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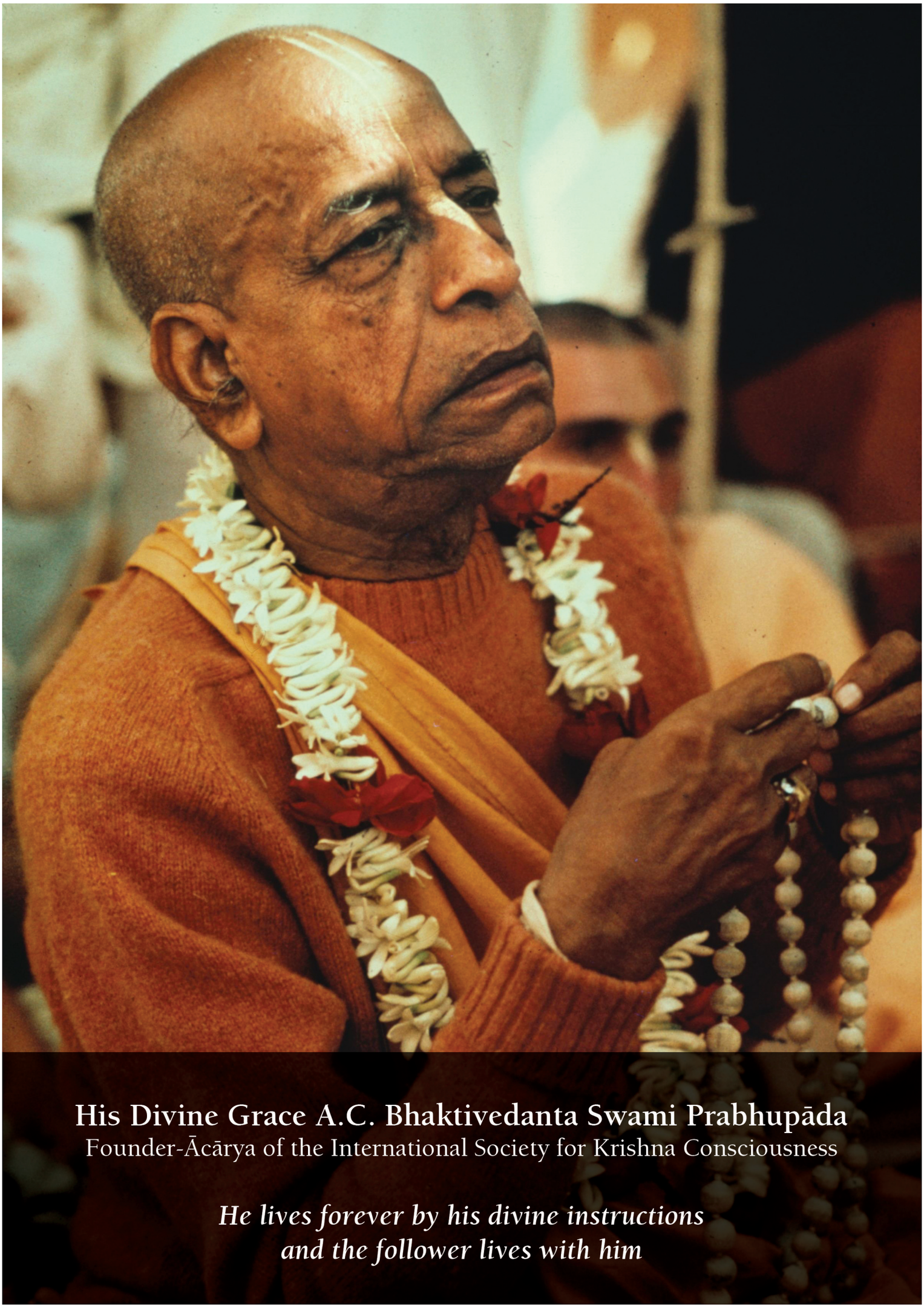
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His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda
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He lives forever by his divine instructions
and the follower lives with him

"On My Order"

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda,
Bhagavad-gītā 2.2 Lecture, London, August 3rd 1973

We receive knowledge perfectly from the Supreme Bhagavān. And if I receive the knowledge from Bhagavān, and if I distribute the same knowledge as Bhagavān has said, without any interpretation of my cheating policy, then the knowledge which I distribute, that is also perfect. I may not be perfect, but the knowledge which I have taken from Kṛṣṇa, if I present it as it is, without any interpretation, then what I give you, that is perfect. It is very easy to understand. I have given several times... Just like a peon has brought a money order for you, thousand dollars. So he's giving you. So you cannot say, "Oh, here is a peon. He's a poor man. How he can give me one thousand dollars?" He's not giving; the money is sent by somebody else. He's simply handing you.

Therefore Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, āmāra ājñāya guru haya tāra sarva-deśa, tāra ei deśa [Cc. Madhya 7.128]. He's asking everyone to become a spiritual master. So how everyone can become a spiritual master? A spiritual master must have sufficient knowledge, so many other qualifications. No. Even without any qualifications, one can become a spiritual master. How? Now the process is, Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, āmāra ājñāya: "On My order." That is the crucial point. One does not become spiritual master by his own whims. That is not spiritual master. He must be ordered by superior authority. Then he's spiritual master. Āmāra ājñāya. Just like in our case. Our superior authority, our spiritual master, he ordered me that "You just try to preach this gospel, whatever you have learned from me, in English." So we have tried it. That's all. It is not that I am very much qualified. The only qualification is that I have tried to execute the order of superior authority. That's all. This is the secret of success.

vyavasāyātmikā-buddhir ekeha kuru-nandana
bahu-śākhā hy anantāś ca buddhir avyavasāyinām

Bahu-śākhā hy anantāś ca. Vyavasāyātmikā-buddhiḥ, niścayātmikā-buddhiḥ. If one has got unflinching faith in Kṛṣṇa and guru, guru-kṛṣṇa-kṛpāya... [Cc. Madhya 19.151]. We have to receive mercy both from the spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa. We cannot jump over to Kṛṣṇa. That is another nonsense. We must approach Kṛṣṇa through guru. That is paramparā system. Kṛṣṇa is not so cheap thing that you can jump over. Somebody says, "Oh, why shall I accept guru? I can approach Kṛṣṇa directly." No. Kṛṣṇa does not accept such... Mad-bhaktaḥ pūjābhyadhikaḥ. Kṛṣṇa says that "First of all you become devotee of My devotee." Caitanya Mahāprabhu says, gopī-bhartuḥ pada-kamalayor dāsa-dāsa-dāsānudāsaḥ: "I am the servant of the servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa [Cc. Madhya 13.80]." This is called paramparā system. You have to learn how to become servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa. The more you become in the lower position—servant, servant, servant, servant, servant, hundreds times servant, servant—then more you are advanced. Here in this material world everyone is trying to be master of the master. Just opposite. And the spiritual world, the endeavor is to become servant's servant. This is the secret.

Meaning of Vyāsa-pūjā

In a lecture in Hyderabad, December 10, 1976, Śrīla Prabhupāda explains his Vyāsa-pūjā homage of 1935: "evaṁ paramparā-prāptam imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ. So keep this paramparā system. This Vyāsa-pūjā is paramparā system. Vyāsa-pūjā means to accept this paramparā system. Vyasa. Guru is the representative of Vyasadeva because he does not change anything. What Vyasadeva said, your guru will also say the same thing. Not that 'So many hundreds of thousands of years have passed away. Therefore I will give you a new formula.' No, there is no new formula. The same Vyāsa-pūjā, the same philosophy. Simply we have to accept it. Then our life will be successful."

Vyāsa-pūjā is the day on which we formally praise, worship and thank the spiritual master, who is the perfect representative of Vyasadeva. But the real worship and the real show of gratitude is done during the other 364 days of the year when we tirelessly serve the spiritual master and follow his instructions. This is the example Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us. He explains this wonderfully in his Vaiśiṣṭyāṣṭakam prayers.

But merely having a festival of flowers and fruits
does not constitute worship.
Those who serve the instructions of the spiritual master
actually worship him.

In serving the spiritual master's instructions
the disciples are empowered
by his transcendental sound vibration.

(Vaiśiṣṭyāṣṭakam Third Distinction, verse 5 and 6)

All of us should unite in purpose and flood the lands
with waves of Krsna conscious preaching,
crossing oceans, covering the world,
penetrating the universal shell.

If we do so, this annual ceremony of worshiping
our guru on his Vyāsa-pūjā day will properly honour him.

(Fourth Distinction, verses 6 and 7)

The disciple should always realise that without the mercy of his spiritual master he is worthless:

I am a very sinful person, always absorbed
in the affairs of material sense gratification.
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati has shown great mercy
by forcibly pulling me out of this unfortunate situation.
I am simply a fool, being very lowly and degraded,
yet my Guru Maharaja has kindly sprinkled me
with the shower of his divine compassion.

(Maṅgalācaraṇa from Gītāra Gāna, verse 4)

And in this mood the disciple should increase his dedication to the mission of the spiritual master and Śrīla Prabhupāda year upon year, so that every year on Vyāsa-pūjā day he can humbly present his spiritual master with a fresh offering of wonderful service performed during the past year and his plans for even more wonderful service to be performed during the next year.

Bhagavatī Devi Dāsī

Kadamba Kānana Swami Offering to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhativedanta Swami Prabhupāda (2009)

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace!

In Vṛndāvana you were deeply absorbed in serving Kṛṣṇa, chanting His name, translating and writing in deep prema in the dead of night. Out of your own compassion, and to fulfill the desire of Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga, you left Vṛndāvana to bring unalloyed, pure devotional service to the world. You knew it could be done through the chanting of the holy name.

The world lived in darkness but did not realize it. You were not intimidated by the magnitude of the task ahead. Your mood was "Just do everything you can for Kṛṣṇa, and if He is pleased He will do the rest." By your mercy we gradually understood that what we thought to be normal was actually sinful, and you gave us four regulative principles.

Once when Prabhupāda walked into Mukunda's apartment, he noticed a poster on the wall showing a matador with a cape and sword going after a bull. "This is a horrible picture!" Śrīla Prabhupāda exclaimed, his face showing displeasure. Mukunda looked at the poster, realizing for the first time what it meant. "Yes, it is horrible," he said, and tore it off the wall. [Śrīla Prabhupāda-lilamrta, chapter 22]

By your example of devotional service, by giving scripture, by logic and argument you instilled so much faith in our hearts that we were ready to leave everything we had come from. A gray Bedford van pulled into my town. The back door flapped open and a huge number of bald, pink men came out of the back. Too many . . . more than natural! I could have never imagined then that one day I would be one of them, but your books gradually convinced me and I joined the temple.

Every day, by your mercy, I am changing a little bit, as if you are slowly chiseling a devotee out of a block of stone. These days I realize more than ever that I need to constantly take shelter of all the arrangements you have made—of chanting at least sixteen rounds, of your books, of your servants; then and only then is there Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It's all simply depending on you.

One night Prabhupāda came out in a car and parked in front of the kīrtana party, watching the chanting and dancing with pleasure. Viṣṇujana, who had become especially expert on the mṛdaṅga, played and led the chanting. The boys wore clean, uniform saffron dhotīs and the women saffron saris.

Tamāl Krishna had organized the devotees almost to the point of choreography, and Prabhupāda watched as devotees raised their hands and danced back and forth in the "Swami Step," which he himself had taught. [Prabhupāda-līlā (an addendum to Śrīla Prabhupāda-līlāmṛta), chapter 6: "One Hundred and Eight Rosebushes, 1968"]

From "day one" you made the devotees into preachers. They opened up countries and started temples, sometimes all alone. Hundreds of millions of books have been distributed. It's amazing what devotees have done out of love for you.

Now the Vaiṣṇavas have blessed me with a daṇḍa. I hope it will inspire others to implement your teachings in their lives and to do something for your mission to spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement all over the world.

Hoping to be of some use to you,

Your servant,
Kadamba Kānana Swami

Kadamba Kānana Swami Offering to His Holiness Jayādvaita Swami (2009)

oṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana śalākayā
cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yenatasmai śrī gurave namaḥ

Dear Śrīla Jayādvaita Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On this day, I can only mention a few of your endless transcendental qualities.

Mahā-vadānya
— Most magnanimous in the mood of Lord Caitanya

In your presence, or in the remembrance of your qualities, I stand purified. You have embraced the mood of Lord Caitanya, you have the spirit of broad-mindedness of one who is most magnanimous, mahā-vadānya. Ānukūlyasya saṅkalpa. You are a liberal revolutionary when things are favorable for Kṛṣṇa consciousness. When the Western World becomes apprehensive of Islam, you speak out in their defense because of their dedication to religious principles. When some criticized the former gurukulis for being too liberal with the principles, you never fail to spend time with them, saying that they are good prospects. And although I am not very qualified, for the sake of preaching, you gave me responsibility beyond my imagination and beyond existing social convention.

And prātikūlyasya varjanam — you are strict like the brāhmaṇas in the story of king Nṛga, who by mistake gave the same cow to two different brāhmaṇas. They both insisted on the original cow and did not allow the king to give one of them a hundred thousand cows instead as compensation. No, it was a matter of principle: no one can meddle with the property of brāhmaṇa. You too will stand up for a Kṛṣṇa conscious principle and are not interested in so-called practical considerations that would create an exception. No, the principle should not be compromised.

Magnanimous like Lord Caitanya — sometimes strict to maintain the purity and other times liberal to give an opportunity to conditioned souls — your only interest is pure devotional service.

Viruddha-apasiddhānta
— Opposed to unauthorized statements

As a disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are fixed on his words. While fulfilling his desire, you stand immovable in the face of opposition. You are a dedicated guardian of the siddhānta — all that was dear to Śrīla Prabhupāda is dear to you. Wherever you encounter illusion, deviation, or twisting of the facts, you will not tolerate it and will expose it with words like lightning strokes.

Some may like it, some may not, but you have no intention other than to simply benefit whomever you meet with pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Nāma-gāne sadā ruci
— Taste for chanting the holy name

In the confines of your personal room, you chant in the early morning and also at noon, and then again in the early evening. You are not just fulfilling a prescribed quota; you chant again and again.

Absorbed in Śrīla Prabhupāda's books

"Śrīla Prabhupāda was touring the BBT in 1975 to turn up the heat in the famous book production marathon. Sitting down on the chaddar of his chief English editor, he declared, 'Jayādvaita means paramparā" (remembrances by Devāmṛta Swami). Śrīla Prabhupāda wrote, "Concerning the editing of Jayādvaita Prabhu, whatever he does is approved by me. I have confidence in him" (Śrīla Prabhupāda, letter, 7 September, 1976).

After scrutinizing Śrīla Prabhupāda's books for over forty years as an editor, pondering over the actual meaning of every word, every sentence, every paragraph, every page, you have memorized so many verses and purports. You have developed a very deep insight in — and a very complete overview of — Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings. Still, after forty years, with ever fresh taste, you spend more than two months in Śrīdhāma Māyāpura every year to study and teach Bhagavad-gītā, Nectar of Instruction, Nectar of Devotion, Śrī Īśopaniṣad, and Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam as if you would be reading these texts for the first time. You are learned not by having studied so many different Vedic texts, but by going very deep in Śrīla Prabhupāda's books.

I have sometimes thought that you are like a timeless sage who fits in anywhere, in any era, and would not be out of place — someone who could just walk in and sit down with the sages of Naimiṣāraṇya to listen to Sūta Gosvāmī. Because you have realized the same dedication in devotional service and to the Absolute Truth as the exalted personalities of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, you are a person Bhāgavata, you are one of them.

Mathurā-vāsa

I used to visit the Back to Godhead house in Alachua when you were still the editor. In your room there

was a map of India on the wall. One day I asked you, "Why?" You answered, "So that maybe one day I may live there." Nowadays, you spend a substantial amount of time in the holy dhāmas, in Vṛndāvana at Govardhana, a perfect place for editorial work and for deep bhajana. Or you stay in Māyāpura with its Vaikuṇṭha breezes from the Gaṅgā, and every day you take your bath there. In these holy dhāmas you are at home.

You are committed to the highest standard of pure devotional service. In front of you, I feel dwarfed in my own performance in spiritual life. You are constantly reminding us of the need for quality. There is so much I need to do to improve to truly be your representative. I beg you, kindly continue having patience with me and continue engaging me in your service.

Your servant,
Kadamba Kānana Swami

Offerings

(Bhakta) Aatish

Dearest Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja,

Please accept my Humble obeisances
Please accept my offering at your lotus feet

There is a lovely Beach with the perfect environment, friendly beautiful people full of love, there is a joyous atmosphere and everyone enjoys ice cream and delicious cold drinks and all the people are happily engaged in playful activities.

However, there is a sign on the edge of the Beach at the bottom end of the resort saying: 'DANGER!'

One tenth of the Beach residents stray off to the bottom end of the Beach and are intrigued to enter into the danger area. They enthusiastically enter the danger area and suddenly they are swept by the strong inner tide.

Some of the people are excited at the sudden waves, some are scared and some have mixed emotions for example: shouting in laughter about the thrills and then again crying in intense pain.

As the tide takes them in- some are injured by the rocks at the bottom of the seabed, some are attacked by sharks, some are drowned, some fall ill due to the cold of the night, some are severely burnt by the sun in the day and everyone is scattered around within the ocean.

Everyone eventually loses full sight of the Beach. They are stranded in the ocean. The lack of food and the unusual conditions of being cast away in the ocean makes the people crazy and senile. Some manage to survive by holding on to floating pieces of wood and taking shelter of other types of rubbish floating in the ocean. They eat whatever they can get their hands on.

