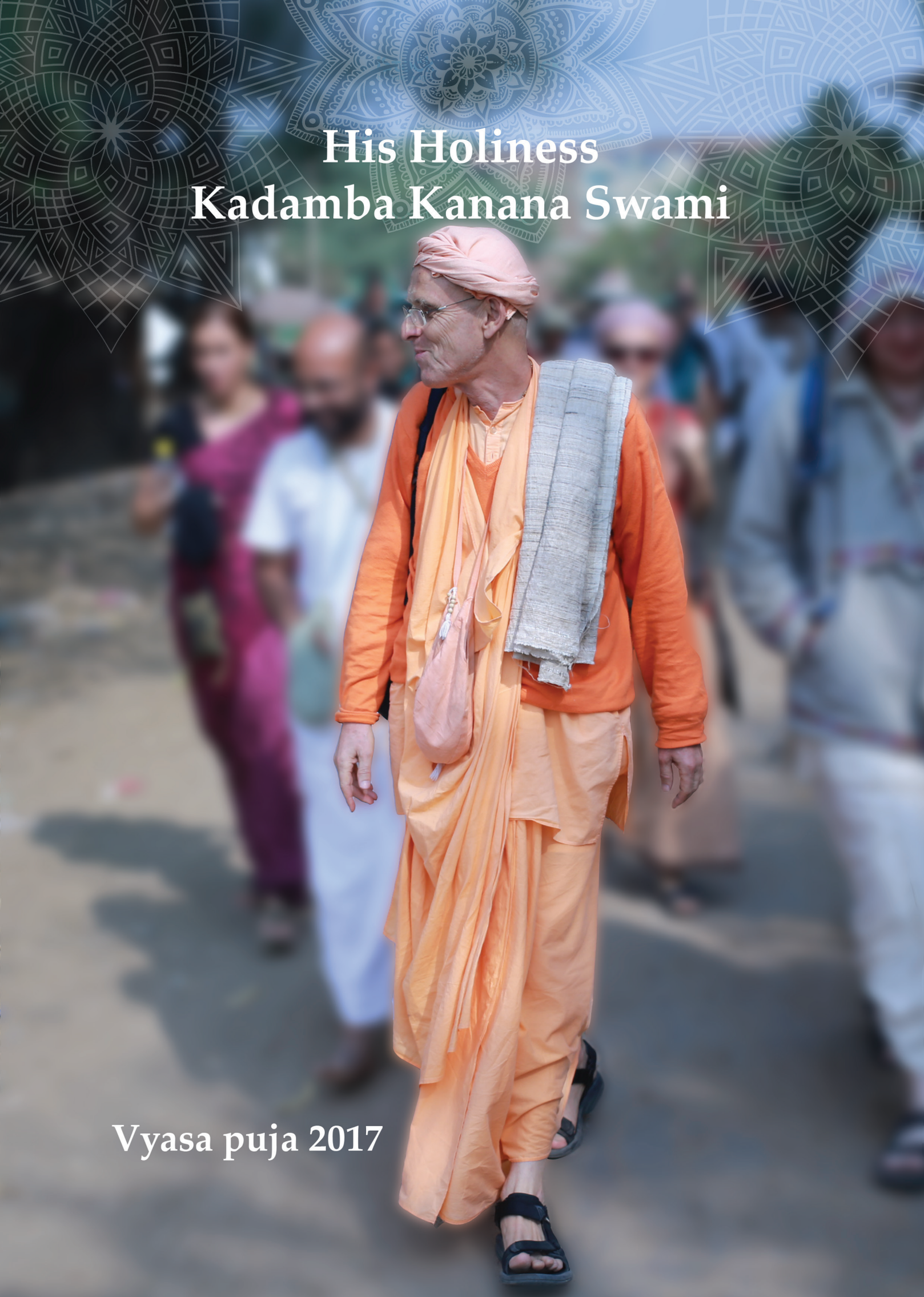
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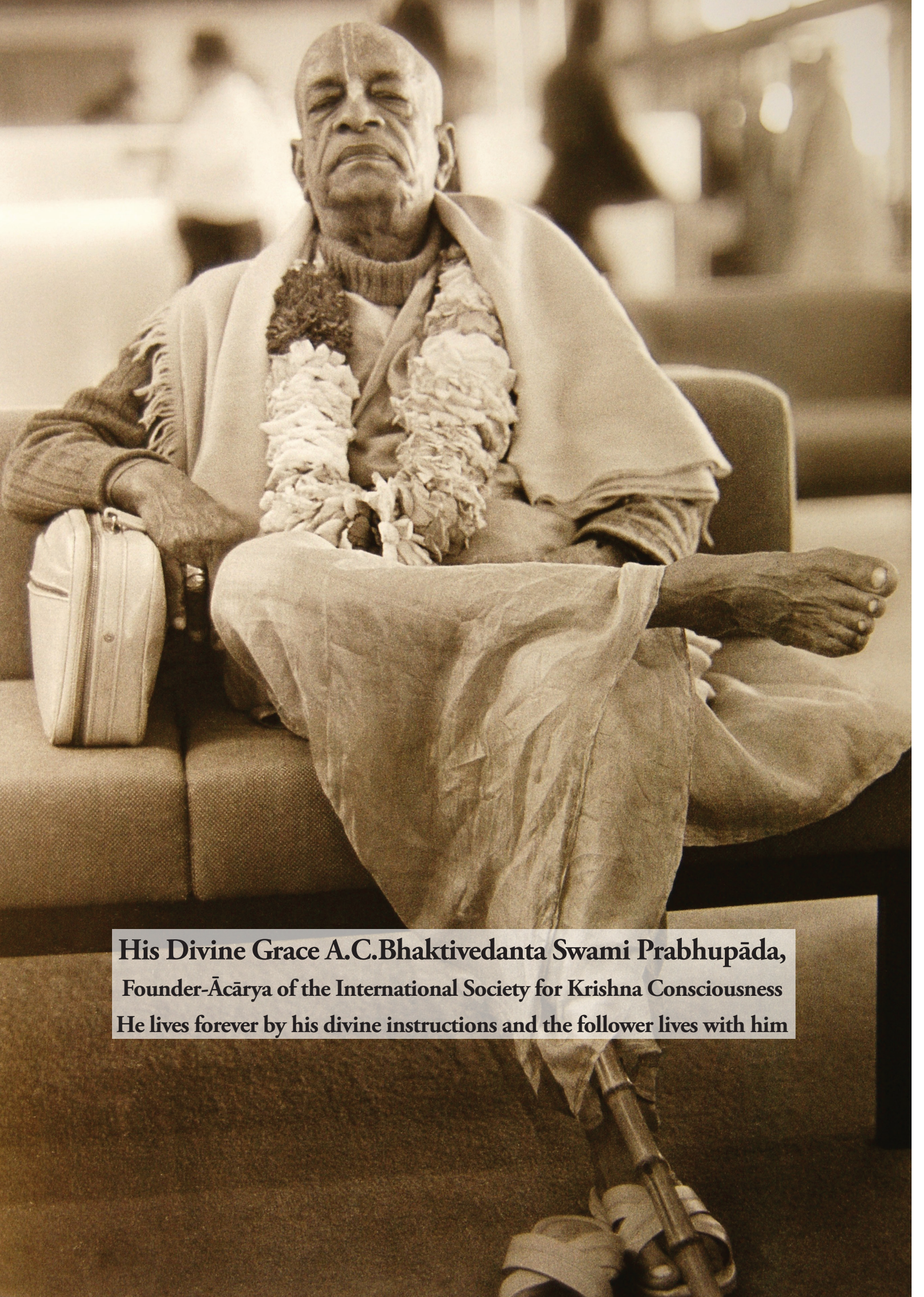
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His Divine Grace A.C.Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda,

Founder-Ācārya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

He lives forever by his divine instructions and the follower lives with him

What is Guru?

His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Lecture in London, August 22, 1973

So you have to learn from guru by three processes. What is that? First process is you must surrender. Tasmād guruṁ prapadyeta (SB 11.3.21). Surrender. You have to find out such an exalted person where you can willingly surrender, "Yes." Therefore it is enjoined in the śāstras, before making a guru, try to study him, whether you can surrender there. Don't accept any guru all of a sudden as fanatic. No, don't do that. That is the injunction. And guru also must study the disciple who wants to become a disciple; must study him, whether he's fit for becoming a disciple. This is the way of making relationship between guru and disciple. Everything is there provided we take them seriously. Then we can train up how to become bona fide disciple, how to find out bona fide guru, how to establish our relationship with guru and act accordingly and make our life successful. Because guru's business is ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā. Guru's business is to enlighten the disciple, because he's in darkness. In another place in the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam it is said that parābhavas tāvad abodha-jāto yāvan na jijñāsata ātma-tattvam. Parābhavaḥ, parābhavaḥ means defeat. Defeat. So whose defeat? Parābhavas tāvad abodha-jāto: one who is born rascal and fool. Everyone is born rascal and fool. Nobody, otherwise, if you are learned, if you are..., if you know things, then why do you go to a school and college and pass university? It is a fact. Animals. If we do not cultivate knowledge, then we are as good as animals. Now another animal is saying that there is no need of books, and he has become guru. But how you can get knowledge without authoritative studies of books and science and philosophy? But they are trying to avoid this. So imagine what kind of guru and what kind of disciple.

So śāstra says, parābhavas tāvad abodha-jāto. Abodha-jāto. Everyone is born rascal, fool. He has to be enlightened, he has to be given knowledge, and he has to receive knowledge to make his life perfect. Therefore parābhavaḥ means one who does not make his life perfect, he's being defeated. What is the defeat? Struggle for existence. We are trying to get better life. Here also, in this life also, we are struggling hard for getting better position. So real better position we do not know. That is described in the Bhagavad-gītā: saḥ amṛtatvāya kalpate. Here in this material world there is no better position because there is death. You may possess a very good better position, but you'll have to give it up. Either the better position will give up you, or ultimately you have to give up that better position. You cannot stay. Suppose you have earned millions of dollars, millions of pounds: "Now we have got good bank balance." You think, "Now I am in the better position." A little dysentery, or cholera, dysentery—finished, better position. Or the bank fails—that better position gone. So there is no better position in this material world. It is a false. Therefore those who are trying to get better position in this material world, they are simply becoming defeated, because there is no better position. He's a rascal. He's thinking this is better position. What is better position? Then Bhagavad-gītā says the better position is amṛtatva. Saḥ amṛtatvāya kalpate: "Don't die. Keep your position firm." That is better position. So is there any science to give knowledge how one becomes immortal? Yes, there is. You can become immortal. Not in this material science; not in the so-called universities. But there is knowledge in the Vedic scripture by which you can become immortal. That is better position. No more death, no more birth, no more old age, no more disease. So guru's task is very great responsibility. He has to guide the disciple how to make him quite eligible candidate to get the perfect position, immortality, back to home, back to Godhead.

Meaning of Vyasa–puja

The worship of vyasa! The representative of Vyasa deva!

Vyasa deva was born at the dawn of the kali yuga. He was a man of profound foresight, a profound visionary, possessing profound compassion for humanity at large! The literary incarnation of the supreme lord! Through the compassion in his heart he blessed this world with the Vedas, so that for all time to come all of humanity can make their lives perfect and blessed!

The Guru is the manifestation of that same Vyasa deva! This appearance day is celebrated as Vyasa Puja! The guru is the manifestation of the Mercy of the Lord! He gives us transcendental knowledge that is paramount for our progress on the spiritual path. He tailors that knowledge according to the individual, so each individual can make advancement from where he or she is!

For the disciple this is a very important day! A day where he expresses his surrender to the spiritual master by serving him! This is a day of exclusive devotion to the guru!

yasya deve parā bhaktir

yathā deve tathā gurau

tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ

prakāśante mahātmanaḥ

"Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge automatically revealed."

When this devotion attains the platform of the devotion a devotee has to the supreme lord then his sadhana is said to be complete. It is then that he finds illumination that dissipates any material contamination from the heart! It is by great fortune that the ceta-guru in the heart introduces one to his physical manifestation the diksha guru, and amazingly that diksha guru then introduces on the Supreme Lord! That is the glory of the Guru!

Your servant,

Vaisnava Sarvabhauma das


Offerings

Acyuta Gotra Das

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

Please accept my sincere humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Spiritual Master,

My eternal shelter to devotional service unto your lotus feet. I am insignificant in serving your lotus feet feet, but you allowing me to do so. By the mercy of the spiritual master one gets to serve the lotus feet of Sri-Sri Radha-Krishna. What I am today, it is because of your love and prayers unto this insignificant servant. I will always be indebted to your love that I have recieved when I got my first initiation. When you were about to give me the name, I was contemplating what name will be. When you spoke of the family ashram, I looked down thinking, "Why in front of everyone".

You always purify me when we having kirtan or harinama. If I do not get attachment to kirtan or harinama, that means I am not serious in my devotional life. You have been kind unto me that, just by looking at your picture I feel bad of all my impurities. I have been rotating in the cycle of birth and death, Krishna says:

"After many births and deaths…... one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master."(Bhagavad-Gita 7.19, Srimad Bhagavatam, 6.1.2).

You once said in the class that "It is the wish of the spiritual master, that every disciple go back home back to Godhead." I sincerely pray unto your lotus feet that i may be eligible to serve in Sri Vrindavan Dham. The first day I saw you, I stole your heart, and I do not think I will ever bring it back because you are so dear to me. Me having your love is the sign of compassion towards this rascal boy.

I sincerely pray that your mercy forever flows to everyone, and I pray for that drop also to fall on me so that I can shine too.

Your ever aspiring to be your servant,

Acyuta Gotra Dasa

Adikarta das

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale

śrímate 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

śrímate bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine

nirviśesa-śúnyavádi-páścátya-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 Jayadvaita Swami

Alle Ehre sei an Srila Prabhupada.

Dank Ihrer Grundlosen Barmherzigkeit,

der Barmherzigkeit meines spirituellen Meisters Srila Guru Maharaja Kadamba Kanana Swami, kann Ich erneut auch diesmal ein paar Zeilen als mein Offering zu schreiben, denn es kommt der Tag Ihrer Vyasa-puja bald zuvor.

Vor allem möchte Ich Ihnen die beste mögliche Gesundheit wünschen, die ist unter anderem eine der Hauptsachen, und Ich freu mich sehr darüber, dass Ihre aktuelle Gesundheit möglichst Weise stabil bleibt, und Sie kennen Ihre gewünschten Taten weiteraus ausführen. Seien Sie auch weiter das Licht der echten spirituellen Erkenntnis, indem Sie ein jedem suchendem die Zuflucht im Schatten Ihres Lotusfüssens anbieten und gewehrleisten kennen, doch nicht nur denen, aber auch allen Lebewessen des Weltalls, durch Ihre grenzen und grundlose Barmherzigkeit, die als äußerst echte von der Krishnas stammt.

Mit unaufhörlicher Dankbarkeit und voller Demut, 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

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances

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

I have not written an offering before because I did not really know what to say other than thank you. But now as I get to know you more and realise moment by moment just how merciful you are and just how much I admire and take inspiration from your qualities I now begin to understand what I want to thank you for. Even though of course it will never be enough.

You are my spiritual father, thank you for my spiritual family. I have always wanted brothers and sisters and I am deeply grateful to be a part of such a diverse and supportive group of like-minded friends.

You are my well-wisher. I know that you have my best interest in mind as you are caring about my spiritual progress above all else, you have been there for me in so many ways. You extend your mercy to me and your shelter unconditionally. And there is so much that you say without saying it, instead your example says it all.

Thank you for always allowing me to reveal my mind, even though sometimes I may later regret it, actually it has made me feel closer to you, for you are always so understanding and merciful. I will always endeavour to be sincere and to try and serve the devotees nicely.

Thank you for my name. At the time, as I am sure you know, it is kind of hard to accept the name fully. I remember my face probably looked confused, it was just because when you said the demigods, I thought but Krishna? But then when you finished your sentence I understood, to serve the demigods who are the devotees. So I try and meditate upon this, and try to keep in mind that devotees should always be treated with utmost care, love and respect. Of course that is a life time goal in need of constant maintenance, but thank you for my name, it means daily I am reminded of this.

Thank you for taking us on parikrama in Vrindaban. I am still processing the whole experience. I do not think I will stop, instead I am inspired to return one day. On the last day that I saw you I was so happy to get the chance to speak to you. Just earlier I had been sitting in Govinda's and I thought about you, and I had hoped that somehow I might catch you, that perhaps you would be returning from your days activities at that moment, and then there you were!

So I was very eager to speak to you. Often I avoid those situations, because I get too nervous, but this time I did not think about that, I knew I was leaving the next day. And I was waiting, and you were speaking with an Indian father and daughter, and I could see others from the god family had spotted you too, and so I was getting anxious, wondering if I would get to speak to you! And it felt like hours were passing, but then when you turned to me. I was so happy and

you looked happy and I really felt like your disciple, it was like the rays of the sun were beaming from you and filling my heart.

Thank you Gurudeva.

Your grateful servant,

Aditya Devi Dasi

Advaita Simha Das

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to you Guru Maharaja.

Yasya prasadad bhagavat-prasado

yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto pi

dhyayan stuvams tasya yashas tri-sandhyam

vande guroh sri-caranaravindam

Today is the most auspicious appearance day of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura and I am thinking of what I should write to you today.

What came first in my mind is that devotees sometimes call me lion. But I am not at all feeling like a lion. I amm more like a big cat or something. But instead you are the real lion the king of lions. With your energy, enthusiasm, deepness, strongness and charisma. Everybody wants to follow you, associate with you and take your guidance. For me you are the lion guru from the twentieth century like Bhaktisiddhanta in his times.

And through my spiritual name I always can remember that I am not just the servant of Advaita Simha but the Simha also refers to you. Also guru means heavy and I always thought it means he can be heavy with someone. But recently I discovered another meaning. It says that guru is heavy in that sense that his mind is heavy fixed on the lotus feet of the Lord and by taking shelter at his lotus feet he will bring one back to Krishna.

So please allow me to never forget the service at your lotus like feet by doing that what is pleasing you most and I think it's the same desire which Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura had to print and distribute this knowledge everywhere.

Srila Prabhupada's desire was just to please his spiritual master so I pray every day to follow him as far as I can to do the same for your pleasure. Please accept my small service to you that is all I am able to offer you.

Thank you for being in this material world to save us and bring us back home, back to Godhead.

Your aspiring servant of the servant,

Advaita Simha Das

Anamika

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

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Maharaja,

I know I am not known to you, we met very briefly at the Rathayatra in London last year and I attended the morning program in Radhadesh also last summer and heard you speak.My asso ciation with you has been the briefest yet I thought I would take the opportunity to tell you that I have benefited so much from listening to your lectures and hearing your amazing kirtans on YouTube. Both make my soul sing.

I often hear your words of wisdom through my headphones during quiet periods at work, drinking in the nectar during the regularity of daily life. Thank you for awakening in me something I cannot yet define. I think it must be the dormant Krsna Consciousness that I have heard so much about. I would not have guessed that I could be so fortunate but here I am, benefiting from your sublime words.

I do not feel I deserve it Maharaja but here I am.

Thank you for your blessings,

Anamika

Ankush

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

It has not been a long time when I for the first time in my life asked you a question. The question was very straightforward because I was very anxious about the answer, it was, 'Can I be your disciple?' I never expected that I will get an answer because I thought I was too undeserving. But the answer came and it was, "You are welcome but let us first know each other a little more."

From that time I became very concerned about keeping in touch with you. I followed the Kadamba Kanana Swami blog every day for your messages, started reading them with all my heart and, searching for an indirect order which you send for my life. And in every message I got to know something which lightened my heart and showed me how wrong I was. I think I am the most fallen because I could not go and meet you at the kartik parikrama in Vrindavan, and now I wait to meet you- till the next Kartik month.

To be very truthful, I understood from you what the importance of a Guru is, in a life of a fallen being. From the very beginning I had a habit of getting up late in the morning, but after joining the movement I tried but I did not have that zeal in me to get up and do the mangala aarti. But one day when in your email while stating that you will not come to Mayapur this March, you gave me few Commandments and the first was, 'Get up early in the morning.' I was so happy, I got the feeling that though my Guru Maharaja is not here with me looking after everything but still he is. I felt joyous which an orphan gets when he gets his father back.

So here I end my offering though I had many more to tell, and I have started getting up early in the morning. I offer my obeisances unto your lotus feet and always seeking your blessings. Dandavat and pranam.

Your servant,
Ankush Pandey

Antardvip Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja
All glories to you!

It is my greatest pleasure, that at the opportunity of your Vyasa-puja I can wish you good health, lots of energy for your preaching mission and also enough of so much necessary time to rest. Your good physical condition is the most important for all of us, although it means that we cannot see you so often as before.

***"If there is no chance to serve the spiritual master directly, a devotee should serve him by remembering his instructions. There is no difference between the spiritual master's instructions and the spiritual master himself. In his absence, therefore, his words of direction should be the pride of the disciple."* (Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.35)**

I am so fortunate that I received your mercy and was allowed to become your disciple. I know well, that to follow your instructions means to attain the perfection of life. Still I'm such a rascal, that sometimes even in your presence I talk back to you and did not want to obey and fulfil your desire. Dear Guru Maharaja, please forgive me all those moments when I displeased you or made you angry. Please bless me that I can control better my rebellious mind and in this way I am able to follow your instructions without fail.

I cherish in my heart as a priceless jewel all those blissful moments of your physical presence, when we can relish that shadow of your love for Krsna, which touches our hearts, charges our spiritual "batteries" and motivates us to continue in our service. We want to experience it again and again. The higher taste which you give us to enjoy in your presence shows us the level where we can also come.

***"The topmost benediction for those who are living in this material world and are subjected to the repetition of birth and death is association with pure devotees."* (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 4.30.34)**

I remember one winter japa walk where you grasped my freezing finger sticking out from the bead bag and were holding it for quite a time to make it warm by your glove. I am always moved by the loving attention which you pay to us.

Thank you for giving us so much inspiration and protection in such a personal and kind way, that it makes our hearts melt. Thank you that you care for us so much. Thank you for tolerating me, forgiving me for my faults and supporting me kindly no matter what. Thank you for being here for me. Without you I would be lost.

Your grateful servant,

Antardvip Das

Arundhati Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I want to open my Vyasa-puja offering by reflecting on the mood of the 8th verse of the Sri Sri Guru-vastakam. "By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krishna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement." Therefore, I should always remember and praise you!

It is only due to your blessings, that we got our little daughter Vaisnavi. I am already that old and it is only Krishna's mercy that we got such a healthy little soul. Somehow I am stepping now much deeper in the grhastha Ashram. I feel for the better. Emotionally it is very good for me to have a little baby and I really try to make with her inspiring Krishna Consciousness. Every day Vaisnavi and me make our little morning programm with Sri Sri Guru-vastakam, Nirsimhadeva prayers and Tulasi prayers and reading Srimad Bhagavatam. During the day I sing bhajans and read now about Lord Caitanya with her. She likes it very much when I sing, read and dance with her.

On the other hand, she takes my full attention and it is not so easy life as before. Things moving much slower and I cannot jump so easy in temple service and management of Govindas.

Istvan got now so much more responsibility in Govindas. Unfortunately we could not find any devotee who wanted to work in Govindas and now we have a Karmi. He is very nice, works good and we inspire him to get the higher taste and stop meat eating.

I thank Krishna everyday that we got Vaisnavi and I hope I can satisfy you by taking care of her. I hope you appreciate that I am still in charge of some management and bookkeeping issues in Govinda and try to do in this way to make some devotional service.

Now on GauraPurnima we will have a little drama with the children and my wish is that Vaisnavi can also take part. I am very sorry that we will not be able to come to the Vyasa-puja. Vaisnavi is still too small for such a long journey. I really hope that we will be able to associate with you very soon.

In the pictures you see Vaisnavis name-giving ceremony with Tapas Prabhu and Vaisnavi dancing.

Your servant,

Arundhati Devi Dasi

Bali Mardana Das

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

This year has past very quickly. I am looking Foward to seeing you once again in the United Kingdom and to be able serve you. I am very pleased to see you are always engaged in Krsna Consciousness.The Saturday harinams and book distributions are still going on due to your mercy and for this I am very grateful for your mercy.

I am always indebted for your kindness and mercy.please forgive if I made any offensive.

Your humble servant,
Bali Mardana Das

Bhadra Balaram Das

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I have recently come across this saying that goes like this "We may have a fight ahead of us but what makes us different is that we, we have something worth fighting for."

For some reason I have spent much time thinking about this saying not because it is deep or its just using words which could strike another's heart. But because there has got to be a fight worth fight for. Then again I look at it and think this something could be life, is this life really worth fight for.And we always encounter many many problems in this life and many struggles so many stumbling blocks on our path, that some of us are left with the question is this life really worth fight for.

Then we see someone running around just dancing and singing and creating havoc and we wonder too ourselfs, "How does he do it? Beside the point, why is he doing it? Is he really happy with his life? What is there that I cannot find peace or happiness in?"

But then again happiness is only temporary, this peace is only time being. Then even if we like it we would still end up disappointed because it is temporary - that sucks.Then Maharaja I look at you and wonder how is it that you still holding in there besides sadhana, besides this love, besides everyday again and again. How? And it struck me besides all this worship, all this love and affection, you have seen something that is worth fight for. It bothers me how can one stay so stable and so fixed in an imperfect world. But then again I would think that this something that is really worth fighting for is to go back home back to godhead and put an end to this suffering put an end to this temporary happiness temporary life and temporary peace.

Maharaja, personally I can see it is going be one hell of a fight but hey on the brighter side it is really worth the fight.Thank you for showing us besides whatever life throws at us we can still stay fixed and carry on with our sadhana no matter how hard it gets. Thankfully we have you with us to help us fight because we would have never made it.

I personally am very sorry for not being such a good disciple, but I promise I will be back.

Please forgive.

Your servant,
Bhadra Balaram Das

Bhakta Andrey

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All glories to you
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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your invaluable service. You are doing the most worthiness service for all planet that you are rescuing conditioned souls from the cycle of birth and dead. Somehow it happened that your mercy touch also me and thanks to it, is opening opportunity for me to achieve pure devotional service. Your mercy and grace are limitless as ocean. I greatly admire your compassion with living beings and I wish to have your compassion also that I should help others in Krsna Consciousness. I realise that everything that happens around me is your mercy and when I realise it, it make me humble and grateful.

Only lotus feet of spiritual master could provide us pure devotional service. Achieve of lotus feet of spiritual master means to please him by devotional service. I pray that I may more and more qualify to serve you and please you by spread Krsna Consciousness because I know that it is very dear for you. Please accept my respectful obeisances.

Your eternal servant,

Bhakta Andrey

Bhakta Darpan

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

Last year I attended your wonderful Vyasa-Puja which was amazing and life changing. On the cultural programme day, I had the chance to play mrdanga for you. For me, that was a great opportunity and my lifelong dream - to be able to serve you in your kirtan. There was that moment where you and I had very good eye contact, and so I looked into your eyes and it was unimaginable. I saw the whole of Vrindavan from your eye and saw your close relationship to Lord Krishna.

Furthermore you had nice joyful smile upon which I felt I made a step in building a relationship with you.

I hope to continue to serve you.

Your aspiring servant,
Bhakta Darpan

Bhakta Heman

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All glories to you
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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

My dear Gurudeva,

I am not qualified to sing your glories but I am trying here with the little knowledge I have. You are such an exalted person and a perfect example of a pure vaishnava. After listening to your pastimes at Krsna Avanti School, I came to know what is the real meaning of surrender...

