself as a spiritual soul, a servant of devotees, a servant of the Supreme Lord. I did not leave.

Thank you.

Your servant,

Parama Karuna Dasa



Parjanya Dasa

HARE KRSNA.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to you Guru Maharaja.

I humbly and gratefully bow down to your lotus feet.

On this momentous occasion, by your mercy, it is a privilege to submit this offering.

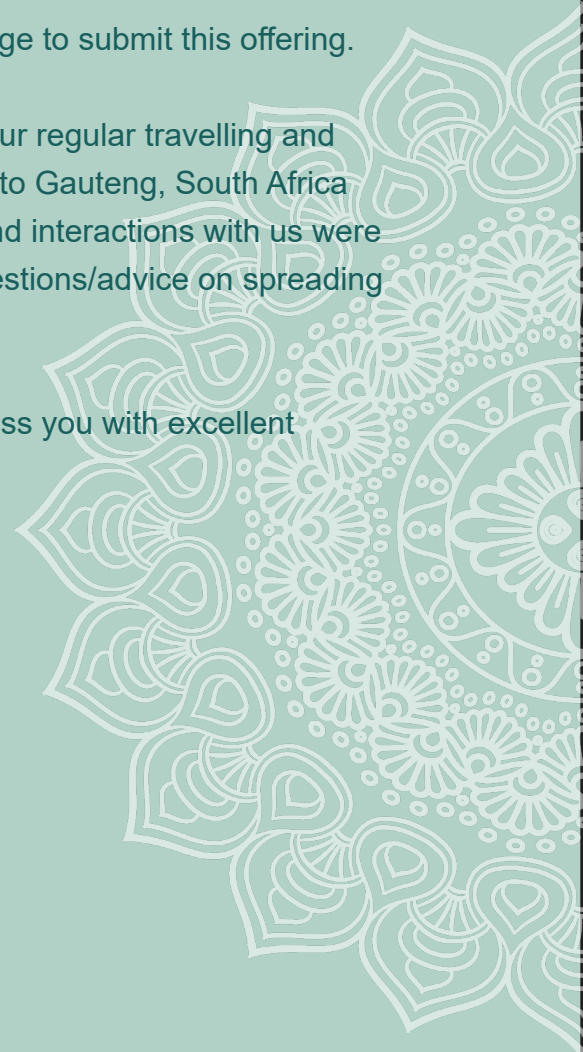
Thank you for always being accessible to us in spite of your regular travelling and intense international preaching endeavours. Your last trip to Gauteng, South Africa was a memorable one indeed. Your kirtans, discourses and interactions with us were most inspirational. I personally benefitted from your suggestions/advice on spreading Krsna Consciousness to everyone

I pray that Sri Guru, Gauranga and Lord Krsna always bless you with excellent health. May they be more merciful to you and you to us?

Have a blissful Vyasa-puja.

Your humble disciple,

Parjanya Das
(Durban, South Africa)



Premarnava 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*

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Guru Maharaja, with all love and respect, tender congratulations, wishes of health, and spiritual cheerfulness to you in honour of your sixty fifth appearance day celebration which we observe as Vyasa-puja. The joy you give to us is compared to a child joyfully sitting on his father's lap. Your kind hearted love and singing in service to the Lordship is what touched me a lot towards you. I seek forgiveness for doing any kind of offenses towards you.

Guru Maharaja, I have been privileged and fortunate to have received the darshan of your lotus feet whenever you come in Vrindavan that is feeling like: "My spiritual father is back home in Vrindavan". You are the embodiment of mercy to fallen souls like me. You are the true admirer and a source of inspiration to me. Please bless me to engage myself to serve you with my whole life. Like Narada Muni you are continuously traveling and preaching Krsna consciousness throughout the world without concern of your health.

I know I am a worthless servant and far from your expectation. Of late I am not quite steady in my spiritual path. Therefore, I beg you to shower your blessings to grow and get the taste of spiritual life. Honestly just inertly praying for your blessings.



Lastly I am very sure that I can make it a vow that till the time I can write your Vyasa-puja offering with my full-fledged heart.

Jai Gurudeva ki jay!!
Your worthless servant,

Premarnava Dasa
(Vrindavan)

Purna Tattva Dasa

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

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

All glories to your service.
All glories to you!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All I may say about myself, I am not worthy of your mercy.

*nīca-jāti, nīca-sangī, kari nīca kāja
tomāra agrete prabhu kahite vāsi lāja*

*mat-tulyo nāsti pāpātmā
nāparādhī ca kascana*

*parihāre'pi lajjā me
kim bruve purusottama*
(Sri Caitanya—caritamṛta, Madhya-līla 1.1.189-190)

I bow down before Srīla Sanātana Goswami and Srīla Rupa Goswami, thousands dandavats to them. Both brothers explained their hearts to Caitanya Mahāprabhu in this way. And what can I say about myself to you? How could I have such an arrogance to ask you to be your disciple? All I may say, I am not worthy of your mercy.

Somehow or other I try to serve. I try to serve different ways to you, devotees, ISKCON projects, Srīla Prabhupada, Gaura Nītai, Rādhē Shyam and the holy dhāmas. Sometimes more, sometimes less. Anyway, I think that the best seva of all is the harināma sankīrtana - śṛavanam kīrtanam. Just simply chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa mahā-mantra!

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

Sung in company of devotees solve all problems, misery and misunderstanding. O my Lord Gaurāṅga. O my Lord Nityānanda, please let my tongue constantly chant the holy names of Kṛṣṇa and hopefully this service makes my spiritual master happy. If yes, then my life will be successful.

Dear Gurudeva, I wish you only the best from all my heart. Let my ears listen to your lovely kīrtan forever!

Your worthless servant,

Purna Tattva Dasa



Purusottama-Ksetra 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
Brahma Madhva Gaudiya sampradaya ki jay!

Dear Gurudeva,

I want to thank you that:

My defiant approach and my covered consciousness with the strong dislike to serve, and the litany on the theme of the family problems do not get the support and my concept of life is defeated.

Instead of spiritual, I can develop the spirit, because to have the material body means to have a problem.

You opened my eyes and therefore I do not have to walk in the darkness. I can follow the regulative principles of freedom and chant Hare Krishna Maha-mantra.

I truly honour you for your distribution of Krishna's message. Thanks to your causeless mercy I can realise the change of the character, of the consciousness and I can serve in ISKCON.

Although, I do not have a hope for the direct personal service to you, still you kindly allowed me to humbly help you in your mission here on the Martyaloka.

*pitā mātā bālakera nā laya aparādha
kṣama, more karaha prasāda
(Sri Caitanya-caritamrita, Adi-lila, 2.33)*

“Parents never take seriously the offenses of their children. I therefore beg your pardon and ask for your benediction.”

I the one, who is not able to appreciate enough your sweet association and instructions, am bowing down by your lotus feet.

Your indebted servant,

Purusottama-Ksetra Dasa

Radhadyuti 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srīla Prabhupāda.

*om ajnāna-timirāndhasya jnānānjana-śalākayā
caksur unmīlītam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaha*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes,



which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.”
Hare Krishna! (Bhagavad-gita, Introduction).

Guru Maharaja, you have said often that this is a mercy movement. Empowered by the parampara and Sri Kṛṣṇa, it is through your indiscriminate mercy that the transcendental sound vibration has pierced many a heart. It is only through your surrender that so many have come to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada. It is only through your constant guidance that we remain. All this is because you have surrendered your life for our benefit. Please accept my humble obeisances, life after life.

Often to gain inspiration I look toward your mood of compassion and toward my god brothers and sisters engaged in this same mood. What a network of sankirtana you have created! Every day is filled with good news that the holy name is being spread to towns and villages thus fulfilling the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. sankirtana network you have created gives me life and encourages me to go on and do something practical. All this is possible by your example.

In his book, ‘All Glories to the Sankirtana Devotees,’ Harikesa Swami writes:

“Let me just distribute these books, throughout the universe for the rest of my lives. Life after life, let me follow Srīla Prabhupāda throughout the universe and fulfil my responsibility to him by bringing back the lost conditions souls.”

And so following your example, taking it to heart dear Guru Maharaja, please, bless me to distribute books, life after life. It is only by the mercy of the spiritual master and the good fortune of the disciple, that one is allowed to take to the streets, and so for that good fortune I come begging, life after life.

All glories, to you dear Guru Maharaja, on this most auspicious Vyasa-puja!
May your glories be spread throughout the three worlds!

Jai Srila Prabhupada!
Your aspiring servant,

Radhadyuti Devi Dasi
(South Africa)

Radhakanta Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Since I got interested in the philosophy of Krsna consciousness and started visiting the local temple, I could not overlook one thing. The way how the devotees were understanding the concept of the presence of something (or someone) was for me completely new. I used to think to be in the presence of someone when I was directly seeing him. But there was:

- The murti of Srila Prabhupada, which was being worshiped.
- One of your lectures, where you boldly stated that the Govardhana hill was present in the room where the class was held.
- The books, in which Srila Prabhupada was according to the devotees directly present.

Because you cannot travel so much anymore I see you at best twice a year and most of the time you are surrounded by many of my god brothers and god sisters, who are eager to catch some nectar from your mouth or to get some advice in spiritual life.

Once a devotee asked me to arrange for him a darshan with you. One could say it was because you were tired at that time that you just said, "Why does he need darshan for? He is brahmacari and he distributes books". But I could understand that your statement was much more deep and that you didn't just say, "I don't have time". It is the service I try to do every day, that keeps me connected with you and which is by your grace purified and offered to Lord Krsna. It is the service, not thousands of words, what makes me feel your presence, no matter where on this planet you are physically present.

Krsna consciousness is the greatest gift. Thank you Guru Maharaja!

Your eternal servant,
Radhakanta Dasa



Ravindra Svarupa 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*

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 offer our respectful obeisance unto His Divine Grace Kadamba Kanana, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. On the most auspicious day of your appearance, we beg that you please accept this offering as a humble attempt to somehow or other reciprocate with your causeless mercy. We beg that you remove the ignorance that is presently covering us, so that we can follow your instructions and try to serve your lotus feet.

Your mercy is most important to us than anything else to understand Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna. We are forever your eternal servant and we hope and pray that forever Krishna will keep us as your servant.

Please never 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 here by serving the community of wonderful devotees in Sri Krishna Dham in The Hague.

During the organization of Ratha Yatra in The Hague, we feel your presence very strongly.

Your servants,

Ravindra Svarupa Dasa and Sri Ji Devi Dasi

Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Again one year has passed, again your Vyasa-puja is celebrated and like last year I am not able to be there. I am missing you, your association, just knowing that you are around changes everything. Somehow I am reminded of my situation many years ago. I had moved to New Mayapur in the (false) hope that this would be the perfect situation – Krsna and Balarama were there and you would come regularly. You did so before, but never again came as long as I was there.

My decision to retire in Mayapur was to some degree influenced by the fact that you were planning to be here every year for some months. But again everything changed. Yes, I can connect with you by all the recordings I can find, I can watch videos, see photos - still, and it is not the same! I do not want to lament, but I guess somehow that is exactly what I am doing. Separation - will I ever be able to fully appreciate the value of this feeling?

It is like with Krsna. We can hear so much about Him, about Goloka Vrindavan, about the gopis and gopas - still we are longing to be there. And this longing can become quite painful. But it is this longing that connects us. Connects us with Krsna, with our eternal home, and with guru as well. It was you who put the seed of this longing into my heart, please keep an eye on the slowly growing plant, teach me how to nurture and support it.