They all eventually forget about the Beach altogether. Some talk about the possibilities of a Beach, some are even swimming around convincing others that there is no such thing as a Beach but really hardly anyone thinks of such things and simply live their day to day lives in obvious misery floating stranded in the ocean.

In the danger area the people float around in the ocean and people kill each other, rob each other's rafts and food supply. They basically live a life of cheating one another. The cheaters and cheated, all of them live a miserable existence floating in the dangerous sea and spend most of their time lamenting and out of madness laughing liked hyenas.

The Owner of the Beach knows exactly what is going on in the vast danger area. He had previously sent out His top lifeguard, who was known as the General, to the danger area. The General had set up the entire law books and rules for his army of lifeguards to abide to for the rest of the golden season. All of the lifeguards are all fully versed in all the regulations and compliances set by the General and are also GBC approved. They all follow a very dynamic training programme and are continuously getting trained and they are also training themselves to be prepared for all situations.

They are fully aware of the real enjoyments of the Beach and are very expert in taking the nectar to the maximum capacities and at the

same time they are aware of the tendency of the Beach residents to stray from the Beach and go to the danger area. They are also of aware of the dangers of the danger area and the madness that sits in the minds of the people who have lost the vision of the Beach. Previously many of the Lifeguards themselves, before they had ever become lifeguards, had entered the danger areas. They were personally saved by the General and some were personally saved by the lifeguards that were trained up by the General.

The lifeguards work on a voluntary basis. They simply work for their seniors, the General and Owner of the Beach. Their main motive is take everyone back to the Beach. Anyone who has been saved by the lifeguard remains indebted. The debt to the lifeguard can never ever be repaid.

'The lifeguard is receiving benediction from the authority and mercy of the Beach Owner. The lifeguard saves the danger afflicted victims. The lifeguard is an ocean of amazing qualities. The lifeguard is always singing and dancing and is always gladdened by the life saving movement. Sometimes tears fall from his eyes when He thinks about the Beach Owner. The lifeguard is to be honoured as much as the Owner of the Beach because he is a confidential employee of the Owner of the Beach- This is revealed in all the revealed documentation and legislations. Without the lifeguard one can not be saved. One should pay respects to the lifeguard three times a day.'

My experience with a Lifeguard: I am personally being saved by a very special lifeguard who is talked about within the dangerous waters of the danger area. He is known within every continent of the danger area by a selected few. He effortlessly speeds around on his orange speed boat from one side of the ocean to the other side. His passport is heavily stamped with all different areas of the ocean.

I had once seen him while I was bobbing up and down floating in the water. At that time I could recognise that this lifeguard is special. In due course of time my desire to be saved by him grew and my desire to be trained up by this lifeguard grew.

Once I was told that the lifeguard will be passing in the area where I was drowning, so I cried for help. He then noticed my pathetic self: I was half crying and half trying to still enjoy the waters.

Since then he has dragged me out of the hellish waters and has gently placed me on his boat. He knows that I have been poisoned by the sea water and lost all memory of the Beach. He knows that my intentions are all mixed and corrupted and He knows I have gone crazy and senile from rotting and suffering for billions of years away from the Beach. He knows that I am ready to sometimes jump off his boat and take shelter back in the hellish waters. He knows that I am just a pretender in front of him and when he is busy saving others I am behind his back bathing and drinking the salt water then vomiting and then lamenting.

Despite all this, he knows the perfect words to say to me, the perfect way to deal with me, the perfect service to give to me, the perfect mood to engage me and the perfect way to save me.

He is the perfect lifeguard. He inspires me to

stay on the boat and He inspires me to help others come on the boat and stay on the boat. I regularly listen to recordings of his lectures. He teaches the dangers of the danger area and what is involved in saving stranded victims. He also gives us insight of the Glories of the Beach and the Glories of the Owner of the Beach.

Eternally Serve Krishna: This is Life. Dear Lifeguard, Thank You for everything

Your aspiring servant,

(Bhakta) Aatish

Ādi-keśava Dāsa

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you!

Many times in your lectures you speak about the deep samskaras that were impressed upon you when you first came to Kṛṣṇa Balarama Mandir. More than anything else, you speak of the strong presence of Śrīla Prabhupāda in his samadhi as well as his home and how it was custom to chant japa in his rooms and also read the letter on his desk. In your Vyāsa-pūjā offering to Śrīla Prabhupāda in 2003 you mentioned that it was the time spent here in these sacred places that made you want to become a servant of Śrīla Prabhupāda, a "Prabhupāda man".

After many years spent in the holy dhamas and taking a lot of responsibility, you have now extend your responsibilities even more by travelling around the world preaching, inspiring many devotees and accepting disciples for the service of spreading the Saṅkīrtan movement.

Śrīla Prabhupāda must be very pleased, as you are strictly following the order of his dear disciple HH Jayādvaita Swami.

Sometimes, you refer to yourself as "a devotee of the dhama" and anyone who has the wonderful opportunity to have your association will understand that you are carrying Vrindavan Dham in your heart. For me it has always been a warm, caring and friendly experience being with you. Most of all just like the residents of Vrindavan, you are always selfless, ready to extend yourself to others and giving all credit to your spiritual master.

I am unqualified and unworthy yet you have accepted me. Not only that, but you have allowed me residence in Kṛṣṇa Balaram Mandir, Vrindavan Dham and blessed me with the service of Their Lordships, service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and the opportunity to associate with advanced devotees. The disciple is always indebted to the spiritual master.

Trying to be a qualified disciple,

Ādi-keśava Dāsa

Ādikartā Dāsa

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Lieber Guru Mahārāja,

Nehmen Sie bitte meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen im Staub Ihren LotosfūĻen an. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrer Heiligkeit. Alle Ehre sei an Ihrem Guru Mahārāja Śrīla Guru Dāsa Jayādvaita Swami. Alle Ehre sei an Śrī Gauranga. Alle Ehre sei an Śrīla Prabhupáda.

Bei der Gelegenheit Ihrer Vyāsa-pūjā ist auch mir durch Ihre unendliche grundlose Barmherzigkeit erlaubt ein Offering zu schreiben. Was bedeutet fūr mich mein Spiritueller Meister?

śrī-guru karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu,
lokanāth lokera jīvana
hā hā prabhu koro doyā, deho more pada-chāyā,
ebe jaśa ghuṣuk tribhuvana

Unser Spiritueller Meister ist ein Ozean der Gūte, ein Freund der Armseligen, der Herr und ein Lehrer der Geweihten. O Meister Seien Sie zu mir gnādig und gewāhren Sie mir die Zuflucht im Schatten Ihren LotosfūĻen. Ihre Ehre ist im allen drei Welten verbreitet.

Im meinen gegenwārtigen Zustand bin ich eigentlich nicht genūgend fāhig zu schātzen, wie bedeutend es nicht nur fūr mich ist, sich in der Nāhe meines Spirituellen Meisters verhalten zu dūrfen, denn nur im Schatten Ihren LotosfūĻen, LotosfūĻen des Echten Spirituellen Meisters, kann auch ich unter anderen Lebewessen, die wir alle durch Ihre grundlose Barmherzigkeit gesegnet, Dāsa Dāsaein zu der tatsāchlichen Vollkommenheit ziehen, zurūck nach Hause, zurūck zu Gott gelangen und dadurch ein fūr allemal die Quallen der materiellen Existenz überqueren kṭnnen.

Mahārāja Yudhisthira wurde einst bei dem Todes See angefragt: „ Was ist in dieser Welt am bewunder wertesten?“ Mahārāja antworte: „ Am bewunder wertesten ist die Tatsache, Dāsas ein Jeder sein Leben plant, als wenn er in dieser materiellen Welt sich im seinen gleichzeitigen Kṭrper auf die Ewigkeit verhalten kṭnne.“ Wenn man unser Leben auf diese Art planen will, dann befindet man sich sicher auf der Ebene der Unwissenheit.

Auch die grṭĻten Seelen, deren Spirituelle Ehre in allen drei Welten verbreitet ist, mūssen einmal Ihren materiellen Kṭrper, den Sie angenommen hatten, aufgeben. Obwohl so ein Kṭrper die Quelle voller Leiden ist, nehmen trotzdem diese Spirituellen Seelen durch einen materiellen Kṭrper Dāsa Leiden der materiellen Welt auf Sich, um die meisten gefallenen, materiell bedingten Seelen retten und den Rūckweg nach Hause zu Gott allen zeigen zu kṭnnen. Auch Sie o mein Herr, der Spirituelle Meister aller Lebewessen, nahmen durch Dāsa Nachfolgen in FuĻtapfen Ihres Guru Mahārājas Śrīla Guru Dāsa Jayādvaita Swami, Dāsa Leiden der materiellen Welt auf Sich, um Dāsa Licht der echten transzendentalen Erkenntnis ūber die ganze Erde weiter zu verbreiten kṭnnen.

Mit groḶer Dankbarkeit und Demūtigkeit mṭchte ich ununterbrochen Ihre LotosfūḶe, die LotosfūḶe des Echten Spirituellen Meisters, verehren und daher verneige ich mich vor Ihnen und bringe Ihnen stets erneut meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen dar.

In Ihrem Dienst Ihr ewiger Schuldner und unansehnlicher Schūller

Ādikartā Dāsa

Ananya Devi Dāsī

Dear Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

I bow down at your lotus feet with respect and humility. I will never cease to be grateful to you, that you help to open the way to the spiritual world for me and for your inspiration to surrender to Kṛṣṇa in devotional service.

Please forgive me that I cannot participate in your Vyāsa-pūjā due to health reasons and please allow me to at least take this opportunity to congratulate you at this anniversary of your appearance in this world. I wish you good health, satisfaction with the progress of your disciples and that you bring the light of Vedas to your disciples for a long time in future, making them joyful by your wonderful lectures and ecstatic kirtans.

I also wish you that we, your disciples, will be pleasing you by our progress on the path of devotional service. Thank you wholeheartedly for everything.

Your servant and student,

Ananya Devi Dāsī

Bhaktin Anisha

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my obeisances. On this auspicious occasion of your birthday, may I express my hope that the Supreme Lord always keeps you in His embrace, that He fills your life with joy and that He empowers you in all ways to do His will.

Thank you for coming into my life and showing me a better way. May your presence and your many mercies always bring a twinkle in the eyes of your devotees, a spring in our steps, and gladness in our hearts. All glories to you and your spiritual masters!

Your servant

Bhaktin Anisha

Arundhatī Devi Dāsī

Lieber Guru Mahārāja,

bitte akzeptiere meine demūtigen Ehrerbietungen. Alle Ehre sei Śrīla Prabhupāda! Alle Ehre sei Jaiadvāita Swami. Alle Ehre sei diesem sehr glūckverheissenden Tag Deiner Vyāsa-pūjā!

Lieber Guru Mahārāja, ich bin Dir sehr dankbar, Dāsas Du mir Zuflucht bei Deinen LotosfūḶen

gewährt hast. Ohne Deinen spirituellen Schutz wäre ich schon längst wieder im materiellen Sumpf versunken...

Jeden Tag heiḷt es wieder aufs neue für mich Zuflucht bei Dir zu suchen und gegen alte Muster anzukämpfen. Kṛṣṇa gibt mir jeden Moment viele neue Herausforderungen, bei denen mir der Boden unter den Füssen weggerissen wird. Nur so kṭnnen meine alten Muster „Ich kann Dāsa schon alleine“ aus meinem Herzen verbannt werden und ich muss Zuflucht in der Gemeinschaft der devotees suchen und um Hilfe bei Deinen Lotosfüssen bitten.

Dein Leben ist für mich die grṭḷte Inspiration! Ich habe schon oft in Deinen Lectures gehṭrt, Dāsas Du nicht den ganzen Tag Probleme hṭren mṭchtest, sondern ich sehe Dich so oft voll in action für Kṛṣṇa. Dāsa ist der Knackpunkt, wir müssen aktiv werden für Kṛṣṇa und Du bist für mich Dāsa grṭḷte Vorbild. Du leitest so viele extatische Kirtans an- bei unzähligen Ratha Yatras, Festivals, Queensdays und Tempelprogrammen. Du gibst tiefgründig erfrischende Lectures, die direkt ins Herz treffen und die Probleme an der Wurzel packen. Selbst wenn Du krank bist sieht man Dich beim Morgenprogramm, Dāsa gibt mir Halt und Sicherheit und den Beweis, Dāsas Kṛṣṇa-BewuḷtseIn wirklich funktioniert. Du predigst auf der ganzen Welt und wirkst dabei immer ruhig und ausgeglichen hast immer ein offenes Ohr und bist dabei so demütig und bescheiden.

Oft bin ich schockiert zu sehen, wieviele schlechte Eigenschaften ich habe und wie unendlich lange der Weg ist, eine Vaisnavi zu werden und reine Liebe für Kṛṣṇa zu entwickeln. Ich versuche immer mein Bestes, aber oft vermassele ich es und bin unfreundlich oder gestresst. Lieber Guru Mahārāja bitte helfe mir, Dāsas ich noch mehr Zuflucht bei Dir nehmen kann und Dāsa Dāsa Kṛṣṇa-Bewusstsein ganz natürlich Einzug in mein Leben hālt, damit ich zu einem Werkzeug in Deinen Hānden und in der Mission von Caitanya Mahaprabhu werden kann.

Lieber Guru Mahārāja wir sind sehr dankbar, Dāsas Du von Zeit zu Zeit den Münchner Tempel besuchst und uns die Mṭglichkeit gibst, Dir persṭnlich zu dienen. Jetzt freuen wir uns besonders auf Deinen Besuch zu unserem Ratha Yatra.

Deine Dienerin und Schülerin

Arundhatī Devi Dāsī

(Bhakta) Ashish

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

My Dear Spiritual Master,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Before I met my spiritual master, my life felt empty and miserable, I was searching for ways to enjoy life, but to no avail, I failed over and over again. Then by Krishna's arrangement I came into Krishna consciousness, and all of a sudden my life changed, for the better. The culmination of starting a life trying to be free from material conceptions, was meeting His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami, MY SAVIOUR.

When I first met him I was inspired right away

and I didn't know why. When I first heard a class given by Mahārāja I was amazed by his complete knowledge, everything he spoke was perfect, his wisdom was incomparable. He had the most incredible personality, never have I met anyone with such a bubbly, joyful, happy personality. On top of all these divine qualities he also has a great sense of humor and his smile and laughter are so captivating, and out of all these qualities I am attracted to all of them.

I first thought that it was too good to be true, but the more I had Mahārāja's association, the more my Krishna conscious life became happier, joyful, dynamic and stronger. And His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami has given the meaning to spiritual life being joyfully performed.

Words cannot express what my spiritual master means to me. I can go on for months and months glorifying His Holiness Kadamba Kanana Swami, but I don't think there is enough space in the offerings book. Lol. I am so lucky to know such a personality, I am so fortunate to have been accepted as a disciple of His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami, I am so privileged to be a God brother of Mahārāja's disciples.

All glories to Guru Mahārāja, All glories to Srila Prabhupada, All Glories to Lord Gouranga.

Your Servant,

(Bhakta) Ashish Madlani (Leicester)

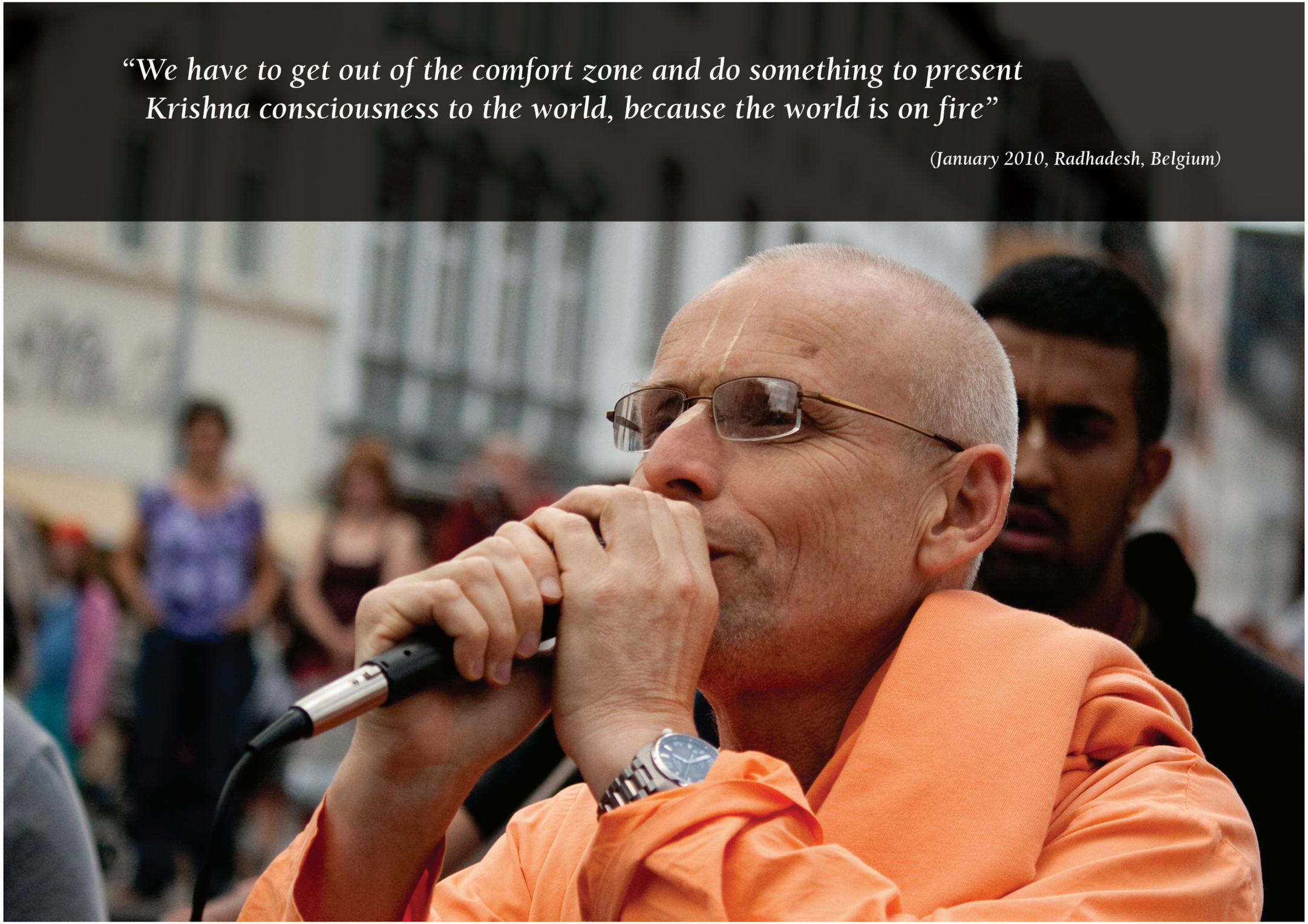
Atulya Devi Dāsī

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All Glories to H.H Jayādvaita Swami
All Glories to you Kadamba Kānana Swami

On this occasion of celebrating your advent to this world. I would like to wholeheartedly thank Śrī Kṛṣṇa for so mercifully sending you our way, and to thank you for allowing us to take shelter of your lotus feet and giving us perfect instructions.