You narrated the events you went through and have seen death (in the form of the firing squad in Iraq)near you but yet you surrendered onto Krsna and you are still here even more firm and determined to take your disciples Back to Godhead with you.

Lately you had a critical illness and you showed us how to live a life depending purely on Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Maharaja I have no other words to describe you except for 'you are the torch of light that will guide me towards my spiritual quest.'

All glories to you.

Your aspiring disciple and servant of the servants,

Bhakta Heman

Bhakta Lukas

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Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura writes in his'Gaudiya Bhasya of Sri Caitanya Bhagavata' that:

"Sri Gaura lila is the perfect offering for the Spiritual Master on the occasion of his vyasa puja. Please enjoy.

At The end of the night just before sunrise Lord Gauranga gets up from bed, washes his face and converses with His wife. In the Morning Lord Gauranga is massaged with oil and bathes in the celestial Ganga River, then he worships Lord Vishnu. In the forenoon period, Lord Gauranga enjoys discussing topics about Lord Krsna with his devotees' during visits to their homes.

At midday, Lord Gauranga enjoys pastimes in the gardens on the bank of the Ganga. In the afternoon, Lord Gauranga wanders about the town of Navadvipa, sporting with all the residents. At dusk, Lord Gauranga returns home to worship Lord Vishnu and be with his family. In the evening, Lord Gauranga goes with his associates to the courtyard of Srivasa Pandit to chant the holy names and dance in ecstasy.
At night, Lord Gauranga returns home to take rest. May this Lord Gauranga protect us all."

I find the following verse glorifying Srila Prabhodhananda Saraswati fitting yours.

Purna-brahma sri Krsna-chaitanya bhagvan
Tanra priya tanha vina svapne nahi an

"He was very devoted to the supreme Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and he always remembered him, even when he slept." (Sri Caitanya-candramrta).

Your loving devotion to Gauranga Mahaprabhu is so inspiring. Repeatedly you try to make me understand that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is our Ishta-deva. And your daily prayer:

"May the Supreme Lord who is known as the son of Srimati Saci-devi be transcendentally situated in the innermost chambers of your heart. Resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, He has appeared in the Age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before: the most sublime and radiant mellow of devotional service, the mellow of conjugal love." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila 1.4).

This demonstrates that you constantly chant the holy names ether in kirtan, japa or in the mind.
And yet you are free from pride and you give all credit to the vaishnavas.Thank you to your disciples who are the majority of devotees that saved me from maya's lap. Only by their association can I become on day your qualified disciple.

You are like a father to your disciples, yet I could not yet take birth. I beg you please accept me as your disciple and son. Teach me how to personally and in an independently thoughtful way serve Lord Hari, guru and the vaishnavas. Allow me to be part/serve your transcendental preaching family. Please awaken my sleeping service attitude for Nitai-Gauranga, by initiating me in the chanting of the Hare Krsna Maha-mantra. I am a big nonsense and useless - like a pile of dust. But please let me be the dust at your feet and use me in your service to Sri Guru-Gauranga.

Gurudeva!
Kabe tava karuna-prakase
sri-gauranga-lila, hoya nitya-tattwa
ei drdha visvase
`hari boli , godruma-kanane,
bhromibo darsana-ase

'Gurudeva Lord Gauranga's transcendental pastimes are eternal realities. I wait for the day when, with firm faith manifested by your mercy, I will wander through the groves of Godruma, chanting the holy name and hoping to behold those pastimes.'

Your useless servant,
Bhakta Lukas

Bhakta Marcel Pálszegi

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Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

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

You are, as a person and a preacher, a great inspiration for me because in you I see the connection of empathic and human attitude and acceptable strictness which is so important for us the fallen souls. I personally like a lot that you are willing to physically touch devotees and I consider it to be a great mercy from your side.

I experienced two of such moments and I have to admit that they deeply touch me in my heart. In the beginning of my devotional service I had the chance to speak to you personally when you encouraged me and literally gave me benediction to be a good sankirtan devotee in the future. Often when I meet troubles on the street I remember your words.

During the marathon I had the chance to experience the greatness and strength of your mercy when we took part in the Budapest marathon along with Tattva Darshan Dasa and together distributes forty Bhagavad-Gita books and other books in few hours. It was an ecstatic experience.

Lately I am trying to meditate on you and I pray to Krishna to get mercy on sankirtan and thus be able to please you thanks to Him. I very positively perceive your texts on your blog which I regularly read and I always learn something new thanks to them and then I have taste to develop devotional service further. I am always looking forward to your Vyasa-puja and maha harinam in Amsterdam.

Last year I was missing you there very much. I very much hope your health is much better and that you can take part in it. I am praying for you and I am looking forward to our personal meeting.

Your eternal servant,

Bhakta Marcel Pálszegi

Bhakta Martin

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All glories to you
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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

Hare Krishna, please let me introduce myself. My name is bhakta Martin, I am living at farm Krišnův dvůr. **I am doing devotional service at the farm. I do computer work and help management of the farm. In future I want to engage in growing vegetables and care about the cows. I joined the movement in the year 2013 and now I am chanting 16 rounds and more every day. I am going every day to temple to mangala arati or guru-puja.**

The first time I met you was at the summer camp in Protivanov in 2013. After that I visited lot of your lectures and I also twice at your Vyasa-puja at Radhadesh. Harinam in Amsterdam is biggest and most amazing thing I have ever visited. Tears are falling from my eyes when I see how a lot of peoples join in harinam, chant Hare Krishna maha-mantra and are very happy. Everybody who only once say Hare Krishna maha-mantra can erase more sinful reactions than they are able to perform. And here people are cleaning their heart and at same time they are having fun. It is interesting how you can talk philosophy in that engaging manner and also it is full of very deep thoughts and truly Vedic conclusions. One must think how was it possible that I previously lived without Krsna Consciousness? In life we often face difficult situations and we must make decisions. How one can he make a decision if he does not have a guru and leadership of older devotees and knowledge of Vedic philosophy? It is not possible live successful life without sadhu-sanga. They are our only salvation.

I have a lot of shortcomings and lot of material desires. I beg you for your blessing that I could always enjoy Lord Krishna with my service, that I could purify my heart, that I could go deeper and deeper in devotional service.

I fall at your lotus feet,
Bhakta Martin

Bhakti Latika Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I offer my most respectful and humble dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to your loving divine grace.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to write to you on the auspicious day of your appearance. I am finding it very difficult dear Guru Maharaja, to put into words the gratitude and love I feel within my heart for now having you and Lord Krishna in my life.

Often I think of where would I be without you? It is never a pleasant thought, not even for a slight moment. In your enlightening association is hope for everyone and with all your travelling you bestow the ultimate benefit upon people in general.

While preaching, you shine with purity, enthusiasm, heart-warming humour and the deepest devotion. Your lectures have always been a treasured source of shelter, challenging my materialistic conceptions and inspiring me to become Krsna Conscious. Your ecstatic kirtans are also very inspiring. They radiate the bliss of devotional service and show us how to give everything for Krsna's pleasure.

As you said once that Krsna's treasure house is filled with unlimited wealth, but most precious jewel of all is the chanting.

ekaki amara, nahi paya bala,
hari-nama-sankirtane
tumi kripa kori', sraddha-bindu diya,
deho' krishna-nama-dhane

Alone, I do not find the strength to chant the holy name of Hari. Please be merciful and, blessing me with a drop of faith, bestow on me the great treasure of the holy name of Krsna.

krishna se tomara, krishna dite paro,
tomara sakati ache
ami to' kangala, 'krishna' 'krishna' boli',
dhai tava pache pache

Krsna is yours, and you can give Him to me, for such is your power. This wretch is simply running behind you, crying out, "Krsna! Krsna!" Guru Maharaja, you are truly expert at vaishnava dealings, knowing exactly what to say to soften the hearts of your disciples and inspiring them to give more in their service.

Krsna says in the Srimad Bhagavatam (10.80.34):
"I, the soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or self-discipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master."

How dear you must be to Krsna for your faithful service to Srila Prabhupada. You are always absorbed in your service to Srila Prabhupada, setting such an exalted example for all your disciples to follow.

Guru Maharaja it is my sincere desire that I may be able to assist you, in some small way, in your service to Srila Prabhupada. Please allow me to stay in devotional service and please allow me to stay close to your lotus feet.

I can never actually express to you how much I appreciate you and all that you give me and how much effort you give to try to teach me. I can only try to serve you, and I sincerely pray that one day I will have no desire other than your service.

Your servant,

Bhakti Latika Devi Dasi

Bhaktijana das

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vande gurūn īśa-bhaktān
īśam īśāvatārakān
tat-prakāśāṁś ca tac-chaktīḥ
kṛṣṇa-caitanya-saṁjñakam

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the spiritual masters, the devotees of the Lord, the Lord's incarnations, His plenary portions, His energies and the primeval Lord Himself, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya.

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

I offer you my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Some time ago I had a period when I was deaf and blind to the mercy and blessings I was receiving from you. I would compare that period of spiritual life to puberty. I also could not appreciate good advice of my parents when I was in puberty. But then I got matured (by the heavy kicks I got) I went and thanked personally to both my parents.

In the same way, today I want to thank you. Now I see, how much you sacrificed for your disciples and other conditioned souls. Your life is the proof of your love and attachment to your Guru, Srila Prabhupada and last but not least to the Divine couple Sri Sri Rádhá-Krsna. I do not want to be a disciple, who pushes his Guru to bless all of his nonsense ideas. Neither do I want to be a disciple who always finds excuses for not doing this or that. And I also do not want be the one who always struggles in this spiritual life. I want to be a disciple - that very faithful follower of Srila Prabhupada who would desire to have. I want to be a disciple who sees his spiritual master as Krsna´s friend and one who is a best well-wisher. I want to be the one who lives by the words.

guru-mukha-padma-vākya cittete kariyā aikya āra nā kariha mane āśā

To make it simple – I want to be like you. You are always bathing in the nectar of the service to devotees and Krsna and thus you are very dear to Srimati Rádhárání. This is Her, who decorates you by the jewels of wonderful qualities of magnanimity, devotion, compassion, tolerance,

mercifulness, apathy to desire for honour and resilience in service to your spiritual master.

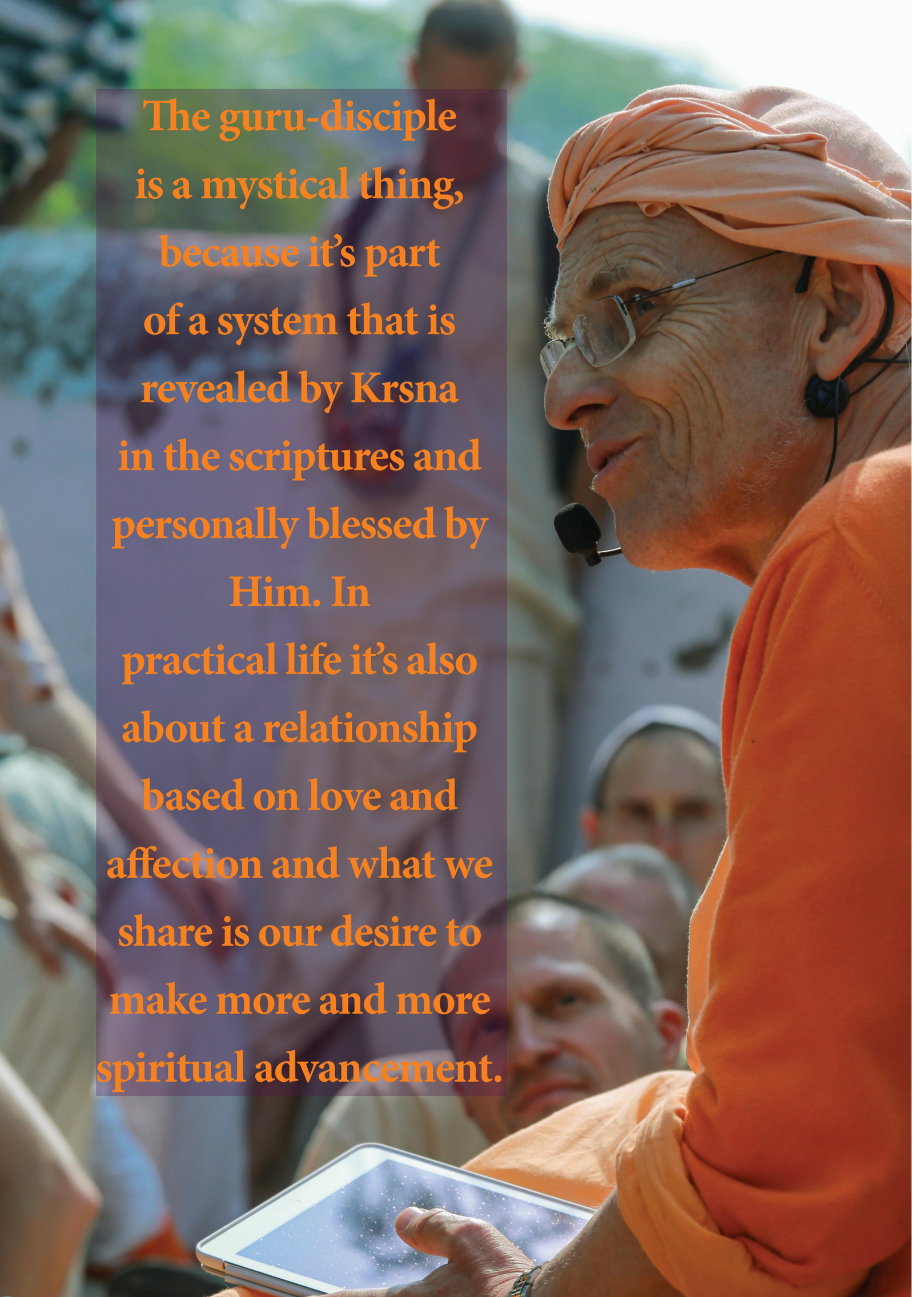
In order to achieve at least a sample of these elevated qualities, the disciple should imply into his spiritual practice by meditation on his obeisances in the dust of the lotus feet of his spiritual master. Attachment to the spiritual master is perfection and this rati starts with appreciation of him. Appreciation will not come, until we are aware of his contribution. Therefore meditation on the qualities of pure devotee is obligatory for a disciple.

At every Vyasa-puja of spiritual master is an opportunity to dig for a spring of such meditation. And if a disciple will not allow to let that spring get dry again, but rather digs for other springs (not only at Vyasa-puja festival) of this contemplation, that small spring will become a huge river of affection and faith for one´s spiritual master, which may then be able to conquer all obstacles. Then everything that stays in the way, as our anarthas and sinful samskáras, is simply flushed away in this river of rati of disciple towards his guru. Then nothing can stop or check this relationship and following of the desire of spiritual master. Therefore I pray to you on this auspicious day for your blessings of strength and honesty to be able to achieve that level.

Thank you very much for your constant support.

Your servant,

Bhaktijana Dasa



The guru-disciple is a mystical thing, because it's part of a system that is revealed by Krsna in the scriptures and personally blessed by Him. In practical life it's also about a relationship based on love and affection and what we share is our desire to make more and more spiritual advancement.

Bhaktin Janka & Bhakta Tom

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All glories to you
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeisances to your lotus feet and to the feet of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We wish you the happiest Vyasa-puja. We pray that this great celebration is a unique and pleasant reminder of our eternal relationship with Lord Krishna. The relationship between you and us is short as of now, however we feel the support and inspiration filling our hearts very intensely. Your instructions allow us to get focused on our service in spiritual understanding and thus we can make further advancement on the path of self-realization. The mango full of nectar of knowledge which you are handing to your disciples all over the world will always be the dearest treasure we can receive in the material world. Without your mercy we are not able to accept such a great gift and properly reciprocate in the service to the mission of Lord Gauranga. Thank you for the opportunity to develop and grow spiritually under your guidance and we ask you to forgive all our offenses. Hare Krsna our dear Guru Maharaja. Kadamba Kanana Swami ki jay!

Please note: We believe that in many times to come we will be happy in your precious association.

Your servants,

Bhaktin Janka and Bhakta Tomas

Bhaktin Natasha

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All glories to you
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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Thank you very much for accepting me as your aspiring disciple. When I newly joined ISKCON a devotee told me that:

"It is not only about choosing a guru, it is about establishing a relationship that comes from heart and not by obligation and that we do not have to search for that guru. When the day will come we will automatically know it and feel it."

I was always wondering how is this possible? But I realised it when I first met you in Kirtan Mela in, Mauritius. The way you talked and your kirtan was very pleasing to my heart and from within my heart I got a call telling me this is what the devotee was talking about. But later when we conversed you told me that you cannot accept disciple here in Mauritius as Mauritius is not in your plan but you did say that "Let's see what Krishna decides". And this became a prayer for me. And somehow Krishna actually arranged and Mauritius became part of your plan. And when I came to know about this, that was the best moment in my life. As I found a hope that maybe you will accept me as your aspiring disciple.

Then the day came when you came to Mauritius for the second time and finally accepted me as your aspiring disciple. Since that date I can find lots of changes taking place in my life that is taking lots of my time engaging myself in devotional service. I feel happier despite having less time for myself.
By your mercy we were able to have Pandava Sena in Mauritius, and through this I am getting the opportunity to engage myself in devotional service and associate with devotees.

I remain very thankful to you for being so merciful upon me. Please always give me your blessings so that we are able to please Krishna, Prabhupada and you.

Remaining the servant of your servants,
Bhaktin Natasha

Bhaktin Simona

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.

What auspicious did I do
to have shelter at you?
Never deserve that much and so
I ask – why has it happen though?

I know that whatever I will do
would not be enough,
to compensate your unlimited service and love.
You are showing us
how to act like real Prabhupada´s man
that means hearing, chanting and remembering Krisna as good as we can.

There is no day
when I would not remember to your
pure character, kindness and care.
And that is why I dare,
to follow, this is nothing hollow.

Gurudeva, forgive me for being such a weakling.
When I stumbled and lost my devotional meaning.
These moments does not only shows
that thick dirt covers bewildered soul.
But understand glory and sympathy of this saint
who preaches Lord´s mission with boldness and firm faith.

You are the only bright sunny ray
in the time of darkness and grey.
May I be better servant and carry your order.
To be proper representative of my spiritual father!
I beg you to bless me and keep me in your prayers.

Only your mercy help me find real treasures!
I have nothing to give you.
So may I humbly ask you?
Gurudev, kindly accept my devotion and life,
because spreading this mission is the only thing to strive.

Your slacking servant,

Bhaktin Simona

Bharadvaja Das

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances.

All glories to you!
All glories to your dearest spiritual master His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja!
The deepest obeisances to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to all previous spiritual masters of the exalted guru parampara!

I do not feel to be qualified for presenting this prayer to your lotus feet. I am very low and insincere, and I can hardly express my gratitude for opening my blinded mind and eyes. Now when I have the chance to write few words and express my gratefulness for everything which you gave me, I am regretfully finding myself incapable to put in the words and appreciate all that by your mercy you have done for me.

You give me the opportunity to be engaged in Lord Caitanya's sankirtan movement, and this is the most precious gift which I could get. By Your own example you pass the most confidential knowledge on to me. You are the real Patita-pavana, the deliverer of the fallen and my eternal well-wisher. What more I could desire? There is nothing higher.

On this day I pray for your blessings and humbly ask you please accept my most respectful obeisances which I pay in the shade of your lotus feet. Thank You very much for entering my insignificant life. Thank You from the depth of my heart for this present.

By Your unconditional mercy I was given a privilege to be negligibly involved in activities of noble Krsna consciousness movement. Please let me wish you the best health and unlimited mercy in spreading the mission of Lord Caitanya all around the world.

Your humble servant of your servants,

Bharadvaja Dasa

Bhima Hari Das

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Thank you very much for inspiring me every day and to be in Krsna Consciousness due to my service of going out and distributing books, harinama, cooking for devotees and so on. For me it is difficult go out and do my duty but during these services I always remember you, and that helps me to continue with more strength and enthusiasm. Hope one day I can satisfy you with my services.

Your humble aspiring servant,

Bhima Hari Das (Mexico)

Candrasekha Das

Om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya

caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to you.

On the 23 January 2017 marked ten years that was affiliated with Iskcon and the Hare Krsna movement. Ten years that I have become vegetarian and ten years that I have decided to turn to Krsna. It is a big thing for me because I rarely commit so long to something. And so naturally I am asking myself why am I still here doing the same things for ten years. The major reason is due to you, the example that you set and the focused and determined person that you are. Maharaja, there is a lot I do not know about you and slowly over the years I am learning more and more.

However one thing I do know is that you are no fool. Smart as anything. You know exactly what you want in life. So whenever doubts arise in my mind, I always go back to one of my foundational realisations that serves as an anchor .If Kadamba Kanana Swami has put His faith in Guru and Krsna then I must also do so.

Honestly speaking, (and you know it is true), I would not have taken initiation if it were not for you. I identify with you a lot, and I really admire your thinking styles and decisiveness. Everything I have in spiritual life is due to you. Even my relationship with Srila Prabhupada exists because of you.

With so much that you give me every year, I am praying that I can offer you something back in return. You know in the past Jnana-samudra and I have started a Science of self-realisation book club in Sasolburg. We did this because of our desire to assist you in your preaching efforts. Things did not go so well and due to mayavada influences you advised we stop the book club. But our desire to spread this message somehow never got extinguished and so in January 2017 we began a Bhagavad-Gita book club. Currently we have six members and we meet weekly to study the Bhagavad-Gita. It is an amazing experience to see people so enthusiastic to learn about Krsna and it is even more amazing to see Krsna reveal Himself to our book club group members. Like this I am trying to turn my life around and become someone that you are proud off.

I would like to thank you again for the amazing person that you are, and for bestowing so much kindness upon me. I am praying to always be an asset to you instead of a burden.

Your servant,

Candrasekhara Das

Champakalata Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

Thank you so deeply
for involving me in the
loving service.
And that you gave meaning
to my life by holding my
intrests of life in the right direction.
Am grateful. Thank you.

Haribol.

Your servant,

Champakalata Devi Dasi

Charlene

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Hare Krsna Maharaja,

Traversing the world,
and purifying it with your thoughts, words and deeds.
I stand amongst the fortunate,
whom you mercifully bestowed your grace.
At a Diwali programme in Midrand
you transformed the place.
As if one walked into the spiritual world,
is your created atmosphere.
With your ecstatic talk and kirtan
you made me feel closer to Krsna.

So overwhelmed with gratitude for the devotees.
Your presence was much appreciated that day.
You handed out prasadam from Govardhan Hill replica to each and every devotee.
So kind and compassionate are you.
So pleased you were to serve the Lord's prasadam.
And still after all that,
you so graciously performed a grain ceremony for Divya Radhika.
Your mercy knows no bounds.

You hold true to your spiritual master
in spreading Krsna consciousness
and being compassionate to the fallen souls.
I pray to be of service to thee
and in thy constant association

Dandavat pranams unto you.

Your servant,
Charlene

Citraketu Das

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Hare Krishna,
Dear Guru Maharaja!

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

All auspiciousness to you on your appearance day, and not only on this day but always.
Once I heard a nice story that was definitive to me. Once Srila Rupa Goswami meditated on his brother Sanatana Goswami, who was also his spiritual master. Sanatana Goswami's appearance day was coming, and Rupa Goswami desired to make a nice offering, but he had nothing to cook with, only his pure desire. Then a Brijabasi girl came, and said that she was sent by her mother with some bhoga to prepare.
Sanatana Goswami was happy with the offering, and when he honoured it, ecstatic feelings have overwhelmed him. He found this most extraordinary and he asked Rupa where did he get the bhoga from. They had nothing. Rupa told him that a nice village girl had brought it. Finally they understood that she wasn't an ordinary girl but Srimati Radharani.

It is a very nice example as to how things happen on the pure level. I do not have anything to offer to you – I gave you everything when I chose you. All the nice words from my mouth are just dogs' barking in the dark. My free will I theoretically have – although I think that in practice it is almost non-existent I offer to you. I offer you everything that is auspicious, because you are worthy to have them. And all the inauspiciousness I keep for myself to let them teach me how to appreciate you properly.

The life of a holy man like yourself is glorious and inconceivable. Your life and deeds are the treasure house of instructions. A map for the way back home, complete with your personal explanations. I do not have doubts about your worthiness – and this is not my merit, but exclusively your causeless mercy. Let your names be sung with glories in throughout the three worlds at every moment.

Your destitute and useless servant,
Citraketu Dasa

Citta Hari Das

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. The last year was intense in many ways and I am happy that I may witness one more of your birthday celebrations with you. I would like to use this opportunity of this special occasion to glorify some of your disciples that I am regularly in contact with. Their association and the small service I am doing with them together or sometimes for them is my only hope and may save my life.

There is for example Advaita Simha Prabhu, who is such a dedicated book-distributor and is always trying to be fixed in devotional service. Anukampana Mataji, who is always ready to serve, always friendly and a great cook too. Ambujata Prabhu, who is seemingly always chanting very early in the morning, and quite often caring for others welfare when he gives them some sweets on the spot and without warning. Caitya-guru Prabhu, who is a dedicated father and husband while at the same time doing devotional service for the Leipzig Yatra and the German sankirtan too. Dvarakadisha Prabhu, who is so serious in his endeavours for bhakti-yoga, knowledgeable and serving the sankirtan-movement without compromises.

Godruma Prabhu, who is seemingly always full of enthusiasm and trying to push forward our vaishnav. Community. Gour Mohan Prabhu, who is for me such a good example of an aspiring vaishnava and having so many qualities that I am impressed of. Govinda-kundh Prabhu, who is so peaceful, humble and trying to be a genuine devotee, Jay Nitai Prabhu, who is well-read, intelligent and always trying to apply these qualities in devotional service. Sadbhuja Prabhu, who is such a long companion and friend, always ready to help me in my spiritual life. Sanjaya Prabhu, who is such an enthusiastic preacher for guests at Simhachalam and so sincere in being a good brahmacari. And Upananda Prabhu, who just moved to Simhachalam to bring in his diligence and to contribute to our society a certain input of reason.

I still have to learn so much from your Holiness. I pray that I may meet the requirements of being your disciple and I guess your disciples are helping me to get there. I still try my best to support you and send my best wishes to you Maharaja.

I remain deeply grateful.

Your servant,

Citta Hari Dāsa

Daniela

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I always love remembering about how I knew you, step by step since the first time that I heard one of your beautiful kirtanas. Till the moment that I knew that I was going to Radhadesh, and it really amazed me how Krishna guided me to you. It is always inspiring remembering and sharing the most beautiful experience that I ever had in my life. Because finally I found the shelter I was looking for, a real one, a big one, and full of love.

The first time that I came to Radhadesh, it blew my mind. I was so nervous and anxious to meet you and have the mercy of your association Dear gurudeva, it is something that I have no words to describe for but I am really thankful to you for all the mercy of your time, teaching, the opportunity to aspire to your service, and the opportunity to associate with my very kind and wonderful god brothers and god sisters.

And as you said to me that distance is not important as long as I keep within devotional service. I will always carry you in my heart. Please forgive my offenses and incompetence.

Aspirating to serve.

Your servant,

Daniela Castillo

Dhrstadyumna Das

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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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.

I am really happy that I can, on this auspicious occasion express my gratitude to you my Gurudeva that you entered into my life. We are caught in unseen web of time in this phenomenal world, caught in so called important things and expectations, our rudder of life is guided by selfish desires. But you are the captain who is giving right direction to my boat tossing by the waves of three gunas.

From that point when I met you first time personally on the New Ekacakra farm, I have the great mercy to have your precious association till now. I was always looking for your personal association when enthusiastically organizing public program in Martin with devotees, nectarian Summer Camp or ecstatic Vyasa-puja and Kingsday Harinam party or Prague Ratha yatra.