Please bless me that I will never loose these feelings of separation. That I will not cover them by external activities. That despite of feeling the pain I will relish the hidden sweetness. And that finally this separation will bring me back to my eternal home where I hope to continue to assist you in your service, whatever it might be.

Aspiring to become a useful instrument of Krsna's, Gauranga's and your mercy I remain your eternally indebted servant.

Revati Devi Das





The meaning of guru being heavy is that the guru is ultimately so heavy that you cannot move him from his position, since he stays fixed at the lotus feet of Krsna! I mean, others are light; so light that sometimes they get shaken on the path if you give them a little push, like a boat which has been put out of its course by the wind...

But, the spiritual master is heavy and he is there, at the feet of Krsna. As time goes by, he has not changed since he is still there; still serving Krsna; still talking about Krsna; still chanting Hare Krsna

Rukmini Devi Dasi

*om ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-śalákayá
caksur unmīlītam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaha*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. Feet, knees, hands and nose on the ground, hoping my ego and heart will follow.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

“I decided not to think about death,” You said, “I decided to think about life.” I also decided to think about living. I decided to think about what it means to be your disciple in our living hours. I would like to see you smile.

I commit to the holy name: I shall strive to chant with dedication and joy.

I commit to principles of purity: I will assign my struggles as emblems of progress and fix myself – by surrender and mercy.

I commit to devotional service: It is the life you have gifted me, by your instructions and example. I have neglected to properly care for it and I have misjudged its power, but at heart it is the life I want.

I commit to the sankirtan mission: Because what else can I do really? Make soup? Iron cloth? Become a maha-pujari? I am by default a mercy carrier and even that is an imaginative stretch. You said, “When the tears dry, you will have to do something – something for the students in South Africa – to your capacity”. I commit my life to this purpose – whether it bare sweet fruits or not.

I commit to attempt to carry your mood. It is a daunting commitment.

I wish to carry your unflinching faith in the mercy of Lord Caitanya and the heart with which you share it with others – that incomparable positivity.

I wish to carry your dead-pan determination to serve regardless.

I wish to carry your depth, a page of the scripture your life has become.

I wish to carry your heart of a personalist – the way you touch people with your words, make them laugh, and bind them to Krishna without them even knowing it.
...And how you would sometimes cross an ocean to save one soul.

I wish to carry a drop of your love.

And I will fail. But I will try anyway. I will never stop trying.

This is my offering: no magical metaphors, no perfect prose, no flare or flourish. This simple truth I offer you. It may not be enough, but I pray that in the living hours it will make you smile.

I pray to become whatever it is that you need me to be.

Oh, and I ask that there shall be no apologies for your Dutchness. I will try harder to subdue my defensive sensitivity. Regardless, I will stay always, for I am..

Your daughter,

Rukmini Devi Dasi



Sadbhuja Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to you.

On the search for nice stories I found this quote from a Zen master that made me think:

“A poor disciple utilizes a teacher’s influence. A fair disciple admires a teacher’s kindness. A good disciple grows strong under a teacher’s discipline.”

You are part of a new generation of Gurus, meant to open a new page in the book of the history of Gaudiya Vaishnavism. I am happy that often I am on the same page with you, though sometimes in different corners of it and more below. Definitely not in the centre of the mainstream. You are ahead of your time looking back to years of dedication and realisation that I still lack and that prevent you to be a victim of the past but follow your calling.

You are in a movement that sometimes stands still in time and tradition to lose the same. For we are coming in a line of reformers that where always escaping the status quo that is losing the momentum. Yes I can imagine what you would like to say now, you do not mind to be less part of a movement, with too much moving, moving places, moving people in and out again. You like to move less and stay more in one place. Thank you for being your true self, following your calling, not imitating but being a true representative of the Six Gossamers. Living in public seclusion, creatively loyal to the scriptures.

Creative, create to be active. Create as opposed to be dead or alive in the social media, in the world of pictures, that show which is not reality. That shows the degeneration of my generation. I am worried that this show is taking over the land of simple living. Where we love people for what they are, and not for what they do. Or where they are and with whom. I am hoping to get back to the pages of that book with you, one of those books I used to read more in the past. Back on the same page, where

we write history for the next generations of devotees to come. Who are looking for their way to express Krsna consciousness? Hopefully generations that are coming from all Countries, from the middle of society not just the edges.

I hope it will be the generation where the fear of maya is combined with the understanding that the way out is to engage maya in Krishna's service not to run away from her.

A generation where we understand that we are not this body, but also understand that we have to take care of it.

A generation where we understand that there are more options than to stay in the temple or get a job outside.

A generation where we understand that people are not there to maintain temples but temples are there to bring us closer to Krishna.

A generation that produces more disciples and less disciple courses.

A generation where we understand that vegans and yogis are not our enemies but the people we can fight together with to make the impact on this world and on that same people that we are supposed to make for not becoming a phenomena of the past.

A generation focused on inner growth and to practice a genuine process according to our nature not focusing on external behaviour. And practice just fulfilling the expectations. Or use it as a distraction from our issues. In this way truly offering an alternative lifestyle to the world around us.

A generation that does not stay in a closed society that is distancing itself from greater society. But at the same time wants to have an impact on it. Or on the contrary, be such an open society that we submerge in the rest of the world without being noticed.

A generation that exchanges impersonalism and focus on external behaviour for true genuine relationships of love and trust. Caring, empowering and appreciating each devotee for what they are.

A generation that learns to be our own inspiration to processing the scriptures and bring new aspects of those teachings. Living on the



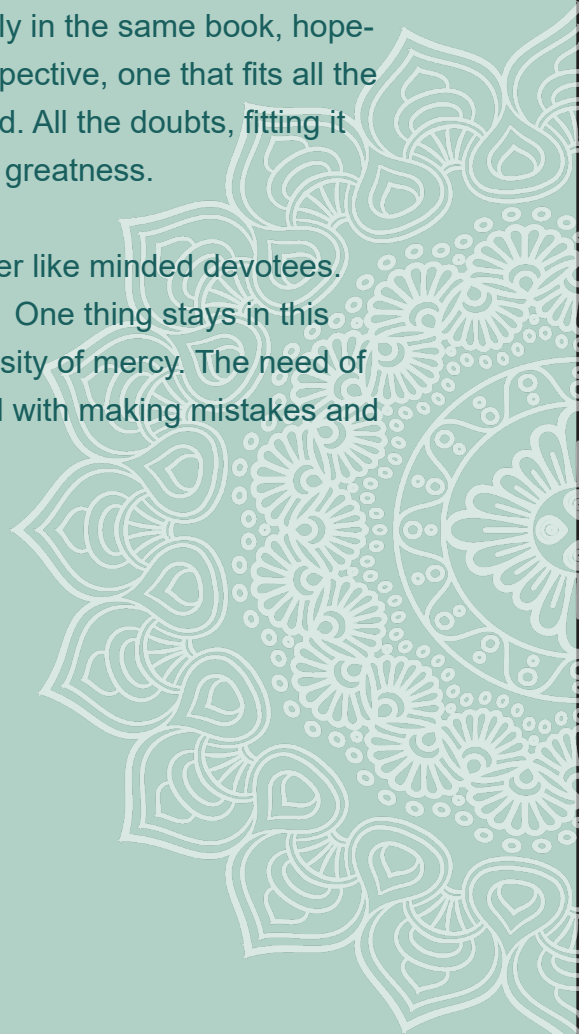
cutting edge, sharp enough to cut through the ignorance of its time by the power of the past acharyas that do not want to be worshipped in a personality cult. But by being in the spirit of taking personal responsibility, by being as individual and controversial as them for fulfilling our duty of being our true self to reach our full potential.

At the moment I questioning many things, mostly myself, to grow out of the shadow that keeps me in the darkness of blind following without taking responsibility. Every closed room is a coffin, says one of the songs I used to listen when I was young. Not to implode or explode I try to find my way to be more oneness and to be part of that movement that is often on another page than me. Hopefully in the same book, hopefully just a few pages apart. Stepping out to get more perspective, one that fits all the opposing views and all the ideas that flow through my mind. All the doubts, fitting it into a bigger picture that show a small aspect of Krishna's greatness.

Hoping to create a vision and manifest it together with other like minded devotees. Even those who sometimes do not show it on the outside. One thing stays in this time of transformation, in this movement, that is the necessity of mercy. The need of support for going new ways for they are always connected with making mistakes and with the danger to go off track.

Thank you for keeping me on your page.
Your servant,

Sadbhuja Dasa



Sanatani Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you Maharaja.

Almost a full year has passed since I saw you at Vyasa-puja, and this year felt very long. I often wonder how someone like me deserved to get shelter from a saintly person like you. You preach daily, travel around the world, pour your heart out in every kirtan and you have such an inspiring sadhana. You really live the life that you preach.

I am way up here in Norway, it feels far away from association and stuck in daily-life maya. Waking up, getting ready for work and preparing Kamala Gopi for kindergarten, then drive her there. Drive to work. Pick up Kamala Gopi and drive home, cook something, play a little bit, put Kamala Gopi to bed and then collapse on the sofa for a few hours before bedtime (and work from the mac on the sofa) and then the same the next day. Usually we go to temple on Sundays, but some Sundays I am just too tired to drive there. I know this daily life is not a permanent status, but it is what it is right now. Spiritually I feel like I am a bit lost in the dark, so please shine your light and mercy on me.

2017 was a year full of realisations. I took some choices, and one of them led to a divorce between Yudhisthira and myself. I always thought that we were going to “make it” and be one of your disciples that could show others that marriage is possible even if it often was a struggle. That did not happen. We came to a place where we could either continue and end up like enemies, or split and stay friends. So we chose the latter.

Now six months after our separation I am so happy we made that choice. We have a really good cooperation and friendship, much better now than when we were married actually. Somehow Krishna had some other plans for us. That we can come here to your Vyasa-puja as a broken but yet united family is really Krishnas bless-



ings, because it shows Kamala Gopi that we are still a family even if we do not live together.

One very positive thing that happened in 2017 was that in Kartik I was watching you live every morning on my way to work. I cried and cried because I was not there. Every day. So I made a vow. I shall go to Vrndavan every year for Kartik. I was in such separation and it was very painful, and that gave me inspiration and motivation. So every month I am saving money so I can stay in Vrndavan for Kartik together with Kamala Gopi.

Thank you Maharaja for year after year inviting us to your Vyasa-puja celebration. I hope to see you more in 2018, remember you are always welcome in Norway.

Your servant,

Sanatani Devi Dasi



Sangita Devi Dasi

My dear father Kadamba Kanana Guru Maharaja,

Please accept humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

I am now in Krabi Thailand. Doing some preaching program and preparing for Japanese tours. Remembering I wrote offering to you last year in similar situation. My bone is still breaking but at least I am not in hospital now. We are renting a house from devotees for some days. It is better than last year.

We go out and do harinama when weather is good. I am remembering you always trying to bring back my confidence to do harinama that I was super inspired to do when I first met you in Australia. I needed your encouragement because I lost the confidence of my singing and harinama. You can see everything always.

Last summer, I was in difficulty that I never had. I lost everything, friends, shelter, family and partner. If you did not invite me to come travelling with you I do not know I would still be practicing Krsna consciousness or not. And I am not sure where I could go. You were caring about it. It was difficult to leave from Europe but now I understand it was good.