It is stated in the beginning we have no vision to see a sadhu or recognize one, yet when we cry to Śrī Kṛṣṇa with sincerity. He sends a sadhu our way. Once meeting this sadhu, we feel a spontaneous attraction from the core of our heart and this is the proof that he is in fact a sadhu. I for one most certainly have no vision, yet on our meeting that spontaneous attraction certainly manifested within my heart and on observing your qualities and devotion, surrendering to your instructions was my only option.

With unwavering faith in Lord Caitanya's mission and devotion to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Guru, you so compassionately roam about this world giving anyone who will accept it, the torchlight of transcendental knowledge. The way in which you preach this knowledge is captivating and endearing. Since you put yourself right out there by using your own vast and very amusing experiences as well as observations, which stemmed from your early icy cold Saṅkīrtana days, that were accompanied by a shopping trolley of books and the prabhu with the motivational words 'you are not this body' (one of my personal favourites to hear), to the varied projects you've managed, in your days as a temple president and the many experiences you currently encountered by being a travelling sannyasi.



"We have to get out of the comfort zone and do something to present Krishna consciousness to the world, because the world is on fire"

(January 2010, Radhadesh, Belgium)

More often than not, the absolute truth is also very heavy stuff to take on. Yet you have a brilliant method of humorously conveying your own, as well as other people's internal dialogue and incorporating many amusing analogies from material life to support it all. These descriptions always help us to relate and identify with your instructions, and yet while understanding the seriousness of it all, we are also able to have a good laugh at ourselves. This I am sure, we are all very thankful for and find a most endearing quality of yours.

Now as I stumble and fumble my way along the path to liberation. I pray that no matter where I may go, that I always have my eyes on the Lord's Lotus Feet, your divine instructions and examples to navigate me, as well as your sweet devotional kirtana always playing on track in my mind. I hope that I can take on your instructions on board and to always delve deeper into hearing, chanting and reading and serve you always in a manner most pleasing to you.

I pray that all of us disciples and well wishers may be able to develop that devotion you so freely distribute and give something back to you, in return for the compassionate wonderful qualities that you have and that inspires, support and motivate us and have us endeavoring to surrender at the Lord's Lotus Feet.

Your Servant,

Atulya Devi Dāsī

Bahulāśva Dāsa

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Dear Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obesiances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.
All glories to the devotees.

I feel weak and very much dependent on you. I don't have any strength on my own, even though I follow the path of bhakti yoga. I cannot go further without you. For millions of lives I can struggle like this with japa and the 4 regulative principles.

I need your association, and I have come here today to refresh my relation and commitment to you. I am begging for you to take care of me when it comes to my Spiritual welfare. It is not possible to call oneself a devotee, when there's just a body and a mind full of ignorance. Yet by your association one is lifted up and starts acting like a devotee again.

I have no good karma or goodness to lean on. If it was not for your concern in your disciples, then I may as well have given it up.

Because of your mercy, you have accepted me and my attempts to do some service. It is not that I am especially inclined to spiritual or brahmacari life.

It is just you and Lord Nityananda's mercy.
You pick up all fallen persons in this age,
who just have a little bit of interest in Kṛṣṇa
consciousness.

For me this is the most important day of the year, because I'm coming to your lotus feet and begging you to please let me stay there for the rest of my life. Without your association I'm not happy and my life is miserable

Your servant,

Bahulāśva Dāsa

Baṭu Gopāla Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, all glories to Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami Mahārāja, and to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On this auspicious occasion of your appearance I would just like to thank you for accepting a chalu person like me as your disciple and a servant. Looking into my past, present and future I feel that I am not at all living up to your very first instruction that you had given me in Mayapur when i had come to see you for the first time. You had said, "Priorotise devotional service and that you didn't want cheap disciples..."

I feel highly ashamed of not following them. Please forgive me for all my shortcomings. I shall make a plan to rise up from my fallen position with the help of you, the Holy Name and the devotees around me.

Thanks a million for being such a nice loving and caring spiritual master and also giving me the divine association of HH Jayādvaita Mahārāja which is so rare and for giving me a chance to be a servant in Śrīla Prabhupāda's service.

Still trying to be your servant,

Baṭu Gopāla Dāsa

Bhagavatī Devi Dāsī

My beloved Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Jayādvaita Swami.

Last month His Grace Saṅkarṣaṇa Prabhu gave a course in uttama-bhakti and explained that we should do all our service in a mood of gratitude. And of course, we have so much to be grateful for. If we think of the spiritual master this same gratitude should be there, every moment of the day, every day of our life. So this offering is one of gratitude.

Thank you for always giving us a perfect Kṛṣṇa conscious example.
Thank you for showing us what it means to be disciple.
Thank you for being the perfect follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda.
Thank you for always pushing on this movement, even at the expense of your own comfort.
Thank you for showing us how to become lovers of Kṛṣṇa's Holy Name.
Thank you for all the wonderful instructions you give us daily in your classes.

Thank you for never compromising.
Thank you for giving the perfect example of humility.
Thank you for always being there for your disciples.
Thank you for caring for all of us.
Thank you for accepting me as your disciple even though I was so obviously unworthy.
Thank you for having faith in me.
Thank you for patiently listening to all my petty problems.
Thank you for taking the time to help me when I really need help
Thank you for showing me when I should just stop complaining and get myself together.
Thank you for always encouraging me with your kind words.
Thank you for accepting the little service that I do.
Thank you for not taking offense when offenses are made.
Thank you for the shelter that you've given me.
Thank you for all your blessings.
Thank you for all those things I didn't mention, because I'm too ignorant to even see them.

I hope one day to be able to repay you by becoming a proper disciple, a perfect follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda, by helping you to push on this movement, by becoming a lover of the Holy Name, by being able to instruct others, by being humble, by caring for others, by giving shelter to others – by doing all those things that you've shown us.

Your completely unworthy servant,

Bhagavatī Devi Dāsī

Bhaktījana Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your merciful feets.

All glories to the most merciful form of Syamasundara, Lord Gauranga! All glories to His first expansion, Lord Nityananda Balarama!
All glories to all of their servants headed by Śrīla Prabhupāda!
All glories to Tridandi Swami, His Holiness Jayādvaita Mahārāja!
All glories to the best of his servants, to my eternal well-wisher, His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami!

As the sun is the best of all the planets, mango the best of all fruits, brahma muhurta the best part of a day and brahmana the best of men, the day of appearance of the great soul is the best of all the days. The opportunity to glorify a devotee of the Lord who is a gift which nobody can fully appreciate. The glorification of a vaisnava is the most perfect activity. It is the most solid and the most certain way leading back home, back to Godhead. Back to the spiritual world, the desired destination of all. While contemplating the value of this gift, I realise, that my heart is still not coloured enough by the unwashable colour of gratefulness and the effort to repay my debt is still not the sole purpose of my life.

When that day comes, when I fully understand the seriousness of the situation?
When that day comes, when I stop believing the false values?
When that day comes, when I pay a really pure

and sincere dandavat at your lotus feet.
When that day comes, when I really please you.

It is like a fight with windmills. I already went so far. After searching for a very long time, I finally came to the perfect God, perfect philosophy and perfect spiritual master. He is the embodiment of the mercy of the Lord. But till now I did not find the necessary degree of sincerity, determination and faith for the sake of becoming a perfect recipient. You are like a fire whose flames burns out all impure places and by whose heat the ordinary iron becomes hardened steel. But my inability to become a good recipient seems to be eternal. Yet I have some faith in the power of the Supreme Lord and the power of pure devotees and I know that by being patiently faced to this fire, the desired result will come and I will become an obedient tool in your hands. You are the ocean of patience, compassion and mercy. Therefore I desperately pray: "Please sink this heavily conditioned soul in the waves of this unlimited ocean."

With great respect,
Your servant,

Bhaktījana Dāsa

Bharadvāja Dāsa

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet on this favourable day.
All glories to your divine grace. All glories to your spiritual master Jayadvaita Swami. All glories to the most merciful Srila Prabhupada.

Today for me and other devotees it is a source of delight and gratitude. This is due to mainly what you have done for us and you still carry on tirelessly. Only by your mercy and the mercy of Sri Krsna is when we will be capable of overcoming obstacles, which we ourselves create by our conditions.

Please give us your blessings for us to not leave the company of other devotees and that we would accept more of your causeless mercy. Thank you for your selflessness and tolerance. Wishing you strong health and never ending mercy.

A servant of your servant,

Bharadvāja Dāsa

(Bhakta) Bhupendra

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda

I like the fact that you are realistic, down to earth and practical towards spiritual life. You can communicate the serious message of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in a humorous way. Listening to your classes always gives me a lot of inspiration.

The scriptures explain that the spiritual master is an ocean of mercy. Without pleasing you I have no chance of advancing in spiritual life. I need to become more steady. My mind wanders away sometimes, but I pray I can become more focused. Then, hopefully I can render some service to you and please you. Please forgive me

for any offences,

Your servant,

Bhakta Bhupendra (Leicester)

Danca and family

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace,who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Kṛṣṇa.

You opened my darkened eyes and fills my head with transcendental knowledge. We can obtain Kṛṣṇa prema only by your mercy. We offer our respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

With gratitude and humility,

Danca and family from Neratovice (Czech Republic).

Dharmānanda Dāsa

Hare Krishna Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances

My spiritual father, this is to wish you a happy appearance day. I love you so much for showing the way to Krishna and making my life so easy. You are the most handsome man i have seen. What I mean by this is to wish you all the Krishna best on this auspicious day.

Haribol from your son,

Dharmānanda Dāsa

Doyāl Govinda Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to HH Jayādvaita Mahārāja.

I am Yours...
Or am I really Yours?

I guess not, but recently I came across Your lecture: “Firm faith in the spiritual master“ which shows different aspects. So I can guess that I am not Yours at the moment, but I feel very happy, satisfied, grateful and indebted having You as my spiritual master.

Combining those most wonderful qualities as commitment to your Guru, Śrīla Prabhupāda and the institution, although You feel like a rebel, and on the other hand very personal, open-hearted, empathic and caring.

At the moment surrender seems very easy, because You are not demanding anything. I do my work and family business and next to this I take care a little bit of Heidelberg temple or what remained as a so called temple.

It is not like You, come and expect that now I have to give all up and do a big thing, but still

there are instructions I have to meditate on, well at the moment it does not look like there will be a Ratha Yatra 2010 in Heidelberg and also the outspread of preaching is not there.

I hope that You will not draw back the mercy though it looks like I do not follow Your instructions. I meditate on them.

I also came across the incident with Syamananda Prabhu, who after receiving the wonderful tilaka from Śrīmati Rādhārani and his new name, was heavily chastised by his spiritual master, even beaten. He took it humbly and still served him with great faith. I pray this will not happen in our relationship, but at least developing such great attachment to Your lotus feet is the goal of my life.

Maybe it is not easy giving my life to You but it is worth it!

Our trip to Capetown showed me a glimpse of the depth of spiritual life and it revealed how indeed the spiritual master gives Kṛṣṇa and how the spiritual master knows everything. This most merciful trip left a deep impression and I pray that we can repeat it or more strictly speaking continue it, having part two somewhere at another place in the world.

Especially Nityananda's appearance day showed me that You are a true follower of the Saṅkīrtan movement and more precisely that You are a true follower and servant of Lord Nityananda. So this makes it important to me following in Your footsteps so that I can please You and finally please Lord Nityananda. Here I see a little bit of the sastras which explain that by serving the Guru- He gives Kṛṣṇa. Hopefully Kṛṣṇa reveals more about the instructions You have given me.

Although I cannot compose at the moment 108 names I still found some with which I like to gloriy Your divinity:

jita-krodha maya-manusha-vigraha/ amayi
dvijottama maha-mana/
premada bhakta-vatsala dvija-priya/ dvija-vara
vaishnava-prana-nayaka/
dvi-jati-pujaka shanta shrivasa-priya/ rakta-patta
amala prita gopa-liladhara/
yuva guru-priya sva-nama-guna-vakta/
namopadesha-dayaka achandala-priya shuddha/
sarva-prani-hite-rata shitalashaya/ nihsima-karuna
gupta atma-bhakti pravartaka/
mahananda nata nritya-gita-nama-priya/ kavi arti-
priya suchi shuddha bhavada bhagavat-priya/
indradi-sarva-lokesha-vandita-shri-padambuja/
nyasi-chudamani sannyasashrama-pavana/
danda-dhrik avadhuta-priya dina arti-ha/ sharana-
prada akinchana-priya guna-grahi/
jitendriya adosha-darshi sumukha madhura/ priya-
darshana guru ananta-guna-sampannah/
bhaktabhimata-rupa-dhrik narayana maha-yogi/
jnana-bhakti-pradah prabhu piyusha-vachana/
prithvi-pavana satya-vak saha/ oda-desha-
jananandi sandohamrita-rupa-dhrik

Jita-krodha–You are victorious over the influence of mundane anger
Maya-manusha-vigraha–You assumes the illusory form of a human
Amayi–You are bereft of fraudulent behavior
Dvijottama–You are the ultimate brahmana
Maha-mana–You have great mental power
Premada-You are the bestower of ecstatic loving devotion
Bhakta-vatsala–You are very affectionate to Your devotees/disciples
Dvija-priya–You are dear to the twice-initiated brahmanas
Vaishnava-prana-nayaka–You are the hero of the devotees' life & soul

Dvi-jati-pujaka–You are the worshiper of the brahmanas
Shanta-You are peaceful and saintly
Shrivasa-priya–You are very dear to Śrīvasa Pandita
Rakta-patta–You wear red cloth
Amala–You are sinless
Prita–You are beloved to all living beings
Gopa-liladhara–You are the abode of cowherding pastimes
Yuva–You are supremely youthful
Guru-priya–You are very dear to Your spiritual master
Sva-nama-guna-vakta–You are aware of the attributes of the holy name
Namopadesha-dayaka–You impart teachings about the holy names
Achandala-priya–You are dear even to the lowest outcastes
Shuddha–Your character is totally immaculate
Sarva-prani-hite-rata–You are engaged in the welfare of all living beings
Shitalashaya–You are desirous of cooling the burning sufferings of living beings
Nihsima-karuna–Your compassion is limitless
Gupta–You are very secretive
Atma-bhakti-pravartaka–You preach devotion unto the true Self
Mahananda–You are absorbed in the greatest bliss
Nata-You behave as a dramatic actor
Nritya-gita-nama-priya–You are fond of dancing, singing & chanting the holy names
Kavi–You are a learned scholar and poet
Arti-priya–You are dear to those who are suffering
Shuchi–You are meticulously clean
Shuddha–You are spotlessly pure
Bhavada–You confer ecstatic loving emotions
Bhagavat-priya–You are intimate with the great devotees
Indradi-sarva-lokesha-vandita-shri-padambuja–Your divine lotus feet are worshiped by Lord Indra and all the rulers of various heavenly planets
Nyasi-chudamani–You are the crest jewel of renunciates
Sannyasashrama-pavana–You are the purifier of the renounced order
Danda-dhrik–You carry the staff of the renounced order
Avadhuta-priya–You are dear to the Divine Madman (Śrīla Nityananda Prabhu)
Dina–You behave with meek and humble mannerisms
Arti-ha–You remove the distress of His devotees
Sharana-prada–You bestow ultimate shelter to Your devotees/disciples
Akinchana-priya–You are dear to those who possess nothing
Guna-grahi–You accept only the good qualities of others
Jitendriya–You are victorious over the influence of the material senses
Adosha-darshi–You are blind to the faults of others
Sumukha–You have a pleasant face
Madhura–You are supremely sweet
Priya-darshana–You are very precious to behold
Guru–You are the spiritual master of every living being
Ananta-guna-sampannah–You are endowed with limitless good qualities
Narayana–You are the supreme shelter for all living beings
Maha-yogi–You are the greatest performer of yoga
Jnana-bhakti-pradah–You impart intellectual knowledge of devotion
Prabhu–You are the Lord and Master of all

"So the vows of initiation are like pearls. We plant them and they must produce bushes full of many more pearls! So the initiation is known to be the beginning. From these vows so many other things will develop"

(March 2010, Australia)



Piyusha-vachana–Your words emit showers of pure nectar
rithvi-pavana–You are the savior of the earth
Satya-vak–You speak truthfully
Saha–You can endure all forms of misery
Oda-desha-jananandi–You delight the people of Orissa
Sandohamrita-rupa-dhrik–You embody the form of all universal nectar

Please forgive any mistakes considering the length of the verses, inspired by Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya.