Thank you for immense mercy and personal care although I do not understand how I deserve it. You gave the name Dhrstadyumna das and sometimes I have a feeling to stand on the battlefield of Kurukshetra between two armies at once devotees/demons, purification of once existence/ enjoying, austerity/comfort, compassion/anger.

You possess the most valuable gift in the whole universe – Krsna prema. You realised Vedanta entirely, you paid the full price. You are showing us direction by personal example, when serious is needed, when a humorous way is needed. But we got to walk alone yet. You send me an angel in the form of my wife, she is so much loyal to you and giving me strenght and inspiration in Krsna Consciousness.

I admire your personal approach, always ready to help, to give advice, to listen. Thank you a million times for your association and example. I thank Lord Krishna that you are still with us. You are able to make access for us to the treasure house of vaishnava wisdom on a contemporary way.

I wish to have also such a deep realization and taste for the Hari Nama one day. The only way to achieve this I think is to stay high forever. Thank you for my great and sweet siblings, my real Krsna Conscious family. May your health be strong.

All glories to you my Gurudeva. His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami ki jai!

Your so called servant and indebted soul,

Dhrstadyumna Das

Doyal Govinda Das

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

First of all I like to express my deep gratitude for your ongoing effort in being a spiritual master in this movement. You set an example for many many devotees and people in general which shows that you follow the instructions given by Lord Krishna in Bhagavad Gita (3.21):

"Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues."

In this way you do an incredible service for your Guru Maharaja, for our founder-acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and for the whole human society. As years pass by I realise what responsibilities you have and how fixed you must be, maintaining your way of life. Of course Lord Caitanya guides you and helps you, but still the material energy is just waiting for a chance to lead you to some temptation. But you show how deeply rooted you are as a sannyasi and spiritual master, which gives me great confidence on my own path.

Time passes by and personal meetings are quite rare between us nowadays and I have to admit that I am not following all the time which place you visit and what program you give. But seeing your dedication I feel very inspired and grateful, so I do follow you but in a different way. All the opportunities in my spiritual life are due to your mercy which brings me back to the offering from previous years as I am still meditating on your instructions you have given to us as your disciples:

a) be independently thoughtful
b) do something for the mission, something substantial

As I mentioned also before, due to my coverings it is very difficult to do something substantial, but I continue and work on a plan not only for myself, my wife Tattvavati Devi Dasi and my son Vijay, but also for the movement in general. For fulfilling this, I need blessings and empowerment. In this way I have to see everything as especially important reading and chanting, association and service and also small things like putting tilaka or performing arcamana. If I simply follow your instructions, I am convinced I will be on the right path, so I want to take them as my life and soul and put them into action. As another summary from previous years I like to give these instructions by you not only as a reminder for myself but also for everybody who seeks your shelter and wants to make his life successful, you instructed:
First we shall always stick to Srila Prabhupada - he is the founder acarya of this movement, so he is the base for our spiritual life. By his mercy we are here and know about Lord Krishna and Lord Caitanya.
Second we shall keep it simple. The more we make our life complicated the more we get

entangled in the material world or energy respectively. If we simply stick to the program of chanting, hearing and association we can progress easier in spiritual life. Third we shall take responsibility. Here we can show our dedication and repay our debts to you and Srila Prabhupada and also contribute to the mission.

Please let me know if I can do something particular. Thank you very much.

Your disciple and servant,
Doyal Govinda Das

Gaura Narayana Das

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

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

Srila Krishna Das Kaviraj explains in Caitanya Caritamrta Adi-lila 1.47 that:

siksha-guruke ta' jäni krishnera svarüpa

antaryämé, bhakta-srestha,—ei dui rüpa,

"One should know the instructing spiritual master to be the Personality of Krishna. Lord Krishna manifests Himself as the Supersoul and as the greatest devotee of the Lord."

At the same time it is said that Lord Balarama in his Ananta Sesa form, who has got thousands of mouths ands holding the whole univers in his hood like a musterd seed is glorifying the Supreme Lord 24 x 7 and is glorifying the Lord from his thousands of mouths but still he is not able to glorify the Lord.

So if I put these two statements together, I understand that if Lord Sesa is unable to glorify the lord with his thousands of mouths and the spiritual master is as good as god then how can I even imagine to make an attempt to glorify something which is beyond my limits of glorification!

As I was contemplating on what can I do, will any of my attempt to say few words would make any sense? I recalled the past time from Ramayana where Hanuman was bringing the huge stones to make a bridge and small squirrels, ants and spiders were bringing the things according to their own capacity, and Lord Rama encouraged and accepted the service according the capacity of the individual.

Dear Guru Maharaja I may not even have strength of that squirrel or spider when it comes to service but one thing I am sure about, and that is, that you would accept whatever little service I may be to render in my limited capacity.

In the purport of Adi-lila 1.47 Srila Prabhupada says that:

"Only out of His immense compassion does the Personality of Godhead reveal Himself as the spiritual master. Therefore in the dealings of an Acharya there are no activities but those of transcendental loving service to the Lord. He is the Supreme Personality of Servitor Godhead. It is worthwhile to take shelter of such a steady devotee, who is called Aacharya-vigraha, or the manifestation or form of the Lord of whom one must take shelter"

When I think of you I think of a verse from the Bhagavad-Gita (10.9) explaining the nature of the devotees - where the Lord is saying that:

'The thoughts of my pure devotes dwell in Me, their lives are surrendered to Me, and they derive great satisfaction and bliss enlightening one another and conversing about Me.'

mac-citta mad-gata-prana
bodhayantah parasparam
kathayantas ca mam nityam
tusyanti ca ramanti ca

Even the Lord himself in Srimad Bhagavatam (11.14.16) is saying:

nirapeksam munim santaam

nirvairam sama-darshanam

anuvrajämy aham nityam

püyeyety anghri-renubhih

That he himself always follow the footsteps of his pure devotees, who are free from personal desire, rapt in thought of my pastimes, peaceful, without any feeling of enmity, and of equal disposition everywhere.

When I ponder upon these thoughts I stop to think, that what did I do to have personal association of the Supreme Lord in his acharya-vigraha form and I am unable to find any reason, and hence I conclude that it must be because of your own causeless mercy I was able to get glimpse of what it means to serve Krishna

Oh dear spiritual master, I pay my humble obeisance again and again unto your divine lotus feet, who even Lord Hari wants to follow.

Please keep me in the shelter of your lotus feet. I may not have many qualifications but since you are the partial incarnation of Mahavadnyaya, please in the same mood of Mahaprabhu keep showering your causeless mercy that I can always serve you.

Your eternal servant,

Gaura Narayana Das

Gauravani Devi Dasi

My beloved Guru Maharaja,

Today, in this wonderful opportunity of your Vyasa-puja, as all your great disciples, I would love to offer you also something special and in same time wonderful like a book distribution score, laxmi, poems, or songs but I cannot, I am not qualified. When Krishna distributed all great skills in people I was most probably missing. But I still have hopefully something what I can give it to you. Or better say trying to give it to you year after year.I try to give you and to Krishna all my heart. I know it is nothing fancy, shining or great but it is all I have. You know me better than anyone in this room, or in my life. You joke with me when you see me cry, when I was crashed and alone you stood next to me, when I was happy, busy, or whatever disaster or greatest thing happend to me I could always smell your kindness and mercy upon me. You never give up, even you could milion times.

Now these days, I mean few years at least I am totally space out, perfect loser and wonderful rascal. You are mostly upset with me. I know, I deserve it because you know I can do better. Actually you are having a great effect on me even if you cannot see it - with your unconditional love, effort and kindess to Dauji, he loves me, keep eyes on me and causing me to go deeper to myself , and trying to be a better person, a better devotee, a better disciple, a better mum or wife. And that is just because of you and your 'never give up mood.' You are such amazing, sweet, heavy, funny, scary a big hearted vaisnava father. A best friend and Gurudeva in one

All glories, all glories to you and to your beloved Guru Maharaja. And of course all glories, all glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for being here and being here for us three.

Your eternal rascal daughter,
Gauravani Dasi

Gita Govinda Devi Dasi

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Vyasa-puja offering to His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami 2017
13th of February 2017

Dearest Gurudeva,

I offer my humble obeisances in the divine dust of your lotus feet.

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

You are a real Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu 'lover. 'You are representing His unlimited mercy. You are so much willing and hankering to give His mercy to us, causelessly or in return.

The silly thing with us (but let me speak about myself) is that I was not always able to recognise and probably appreciate it. My eyes were still blindly surrounded by darkness.

How often do you preach:

"Lord Caitanya's mercy is unlimited, it is everywhere, in every corner, and you just have to grab it".

You are distributing Krsna prema everywhere, tirelessly, not caring for your health or whatever. Undoubtedly, your devotional service towards Lord Krsna, your Gurudeva and Srila Prabhupada is unconditional and unalloyed. Yes, you are throwing rainfalls of mercy upon us. But I do not feel like I am doing enough to catch it, to get the maximum benefit of that mercy. And that is my problem. How much effort was I really doing for you? Even a small effort seemed to be a burden sometimes. Look at the Amsterdam situation. How many gifts didn't you give me by your instructions: "Be patient, humble, respectful, and tolerant."

But did I make efforts to embrace those gifts, to cultivate those gifts? Maybe a little bit. While your doses of mercy is unlimited, even beyond understanding. Still a little bit - how simple was your message: "We cannot come to Krsna by our own, but only by the mercy of pure devotees." That means someone like you. And so often, although the mercy is so close we, I mean I, let go, just let go. By not properly cultivating the essence of your repeating instructions.

Recently I was reading some offerings to Srila Prabhupada on the occasion of His Vyasa-puja

2016 book. The Iskcon Golden Jubilee Edition. I got struck by some statements His Holiness Jananda Dasa Goswami (the aspiring guru of my daughter Aarti) made in his offering to Srila Prabhupada, referring to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Swami Maharaja. Jananda Maharaja wrote to Srila Prabhupada

"I understand from Your Guru Maharaja's statements that first we have to look at ourselves. Look within. Amend yourself, rather than pry into the frailties of others. In this world of Maya, averse to the Lord, full of trials and tribulations, only patience, humility and respect for others are our friends for Hari-bhajana. The Lord Gaurasundara puts His devotees in various difficulties and associations to test their patience and strength of mind. Success depends on their good fortune. When faults in others misguide and delude you, have patience, introspect, and find faults in yourself. Know that others cannot harm you unless you harm yourself."

Those, following in the footsteps of the acaryas, are also your repeating lessons. So every time, being fortuned with your darshan, I made a commitment with myself: to not be disturbed by "faults" in others, do not let them misguide you. "Yes, others can not harm you, you are harming yourself," Bhaktisiddhanta Swami Maharaja is stating.

That is undoubtedly true! But it is not only about harming oneself. This statement goes deeper. It is also about are we, or am I really one hundred percent eager to fully surrender? Do I honestly consider myself a puppet in the hand of my spiritual master who can direct me where ever he wants? Even handling me roughly and making me broken-hearted. Am I really willing to follow his instructions blindly without a slight of my controlling thoughts and habit or still (hidden) anarthas?

You brought me the most precious gift in this universe - you brought me love for Krsna.
You changed my life one hundred and eighty degrees.
You bestowed undeserved mercy upon me.
You make me feel secure and safe.
How often I sneakily think of hiding between the dust of your lotus toes, hoping you never find me and scrub me away.

You are the embodiment of sweetness, sincerity and humility.
When I read the end of your offering to Srila Prabhupada in the same offering book I mentioned before, I felt ashamed. It touched my heart and produced tears in my eyes you wrote:

"Srila Prabhupada I am not a great man, but I have teachers and through their guidance I hope to make some contribution in your service. Please allow me to be your servant."

If a pure devotee as you are speaking of making some contribution and is asking Srila Prabhupada for allowance, where am I? Not even millions way back behind Uddhava. This expresses your humility. Yes, you are my great example, everyone's example. At this moment while writing my offering to you, you are in Durban, South Africa again for a health check. Despite your health situation, you landed at Durban airport and sent me a message, what is the Amsterdam situation? That shows how much you care for the progress in Srila Prabhupada's mission, unconditionally!

Lord Krsna is merciful. We, the Temple board have to continue, all of us, till the end of April when the Governing Body Commissioning arrives. I wanted to give up. But I feel Krsna's hand and I feel your mercy. Again another undeserved chance Lord Caitanya's mercy showered upon me by a pure devotee, by you. Yes again another chance. This time no empty commitments,

but deeds. This time I must cultivate the gifts you brought so many times on my path by your instructions, but covered by blindness were not visible for me. Only in this way I am able to give to you instead of constantly taking from you. Relationships with spiritual masters are flourishing when the disciple gives. So, another next chapter to express my sincere feelings of love and care form my spiritual master.

Please enable me to recognise and cultivate the gifts you are constantly showering on my path. It took a long time to consider your instructions about humility and tolerance as gifts. Guide me please in cultivating them in my spiritual life, which will please you, for pleasing my spiritual master is the one and only purpose in my life. Make me fit to enter into the abode of Gaurasundara please.

May Lord Nrsimhadeva take away all the (health) obstacles on your path of preaching in the unique way you do. May He fulfil this sincere desire of incredible lots of living entities in the whole universe. We need you, we fully depend on you.

Thanks for what you gave me, thanks for what you still are giving to me.
Make me fit for giving my time has come. Thanks to you.

Still trying to be your servant,
Gita Govinda Devi Dasi



We pray to Govardhana that we may become a servant who can please Krsna. I was also praying that my endeavours here, in going around Govardhana, that my disciples may be blessed with determination in their devotional service.

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Gopali Devi Dasi

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Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

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

The scriptures are full of enlightening quotes on the glory of the spiritual master which reminds us, the ignorant beings, of the actual position of a person endowed with guru-shakti.

Recently I read in the purport of Bhagavad-Gita (10.3), "Because the spiritual master is the representative of the Supreme Lord, his direction is directly the direction of the Supreme Lord." I liked this because such quotes act as a torchlight and shows us the right path when we face doubts or when our desires act as obstacles on our spiritual journey.

Though I am not able to comprehend your glory, acts and mercy, I pray that Krishna always gives me the intelligence to act in a way pleasing to Guru and Krishna.

Your servant,

Gopali Devi Dasi

Gour Mohan Das

Please accept my humble obeisances oh beloved master!

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

Your character of compassion and tolerance has shown and enticed all those who come to learn to surrender to Krishna. The sweet language you use in lectures is leading our misdirected minds towards the sublime process of Krsna Consciousness.

It is you who is turning our attachment from matter to pure love of Godhead. Ever victorious you inspire every year new souls to traverse this path of purification. To attain the goal of all perfection you absorb yourself in the pastimes of the Lord getting lost in the beauty of the selfless love of the Gopis of Vraja to their beloved Nanda-nandana.

It is you who revealing the sublime ocean of rasa is enticing your disciples to sip, drink and drown in the deep waters of profound bhakti. Getting lost in divine mellows, you seem to leave this world. We still pray that you will not leave us as your pastimes are not completed yet and we disciples are immature. Krishna is eagerly awaiting you in His pastimes, but please take us with you.

Please share with us the pristine pastimes of our beloved Lord. We still are too addicted to mundane sounds and your chanting is the only cure for our parched hearts which are in want of the nectar of devotion.

On this day of Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakura's appearance day we remember the great gift of Srila Prabhupada to his spiritual master. We pray to follow in his footsteps and be able to please our master likewise! Our ambition is high, our team solid, our aim clear and your mercy is at hand. Param Vijayate Sri Krishna Sankirtanam! All Victory is always to the sankirtan mission.I am so happy to be part of that beautiful family of yours; having such heart-some sisters and brothers.

Singing and glorifying the holy names my life sustains in the hope to please you

Your servant,

Gour Mohan Das

Govardhanesvari Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you! All glories to Jayadvaita Swami!

I am the seventh year devotee now. In my mind I thought I do not want be more than fifty years. With this age I am an old woman. So I was hopeful, that I will die in this age.

But Krishna has shown me the temple, Ratha Yatra and you. And I can say that I am very happy, that He has shown me this way. To follow your foodsteps is more than a great gift. Thank you for every help to find the right way; your recomends to think about different things for all written, spoken and sang great words. To find this way has helped me to find my way, to believe in myself again, and to find real friends. To find a relationship with you, with Krsna is simply great.

On a wall in my little temple room is a big photo of you, exactly in the left Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and in the right side you. I like it very much, because it shows me who I should be bowing down to.

Thank you.

Your servant,

Govardhanesvari Devi Dasi

Gurudasa

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

In Caitanya Mahaprabhu's time there was an illiterate devotee that was holding the Bhagavad Gita in ecstasy. Srila Prabhupada said in a lecture in New York, March 6, 1975 "Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya. He took guru's order very seriously, that "My Guru Mahārāja has ordered me, and I must carry out. Never mind I cannot read. Let me open the pages and see. That's all."

Dear Guru Maharaja, slow but surely I am seeing some phenomena. I see that your words seemingly casually spoken are spiritual time bombs creating revolutionary consecutive explosions in my existence.

Your words are predictions.
Your words are divine empowerments.
Your words are guided by the Lord, piercing my heart.

The nectar gradually oozes out the end of the arrow changing my pierced heart forever.

Your friendship is not mundane. You are have cheated me with sweet words and laughter.

You have captured me in your trap and I cannot be let loose back into material existence.
I am sold out to you, I have become your servant, hypnotized by your presence and infected with your spiritual potency.

However, I seem to plod along, spaced out, crack a few jokes, talk some mundane topics and overeat.

"But dear judge and jury do not be fooled this person Mr…"Kadamba Kanana Swami" He has smashed my life into bits. I can no longer function in the so called real world, nothing is causal in my life as it may seem, I have an unseen weight on my shoulder, a massive weight on my head and explosions in my heart – this will intensify more and more. It is irreversible. His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami has put his faith in me, lovingly embraced me, accepted me as a disciple and with his friendship and transcendental words he is squeezing me through the eye of a needle back to the spiritual world."

Thank you for everything

Your slow servant,

Gurudasa

Hamsar Avatara Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada

All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

nityanandam aham naumi

sarvananda-karam param

hari-nama-pradam devam

avadhuta-shiromanim

"I bow down to the Supreme Lord Nityananda Prabhu, who is the awarder of the highest joy to all, the bestower of the holy Name and the crest jewel of all paramahamsa mendicants."

It is said, that the Lord Nityananda is the Adi Guru. All others spiritual masters are His servants and representatives. As Srila Prabhupada used to say and it is and will be the motto for ISKCON:

"Chant Hare Krishna and be happy! So we can see that this joy and the holy name is a mercy of Sri Nityananda Prabhu, because He is always intoxicated by the love of Godhead and gives this love to all."

And we can see, as you said, this mercy is still and will flood the whole world. Thank you very much for that mercy. Thank you that you are a true representative of the Adi Guru. Actually, you are Lord Nityananda - always blissful. For me it is really wonderful that every time I meet you, you are even more and more deeply absorbed in that ocean of joy, although you undergo so many difficulties. Last time when you were in Ljubljana, you were on a walk with your disciples in a park during the day.

We (I and my family) were trying to find you and join the party. But unfortunately we met you at the very end of the walk. But you so kindly pleased our three years daughter and all the devotees. You started to dance with her and she truly enjoyed it. Suddenly you start to dance what she was dancing. She danced with hands and you follow her, she dance with legs and you do the same. Thus although you are Guru known to the whole world, you took the role and by your kindness were under control of our small daughter just to please all.

In the lecture on Nityananda Trayodasi you mentioned that when Lord Nityananda was travelling, gave His mercy even to the Buddhists. He did it by His kind kick to the face of the Buddhists. That reminded me of my early days in ISKCON. When one day you were distributing maha-prasadam to all in a temple. I think I was the last one who received it and at that moment, while you looked at me you said: "Envy!" Some devotees started laughing and for me it was just like that kick, the kick of mercy. Because you really saw into me and actually I was, before I started visiting the temple, interested in the Buddhism.

Recently I saw a very nice video of harinam in Prague from 2004. You were leading it and quite a lot of devotees were following you. The harinam came to a big square where it as always starts to be very ecstatic. Devotees were walking and dancing around a tree and you stayed in the middle next to the tree. It was truly ecstatic and right next to you at a moment appeared one drunkard homeless. He was just staring at you how you were deeply absorbed into the holy name. It was so nice to see you as always giving the love of God to all without discrimination. Saving all Jagais and Madhais of the world. I heard from one devotee who was there that that the drunkard after the kirtan started to cry. I believe that even that tree got mercy and maybe it is now a wish fulfilling tree. I will see. I will try the next time to go there.

Thank you for saving me. I hope I will be one day your really sincere devotee. I wish you all the best in your great service to your spiritual master and wish you to always be in the association of the pure devotees.

Your servant,

Hamsa Avatar Das

Hari Vilasa das

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

The life of a devotee is many things, but one thing it certainly is not, is boring. My career in Krisna Consciousness is not much longer than the time spent in high school, but it sure has been filled with more adventure and upheavals than I could imagine.

It is interesting how our consciousness shifts with the passage of time, and how our focus in devotional service differs, according to where we find ourselves, spiritually and materially. The process stays the same – the same mantra, the same Krishna, the same books, the same spiritual master. But as our focus shifts, often in response to the challenges we face, our experience of these transcendental manifestations changes accordingly. Krishna and His devotees are perfect and complete, and can provide us with everything we need to learn and grow. I am appreciating how the Srimad Bhagavatam contains all that we need to move forward in life, kim va parair - what need is there for any other scripture?'(SB 1.1.2)

At the moment, the theme of loyalty and chastity is at the forefront of my mind. Some recent experiences have vividly shown the results of a lack of loyalty, within my own life, and also in the lives of others. In one lecture you explained that doubt is a natural reaction of the intelligence, and that it has to be overcome by hard work and contemplation. For how can one be truly loyal, if one still has doubts? But you also explained that Srila Prabhupada is a shortcut – by experiencing his life and conviction, through the recollections of his disciples and contemporaries – one can gain deep faith, in a short amount of time. I recently read a story about Janardana Prabhu, one of Srila Prabhupada's early disciples, that illustrates this magical potency:

"He was a yogi, or at least he thought he was. Prabhupada showed him that Krsna was a better yogi. He was a student of Dr. Misra—you know, the Mayavada yoga teacher. Swamiji was visiting his Ananda asrama in upstate New York, when he first met Janardana there. He asked Janardana to join him on a morning walk. It was a beautiful day in May, and while they walked on the fresh grass, Swamiji said, 'This grass is Krsna's carpet. Can anyone make a carpet so soft?' It was then that Janardana realized God is a person, and that Swamiji is His personal representative. So he left Dr. Misra's asrama and joined Krsna Consciousness." (The art of spiritual life, Jadurani Dasi).

Your loyalty and dedication to Srila Prabhupada and your spiritual master, strikes me as one of your defining qualities. I find it intimidating at times, because I am so much lacking in that regard. But as my own understanding of loyalty is growing, my appreciation for it is increasing, and my admiration for you as well. In what we read, what we speak, what we think, and how we conduct ourselves practically in the world, especially in how we push on the preaching projects – purity is the force.

Please bless me that I can follow in your footsteps, and also become a loyal and dedicated follower of Srila Prabhupada and his followers.

Your disciple,

Hari Vilasa Dasa

Harsarani Devi Dasi

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

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

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

Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

I offer my humble obeisance to you, and endlessly bow down to your lotus feet, where I take shelter at the dust of your lotus feet for extra protection and place this sacred dust from Vraja upon my head.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance day we feel most fortunate that you have allowed us all to take shelter at the dust of your lotus feet. I meditate on remaining at the dust of your lotus feet and never to move an inch from there.

So much has happened over the last year. Not sure where to start. I am lost for words, and find myself dumbstruck in this age of Kali. The age where Srila Prabhupada's imminent disciples are gradually being phased out, as his grand disciples take charge of the movement. Although most of us have never met Srila Prabhupada, we must have all felt his presence at some point in our minute lives via reading his transcendental literatures, or listening to his lectures and morning walks. Or being fortunate to have Prabhupada appear within our dreams. In the same way although you cannot be physically present to all of us at the same time, we can also feel the connection to you by listening to your lectures/kirtans, or simply being in your presence within our dreams, signifying its transcendental nature.

The spiritual master is the pillar of strength, with so much energy and vitality that despite encountering health problems, still he is aloof from all material pain, suffering, happiness and distress and carries on with pushing the movement by preaching effortlessly. The spiritual master always takes the time to pray for his disciples which is very potent. The potency of his daily prayers means a lot to the disciples. It means a lot to me. You are always here for me via your prayers.

When I took my first initiation, the day after you told me, "The spiritual master and the disciple's bond can never be broken." I really liked that profound comment that you made. The relationship I have with you Gurudeva goes far more deeper than just the actual initiation since you gave me a fresh new lease of life, just by accepting me all them years ago.

On this day I look back at how you spiritually nurtured us all individually by raising us up in this spiritual life. By teaching us the basics of the spiritualilty onto the whole concoction of the language of spirituality, along with the slokas and translations, as well as the inner most meanings that are hidden within these slokas. These hidden meanings are wrapped around the

contents of the Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam and other Vedas. All this you have done for us by giving us Srila Prabhupada's teachings of Krsna Consciousness, and encouraging us to study them daily. Learning slokas is very challenging, where each and every pronunciation overflows with its own sweet and unique flavour. These slokas are like the transcendental pastimes of Lord Krsna which are packed with enlivened juices that are retained within the over ripened and very soft fruit that remains unpicked on the kalpa-vṛkṣa tree (wish ful-filling desire tree). You wanted each and every one of us to develop our consciousness into a spiritual consciousness as you would call it 'Vrindavan consciousness.'

You have often stressed the importance of visiting the holy dhams such as Vrindavan and Mayapur. I liked the way you described Govardhan Hill by stating that it was covered with slabs of gem stones. As I would envisage Govardhan Hill as being covered with slabs of various colourful sized barfis, where each consisting of an entirely fresh new flavour. And not to mention that the Govardhan rocks that lay baking on the Hill appear just like ladhus, and as they lay there the brown colour of these ladhus darken due to constantly taking darshan of the sun. This takes me back to the story of 'The Govardhan puja from the Krsna Book' which was described in intricate details by Bhakti Catianya Swami in 'The Glories of Govardhana Hill' (DVD).

I meditate on how Govardhana Hill may have looked like, where not a speck of the soft green kusa grass or a dint of the silky shimmering dust could be seen due it them being completely covered with mounds of freshly prepared vegetable subhjis and dahls, along with kundhs filled with not just pure water but with the sweetest and crystal clear beverage, tasting far more refreshing than the processed fizzy drinks. How could we even physically do the parikrama on Govardhana Hill by foot if it was heavily laden with vegetable subhjis, pakoras, samosas and sweet rice and lots of other maha prasadam? One would obviously have to eat his/her way through the parikrama rather than walking! It would be a parikrama done by mouth rather than by foot!

Although Lord Krsna is non-different than Govardhana Hill. Hence by doing the parikrama by foot on Govardhana Hill, then we are also touching Lord Krsna's body with the soles of our feet. In addition to this it is also mentioned that we can see Lord Krsna directly via the pages of the Srimad Bhagavatam in a sense where there are verses/purports which describe his features, His glories, or anything that relates to Him and so on. Therefore in this way His presence is in each and every page of this transcendental literature, "Realise the presence of Lord Krishna in every page." (Srimad Bhagavatam 1.3.44 purport). But we fail to appreciate or acknowledge this when reading the Srimad Bhagavatam due to our low levels of concentration when reading Srila Prabhupada's literatures.