In Durban, it was time for Radhashtami. So much nectar of stories about Radharani and kirtans by you. You said: "Radharani is full of compassion so I prayed to her to become compassionate." I liked it very much. I need to be more compassionate so I started to pray to her after that lecture. I remember by your wonderful class of Radhashtami, I felt Caitanya Mahaprabhu came back to my heart.

In South Africa and Mauritius I could see another face of you. I felt it was your home place. I was very fortunate to I could come to your programs every day, and kirtan and listen lectures. I could meet so many wonderful disciples who are caring and loving, it was so inspiring to me. I was losing so many inspiration but your disciple are just caring and tolerant. So I could be myself even I was very weak.



I do not forget when you told me, "I am your my father." It touched my heart so much after I lost everything.

In Mauritius, by your merciful arrangement you allowed me to stay in the same house with you. And you did not mind that I asked many small questions from the Prabhu-pada book. And you explained to me always perfectly, and never rejected me. Even questions about the meaning of English words. Same time I was seeing how you are being with people. Always inspiring me as with amazing examples. You are always being my father, friend and helping me to bring me out of suffering by many ways.

In Vrindavan parikrama bus, I and Mallika were always behind you. You did not mind it. When we were so sickness. You were just making jokes and told everyone "This seats are for those who are dying." But I remember you are always ask our condition and caring for us.

In Mayapur, you told me: "I like you, in my kirtan. I like you playing kartals." I was so happy about it. Because I was not sure only I am Mataji in your kirtan always. So it helps my low confidence a lot.

You shared so many stories about you to me. And helping my emotional. I am very fortunate, how many times I could see you last year. How you could tolerate me. Your compassion and caring, at same time detaching and giving me light.

I cannot explain well how much I am appreciating you as you are. I feel, when you walk everyone is smiling to you. Even the animals, flowers, plants. You are influencing others in a positive ways.

Thank you for showing full of enlightenment of Krsna consciousness.
Thank you for allowing me to be your daughter.

Your daughter,

Sangita Devi Dasi

Sanjaya 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 your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We address you by saying:

*Gaura kripamritam prapto vraje mayapure 'pi yau prabhupada priyo lokam payayat
anivaritam."*

“That you are the dear servant of Srila Prabhupada who obtained the nectar of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s mercy in the holy dhamas of Vrindavan and Mayapur. And you ceaselessly endeavor to enable the people of this world to drink that nectar.”

On the occasion of your divine appearance day, we want to endeavor to explore a drop of the meaning of these words. Although our endeavor must stay insignificant, for the glories of Lord Caitanya and His devotees like yourself are limitless. You received the mercy of Lord Caitanya in the holy dhamas of Vrindavan and Mayapur, because you stayed there as a servant of His representative Srila Prabhupada, who welcomed you into the sankirtan movement through his sincere disciples.

Lord Caitanya is known as the most magnanimous form of God-head, for He bestows the most sublime of love of Sri Sri Radha and



Krsna in Goloka Vrindavan upon those who have taken their birth in this dark age of Kali.

By your life, you set an example for all of us. Just to teach us a lesson, you took birth in the Netherlands, in gross materialistic Europe. You grew up in that materialistic environment. Still, you uncompromisingly desired to find out the real purpose of life, and thus you attracted the full mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Caitanya. They invited you to Vrindavan. They invited you to Mayapur.

How much did you show gratitude? You took major roles in the construction of both the samadhis of Srila Prabhupada, in both places. You served as the temple president in Vrindavan. And when providence tested you so hard, almost taking away your present body, you accepted the role of a sannyasi, and since then you tirelessly walk around the globe, not considering yourself, for all our benefit only. How much are you showing gratitude? Still, maybe even more than ever! It is all expressed by your service. Such amazing service you have done, and you are doing, for Srila Prabhupada.

I certainly fall short in describing the glories of your endeavours, but even this outline proves to anyone, how you take it so serious - the service to Srila Prabhupada, and the mercy of Lord Caitanya. You were, and you are, fully determined to show gratitude by service. And thus, by your tireless endeavor, you set an example for all of us. Out of compassion, you gave us shelter in the association of Lord Caitanya's devotees. Although we do not deserve it. And now, gradually we realise our horrible background. We realise our sinful inclinations. Our bad habits, our laziness and our foolishness. We realise in honesty, that we have no good qualities.

And thus, more and more we appreciate your glorious example, and gain full faith, that even we will one day attract the mercy of Lord Caitanya. By showing gratitude through service.

Service to you.

Service to your disciples.

Service to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

Service to all the disciples of Srila Prabhupada, who are still amongst us.

Service to all the devotees of ISKCON.

Service to the innocent people.

Service to the deities.

Service to the holy name.

Service to Srimad Bhagavatam.

You are offering us into the fire of unlimited devotional service in this movement, and all we can do is pray, again and again that: 'Please bless me with the strength to follow your example, to actually show gratitude by service.'

Your most insignificant disciple,

Sanjaya Dasa

Sarvopama Dasa

*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*

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 grateful to Jayadvaita Swami because in 1970 he made me feel welcome and appreciated by greeting me with a big, beautiful smile when I stumbled up to the hari-nama party in Time Square and made a feeble effort to participate.

I am also greatly indebted to Kadamba Kanana Swami for helping me through a near death experience in Vrindavan. I was standing directly in front of Krishna-Balarama and passed out and slumped to the floor. Maharaja was there and helped me up but I again lost consciousness and fell down. At that point he swept me up in his arms and carried me out to the lobby of the guesthouse and then watched over me until he was sure I would be alright.



Both he and his Guru, Jayadvaita Swami are remarkable and excellent devotees. I am eternally grateful.

Yours in their service,

Sarvopama Dasa

Sastravit Das

*name om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba Kanana-svāmin it nāmine*

*name om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin it nāmine*

*name om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin it 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.

Hare Krishna Maharaja,

I got a spiritual master for free without making any effort. The fruit of my thirty five years waiting. You are my father, my best friend and my saviour. You are the one who gets me closer to Krishna. Maharaja, you are the sunshine from the Lotus feet of Krishna which inspires us.

I had a dream, seeing you cleaning the temple room of Krishna Balaram in Vrindavan, and I said: "This service is not for you." But you replied back by saying, "Service to the Lord is meant for everybody and that even I am not qualified for this service." At that point, I could understand how unqualified I am. And started to glorify you but

you said: "Instead of glorifying me you should glorify Srila Prabhupada and Krsna."
You also said that: "I should be the poorest person to do spiritual advancement."
When I heard this I was shocked because I was thinking that, "I am a great devotee,"
And now I realised that I am the foolish one. I wanted to become an authority but
then I realised how much it is very important to have a spiritual master.

Oh my spiritual master.

You are the diamond and I am the uncycled plastic.

You are the sun and I am the darkness.

You are the nectar and I am the poison.

You are the maha prasada from Srila Prabhupada's plate.

And you are the garland from Krishna's neck and I am the suicide rope.

You are the benediction and I am the curse.

You are the truth and I am the false that people talked.

You are the purity and I am the impurity.

You are the auspiciousness and I am the inauspiciousness.

You are compassionate and I am heartless.

Maharaja, I do not know how to address myself to you so please give me your blessing. I am a fallen soul, I do not have any good qualities. I am full of ego. Maharaja, please give me your blessings and forgive that fallen soul bowing down to your lotus feet. And asking for forgiveness for all the offence I did, since it is all because I am illiterate.

Hare Krishna Maharaja!

Your servant,

Sastravit Das



Sesa Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

This year I was thinking of not coming to the London Ratha Yatra, with my mind making excuses to skip it. However, after one of the most ecstatic classes on Jagannatha Ratha Yatra and Mahaprabhu and a few loaded points by you, I knew deep within I could not miss this festival!

Whilst travelling with you, in one class you stated that many people come and ask you to bless their plans. However a true disciple, a bold disciple, a humble and sincere disciple rather than asking for blessings for his plans, goes to the spiritual master and asks: "What are your plans for me?" You stated only the rare, bold few do so. You have told me certain plans and orders and now more than ever I am realising and feeling the need to step up my commitment to you.

Thank you for having such a deeply compassionate nature by which you show the sashttra is alive and share this deep experience with us all. Thank you for being exemplary as this automatically instils a deep desire to become a devotee within our hearts. I thank you for having a desire to give prema even when no-one is ready to take it. Through your kirtans we get a glimpse of prema, through your advice we get a glimpse of prema and ultimately this over-rides my lethargic nature to miss a festival or stick to an ordinary life of boredom.

I thank you for everything you have given me because you are my saving grace! You have connected me to such a rich spiritual family and given me the opportunity to become an ecstatic devotee.

I humbly pray or rather plead to the deities and devotees for empowerment so that one day I may be of use to you and make you proud in this lifetime.

Begging for your service,
Sesa Dasa

Sruti Rupa Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

“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,” wrote Visvanath Cakravarti Thakur when he described the qualities and acting of a spiritual master. Very poetic, very appealing written, but here is stated the truthful fact. A spiritual master is one, who attracts mercy of Krishna and opening our eyes with the torchlight of knowledge. The knowledge, which we cannot obtain only by study.

In the purport of verse 2.8 of the Bhagavad-gita, Srila Prabhupada writes how Arjuna smartly put forward many arguments on the battlefield, but what was the result? No result. He needed a spiritual master, Krishna. And Prabhupada continues:

“It was impossible for him to solve such perplexities without the help of a spiritual master like Lord Kṛṣṇa. Academic knowledge, scholarship, high position, etc., are all useless in solving the problems of life; help can be given only by a spiritual master like Kṛṣṇa.”

As we see, our understanding and “effective” methods of life management or self-engineering have limitations. That is because here we are dealing with a much more bigger problem. Life is so intricate that if we are using our methods for solving problems and float on the surface of waters of life, we might end up like Titanic. Huge, majestic, powerful. But it did not make any difference because it sunk down in last glamorous tremor after crashing into a glacier, which became a reason for shipwreck.

Our problem is like a huge glacier, we cannot see it because of too much darkness, too much ignorance. And this problem is so big, that we are not able to avoid it. We might think we have a good



course, and then boom! We are naturally crashed with no mercy in this world... I do not like sad stories and dark places and there is the solution right from Lord Krishna, who advised how to solve this hopeless situation. Ultimate one:

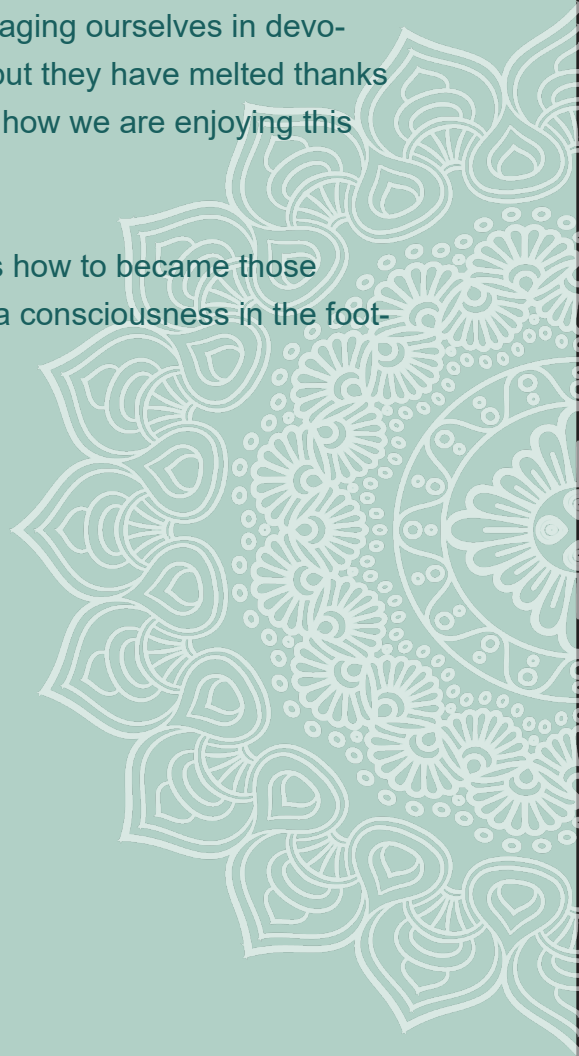
“Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth. “(Bg 4.34).