Your servant,

Doyāl Govinda Dāsa

Dwarkadīśa Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabbupada, Jayādvaita Swami and to You

In the process trying to glorify you my degradation becomes obvious. At the same time it shows Your greatness because by Your empowerment only am I able to try to be a devotee... at least.

Constantly spending Your time and energies for others, I feel like taking the precious milk without even giving the basic grass. What really impresses me is how versatile Your devotional service/life is.

You are using the body to show that every step can be a dance for Kṛṣṇa while I can only pray that somehow Your dance will lead to my Kaliya like head, so that it will be blessed by the merciful kick.

Hearing Your lectures, amazed and surprised, I realize that Your mind (like the wind) is a tool to blow away misconceptions and carrying gentle breezes of realizasions. And with Your chaste tongue You are singing so sweetly that even the Gandharvas listen to not miss a second of the heavenly bhajan. You have so many ways to glorify Kṛṣṇa and inspire devotees, so many aspects of Your personality - and all companions in the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

You are a global player in the spiritual sense and hopefully all Your endeavour will save the lost worlds. Your personal association is so important for me... but being so fascinated about Your dedication for the preaching, at least I pray that I can always stay in the association of Your servants and render service in all directions.

Pleasing You would be the success of my life so I`m begging for the power to give up the small mindedness...

Thank you for all the trust in me.

Your eternal servant,

Dwarkadīśa Dāsa

Gaurāṅga Dāsa

A poem to the Guru's Lotus feet

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All glories to Jayādvaita Swami

You are our connection with the Supreme Lord
through the transcendental Parampara cord

By showing us the way of spiritual approach
You are always our spiritual coach

You inspire us with your awesome Bhajan and Kirtan
as you are one of the best in whole Kṛṣṇastan

Giving us your Holy association
you give us the opportunity for transcendental absorption

When you explain the Vedic Literature
it all becomes a most lively adventure

Your enthusiasm to spread the Holy Name
in Lord Caitanya's preaching frame
increases your transcendental fame

Doing and giving us so much more
we are eternally indebted to you furthermore

your humble servant

Gaurāṅga Dāsa

Gopīnāthācārya Dāsa

mukhaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam

"I want you to be a *sādhu*--not to *become* one, but to *be* one."

With that short phrase, spoken to me several years ago in this very castle, you steered my life into a new direction. But for someone as awfully afflicted by procrastination as I am, that simple instruction has proven to be an immense challenge. It pulls my gaze painfully away from the dreamy future and fixes it on the abiding present: it continually reminds me that what matters is not who I may become, but who I am --now, here.

Spoken by an ordinary person, these words would have lacked that life-transforming force, for they would seem to demand the impossible--how can one be what one has not yet become? But these were not the words of a common man. In these words echoed those of Śrīla Prabhupāda, who spoke to his disciples with great urgency and taught them to cast off everything else and *be* Kṛṣṇa conscious, as well as those of Śrīla Jayadvaita Swami Mahārāja, who demonstrates and teaches with an uncompromising clarity what it means to be *sādhu*. Their singleness of purpose was conveyed in that first instruction you gave me, and to follow that instruction, though still formidable, did not seem impossible.

I could not take these words lightly then, and over the years they have lost nothing of their gravity, because they came from one who is *guru*. Your own life proves this is not a fool's dream, an attempt to grasp what lies continually beyond one's reach, but a real possibility made tangible by your own personality. Your character bears the marks of a true *sādhu*--an impeccable honesty; a purity of intention and heart; a selflessness, tolerance and unceasing dedication to others that continues to astound me; as well as the compassionate desire to help others to achieve the same. With an unbreakable resolve

you seek to go deep in *bhajana*, to find rest in the sacred space of the temple of the heart, to offer all to *guru* and Kṛṣṇa. "Don't wait," you teach us, through actions and words, "Attain Kṛṣṇa in this life."

Today is a day of celebration and contemplation. Grateful for the continuous guidance received, and rejoicing in the grace freely bestowed, we honour your many excellences, and reflect on your position as our spiritual master, as our representative of Kṛṣṇa and Śrī Caitanya's lineage. But we are also aware of the grave responsibility you have given us--to follow your absolute dedication to *guru* and Kṛṣṇa and without hesitation or delay return to our Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Please grant me your blessings so I may attain the needed spiritual strength and simplicity of heart to live by those words and to finally be what you desired of me all those years ago.

Ever seeking your blessings,

Your humble servant,

Gopīnāthācārya Dāsa

Guṇa-Maṇi Nitāi Dāsī

Hare Kṛṣṇa My Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most heartfelt obeisances; all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda

As your presence permeates my life wider and deeper. I feel how verily you open my darkened eyes with the torchlight of transcendental knowledge.

God! was I born in the darkest ignorance! And it is said that a disciple can never repay this debt to the spiritual master! How could I ever?!

I mean, how much compassion must you have to enter into such a contract with Śrīmati Rādhārani and Śrī Kṛṣṇa on behalf of so many stubborn beings on this lowly planet. My heart aches to think that you have taken such a grave commitment, as to deliver degraded human prototypes of this dark age, where there is hardly any good in people's heart. Why do you do that? I know you! You will casually say: "What to do! It was my spiritual master's instructions"! But still! Such surrender!

As you often say, instead you could just stay under a kadamba tree in Vrindavana and read Śrīmad Bhagavatam all day, alternated by a few bhajans here and there. And yet, no! You are an eternal globe- trotter who is eternally jet-lagged… for us! I don't know how you do it: after my trip to India, I was thrown back with a week's jet-lag... and you cross times-zones as one would take a tram to go to another suburb.

Amazing! Indeed, one shouldn't consider the spiritual master to be a normal human being like us, mundane Kali-yuga dwellers.

Thank you for having granted me a ticket to Godhead. I pray that I don't misuse this valuable opportunity; instead I pray to share this bargain and drag many more brothers and sisters on the flight back to our eternal home.

You know, on a final note, THE theme that comes back every time I talk about you, with

your disciples, well-wishers and friends:
the extent to which you take at heart Śrīla Prabhupāda's missions and instructions. We were asked to describe your personality in one word, well, I'll describe it in two: Prabhupāda's Man.

I gratefully remain,
Your property,

Guṇa-Maṇi Nitāi Dāsī

Hemāṅga Caitanya Dāsa, Smita Kṛṣṇa Devi Dāsī

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Dear Śrīla Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all the Vaisnavas

Vyāsa-pūjā of the spiritual master is a wonderful opportunity to look at our spiritual life a bit more deeply. To do sort of a health check on it and to look at where we are in our spiritual life. To look at what our goal is and to view at how we can achieve those goals. And I think the best way, to achieve those goals, is: to look at the glorious activities of the spiritual master, to meditate on those activities and see how he is dedicating his every moment of life in serving Kṛṣṇa and glorifying him. In spite of his bad health condition or any other (materially speaking) adverse situation, he never let any opportunity go pass by without glorifying the Lord, discussing his pastimes and wonderful qualities. His service to Kṛṣṇa, no matter what, is always undisturbed. Spiritual master, is the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa and he has got nothing to do with this material world, but just to show his compassion for the poor souls like us. He comes to this material world and helps so many souls to reawaken their forgotten love for Kṛṣṇa.

It's said, when a bonafide spiritual master accepts a disciple, he takes all the sins of his disciple's of millions of lifetimes on his own head. In the material world, 99.99% people are exploiting nature.They just want to take from the other person and what do they want to take? Something good from others and use that for their own sense gratification. If you give someone $100, they will be very happy to take it, but if you ask them "I got this fine for $100, can you pay please it?" Or simply ask them "I have got this 8 demerit points, can you take the blame?" They will laugh at you and say "Are you crazy?" (They may forcefully do it for some other reasons, but they will not be very happy to do this). Generally speaking, everyone wants to take only good things, but not one single bad thing.

But what we see here, is the spiritual master who is taking, not only 1,2 or few more... he takes away all the sins, unlimited sins, we have committed in our past millions of life times and that also in a pleasing mood, without any expectations from our side. This is a real compassion, he is very compassionate. He says,"You will just become a servant of Kṛṣṇa by following Kṛṣṇa's path and I will take all your sins away, I will suffer for you". Who else can you imagine doing even a fragment of this in the

material world (at least in a real sense... No one).

Not only this, he gives us spiritual education, which brings us closer to Kṛṣṇa at all times. For our benefit only, he engage us in some service or sometimes, accepts some direct service from us (again to offer to Kṛṣṇa), he just gives and gives and gives. He is so kind, so genuine, and so friendly; I cannot put i into the precise words.

On the other hand, when I look at myself and all my mistakes, which I do even in a very simple service, I am ashamed of myself but look at him, even that service he accepts lovingly.

When I see all this, my appreciation for him grows more and more and I want to serve him more and more in a better way, which is pleasing to him and to Kṛṣṇa.
Śrīmad Bhagavatam states, by serving great souls who are completely free of vice, great service is done, and by such service, one gains an attraction for the Lord.
So on this auspicious day of his appearance, I pray to Kṛṣṇa and all the vaisnavas to give me good intelligence, so that I can get some attachment for my Gurudev and serve him very nicely, because pleasing him is the perfection of life.

I pray to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Gopināth, to provide a good health to Śrīla Gurudev and all the proper facilities, so that he can distribute his mercy more widely to those who have still not taken the path of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and to those who have taken this path, but have yet to perfect their lives.

His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, Śrīla Gurudev Ki Jai.
His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja, Vyāsa-pūjā Mahamahotsav Ki Jai.
Śrīla Prabhupad Ki Jai.

Aspiring to be your servants,

Hemāṅga Caitanya Dāsa & Smita Kṛṣṇa Devi Dāsī (Sydney, Australia)

(Bhakta) Jan

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances!
All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja, and all glories to you!

This is my first Vyāsa-pūjā-offering unto you and now I, a useless guy full of pride and envy, try to find the right words to glorify your pure uncomparable character. So as I have tried now for quite some time I understood that I can hardly find the right words to describe your delightfullness. So I`ll just start right away!

Your bhajans are beautiful. Your singing of the Holy Name appears so deep to me that it gives me the strong wish to develop such love and attachment to the Maha Mantra as you have for it.

Still, what amazes me the most is how individual you care and interact with the devotees. The spiritual master is said to be the father, and this is exactly what I experience when I associate with you. I feel such a relatedness when I am able to be with you, that I naturally want to completely devote myself to your Lotus Feet.

In our first personal meeting in the Munich temple, you told me your metaphor about the oasis in the desert of material suffering in which a stranger comes to lead the inhabitants back to the spiritual world. So for me you are the stranger, who tells me about this green land which is beyond this oasis and beyond this desert. A land which I cannot see or imagine. To be honest I right now cannot even imagine that I might see it one day. But you, out of your causeless mercy, offer me your hand to lead me through this desert of material suffering.

I have no qualification. I neither can stand the hot sand of lust anger and greed nor can I bear the burning sun of Illusion and madness. Still I have total faith, that you lead me on the right path. I am sure, that I just by following in your Footsteps can last this material nature and follow you back home back to Godhead.

I could always take shelter in you in any condition. When I came on the mental platform I simply took shelter in you lectures. When I did not know how to go on in my spiritual life I simply asked you and you always took some time for me giving me perfect advice. Even when I had some problem in understanding the Bhagavatam properly you again spent valuable time in searching the right meaning of the slokas with me.

I love it to see you smile.
I love hearing your soft but appointed voice.
I feel totally secure in your association.
I really want to please you and serve your Lotus Feet.
Thank you so much for accepting this useless fool as your disciple.

All Glories to You! Hare Kṛṣṇa,

Your servant,

Bhakta Jan

Jai Nitāi Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja.

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Jayādvaita Swami.

Every year there is one auspicious day on which we remember the glories of our spiritual master and express our thanks for his appearance and his desire to deliver us. Who can imagine how auspicious a day like today is?

What a great day, when you came here in the mission to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda to free the fallen souls.Our paths crossed when I was on the way to hell and you showed that there is a better path. So I try my best to follow the path, but foolishly, I still make many mistakes.

Who can imagine how fortunate one is, to meet a devotee like You. Being in Your association, spiritual life is full of nectar and material happiness is revealed to be illusory and tastless. Even though I'm blinded by sense gratification, through association with You and by accepting guidance, I can understand how degraded this conciousness is. You inspire to give up material desires, by setting a perfect example because serving Kṛṣṇa is Your life. That Your are satisfied like this is obvious, your humour is so natural and realised and your bhajans are full of

devotion.

Instructing me, you help me to realize my position and how to improve it in a realistic way. These instructions are my only hope, to leave my material conciousness behind. I have experienced, that following them, means to be happy in devotional service. If I don't follow them, there is struggle.

I'm a very unqualified servant and my service has many defects, but still You are so kindly engaging me in serving Kṛṣṇa. Please grant me the shelter of Your Lotus feet and never give up to engage me in service. My only shelter is the connection with You and I want to strengthen this connection by becoming a servant. Seeing my Godbrothers and how they have improved and improve their Kṛṣṇa conciousness, gives me hope to become a devotee. It is wonderfull, to see Your faith in Your disciples and Your determination to bring them back to Vaikuntha. By glorifing the Spiritual Master, I become very thankfull and blissfull in spiritual life.

To remember You and Your Lotus feet, to hear from or about You or to see a picture of You is pleasing to the heart. That's why constantly meditating upon you makes my life successful. Still my mind is restless, because it's not absorbed in that meditation.

Thank You very much

Your servant,

Jai Nitāi Dāsa

(Bhaktin) Kate

Dear Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to you!

It is no secret that I am not so strong when it comes to devotional service. Fortunately your enthusiasm, dedication and commitment enlivens me. Simply by hearing your lectures and kirtanas I feel very inspired. You have been so kind and merciful to me for these past few years. Although, I am ignorant and ask so many questions, you are always there to teach me and help me along the correct path. Your preaching in many Countries, especially your commitment to South Africa is true dedication.Everywhere you go you are inspiring many people to chant and become devotees of Kṛṣṇa.

I pray that I can follow your example, to serve you better and please you through my actions

Your servant,

Bhaktin Kate

Keśava Mādhava Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda all glories to you!

I think since the last Vyāsa-pūjā we didn't have contact at all. I am always confronted with the fact that I do not have nor take your association



"Prabhupāda said if during this lifetime you follow four regulative principles and chant sixteen rounds, then you will go back to Godhead. Then he said: 'I guarantee it! I guarantee it! I guarantee it!'"

(February 2010, Chowpatty, India)

in person and that I am not directly engaged by you in some service. I always think that there would be more to offer to your Vyāsa-pūjā. At times, I think that our relationship is more passive or inactive. I see that I engage myself in services that I like to do by myself and I don't have any problem with that, at the same time I have a sense that it may do good me good by being instructed sometimes with a particular task by you.

I just recently listened again to your "Expanding the Mercy" seminar and I was reminded, again how much the siksa makes the relationship with the physical present guru. There is so much inspiration and contemplation simply by hearing your lectures and seminars. If I feel not so much connected with you, it might be a sign that I do not associate enough with your vani, because I saw that by listening again to your seminar, I felt much more satisfied again regarding my connection with you.

About the guru-tattva one can certainly spend months speaking. There are so much discussion about siksa and diksa guru, the meaning of diksa and the position of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the initiating present gurus. For me, it is this that I consider, honour and worship of Śrīla Prabhupāda as my primary guru. This does not mean that I do not give much significance to you as my initiating and instructing guru and our relationship as guru and disciple. I just want to truthfully share what my state of mind and heart are. I always respected and appreciated you a lot. I look up to you as a very advanced vaishnava, from whom I can learn a lot from and who is a source of inspiration and is a shelter for me.

Once again I would like to thank you very much for your mercy and support in my spiritual life as well as for the gift of the second initiation. I hope my endeavors in my spiritual life are worth to be considered a repayment for what I received from Śrīla Prabhupāda and you.

Sincerely

Your servant,

Keśava Mādhava Dāsa

Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Dāsa

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to You! All glories to Jayādvaita Swami! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Once I said to you: "All glories to You, my Spiritual Master, who bestows the blessings of pure devotional service to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa like a desire tree and removes the darkness of ignorance." Blissfully smiling You answered with Your deep voice: "Yes, everyday we are bathing in the blessings!".

My attempt to glorify You is like offering a small candlelight to the sun, but since it is my duty, I have to try my best.

One of Your most wonderful qualities I like, is that You are always absorbed in the magnanimous mood of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. With Your trancendental affection, You are uplifting conditioned souls like us to a spiritual higher level beyond our own abilities. You empower us to spread Kṛṣṇa's mercy far

and wide. You are carrying the Supreme Lord in Your heart, You are imbibing Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings and then You redistribute them to our benefit. Because You are delivering His message As it is, therefore You are as good as Śrīla Prabhupāda himself.

Every day we have the wonderful opportunity to achieve the Divine Grace of the Lord through You, his representative, the Spiritual Master. When will I develop the humble gratitude and when will I accept such an incredible mercy? In Mayapur, You mentioned, that only offenses keep us away from the "automatic progress"

Narottama Dāsa Thakur prays in his Prema-Bhakti-Candrika, Atma-Nivedana, Verse 7: *antaraya nahi Jaia, ei ta parama bhaya, nivedana karon anuksana*

My greatest fear is that I will not be able to surpass the impediments on the path of devotional service. Hence, I pray to you constantly. You are bathing others in Your blessings and to become your formal disciple goes quick, but to stay a disciple throughout lifetime is not an easy thing and requires constantly ongoing surrender, not just for a moment. Therefore I pray today for developing the qualities of a sincere disciple; to live on the cutting edge with You by imbibing Your instructions in my heart; please empower me so that I can start taking advantage of Your blessings and become able to perform some meaningful service to You. This is my request: Please make me able to engage in Your Service!