We can also taste Krsna's sweetness by the chanting of the holy name. As most of us are aware that when we chant Lord Krsna is physically dancing on our tongue, making us continuously chant as he is vigoursly dancing on our tongue with his soft and fragile lotus feet. Therefore via chanting we are in direct contact with Lord Krsna. But often we are too selfish to taste the sweetness of the Lord's holy name softly pressing down onto our tongue since all we want to do is to chant our daily sixteen rounds very quickly in order to carry on with other duties.

On this joyous occasion I look back to all that you have done for me, and with great gratitude and appreciation I feel honoured to be your disciple, although I am not worthy to have such a status. As always I remain eternally indebted to you.

Your eternally indebted servant and spiritual daughter,

Harsarani Devi Dasi

Indrabhatta & Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Our Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

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

All glories to your Divine Grace, Maharaja.

Thank you for being our shelter, our guide and our light in helping us find the path back to Godhead. You have shown us by example that no matter how many obstacles may crowd our way that nothing can keep us from reaching our goals if only we are determined to succeed. Despite your recent encumbrances you soldiered on for all your disciples throughout the world. You came to us personally, through, "Whats apps" and through your blogs, perhaps more than in the past. On this auspicious occasion, it is our humble but sincere prayer that Lord Krishna would see you through this phase so that many aspiring disciples may also find solace under your wings.

Although we do not have much to say for ourselves, Maharaja, we have realised from your example, that we can and must do more to raise our level of Krsna Consciousness. In some ways we have done that but we shall continue to strive harder in the future.

Your humble servants,

Indrabhatta Das and Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Indukanti Rai Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Living in this world is a challenge. It is challenge to stay somewhere, it is challenge to go. To be on one side of the wall or the other. Always doubts and struggles. Until we surrender to Krishna.

We are constantly being attacked by material nature, which can swallow us in seconds. Yes, I am sure I would be swallowed by it if it would not be your mercy. If it would not be your lotus feet to give me shelter.

'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 Krishna.' (Sri Guru-vandana).

You gave me protection with which I can cross this material existence and come back to my real nature, a state of love and devotion. You open my eyes so I can see the truth, and all that in such a gentle way. Giving, tolerating, forgiving, being merciful more and more. Will I ever be able to pay you back? Serve you in the way you deserve it?

Dear Gurudeva, moments with you are like glimpses of light. Those moments help me to see where I am standing. I can see our relationship is growing, there are endless opportunities for service and unlimited mercy. Sometimes I would think:

'Is it possible? Is it possible that Gurudev is so merciful? Is it possible that Krishna is so merciful?'

Well the answer is yes. Mercy will come in many ways, and then it is our responsibility to recognise it and take it. Take it as it is the last drop of water in a desert. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Thank you for all your love, care, inspiration and all your blessings. Since the day you gave me your shelter I feel safe. Today I can offer you my days and nights, my prayers, and my service. There is a lot more to do here, many battles to fight, many mozzies to tolerate, and Ozzies to engage in service. Thank you for letting me choose, although I might choose wrong. It is all part of the material world, as you would say. So yes, I am choosing my path with your directions on my mind. 'Just chant the maha mantra and you will be protected!' Thank you for it. Thank you for everything.

Your humble servant,

Indukanti Rai Dasi

Ingrid

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.

Your humility and sincere service inspire my soul. You are the embodiment of these qualities. It is sublime to live the life in this state of mind!

"A combination of unity and humility is needed to overcome the forces of illusion".

Thank you with all my heart for your prema and for transmitting this sublime energy!

Your exemplary character, enriched by precious qualities as humility, compassion, in addition to your great spiritual devotion, have made Your life an ideal example that has inspired and continues to inspire countless souls all over the world.

I am focused on elevating my consciousness with knowledge. This approach takes a long time to produce results, but with you, dear incredibly patient Guru Maharaja, my consciousness has raised divinely greatly and in a short time, for which I shall be forever grateful. You are my inspiration, my enthusiasm.

Sometimes I am disturbed by the events that revolve around me, but I just think for a second about you and then the tolerance and patience emerge. Thus I remain humble in the midst of great inconvenience, maintaining integrity in the midst of all fears, temptations and obstacles, remaining full of confidence in you and Krsna! Without the power of God, we can do nothing.

Your eternal servant,

Ingrid

Jasmine

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja
All glories to you!

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I cannot ever repay everything what you do for me. To take shelter at you and at Srila Prabhupada is the highest mercy which Krsna can bestow on a soul.

Thanks to You I can be fixed in the service despite many obstacles from Maya. You give me the inspiration for being able to go forward. Without you I would not be here serving Gaura Nitai. You always support me with your wise instructions.

I want to serve you with all my heart. I want to please you because I know that Krsna will thus be automatically pleased. I will do everything what your grace desires, because by your mercy you will help me to cross this ocean of ignorance. You are constantly engaged in glorifying Sri Krsna. You are so special for all of us! Dear Guru Maharaja, for me your mercy is pure nectar. I will faithfully follow your instructions.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja says: "*To attain complete success in the mission of life is possible, if the words of the spiritual master are faithfully followed.*"

And Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura stresses that, '*The disciple has to accept the words of the spiritual master as his life and soul.*' (Srimad Bhagavatam 3.24.13)

Thank You for giving me the opportunity to be part of your life and of this special day of your Vyasa-puja! I thank Sri Sri Radha Krsna for permitting me to approach such elevated soul as you and for allowing me to travel with you and have your association. I will never forget that fantastic japa walk with you when I experienced amazing blissfulness. With you close by all problems of this material world vanished!

I will be always grateful to you.

Le voglio bene.Your servant,

Jasmine

Jay Kesava das

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Kadamba Kanana Swami, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Srila Narottama dasa Thakur says that, ***"Nobody can become a devotee without serving a pure devotee."***
You are such a pure devotee. In the sastra it is said that, ***"One who can make others chant Hare Krishna maha-mantra is a first-class devotee."*** **This feature is very noticeable in you. Another very precious feature of your transcendental character is that you are magnanimous because you have accepted the responsibility for disseminating the mercy of Lord Gauranga and you are risking everything for the satisfaction of Sri Guru and Gauranga: comfort, health,** ***"quiet retirement,"*** **etc. (often you are faced with ingratitude). Magnanimous person is selfless and all devotees who know you can confirm this.**

tava kathāmṛtaṁ tapta-jīvanaṁ
kavibhir īḍitaṁ kalmaṣāpaham
śravaṇa-maṅgalaṁ śrīmad ātataṁ
bhuvi gṛṇanti ye bhūri-da Janah

"The nectar of your words and the descriptions of your activities are the life and soul of those suffering in this material world. These narrations, transmitted by learned sages, eradicate one's sinful reactions and bestow good fortune upon whoever hears them. These narrations are broadcast all over the world and are filled with spiritual power. Certainly those who spread the message of Godhead are most munificent." **(Srimad Bhagavatam, 10.31.9).**

From your lotus mouth flows the nectar of the qualities and pastimes of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and His message – that is why you are the most munificent personality. To lose the favour of the spiritual master and saintly persons is worse than death, and to please the spiritual master and sadhus is the greatest perfection of life.

I pray to never lose your favour and deeply realise that the service of the guru is our only refuge. And a complete surrender to your lotus feet is the only saving grace.

I wish to be able to somehow or other please you.

An aspiring servant of His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Jay Kesava Das

Jay Nitai Das

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

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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.

Hare Krishna dear Guru Maharaja,

I feel very fortunate to know you as a person, not to speak of having you as my spiritual master, receiving your guidance and care. Thanks for accepting and tolerating me as your disciple. Last year I noticed two defects I have. I do not accept the mercy you are ready to give and I am not sincerely trying to please you. What a shame to admit, but to face reality is necessary before I can try to make a change for the better. With your mercy, I hope to overcome these defects and become more serious in spiritual live.

You spoke a lot about Vrindavan this year. In many lectures and talks, you emphasised the importance of making the connection with the dhama and you spoke about the parikrama you were going to do. Sometimes, when I had been in Vrindavan before, I thought about what a wonderful event it would be, to be introduced to the places of Krishna's pastimes by you, but because of material considerations, I thought this year I could not go. After you cited the "don't miss the boat" story in one lecture, it became clear to me that one has to accept the mercy offered by the spiritual master and leave material considerations behind.

I see a lack in myself, for not accepting your offers wholeheartedly and embracing the mercy. Being dull, I do not value the jewels offered by you, not understanding their value. You offer us an opulent feast of Krishna-bhakti and I hesitate to start to eat, even though I am very hungry for real unconditional loving exchange. And by associating with you, I get a feeling of what loving exchange means, because I can see you as guru are acting out of causeless mercy and with love and compassion with your disciples. You go ahead, tirelessly giving the good example and sharing the taste of bhakti, knowing well that that is what we need to survive and progress in Krsna Consciousness.

Repeatedly you bestow the mercy on us and everyone else you meet, doing great sacrifices for the Krishna's pleasure. Travelling the world, giving classes, kirtans, retreats and being approachable to the common man, while curing from cancer and recovering from heavy

operations. I say thank you, because you take the principles of devotional service seriously, and you sincerely worship the Supreme Lord. And you share this treasure with us by spending time with us and in this way uplifting our consciousness.

For the near future, I hope that I can let loose all these material conceptions holding me back and be ready to accept the path offered by you, to come closer to Krishna. Let that be my mediation, knowing well that that is the source of pleasure for the soul. But I am afraid. Many sinful desires pop up, material conceptions and considerations allure me. Being so dull and under the influence of the modes I need your guidance. Please help me. Let me use my brain so that I can offer high quality service for you and be able to please Krishna. Let my only goal in life be to please you, understanding that there is nothing else to strive for.

Your servant,

Jay Nitai Dasa

Jaya Radhika Devi Dasi

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmine

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guru dasa jayadvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank your for allowing me to see your great mercy to living beings, because you are the most merciful of all. I am very happy that I can render some small service to you, like making sweets. Your personality is a great example for me - how to deal with other living beings and not to be selfish, hypocrite. But to appreciate the treasure you gave to us in the form of the holy name and devotees association.

Sometimes we do not appreciate peoples and things until we lose them. Only after that we become aware the value of the lost person or thing. Thank you, that you are showing me what is good (how to be personal and individual) and how to not be afraid to be what we really are. Thank you very much that you are leading me out of maya every day in spite of my faults.

With respect and humility.

Your infinitesimal fallen servant,

Jaya Radhika Devi Dasi

Jayanti Devi Dasi

Dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Shrila Praphupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to you!

Today is the auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, and I want to express my deepest gratitude for having accepted me as your disciple. You are the representative of the Supreme Lord and it is a great blessing to come in contact with a pure devotee. You gave everything to Krishna and the service to the Lord and the service to Srila Praphupada is the centre of your life. Last year you got this terrible diagnose and we were all shocked, we all cried and we all prayed for you every day. Also in this time of disease you carried on with travelling and spreading Lord Caitanya's mission. You are always there, you always have an ear for your disciples even when you do not have the time.

You were always very kind and personally to me. Last year you gave me a lot of strength and faith.
I had to realise that nothing here belongs to me, not my husband and also not my child. For quite a time I asked myself when will Krishna take everything away and then it happened. In this time it was not easy to keep my faith in Krishna. Of course, He only gives us what we can carry and we get what we deserve. But it hurts a lot and my heart broke. By Krishna's grace I begin to understand that everything belongs to Him, we have to suffer to realise and to understand. There is still so much dust on my mirror, but I will clean it up. And there is this wonderful little soul Madhura Nitai in my life, he is my service now. He is my saviour, besides Krishna and besides you. I am so grateful for this miracle.

Thank you so much that I am a part of this family, to have so many amazing godsisters and godbrothers, I appreciate every moment with these devotees. Thank you for being such a great inspiration for all of us.
Thank you for guiding me on the way back home.

Your eternal servant,

Jayanti Devi Dasi

Jhulan Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I was thinking about your visiting here in New Govardhana.
It was mind blowing memory.
I came to this thought.
Maybe Krsna Consciousness simply means being a good human being.
Because that is what attracts other human beings.
And you showed me a great example.

Maharaja, did you know that anyone who spoke with you fell in love with you.
Not because your radiating aura.
Not because your playful lecture or rocking kirtan.
Because you were always there for people.
Because you care for people.
Not pretentiously but just by being yourself

Whenever unexpected guests came.
The way how you made everyone comfortable by offering a seat or making a joke.
Reminded me how Srila Prabhupada wanted us to be a gentlemen and gentle ladies.

I much appreciated and at the same time I was sorry,
that you always came down for us and cared for us.
More then you cared for yourself.

Congratulations on your Vyasa-Puja.
It is such a nice occasion to connect with you.
Your inspiration gives me the desire to be a better disciple
and share your mercy to others

I am looking forward to seeing you again

Your servant,
Jhulan Devi Dasi

Kalindi Nivasini Devi Dasi

My dear Kadamba Kanana Swami,

I owe loads of gratitude to you for being such an example to the world. You are like walking on the rays that emanate from the spiritual sky, which I realise in your presence. Whenever I see you immediately the sun rises, the day begins, and I realise I have been sleeping the whole time regardless of doing service. But that is not what you want, and I am constantly working on to becoming stronger in the service of vani to you.

Devotees always talk of bona fide spiritual master, but it is also important that we become your bona fide disciples, to do something that has weight. This is my life's meditation - to see the satisfied spark in your eyes. I can still only touch the surface of who you are, but I am more and more discovering the magnitude of your depths.

Your example shows the effects of the Krsna essence, which makes the bees come to you to taste the life-giving nectar. And although you have given yourself so freely to all of us, you remain uncatchable.

I use the opportunity to thank you for being so tolerant and patient towards me. Hare Krsna, my dear spiritual master.

Your aspiring servant,

Kalindi Nivasini Devi Dasi

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

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

Another year, another offering, and another memento of passing time that waits for no one. A year looks long, but it consists of only a few months, weeks, days, hours and minutes. How much am I utilising every single minute to do something for Krishna? Something that will free my soul, elevate me and will end the influence of time for good? A year may seem long, but I somehow feel that it is within our capacity to choose for Krishna every single second, in every moment of our lives and then the magic will happen. It is possible, but somehow also difficult due to so many other "important" things we "have to" do in this world. But seeing you who are engaged in service every single moment, twenty four hours a day, is a great inspiring example that it can be done. You are a pure devotee and you are the embodiment of mercy and bliss in Krishna's service. So although I may not really believe that I can ever be able to become a pure devotee, I want to try, I have to do my best!

Guru Maharaja, you are my cherished father, my ever well-wisher who may overlook my childish faults and attachments. And I want to please you. I want you to be proud of me, not embarrassed, not thinking I am rather a problem case daughter. I have strong faith that if I do my best, I may not become a pure devotee, but you will close your eyes and pray to Krishna to accept this little soul.

So my part is to do my best! Not just half-best. So this is a challenge, always a challenge, but thanks to your great example and your wonderful compassionate nature, I believe it is not impossible. Thank you very much for everything Gurudeva, and please bear with me.

Hare Krishna!

Your ever servant,

Kasturi Manjari Devi Dasi

Kavita Devi Dasi

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate kadamba kanana-svāmin iti nāmi ne

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,

On this very auspicious day of your birthday I would like to thank you for your everlasting care which you're giving to us - to your disciples.

Few days ago I was thinking about the whole Krsna Consciousness life. How from the very beginning is so rare! To meet some devotee who can tell you about Krishna, than a luck that we even listen to it and then a mercy from a pure devotee is coming. The pure devotee is always trying to save falling condition souls by his instructions. And that moment is very important for us – condition souls. To listen to your instructions and advise.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam (3.24.13) within the versen it is written that:

"One should obey the command of his father or spiritual master with due deference, saying, "Yes, sir."

And Srila Prabhupada in purport explain that:

"Whatever the father and the spiritual master order should be taken without argument: "Yes." There should be no instance in which the disciple or the son says, "This is not correct. I cannot carry it out." When he says that, he is fallen."

This is perfection of a life. To find a real spiritual master and accepts his words without exceptions. Than all our problems could be solved. It is so simple and at the same time it can seem a bit difficult. But the so called difficulties we have only inside of us. We are making Krsna Consciousness difficult for ourselves. We are making the whole world difficult. Nevertheless, Srila Prabhupada said: "simple for the simple, difficult for the difficult".

This way we have perfect manual for our lives. We have instructions from Srila Prabhupada and from our spiritual master. Following these, our life will be simple and perfect. Everything what we add more is just slowing down for our progress. With adding nonsenses to the spiritual life I have many experiences. I did not think up any betterment till this time. So let our Krsna Consciousness lives be simple.

Following instructions of spiritual master is also perfect service to him. This way I pray to do this service for you the best way I can. Do not stop to instruct me, please. Thank you all your prayers and care, thank you for being my spiritual master.

Your servant,

Kavitá Devi Dasi.


I would be so pleased if my disciples would be known for their kindness: For their extraordinary kindness. I would think that would be a real victory, because that's what really conquers: That's what truly will make a difference.

Keli Lalita Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful humble obeisances.

All glories to you. All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to his divine grace Srila Prabhupada.

If I contemplate how to emphasise your glory, I realise how weak my words are because I cannot express what I really want to say through them. So I have to quote sastra and write this verse:

mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāriṇam

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains." (From an 8-verse poem written 1975 by Pandit Ananta Sastri, Sanskrit Scholar).

There is nothing what could highlight your measureless grace more than this verse. I am very happy to be here and to serve such a great person as you.

brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

"According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila 19.151).

Sometimes we forget about our gift to be in a presence of the Lord's pure devotees. Be initiated and have this eternal relationship. In some lectures you mentioned a verse where it states that, there are no means how to remove ownership of the devotee. This ownership is Krishna and devotional service. The more I think about it, the more I realise that I will never be able to repay this gift that you gave to me.

All glories to you dear Guru Maharaja! I am your eternal debtor. It is amazing to see you how, despite all obstacles and medical complications, you still continue in spreading the mission of Srila Prabhupada. You are perfect in preaching by your own example.

Although, I may have only few moments of your personal presence I feel that you are still with me through your instructions, kirtans and lessons which always fill my heart with love and dedication. And only just because of your grace, I can still find some ways to continue.

Dear Guru Maharaja, you teach us every day how to be stronger devotees as well, as a patient father teach his undisciplined children with all his love. Thank you! Thank you for your patience, for your guidance. Thank you for your mercy.

Your eternal servant,

Keli Lalita Devi Dasi

Kesava Bharati Das

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisences.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to you.

2016 has really been a good year for me spiritually. Initially I started with cooking for Govinda's Restaurant at the Sandton temple for a few months and that was very successful, as this was an opportunity to not only serve devotees but also non-devotees. While doing this service, I was approached by Nanda Kumar Prabhu to take on the service of harinam accompanied by book distribution. I took up this service gladly knowing how dear this is to you but I struggled in the beginning as sometimes it was just two or three of us. We started with the harinams on Saturdays and that lasted for a good six months and then things took a turn for the best. I started doing Harinam twice a week in the evenings after work which was really fruitful as we manage to reach so many people in the streets by the train station in Sandton. Now we have established this as our weekly program on a Friday evening and I have been getting the support of the devotees which is just causeless mercy.

Once I spoke to you at the Pretoria temple and I listed the services I do and your response was, *"What about kirtan?"* I love doing kirtan but I was scared to tell you about it because I am trying to develop the right mood. Harinam has really helped me in doing kirtan because there is no audience to please, but it has taught me that it is about serving the holy name without expecting any name or fame. Knowing that this relationship between spiritual master and disciple works both ways, I am trying my best to take responsibility to ensure that I become the disciple that follows your instructions and engages in as much devotional service as possible. This year I am entering into the grhastha ashram on 19 March 2017 and I kindly seek your blessings as I would like to become a Krishna conscious householder.

Your insignificant servant,

Kesava Bharati Das

Krsna Keli Devi Dasi

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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.

On this special day of your Vyasa-puja I wish to thank you again for accepting me as your servant and allowing me to do some service. It is by your mercy only that I'm learning to be a devotee. You once said to me:

"You are a nice devotee. But there are also very nice devotees and very nice devotees."

There is always room for improvement. You are so expert in guiding people and gently correcting them. Thank you for tolerating my mistakes while serving you. To see your determination to preach and reach out to many fallen souls as possible despite your weak health, is very inspiring to me. During your last visit I was amazed to see you performing such an ecstatic Kirtan at the beach. You had everybody dancing and jumping. Thank you for setting such amazing example.

I pray to be always engaged in your service.

Your aspiring servant,
Krsna Keli Devi Dasi

Madhukanta Das & Kalavati Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our most humble obeisances.

All glories to you

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Last summer, we moved to our land which is approximately 1km away from the Czech farm. That was a turning point for us but as an aspirants on devotees we are used to the changes because by accepting the lifestyle by which we want to live as devotees – to adjust our lives according to the rules of bhakti yoga, that demands the radical change. We try to understand it this way although our situation does not look much like a lifestyle of devotees.

Young man often goes away from the parents to not become the same as his ancestors. I really would not like to end up like this! But whoops, that life is hard, man gets married and he likes to come back to the parents for help. But we did not relish this kind of assurance and I rather chose the way of uncertainty with the motto,"Krishna will somehow take care, the main is to live with the devotees." Maybe I took it too radically and maybe I am a crazy fellow, which also my wife thinks sometimes when she is looking on the snow-drifts from our caravan, under which is waiting a tons of mud.

As soon as the temperature comes from actual minus twenty three degrees to the beautiful zero degrees and when she goes to the bathroom and toilet to the neighbours. Or she cannot wash the laundry because the water has froze. This year was the most extreme winter from the last seventy years and that is the irony - that it was our first few months in our new home. Nevertheless this battle gives the meaning to both of us, unless the wood for heating for all the winter would run out and we would freeze.

Dear Guru Maharaja, currently we cannot offer to your lotus feet any, not even a meager, fruits gained on the field of spreading the Krisna Consciousness because we are engaged in establishing the background for our family. We hope that with your blessing and with Krishna´s help we will settle this out quickly and our activities will gradually shift from taking care of bodily needs toward the preaching activities by which we can truly satisfy Krishna, one self and you.

Thank you for your constant support.

Your servants,

Madhukanta Das and Kalavati Devi Dasi

Madhupandit Das

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you

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

There are no words that can describe my gratefulness to you. You saved me from the greatest danger of all! You picked me up from the ocean of material misery and gave me this most valuable gem. The gift of devotional service to Lord Sri Krishna. Although I had no qualifications, I had received your mercy in the past and still I am getting more. Unfortunately, I and did not take care about it very much. But you are like a father, who did not mind some misbehaviour from his small children. You are still caring about me and all godbrothers and godsisters despite all difficulties. Thank you my saviour!

durgame pathi me 'ndhasya
skhalat-pāda-gater muhuḥ
sva-kṛpā-yaṣṭi-dānena
santaḥ santv avalambanam

"My path is very difficult. I am blind, and my feet are slipping again and again. Therefore, may the saints help me by granting me the stick of their mercy as my support." (Caitanya caritamrta, Antya- lila 1.2).

Krisnadas Kaviraj Goswami wrote those verses. He was such an exalted personality! I feel from time to time that this verse is echoing from my heart, after I had not passed some challenges in the life very successfully. Therefore, I am with this verse of Krisnadas Kaviraj Goswami - looking for some heart relief in more devotional service, in more and deeper devotees associations, in deeply reading and contemplating about Srila Prabhupada's books. In listening with more and greater concentration to your instructions and fulfilling them.

As the years are passing faster and faster through life, I feel more and more that I do not know so much about Sri Krishna. Also I do not know so much about his pure devotee Srila Prabhupada. But I know that you know both, Srila Prabhupada and Sri Krishna very well. So I beg you for the mercy as my support on the spiritual path.

Thank you Lord Sri Krishna for such a genuine spiritual master.
Thank you Jayadvaita Maharaja for such a genuine spiritual master.
Thank you very much my Guru Maharaja, that you are still here for us, as such an example of pure dedication to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

I will try to do my best to please you better than up to now.

Your incapable servant,
Madhupandit Das

Mahajana Das

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

In the Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 4 Verse 34 it is stated:

'Learn the Truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him with reverence and render service unto him. Such an enlightened Saint can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the Truth.'

This verse explains how to acquire the knowledge that is satisfying the soul.

3 steps are to be made:

– approaching a spiritual master
– inquire from him with reverence
– render service.

I at least Idid the first part. I approached you and you gave me your causeless mercy, for which i will be always indebted and thankful to you. But the second and the third part are still to be done by me. I never inquire from you, nor do I really serve you.

The truth is, I try to observe what you are doing and how you do things, I try to listen to you and often I think many days about it. Sometimes I do not really know what your intention was to say some things and what you wanted really to say to me. At those points, I notice that I do not know you in the slightest way.
All what I know about you is your shell, that what I am able to perceive on my level of consciousness.

I can see that you are clearly on the platform of nishta because you are always serve Krishna in so many different ways. But everything else above that remains a secret to me because I am still at a beginning stage and I can not know who you really are, what you really feel in your heart and how deep your relationship with Krishna really is. I simply do not have the eyes, to see you. You give us instructions, which indicate your sublime nature, but I for my part can just speculate about it.

I just feel like a fool in your presence and I do not know what to say to you. That is why I do not talk much to you, because I simply do not know what to say. Everything what I could say to you

is just unimportant stuff and I do not want to bother you with stuff. Srila Prabhupada explains in the purport of the above mentioned verse:

"It is revealed in the heart of the disciple by the Guru's grace, when the disciple develops humility, and the Guru is pleased with the service attitude of the disciple."

I really like to hear your lectures and I learn a lot of it but I fear, that I am still too proud to really realise the knowledge you give to us and that is also the reason, why I do not render any meaningful service to you.
I am aware that I probably would not get any true spiritual experience, if I continue like this.

All the words that sounds like humility here, are a fake humility, because I am supposed to show some.
But a Vyasa-puja offering should be an offering in which one glorifies the guru. Instead I only talk about myself. I am sorry for this. But you know me. You know what a cocky pretentious blockhead I am but you accepted me as your disciple and I know that your blessings are always with me. That is another sign of your exalted personality.

I hope that those blessings of you will someday soften my big ego, so that I can become somewhat humble and at least have a chance to render some pleasing service unto you.

With kind regards.

Your blockheaded wannabe servant,

Mahajana Das

Malini Devi Dasi

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to you.

On this wondeful occasion of your birthday I want to express my gratitude at your lotus feet. I want to say thank you for the wonderful, deeply inspiring time in Sri Vrindavan Dham last Kartik. You gave us so many nectar drops. You took us home, to your home. This was very special.

For me the most touching place during the parikramas was chir ghat. I love that place but more than that I love the lila. This absolutely deep and loving exchange between Krsna and the gopis seemed strange to me when I heard it for the first time. But this time I got another feeling; I felt so so far away from Krsna, from that dependence, from that love, from that devotion towards the Lord.

I was not even able to pray to get that mood because of too much attachment, and the desire to control everything. But the desire is growing in my heart - to one day be able to reach that state of mind where I can surrender myself to Krishna.

You are a living example of total dependence, love, trust and devotion. By seeing you, I gain strength and trust. You show me that the path of bhakti is a worthy path. You show me that I should stop trying to be the controller and just surrender. You´re always in the loving care of Radharani because you are fully surrendered.