I have got the most precious chance to learn from you dear Guru Maharaja. When I am on the boat which is made by your instructions for engaging ourselves in devotional service to Krishna. Glaciers are coming to our way but they have melted thanks to the strength of your mercy and we might find ourselves how we are enjoying this trip on the wave of spreading Krsna consciousness.

Thank you for giving me the rescue wheel and showing us how to become those ones, who are helping you in your mission to spread Krsna consciousness in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada and previous acharyas.

Your servant,

Śruti Rupa Devi Dasi



Sudama Das

*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*

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 zillion times for extending your shelter upon us. Especially this year we started realising how you are influencing our parents into devotees. Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi's parents are very fortunate to have your darshan during Vrindavan parikrama. They are mesmerized with your kirtans and keep on sharing their glorifications upon you. My father listens to your kirtans almost every day.

We cannot explain how fortunate we are to join the Kartik parikrama this year. During that yatra, every day we keep getting doses of Kṛṣṇa's mercy through your kirtans, classes, association. Though you physically are not in the best condition still you lead the entire yatra excellently which is beyond our imagination.

Another event I feel fortunate to attend is Leipzig Ratha Yatra. Along with me were students and a colleague who thoroughly felt blessed. Then were in Heidelberg Ratha Yatra and could assist His Grace Doyal Govinda Prabhu a bit. Darshan in Dubai I consider as another instance of receiving your causeless mercy. Though extremely tired, you gave me time answering all my questions.

Going forward, this year I would like to improve sadhana, chanting as priority one. Then, try and do local preaching even further actively.



1. Conducting “Ramayana for me” sessions: This is systematic series on Valmiki Ramayana to understand various characters, their role in the Epic, and what the key messages are learning for us.
2. Yoga sessions in my surroundings: I noticed that on the name of YOGA, in western world, people are misled. I am conducting yoga by visiting door to door and slowly teaching Bhagavad-gita (in their way).
3. Some menial services at Gauradesh: Currently I am unable to give much time compared to the past years due to business and personal travels, accommodating children’s attention and, Rupa’s health concerns.

Of course none of the above is a great service. However I would like to share with you and express my gratitude for whatever I am able to do which is only because of you. I am neither capable nor the so qualified person. I am just begging your blessings that is empowering me to conduct these services.

Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi always feels blessed and is grateful to you. She is back to good health physically and mentally only because of you.

Sri Vibhu is developing nicely in learning kirtans, mrdanga lessons, acting in plays. He is enjoying Krsna consciousness. He felt extremely happy to know that you liked his kirtan during last Vyasa- puja. He hopes to serve you once again this year as well. Please grace them with your causeless mercy. We feel incapable to bring them nicely in Krsna consciousness. It is possible only on your strengths. He feels grateful for the same. BIG Thank you.

Wishing you a happy appearance.

Your servants,

Rupa Manjari Devi Dasi, Sri Vibhu,
Sri Vibhav Krsna, and Sudama Das

Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to you.

I remember you telling the analogy of Lord Caitanya's long harinama procession, as you repeated it various times, probably because of its importance. You speak of this long harinama procession, in the beginning of it, we see Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda and all of their close associates. All of them dancing in great ecstasy, all effulgent and attractive.

Behind them Their followers are dancing. As we go down the line of the long procession, slowly we notice that the people dancing in the harinama become less effulgent, less attractive and less human looking than those who proceeded them. At the end of the procession, we find ourselves! Not dancing, but somehow or other slowly tagging along, all crippled looking and degraded. Somehow or other, we are there, hanging on to that procession with all that we have and following it as it continues collecting more wretched-looking creatures such as ourselves.

I now see me there as well. I see myself, all deformed, hardly walking, half hanging off the edge, ready to slip away and lose my place in the procession and lose my connection. However, I am still hanging on with all the little strength that I have, afraid to fall away but tempted to just let go. How fortunate and at the same time unfortunate I am. Unfortunate because I am so full of material desires and hankerings, full with anarthas and so many bad qualities. But fortunate because I am somehow or other still hanging on to you. You, who have collected me and carried me on to this procession and that kept me going even when I should have fallen off. With your prayers and good wishes somehow or other you did not let me go. And here I am, still here, still following. This is my first meditation that I am carrying with me as your Vyasa-puja celebration approaches.

My second meditation, which I have recently started reflecting on



and which I would like to continue meditating on, is of your true nature. I have always looked at you in somewhat of a familiar way. You are so approachable, so down to earth, and so “normal” that it was not until recently that I realized that you are actually so much more than that. It is said that: “The spiritual master is as good as God,” (Sri-mad Bhagavatam 2.7.46, purport). But I never, due to my unfortunate sinful nature, was able to think of you in such a way. I was always full of respect, adoration, and love for you, however, I never realised your transcendental nature. You are transcendental! How could you carry on the way that you do, day in and day out, if you were not transcendental? How could you hold up so many disciples and aspiring disciples if you were not directly connected to Krsna? How could you transcend bodily discomforts and illnesses and continue to travel and preach if you were not already on the transcendental plane?

In the last darshan that I had with you, just a few days ago, you revealed to me some dreams that you had that were clearly on another level. It is amazing for it to have happened now, because just a short while before I came to meet you, I have realised that I need to start looking at you in a different way. And here I was, just a few days later, sitting in your room with some other devotees, and you were revealing to us exchanges that you had with Krsna and His devotees that were absolutely transcendental. Not only was I amazed and enlivened to hear such stories, but also amazed at how quick the reciprocation has been. I desired to understand you in a different way and here you were revealing it to me.

These are my Vyasa-puja realisations. Realisations which I would like to carry with me into this coming year. Realise how fallen I actually am, how elevated you actually are and how I need to hang on to your lotus feet with all the little strength that I have. So that I may be able to continue following you in Lord Caitanya's great harinama procession, back home, back to Krsna.

Your eternal servant,

Sukhayanti Devi Dasi

Surya Narayana Das

*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*

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 Guru Maharaja.

When I think of Krishna my guru will appear at the same time, so I live constantly in my mind with my guru. I cannot imagine life anymore, it would be empty. With time, this feeling does not become stronger but rather more beautiful. And as it is beautiful in my mind, it is also beautiful in my relative reality. It slowly changes to the real consciousness that Krishna is present everywhere. And in all that when I go bare foot in my morning japa (with the grass that it is covered with dew) that Krishna is in the dew, in every plant, in the air, as an excitement that surrounds me as an infinite information field that is constantly changing and that is also my guru.

Thank you for the beautiful life I can live that is full of grace, consciousness, and infinity that we can create thanks in your mind.

Your eternal and steadfast servant,

Surya Narayan Dasa





In this world relationships are governed by the sentiment that exists between two people and according to that they are reciprocating with one and other. But the relationship between Guru and disciple is governed by the scriptures there maybe sentiment also. Infact there must be sentiment it says in scripture. There must be a relationship of firm friendship. There must be a genuine relationship of appreciation and trust and so o but beyond that the relationship is governed by the scriptures.

Sutapa Das

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama-shreshtham manum api shachi-putram atra svarupam
rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim goshtavatim
radha-kundam giri-varam aho radhika-madhavasham
prapto yasya prathita-kripaya shri-gurum tam nato 'smi*

“I bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of my spiritual master, by whose causeless mercy I have obtained the supreme holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of Shachimata [Lord Caitanya], the association of Srila Svarupa Damodara, Rupa Gosvami, and his older brother Sanatana Gosvami, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrindavana, the divine Radha Kunda and Govardhana Hill, and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Sri Radhika and Madhava [Krishna] in Vrindavana.” (Śrī Mukta-caritam, by Śrīla Raghunatha dasa Gosvami)

Maharaja, in your role as Sri Guru, you have powerfully delivered all the transcendental gifts to us.

Holy Name – Some years ago when you started ‘Japa Meditations’ on your website, you asked me why I was not sharing any thoughts there. You then reminded me how I was lacking in my relationship with the holy name, and told me, “You do not have to just chant sixteen rounds.” Seeing your example, I get the impetus to invest in deeper chanting.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu – I once told you that I found it difficult to connect with Gaura-lila. You told me that I should “Forget about Gaura-lila, and first understand Gaura-tattva!” Later on you reassured me: “If you have a relationship with me you will definitely have a relationship with Gauranga!” You opened up the world of Caitanya-caritamrita for us.

Goswamis – You often mention about Prabhupada wanting twenty five renunciates just like the Goswamis to reside in Vrindavana. You took us to Bangladesh, where

we connected with our Vaishnava heritage and learnt the glories of Rupa, Sanatana, Narrotama das Thakur and all the other illustrious personalities. You told me why we were making this arduous journey – “The relationship will go deeper.”

Vrindavana – When you found out that I had not visited Vrindavana for eight years you called me a “ghost.” You have always reminded me to connect with the dham. Through your love for Vrindavana, we also received some glimpse of that abode, which has been a deep source of inspiration and shelter ever since.

Radha and Krsna – Once, just before you were about to give class, I asked you what the theme would be – your reply: “Krsna.” You went there and spoke about the markings on Krsna’s feet and immersed yourself in the transcendental descriptions of sashtra. You told me: “We do not always have to have a theme – sometimes we can just talk about Krsna and bathe in those beautiful narrations.” With your guidance, we are trying to become attached to Krsna.

Thank you for delivering these gifts. I hope I will have the intelligence, determination and sincerity to take advantage, and offer some service back to you in gratitude.

Begging to remain your servant,

Sutapa Das



Svayambhu Dasa

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

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

*nama oṃ 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.

I am always enthused to see your fired up kirtans. You seem to have unlimited reserves of energy from the Svarupa Sakti, more than anyone else. Krishna willingly, I hope to see you along with my god family this year. All glories to your unlimited mercy and compassion to help in the preaching mission of Srila Prabhupada.

I am not good at writing offerings; I prefer direct conversations. So forgive me if I am too brief and not very open. I am mostly grateful for your relevant class giving expertise. You seem to speak to the heart of many individuals without difficulty. Surely you must have rubbed off some of Srila Prabhupada's mercy who effortlessly wrote many books and presented them to the public in a language that is insufficient in conveying the esoteric messages of the Vedas. That kind of relevancy is what I miss.

Please bestow me your mercy so that I can learn how to be relevant in preaching circles. Thank you for your relentless drive and enthusiasm to go on even after being ill for a while. That was truly inspiring. It was uncomfortable to hear some people here in Ireland say, "Hey, did you know your Guru has cancer?" I would be thinking, "No he has bhakti. And you don't?"