Your servant,

Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Dāsa

Kṛṣṇa Kīrtan Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Śrīla Prabhupāda explains a disciple as one who is disciplined. Discipline means following the orders of the spiritual master strictly and faithfully. He also explained that his mission would be successful if it could make even just one pure devotee. So I think it more important for us, as disciples to qualify ourselves into becoming bonafide disciples, than to question the qualification of the spiritual master. If we become bonafide disciples then we also become a bonafide spiritual master, because a bonafide spiritual master is one who simply teaches through parampara like a transparent via medium. So the essence for everyone is to become and maintain their status as a bonafide disciple. How can we do this? Easy. Sincerely chant minimum 16 rounds of Hare Kṛṣṇa everyday, follow the four regulative principles strictly and engage in devotional service for Kṛṣṇa, Guru and the Vaishnavas. So what is the difficulty?

Our stubbornness and lack of faith. Lack of faith in everything from the Holy name, ISKCON, scriptures and the words of the spiritual master. If only we could have more faith. With faith comes enthusiasm, determination and patience; from this our faith deepens and the progressive cycle continues until we attain Kṛṣṇa prema. So how will I gain firm faith? By the stick of the mercy of the Vaishnavas. Simple. We must beg for the mercy.

Śrī Gaurachandra has bestowed good fortune upon all of us in the material world by allowing us into a divine path, a path mapped out by Śrīla Prabhupāda. Prabhupāda is our divine grace. He has given us everything and left nothing aside. Causeless mercy has swept us away on our path back home, back to Godhead. But how do we keep flying? How do we not fall down? How do we make it back to Godhead? Again and again we need special mercy from the pure devotees.

Śrīla Prabhupāda has made a house for the whole world to live in. Within this world is his home - Śrī Vrindavan Dham. There lies a crest jewel where Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa Balarama reside on the golden jewel-like Raman-Reti. This spiritual hub of the world gave rise to a very special and unique soul, one who would take a bullet in protecting the pure teachings and essence of Śrīla Prabhupāda and our acaryas. One who would undergo many austerities in the service of Kṛṣṇa Balarama and ISKCON. One who's loyalty to Śrīla Prabhupāda would lead him away from his spiritual home, across the world to help others. One who chants Hare Kṛṣṇa as was intended by Nitāi-Gaura and Their associates. One who sacrifices his own comfort to give strength and love to thousands without discrimination.

It is this personality that we look upon today with great awe and reverence, love, humility and gratitude. It is he who we surrenders our body, mind and words, with hope and faith that we can serve him with discipline and love, just as he has and continues to do for his spiritual master. I beg for this assembly to join me in paying obeisances unto this special causeless mercy that we have all been gifted, which has come to us as His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami Mahārāja. We pray to become your bonafide disciples and servants; please forgive us on our journey to perfection.

Your servant,

Kṛṣṇa Kīrtan Dāsa

Kṛṣṇasmaraṇam Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my more deep really obeisances, full of appreciation for Your service to Kṛṣṇa mission. Day by day I can see how much of a special person You are and merciful to fallen souls. What is really bad is that we cannot rightly be thankful. Usually it is too late, because maya is extremely very strong. Everybody wants to take mercy but without paying a proper price. Therefore, a person like me should beg You for Your merciful glance, one more time, again and again. Because without Your mercy we are helpless.

"Let us try to understand my spiritual master who is always in blissful Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Let me meditate on him being enthused as he enthused us."

Only one drop of Your blissful mood and also Your preaching mood. Especially Your preaching mood is very strong in You Dear Guru Mahārāja and I hope that by Your power You will transfer shakti to all Your disciples.

Your strange servant,

Kṛṣṇasmaraṇam Dāsa

(Bhaktin) Krishni

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I want to thank you for giving me shelter at your lotus feet, even though am unqualified for it. Being under your guidance, gives me strength and courage to concentrate on improving my sadhana. I'm also very thankful for your association. Your divine presence always gives me a spiritual boost. After your visit, I find myself more enthusiastic and more determine on achieving the goal of life.

Likewise, you have changed the life of so many fallen souls and through your blissful kirtana and lectures you give strength, courage and motivation to advance in spiritual life.

Thank you Guru-Mahārāja, I can never repay this debt. I humbly pray to be able to offer some service at your lotus feet eternally.

Your servant,

(Bhaktin) Krishni

Laghu Hari Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja, all glories to you.

Thank you for appearing in this material world to save me.

It is only because off your causeless mercy and patience that I am able to somehow or other engage in devotional service. You are certainly a rare personality and your mood for taking a personal interest in every individual you meet is slowly but surely softening this hard hart of mine. Thank you very much for thinking of me, this is proof that your kindness and compassion extends itself to the most fallen and beyond.

May I take this opportunity to beg that you never forget that I will always be in need of your association. Please empower me to become more humble in your presence and bolder in the presence of maya so that I may overcome my shortcomings and spread the mercy that you have so kindly showered upon me all over the world.

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Saṅkīrtan.

Your useless servant,

Laghu Hari Dāsa

(Bhaktin) Lalita

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please, accept my humblest obeisances in the dust of Your lotus feet.

It is a great honour for me to have the opportunity to write to you on such an exceptional day. A few years ago I was a little girl and I didn´t understand things around me, everything was so nice, the association around me, the service which devotees were doing with love for the Deities – that was not possible to see anywhere else....Everything was new and interesting for me. Even though at that time I could not appreciate the fact that I was growing up in such a background and that I could have such a close association of pure devotees, which I can´t have now ...

Only nowadays, when I am able to be grateful for the blessing of growing up here, to be among devotees since early age and in the association of such great devotees of the Lord, I do realize the mercy which I got from Kṛṣṇa and what a rascal I am ! Very often I am taking this for granted, something which is quite normal. Often I act as some rascal and then I feel sorry and I ask Kṛṣṇa for forgiveness.

I remember the story when Caitanya Mahaprabhu asked Ramananda Raj what is the most painful kind of suffering …

He answered: apart form the separation from the devotees of the Lord, there is no other suffering which could not be endured ... It is true, but I realize very little how truthful are these words and how valuable is this association!
I know how much it is precious for me when I can see you, listen to you lectures and to your kirtans, see how you serve Kṛṣṇa with love … And with difficulty suppress the sadness when you are leaving again …

You are a great source of inspiration for me . Your mercy is amazing … So , please, forgive me from all my offenses. I thank you very very much.

Your servant,

(Bhaktin) Lalita

Lakṣmaṇā Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet. All glories to You. All glories to Jayādvaita swami. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

There are millions of people in this material world. Millions of souls living their lives after lives. Miserable souls covered by darkness. Unknowing what thus it means to be happy. And between those millions and millions souls there are just few great personalities .

Only few....it would not be so difficult to count them.
Great personalities which are changing the world. Great personalities who know the truth. Not only that, they live a true life, full of love and compassion. Without them the world would be lost in darkness far away from home.

Dear Guru Mahārāja, you are one of those great personalities, which are changing the world. You are one of those soldiers of Kṛṣṇa fighting for lives of others. You are have a very special jewel, which is your great weapon as well. It is the way

how you present Kṛṣṇa, by Your clear mind, your humor and understanding.

You teach me to be positive. Yes we can do it, we all can reach Kṛṣṇa. You teach me that I should not be taken so seriously, but the one who should be taken serious is Kṛṣṇa.

And always when I forget it, you remind it to me again and again, and you always do it in a way that a blockhead like me can understand.

You are my spiritual master, you are my great fear that I am not doing enough and you are my inspiration for which I would like to thank you very much.

With gratitude and love. Your small servant,

Lakṣmaṇā Devi Dāsī

(Bhaktin) Lenka

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humblest obeisances, all glories to Your service! All glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Guru Mahraja, I have not yet enough humbleness and esteem to be fully grateful to You for Your acceptance and care. You are giving me all the time. Perhaps I would be able to return a little bit for it by distribution of Śrīla Prabhupāda´s book. I do not know how long I will be able to do this noble service, but I am thankful for every day, which my body and mind are allowing me to serve You in this way. During Saṅkīrtan I feel to be most close to You and therefore I am writing the offering for You here, on the battlefield, where I am more than anywhere else forced to surrender, to submission, to heart-whole prayers, to concentration...

Purely by a mercy of vaisnavas, I got the opportunity to came to contact with the movement of Lord Caitanya and Śrīla Prabhupāda and thanks to this mercy, I have now even You as a spiritual master. I would like, despite of my sinful nature and many shortcomings and offences, to surrender to Your instructions and by this way to realize my life duty - to go back to Godhead.

Please disregard all my material plans to which I am attached to. I am a hypocrite who is pretending to be a vaisnava, but I do not want it any more. Any more I do not want to serve to my senses and mind, who are attached to so many sinful desires and lacking any attachements to Krisna. I want be a faithful servant of Yours. Once I did a promise in front of a Deity of Lord Balarama, that I will do everything, no matter what it will cost. I am a little bit afraid that I will not master it and succumb. Therefore I am begging for Your kind blessing to serve You. May this desire never perish.

Your humble servant,

(Bhaktin) Lenka

(Bhakta) Lukas

All the best to you Kadamba Kānana Swami.
All the best to you Mahārāja.

(Bhakta) Lukas

Madhukānta Dāsa

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

kali-kalera dharma—kṛṣṇa-nama-Saṅkīrtana kṛṣṇa-sakti vina nahe tara pravartana (CC Antya 7.11)

The fundamental religious system in the age of Kali is the chanting of the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa. Unless empowered by Kṛṣṇa, one cannot propagate the Saṅkīrtan movement.

In this age of quarrels and strifes, the Supreme Lord personally appeared in His most merciful form as Caitanya Mahaprabhu to taste moods of madhurya rasa and to spread Saṅkīrtana movement, chanting of the Holy name of the Lord, the process of self-realization for humans mislead by demoniac and atheistic propaganda.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu instructed Rupa and Sanatana Gosvamis about the science of devotional service and empowered them to write this knowledge down and to further spread it through their followers for the benefit of the whole humanity. Spiritual succession transfers this spiritual science from a guru to a disciple. However, the nature of this temporary world is that the pure knowledge of Absolute Truth is getting lost and misinterpreted by materialistically-minded people. This happened also after the demise of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura, a great devotee of the Lord, was sent by Him to again uphold the pure message of previous acharyas. His son, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, a noble personality and a powerful preacher, continued the work of his father to spread knowledge of devotional service, the only cure for a conditioned soul suffering from pangs of material existence.

Śrīla Prabhupāda is a completely unique personality and an important link in the chain of disciplic succession since he was entrusted with a task to bring this cure to people in West.

Dear Guru Mahārāja, it is our great fortune that by the causeless mercy of the Supreme Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda you have been sent to continue this task to liberate conditioned souls drowning in the ocean of material existence. Drowning man who was saved by someone naturally feels obliged to his savior and is determined to do anything to repay his debt for his life being saved.

Dear Guru Mahārāja, I pray to the Supreme Lord for intelligence and strength to be able to assist you in this important mission of a transcendental lifesaver and to at least try to repay this debt.

Your eternal debtor,

Madhukānta Dāsa

(Bhakta) Maik

Lieber Kadamba Kānana Svami!

Ich erweise Dir meine achtungsvollen Ehrerbietungen.

Achtundzwanzig Jahre hab ich geschlafen, war vṭllig abwesend. Die letzten Jahre so langsam, unterbewusst ein Klingeln vernommen. Nun hab ich ein Auge aufgerissen und mṭchte endlich

"So many lives we have already spent chewing the chewed - many lifetimes! Now this lifetime we give to Krishna. Those who don't take advantage will have to stay behind."

(February 2010, Chowpatty, India)



auch Dāsa andere aufmachen kṭnnen. Doch allein werde ich es niemals schaffen. Ich mṭchte Richtig wach sein, um bei Dir Zuflucht zu suchen, von Dir zu lernen, Dich kennenzulernen, eine Beziehung mit Kṛṣṇa und Dir aufzubauen und Kṛṣṇa und Dich vollen Herzens lieben zu kṭnnen und zu dūrfen. Um mit Dir wieder zurūck in die ursprūngliche Heimat zu Kṛṣṇa zu gehen und ein wirklicher und wahrhafter Diener der Gopis zu werden.

Hilf mir bitte ein besserer Mensch zu werden. Du besitzt die Kraft dafūr. Hilf mir bitte, Dāsa Śrī Caitanyas und Dein Wunsch zu meinen wird. Danke Dāsa ihr mich geweckt habt!

Nimm meine Hand und fūhre mich hinaus aus der Dunkelheit, aus dieser alten Finsterniss, zu Dir ins Licht Dāsa ewig ist. Aus dem Unwirklichen zum Wirklichen, von der Lūge zur Wahrheit. Lass mich an Deinen Lotosfūssen ruhen und Kraft tanken, Kraft fūr den Kampf in der materiellen Welt, Kraft Dir dienen zu dūrfen.

Leben fūr Leben kultivierte ich so viele dāmonische Eigenschaften, die wie Stein so felsenfest sitzen. Nur Du kannst diesen Stein sprengen und den Kern der Sache transformieren. Treib mir Dāsa brennende materielle Fieber aus…, den Neid, die Lust, den Stolz, die Gier, die Verrūcktheit. Mach mich bitte wieder gesund! Heile alle, alle Menschen von ihrem Fieber, Dāsa sie wie Verrūckte handeln und vergessen lāsst. Du bist die Medizin die sie brauchen, die jeden Menschen wieder gesund machen kann und in seinen ursprūnglichen Zustand versetzen kann!
Bitte sei mein Gārtner, der ab und an nach meiner spirituellen winzigen Pflanze schaut (die ich zu kultivieren versuche) und mir sagt wie ich sie am besten gedeihen lassen kann. Auf Dāsa sie irgendwann vielleicht ein Baum wird und zu blūhen beginnt. Zeig mir bitte wie und wo es reines Wasser gibt um sie zu gieḶen, wie und wann man sie am besten vor Unwettern schūtzt.

Ich bin Kṛṣṇa sehr dankbar Dich kennengelernt zu haben und des ṭfteren in Deiner Gemeinschaft sein zu dūrfen! Danke! Danke fūr die inspirierenden Vorlesungen und den Bhajans die mir so tief ins Herz gingen!

Ich wūnsche Dir viel Kraft, um noch viele weitere gefallene Seelen wie mich aufzuwecken, und in die richtige Richtung schauen zu lassen, um schlieḶlich den einzigen wahren Weg zu beschreiten!

Alle Ehre sei Śrīla Prabhupad!

Hare Kṛṣṇa

(Bhakta) Maik

Manadāyinī Devi Dāsī

My Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances again and again on this auspicious day of your Vyāsa-pūjā. All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Since you left Mayapur, you have been constantly present in my mind and in my heart. It is with deepest gratitude I think of you and of Kṛṣṇa.

You and Kṛṣṇa are the most important Persons in my life. You ARE my life.

Only a few months back I thought that Kṛṣṇa had kicked me out from you, my family and - I couldn't bear it. The deadly pain of separation. After consideration, I had prepared myself for leaving my body with the permission and help of Lord Nrsimhadeva. At the critical point - Kṛṣṇa stopped it all, expertly.

Before this happened I did not know how very deep one is connected with one's Guru Mahārāja - and with Kṛṣṇa.

Thank you for allowing me to serve your lotus feet despite of all my disqualifications. Please forgive me if I have caused you harm in any way. I see you as my best friend, my dear Guru Mahārāja. And I see how very dear you are to Kṛṣṇa, because you are in truth His every - step - instrument.

All glories to Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja and all glories to you, my dearest Guru Mahārāja.

Hare Kṛṣṇa

Your humble servant,

Manadāyinī Devi Dāsī

Manukanyā Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to GuruDāsa Jayādvaita swami. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you.

Guru Mahārāja, I know that I will never be able to repay all that you have done for me and that saying thank you at every Vyāsa-pūjā will not be enough, but today I stand before you asking for your blessings to remain a servant at your lotus feet because I know that through your lotus feet I will be able to attain the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. Please bless me that your lotus feet be my only shelter and my eyes be fixed upon them and never look in maya's direction, let the effulgence of your lotus feet make me blind because this is the only guarantee that I will not look in maya's direction.

Please bless me that your instructions be the only goal of my life for I know if I follow them they will lead me in the right direction, I know they are my map to Kṛṣṇa's abode. Please bless me that my mind only have thoughts of the beautiful Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa because only thoughts about Him will bring happiness while I am trying to make my way towards Him.

Please bless me that my tongue only speak of topics related to the beautiful Syamasundra, let my tongue only chant His names. Please bless me that every relationship that I have in this material world I make the all attractive Lord the centre of these relationships but not myself. Please bless me to use this body only in the service of the Lord and His devotees and not for my own sense enjoyment. Please bless me to use the little bit of intelligence that I have for acquiring about the most beautiful Lord and His past times. Please bless me not to do anything that will force me to come back here to this world.

Please bless me not to be offensive to devotees because they are my only true friends in this material world. Please bless me to only take

association of them. Please bless me that Kirtan be my life and soul. Please bless me that I become an instrument in Śrīla Prabhupāda's Mission. Please bless me for everything that I forgot to ask blessings for that will be helpful for me to be a better servant at the lotus feet of the Lord and your lotus feet, GuruDāsa Jayādvaita swami, Śrīla Prabhuada and all the devotees.

I feel blessed to have you as my father.