Thank you so much for being my spiritual master, my living example of a first class devotee. You are also a first class disciple of your Guru Maharaja, and this is helping me learn how to be a better disciple as well. It´s like a child: she has to learn everything from her loving parents, including how to deal with life. From them she also receives advice and instructions for her own good fortune. Thank you for being my loving spiritual father and for teaching me. Sometimes, most of the time, I behave like a youth during her adolescence, thinking myself more intelligent than my parents and going my own way, believing it's what's best for me. Such a child needs a caring, loving and patient father and mother to show the child she is loved even though she behaves in this way. You are such a caring, loving, patient and always inspiring spiritual father!!! This is a precious gift, you are a precious gift, your appearance is a precious gift, and you coming into my life is a precious gift! It was the Lord's mercy and I can not thank Him enough!

I would like to end with a part of Thakur Bhaktivinoda's song glorifying the Guru!

"Gurudeva! By a drop of your mercy make this servant of yours more humble than a blade of grass. Give me strength to bear all trials and troubles, and free me from all desires for personal honour".

I pray to your lotus feet that I always be able to serve you and the devotees. With an ever praying and thankful heart I bow down to your lotus feet!

Your servant,

Malini Devi Dasi

Manikundala Devi Dasi

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Hare Krishna my dear spiritual master,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to your birthday.

By the causeless mercy of Krishna and His wonderful representative Srila Prabhupada, who has spread this wonderful movement all around the world, I also have the opportunity to be the part of this Hare Krishna movement. Thanks to the fact that you have accepted the shelter by the lotus feet of Jayadvaita Maharaja, we are all connected through the parampara to the nectar from the lotus feet of Sri Krishna and Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Every day we can observe how Krishna is leading us and protecting us through His representatives, the spiritual masters. I, as a part and parcel of Krishna, am aware of the fact that my only responsibility is to serve Krishna to His full satisfaction without the expectations and self-interest. But the practice is different. During the day I do a lot of activities, which I do in the name of service to Krishna but at the end I am only satisfying my stomach. I cook what I like and then I offer it to Krishna and pray to you to offer it with your love and devotion to Supreme Lord. He will accept your offering! And it is like this.

I rely on you that you will save us from everything and that we will just try our best. And from the level we are currently on and then it will finally come, the final test of our life, we rely on your causeless mercy.
I am so much indebted to you. Will I be able to repay my debt to you? I pray that you continue to engage me in devotional service to Krishna and so I may be able to repay the debt to you.

I wish you a good health and a lot of strength to continue to please Krishna in this wonderful way

Your insignificant servant and disciple,

Manikundala Devi Dasi

Manjulali 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 Maharaja!
All glories to your Divine Grace!

I did not do anything very pleasing for you this year. I honestly feel bad about it that I am not able to follow your first, best advice. You spent quite some time advising me. And I am grateful for that. Often I am remembering what you told me at that time. Although I am not able to realise it in my life right now, hopefully in the future it will be better.

This year I survived one of the most difficult periods of my life. I touched the bottom and I stood up again. Now we are in the Holy Dham. It is the time to study, understand things from higher perspective and learn from mistakes. Krisna arranged it perfectly, it is really the best thing right now.

Thank you Guru Maharaja for tolerating me, hopefully I did not spoil your opinion about me completely. In normal condition, I am quite hard-working, so hopefully it will be fine and I will be able to please you by my service. Saying that I am aware that the first thing which can please you is not a number of distributed books, but the attitude of servant.

As devotees we have two options, we may surrender voluntarily, or Krishna will give us some heart surgery. The surgery may be painful, but it is conductive to healthy stage and therefore it is needed. So probably Krishna has some plan for me, that is why He sent me the surgery.

Srila Jiva Goswami says in Bhakti Sandarbha (868):

divyam jnanam yato dadyat
kuryat papasya sanksayam
tasmad dikseti sa prokta
desikais tattva-kovidaih

"By diksa one gradually becomes disinterested in material enjoyment and gradually becomes interested in spiritual life." This statement is very much true. That is why all the purifications are coming. And it is the mercy of the spiritual master.

In spiritual life you are my only chance. You give me the torchlight of knowledge. You are engaging me in the service. By your mercy I can get bhakti. Dear Guru Maharaja, although I am probably opposite to your favourite disciple, please do not give up with me. This year I was in horrible consciousness, but now it is good and hopefully it will be only better.

Thank you for taking time to read these lines,

Please accept my obeisances once again.

Your servant,

Manjulali Devi Dasi

Mathuresh Das

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Study the Srimad Bhagavatam. That was your first personal instruction to us and not those the usual: following the regulative principles, chanting at least sixteen rounds, getting up early morning, attending the programs and so on. Of course these were the next, but first was study the essence of all sastras, Srimad Bhagavatam. Since we strive for this, we perceive that our life has gradually a meaning.

Thanks to this powerful impact we are now somehow or other more in touch with the very natural transcendental science and knowledge. Thanks to this we are more conscious about our helpless, infinitely complex situation in the material miserly consciousness. Thanks to this we are grateful to what has been given to us. The unfathomable mercy of the Lord, the whole guru-parampara and especially to the very gift of Srila Prabhupada. He gave us his entire life. His entire life!

So now we cannot only sit and do nothing as before. We know also, that you like some independence in making something nice for the mission of Srila Prabhupada, and this way voluntarily accepting all responsibility. This is the only way how to advance in Krsna Consciousness. Not being mean and miserly, but learning the art of giving. Trying to repay our very debt to Srila Prabhupada. We are not so much generous as the other exalted, advanced souls who are meant for big things. But we can give at least a little time for systematic study of Bhagavatam and other Srila Prabhupada's books. At least for now and prepare for the next.

Srila Prabhupada was sent here to smash the meaningless impersonalistic and voidistic approach globally. Whether we understand it or not, you are doing the same for us. You are giving the example of how to apply it practically and individually. So more we accept and follow, the more

we see and understand. We are now trying to accept, but not blindly. We are so small and weak, that we need those who are strong, who will purify our intelligence for making right decisions in the mood of goodness. So much as one's material logic is entangling one into the complexities of material world, so much is one relieved when he embraces the message of the Srimad Bhagavatam.

kṛṣṇe sva-dhāmopagate
dharma-jñānādibhiḥ saha
kalau naṣṭa-dṛśām eṣa
purāṇārko 'dhunoditaḥ

"This Bhāgavata Purāṇa is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Kṛṣṇa to His own abode, accompanied by religion, knowledge, etc. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness of ignorance in the Age of Kali shall get light from this Purāṇa." (Srimad Bhagavatam 1.3.43).

The light is now perceptible more, but not completely. Therefore we learn further how to depend and want nothing. We apologise, that we are not able to advance faster as those honest souls who make you happy and who you can call your disciples. It is due to our very limited ability of accepting the Truth. Now we accept at least some challenges which appear to be suitable for our self purification bearable for our tiny situation. Like this with trying for Australian yatras. This way we approach to the chanting of daily rounds and to all occasions of spiritual activities, like harinama sankirtan, reading Shastra, and vaishnava seva as to the personal desperate prayer. Now it has different reality. Not so much mechanical and blind.
Because we are also aging, we understand that we do not have so much time already. We are also grateful to this aging and we remember one precious truth revealed by your mercy.

You once said personally to us, that consciousness is also changing by the mercy of the Lord through aging and this way we are also changing personal values. I wish only to be aging among those exalted devotees who are giving examples and who are limitlessly patient and tolerant to our foolishness. Who could be the friends and can give so much as you do.

We pray that one day you and they will be pleased with our wretched endeavour to make you happy.

Aspiring for being your servant,
Mathuresh Das

Mayapur Chandradoya das

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Maharaja,

please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, H.H. Jayadvaita Maharaja and Your Divine Grace!

Sometimes you tell in a class story about a mystical stranger who talks to people living in a desert about paradise land which is extremely beautiful and where is no shortage of anything. He even lets them to taste some ambrosial fruits which he brought from there.

Many people join the stranger with a promise of better future. Yet caravan has to go first through many tough places where travellers are tested by schorching heat of sun (lust), insufficient supply of water and many other tribulations. This austere period lasts for substantial amount of time. Consequently many people decide to give up their goal and frustrated leave the caravan. Later they even arrive to oasis which looks like a paradise but when the stranger tells them that they should carry on with travel, some of them being illusioned decide to stay there. Only the most sincere ones achieve paradise land at the end and get the real thing.

In this analogy you as our spiritual master act in the role of a mystical stranger. By Krsna's mercy you appeared in our lives. You have been able to inspire us and enthuse us by your own example (acara), you have conquered our hearts by your classes and kirtans, paternal love, friendship, wisdom,humour, kindness, by being very personal, by your understanding, selfless interest, human approach, etc..

Time is progressing..From the time when you unofficially accepted me in 2001 passed already 16 years. Now when I speak with young devotees and tell them how we did things 10 or 15 years they look at me as if I would come from previous yuga.

This only confirms how the time is relative. In one sense we feel that we have to struggle so long to achieve higher taste and face challenges which maya puts on the way. On the other hand these 16 years or even 40 years of my age passed so fast that I can understand very easily…how fast the span of whole life can be lived out.

So in one sense I can boast in front of youngsters that I am in the movement 18 years already. I got experiances, I know philosophy, I did different services over the years..Yet am I really progressing on the path properly? Do I follow your instructions properly? Am I strongly attached to chanting and hearing Krsna katha?

Well, not really. I still do not feel strongly convinced to give up everything and practice Krsna consciousness as if everyday would be my last day. Im not sincere. Still I know that I should carry on with caravan and that I wanna continue because I wanna please you.

My current spiritual progress can be compared to the sprint of a slug. Yet we have received a lot of mercy in the Holy Dham during last 4 months. That helped me to revive my inspiration.

Krsna is amazing! He is Sevya Bhagavan. Yet I really do not know what would happen if I would have no Sevaka Bhagavan..?
Definitely a devotional life would be very tough.

Once when I had a trouble you quoted to me this verse (I forgot bengali) which is addressing the matter. Let me paraphrase it by my own words: My walking is not easy since my feet are slippery still I carry on being supported by the stick of vaishnava's mercy.

So somehow I carry on and I pray to be sincere, I pray to have enough intelligence to please you, I pray to engage properly my prana, artha, dhiya and vaca in devotional service, I pray to be able to contribute positively to mission of spreading Krsna consciousness and attain nonselfish love for Krsna, Gouranga.
I pray to be the one of those who last in the caravan until we will successfully reach "paradise land" Goloka Vrindavan.

Nonetheless it is said tirthi kurvanti tirthani..A powerful vaishnava like your goodself creates a spiritual world wherever he walks since he carries the Lord in his heart and constanly engages himself in His glorification. So to be in Your Divine association allows me to be in the spiritual world regardless of the place. A spiritual world without you would be propably incomplete for me anyway.

To say ""Thank you"" is not enough!
Your indebted servant,
Mayapur Chandradoya dasa

Merumala Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Another year has passed and what a whirlwind year it has been! My husband sometimes jokes that a chaotic routine seems to accompany the life of a Kadamba Kanana Swami disciple and that we tend to take on more than we can manage. My abrupt response is that it runs in the family so get used to it! To quote a lecture from His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami, Maharaja mentioned that upon accepting a disciple, the spiritual master gets the burden and the disciple gets the mercy. It's not a lucrative deal for you but I wish that I can someday move away from being your burden and rather become someone who adds value to your life.

Recently, I reflected on my initiation ceremony when we had to offer a banana into the fire and I could not even do this properly but you calmly advised me to just keep trying till you get it right. I feel that this instruction applies to all areas in my life; advice which I hope to live by. Whenever I may feel like giving up, I should keep trying and someday I will get things right due your mercy! I realise that you are our caring father, helping us take our first steps towards Lord Kṛṣṇa. Also, it is common knowledge that fathers normally favour their daughters more hence the Mataji's have an advantage over the boys! I have had my share of good fortune in this lifetime but when I stop to think, what more virtue will I ever need after having had the opportunity to meet you in this life time? The odds of this still boggles my puny mind. There are so many others out there who are missing out on this oceanic mercy of approaching a spiritual master. So I pray that you may give me the voice to inspire others to be a part of Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON family. It may sound strange but when I glance upon a tortoise, that reminds me of you because I have learnt that your prayers are always with me and so are you.

Sometimes I hear about your life's journey thus far and I am overwhelmed that you can still smile even though your path has been an arduous one. It makes me feel like an insignificant fool to whine and complain about my minor concerns. Thank you Maharaja for conquering us with your merciful smile. I feel like this is a cheesy sales advertisement but I will try my best to serve in Srila Prabhupada's mission in the hope that you may be pleased with my endeavours.

May you see many more healthy years in blissful service to Sri Guru and Gauranga! Thank you for inspiring me to be a better person.

Your spiritual daughter,
Merumālā Devi Dasi

Mitravinda Devi Dasi

Dear Maharaja,

Plesse accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila praphupada.

Every day, every minute and every second I am happy, that you fished me out of my maya illusion.
So many years I was lost in search for something special in the world, where I can surrender. Christian church, Buddhism and the anthroposophies which was not as good as the system that you had shown me. I was searching in a dustbin and you showed me the way to the Lord. Many people I met had a good heart and intention, but I could not feel the real love. And then I met you - a happy pure soul.

Thank you for saving me and for tolerating my crazy self. With you enthusiastically spread out, you influence the whole universe. I am sure your words and your kirtan will be heard also up to the spiritual world. Thank you that you are here to share with us your precious time.

Your servant for all times,

Mitravindā Devi Dasi

Murti-seva Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Gurudeva!

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

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to Giriraja-Govinda!

Please let me pray to you with the words of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura on your appearance day:

gurudeva!
krpa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase, trnapekha-ati hina
sakala sahane, bala diya koro nija-mane sprha hina
sakale sammana korite sakati deho natha! jathajatha
tabe to' gaibo hari-nama sukhe aparadha habe hata

Whom could I turn to for help, to be given strength and humility to change? You have so many nice qualities, and strength and humility are apparent in all your deeds. You are not like others who are falsely glorified and in the end embarrass those who meet them. Your life is indeed austere and simple. Your humility is real, based on following and service. You do not invent new ideas, and always serve the well-being of others. Your presence radiates patience, peacefulness and truthfulness. You are steady and determined, who knows who he is, knows what he wants to reach and knows the truth.
I wish that everyone recognise your valuable and sacrifice-filled life, and would ask shelter from you calmly. You were able to change even my thoughts. No matter how sinful we are, you treat everyone with love, in the same way Lord Nityananda does.

I think about the lotus feet and the service of this devotee every day.
I hanker for the association of this devotee.
The heart of this devotee is full of compassion and is soft like butter.
The life of this devotee is blissful and glorious.
This devotee has gained the mercy of Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krishna.
I desire to serve this devotee life after life, always and everywhere, and eventually to gain his mercy one day.

My dear Gurudeva!
I always think about you with endless thankfulness for giving me shelter. Thank you for your life. I cannot offer anything in exchange but my loyalty.

In your eternal service,
Murti-seva Devi Dasi

Nadia Karuna Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

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

Gurudeva!
kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,
tṛṇāpekhā ati hīna
sakala sahane, bala diyā koro',
nija-māne spṛhā-hīna

sakale sammāna korite śakati,
deho' nātha! jathājatha
tabe to' gāibo, hari-nāma-sukhe,
aparādha ha 'be hata

kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana,
kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!
śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna,
koro' more ātma-sātha

jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi,
tomāra karuṇā-sāra
karuṇā nā hoile, kāndiyā kāndiyā

prāṇa nā rākhibo āra. (Bhajana Lalasa Song 11).

Inspired by this timeless glorification of the spiritual master, sung by Bhaktivinoda Thakur, my heart and mind settled down at your lotus feet.

Again, one year has past. Retrospective it felt like a wink. Questions came up,

"How did I serve Gurudeva? Will he be satisfied with my spiritual life? What progress did I make?"

It was not an easy year for me but with a precious gem at the very end. I tried to carry the most precious gift I could get, near in my daily life – your instructions. Srila Prabhupada explains, "There is no difference between the spiritual master's instructions and the spiritual master himself." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Adi-lila 1.35).

Once again I was allowed to experience, that it is because of your causeless mercy I am able to maintain my spiritual life. Your mercy is all that I am made of. Your guiding words echoed steadily in my heart and gave me strength to go further, even if I was not in the mood.

You are the perfect example, revealing daily all the good qualities a vaishnava has to have, showing deep faith in the process of bhakti, seeing and bringing up the good in everyone's

heart, enlightening us with Your sharp vision, cuts all the unnecessary things from us, giving us shelter by your guidance, beaming our minds and bodies up to the ecstatic pastimes of Caitanya Mahaprabhu while hearing your kirtan and bhajan.

I realised, that all I have to do is to accept your mercy, to grab for it – it is already there! You are always in my heart, if I invite you there. I pray, may you not forget this tiny servant, who is always to shy and nervous and hardly able to speak in your presence. From the core of my heart I pray to be able to follow in your footsteps one day, satto vṛtteḥ. Thank you for your prayers. You saved my very life.

Your servant forever,
Nadia Karuna Devi Dasi

Naimisaranya Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

nama om visnu-pádáya krsna prestháya bhú-tale

śrímate 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

śrímate bhaktivedánta-svámin iti námine

namas te sárasvate deve gaura-váni-pracárine

nirviśesa-śúnyavádi-páścátya-deśa-tárine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Jayadvaita Swami

All glories to you on this auspicious day of your appearance.

Once you said that the love that Srila Prabhupada had for his disciples is unlimited times deeper than the love that the disciple has for the spiritual master. I have come to realise how true this is of you during this past year. In all our interactions, I have seen how much I lack love and commitment to you. However, in every way that you can, you have been kind and loving in all our interactions. You are the father that I have longed for. Thank you for giving me shelter, Guru Maharaja.

Initiation has made me feel that I need to do more, be more. Yet, each day I fall short of this. Being caught up in the struggles of material life, the blurring lines between material life and spiritual life have been hard to deal with. Even though the past year has been a trying one for me that does not excuse my lack of spiritual progress. I want to enjoy the material world and I have not yet felt the urgency to take spiritual life seriously. Although I have the opportunity to listen to your lectures over and over, my brain is like a sieve and my heart is like stone. You have the ability to calm my rebellious nature by your presence, yet I cannot follow through and become a worthy disciple. Sometimes I find glimpses of happiness in my minute attempts to follow your instructions and this gives me a bit of hope that I can be a better disciple to you one day.

I pray that I can take shelter from you continually. I pray that one day, soon rather than later, I can serve you in a meaningful way. I pray that Krsna protects you so that you can continue in your enthusiasm for preaching and glorifying Him.

Your aspiring servant,

Naimisaranya Devi Dasi

Nama-rupa Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja!

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

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

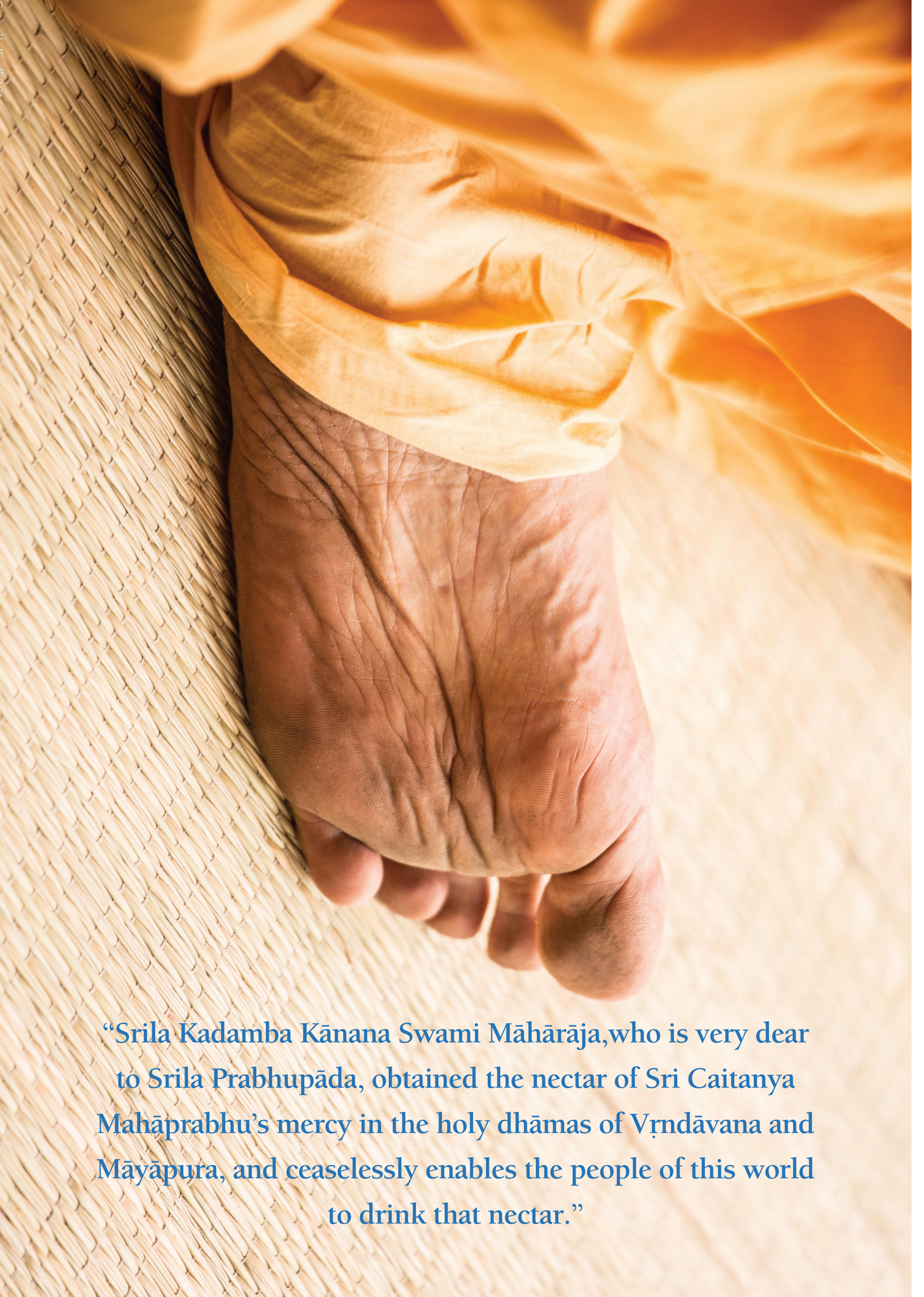
Offering obeisances to you is my lifeline! It keeps me blessed. You gave me the name Nama-rupa Devi Dasi. The servant of the form of the holy name! Even though I do not have the taste I love chanting my rounds every day. You gave me this gift. Priceless gift that keeps me connected to you and to all great personalities that you invoked on the day of my initiation to bless me! This truly keeps me alive. Offering obeisances to you is one of my favourite activities. It keeps me empowered.

Every morning I find myself in the spiritual world on your behalf. I wake up Sri Radhavallabha and follow the procedure you gave me to worship Him. While I decorate Him in His world I know I am just a visitor there wearing the badge that clearly states that I am allowed there because you have guaranteed for me.

Offering obeisances to you is my strength, my true wealth, my beginning, my end and my everything in-between. What do I have to offer to you on this or any other day? It is like standing on the bank of Ganges offering a palm-full of water from the same stream.

I am the product of your mercy and I find myself moulding my life to be under the downpour of that mercy whenever I can.

Your servant and your mercy case,
Nama-rupa Devi Dasi



"Srila Kadamba Kānana Swami Māhārāja,who is very dear to Srila Prabhupāda, obtained the nectar of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mercy in the holy dhāmas of Vṛndāvana and Māyāpura, and ceaselessly enables the people of this world to drink that nectar."

Nayanabhiram Das

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 Jayadvaita Swami!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

So, another year in and another year out and here we are.

As I reflect upon the year that was, my mind swings towards all the waves in the ocean you have felt Maharaja.

Despite all of that you have endured. Despite test after test literally and confirmatively you have continued on and often times under immense duress, you have continued on your preaching work regardless. Despite the pain, the travel and so on, you showed up again and again to plant the seed of bhakti in the hearts of all and so much more!

Truly inspiring and leading from the forefront giving so much of yourself. You give us your heart.

And for all of that, I am eternally grateful. Although our path is a slippery one with such reformations, example, and association, the samskaras on our hearts blaze eternally in smaranam of you. So much you give to us, yet I feel so unqualified, as to what to give to you.

So I pray at your feet for the blessings and mercy of both you and the past acharaya's and assembled devotees past, present and future, that I can make you a proud spirtual father and when many many years from now at the end of this life I give you my report card.

You can hear and bask in true satisfaction and joy of the humble offerings we have attempted to make for your pleasure and ultimately Krsna. And until that day comes I will focus on being an acharaya with a little 'a'and not a big 'A'. And build towards making others and the world around me better place through Krsna and continue to be a good example.By becoming responsible for the future of this movement and becoming responsible for the generations now appearing! As it is becoming more and more apparent that the sun is beginning to set with one generation and the sun is rising with the next.

So we should be ready. Because soon it will be up to all us, and I mean all us! To step forward and lead. To step forward and guide, gift and inspire the future generations now coming. It will be up to all of us to live up to and fulfil that prophecy of the next ten thousand years! Giving the world Krsna! Spreading his holy names far and wide!

Filling their hearts, minds and bellies with Krsna! Finding new ways to spread/expand. And not making the same mistakes but ratter creating a bright new dynamic future of true fellowship, appreciation and love for one another, one world family! Creating the magic and electricity of inspiration and sincerity as once was again! Going further than anyone before us dreamt.It is up

to all of us. The time is now.

So let us all come together and use our talents and many gifts in service for Krsna and gain Radharani's favour! Let us all come together as one family united and not divided. And let us make the future a bright one and make all our guardians and well-wishers proud. As that would be the greatest gift and offering I and all of us could offer you Maharaja on such a day as your Vyasa-puja.

Please accept my obeisances again and again!

Your servant,
Nayanabhiram Das

Niskincana Caitanya Das

Nama Om Vishnu-Padaya Krishna-Preshthaya Bhu-Tale
Srimate Kadamba Kanana-Svamin Iti Namine

Nama Om Vishnu-Padaya Krishna-Preshthaya Bhu-Tale
Srimate Bhaktivedanta-Svamin Iti Namine

Namas Te Sarasvate Deve Gaura-Vani-Pracarine
Nirvisesha-Sunyavadi-Pascatya-Desa-Tarine

Hare Krishna Maharaj,

Please Accept my Humble Obeisances and All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

I must be honest with you Maharaj, these Vyasa puja offerings are very hard for me to do. Not because I don't want to express my best wishes and gratitude towards you but simply because I don't know what to say or how to approach these offerings. There's so much to say and yet I'm not sure what to say?!

But here goes…

The more I'm getting to know you over the last three or four years, the more I'm seeing how you're extremely tolerant of others but you never compromise with yourself. Externally you have the bearings of a tough but charming, no-nonsense Dutchman but you have an extremely loving core and the way in which you're so personal with your disciples is becoming more and more evident to me. At the same time, I see how if a certain disciple needs that extra push and shove you certainly won't hesitate to give it! But that's also part of your personal approach. Knowing when to give the sweet mercy and when to give the salty mercy.

I can testify to that in my own case. You initiated me into your family this year and at the last minute I was dithering as to whether I wanted to get initiated in my home temple in England or in Radhadesh. Your response was who was I to make such a decision? In other words you made it explicitly clear to me what the Guru disciple dynamic. You saw me the strong independent streak and gave me what I needed for my own personal growth. I'm no longer just my own man but now one of your men.

I must say it's still taking some getting used to. Even something simple as becoming accustomed to my new name is still a little strange. I flit between Nandan and Niskincana, but I'm working on it. You mentioned that surrendering isn't just something you do once and that's it! Haribol… No! Its' something you have to practice and reiterate everyday and since you initiated me, that's definitely become more apparent to me.