Your servant,

Svayambhu Dasa

Tamalini Dasi

*om ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-śalákayá
caksur unmīlītam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaha*

My Dear Gurudeva,

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

All glories to your divine grace.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to the Divine lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.

The Vedic scriptures and acharyas in the disciplic succession have revealed to us that guru nistha is the bedrock for developing devotion to Krishna. What more can I say? The acharyas and scriptures have spoken. They have distinguished the relationship with guru from any other relationship. They have revealed the key to success.

Gurudeva, I feel so blessed to have you as my guide. I have learnt so much from you and as time goes on, I continue to learn more and more from you. The learning process of bhakti-yoga under your skillful and expert guidance is my life's most valuable treasure. I feel blessed and honored to be counted amongst your disciples.

On the auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa-puja, I pray to develop guru-nistha, I pray to develop strong faith in you Gurudeva. This has been my meditation for the past couple of months. I pray to sincerely and wholeheartedly take shelter of you. For without your guidance and inspiration I am a lost soul wandering through life aimlessly.

Thank you for being my bedrock through the process of sadhana bhakti. Thank you for providing a solid platform for my spiritual practices. You have been so kind to me, when I think of your kindness it leaves me speechless. As a small start in honoring the mercy and kindness you have shown to me, I pray to Krishna for the strength to continue to be true to our relationship and to always honour and worship your role in my life. Please continue to bless me with your association without which, I am completely lost.

Always praying for your mercy, I remain....

Your eternal servant,

Tamalini Dasi



Tamas

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The waves of material life continue to try and sweep me away into oblivion but by having the opportunity to take shelter at your lotus feet I am able to withstand the onslaughts of Kali-yuga. I do not know what is getting lost quicker, in this degraded age - the rainforests or peoples integrity and loyalty. Either way, you are my shelter and connection to the guru-parampara, and ultimately Krishna.

Thank you so much for being in my life. You are my hope and guide. I surrender unto you and I am at your mercy. Please embrace me with your warm smile or chastise me with your love for you know what is best for me.

By your mercy I am trying to live in the world as a decent human being free from the clutches of maya and trying to spread the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in whichever way I can according to my ability.

For three years you have been my main source of inspiration in Krsna consciousness. Whether it is reading your books, listening to your classes or getting your darshan and most of all your ecstatic bhajans. All these experiences culminate in one very happy and satisfied bhakta.

Thank you so much for all the effort you have done to make all these things possible. It is so kind and selfless of you. You are truly one in a million. You are a very special person and I feel extremely honoured to know you and to have you in my life. You work tirelessly for your Guru Maharaja, and our beloved Srila Prabhupada. You are a living example of bhakti.

You are very merciful. Please bless me Guru Maharaja that I may be able to share Krishna with my daughter.

Your humble servant,
Tamas Weisz

Tanadavini Devi Dasi

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

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

*nama oṁ 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.

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

“According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems.

Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Krishna. By the mercy of both Krishna and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.”(Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla, 19.151).

My most beloved Srila Gurudeva, you are the pivotal point of my life. Your pleasure is the pivotal purpose of my life, and your causeless mercy is the pivotal sustaining pillar of my whole existence. Except you, there is no one to whom I can offer my heart fully and be certain that it will not be broken. You alone are worthy of my love and worship. You alone can satisfy all of my desires.



But, still, I am the most lowly and unhappy pest crawling in the lap of mayadevi, because I have not done a darn thing to make you proud and happy.

When you came to our house in Dubai for the initiation ceremony and kirtan, there were so many flaws in us and we feel our service towards you was not up to the standards of ideal service. When I begged forgiveness at your lotus feet, you so kindly and lovingly said: "There were, no mistakes."

Sometimes I feel that, I do not deserve this special mercy. Now that I am captured by your mercy, I pray at to the dust of your lotus feet, that I become a good instrument in your hands, and become a sold out slave of your divine grace. Your mercy is most important to me than anything else, How can I understand Krishna or Srila Prabhu-pada, without your blessings and guidance?

I am a pompous and defiant speaker. I speak big, and make big plans, but I do not have the heart to carry it through. My heart is shackled in the modes of passion and ignorance. Srila Gurudeva, please, I beg you to release me from this nescience, and engage me in the service of the epitome of sweetness, Lord Damodara. My dear Srila Gurudeva, when will that day be mine when I will be following in your footsteps, and chanting and dancing in the ecstasy of the holy names, spreading it all around? I do not know how my future is going to be. I do not know in what circumstances I will be put in. But if I know that you will be near me, I will not fear anything. I just want to get more understanding of what is service to spiritual master and Krishna and become more selfless.

The spiritual master is the representative of Sri Balarama - the original spiritual master. By the mercy of Balarama we get the strength to carry out Krishna's instructions. Therefore in this most sacred day, I pray that by the actions of my body, mind and words, I can keep invoking your mercy, and have the potency in carrying out the direction of the Supreme Personality of Godhead coming through you.

Aspiring to be worthy servant,
Tandavini Devi Dasi

Tanumadhya Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad-gita:

*ananyāś cintayanto
mām ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣāṁ nityābhiyuktānām
yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham.*

But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form – to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have. (Bg 9:22).

Coming into contact with Kṛṣṇa consciousness at such a late stage of this lifetime made me think:

“Is it possible to reach a stage of always worshipping, isn’t there just too much that I still lack and not much at all to preserve?”

But in the past two years you have many times called upon us to: “Rise to the occasion.” Or “To do something for Srila Prabhupada’s movement.” And lately you urged us again to: “Take some risks. To do something extraordinary.” So, I had to think about these words of Krishna’s in the Bhagavad-gita chapter 9, verse 22 again. How would it be possible for me to do what you ask? And just how does it work?

I guess the answer begins with this:

In the Caitanya-caritāmṛta it is said that faith is the complete conviction that simply by serving the Supreme Lord, Sri Kṛṣṇa, one can



achieve all perfection.’ (Bg 9.3, purport).

Your constant encouragement that we should not just have blind faith, gave me the impetus to seek out how Kṛṣṇa carries what we lack and preserves what we have – to seek how it can also include me?

Srila Prabhupada brought us the knowledge of and the connection to the most wonderful parampara. Today, through this parampara we all have direct contact with the purest of all devotees, Lord Caitanya.

We know that it is His heartfelt wish that we should all take up this process of devotional service, and we also know that He gives out the mercy to everyone who is willing to try. Therefore, knowing that the process and the goal is the same, I understand that it is quite possible for all fallen souls to just take up this process to meet the goal, even possible for me.

I so want to do something extraordinary for the mission of Srila Prabhupada, mostly because I know it would please you. Although, I still sometimes wonder: “Who am I to think of doing something extraordinary?” I also constantly think of: “What can I do that would really please you?” I now understand that if I want to please you I have no other choice than to think extraordinary.

To think that I do not have much that Krishna promises to preserve means that I do not understand what it means to have you as spiritual master. It is by no means because of any qualification of my own that I will be able to do anything. In a lecture, you said:

*tatra śrī vijayo bhūtir
dhruvā nītir matir mama
(Bg 18.78).*

When one is with Krishna then one comes out victorious that is the point. When we are with Krishna then everything becomes possible, then the impossible can be done. Therefore, when Krishna promises to preserve what I have, it is actually a promise to preserve what I receive from you. It is up to me to take up any activity and carry it out by the strength coming from you, knowing quite well that your strength is coming from Lord Caitanya.

All I have to offer in the whole process is the willingness to take up any activity.

One of my constant lamentations is the idea of the little time I have left, and that there

is just so much I still want to read and even if I do nothing else, I would never be able to read it all, what to say remember anything. But, understanding how Krishna keeps His promise to carry what we lack gave me the peace of mind I needed.

I do not have to remember everything, I do not even have to read everything. All the knowledge I will need at any specific point I will get from you, by listening to your lectures, by reading your blog posts. Or by writing to you, even if you do not always answer. Of this, I am cent per cent certain, because I have the practical experience. It has happened repeatedly, whenever I have had a question on my mind, low and behold, in a day or two I listen to a lecture addressing just that point or read a clear answer in your blogpost.

It happened even while writing this letter. I randomly read a transcription of a lecture you gave in 2010 in Durban, confirming all my thoughts written down in this letter. I now understand that it is Krishna from within that gives answers through you and so keeps His promise that He will carry what we lack.

When I think of doing something extraordinary, I know it can either be an extraordinary activity, something not done every day, or it can be something ordinary, performed extraordinary well. On this point, you said the following in another lecture:

“No, no, no, nobody’s an ordinary person. The day you step in the door you are no longer an ordinary person! You have changed! The day you are chanting Hare Krsna, you have the blessings of Krsna upon you. From that day on, no longer an ordinary person. You do not know your own limitations anymore, you do not, because Krsna will lift you! So now things can be done that otherwise could never be done. And in this way we can all go forward - but it does not happen on automatic pilot.”

Pointing out that nothing extraordinary will happen on automatic pilot you mentioned:

“It is Krsna who gives us the result of our practice in bhakti yoga. It is Krsna, Krsna and only Krsna. It is not us who are just doing, but we must try to do something very nice for Krsna. That we must try. That is the one thing we must do.”

Therefore, I must know, if I am not doing something extraordinary or not doing what I do, extraordinary well. It is pride in my own capacity in performing my activities that is keeping me from the mercy of Krsna. It can also be my underestimation of the power, coming from Krsna through you as my spiritual master that is preventing me from serving you in the way that will be pleasing.



Thank you for being an extraordinary Spiritual master. For me you are the personification and the means through which Baghavad-gita (9:22) comes to life. It is by your constant worship with exclusive devotion that Krsna carries out His promise and just how I benefit. May 2018 be the year of extraordinary activities, for all your disciples. May each one of us put aside those things that are preventing us from taking up our service. May we just jump in and take the necessary risks to serve Srila Praphupada's movement. May we all contribute to ensure that this year will be an extraordinary pleasing one for you. May we all remember that it is devotional service, practiced extraordinary well, that will insure extraordinary activities all round.

Happy appearance day, Maharaja!

Your servant,
Tanumadhya Dasi

Tejo-gaura Dasa and Jalasaya Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna,

Please accept my and my wife's humble obeisances.

All glories to Parampara, Srila Prabhupada, Gurudasa Jayadvaita and to you Kadamba Kanana Swami.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

It is a priceless treasure that you accepted us to your spiritual family and we thus received the opportunity to develop our service to Krishna. Service in a unique leadership, a unique mood and unique colourful association of our spiritual sister and brothers. You are a direct refuge of this family. Only Krishna and you know whether the both of us are worth of your incomprehensible mercy. Till now it is not clear to you should we deserve it.

Every contact with the footprints of your lotus feet whether it is only on You Tube video, mp3 playing in the car, or personal darshan (which is the most precious for us) is a well full of nectar amidst apparently limitless desert of ignorance that is surrounding us.

We pray to Krishna that we are able to please you and to be able to meaningfully be engaged in Lord Caitanya's mission though we have no qualification for it. You are a great inspiration for us. Inspiration how to be kind and merciful even to the most fallen. Inspiration how even when you are super-busy you still find time and patiently reply to all of our even many times answered questions, just to uncover the veil of maya that is covering our eyes at least for a moment.

Again and again you unveil the curtain hiding the most beautiful secret that the soul can see in human birth. Krishna and knowledge about Him that is so often waning from our mind is thanks to your endeavour, settled not only in our head, but more importantly in our heart more and more.