Your servant and daughter,

Manukanyā Devi Dāsī

Mārkaṇḍeya Dāsa

Śrī Guru Carana Padma
I try to present your qualities to my heart.
I see the birds are flying, full of trust and so high
just like you´re exploring the spiritual sky.
I see the rivers flowing - so determined - to their goal,
your not less determined in reaching the supreme soul.
I see trees tall and graceful, they seem so humble and renounced,
but their behavior doesn´t seem at all profound.
When a detached soul like you is around
and so I catch sight of what I have done
for my egotistic, selfish fun,
and now I see that all I have to do
is try to surrender to you,
because I depend on you,
when I want to see the truth.
I see the great horizon leading to places far behind,
but next to you he seem to have a narrow mind,
because your ways lead to places out of space and time.
I see the sun enlightening us with her purifying complexion,
but you are more empowered, you clean the world from all reactions.
You open our eyes for the eternal attraction.
I see the sky above us, touching every place,
but you are much more touching, you reach the hearts with your grace.
I see clouds are raining, saving the woods from fire,
but you have more compassion, you save the world from desire
When I see the ocean, I ask myself how deep is the sea
it stores so much essential water, and all the fish can live so free.
But with your depth you lift us over this ocean above
and there we find an ocean of free, divine love
and so I see my misery,
and that I shall surrender to your Lotus feet
and now I know that all I have to do
is try to satisfy you,
because, I depend on you in everything that I do.
I see the greatest mountains, which seem so safe from destruction.
They collect the water from the sky for satisfaction,
but you are much more stable, because you are based on eternity
and you collect the nectar, because our souls are so thirsty.
I see the stars are moving, watching every scene,
they know all the karma from every being,
but then I see your wisdom, how this cuts karma in two
and then I see the stars and how they glorify you.
The universe surrounds me, it is very huge for my mind

but different to this you embrace us with love and light.
You are like the window that leads us out of its fight
and so I see my hard small heart,
and that my long way back home is just the start.
I understand that the only thing left to do
Is trying to please you,
because I depend on you like the body on the food.
All I have to do
is try to surrender to you
because I depend on you like ebb and flood on the moon
I depend on you like a tree leaves on the root.
I depend on you on every step and I always will do
I depend on you when I want to reach the truth.

Mārkaṇḍeya Dāsa

(Bhakta) Martin

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, All glories to Jayādvaita Swami, All glories to You!

This is my first offering unto Your merciful lotus feet, but I really don`t know what I shall write or how to glorify You because I have a heart made of stone.

But somehow, by Your grace, You accepted this always critizising, lamenting, useless guy with a selfish heart made of stone as Your disciple and You give me the chance to purify me.

There is one verse in the Śrīmad Bhagavatam, that just one moment in the association with a pure devotee can change one's whole life. That is what happened when I met You for the first time in Śrīdhama Mayapur one year ago. You put Your hand on my shoulder and said: "Your nightmare is over now. Move into the temple and preach!" I had tears in my eyes and later I realized that with this day and Your association, my material life was finished. You planted a small seed in my polluted heart: The desire to become a devotee like You.

By Your causeless mercy You sent me to the temple, because without the association of devotees it is impossible to walk the spiritual path along to become a servant of Kṛṣṇa like You are . You`re always the personified enthusiasm in preaching, therefore You engaged me in this great service of distributing Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, a service which I really like and through which I can come closer to Prabhupāda. But sometimes it`s tough. Then I listen to lectures of Your realisations and Your inspiring words are giving me new strength to keep on going. There were so many moments where You spoke directly through Your lecture to me.

Neither I`m in the position nor do I have the conciousness to realise what You gave to me. I`m completely dependent on Your mercy Mahārāja, because You are my torchlight and my only hope in this material world. Everything I got, I got it only by Your mercy, because You are the perfect tool for Kṛṣṇa in Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission to save all the fallen souls. I`m always indebted to You. Your insignificant servant,

(Bhakta) Martin (Leipzig)

Māyāpur Candradoya Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances!
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, H.H. Jayādvaita Mahārāja and Your Divine Grace!!!

Please let me offer you a few rhymes...

Who is the most rich and opulent?
It is my spiritual master..
He is my best friend.
Taking care of me without an end
He is disclosing to me the forgotten land.

In forgotten lands
Every word is a song
and every step is a dance.

In this space beyond the time
Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa play
their eternal pastime.

My Guru Mahārāja is so expert in kirtan
that even Lord Chaitanya enjoys
the holy name sanctified by his tongue.
Thus all of us chant and dance having a fun.

Who is the most rich and opulent?
It is my spiritual master..
He is my best friend.

His wealth and treasure
you can not measure
by material estimation.
He owns Lord Kṛṣṇa
and his heart is bedected
by jewels of devotion.

He instructs me:
"You must dig on the eastern side!
Only then your future will be bright."
I believe firmly that he is right.
And I am waking up slowly
from the darkness of night.

Dear Guru Mahārāja!

Thank you for being my merciful and accomodating guide on my spiritual path. Thank you for your energy, patience, trust, tolerance, and encouragement you invested in me. Now I am here in South Africa. Although, I never desired or expected to come here in the past. Whatever is the reason Kṛṣṇa brought me here, I pray to be your useful instrument in Saṅkīrtana mission.

Your servant,

Māyāpur Candradoya Dāsa

(Bhakta) Micha

Lieber GuruMahārāja,

alle ehre sei Śrīla Prabhupāda,
alle Ehre sei Jayādvaita Mahārāja

bitte aktzeptiere meine demütigen Ehrerbietungen.

in der Bhagavad Gita (4.34) sagt Kṛṣṇa zu Arjuna:

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

„Versuche die Wahrheit zu erfahren, indem du dich an einen spirituellen Meister wendest. Stelle ihm in ergebener Haltung Fragen, und diene Ihm. Die selbstverwirklichte Seele kann dir Wissen offenbaren, weil sie die Wahrheit gesehen hat.“

Diese selbstverwirklichte Seele bist Du, und Dāsa nicht nur fūr mich sondern fūr alle Deine Schūler.

Als wir dieses Jahr in Mayapur waren, haben wir ein Schūlertreffen gehabt. Es waren nicht sehr viele dort anwesend, aber es war sehr inspirierend fūr mich, andere Schūler von Dir zu treffen. Unter anderem waren dort Schūler aus Sūdafrika und Slowenien anwesend. Ich habe gemerkt, Dāsas nicht nur diese Schūler, sondern alle die dort waren, wirklich hingegebene Seelen sind und Dāsa sie dank Deiner Gnade groḶartigen Dienst fūr Kṛṣṇa machen dūrfen und immer voller Liebe an Dich denken. Es hat mich im Herzen berūhrt,zu sehen was fūr eine liebevolle Beziehung zwischen Euch besteht. Denn ich konnte dies wahrnehmen, sogar ohne Dāsa Du anwesend warst. Dāsa ist ein Beweis Dāsas Du ein wūrdiger Vertreter von Prabhupāda bist, denn Du kannst die Herzen der Menschen tief berūhren, so wie Prabhupāda es getan hat. Ūberall wo ich dieses jahr in Indien hingekommen bin, und ich gefragt wurde, wer mein Guru sei, antwortete ich mit Deinem Namen und jeder hat sehr groḶen Respekt und groḶe Wertschātzung zum Ausdruck gebracht. Unter anderem Bhakti-Vasudeva Swami aus Afrika und der Tempelprāsident vom Juhu Tempel in Mumbay. Dāsa hat mich stolz gemacht. Stolz auf meinen Guru, der die Herzen aller Menschen erobern kann und ihnen spirituelles Wissen, Dienst und Hingabe schenkt, und der selbst die

fortgeschrittensten Seelen inspirieren kann. Der Grund, warum Du so inspirierend fūr all diese Menschen bist wird treffend im Śrīmad Bhagavatam (4.Canto 2.Teil 30. Kapitel Vers 35) beschrieben:

yatreḍyante kathā mṛṣṭās
tṛṣṇāyāḥ praśamo yataḥ
nirvairaṁ yatra bhūteṣu
nodvego yatra kaścana

„Wann immer reine Themen der Transzendentalen Welt besprochen werden, vergessen die Zuhṭrer alle materiellen Verlangen, zumindest fūr einige Zeit. Nicht nur Dāsa, sie sind auch nicht mehr aufeinander neidisch und leiden nicht mehr unter Āngsten und Sorgen.“

In Deiner Gemeinschaft, lieber Mahārāja, ist genau dies der Fall, denn ein reiner Gottgeweihter trāgt immer den reinen Nektar der transzendentalen Welt in Seinem Herzen und schon ein Augenblick mit solch einem Gottgeweihten wie Dir kann einen den grṭḶten Nutzen bringen, da Du selbst frei von den beschriebenen Unreinheiten bist. Wenn Du Vortrāge hāltst oder Bhajan singst, und den Nektar aus Deinem Herzen ūber allen Zuhṭrern ausschūttest, kann ich wirklich feststellen, Dāsas ich alle Sorgen, Āngste, materielle Verlangen und allen Neid vergesse. Wenn ich aber nicht mehr in Deiner Gemeinschaft bin, kommen all diese Unreinheiten wieder hoch und lassen mich wieder mit den Erscheinungsweisen kāmpfen. Jedoch meditiere ich jetzt stārker ūber Dich und versuche Deine Wūnsche zu erfassen und meine Wūnsche nach Deinen zu richten. Es fāllt mir nicht leicht, aber dies ist der Weg wie ich ein

würdiger Schüler von Dir und wie ich Deinen anderen Schülern gerecht werden kann.

Dein tief gefallener und ewiger Diener

Bhakta Micha (Leipzig)

(Bhakta) Michal

Dearest Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja, all glories to Your Holiness, all glories to Guru Parampara!

Day and night shaken by passion and ignorance in the material world. Full of danger at every step. I'm finding shelter and solution to all the problems only in Your personal instructions, by which You always dispel the darkness of ignorance and the clouds of doubts. Your personal example, life in complete surrender to Guru and Śrī Kṛṣṇa, when pure devotion and nothing less than that is the solution which drives away all the doubt that by following in Your footsteps, I can taste the nectar of love for Kṛṣṇa and please You, Jayādvaita Mahārāja and Śrīla Prabhupāda.

In this festive day, when we try to especially to remember and glorify Your unfailing pure devotional service, I would like to thank You from the core of my heart for Your support and help on the way back home to Kṛṣṇa.

With the desire for shelter in the shade of Your lotus feet

Your merely ordinary materialistic rascal

(Bhakta) Michal

(Bhaktin) Monika

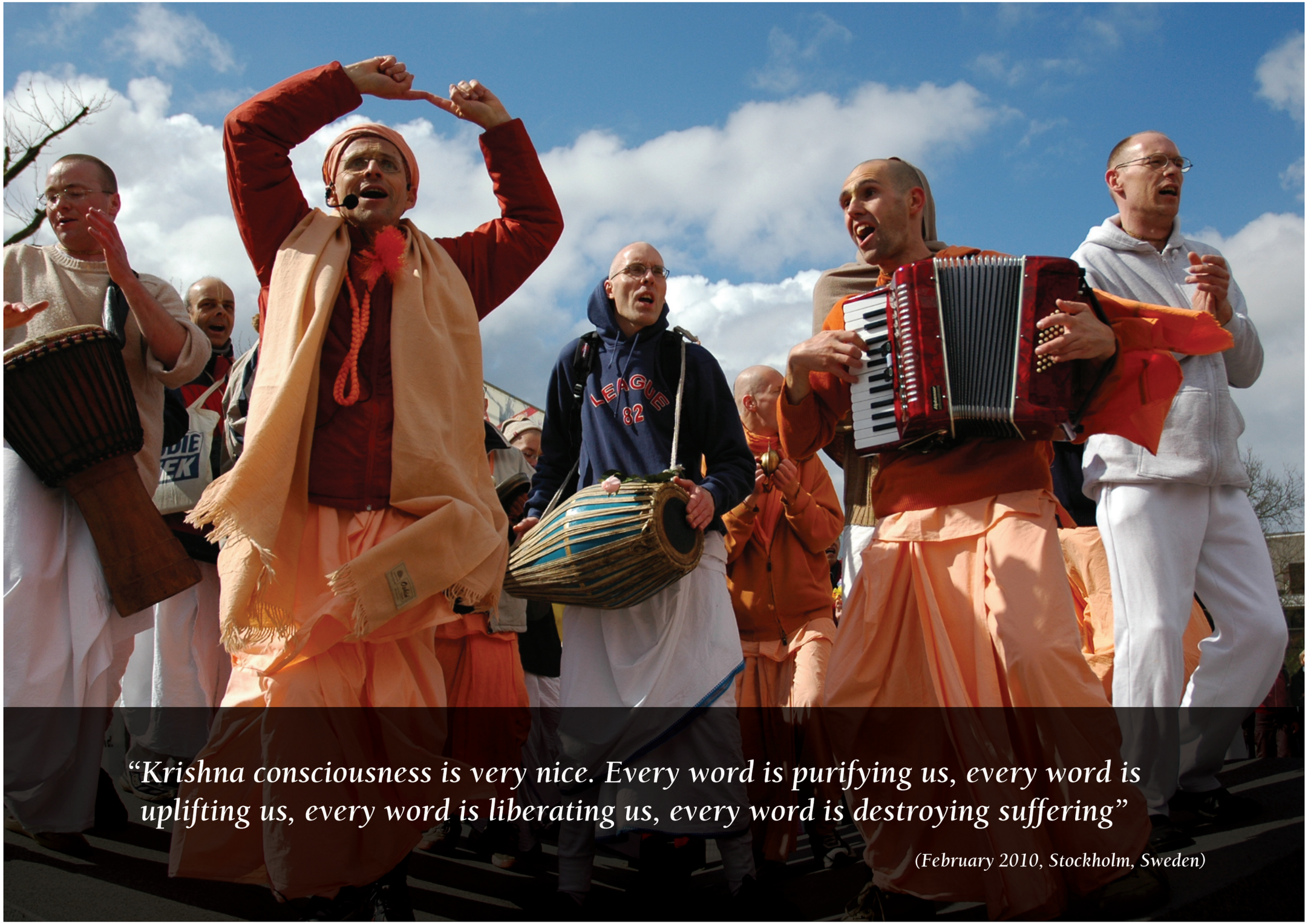
Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances by Your lotus feet. All glories to Śrī Śrī GouraNitāi, Śrīla Prabhupāda, Your spiritual master Jayādvaita Swami and You.

Only with careful study of Śrīmad Bhagavatam, I´m beggining to understand a bit how much mercy I received, so that I can be a part of this movement and Your disciple. In the 2.canto, 1.chapter, 6.verse its is written that by the mercy of the spiritual master we can consummate the transcendental activities of jinas, yogis and karmis by the duties prescribed in the scriptures to the perfection and that is narayana-smriti – continously remembering to the Personality of Godhead. Particularly at the moment of death. That is the goal to which everyone must sacrifice the best they can.

In the next verse is described that the highest of transcendentalists, is the liberated soul who is not related to the regulative principles. But on the other side, the begginer who should be advanced to such a standard, must keep the regulations and be under the lead of spiritual master.

At that point, I realized during studying these lines, that I have the mercy to live in the association of devotees, keep the rules and regulations and worship the spiritual master.



"Krishna consciousness is very nice. Every word is purifying us, every word is uplifting us, every word is liberating us, every word is destroying suffering"

(February 2010, Stockholm, Sweden)

How many people in the world are not realizing this point? I just cannot imagine how many people are swimming in the ocean of ignorance and suffering. At the same time it´s enough for a little contact with a liberated soul. All who are present in the Hare Kṛṣṇa Movement have a great mercy that they are in the receipt of the glory of Holy name.

"The liberated souls realized Narayana, Hari, the Personality of Godhead by their advancement in transcendental knowledge and they have a pleasure in listening and character of Lordś pastimes." (SB 2.1.7)

Thanks to this, we have caught the transcendental sound vibration, Hare Kṛṣṇa Mahamantra, which crept through our ears into our hearts and there it struck roots of devotional service.

I´m very pleased by seeing how my spiritual master is swimming in the nectar of Holy name and how he´s eager for listening to Lordś pastimes. Thanks to his personal example, I am getting such a taste too, especially during his personal attendance.

I thank You very much, Kadamba Kānana Swami, that You have entered into my life and directed me on the best way, the way of bhaktiyoga.

I thank You again and I will thank You till the rest of my life.

Your devoted servant,

(Bhaktin) Monika (Czech farm)

(Bhaktin) Mradula Sharma

Dear Respected Guru Mahārāja,

We have been very lucky and fortunate to have your presence in our home during your stay in Melbourne. We are very grateful to have your lotus feet touch our family and purify our home. After my husband's passing I had no protective layer over my family, but now having taken shelter from you I feel I have someone looking out for my family like a pillar who is always there for us and help us move forward in our spiritual life.

Please give us your blessings O dear Guru Mahārāja that we can continue our spiritual life with love and devotion in a peaceful manner.

Your servant,

(Bhaktin) Mradula Sharma

(Bhaktin) Myna

Dear Mahārāja,

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

It's that time of the year when we express our gratitude to you. I don't know how to start because I know my words can never compare to the way you have changed my life. I am really blessed and fortunate to be in Krsna Consciousness, or rather I should say that I'm saved from that maya.

Please forgive me for all the offenses I commit

daily for I am definitely the lowest of the low, "like a worm in stool". Please empower me to stay and fight like Krsna empowered Arjuna at the battlefield of Kurukshetra.

Give me your mercy that I could surrender to Krsna although I have so many obstacles in my way I am trying hard not to waste this life of mine, but I cannot do that without your guidance and mercy. Help me surrender in this lifetime.