As I'm in Krishna consciousness longer, I seem to be getting more responsibilities. It's exhilarating but also a little overwhelming at times. Nonetheless by Krishna's mercy, I'm managing to carry out my duties. One of my main inspirations is seeing your life and how you managed to carry such heavy loads throughout your life and yet it hasn't dampened you or burnt you out. If anything you are always so enlivened in all your duties. I guess this is the effect of Krishna consciousness. Srila Prabhupada once said that a devotee fully situated can work tirelessly. It's higher taste after all, something you posses in abundance. Although I would balance this by saying you are in a material covering in the form of an over-60 year old body and certainly now this body will need adequate downtime. So Maharaj please go easy as well. I'm

sure I speak for my God brothers and sisters when I say; we don't want to go through the health scare of last year. I know it's selfish of me to say this but I personally desire to have you here with us in this mortal realm for quite a bit more time imparting your wisdom and guidance before Krishna lines up his next mission for you.

In fact, after knowing you for just a few years, I've barely scratched the surface in knowing and understanding you. I know there's lot more for me to know from you *and* about you.

Maharaj I am now officially your disciple, I will strive to live up to that. It's clichéd to say it but I really I'm not worthy of such a title just yet. This is not humility; I just know what I'm like. I have the consciousness of a beast. But you saw some hope in me. I beg you for your empowerment that I can do something for you in this life and really start to do this whole Krishna consciousness thing.

Your insignificant servant,

Niskincana Caitanya Das

Nitya Manjari 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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I want to thank you for all the years of giving – guidance, inspiration, advise, support. Thank you for caring for us. Where would we be without you? Knowing how rare and unique this human form of life is, still it is not possible to cross over that vast ocean of material existence without the help of the spiritual master.

It is said in Srimad Bhagavatam, we need the grace of the spiritual master, who is like a captain of the boat, and the mercy of Krishna Who is the favourable wind. How can we fight the mighty waves in the ocean of birth and death? It seems impossible. Our only hope is mercy. But as you said in one lecture, mercy has to be attracted, it is not actually for free. Mercy is attracted by service. By our willingness to serve we built up our spiritual life, attract mercy. And as you said at another time, bhakti leads to bhakti, so whatever we do in devotional service it increases our desire to do more devotional service. And with that comes more mercy and with that the favourable wind is blowing towards the spiritual world.

We know that if we take shelter of you, since you are the pure devotee of the Lord, your prayer will surely attract the grace of Krsna. Because Krsna is bound by the love of His pure devotee, He will save us conditioned souls who are otherwise helplessly drowning in the ocean of Kali-yuga.

Thank you, Guru Maharaja for helping us when we get seasick, and directing us which way to go by steering the wheel.

Your grateful servant,
Nitya Manjari Devi Dasi

Nrsimha Caitanya Das

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 Maharaja
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

This year I fell in love with one of Bhaktivinod Thakur's bhajans. It is called 'Emona Durmati' and the translation goes like this:

"Oh Lord! Such a wicked mind has brought me into this world, but one of Your pure and elevated devotees has come to bring me out of it. He saw me so fallen and wretched, took pity, and came to me saying, "O humbled soul, please listen to this good tiding, for it will gladden your heart. Sri Krsna Caitanya has appeared in the land of Navadvipa to deliver you. He has safely conducted many miserable souls such as you across the sea of worldly existence. To fulfill the promise of the Vedas, the son of a brahmana bearing the name Mahaprabhu of golden complexion, has descended with His brother the avadhuta Nityananda. Together They have overwhelmed all of Nadia with divine ecstasy. Sri Caitanya, who is Krishna Himself, the son of Nanda, has saved the world by freely distributing His own holy name. Go also and receive your deliverance!"

Bhaktivinod Thakura then concludes the bhajan with surrendering to the lotus feet of the Lord.

Dear Guru Maharaja, I know that you are not overly fond of being a target of reciting prayers by previous great acharyas. But this bhajan perfectly sums up the story of an elevated pure devotee saving a fallen conditioned soul. Basically giving him the news that by taking shelter of harinam sankirtan he can be delivered from the ignorance of material world. You did this very thing for me and many others. I am forever indebted to you for that. I feel torn and guilty because what I give back to you is a mediocre work of a slob. I must do better. Please be merciful to me!

Your slacking servant,

Nrsimha Caitanya Das

Padmanabha Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Al glories to you

All Glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

This year will be the first year for me to attend your big Vyasa-puja celebration in Radhadesh and dance on Kings Day in Amsterdam. Feels kind of like a homecoming, though we are both not really 'from Holland' from any perspective. We been away for too long. Clearly we have been away from Krishna for too long too and you are urging us to go back home. You are not a 'soft Swami' who is just alright with everything, no, you inspire us to bring out the best in us, each and every one of us! Same goal, but unique individuals! Be cool but run wild for Krishna! Do something for Krishna, do not worry too much where you are situated, just do something. Teach your parrot how to chant and your parrot will remind you to chant!

It makes the practice of Krsna Consciousness tangible, practical and possible. It makes it possible for everyone to contribute. Yes, we all know you like the heavyweights like Brahmananda but we feel as small individuals we count for something as well. We feel who we should see as examples, who we should look up to at but at the same time we feel encouraged to do something ourselves and how it counts for something.

I have been your disciple, well, trying to be, for more than twelve years now. It feels very natural to have you as my spiritual master, like we know each other. Probably we do and you are back again to fire me up and get going and finally get me out of here! That is probably the scenario. In that sense I am not sure if I have said it before to you, probably I did, in a past life, but I feel that in this life I can do it! And that's only because of your mercy, your inspiration and your desire that we all go back, back home, back to Godhead. I feel that with you I can do it. *'You make Bhakti fun,'* pops into my mind.

Still, you expect us to do big things. Not in a pushy or sentimental way but with a deep and very real understanding that Krishna can empower us to do anything. Anything is possible so you like us to dream big while at the same time even if we do something small you will accept it.

I want to keep it short because otherwise I will be repeating myself.

Thank you for taking me into your family, thank you for your patience, determination, great example and thank you for being my spiritual master. I hope I will never disappoint you.

Your servant,

Padmanabha Dasa

Pancajanya Das

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.

Dearest Gurudeva,

We are certainly very fortunate to again have an opportunity to glorify your divine grace and get a chance to fully appreciate your wonderful and extremely compassionate personality. In our vaishnava society there are many moons that radiate the teachings and spiritual inspiration of our founder-Acharya, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada and all of them shine in their own special ways to different individuals they come across. Your influence in our lives is, for me, quite unique in that, you are not only representing as a transparent via medium the teachings of Srila Prabhupada and the previous acharyas, but are also a living example of the continuation of the next generation of powerful spiritual personalities, that guarantee the purity and brilliance of our Gaudiya Vaishnava line coming especially through Srila Prabhupada.

You have taken up the order of Guru and Gauranga on your head and as a result have inspired so many to chant the holy names of Sri Krishna. No doubt, this is exactly akin to the pastimes of the Pancha Tattva. There is one verse of Caitanya Caritamrta (Ādi 7.20-21) that I have heard you speak about many times of how the Pancha Tattva broke open the storehouse of love of God and drank its contents. As followers of your divine grace, we stand at your feet hoping and praying that we get some drops of that nectar of love of God that may fall down from your lotus mouth. As the nectar is being passed down from the Pancha Tattva to the precious acharyas and to your loving grace. All glories to you!

Your servant,
Pancajanya Dasa

Purna tattva Das

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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 are the light of my life. You are my Vrindavan. Sometimes I feel your personal presence even you are thousands miles far away. How is it possible? For Krishna it is no problem to arrange it. I do not want to express all of my feelings to you, I do not want to bore you. Actually I do not deserve your mercy, but somehow or other you accepted me as your disciple.

samsara-davanala-lidha-loka-
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatwam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam

So please accept my billions of dandavats to you. All glories to your service! I pray for your health as much as I can. Without health it is very hard to serve. I wish you only the best! Please stay with us as much as possible.

Your humble servant,
Purna Tattva dasa

Purusottama-ksetra Das

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

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Hare Krsna Dear Gurudeva,

How can I please you? I accepted the gift of service to your mission. Something little I promised during initiation. Through your picture I offer my faith and dedication. Through you as a clear medium comes Krishna´s mercy, which destructs the past by the way of decreasing the sins, and making the future brighter. And via the way of how we are woken up for our desire to do devotional service. By humbly following your instructions the spiritual relationships are becoming stronger and the knot of the material attachments within the heart is loosening. During his morning lecture with his disciples, Srila Prabhupada said:

“My spiritual master made me into a diamond. “

The true punishment for us would be to not get the positive devotional service in the association of devotees. Your lectures and instructions are giving the emotional, inspiring and intellectual leading, encouraging our will. It creates the mental connection with you and in this way it receives the help and encouragement for the service to Krishna and His devotees. The service under your supervision leads us safely to our goal, out of any indirect streets, and like this our consciousness is fixed to Krishna´s lotus feet.
You are our inspiration, you lead us. You show us the spiritual world and the relationships in it. For me, your disciple, you are the excellent teacher in this world, who is always helping me this way.

The spiritual happiness is dependent on the understanding of life (the relationship with others and with Krishna) which depends on the right knowledge. Your mercy is showing us the right way, it uncovers our mistakes and gives us the motivation and faith to concentrate on the goal of devotional service. We put aside most of our ideas to accept the new ones and more true ones. Under the guidance of the guru we are not free from making mistakes but there are smaller amounts of mistakes and they are improved faster.

Gurudeva is challenging those who are in the darkness and have forgotten their connection with Krishna. I humbly admit that your understanding of Krsna Consciousness is much greater than mine. The goal is the same, you are inspiring us by your endeavour. The knowledge of Krishna is inspiring me very much when I see you as an example and I extract the inner help thanks to

your dedication, kinship and sensitivity.

By your mercy in the service to you, we get the highest of what we could ever attain - Krishna. You are lecturing from Krishna´s inspiration. I trust you fully and by it makes the inner bondage and thanks to it I am getting the help and guidance. The contact with you is built by my own approach, faith, devotion and obedience on the way to the pure consciousness of Krishna. The bond of attraction between the guru and disciple is so strong that it persists from one life to another. The true disciple means to have the firm faith in spiritual master, to be obedient to his instructions, to be dedicated and faithful and always keep thinking about his instructions, service in the present form.

The manifested respect and service to the spiritual master is based upon the faith that Krishna is acting through the medium of the spiritual master. The disciple is going through a series of tests and those things hidden in our character is loosened. So we have the chance to clean our character of the egoism and animalistic behaviour. Gurudeva is not only our friend, but most importantly the affectionate, expert and leading teacher. He is fully qualified, placed by Krishna, faithful, compassionate, steady in the service to Krishna, always ready to help by the word and act in the Krsna Consciousness. He is our compassionate and reliable leader. He is encouraging us and exalting us in Krsna Consciousness. Gurudeva is strengthening our endeavour and every meeting with him is blowing up our sparkle of desire for meeting with Krishna and His devotees.

The spiritual master helps us to get the higher level of concentration during the chanting of the holy name, he exalts us to be more appreciative in devotional service. He helps us to discover our defects in character and thinking. The spiritual master helps to remove the obstacles on the way to Krishna. Many obstacles in us and also many obstacles out of us is possible to overcome easily, if we surrender to our beloved spiritual master.

Anyone who wants to exalt his consciousness to the Krsna Consciousness, should search for a spiritual master who has already achieved such a position. In your association we get the inner inspiration, which leads us in the same direction. Gurudeva provides us to be fast in our spiritual advancement and gives us the inspirational renovation of the inner life of the disciple. Bhakti comes thanks to the deeper realisations within devotional service. But a lot of suffering and efforts can be saved by accepting the bhakti from our guru who is willing to forward it.

Study or practise without an expert is not possible. We have here the presence of a spiritually awakened Krishna´s servant who helps us as a leader and Guru Maharaja. We need the reassurance and support from those who are blessed by Krishna´s mercy, which is revealing from their own existence. From our Guru Maharaja we can derive the assurance that everything is always controlled by Krishna´s sweet will.

I do not know who I would be if I would not have met you.

Your servant,

Purusottama-ksetra Dasa

Racitamabara Devi Dasi

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

During this year many things happened. One of these is my initiation. I am still in the beginning, but I realise that it is for me a big liability to you and Krishna. Also because of that I want to thank you sincerely, and give you my respect, that you allowed me to take shelter at your lotus feet. Although to be responsible is a serious matter, it encourages me in spiritual life. I am eternally indebted to you, and this performance of obligations makes me happier. Indeed it is the best and most beautiful thing that happened to me.

Always when we meet you are so kind to me and always careful although I do not deserve it. You are very considerate and give me a lot of good advice, guidance and so much inspiration and strength to spiritual life also through your lectures and your disciples. There are many things for which I am grateful to you.
Your words are in this way for me like a spring sun rays – always refreshes my intelligence and gives me more spiritual strength. Because of that I try to keep your words in my mind, remember and try to do things as you would like. And sometimes it happens that your words are in my mind also when I do not try to remind it.

Physically this year has been difficult for you. But you are in Krishna's hands. He knows what he is doing. I prayed for you every day, and over again I was thinking about what you mean to me. I was sad about that situation, but my husband remind me words ''spiritual master is present in his instructions", and sometimes when I have 'luck' and do things somehow right, I feel it like that.

So dear Guru Maharaja, I am eternally indebted to you for everything you done for us. On. my beginning I still do not know so many things. But I know that I need your blessings for my next progress. I humbly please you for accepting my service that I try to do for you every day. I also try to be better in devotional service to you and Krsna. Maybe it goes slow, but somehow it goes.

So I thank you, that you are, and of your mercy also. You gave me chance to 'renew' my spiritual life and because of that I will try to respond to you this most valuable gift. I look forward to the next meeting with you.

With sincerity and humility.

Your servant,
Racitambara Devi Dasi

Radha Kanta Das

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories to Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Recently I was giving class where I tried to explain Arjuna's state of mind, mentioned in The Bhagavad-Gita (2.7):

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

The position of jiva who took shelter of the material energy is unnatural. The most fortunate jivas can understand their situation by the mercy of a devotee of the Lord. I think it was when I saw you for the first time, you were giving class where you mentioned the example of switching the heavy luggage from one hand to the other and then carrying it on the head. Although not knowing the terms yet, I could see my position as a krpana (miser) and yours as the best of brahmanas. And on some level I decided to become your sisya (student).

The path of spiritual life is like the sharp razor. One needs therefore expert guidance so that he does not hurt himself. It is certainly not easy to guide someone in the spiritual life. Every individual has his free will, which he does not always want to direct fully to pleasing Krsna. Your patience and expertise in dealing with us, your disciples, is exemplary.

Last year I was very fortunate to have your association in Vrindavana. In one class on the parikrama you mentioned that reading the work of Gosvamis is one thing, but to understand it actually is not so easy. But when coming out from your mouth, as you were reading and explaining, everything seemed very clear and relishable. At that moment I had strong realisation that my ability to understand anything is also your mercy. Without it I would be as good and useful as a dead stone.

There is also the comparison of the relationship of the spiritual master and the disciple to the relationship between the parent and the child. I hope that one day I will grow up and help you in your mission of spreading the Krsna Consciousness all over the world.

Your servant,

Radha Kanta Das

Radhadyuti Devi Dasi

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Hare Krishna
Dearest Guru Maharaja,

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānañjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṃ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

Guru Maharaja, thank you for being so merciful towards me. This material world is full of misery, and I continue learning this lesson year after year. It is only though the mercy of the vaishnavas that material life is bearable, because then, once we have association everything is wonderful.

It is often said that: "We should be grateful for what we have. "I thought to myself, "What am I grateful for?" And then I realised that in spiritual life, in this Krsna Consciousness, gratitude is limitless, because mercy is limitless. And, it is you that distributes that very same mercy as far and wide as you can, throughout the world. Through your example so many of your disciples are inspired to do the same; 'To distribute the mercy.' This is how it continues, each taking inspiration from you and in turn inspiring others. Soon, the whole world will become vaishnavas.

You travelled the world over and over again liberally giving the blessings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, fulfilling the prophecy of taking the holy name to every town and village. Your mercy cannot be estimated, your compassion cannot be quantified. Guru Maharaja, thank you for giving me, such an unworthy fool, your blessings. Thank you for having faith in me to distribute Srila Prabhupada's books. I will endeavour to make this my life's work.

Guru Maharaja, again I come to you begging for blessings. Kindly shower your glance upon me to assist you in spreading the holy name. All glories, all glories, all glories to you dear Guru Maharaja, on this most auspicious Vyasa-puja! May your glories be spread throughout the three worlds!

Your aspiring servant,
Rādhādyuti Devi Dāsī

Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

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brahmāṇḍa bhramite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja

"'According to their karma, all living entities are wandering throughout the entire universe. Some of them are being elevated to the upper planetary systems, and some are going down into the lower planetary systems. Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 19.151).

Whenever I come across this verse I only wonder how fortunate I am that I have been introduced to a spiritual master who accepted me even by knowing all my shortcomings, mistakes, insincerity (and the list goes on). You are an ocean of mercy Guru Maharaja. Last year you accepted me mercifully as your disciple and our journey of spiritual father and daughter began. Everyday I discover something new in this relationship. In one of the lectures you mentioned how attachment to spiritual master helps one to progress in Krsna Consciousness.

I do not know how far I will reach on this path but I just want my dedication at your lotus feet to increase day by day. The more I meditate on your lotus feet the more it inspires me to mould my life in serving devotees. In spite of so many health challenges you serve with great enthusiasm and positive spirit setting an example for us.

On the day of initiation when I heard my name first time, immediate thought in my mind was it is too big. Understanding my mind you pacified me with your personal example. There are so many incidences where I have seen you guiding me knowing what is in my mind.

Thank you for giving me shelter at your lotus feet and thank you for everything.

On this auspicious day I pray to Krishna, to give you long and healthy life to continue inspiring many more fools like me and take them with you back home.

Your insignificant daughter,
Ragamayi Bhakti Devi Dasi

Ravindra svarupa Das & Sri Ji Devi Dasi

Our Dear Srila Gurudeva,

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All glories to you
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Srila Gurudeva, every year whenever we write the Vyasa-puja offering, we cannot but just keep thanking you for the mercy you shower on us. Srila Gurudeva, we very dearly miss your presence in Holland, but we know that you are very busy in the mission of Srila Prabhupada. Srila Gurudeva, please bless us that we will remain your servant forever and not leave you even for a moment.

On this auspicious day of your Vyas-puja celebration, we offer our dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet. It is all because of the unlimited compassion that you had over a fallen conditioned souls like us. We do not deserve this special mercy. Your mercy is most important to us than anything else. How can we understand Krishna or Srila Prabhupada, without your blessings and guidance?

Daily mailing list or listen to your class and bhajans are love, nectar and protection that come from your instructions to us. We are forever your eternal servants and we hope and pray that forever Krishna will keep us as your servants.

Please never forget about us and keep us always at your lotus feet, which is our only shelter. Every time when we meet you personally, we feel so much love coming from you and we feel closer to you then ever. We try to serve you here in Holland by doing seva in our Preaching Centre - Sri Krishna Dhaam.

Your servants,

Ravindra Svarupa Das and Sri Ji Devi Dasi (Holland)

Revati Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna my dear Guru-Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Maharaja

All glories to you.

Time is flying, circumstances are changing again and again – and one more time I am not able to be present at the celebration of your Vyasa-puja. But in my mind I will be with you and all my fortunate god-brothers and god-sisters. Fortunate because they had the good fortune to meet you at one point of their life and fortunate because they are with you on this wonderful and important day.

My own good fortune on this day lies in the opportunity to practise remembering you, your qualities and all the mercy I received from you in separation. One has to learn to appreciate this feelings of separation from Krsna and instead of rejecting one should welcome them - because this brings one closer to the ultimate goal.

This year I was so fortunate to be sick at exactly the right time and therefore I met you when you were in Vrindavan just for a few days. Who could arrange things like this in the way Krsna is doing it?

I would like to share some thoughts I had during the kirtana in Srila Prabhupada's room with you. These kirtanas are very special because everyone present there takes part in it. No prajalpa, not even chanting japa just kirtana! One can really become fully absorbed.

That is what happened to me and suddenly I felt we were not in Vrindavana on this planet earth anymore but all together on a boat, crossing the ocean of material existence. And it was our kirtana that caused our boat to move on.

It was like our kirtana created the necessary wind to swell the sails and as the kirtana became more ecstatic it felt like we moved on faster and faster. Coming closer to our goal were Krsna was waiting for us in His beautiful eternal form, playing on His flute, while He was with us in the form of His holy name.

When everyone started to clap hands the sound reminded me of paddles hitting the water and it felt like we moved on even faster – like flying over the water. Some hope came up inside of my mind – the hope that we could reach our goal all together that very same day, that very same hour, that very same moment. Perhaps some did, I just had a fragile hint of the vision of the goal.

Still it was wonderful. And I was pondering about Srila Prabhupada's mercy. He created this *'armada'* of so many boats which enable us to go back home. Sometimes small boats like in more private kirtanas at some private places; sometimes huge ships like at the time of kirtana mela and sometimes high-speed boats like in your kirtanas. But all the time it is the holy name who causes the boat to move on towards our cherished goal.

And suddenly I thought: *"What will happen, if we do not reach Goloka Vrindavana today? When the kirtana stops and we find ourselves again in this world? We cannot just swim the rest of the way. It is too dangerous, we might become victims of Maya's sharks."*

Later I found a song from one of Lord Gauranga's associates, Ghanasyama, where he expresses something similar. He sings:

"Glory glory to Lord Gaura and Lord Nitai who descended to this world! Kindly picking up the drowning souls. They placed them in the strong boat of Lord Krsna's holy names and delivered them."

And:

"The ocean of repeated birth and death is horrible and wide. The people of the world were drowning in it. The fallen souls were distraught. No one could swim to the shore."

During the kirtana I remembered that you use to say that, *"Everyone has to paddle his own boat"* and I was wondering how fast one can move on in such a small boat with such a small paddle and so little strength. But then I thought: *"It is not our own strength, it is the strength of the holy name that causes our boat to move forward."* And I had some hope that the '*echo*' of this wonderful kirtana would stay in my mind forever. That I would hear the holy name day and night that this *'inner kirtana'* would never stop. And in this way (despite of all external struggle) my journey back home would not be exhausting but just never-ending bliss.

With your blessings and with the help of all the wonderful kirtanas you are doing were ever you go this can become reality - even for me.

Thank you for giving me this realistic hope for a *'bright future'*. Even if it seems to be *'hope against hope',* due to the mercy of the holy name and your mercy it is one hundred percent realistic. And this gives me the inner strength to carry on, to paddle – regardless the wind blowing sharp into my face and the waves sometimes looking like mountains.

May it be kirtana or japa, the holy name is the same. But the difference comes when devotees sit down and really chant together (not just at the same time). And that's what we did this day – under your expert guidance! So I pray that this experience may remain present in my mind – especially during japa time!

Thank you for your patience with me during all the external "ups" and "downs" during all the years, for all your advice, and encouraging words. For the example you are giving and last but not least for your wonderful kirtanas, which are able to give this ecstatic experience of being so close to the goal!

Your eternal servant,

Revati Devi Dasi

Rishi Ruparelia

Dear Maharaja,

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

I distinctly remember my good fortune when I received my first email from you on Balarama Purnima and I was dancing for joy inside my heart. I read it again and again and in my heart accepted you as my spiritual master. I remember thinking "wow, Maharaja knows my heart. Maharaja knows that I talk and talk but I do not practice what I preach." You told me to follow in the footsteps of Srila Haridasa Thakura who is glorified by Srila Sanatana Goswami for his acara and pracara. I'm slowly trying to make this my life and soul and I pray that I can please you with both my personal behaviour and my preaching.

Thank you for sharing with us the pastimes of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and constantly reminding us that the pastimes of Lord Gauranga do not end with the Antya Lila of the Caitanya Caritamrta but that they are eternal and we are all playing a role in that eternal lila. Thank you for telling us that we must grab Lord Caitanya's mercy whenever and wherever we can and become nectar hunters. Thank you for telling us to distribute the mercy to others and that this is the way to perfect our lives. When I think of you, Maharaja, I think of Lord Caitanya's mercy and how we must give our lives to spreading it.

Please consider me your instrument in spreading Lord Caitanya's mercy all over the globe.

Your aspiring servant,

Rishi

Rupa Vilasa Das

Hare Krsna dear Guru Maharaja,

Dandavats to your lotus feet.

I was always a dreamer - the one dreaming with open eyes. I use to dream about material things like being rich, or having a nice family and so on. Which is actually described as *gandharva para or akasa puspa.* Simply an illusion - something what you think can bring you happiness but it actually cannot.

But then somehow or other I suddenly got a greatest treasure I could ever imagine. Something much more valuable then millions of Euros and the best possible wife and family or whatever a materialistic person can imagine, something really rare.

I got an association, a guidance of a genuine sadhu, a bona-fide guru in disciplic succession in a wonderful Brahma madhva gaudiya sampradaya, a faithful follower of his guru and Sríla Prabhupada, who accepted me as a disciple although I did not have much qualifications.

Although I am a difficult case with a heart like a stone, still despite all my shortcomings thanks to your guidance, that even a rascal like me can slowly experience a change in heart and become more and more fixed in devotional service to Lord Krsna.

Thank you for everything. Again and again I offer my humble obeisances to my wonderful spiritual master His Holiness Sríla Kadamba Kanana Swami who is an ocean of auspicious qualities!

Hare Krsna.

Aspiring to be your servant,

Rupa Vilasa Das

Sadbhuja das

Dear Gurumaharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada, Jayadvaita Maharaja and you.

It's been quite a year for me and I realize more and more how much you are ahead of me. I consider myself as a quick person but you are much faster in comprehension keen perception and finding the right understanding and conclusion. You are expert in guiding, on the one side deep spiritual realization and vision on the other very capable and practical. I'm thinking a lot about your instructions but I'm slow in understanding, what you try to explain to me, in this way wasting time. Third class intelligence. So I want to work on this. I hope this year I get something done that pleases you genuinely.

One realization I had this year about our God family. During encounters in vyasapuja, in Germany and the Holy dhams I realized what a nice devotees you attract. For sure each of us has many short commings and our setbacks and weaknesses are discouraging some times, but everyone is genuinely wanting to be a devotee, has the heart on the right spot, head on their shoulders, is a true Well-wisher and able to see behind the external appearances. This all reflects the profound and deep impact you have on our life's. I'm looking forward to see the development of each one of us by your mercy and guidance and I'm very grateful to be part of such a wonderful family.

Thank you for tolerating me ever so often, I remember in autumn in vrindavan you took us on jappa walk on the parikram road. Adjusting to my idea we did a detour through the fields ending up on smal paths going nowhere, climbing over barbed wire and searching our way back home. But still you didn't bother and appreciated the idea.

Vande guroh Sri charanaravindam

Your servant,

Sadbhuja das

Saksi Gopal Das

Offering in german for my dear spiritual master.

Hare Krsna Kadamba Kanana Swami,

bitte akzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbieteungen.

Alle Ehre sei dir. Alle Ehre sei His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. Alle Ehre sei Srila Prabhupada.

Ich habe ein bisschen überlegt, ob ich dir zur Vyasa-Puja überhaupt etwas schreibe. Ich war 2016 das erste Mal dabei und habe so viele Devotees gehört, die bei der Feier ihre "offering" vorgetragen haben. — Es war so mitreisend und ergreifend, wie sie ihre Erlebnisse mit dir schilderten. Und dieses Jahr bin ich nun auch einer deiner Schüler und ja wir kennen uns schon sehr lange, aber habe ich genauso viel und herzergreifendes zu erzählen wie die Anderen?