Thank you for your devotional service.
Kadamba Kanana Swami ki Jai!!

Your servants,

Tejo-gaura Das and Jalasaya Devi Dasi





We need the blessings of the spiritual master. It is said that we should try to please the spiritual master. This is when we look at it from the disciple's perspective. Now, I was thinking about it from the guru's perspective – the disciple has to please the guru, so what does that mean!?....

I really thought about it and concluded that the guru-disciple relationship is based on truth and on nothing but truth. It will only work if there is truth: when the spiritual master is completely truthful and when disciple is completely truthful. That is all we have between us – the truth! So I was thinking and found that the truth is that the spiritual master has to be really pleased, pleased in the heart.

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-pascatyā-desā-tarine*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

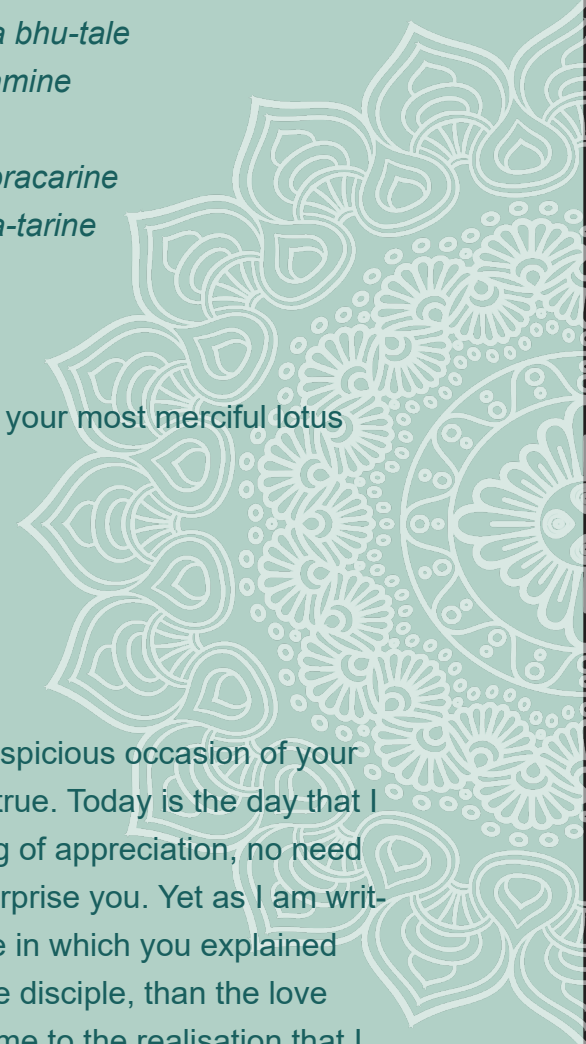
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet millions of times.

All glories to you Guru Maharaja.
All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Oh dear Guru Maharaja, today is the special and most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. You once called me a “Vyasa-puja girl,” how true. Today is the day that I do not need to make up an excuse to write you an offering of appreciation, no need to find excuses to hide presents for you and attempt to surprise you. Yet as I am writing this offering, I am remembering a class you once gave in which you explained how much greater the love of the spiritual master is for the disciple, than the love of the disciple for the spiritual master. Recently, I have come to the realisation that I have no love at all in this hard heart of mine. If I did, I would certainly serve you better.

You have always been so encouraging, so kind, caring and so loving, and yet I have sadly come to realise that I have no love at all.

In my ignorant attempts to express my gratitude to you, I make your bags heavy and make 6kg heavy garlands for you. I make you the saddest prasadam with chewy



bindhi, sabhji with less salt and sometimes really strange khichdi. I forget to give you any water, and forget to make any salad dressing. I give you posies of flowers which and you do not want and offer you swami outfits which make you feel like a pink Christmas tree. I make you childish cards with foul scratchings and presents that you have to keep everywhere.

I serve you so poorly in my attempts to express my appreciation to you and yet you reciprocate in the most sweet and loving ways. You give me your maha garlands and explain how they can take me back to Godhead. You lovingly get your own water and have dry salad and tell me not to worry. You tell me that the prasadam was really nice and very healthy when it was really just a poor offering. You offer the flowers I get for you to Sri Giriraja and allow me to use them to decorate His altar. You wear the outfits I offer you and make a point to show me that you're wearing it, simply to make me smile. You play all my silly games and accept my childish presents and more than that, you give me service fitting to my nature to make things for children.

Oh my dear father, I remember my first darshan with you. I gave you my most precious possession, a maha rose bud that had been offered to Srila Prabhupada many years ago. I kept it to give it to the person I would love the most. When I met you I knew that this relationship would be the most precious one imaginable. You lovingly reciprocated and gave me a maha flower from your bead bag. You told me that it was from Vrndavana and that I should keep it in my bead bag. So I did but after some time it got misplaced, and a year later I wrote to you to tell you of the misfortune. Your response was a picture of yourself holding out a maha flower. I will never be able to express how much that touched my heart.

The very next time I saw you Guru Maharaja, you emptied your bead bag of all the maha flowers in it and gave it all to me. But you did not stop there. The next day you gave me a bead bag filled with more maha flowers. Naturally, I was more interested in your bead bag, which you lovingly gave to me. But still, that was not all. In the bead bag, you had planted maha from Sri Giriraja for me to find.

The relationship with the spiritual master is so sacred and is by far the most precious and magical relationship, which cannot be measured in any way. All I offered you was one rose bud and you gave me more treasures than I could have imagined.



When I feel great separation from you, you take me with you on parikrama. You allow me to have your darshan and you speak to me. You open the eyes of this unqualified fool to see all that I am not qualified to see. You lend me what is yours and that which I do not deserve.

You are my spiritual master, my father and I will never be able to repay you for the treasure that you have planted in my heart, but it is a debt for which I am very grateful to bear because it means that I will be indebted and bound by service to your lotus feet eternally. And this is where I wish to always remain at your lotus feet, where I pray to one day develop some love with which I may then serve you the way you should be served with love.

Your eternal servant and daughter,

Your Tirumala Devi Dasi

Tosani 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*

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Happy appearance day! There are many stories and many disciples of yours' that can perfectly tell your glories more eloquently than I. All I can do is write within my capacity, how I feel about your mercy.

One of the very first lessons you taught me as your disciple turned out to be one of the heaviest, and I realised that 'Guru is heavy!' I found myself in a situation I often come across and I wanted to make it better, because I like fixing things and making things just. I was overcome with anger and was justifying my feelings, to be offended is not easy. You, very compassionately said that, I should tolerate this situation, that it was temporary.

Also if I could take some time and meditate on the past-times of Srila Haridas Thakur; I must have read that past time several times until my anger dissipated and I realised how you must tolerate me. And I just felt overwhelmed with what you have done and how much you have to tolerate. All glories to your mercy and tolerance Maharaja:

Still the echos of the pain still sits in my veins.
But your love and compassion for me, your spiritual daughter, a fallen grain.
Fills this heart and runs through my arteries.
Those heavy yet nectarean words a painkiller to this material pain.
My spiritual morphine.

The misdeeds and mistakes I have committed fill my mind.
But you bury my demons with your reasoning and your transcendental knowledge.
My spiritual psychiatrist.

I have come across some rather strange things in my field of work. One detrimental side effect of chronic alcohol abuse, makes a person confabulate history, they are delusional but sound sane; a strange phenomena, and also helpless case. There is no real cure to return their mental faculties - a loss that is very sad to see.

However, it is a reminder of our helplessness as conditioned souls, soaking our mind and body in the alcohol of material life, falling victims to the lust for 'life,' but alas there is a cure for our delusional state:

darśane pavitra karô—ei tomāra guṇa.

One becomes purified just by your sight, fallen souls -like me- become purified!

'The saintly person purify one immediately upon seeing them.' (Srimad Bhagavatam, 10.84.11).



Yudhisthira expressed to Vidura: "Devotees like your good self, are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage." (SB 1.13.10).

And surely when anyone sees you or merely hears your kirtans we are automatically transported into the spiritual world and we are washed with the waters of many holy rivers.

I pray that the echos of your kirtan stay with me and save me time and time again.

I pray that I may live up to my name, that I always consult guru, sadhu and sashtra in times of difficulty.

And that as many loopholes there are in following the regulative principles that I will be able to behave in a way that pleases you.

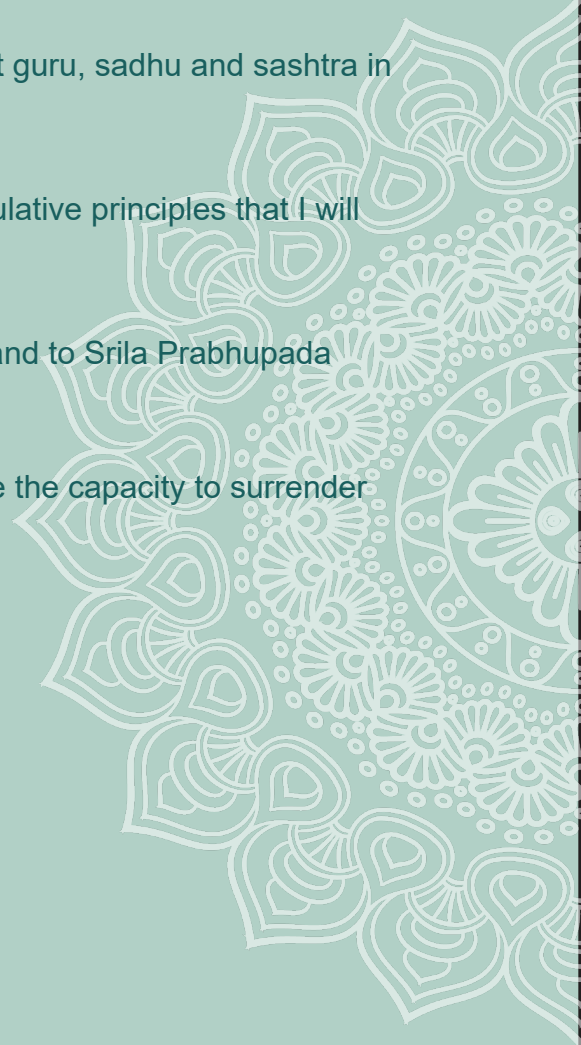
I pray to serve you in a way that is favourable to Krishna and to Srila Prabhupada and Srila Jayadvaita Swami (and of course to you).

I pray that I give up this alcohol - this lust for life, and have the capacity to surrender to the holy name.

Just a girl, with a short fuse.

A shallow follower,

Tosani Dasi



Tukaram Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Sri Guru Parampara.

Nitai Gaura premanande Hari hari bol.

As time is passing in this material world we are realising more and more its temporary nature. For spirit soul, speaking of myself too, any gain which brings pleasure in this world is bound with suffering and fear from reality. Fear from losing our temporary joy. And so year after year, life after life, thirst for material pleasure gives to sincere, truth finding/loving soul, only deeper understanding of how much is our thirst for material satisfaction unnecessary and truly pain-giving.

With the mercy of the Lord we can be in connection with you, whose thirst is purely for Krishna and His satisfaction. And so just by your presence and even just by remembrance of you we get empowerment and strength to continue on our way to get the real thirst and taste for spiritual topics and service to Krishna.