I came to Pretoria last year by bus and you heard about it. You thought I was crazy to do that. I am sorry, but I wasn't. I only followed what my heart desired. Maharaja, I really feel inspired by your disciples and I hope that someday I could have the qualities they possess. For many lifetimes I have been a lost child. Thank you for showing me the way back home, back to Godhead. Thank you for making me reach Krsna. Once more on this auspicious day of your vyasa puja I give my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Your servant,

(Bhaktin) Myna

Nāma-rūpa Devi Dāsī

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!
All glories to Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami!
All glories to you my dear Guru Mahārāja!

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

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of all fallen souls, whose mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers, and enables the lame to cross mountains."

For the first time in my life I feel secure, free and loved.

Security comes from being given shelter at your lotus feet. Honestly, it is for the first time that I start to see how impenetrable this protection is! The only thing I have to do is to follow your instructions.

„Gently bathe your mind in bhajan," was one of your instructions while visiting Stockholm last time. Your mood is gentle and encouraging. You give us the space, and you engage us in service according to our propensities.

Freedom comes from your mood, that you display when engaging us in service, „You have to be happy in your Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, than you can carry on your whole life!" you told in one lecture. You encourage us to find that place where we are happy and can grow and with time give you the most wonderful gift to present to your Guru Mahārāja

Dear Guru Mahārāja, I have seen your patience in dealing with me and others. You are truly a well wisher of everybody. I have never seen or experienced such love before. It is unconditional. It just showers freely over anybody you meet. It is said that we cannot earn devotional service by any endeavour. Seed of bhakti has to be injected in the heart by a bonafide representative of Lord Kṛṣṇa. And you have completely dedicated yourself to this activity of distributing bhakti all

over the world!

Who can understand you, your love and your vision? You embrace the whole world as your family, yet at the same time you give me personal attention. Just when I think that I acted rashly. Or made a mistake and approached you with a confession, but you turn it around and accept it as a service!

"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", you wrote to me, and that sums it up!

All this makes me infinitely indebted to you! With every service I try to perform, you accept everything and more- you lift me up. By this you are conquering my heart again and again! This is truly a miracle, for I did not believe that my heart could change even minutely.

My dear Guru Mahārāja! May your glories spread all over the three worlds!

Your joyful servant and mercy case,

Nāma-rūpa Devi Dāsī

(Bhakta) Ondrej

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your lotus feet. All glories to His Holiness Jayādvaita Mahārāja and Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to You!

On this most auspicious day of Your Vyāsa-pūjā I want to thank You from all of my heart for your kind spiritual guidance and love which in fact I don't deserve. I am just a materialistic rascal lost in doing so many nonsense things. But again and again, You kindly remind me the right path. Walking in footsteps of your Guru Mahārāja and Śrīla Prabhupāda You are always ready to bestow mercy on me and thus save me from falling to the deepest hell. Not only that. I am immensely lucky soul, because somehow or other thanks to Your preaching, personal example and guidance, I could receive a drop of Lord Gauranga's mercy and get the amazing hope that one day I will be able to follow your instructions without fail and maybe qualify myself for attaining love of Kṛṣṇa. Thank You for Your sweet ecstatic kirtans and wonderful inspiring lectures. Thank you for everything You do for all of us conditioned souls. You gave me so much and I can't give you anything in return. I can only give you the promise that I will try serve to you and Śrīla Prabhupāda in a far more better way.

I wish you all the best, good health and lot of energy which is necessary for your tireless preaching.

Your servant,

(Bhakta) Ondrej

Pada Panakaja Dāsa, Pālikā Devi Dāsī & Pada Kamala Dāsa

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami and Śrīla Prabhupāda!

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

Sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando muṣi savadhana mate
jahara prasade bhai, e bhava toriya jai,
krsna-prapti hoy jaha ha'te

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

The existence and succession of spiritual masters is very important for those who want to take up the path of self realization. Even the beginning of meditation in this offering shows our respect that we keep to our spiritual masters. But today we should especially worship and glorify You, our beloved Guru because we celebrate Your Vyāsa-pūjā.

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

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

Worshipping of Guru is not at all some cheap thing. We worship our Guru because he gives us higher knowledge. Several times a day we pay our obeisances to spiritual master. But words and bowing are not enough. It is our whole life that we live. We see Your mercy in everything around us and in everything we do. We meditate on the words that You have used, Your way of preaching, about Your desires and we try to fulfill it. We do not know if somehow we can fulfill Your expectations. We think that we are not on that level. We have our faults and also we are bad followers. But although we are not exemplary and humble still You put Your time in us. We can be sure that You are constantly trying to inspire and save Your disciples. And this is our big hope that we are holding on.

Service to You is the source of our strenght and inspiration. Through You we get Kṛṣṇa and we do not have any other choice. Only through Your mercy.

Since it is said that at one's birthday he is especially mercifull we humbly ask You for forgiving of our offences and failures we commit.

Your insignificant servants,

Pada Panakaja Dāsa, Palika Devi Dāsī and Pada Kamala Dāsa

Pāñcajanya Dāsa

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisance, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Once some devotees and myself were sitting in the ashram and talking about the Holy Name and we started discussing the pastimes of Ajamila. We read the conversation between the Yamadutas and the Vishnudutas - where the Vishnudutas, to the Yamadutas, explained the glories of the Holy Name of the Lord. The Vishnudutas said: "Simply by chanting the Holy Name of Lord Vishnu such sinful persons may attract the attention of the Supreme Lord who therefore consider, "Because this man has chanted my Holy Name, My duty is to give him protection" (S.B. 6.2.10).

As I was appreciating these statements I thought about how fortunate we were that we were chanting the Holy Names of Kṛṣṇa and for this priviledge I'm eternally indebted to you Guru Mahārāja, my spiritual master, my Father, who has so mercifully given me the Maha Mantra so I may have an opportunity to finally perfect my life.

My greatest anxiety is to qualify myself as your disciple:

etad eva hi sac-chiṣyaiḥ
kartavyaṁ guru-niṣkṛtam
yad vai viśuddha-bhāvena
sarvārthātmārpaṇaṁ gurau

"This indeed is the duty of all true disciples: to repay the debt to their spiritual master by offering him with pure hearts, their wealth and even their very lives" (10.80.41).

Besides the Holy Names of Kṛṣṇa, I have no wealth, but I do have my life and I wish to try to at least offer that much to you Gurudeva, I just have to work on the 'with pure heart' aspect. How I shall do this, I don't know but I pray to forever remain at your service.

Yours servant,

Pāñcajanya Dāsa

Parama karuṇa Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please Accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.
All glories to His Holiness Jayādvaita Swami Mahārāja.
All Glories to you.

I am a bit nervous every time I have to write something of what is expected and I am not a very philosophical person. Writing Vyāsa-pūjā offering is always a little difficult for me. Some tension tends to distract me and I am unable to express myself properly.

This time I decided to write my homage offering in the way which is maybe unusual but is more natural for me. I believe that in this way I can open my heart more widely which, I think, is needed.

Once upon a time somewhere in deep forests of some god-forsaken land a boy was born. He

was very unhappy in this world of omnipresent enmity and as many others he was looking for some happiness. But because he was too foolish he was always looking in wrong places. He tried to do many things to become happy and believe me some of them were really strange. He tried to eat and drink and smoke almost everything and finally he came to the point that he was not sure of anything. He was even not sure if he is able to recognize the difference between suffering and happiness, which scared him a lot.

He tried almost everything during those crazy years. He also tried to pray to God a few times. I cannot say if those strange prayers impressed The God in any way and for sure, I don't want to suggest that those prayers influenced the following affairs. I mentioned them just to make the story more colourful.

However, The God Almighty (let's call Him Kṛṣṇa from now on, because unlike that boy we know God's name) so Kṛṣṇa out of His causeless mercy decided to bestow a blessing upon that poor boy. He decided to give him an opportunity to find real happiness. And of course from that moment the life of the boy started to be really interesting.

It all began when the boy met devotees of The Lord. Association of devotees is mystical. It is absolutely magical and fascinating because it can change one's life in an instant. And so that happened. On the very first day of his associating with devotees, the boy got quite a strong dose of spiritual energy, although he was with them just for a while. He received a book -The Bhagavad-gita of course - he ate substantial amount of prasadam. He sang the Holy Name. Then he left and for one week he was thinking that he met some angels or extra-terrestrials and maybe it was just a dream.

Another thing happened on that very first day and I believe it was not by chance. The boy met his Spiritual Master although the boy didn't notice it and he didn't recognize him then..

Days and weeks went by and association of devotees was so magically attractive that the boy developed strong desire to become one of them. He read The Bhagavad-Gita and sometimes he visited devotees. Then he visited them more often and then quite regularly. As his relationship with devotees was more and more harmonious, his material life gradually became a pure torture. He changed his job a few times and every time it was a little worse than before. Finally he ended up in a factory or better to say in a dark gloomy dungeon surrounded by drunk ugly humans of uncertain gender and age running around between large deep fire-spitting holes in clouds of black choking smoke. It was pure mercy of Kṛṣṇa. It Kṛṣṇa's mercy, because he simply could not stand it and finally he left. He left everything. I don't want to claim anything. It is all right to burn the bridges and leave everything behind but at that time it was probably a good choice. The boy went to the City far away from the foggy forest mountains. He lived there in the Kṛṣṇa Temple with devotees and it was nice. Devotees took care of him nicely and black clouds of old days slowly disappeared.

Days and weeks and months went by and association of devotees was so magically influential that the boy developed strong desire to become a disciple of a Spiritual Master. The question arose who will be his Spiritual Master. He met several Spiritual Masters and spoke with

them but it didn't answer the question. He tried to squeeze the answer out of his intelligence but it didn't help as well. And of course he tried to pray to Kṛṣṇa. I cannot say if those prayers impressed Kṛṣṇa in any way for sure I don't want to suggest that those prayers influenced the following affairs.

However one day a sannyasi came to the temple. He was younger than other sannyasis visiting that place and he was not an initiating Spiritual Master yet. The boy liked him and he was enthused by him. One evening the sannyasi was sitting on vyasasan and explaining the philosophical points in an unusual way with gentle sense of humor and the boy understood him. It was his Spiritual Master, and there was no doubt about it. Later the boy found out that he had actually met him on the very first day just at that time he didn't recognize him.

Days and weeks and months and years went by and I will not describe in detail what happened next. My fairy tale is already unnecessarily long and the important things were already said. The foolish boy met his Spiritual Master and maybe he took his chance or maybe he remained foolish. After all it is not just a tale with a happy or sad ending. It is clear that part of my own life is in that story although I painted the picture in the way so that story itself remains nice. And maybe also parts of others' lives could be found there.

The main thing I had in mind while writing the story was that precious and infinitely important moment of meeting one's Spiritual Master. There is no chance for spiritual advancement without taking shelter of a Spiritual Master. The Supreme Lord sends his mercy through the Spiritual Master and only in that way the living being trapped in material body is able to receive it fully. The relationship with Spiritual Master is the crucial point in one's spiritual life. Unfortunately I am such a rascal that even after all those years I still didn't realize this fact in my heart, although I know it theoretically. Therefore I have chosen to describe something what is familiar to me and is somehow connected to the glorious day of my Spiritual Master's appearance in this world.

All glories to you, my Spiritual Master, my father and well-wisher!

Your foolish disciple and servant,
Parama karuṇa Dāsa

Pārijāta Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja! All glories to You!

I am always looking for the right words by which it will be possible to describe Your glory and I am so much praying in my heard to Kṛṣṇa so that I will be able to please You, at least 'a bit', by my words, which most probably will never be perfect enough for description of Your faultless person.

Dear Guru Mahārāja, please, forgive me all my offences I did ever commit at Your lotus feet.

All the time I am struggling for Your and Kṛṣṇa's favor, and I would never believed how really difficult it may sometimes be. When my mind is always questioning me and the only thing I can remember is the fact, that it is not me, that I

"Hope against hope that inspite of our lack of qualification, still we get the mercy of the Lord. We are praying for it: 'Krishna, please overlook my faults and please please please give me the mercy - please overlook my faults'"

(Febrauary 2010, Chowpatty, India)



am the soul and Your words, that I will forever belong to You and to Kṛṣṇa and Your instruction will also be my desire and that Kṛṣṇa will be satisfied then.

In the most difficult moments of my life, in which I did not understand what it is actually going on with me, You was here all the time and close to me and by Your (and Kṛṣṇa's) mercy You are firmly leading me further and furthermore towards Him.

I do not want to ever forget that feeling that I had when I got such giant mercy to became a member of the wonderful Kṛṣṇa's family. Thanks to You and to Your unlimited mercy and compassion You gave me a new nativity. I thank You so much my dear Guru Mahārāja. I have a feeling that I will never be able to repay You back and I know, that I will need to sacrifice a lot so that I will be able to have at least a fragment of Your determination and renunciation, thanks to which You are just shining in front of us as a perfect spiritual being and always saving us.
Thank You so much Guru Mahārāja for Your leadership, I wish so much to always please You, so that You will be satisfied with me and so will be our Lord.

Thank You very much for Your beauteous view into spiritual level of our being. Without You I will never be able to get to know Kṛṣṇa and His mercy.

Dear Guru Mahārāja, thank You for Your love, understanding and compassion You are having towards me. I am praying for Kṛṣṇa to just lead me, so that I could be in any way helpful to You in this really intense mission of Lord Caitanya.

Your servant,

Pārijāta Devi Dāsī

Pārtha-sārathi Dāsa

Dear Mahārāja,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami. All glories to your divine lotus feet.

Each year during Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā, we disciples just beg for your mercy. Each year we promise to surrender more, and each year we promise to dive deep into our relationship with Guru, devotional service, and our relationship with Kṛṣṇa and His name and attributes. And because the spiritual master is so merciful, he gives and gives, and we are so fallen we just take, take, take.

„It is recommended in this verse that one should find a person who knows the science of God, or a tattva-vit. Tattva-vit means „one who knows the Absolute Truth." There are many pseudo-transcendentalists, even at places of pilgrimage. Such men are always present. One has to be intelligent enough to find the actual person who is to constacted then one's attempt to progress by travelling to different holy places will be successful. One has to be freed from all contamination, and at the same time he has to find a person who knows the science of Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa, helps a sincere person; as stated in the Caitanya-caritāmṛta, guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde: by the mercy of the spiritual master and Kṛṣṇa, one attains the path of salvation, devotional service. If one sincerely searches for spiritual salvation,

then Kṛṣṇa, being situated in everyone‘s heart, gives him the intelligence to find a suitable spiritual master. By the grace of a spiritual master like Maitreya, one gets the proper instruction and advances in his spiritual life.“ (SB 3.20.4)

So this year I will not write asking for your blessings, and mercy. Since the spiritual master is always the ever well wisher of the disciples. Brahmananda Prabhu once said these four words „Your ever well wisher“ written by Śrīla Prabhupāda were the most touching words he ever read. I will simply use my intelligence to realise, understand and apply the mercy, and instructions you have already give to me. You have given so much mercy to this conditioned soul, enough mercy to last this lifetime. You have given enough instructions and service to last this whole lifetime. If I just simply attempt to follow what you have given to me so far, then this guru-disciple relationship will always be fresh and exciting.

“Venerable sir, please hear from me the reason why I chant. My spiritual master considered me a fool and therefore chastised me. ‘You are a fool,’ he said, ‘and have no qualification to study Vedanta philosophy. Go and chant the Kṛṣṇa mantra constantly, for it is the essence of all mantras. By chanting the Kṛṣṇa mantra one will be liberated from material existence. And by chanting Kṛṣṇa’s name, one will attain His lotus feet. In the age of Kali, there is no religious activity other than the chanting of the Holy Names. The Holy Name is the essence of all mantras.’”
(Caitanya Caritāmṛta 1.7.71-74)

The sum and substance of these statements is the following: When a submissive disciple approaches the spiritual master with questions and a service mentality. The Guru awards initiation into the mantra which contains within it, the divine knowledge of a specific relationship with Kṛṣṇa. From that moment, having received the divine mercy of the Guru, the disciple starts to cast off all absorption in anything that distracts one from devotional life. The disciple engages in Kṛṣṇa’s service and as affection for the Lord develops, becomes inclined to call out His names.

Through this practice he reaches fulfillment in pure love for the Lord’s lotus feet.

Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura has summarized this process in his Anubhāṣya to Chaitanya Charitāmṛta 1.7.73 as follows:

“Through chanting the Kṛṣṇa mantra, the jiva begins to have experience of the supra-mundane realm. One begins to give less precedence to external sense perception and material attachment. Then taking shelter in one of the five relationships, the aspirant begins to relish the divine mellows through the combination of all the ingredients that go into their composition: the vibhāvas, anubhāvas, vyabhicāri-bhāvas, and sāttvikas. The heart, which has been purified through the influence of divine exultation, becomes illuminated in pure goodness. In such a state, the living being can experience the object of worship. This process is completely distinct from the enjoyments of the jiva’s gross or subtle coverings.“

Mahārāja, it is time for me to grow up and realise the instructions you have given me. Time for me to focus more on your vani and not be so dependent on your vapu. If I just follow what

you have given me, then I will never be alone in this material world. You will beside me every step of the way. This is how I can advance, by simply following your vani, by performing devotional service and being humble and submissive, I can go back home in this life. Śrīla Baladeva Vidyābhūṣaṇa explains that truth of Lord Kṛṣṇa is attained by one who approaches a genuine spiritual master. In the description of transcendental knowledge, the Śvetāśvatara Upaniṣad (6.23) explains:

yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanaḥ

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

In the Chāndogya Upaniṣad (6.14.2) it is said:

ācāryavān puruṣo veda

„One who approaches a bona fide spiritual master can understand everything about spiritual realization."

In the Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad (1.2.12) it is said:

tad-vijñānārthaṁ sa gurum evābhigacchet

"To learn the transcendental subject matter, one must approach a spiritual master."