Die erste richtige Begegnung hatten wir am 21 Dezember 2008. Gopati Prabhu hat ein Sonntagsfest in der alten Bahnhofshalle in Jena organisiert. Kurz vor Beginn fegte ich vor der Tür die Treppe und den Fußweg. In dem Moment bist du mit Bhakta Karsten aus Fulda um die Ecke gebogen, ich dachte nur und jetzt? Okay, einfach Autotür aufhalten und "Hare Krsna," nun ja ich wurde in dieser Beziehung recht gut erzogen, wusste wie man sich Gästen gegenüber verhält, aber ansonsten hatte ich keine Ahnung von devotionalen Verhaltensregeln. Mein Wissen über das Krsnabewusstsein war sehr begrenzt.

Nun ja die Jahre vergingen, ich habe immer wieder versucht deinen Besuchen in Leipzig beizuwohnen, um dich zu erleben. Alsbald mir auch klar war, wenn ich irgendwann einen Meister haben will, dann dich…!
Die Arbeit im Bistro von Pradyumna brachte mich dem Krsnabewusstsein wieder eine Stück näher und der Austausch mit einigen Schülern von dir, sowie die Einweihung im August `15 von Vrajajan das aus Österreich ließen meinen Wunsch nach Zugehörigkeit zur großen Hare Krsna Familie enorm wachsen. Ich sprach mit Gopati und Pradyumna über meinen Ent-schluss, beide freuten sich und sagten, frag ihn am Nachmittag beim Sonntagsfest im Park.

Das war ein guter Entschluß, aber die Nervosität wuchs und in der Tat bin ich kein Mensch der Kritik oder Abweisung verträgt. Das war auch meine größte Angst, dass du meine Frage mit "nein" beantwortest. All meinen Mut nahm ich am 29. August 2015 zusammen und fragte dich nach der lecture im Park. Ich habe kurz "um den heißen Brei geredet" und bevor ich wirklich fragen konnte, wolltest du schon etwas sagen… aber wenn ich eins kann, dann ist es Menschen ins Wort fallen und unterbrechen. Trotz des großen Respekts vor dir tat ich das auch in diesem Fall und fragte ob du mich als Schüler annimmst.

Deine Antwort und dieser scheinbar endlose Moment rühren mich noch heute. Du nahmst meine Hand und sagtest: "Herzlich Willkommen!" Ich war so glücklich und erleichtert von diesen Worten, noch heute werde ich beim Gedanken daran sentimental. Wow, erst wusste ich nicht ob und was ich schreiben soll und nun… Na gut, dann hebe ich mir weiteres für nächstes Jahr auf.

Maharaja vielen Dank für deine grundlose Barmherzigkeit, möge Krsna stets dein Begleiter auf all deinen Wegen sein. Alles Gute für dich!

In Respekt und Liebe,
Dein Saksi Gopal Dasa

Sangita 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.

Thank you for your kindness always and being with us. Last year I had so many difficult times but you always listened to me and brought me back to a neutral position or much better. Your advice was always magical. You shared many funny stories from your past and made me smile. I know you have some magic and mystical powers.

Do you remember when I came to your room in Radhadesh with Sadhuja Prabhu in June. Our relationship was difficult and we could not understand each other. We were just beginners in grhasta ashram not understanding about relationship. You told us, when you where a grhasta (and it was so funny) especially when you told that between you and your former wife your conversations sounded often like fighting for others but you felt you are just having a normal conversation. And you told me that your wife complained that you are a cold frog. So I appreciate so much that you are so openly sharing about your life and shown me that it is normal to have problems in relationships and actually our problems are not real problems but normal steps to grow more.

You do not just give some sweet words but really understand the situation and give information that brings me to the next step. You are showing always the positive way. When I was in Vrindavan this autumn I felt so much pain and had no inspiration to go anywhere. You encouraged me to visit different places, even told me how to get there, it was not easy for me but I went. On the way I found a peacock and I sent you a picture. You told me that your karmi name was P.Kok and your childhood friends always wanted you to make a peacock. I did not know so it felt again how you are mystically present for me in many ways.

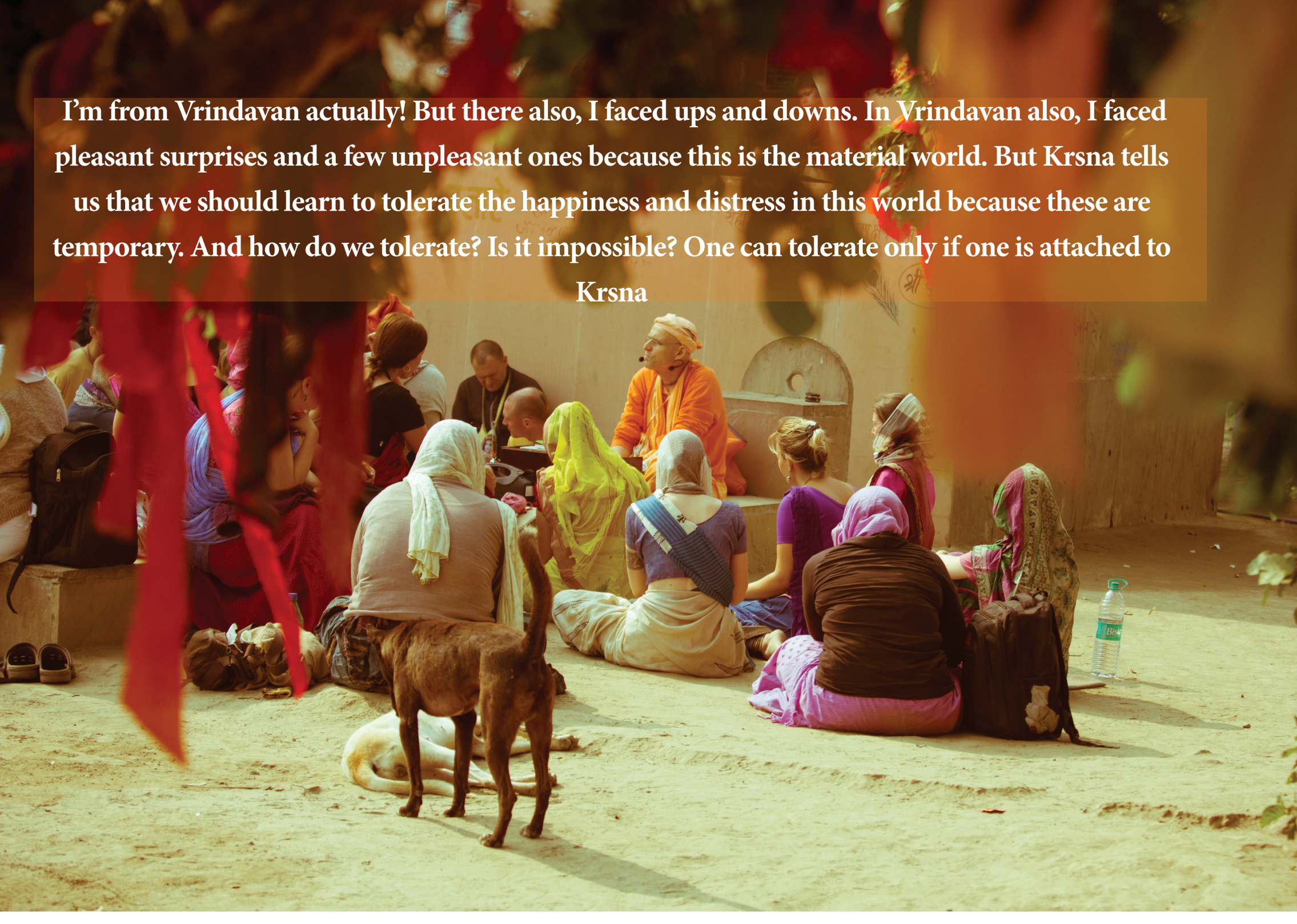
You are so humble, approachable and not hiding anything. Ready to show all your life, even sad experiences if it helps to make us more positive and accepting. You are a very good example on how to care for and encourage people and you have so much love. You told me that your mother had a lot of love and cared for you nicely. I can imagine this because it reflects in you. I hope I can become like this as well. You have many good qualities, you do nott look at people from the top but you are a real friend and well-wisher. It is hard for me to imagine how humble you are and how much love you have. Sometimes I feel you are kinder than Krishna.

Even now I am lying in hospital. In the last year I had 2 operations. I never had an operation before. I know about your life, how often you got in this tough situations. So I feel it is okay. I can accept more easily the suffering and pain because you also had to go through this. With others I do not feel like this, but for me you are very close so you give me confidence to pass any situation. My wish is to give something back to you so please allow me to serve you, allow me to be part of your mission to make your desires come true. Thank you for being my father and friend.

I want to be your humble servant but I am not a servant at all. Thank you for rescuing this fallen soul.

Yours,

Sangita Devi Dasi



I'm from Vrindavan actually! But there also, I faced ups and downs. In Vrindavan also, I faced pleasant surprises and a few unpleasant ones because this is the material world. But Krsna tells us that we should learn to tolerate the happiness and distress in this world because these are temporary. And how do we tolerate? Is it impossible? One can tolerate only if one is attached to Krsna

Sanjaya Das

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All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Dear Gurudeva,

During Kartik in Vrindavan I heard you say that the neophyte devotee can be saved by a lot of service, and that he should be a little bit stressed out. This is describing my present situation, and I guess that therefore I am situated very nicely in spiritual life.

My inclination is to write something very philosophical, but to be honest, I am a beginner in Krsna Consciousness and do not have enough realizations, to make the philosophy come alive by my words.

Therefore I would like to simply thank you for speaking so many words about Krishna. So many words to instruct us, to encourage us, to balance us. And to change our heart to become huge and full with selfless service in the sankirtan movement of Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai, which comes to the Western world through Srila Prabhupada, and continues there by your mercy.

Even though I barely dare to call myself your disciple, I am confident about coming closer and closer to Krishna. Because I am well protected by your blessings, instructions, recorded lectures, and also very much by the loving care of your wonderful disciples, who are all magnanimous souls.

One thing we do understand is that when we try to satisfy you by our activities, then our activities become meaningful, and if we do not try to satisfy you by our activities, it is useless, a waste of time and energy, and a pain in our heart.

Therefore we simply pray to Lord Caitanya, that He may empower us in that regard, so that our hearts may be full in serving you, and therefore serving Him.

Your most insignificant servant,
Sanjaya dasa

Sanjou

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

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to His His Jayadvaita Swami
All glories to Guru Maharaja (Kadamba Kanna Swami)

Dear Guru Maharaja, Hare Krsna,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet, I wish you a Happy Vyasa puja Guru Maharaja. As you are very dear to Gauranga Mahaprabhu, He gives you personally this spiritual energy to spread the holy name all around the world. Oh dear Guru Maharaja, please mercy upon me that I can focus on my chanting and serve Krsna and the vaishnavas. I pray to Sri sri Radha Golokananda, to always mercy upon you Guru Maharaja and I pray to Nrshimhadeva and your personal deity Sri Giriraj, to always keep you healthy and safe.

Hope will see you soon in Mauritius this year Guru Maharaja.

Your lowly servant,
Sanjou

Satish

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

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

Hare Krsna Dear Gurudeva,

I really do not know what to write this year Gurudeva. I guess I will start with that today is my birthday.
I am just grateful that I have a human body I guess. So that I have the opportunity in this life to work on my spiritual life. If I am really honest towards myself and others it is really something. It is a big thing responsibility And so on. If I think of how my life was before Krsna came into my life that
was not really a happy life. So appreciating what an impact and powerful impression Krsna made in my life through His devotees.

Srila Prabhupada I owe him my life! Then gurudasa Jayadvaita Swami came,along merciful and qualified as he is he saw and recognised the qualities of gurudeva. Gurudeva Isa a real life hero. A real life
hero - that hè is to me.Like a father guiding all my godbrothers and godsisters through pains of his own of the body. Showing us by example what it means to be a vaishnava. Gurudeva by actions you have shown us what is the value and meaning of having a spiritual life.

I am grateful Gurudeva for that you have accepted me. I am grateful that I can witness another Vyasa-puja! And if Krsna wants many more to come.

Your servant,
Satish

Satyarani Devi Dasi

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śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you
All glories to His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on the auspicious day of your appearance.

You made me realise that a spiritual master is like the sun and to seek shelter of material solutions is to remain in a darkened room relying on some unreliable flicker of light.For everything you have ever said to anyone it is always for their benefit. Your every activity is a reflection of your commitment, faith and loyalty to your beloved spiritual master, His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja and Srila Prabhupada. You have brought light into the lives of the people who have met you either in person, kirtan, lectures, seminars or service.

Your words are the guiding light of a disciple to navigate them out of this material world and the anchor which provides a grounding and inspiration to us. I heard a Srimad Bhagavatam lecture by His Holiness Tamala Krsna Das Goswami, which really struck me and made me think of you, he spoke with unflinching conviction of how this Krsna Consciousness will solve the misery of birth, death, disease and old age. So this Krsna Consciousness which you carry in your heart and distribute it is not an ordinary thing because you are distributing the relief to unnecessary suffering. It benefits people and creates good fortune for them.

Even more than that that the spiritual master, representing the Vedas and Krsna, is offering an opportunity to reconnect with Krsna. So for whatever emptiness or silence there may have been in the heart will diminish by placing faith in the holy name, service to the deities and devotees, Prabhupada's books and Srimad Bhagavatam, which you give away and because your prayer accompanies all these gifts.

Thank you for always being there for me even though as your spiritual daughter I am not able to fully appreciate you and all the good fortune and auspiciousness you have created in my life. I am very grateful to Srila Prabhupada and His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja to be blessed with a genuine spiritual master who actually reflects Guruvastakam. A kind thoughtful person who is warm and caring in his relationships with everyone. Someone who presents the 'Truth', that I appreciate very much and a person who has such generosity of the heart because you give yourself by your time and wisdom.

Thank you for teaching me that devotional service must be performed joyfully and to become fearless by placing our faith in Krsna. I pray that I may one day become a good disciple and share this gift of Krsna Consciousness with others and that I may become and remain your servant always.

Your aspiring servant,
Satyarani Dasi

Sesa 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.

Recently I heard you speaking about the magnanimous attributes of the Panca-Tattva. You were glorifying their nature of lifting up the fallen conditioned souls to their level. They bring lowly persons and uplift them to come onto the same platform and altar which They are on.

Whilst having the great fortune to be with you whilst you preach in South Africa, UK and Mauritius I got to see a glimpse of how uplifting you are! You spend good quality time with everyone, really meditating on the interactions and how to guide people in a unique and personal way. Then you'd give an incredible class, looking through the scriptures, the modern day world and our lives as aspiring practitioners in the most unique way possible. I will never know what you'd do next. Then at times you'd lead an ecstatic kirtan, getting everyone singing their lungs out and dancing around. You're immensely empowered.

I was recently with you at a program and left during the kirtana. The next day I met one lady from the program, who shockingly stated "*How could you leave and not stay for the kirtana! I've been in many kirtans but this was different! Although seated I closed my eyes and could see the whole room dancing*". She went on to explain that you set such an atmosphere during the talk and kirtan that everyone felt so comfortable, such an atmosphere you create that it's just natural to be Krishna Conscious. That we struggling souls get an ecstatic glimpse of what the spiritual world, Vrindavan is like.

You are an empowered Goswami, bringing Krishna Consciousness expertly to such diverse audiences in such a relevant way. You bring the Caitanya-caritamrta to life for everyone, because you are in it! You in the mood of the Panca-Tattva uplift us and give us a taste of the highest level of chanting and service to Lord Krishna. You teach us so expertly through your example to serve His devotees with full heart and soul. I'm eternally grateful to be your spiritual son and have an opportunity to serve you. Thank you for tolerating me and continuously helping me. One day I promise I'll make you proud.

Attempting to becoming your servant,

Sesa das

Sudama Das & Rupa Manjari 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.

Another year passed in your protection. Shelter at your lotus feet makes me fearless in practising Krsna Consciousness, gives me conviction in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's movement. Your firm determination to spread Srila Prabhupada mission all over the world, your bold preaching, kind-heartedness towards everyone and especially to your disciples. Your unbelievable travel plans, your thunderbolt instructions, thundering kirtans, and many more manifestations make me think of two things:

1. You cannot be a mere human. You must definitely be coming from higher planets to give us a taste of Caitanya Mahaprabhu's process of devotional service. You have come only to save us. Else you have no business in this material world.

2. (Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya-lila 22.54) "Simply by a moment's association with a sādhu, one can attain perfection". And you have given us not just a moment of association but so much of attention answering all questions and doubts, this gives us hope that one day we will attain perfection.

I remember two analogies:

1. Just like a metal in contact with fire also is fire. If we continue to be in your association, we will also somehow develop these great qualities of Vaishnava.

2. In one of your lectures, you said:
"I like the comparison, of the love of Srimati Radharani to a mirror which reflects the qualities of Krsna – as she discovers more and more qualities of Krsna, her love is just responding to those qualities. In this way, the love of Srimati Radharani is eternally growing. This explains the nature of love in the spiritual world and how one is increasing in one's devotional service and one's devotional experience eternally. Krsna becomes captured by this love which increases his experience of love; so that exchange eternally continues."

In similar lines, your love kept conquering our false ego and constantly clear our vision. Then, we are able to understand your love even more which helps clean our heart and conquers our false ego even more. Through this constant process, we are fortunate that we are cleansed.

Rupa Manjari though she is unable to express personally her feelings with you, she talks to you daily, shares her day and sense of protection she is getting from you and your instructions. This year for us has been a roller coaster with ups and down at home, office, temple. You always backed me up in my decisions and blessed to progress. You sometimes came in dreams and instructed. Kindly shower your causeless mercy always. Please continue to give us hope in the midst of this conditioned existence.

Wishing you a happy appearance.

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

Sutapa Das

Dear Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

They say we must live life forwards, but we can only understand it when we look backwards. As I reflect upon and remember the beginnings of our relationship, the things you told me, taught me and trained me in, I begin to appreciate my incredible fortune. Canakya Pandita recommends a child be given great love and encouragement in the beginning, then disciplined later on, and finally granted independence and friendship. As an expert and loving father, you give us the perfect balance of all these interactions, opening so many doors of opportunity to serve this glorious mission.

You often talk of how the spiritual master expertly delivers a vision for the disciple's life. He cannot just run around solving problems and issues, but must craft a bigger and better plan for the pleasure of the Lord. As that plan emerges, the disciple is forced to dig deeper, depend more, and tap into the spiritual mercy flow, to bring it into reality. It is the classic spiritual exchange between guru and disciple, repeated for generations, amongst the most elevated souls in the universe. I am a weak and impoverished soul, but connected to your divine self and a line of spotless vaishnavas. I am nervous and challenged, not sure how I will fulfil your desires and make you happy. I will try to practice strongly, pray deeply, and collect mercy wherever I go. Then, I ultimately rely on you.

Thank you for everything.

"The road to auspiciousness begins with taking shelter of a bona fide spiritual master. In accordance with God's plan, everyone on this earth finds a teacher that meets his or her particular needs and qualifications... If we are fortunate, if we truly seek out a genuine guru with complete sincerity and persistence, and if we pray feelingly to the Lord to encounter such a spiritual master, then the Lord will surely lead us in this lifetime to a genuine guru, by taking shelter of whom we will be able to attain the greatest blessings." **(Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura)**

I beg to remain, in your transcendental service,

Sutapa Das

Tamalini Dasi

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namste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesha-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine

Dear Gurudeva,

In this lifetime, I have had the incalculable good fortune of meeting you and by your grace I have been initiated as your disciple. Lord Caitanya in His instructions to Srila Rupa Goswami speaks the following verse

guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde pāya bhakti-latā-bīja, 'Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa' (Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya Lila 19.151).

I have been immeasurably blessed to be practicing bhakti unto the lotus feet of Krishna under your guidance and tutorage. From observing you, I have learnt, and am still continuing to learn, the art of serving Krishna and His devotees. You expertly engage your disciples in serving Krishna, You lead by example, and set the standard for your disciples to follow with great faith and enthusiasm.

On this day of Sri Vyasa-Puja, a day for honouring the spiritual preceptor in the direct line of Srila Vyasadeva, I meditate on you, my teacher, my mentor and guide, who has mastered the conclusions of the scriptures as revealed by the acharya's in the disciplic line of Srila Vyasadeva. In sharing your knowledge of the bhakti sastras both experientially and literally you mould spiritual values in your disciples and followers. You are a source of inspiration in the spiritual advancement of anyone who comes in contact with you.

As a spiritual master, you disseminate the teachings of Srila Vyasadeva through the Srimad Bhagavatam. You also practice these teaching in your own life and you initiate your followers into the same line, whereby the message of the Bhagavatam is never lost. Your efforts in spreading the message of the Bhagavatam is incalculable, it goes beyond the time you spend physically extending yourself to preach Krsna Consciousness, for in your own disciples you have instilled the potential for spreading Krsna Consciousness beyond this generation of human existence. Your efforts in spreading Krsna Consciousness and the time you extend to take care of your disciples go further than one can comprehend.

On this day of Sri Vyasa-puja, I meditate on you Gurudeva and I pray to always remember you, and to take shelter of you, and honour you eternally.

Always praying for your mercy.

I remain your eternal servant,
Tamalini Dasi

Tamas Weisz

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

Guru Maharaja on this very special day of your Vyasa-puja, I feel very fortunate that I am connected through you to this wonderful spiritual family. I would like to convey my offering with much appreciation and gratitude. You have greatly given me immense inspiration and guidance with your lectures and bhajanas. I only wish I could reciprocate and be able to offer you even a small token of what you really deserve.

When you come to visit us in Radhadesh in your Vyasa-puja your schedule is so compact with classes, programmes, and also concentrating on your writing. However, you still make personal time to speak to all of us. It is very easy to become complacent and take all that we have for granted, however I pray that I may always appreciate what fortune I really have.

Guru Maharaja I would like to deeply thank you for all of this, you have shown much kindness and attention to me. I pray please continue to guide me. Guru Maharaja, I feel very much protected under your shelter, you are a very kind and caring father with much tolerance, insight and sensitivity. I have no qualities to re-pay you except to try and be a good devotee and practice all that you have taught me. Guru Maharaja, on this special day I beg for your blessings that I may persevere in my endeavours to follow and practice your instructions.

From your servant,
Tamás Weisz

Tanumadhya Das

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Dear Kadamba Kanana Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

It is by your mercy Maharaja, that I am still afloat in this boat you have put me in. As I have fully realised this past year that it is not my dedication or determination that keeps me on this path. In my eagerness to answer your call last year, to "rise to the occasion", I have tried to "offer a dime to purchase a diamond". Haven't we all, at some point or the other, out of ignorance, innocence or even arrogance, tried to do just that - offer a dime to purchase a diamond. Fortunately, Lord Caitanya sees our eagerness and adds what is lacking when we stand before Krsna, trying to offer Him our lives in devotion.

ananyāś cintayanto māṁ
ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣāṁ nityābhiyuktānāṁ
yoga-kṣemaṁ vahāmy aham, (Bhagavad-Gita 9:22).

"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."

When I stand aside and just listen to what others say or notice about you, or if I seek within and listen to what my heart says – there is one quality constantly mentioned, admired and appreciated: "enthusiasm"

The noun enthusiasm comes from the Greek word enthusiasms, from enthous, meaning "possessed by a god, inspired." It is beautifully described in Dutch, taken from the French word "enthousiaste" as "door de godheid geïnspireerde person" and from the Greek word enthousiastḗs, it is described as "in goddelijke vervoering zijn"- "being in divine ecstasy".

In the sixteenth century, as the extreme material mentality caught on, it also adopted the meaning of bigotry and was used to describe what was thought to be 'excessive religious zeal'. Today both the religious and derogatory connotations are gone from enthusiasm, but the zeal has survived. Now it is used to describe great excitement or interest, like what we feel when we're doing something that we really, really enjoy.

I do not know in what sense others have experienced or admired your great enthusiasm, but when I heard this original Greek description or definition of enthusiasm; to me it immediately

explained and described this famous quality of yours in full. I realized that, even if we have forgotten the true meaning of the word, Krsna always remembers. Just as we might not be knowledgeable of some basic principle applicable in the physical world, whether we understand or know it, it always applies.

In Greek enthousiasmós in the original meaning described "een situatie aan waarin de menselijke geest is doordrongen van het Heilige." – A situation in which the human mind is imbued with the Holy.

I now understand or see the reason why in text three of Nectar of Instruction:

utsāhān niścayād dhairyāt
tat-tat-karma-pravartanāt
saṅga-tyāgāt sato vṛtteḥ
ṣaḍbhir bhaktiḥ prasidhyati

Utsāhāt - by enthusiasm is described as the first principle favourable to the execution of pure devotional service. It is by being inspired by Sri Caitanya, that one can be in divine ecstasy; that one can be in a situation- in bhakti- in which the human mind is imbued with the Holy and that all other principles can become possible.

And this to me is the origin of your enthusiasm, and it even continues all the way up to the point of you showing great excitement when doing kirtan, doing something that you really, really enjoy and helping others to also really enjoy.

And by seeking and realising your most wonderful quality, I also found your most amazing quality: Your expertise that lies in the attraction of your disciples and your unique reciprocation. We are all so different, being attracted and attached to you in a variety of ways or moods. Let me explain what I mean by adjusting the well-known phrase "Jack of all trades, master of none" to. Jack of many trades, master of all". Your extreme expertise lies in just this. That you are master of a wide verity of skills, making it possible for you to especially deal with others on the exact level and mood they are at, but with one goal in sight – making us enthusiastic, – making us Krsna inspired servants who can relish divine ecstasy in the situation of devotional service and really enjoy what we do.

Thank you Maharaja, that we can experience, in loving separation, the bliss of joyful anticipation of seeing and hearing you again and again.

Your humble servant and disciple,
Tānumadhya Das

Taralaksi Devi Dasi

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

Dear Gurudeva,

It is almost one year now since you have given me harinam initiation. In this one year, my life has become filled with spiritual adventure. So many opportunities of service in different aspects has come my way, from being allowed to do backup in the deity department, more book distribution, being involved with university BYS programs and even to bhakti theatre productions of spiritual pastimes. All these opportunities are because of you and I offer it all to you.

Your care and patience in teaching me how to serve the Lord melts my heart and increases my desire to improve always. You are my spiritual strength in everything that I do and you have set alight a fire of motivation in my heart. This past year I have felt a deep connection to you whenever I would say pranam mantras and this has kept me linked to you even when you were away. You have been so kind to me in sharing so many stories from your life in Krsna Consciousness and even taught me how to take care of your deity, to keep me inspired. I appreciate every opportunity that you have given me to take your association. Thank you for always making me feel loved and cared for and for supporting and accepting me. I pray that I can always act in a way that pleases you. I look forward to many more years of wonderful spiritual adventures and service to you.

Your servant,
Taralaksi devi dasi

Tattva darsana Das

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Please accept my humble obeisances!

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Thank you so much, that I could receive the shelter of your lotus feet. I always think about you with great affection. I know that all my spiritual advancement is the result of your grace and not my own effort. Without you I could not visit Radhadesh Mellows festival in 2013 where we met the first time, and neither many other places afterwards.