I pray that one day I can become a spiritual drunkard who (without asking and without any reason) is just getting more and more drunk with the nectar of Krishna katha. Forgetting any material thirst, drowning in transcendental activities twenty four-seven. And coming out of any influence of time and space, not recognizing day from night, south from north, up from down. Just being immersed in flow of Krishna's pastimes and His service. Becoming a saint with pure connection to Guru Parampara as you are, who is continuously delivering message of the Lord, and by mere presence awaking prema bhakti in the hearts of living being. Thus attracting them to the path of spiritual realization.

How many lives it can take? Is it a valid, important question, for one who is really eager to please guru and one day even meet the Lord? Whatever time it will take and any price, I just pray for the day to come. And that all can happen by the mercy of you Gurudeva, who is the one bringing all of the unlimited auspiciousness to



our lives. Whose prayers for us attract the glance of Krishna and His intimate associates on our poor lives.

Life after life, although unqualified I am eager to do anything to help you, serve you and get some drops of mercy by doing so. Anyway a selfish yet useless man as me, it is not ashamed to pray for my own spiritual progress, for becoming more useful in your mission. For to please you more than just with being somehow or other on the spiritual path. To become part of your mission by becoming a living branch as you are branch of Srila Prabhupada's branch. Praying to please our Guru Parampara, by becoming one day a ripened fruit. As you are being useful and a pleasure giving soul, for all from Krishna down to the most insignificant insect. Praying to be able to follow in your footsteps.

That is my small offering. Or my small prayer to your lotus feet on this auspicious day of Vyasa-puja.

Your insignificant servant,

Tukaram Das



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*

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 Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

In this most auspicious day of your appearance, I want to thank you for everything you are doing for me. Day after day and year after year you are giving me inspiration, guidance, shelter and taste in spiritual life.

The last few years you pass through serious test from Krishna in connection to your health situation. You took it as a Krishna's mercy. You considered:

Okay, after twenty year of nonstop travelling all over the world, now it is time to write some books."

In this way you started to manifest plans and ideas that you had already for years. Still your kirtan will never stop! On a big kirtan melas, temple programs, house gatherings or just privately in your room, it continues forever. And although keeping your kirtan authentic, following according to the parampara, still your style is unique and ever fresh. But one thing is always there: it touches our hearts and makes us sing the holy names with feeling and dance again and again.



Before I was thinking, “The greatest strength of my Guru Maharaja is his kirtan”. But with the years I realised how much spiritual knowledge you possess. You not only know the siddhanta of our philosophy, but as a spiritual lawyer you are able to pull out immediately the evidence and quotes from shastra for the proper understanding and defeating all opposition. You yourself build your life according to this knowledge. You not only realize the knowledge but you are also expert in delivering it to others. One of your greatest strengths is that you give very nice practical advices to your disciples how can they gradually come up to the spiritual platform.

You are always in the mood of giving. The door of your room is always open for everybody. One time you told me:

“I have a principle. If they ask me to do some service, I am trying never to say “no”.

Once you said:

“I guess because I am a rebel myself, that is why I attract such disciples that are also rebels.”

Yes, Maharaja, we are rebels and by your mercy we are finding a shelter in this ISKCON movement. In this huge house of ISKCON there is a small back entry door. And on the door it is written:

“For rebels this way, Kadamba Kanana Swami is giving a shelter!”

I like very much something you said in one of your lectures which you gave last time you were in Mayapur:

“I didn’t join ISKCON, I joined Prabhupada and because of him I am making service for ISKCON.”

This makes the things so much more personal. It is a sacrifice for a person, not just for some impersonal institution. May be not everything is perfect in this institution but because of the personal relationship with Srila Prabhupada we can overlook all this things and go on. It is easier to do a sacrifice if you see the reason or the person for whom you are doing it. As one German philosopher famously wrote:

“If you know the “why”, you can live any “how.”

And as you are saying instead just waiting ISKCON to do something for us, why don't we contribute something to the development of ISKCON.

There is a nice verse from 11 Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam:

*bhayaṁ dvitīyābhiniveśataḥ syād
īśād apetasya viparyayo 'smṛtiḥ
tan-māyayāto budha ābhajet taṁ
bhaktyaikayeśaṁ guru-devatātmā*

“Fear arises when a living entity misidentifies himself as the material body because of absorption in the external, illusory energy of the Lord. And the only remedy is that one should engage unflinchingly in the unalloyed devotional service of the Lord, under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, whom he should accept as his worship-able deity and as his very life and soul.” (SB 11.2.37).

So this is our only chance to make you, the true representative of Krishna, our worshipable deity and make your instructions our life and soul. So on this most auspicious day of your appearance, dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja, I am praying for your blessings and opportunity to render some small service for Srila Prabhupada under yours and Jayadvaita Maharaja's guidance.

Your eternal servant,

Tulsi Dasa



Uddhava Dasa & Visakha 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*

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.

While attending the memorial service of a devotee friend I was again reminded that we do not have a lot of time. He left this world amongst family with the holy name by his side while being in Vrindavan. How much time do we have? And will we die in such an auspicious way?

You sometimes remind us, during classes and even personal darshans, that you are also not eternally present but might leave this world soon. A confronting but realistic view on life. Over the course of the years you have mentioned that you want us to take up important services and make a difference.

These words still resound in our ears. But did we listen or did time pass and make us forget?

What is the greatest wonder? This questions was put forth to Yudhishtira to which he replied: "Day after day countless people die. Yet the living wish to live forever. O Lord, what can be a greater wonder?" We should therefore strongly endeavour to get

all the moments with you while you are here, never forget and waste the limited time we have and pray that you give the mercy when we need it the most.

It is a wonder indeed.

Your servants,

Uddhava Dasa and 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*

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, there is always some challenge in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, from the mind mostly – whatever it may be. Yet it seems at this stage of my life every day is full of bliss. Every day is a new adventure and these challenges are factually nothing.

I feel so grateful to you, because ultimately I feel like my inspiration comes from you. Even though I may not be physically with you, I feel very much guided by you and feel your love constantly.

When I am with you, you shower mercy on me and everyone around me. When I think of you I just feel like I want to give you my whole life. Even though I am a big independent rascal, at least that desire is there.



Or the desire to have the desire to just give you my whole life. Please allow me to follow in your footsteps. Whatever small thing I can do by Krishna's grace please accept it as an offering.

I owe you more than my life. Thank you for saving me, guiding me and loving me beyond any conceivable capacity. It makes no sense to me how you, such a great personality could give so much mercy and love to this stupid guy.

I am so much looking forward to this life, despite being stuck in this material world with a material body and conditioned mind, because at this stage I feel so inspired to try and do something for Srila Prabhupada like you are.

I cannot wait to have your association again. Thank you for everything.

Your insignificant servant,

Urugaya Dasa



Vaibhavi Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

The only one thing having the real value is you. And my life has no value if it is not engaged in the service to you. My life belongs to you and my love is for you. I wish to give the same as you give and that is the love to Krishna. I wish to distribute this energy otherwise I cannot take it. The only thing I have is, by Krishna's will, to decide what I want to desire. I wish to have this desire always by your lotus feet and to desire for your love to Krishna. To have your mercy to get to know your heart and to never forget that I belong to you.

You and Krishna can do with me whatever you want. Please to do so. I am yours and you are my well-wisher. May my love reside in your heart and may I be always devoted to you in your wishes for the most merciful Krishna. May the bondage to you is about the love to Krishna. Maybe I could always be the part in Krishna's desire. Please do not let me ever forget that I am your servant.

With love,

Vaibhavi Devi Dasi



Vaisnava Sarvabhauma Das

Hare Krishna,
Dear Guru Maharaja, Happy Birthday!
Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you!

I would like express my gratitude to you for this first year of our relationship. Initiation has surely been a mystical experience. Supposedly, nothing has changed in life but the heart now feels much more stable. Feels like Krishna has done His bit and everything can be swift sailing if I do mine.

That day of initiation was by far the best day in the year. Magic was in the air:
"Vaisnava sarvabhauma Das,"

Hearing this from you, the feeling at that point was of astonishment and excitement! I had to think twice:

"How could Krishna be so kind? What did I do to deserve this? What's in store for me in this new life? Is this name meant to be the mission of my life? What does Maharaja want of me? Does life change from this point on?"

It is a great honour to be initiated by you, but when you were not physically there, (in close proximity) I was thinking:

'How will I connect with you?'

Then I walked into the temple room and bowed down and said your pranam mantra - eureka! I felt the connection, like I was in your company, you were there. And I was telling Krishna:

"My connection to you is through my spiritual master, His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami."

Now, every day I remember you, and I do not really feel so distant. I beg to pray that this feeling can stay with me, close to my heart, as this is the fruit of a disciples' surrender.

I want to say, I am always willing for service to you and look at you, looking and waiting for the opportunity to be of some service. I am not so expert at sussing out the desire of the guru and so forgive me. I am the type that needs to be told and guided as to how I can best be of service and not a burden to the spiritual master. I pray you accept my service at Bhaktivedanta Manor, in its little form, as service to you. May I be able to develop and enhance my service to make you proud. May I be an asset to the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Gauranga!

I would to thank you for this most loving and encouraging god family. I am sure we can all make it, together, you are our captain.

Thank you.

Ever indebted,

Vaisnava Sarvabhauma Das



Virabhadra Das

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja.

It is said that the spiritual master is like a parent. Without the attentive service of his parent, a child cannot grow to manhood. Similarly, without the care of the spiritual master one cannot rise to the plane of transcendental service. You are the father of so many children and are guiding and protecting us so that we may somehow take seriously to devotional service. Although, you have many children in the form of your disciples, you know each one of us are individuals and are different, and so you deal with us as individuals. This is what stands out for me. That you are not like a military man, but rather a father - caring for and nurturing his children.

Only out of His immense compassion does the Supreme Personality of Godhead reveal Himself as the spiritual master. We are all part and parcel of the Supreme Lord, and therefore His children. A father is always compassionate towards his children. You are like the Lord's personification of compassion upon us, saving us from the repeated suffering in this material world.

In your dealings there are no activities, but those of transcendental loving service to the Lord. In this way you are setting the example for all your disciples. You are the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead. And it is worthwhile to take shelter of such a steady devotee, who is called āśraya-vigraha, or the manifestation or form of the Lord of whom one must take shelter.

I certainly am extremely fortunate to have you as my spiritual master, and yes I am proud that I am your disciple. Who would not be proud of having you as their beloved Gurudeva? I pray that lifetime after lifetime I have the privilege of serving your lotus feet.

Your son,

Virabhadra Das

Visvambhara Caitanya 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*

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 Guru Maharaja,

Feeling distant from you I am relieved to know that proximity with you can be achieved through serving you. You have graced me with more personal association than Srila Prabhupada had with his Guru Maharaja Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur. You have high hopes for all devotees including me, and take every opportunity to in-debt me to you more and more. In the spirit of increasing my association with you I plan to serve you more and more as the years go by.

Mahatma Prabhu describes how one's first encounter with love in this world is found in the Guru-disciple relationship, and you make this statement a reality. You are the transparent via-media for transcendental knowledge and similarly overflow us with love even if it is a 1 way relationship, you still give your all, and never give up on me. In this way continuously endearing me to you.

Speaking for me, I am simply a hard nut to crack, so many anarthas covered by a thick false ego, even though being showered by mercy and opportunities I stay stuck in a desert barren of devotional service. But you don't lose hope and keep showering me



with mercy, being certain that I will develop some roots and go deep after which I can grow tall in service unto you.

Thank you Guru Maharaja for taking on this spoilt brat, gurukuli smarty pants entitled by devotee parents. May I grow into the wonderful name you have so kindly given me.

Your servant and disciple,

Visvambhara Caitanya Dasa

Yasasvini Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

To write an offering for your Vyasa-puja is a wonderful opportunity to take a break from a hectic material life and meditate on you, your amazing spirit and eagerness to serve Srila Prabhupada.

I am grateful for every moment spent in your company, for every lecture and every kirtan that I have heard from you, especially to be in Parikrama with you. By your energy and little help of 'Jaladuta bus', you took us for a while to our real home, to Vrindavan.

Thank you for everything that you are and for be so sincere in spreading Lord Caitanya's mission.

Your servant,

Yasasvini Devi Dasi

Yogesvara Dasa

Dear Gurudeva,

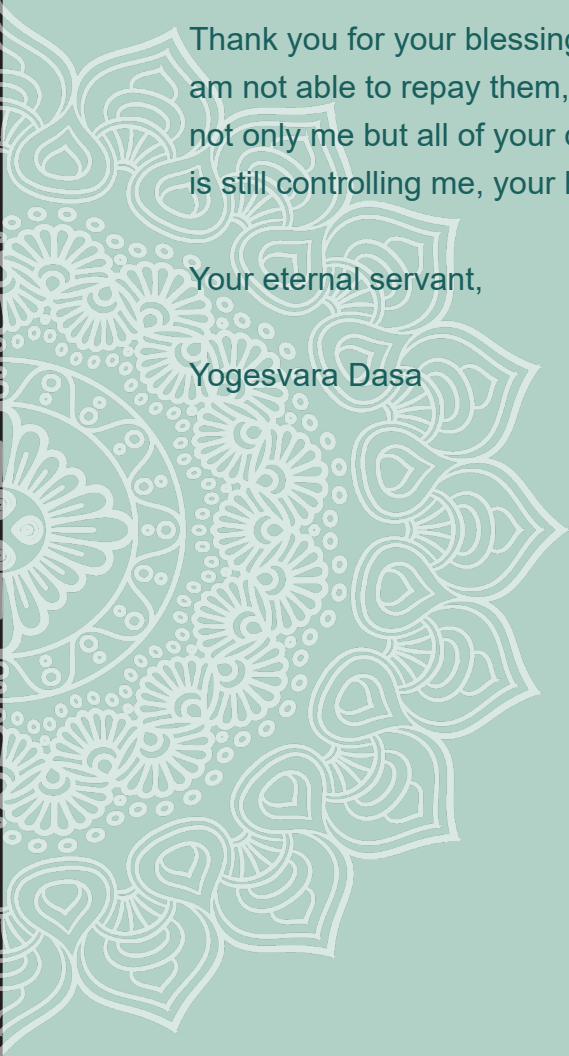
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I am also bowing down to the lotus feet of Jayadvaita Swami and Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for your blessing. Thanks to God I am still addicted to them. Somehow I am not able to repay them, but I will not stop trying again and again. I wish you that not only me but all of your disciples are able to repay them. Though my well-kept lust is still controlling me, your heart attracts me more.

Your eternal servant,

Yogesvara Dasa



Yudhisthira Dasa

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

This year was somehow different. I had a serious health crisis in autumn. It really got me thinking. About my sadhana and seva. About my relationships, and about you and Krishna. I got this strong urge to retrace my steps, looking back to how it all started. No surprise, it started in Australia. It seems all good things are happening in Australia these days.

Actually, the real beginning was in Oslo in 1997. The father of my friend bought two books at a shopping centre, close to where I lived. He gave them to his son, and he in turn gave me one, "Life comes from life." It changed my life forever. After reading it, we swapped books. I now got "Prabhupada," the condensed Lilamrta. This one blew my mind. I knew that this was the person I could surrender to. I knew I could trust him with my life. I was nineteen.

Four years passed. At this point in time, I was studying to become a nurse in the North of Norway. There was not really much happening in Oslo, as there was no longer a temple, and no real community. My choice of university way up in the North of nowhere, was based solely on one thing: This University had an exchange program in Sydney, Australia. I reasoned that there must surely be a big community of devotees there.

So in 2002-03 Sydney was my home. Atmarama Prabhu kindly let me stay in the ashram, although I had to attend classes and different practice sessions around at local hospitals almost every day. I could not really follow the programs, but I made lasting friendships with the devotees. By this time, I had decided to approach a guru for guidance and initiation. I had already set my mind on one person, so I sought advice with Atmarama Prabhu. To my surprise, he said:

"No, this person is not for you. You need someone who can hold you by the ears. You should approach Kadamba Kanana Maharaja!"

Two of my friends were also aspiring for you, so I consulted with them also. They (Olivia and Luke) spoke so fondly of you, that it really captured my heart. So after going it over in my mind for some time, I wrote you an email in 2003. We had a short correspondence, and you kindly welcomed me to keep in touch.

The year after, devotees in Copenhagen were holding the first (now annual) Festival of India. You were invited as the guest of honour. I saw my chance to meet you in person, and being friends with the local devotees, they gave me a bed bunk and seva for the festival. Arriving, you came alone, and I met you at the front door with a simple garland. No one else was around. After you had settled, we sat in your room and just chatted. If hours passed, I did not really notice. We spoke about many things, but I remember clearly that you said, in answer to the different doubts I expressed:

“Now is the time to become a devotee.” So simple, yet I knew it was the truth.

On the day of the festival you spoke like I had heard no devotee speak before. You cracked these really funny jokes about Holland, with impersonations and very vivid facial expressions, and you introduced yourself as a Dutchman. I found it strange that you did not say something more like, “I am a spirit soul”, and that really struck me deep how you had engaged the Dutchman, so I became inspired to in the same way try to engage the Viking. Then came time for the last kirtan of the festival. Never before had I experienced such kirtan! And again you endeared yourself to the festival goers and devotees alike, with your sweet sense of humour.

After beginning, and singing for maybe five minutes, you stopped, saying:

“Okay, just warming up, just warming up.”

Turning to the mrdanga player, the son of an Indian gentleman, you said:

“Get your sticks out.” He had this kind of mrdanga which you beat with sticks. But he was not using them. “And I want you to beat that thing as if your life depended on it!”

Then turning to the kartal players, you said:

“Kartals, I want to see blood and sweat!”

Then you started again, only with triple the enthusiasm. The whole festival was rocking to the rhythm. Having been busy the whole fes-



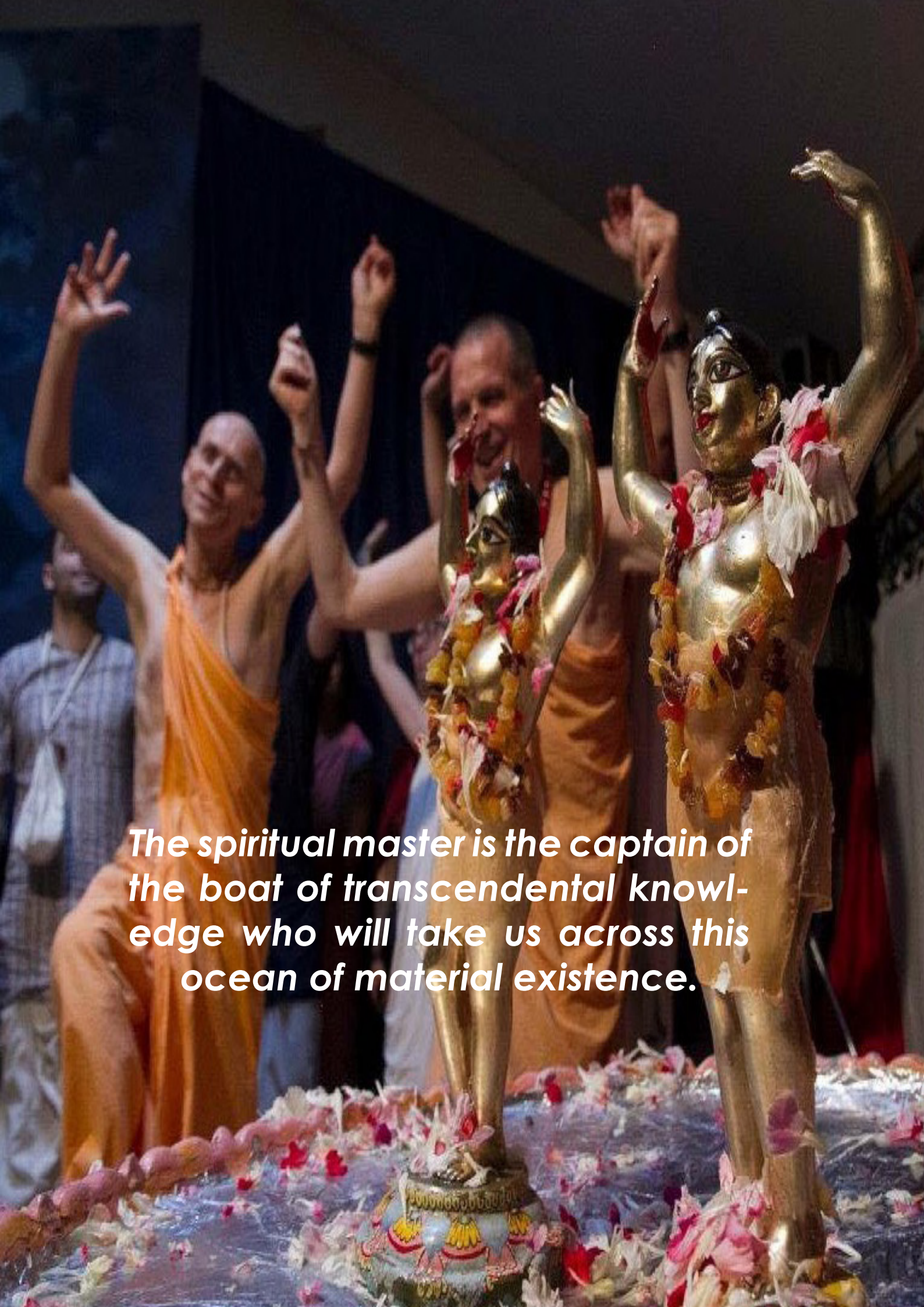
tival, I had just fetched myself a big plate of prasadam, thinking I would somehow sit down and re-energize. Holding the plate in my hands I turned around to find my seat, but managed to bump right into the person behind me in the line, resulting in the full plate of khichdi and chutney and salad tipping backwards onto my chest, smack! I realised it was a sign from Krishna, so I just threw away the plate, zipped up my jacket (over khichdi and all), and dived into the kirtan. It was just one of those unforgettable kirtans, which is your standard.

Dear Maharaja, over the years I have been trying to cultivate the desire to serve you and this wonderful sankirtan movement. I may not be part of your inner circle, but I do not care! The nectarean experience of being allowed to be a member of your spiritual family, is truly the fulfilment of all my desires, even if it means keeping in the back row.

I decided long ago that I would never leave this association. And I really tried my best to treat all my god brothers and god sisters as the exalted Vaishnavas as they are. I have no other focus. Although, I make unlimited mistakes and offences, and although I can never really fathom my good fortune, I am confident, with no doubt what so ever, that I am rightfully situated in Lord Caitanya's sankirtan movement, as your tiny, yet completely tangible, disciple.

Your aspiring servant always,

Yudhisthira Dasa



The spiritual master is the captain of the boat of transcendental knowledge who will take us across this ocean of material existence.