Last year was a tough year. Knowing that I will have less opportunity to meet you in person and offer you less personal service as in the previous years was very hard. Unfortunately I could not meet you personally since the last Vyasa-puja. Despite of these difficulties and my personal weaknesses you were always by my side in the form of your prayers, your voice, your kirtans, your instructions and in the form of your lectures. I tried to absorb spiritual strength from them.

I would like to offer you what little service I have done during the year and also my daily sadhana. What worth mentioning is that in December 2016 I gave a class in ISKCON Vienna preaching centre about the advent of the Bhagavad-Gita. The class was in English and His Grace Pramesvar Prabhu was translating it into German. The same month I have participated in the Srila Prabhupada book distribution marathon in Budapest. Because of my work I could go out to distribute books only once. We made a team with Bhakta Marcel Prabhu. Together we could achieve a nice result. We distributed twenty Bhagavad-Gita books and thirty small books and one Mahabharata book. Another amazing thing happened. This year there were twenty Hungarian devotees who attended the Radhadesh Mellows 2017 festival. My service was to help devotees to organize their trip to Radhadesh and back. Some of them were invited by me. The high participation from Hungary was possible by your grace only. I also helped devotees to attend other European kirtan festivals during the year, like the two 'Holy Name festival' in Ljubljana, and the 'Kirtan Mela Festival,' in Simhachalam, Germany.

Dear Guru Maharaja please help me, give your blessings so I can help many more devotees to take part in the kirtan. Very many thanks.

Your (without you) helpless servant,
Tattva Darsana Das

Ter Kadamba Das

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

What is perfection? When I look at you I do not understand where that amount of enthusiasm comes from. I think, "That is a perfect devotee." When I see you with Jayadvaita Swami I am baffled by the simultaneous humility and authority by which you conduct yourself. I think, "That is a perfect disciple." When I am with you, I am bewildered by how you can be my friend and my spiritual master at the same time, without any conflicting emotions. I think "This is my perfect spiritual master."

Then I look at myself. I suppose my attitude towards devotional service has always been what you might call zealous or even somewhat naive. My reasoning was that if I just, 'go for it', without looking back results were bound to come, and they would probably be better than if I did not 'go for it.' Pretty straight forward. It worked quite well for a while if I do say so myself.

It seems though, I have reached a point, where I have to refine my tactic somewhat. It seems I cannot play the happy camper and hope for the best anymore. It seems I have to start embracing that annoying term 'responsibility.' I am not entirely satisfied with that, but then again, it seems devotional service is not all about me.

The goal, of cause, has not changed. How can it? I opened the jar and tasted honey, so what else is there? The rest are details – important details, but details nonetheless. I will keep adjusting them so as to keep the proper goal in sight. In that sense, although everything is fluctuating, everything still remains the same.

I have no delusions about being a perfect devotee. No self-deceptions about being a perfect disciple, and no pipe dreams about being a spiritual master. But that is not to say I do not dream big. My favourite dream is, that regardless of what happens, when you think of me, you will smile. That, to me, is perfection.

As foolish as I am, I still aspire to remain in your service,
Ter Kadamba Das

Tirumala Devi Dasi

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

namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine

Oh beloved Gurudeva,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet again and again. All glories to you Srila Gurudeva on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Srila Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

On this very special day, I think about the mercy and kindness that causelessly floods the once barren desert of my heart. The mercy of a pure devotee pours so abundantly that green buds of life can emerge even in the most infertile of soils. I think about the deeply burried treasures of Krsna Consciousness, so multitudinous, so rich. But amidst all these innumerable treasures, there is one which stands out - one personality who has changed the journey of my once desolate heart. For there was once a day that I shall never forget, a day that I had heard a great vaishnava speak, such potent words that penetrated the thick walled barrier surrounding my dull mind. His words deeply struck a chord within my heart and my tone deaf ears pricked up to catch the nectarean drops of wisdom melodiously flowing from his mouth. He said, "The mind follows the heart, wherever the heart goes, the mind will follow." His message was so sweet and yet it so powerfully and eloquently captivated the very essence of the truth. One's heart can easily be attracted to someone greater than we are…someone with beautifully transcendental qualities, whose heart is charmingly decorated with unlimited jewels of mercy and who selflessly gives, whose soft sweet heart overflows with love so generously. The journey in this material world can be so entangling, so much suffering and pain…it can be a prison within the imprisonment of the body within which it can be so difficult to love.

Oh beloved Gurudeva, thank you for being that great vaishnava who spoke those beautiful words that day. Those words which drew me closer to your divine lotus feet and changed the course of my life. For you are that vaishnava that has captured my heart and constantly attracts my untamed mind to the dust displaced by your constantly dancing lotus feet. As you lovingly call out and sing the holy names of Sri Sri Radha Krsna. I bow down to those lotus feet again and again, humbly begging to be eternally engaged in service to those attractive loving lotus feet. Oh dearest Gurudeva, you are transforming this perilous journey for the struggle for existence in this material world into a beautiful parikrama of the heart.

I humbly pray that your lotus feet may forever remain imprinted within the very core of my heart.

With all my love always

Your eternal servant and daughter,
Tirumala Devi Dasi

Tribhuvanatha das

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śrīmate kadamba kanana-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 very strange for me, that I am actually writing something. It has never been in my nature to express how I feel, guess this is due to my stone like heart.

It is said that the spiritual master is the external manifestation of the supersoul, and through my years having known you Maharaja, I had glimpses of this, but for me these experiences have always been in connection with my personal service to you as your personal servant when I was a very young devotee in Krsna Consciousness.

What is interesting is that apart from my temple devotee duties at the time, my main service was travelling with you and serving you, so I got to learn most of what I know now from you personally. Like how to make chapattis from scratch, how to make that brahmacari style kitchari, simple sabhjis, the way you preferred them.

The sastra talks about Krsna in Braja having four main relationships with his pure devotees, and this concept had always been very intriguing to me, at the same time quite far fetched. But when I associated with you, and seeing the different type of interactions you had with your disciples, and how they all interacted with you, I fully understood that this definitely must be coming directly from the spiritual world.

My relationship with you though has always been of servitude, where by your mercy I was able to always serve you as your menial servant, doing everything menial. And I really appreciate that, because it helped me to come to a state where I could develop a bit of humility, because I have such a huge head, extremely proud.

More than anything, you are my father, I guess it is because I came to Krsna Consciousness at a very young age of seventeen/eighteen and one of the first senior vaishnavas I developed a really close connection with was you. I truly appreciate everything you have done for me in all the years, though I have not always reciprocated properly as your disciple.

I appreciate our very personal talks, the way you are able to answer my questions, that everyone else feels I might not be qualified to understand or get into, but you are always there to fan the spark of desire that I may have to one day serve in the mood of the Brajavasis. And our conversations around such topics are always very sweet and inspiring to me to become a better devotee and to aspire for higher spiritual consciousness.

Thank you Guru Maharaja for being my father, friend, my inspiration when I am feeling quite lowly.

I pray that I may be able to one day be that ideal disciple, who is following completely in your foot steps, and that I may be able to have very strong spiritual practices and be able to also serve you and your servants in the most ideal way possible.

Your fallen and insignificant servant and son,
Tribhuvanatha Das

Tukarama Das

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

'sādhu-saṅga', 'sādhu-saṅga' — sarva-śāstre kaya
lava-mātra sādhu-saṅge sarva-siddhi haya

"The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment's association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success." (Caitanya Caritamrta Madhya 22.54)

tulayāma lavenāpi
na svargaṁ nāpunar-bhavam
bhagavat-saṅgi-saṅgasya
martyānāṁ kim utāśiṣaḥ

" The value of a moment's association with a devotee of the Lord cannot be compared even to the attainment of the heavenly planets or liberation from matter, and what to speak of worldly benedictions in the form of material prosperity, which is for those who are meant for death.'(Srimad Bhagavatam 1.18.13).

Dear Guru Maharaja,

The real truth is that by your mercy I have changed my life and I am able to continue with devotional service, for my service is blessed by your saintly association. By your exemplary dedication to Srila Prabhupada I can see how a vaishnava needs to be determined, sincere and attached to the lotus feet of Guru.

Year after year this powerful process of sadhu sanga is step by step bringing me closer to Gauranga Mahaprabhu. By your mercy giving me shelter in Guru-parampara I feel protected and accepted while doing my chaya bhaktabhasa attempts to please the Lord. Like a small child growing and understanding more and more the true value of being mature I am also trying to get more and more serious in devotional service. Is there any limit in sincerity?

Trying to realise Vaishnava-siddhanta although failing again and again, and again and again on the path of bhakti by your mercy I feel still more and more inspired to continue on path of Pushti Marga.
How much time it will take? What ever will be the price, including time, I will continue begging for your blessings.

Trying to somehow or other with my offensive mentality get a drop of mercy, I am like a wretched creature which is planing how to get little attention and blessings of Mayapur Chandra not willing to leave His lotus feet.

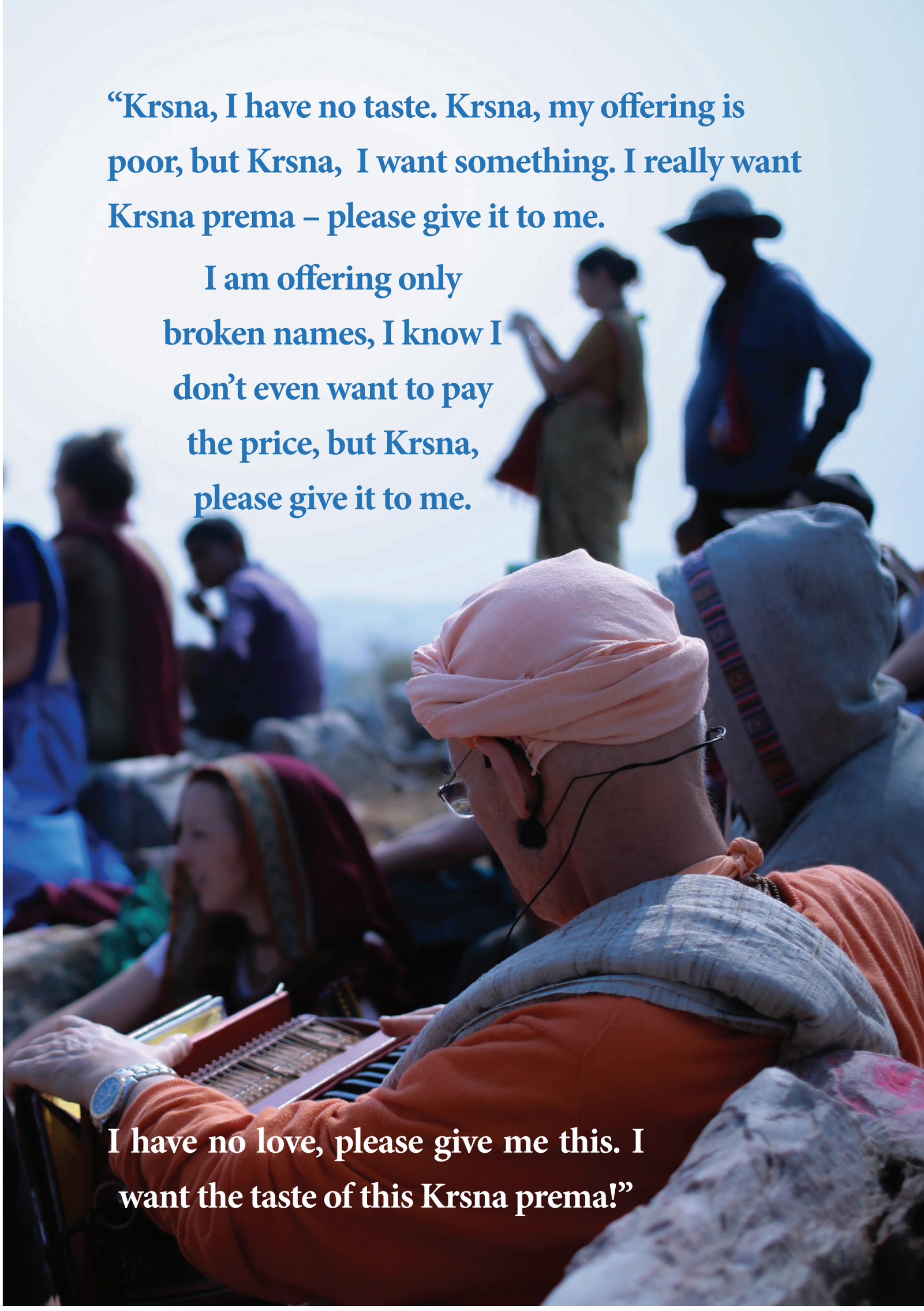
Truth is that only by your mercy I can taste the nectar for which we are always anxious. Although having my tongue coated with tick layers of offenses somehow I can time to time taste this nectar of sankirtan.Tr ying to taste the holl name with my heart full of offenses is like trying to taste a honey by licking its bottle from the outside.

But the truth is that only by your mercy I can sometimes get some drops of nectar for you keeping the bottle always opened. Getting proud enough, to leave your saintly association, chanting becomes again dry. So I am coming again and again defeated by maya, praying to not become proud again and just to relish sadhu-sanga.

Begging for your mercy, your prayer for this fallen soul. I feel humbled and and worthless, at the same time more strong with more faith, for service to vaishnavas and to the Lord.

Thank you.

Your servant,
Tukaram Das



"Krsna, I have no taste. Krsna, my offering is poor, but Krsna, I want something. I really want Krsna prema – please give it to me.

I am offering only broken names, I know I don't even want to pay the price, but Krsna, please give it to me.

I have no love, please give me this. I want the taste of this Krsna prema!"

Tulsi Das

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

At present in Bulgaria there is living one Prabhupada's disciple, Patita Pavana Prabhu. He told me that you met each other in Prague, few years ago. You spoke for a while and the topic came up, who has suffered more for Krishna. Both of you were citing different adventures from your lives. Patita Pavana Prabhu mentioned how he had a car accident while on sankirtan, the sankirtan van got smashed, two devotees left their bodies, and he ended up in a hospital with a serious spine injury. Somehow or other he recovered.

Then you told him how you were shot in Vrindavana, while doing your service protecting Krishna Balarama Mandir from the strange things going on around. Patita Pavana said:

"When I heard this story I agreed, your Gurudeva have suffered more for Krishna".

This is your nature; you are ready to take serious problems on your shoulders just so that others can make spiritual advancement. You are ready to risk your physical health, your peace of mind, and even your very life for that.

No matter what time of the day, the door of your room is always open for visitors. Of course, for the mosquitoes your door is always closed. Since you took sannyasa you have been travelling all over the world, India, Europe, Africa, Australia. Travelling from temple to temple, not caring for personal comfort. Rather, all the time investing in people to help them in their spiritual path.

Following in the footsteps of His Holiness Jayadvaita Maharaja, your standards for devotional service have been always the highest, pure bhakti and nothing less than that. Dharmaksetra Prabhu was sharing some memories with us on how you were training him in the beginning. You told him, "Everything for Krishna, nothing for Duncan."

Although you are not directly a Prabhupada's disciple, still the devotees respect you as such. You have earned this respect with your dedication to the sankirtana mission, with the responsibilities that you have accepted, your strict sadhana, and the vaisnava qualities that you are embodying.

Even Prabhupada's disciples have so much respect for you. I have a friend, disciple of Bhakti Vikasa Maharaja. He knows that I am your disciple and he told me: "My Gurudeva told me to listen to the lectures of Kadamba Kanana Swami because he is presenting the siddhanta properly."

The last thing I want to say is that few years ago during the Vyasa-puja you said, "I see who is here, but also see who is not here. That means that I failed to conquer some hearts."

Actually it is not like that, Gurudeva, you have conquered our hearts long time ago. People love you so much because you are very personal with them. Because you are yourself. The only question that stays is that, "Do we manage to conquer your heart?" Because without this we are not going anywhere.

On this most auspicious day of your appearance day my request is that dear Gurudeva, please allow us to do more service for Srila Prabhupada and Krishna under your shelter and under your direction. This is our only hope.

Your servant,
Tulsi Das

Uddhava Das & Vishaka Devi Dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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.

Another year has passed. You have travelled to many countries, met with a seemingly endless amount of people, spoke on Bhagavad-Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and your favourite scripture, the Caitanya-caritamrta, initiated thirty three new disciples and gave 2nd initiation to twelve disciples, read daily, chanted your rounds plus some more, took care of Sri Giriraja, worked on your book, attended many Ratha Yatra's, festivals and kirtan events, sang your lungs out, organised parikrama's in Vrindavan, had major surgery, underwent strict Ayurveda treatments, and recovered remarkably quickly (you said you were, "Sick of being sick"), took more rest this year, provided quotes and recordings for three hundred and ten posts on your blog, compiled a small booklet with your favourite quotes from scripture, one hour morning walks, yoga and Qi Gong, training new servants, recorded a new CD and created new tunes for it, and the year has not even ended as I write this.

All for the pleasure of Krishna. So what have we done this year? Please be patient with us and accept the little service that we have done for you.

Your servants,

Uddhava Das and Vaisakha Devi Dasi

Urugaya Das

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Gurudeva,

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

That yearning of my soul for love, real spiritual love, finds shelter in the thought of your association. And sincerely trying to follow what you have taught me is the most satisfying thing. My wanting to please you encourages me to engage more in devotional service and to improve in my service, to go outside my comfort zone, to do something more, to try and use whatever I can for Krsna. For that alone, I am so fortunate. It is simply by your mercy and your words that I feel inspired in Krsna Consciousness. Just thinking of you, I feel like I am already back home. All I can wish is that I am able to serve you forever, despite clearly lacking the qualification, I beg you to give me a chance!

I am sure you are aware of the great love and appreciation all your disciples have for you. A slight flu is enough to deter me from doing my service, yet you constantly push yourself, breaking the physical boundaries of your body and health just to please us! We are meant to serve you, but it seems as though it is you that is really serving us. I think that is your magnanimity. And despite being totally overburdened in every possible way, you somehow find time for all of us. I think that is your transcendental nature. You are so selfless, and wonderful. In writing this offering I am overwhelmed with this sense of, "Dad when I grow up, I want to be like you." It seems that if I was a tiny fraction of what you are my life would be a success.

I wish I had a better way to say thank you. So my offering is simply to follow you, to try to do the best of my ability. And in this way I hope to please you.

Really you saved my life. And I am not the only one.

Your aspiring servant,
Urugaya Dasa

Virabhadra Das

Dearest Srila 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.

By associating with devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa, one develops a sense of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and thus becomes inclined toward the loving service of the Lord. This irrevocable fact is certainly what I have personally experienced in your transcendental association Guru Maharaja. Your instructions in lectures and your personal presence is what keeps me focused and grounded in my pursuit towards becoming a devotee. Without your association, I will surely be drawn into my old ways once again as maya is always bouncing her ball right under our nose.

The expert spiritual master knows well how to engage his disciple's energy in the transcendental loving service of the Lord, and thus he engages a devotee in a specific devotional service according to his special tendency. Yes, you are that expert spiritual master who knows exactly what each your individual dicipal's tendency is and out of your compassion you lovingly instruct us in this drama of life just like you expertly play the people when you are playing your harmonium in your ecstatic kirtans.

I was a ship without a rudder, helpless, unable to reach my destination and not even knowing where that destination was. But then Lord Nityananda sent you, His most qualified representative, to the most fallen, me. You are as good as God and I pray for your mercy and guidance that one day soon I will develop the feelings for my beloved spiritual master that Brahmananda Prabhu had about Srila Prabhupada and felt that Srila Prabhupada is even greater than God. Of course I know that I have a long way to go before I reach such a high level of a devotee.

Guru Maharaja your divine instructions are constantly on my mind. Your most recent direct instruction to me is a daily meditation. My desire is to please you. I pray I will be able to follow in your footsteps and be able to preach Krishna consciousness to as many people as possible giving up all my useless material attachments that are impediments in my spiritual life.

I pray to dance eternally for your pleasure when you sing for Gaura Nitai's pleasure.

Your eternal servant,

Virabadhra Das

Yamunacarya das

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Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I am not a poet. I am not a scholar. I am not skilled pujari or a very good cook. I am defiantly not a singer or musician. One may ask then, "What are you doing? What are you?" And my answer is, "I am just my guru's mercy receiver."

Because it is just your mercy and your prayers that hold us even we should be already fallen. Ist your mercy and your guide that lead us through the dangerous forest. Neglecting my pride you are always very kind. Without you I cannot survive.

It is just by your mercy I distributed first Prabhupada book. And by your mercy then been caught on the sankirtana hook. Sometimes people give me respect. And first I feel that is not right. But then I realise they give respect to you and your mercy. So that frees me from being drowned in false pride.

Because really it's just because of your mercy and your prayers I can feel your presence. That I am still in this amazing Krishnas' process. And stay in the path which leads us towards essence.

It is your mercy, your prayers and your kindness that gives me hope and keeps me going, and that one day I can escape from this material life which is like madness.

I just have one thing to ask - please just do not give up on me. Because I need your mercy I need your prayers. I need your presence, because without you I am just lost. Lost in a dark world without a light and without the guide. And I do not want to be lost again. I want to be with you and Srila Prabhupada on the path - on the path with you walking free.

Just please do not give up on me.

Your insignificant servant,

Yamunacarya Dasa

Yasasvini Devi Dasi

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Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

On this special day I want to share my happiness and gratitude for every minute spent in your great association, which has been very inspirational and important to me.

I am thankful to you for coming to my hometown Zadar, for opportunity to serve you and enjoy in the wonderful public program. I hope you will come again. All the devotees there are also looking forward to seeing you again. They will make even more pizzas then last year.

I am so grateful for blessings to be in Vrindavan with you during Kartik. It was such amazing and deep experience. You made us feel like Vrindavan is our real home, although we were outsiders there. You showed us all those beautiful places, kirtans and lessons, which gives me strength in this everyday life.

But most of all I am thankful to you for making me feel like you are my true well-wisher.

Your servant,
Yasasvini Devi Dasi

Yogeshvara Das

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

Dear Gurudeva,

You are bona-fide spiritual master.
I know it although I have no chance

to comprehend the scope of it.
When will I be able to fully accept
your causeless mercy?
It is my benefit that your mercy is limitless.

It is nothing enviable to have me for a disciple.

However I know that when one day
by some miracle or mistake I wake up in Vaikuntha
I will feel no happiness because your lotus feet
will whirl the dust at Goloka.

I limitlessly wish you mercy
of your spiritual master Gurudeva Jayadvaita Swami Maharaja
and limitless loving patience with us, your disciples.

Your eternal servant,

Yogeshvara Dasa

Yudhistira Das

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Realization (8.9.15)

The trick in
Krsna Consciousness
is to be
grateful.

You can be
just a tiny
speck,
someone in the
crowd
somewhere,
but if you have
this gratitude,
you have
everything
you need.

I wrote this stanza a while ago. When shuffling through my notes for this year's Vyasa-puja book, it caught my eye. I could understand that I had found something, something worth saving. It is not much, but I find buried inside an important lesson for me. Maharaja, you have taught me the value of appreciation. I see in you a person in whom even I can seek shelter. There is never an awkward moment, or a shameful scolding. You have always treated me with a heart warming kindness, which I realise today is a quality spawned from true appreciation. Of course, you stand out in the crowd. When you sing, others sway and go deep. My desire is to somehow follow in your footsteps. To give the gift of Krsna Consciousness to others freely.

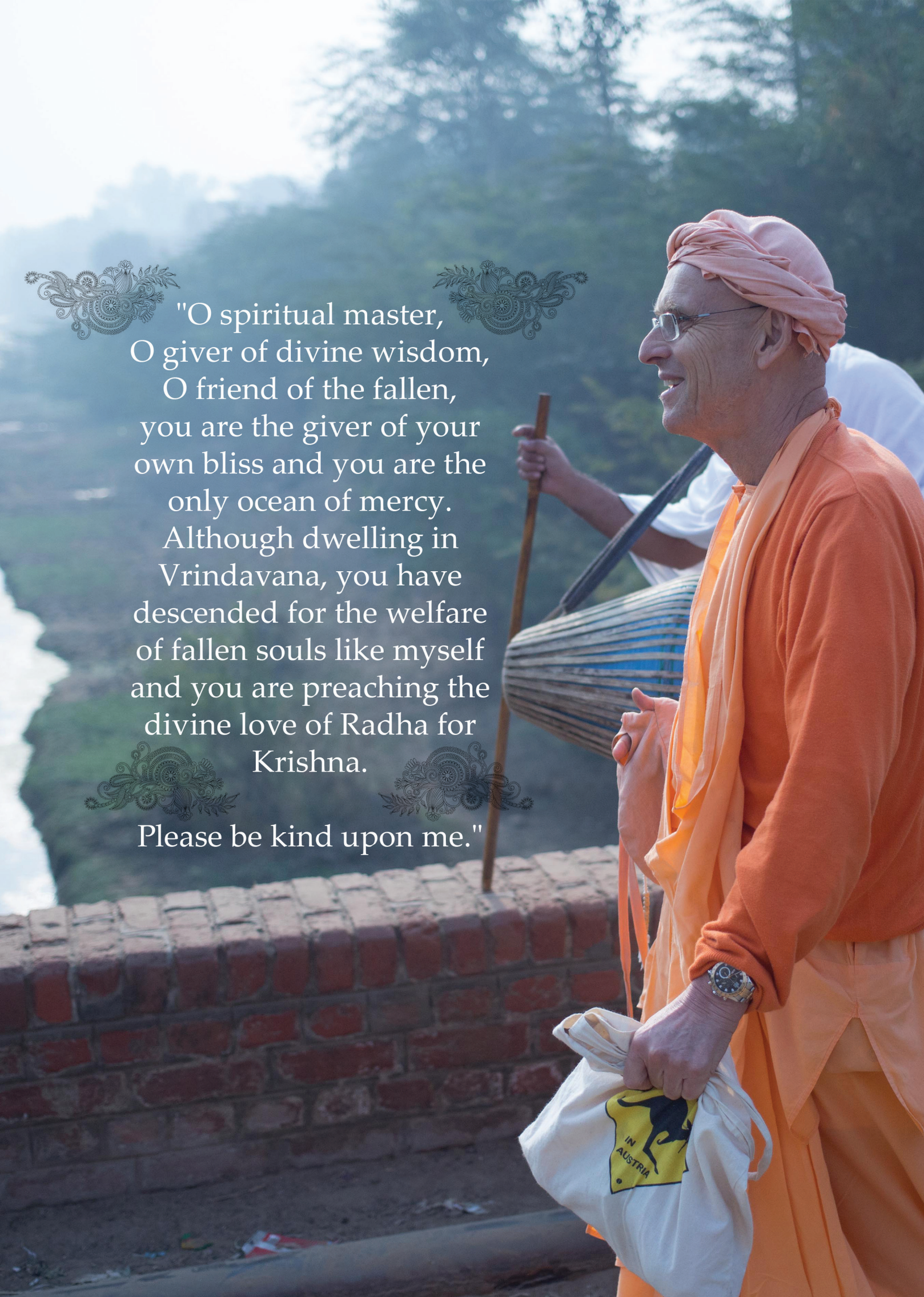
This year in Vrindavan I approached you, and we had an interaction. Although the details is something to be kept confidential, the experience from this moment is something I will carry with me in my heart, for the rest of my life. I must now learn to appreciate that gift which has come down to me, through you, for it is through the process of true gratitude, that the path is revealed.

Thank you for being you.

Your aspiring servant, always
Yudhisthira Dasa



"I am a demanding spiritual master, because I want you to become a pure devotee. Not that I am pressurizing you to push yourself in the mode of passion, but I want you to build a spiritual life. I want you to think of the components and combine them intelligently, around hearing, chanting,worshipping and so on; to think about what to accept and what to avoid."


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