The material world is a disease, and you have given the medicine rid myself of this disease. I just ask that you pray to Kṛṣṇa for me, that I use my intelligence to apply the medicine, regardless of its bad taste towards my false ego.

Your servant and aspiring son,

Pārtha-sārathi Dāsa

(Bhakta) Pavel

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my respectful obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

On the day of your appearance, in the sky a bright star appeared. Its increasing glare gradually provided a merciful shelter to a growing number of your grateful disciples, including me, a worshipping aspirant who was due for initiation by your divine grace.

This star of yours really shines as the torch of knowledge, scattering the darkness of ignorance and protects all of us lovingly through advises and instructions in your lectures. Your ecstatic kirtans teach us how to chant the holy name of Kṛṣṇa with ecstatic love, and through your humility toward us, the lost and fallen conditioned souls who are seeking refuge in You.

Again and again I deeply bow down before your exemplary implementation of your spiritual master's instructions, by which you have certainly earned this great favour. It also puts you with the best followers of the mission of Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu, which is protected by our Founder-acarya, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on this

day of your appearance and my humble desire to let everyone have the opportunity to share your company for many years more. I hope that in your devotional service you are constantly accompanied by the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Śrīla Prabhupāda and your spiritual master, Jayādvaita Swami.

Your worshipping servant,

(Bhakta) Pavel Kalivoda

Pradyumna Miśra Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Recently you told me the story of when you left Germany with great pain in your neck. It was a very long trip you had ahead of you; I think it was Frankfurt – Dubai – Mumbai, and then further to South Africa. Painkillers did not work, so you canceled your trip to Mayapur, and then you decided to stay in the Bhaktivedanta hospital in Mumbai. There, of course, you met the person you always meet in the special situation: Your spiritual master Jayādvaita Swami. Seeing you in the hospital with a neck collar, and being concerned with your health, he gave you medical advice and reminded you that you may take more care of yourself.

Then you started to tell me about your own changes in life. You said that you see more and more signs that it is probably good to have a different lifestyle and perhaps you're travelling too much and had better slow down a little bit, although you actually have difficulties with that. Of course most of us, including myself, have difficulties to speed up and really keep things going, but not you…..

I found this really interesting –first, that you also have changes in life and that you going through different phases. Of course, it is on a different level than we experience our changes. And second, you share your experience with your disciples and because of this sharing, the relationship becomes very personal and intimate.

Two years back you asked me, "Pradyumna, when will you get second initiation?" In my foolishness, I said, "Maybe when I take varnaprastha Gurumahraja!" You looked at me with big eyes, knowing that I am planning a whole life of sense gratification, and replied to me: "That is very sinful!" This was hard to swallow, but I knew I have to become more serious. One year later, you gave me second initiation. But of course, a string around the neck does not make one a brahmana and I still have a long way to go…

In the last year I also had a lot of changes. Most of them where nice changes, but some were challenging. You helped me with all of them in a very personal, mature and broad-minded way.

Listening to your lectures I get good philosophy and important spiritual instructions. In your bhajans I can hear the taste you have for the holy name – always ready to give it to others. And in your personal dealings you are very concerned and very personal.

So, I feel very sheltered in many ways as your disciple. I feel that you always give me the right

spiritual instruction and also good and helpful advice for my day to day decisions.

I pray that I take your instructions more seriously and also become more personal in my dealings.

Thank you very much,

Your servant,

Pradyumna Miśra Dāsa

Premalatā Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrīla Jayādvaita Mahārāja,

All glories to the shade of your lotus feet that are my eternal shelter. I pray to be always able to recognize your footprints in the dust of past, present and future and like that to never lose the right direction back home to Kṛṣṇa.

Your instructions and exemplary acts are an unending source of inspiration for me, your humility and mercy always give me hope and strength to carry on.

I'm commiting many mistakes and offences all the time, but because I have you, an amazing shining person who is devoid of pride and envy and is always thinking of the welfare of his disciples (even the incorrigible fools), I'm SURE, that SOON I will overcome this bothersome material fever and I will once and for all find the colour and variety of chanting of Hari-nama and the endless joy arising from it.
Every day I thank Kṛṣṇa for revealing Himself to me through Śrīla Prabhupāda's books and that He gave me you, my real kind father. I'm grateful for every minute of your personal association, for every opportunity to serve you personally, for all that wonderful lectures by way of which I can meditate about your instructions and be with you practically all the time…

The more I'm getting to know you, I feel breathtaking depth and extent of your virtuous qualities and loving relationship to the Supreme Lord and all the conditioned beings.

In one lecture you were talking about how a real disciple becomes a lump of clay in the hands of a guru… That is my dream! I pray to be once able to be a servant to your full satisfaction.

Thank you very much
Hare Kṛṣṇa
Your humble servant,

Premalatā Devi Dāsī

Prema-vikāśa Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please Accept My Humble Obeisances
All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All Glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja
All glories to your kind lotus feet
All glories to the vaisnava devotees of the Lord

The channel to a home is through those who know the home. Living in the material world is something else, and living in South Africa is

another thing. Finally after many births one is fortunate to find a pure representative to lead home. The sacrifices you make to deliver the conditioned souls to their respective homes with the Supreme Lord is breathe taking. When not so many people would give up the desire to gratify their senses, when not so many people would take the responsibility to help others in realizing themselves, you Gurudev, you do it!!!

It is very much amazing to see you so actively involved in the preaching to help everyone of us realize our internal stubbornness to sticking with maya...your birth in this world is a treasure, a praise, a wonder, but foolishly I forget! Please allow me now that this day has arrived to praise you with all hearts, even with all the dirt accumulated day in and out. By your grace and mercy we are chanting and initiated into the holy name. By your grace and mercy we can approach the supreme lord, you have never found it not to attend to your most dear issue, spreading the message of Godhead.

You sing right at the tip of your voice until no breathe is left...healthy or not, you avail yourself to the blunt ears of the most fortunate in your association. It does not matter to you where we are. You are reaching, this is tear dropping! I am sure for a fact that you will never leave the devotees astray because, you only want us to remain in Kṛṣṇa's service. For me, it is only by your kindness that I can chant even one round. Thank you. Hope that you have a wonderful celebration with my dearest God brothers and sisters, friends and loved ones.

Your servant,

Prema-vikāśa Dāsa

Prīti-lakṣaṇā Devi Dāsī

My Dearest Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to your loving divine grace.

Today at the day of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I want to thank you for having me as your disciple. Due to your unlimited mercies, I got initiated this March. Just as that student in the class who always needs good marks to pass every grade, I have been that disciple who was accepted, even though I did not deserve it. During your stay here in Melbourne, in March this year, you were able to find time out of your busy schedule to speak to me. Even though we only spoke a few times, I feel more close to you then I do with my parents. I myself do not know how this change happened.

That day after I got initiated, I went to pay my obeisances to the deities, when I was looking at Lord Nityananda, a thought suddenly crossed my mind, like as if He was speaking to me. He said to me "The Caitanya Guru who is in your heart has manifested Himself as your Spiritual Master, now go and worship him." That was a very touching moment for me.

To top it all, you also wanted me to do some service for you. To do a service for my Spiritual Master is the greatest Fortunes that a conditioned soul like me can get and to lose it will be my greatest misfortune.

Guru Mahārāja, you did everything possible to encourage me and guide me. But the intelligence is lacking on my part to follow your instructions. The mind overpowers the intelligence and I fail to serve you properly. I am only following the process too imperfectly, for I am not fully aware of Bhakti. And still I have the audacity to call myself a devotee.

Please keep me engaged in Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission for without your mercy, I will be like that dried leaf that is blown away by the merciless winds of illusory energy.

Your Servant

Prīti-lakṣaṇā Devi Dāsī

(Bhakta) Raimond

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!
All glories to Jayādvaita Mahārāja!
All glories to you Mahārāja!

Please accept our humble obeisances,

To our beloved Guru Mahārāja,

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

First of all we want to say that we are very happy to be able to celebrate this Vyāsa-pūjā with you. We hope you will have a nice celebration. We also hope that we can please you with our little offering.

It has been a very long time since the last time we've seen you in person. It was last year during the summer festival. We had your association during the festival in the big tent. At that time we were a little shaken from the events in Rotterdam and had just visited a sufi-feast. It was a nice experience, but a sufi-guru, who was smoking samson and eating meat, made us realize this path of trying to get to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is the only path for us. Also the heavy pain I had in my neck from the "head banging chanting" made this more clear.

The important points you made at the summer festival: The three steps in the process, pointed our noses in the right direction. After this nice encounter with you, we were still blessed with your presence. We didn't see you in person, but we could continue to get to know you better by all your classes, your website and blogs pot on the internet. Also the sound of your voice singing bhajan and kirtan, is always soothing for our heart and mind.

The more we have the chance to see and hear all those glimpse of your ersonalities, the more we get amazed about your life.

Your energy, your knowledge, your fearlessness, your courage, your strictness, your loving soothing words or words hard as thunderbolts. We love all aspects of your being.

We are always amazed about the instant knowledge you display in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You remember so many holy verses by heart, you give the nicest lectures without any preparation.

Mahārāja, you are very merciful and we are blessed to have your association. When we see each other, you always have some quality time for us. These moments are very inspiring. You are a living example in Śrīla Prabhupāda's

"We know that when we are taking shelter of Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, that we are perfectly protected"

(March 2010, Australia)



mission as a tridandi sannyasa in body, mind and words. You are taking shelter at the lotus feet of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa 24-7. In which you show us which way to go, you even pave the way that Śrīla Prabhupāda gave to the whole world.

So what to say about our own little sadhana, Mahārāja; well, we follow all your instructions. Although it can take some time for us to pick them up. Slowly, but surely we are working towards the process. We are going more often to the temples as well in Rotterdam as in other places. We do some seva for the Rotterdam Yatra when possible. We also started a blog spot SaciSuta108, hosted and inspired by our Gaura-Nitāi deities, on which we show pictures, films and stories about temples, Ratha Yatra's, devotees and off course pictures of you.

We want to end our offering to you with a beautiful verse from Caitanya Mangala, Madhya-khanda to try to express our love for you:

sei se parama bandhu, sei pita-mata
Śrī-Kṛṣṇa-carana yei prema-bhakti-data
sakala janme pita-mata sabe paya
Kṛṣṇa guru nahi mile, bhajaha hiyaya

Under ordinary circumstances one's own father and mother should be worshipped, but in every species one gets a father and mother. It is very rare is to get a Guru and Kṛṣṇa. The spiritual master can bestow prema-bhakti to those who have attained his mercy. Therefore he is the topmost father, mother and friend of everyone.

Dear Mahārāja , we wish you all love and loads of energy to inspire so many people and we hope to get your blessings to reside one day at your lotus feet and grab them.

Hare Kṛṣṇa!
Trying to be your servant,

(Bhakta) Raimond en Samira

Rādhā-kānta Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to His Holiness Jayādvaita Swami! All glories to You!

I wonder - Guru is always here and always been
Sometimes seen
Sometimes not seen

"When I first came to the United States, I was seemingly alone for one year. But I never felt alone. I always felt the presence of my Guru Mahārāja. Whilst I was on my own, I did the cooking, printing books and selling books, which was done all by myself But I did not lose my determination. Actually you should know this, you are never alone"
(Letter to Trivikrama Swami 27.12.1974).

Since my last "letter of gratitude" I went through some difficult situations in my life and that was the time I think I understood little bit more of what Guru really means. Somehow, I knew that whenever I´ll turn my face towards You... whenever I´ll whisper little prayers in Your direction...

I wonder - Guru is always here and always been
Sometimes seen
Sometimes not seen

…our part is only to accept an outreached hand…

Dear Guru Mahārāja, I´m absolutely dependent on Your mercy. Please give me strength to ask for it.

Your insignificant servant,

Rādhā-kānta Dāsa

Rāgalekhā Devi Dāsī

Dearest Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories unto You.

I wrote a poem for You which I would like to read,
But it may not always rhyme or sound so nice and sweet,

A struggling twenty-one year old, whose arrogance knew no bounds,
I stumbled to the temple one day only to discover the dearest friend I have found,

The philosophy never made sense before and seemed like delusion,
But You glorified Kṛṣṇa with so much clarity and cleared up all confusion,

Thank You Guru Mahārāja, for Your blessings and spiritual call,
For opening our eyes and sparing the suffering destined for us all,

You grace us with Your visits at least twice every year,
Even braving the inclement Cape weather which can be so austere,

Your ecstatic kirtans turn every Ratha Yatra into a joyous celebration,
As we accompany Lord Jagannath giving darshan to the rainbow nation,

So many hearts implanted with bhakti and lives changed,
Making Kṛṣṇa the centre of our daily activities and our priorities re-arranged,

To pick us up when we fall is Your extended loving hand,
'What to do!?' – but You always understand,

Your every word, action and deed is of exemplary nature,
A true example of a maha-bhagavata as described in the vedic literature,

You personify magnanimity through the knowledge you impart,
It's Your compassionate endeavours that keep us from falling apart,

On this Vyāsa-pūjā day, so many strangers have congregated,
By our shared love for You, a family is immediately created,

Thank You Kṛṣṇa for this glorious spiritual master and guide,
By whose instructions and teachings I must always abide,

A beggar no less, devoid of kindness or self-

worth,
Consumed by ego and just a burden to Mother earth,
I sit before you, praying for Your mercy to save my soul,
Please hold my hand tightly as we step-by-step proceed to our goal,

Forever indebted to You

Your aspiring servant,

Rāgalekhā Devi Dāsī

Rāmakeli Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Today is an important day of Your appearance, and therefore it deserves substantive celebrations, because Śrīla Prabhupāda likes You very much, for You are following His instructions and desires. You are inspiring everybody to distribute His books and You are giving this message of Lord Caitanya to others as much as possible.

Whenever You are visiting us, You are tired and also often sick, but You are not discouraged, and with enthusiasm and zest You are giving lectures and paying Your attention to us.

I appreciate very much all that You doing for us and how much You are Kṛṣṇa Conscious. Therefore, I am praying that I will please You with my activities and that You will take pleasure from all of us, and it definately happen when we will be happy in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness So that we will give this happiness to others.
I wish You joyful celebration and glorification of Śrī Krisna and His names in honour of Your nativity.

Your servant

Rāmakeli Devi Dāsī

(Bhaktin) Remina

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances on this auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā!

When I came to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in 2008, I attended Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā and listened to his disciples' offerings being read. One of these offerings particularly captivated me – it started like this:

"In the midst of the endless ocean of material existence, the Lord created the island of the VeDāsa, an arrangement of mercy which manifest again and again in the days of Brahma…"

Then it continued by comparing the mercy of the Lord and His incarnations and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda with waves that roll out onto the beach and how far it extended!

It explained how Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us harinama Saṅkīrtana by chanting "… in his Matchless Gift storefront, under a tree in Tompkins Square Park and on a record. He made a revolution in he impious life of a misdirected civilization!"

Lord Caitanya started the Saṅkīrtana movement by His desire because of His potency as the Supreme Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda did it by hard work: He provided a network of temples around the world where anyone can chant, dance, take prasadam, become jubilant and purchase books. He adjusted the standards to suit the modern (Western) man by giving his personal association – he made exceptions for everyone!

I felt so attracted to Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, his mission and the movement by hearing this well composed and heartfelt offering that I went in search for a printed copy of it to refer to again and again. I learned that it was the offering of His Holiness Kadamba Kānana Swami.

Some months later, I attended Durban Ratha Yatra for the first time and found myself diving deep into the sweetness of the Holy Name by following the Ratha Yatra cart where you were leading the kirtan. I started to relish your lectures which are sometimes the only association I manage to have.

It is hard to grasp the mercy referred to in that offering that got my attention. But I experienced it in the kindness that you and your disciples bestowed on me and in the personal association you so kindly granted me on a few occasions. I am but a fallen soul, born in a degraded family of meat eaters in the Western world with very little to offer in your mission. Yet you have patiently replied to my correspondence and given me some of your precious time – Just so I can understand this very concept of causeless mercy and that Kṛṣṇa is our dear most friend and ever well wisher.

By your exalted example you inspire everybody you come into contact with to enthusiastically go after that mercy and get it! I pray that I will become worthy one day so that by Kṛṣṇa's arrangement, I might be able to serve you as one of His worthy and humble servants.

Śrīla Kadamba Kānana Mahārāja ki Jai!
Śrīla Prabhupāda ki Jai!

(Bhaktin) Remina

Revatī Devi Dāsī

My Dear Guru-Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your lotus feet.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrīla Jayādvaita Mahārāja.
All glories to You!

And all the best to You on this auspicious anniversary of your transcendental appearance in this world.

Great personalities are not just taking birth. They appear in this world to help others. And for sure You are one of these great personalities. Because already in a young age You were not satisfied with "normal life". Like many of us - but for You it was not enough to be unsatisfied, to complain. You wanted more, You wanted to find the absolute - and You found it. Such a good fortune for us, Your disciples. Without You - where would we be now? I can not comment for others, but just for myself: Somehow, I would be in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Somehow I would chant. and follow the rules.

But it was You, who had made me understand what Kṛṣṇa Consciousness means and the importance of chanting. By Your teachings, I understood why I had to follow rules and why they are important. And last but not least: You gave me the firm faith that even I have a chance to go back home after this lifetime. Could I ever thank You enough? Could I ever repay You? And how?

My capacity is limited. And as the years are flying by it becomes more and more difficult. Somehow I have to pay for my pride, my over-endeavour in the past.

I have to admit that sometimes I am dreaming of escaping from this struggling life. To peacefully live somewhere in Vrindavana. Just Kṛṣṇa and Balarama, my harmonium and many books. To have time for worshipping my deities, for bhajan, and to systematically study Śrīla Prabhupādā's books. Not that I like reading something, but just by taking the essential meaning and forgetting about the rest.

When I am giving classes it is always double mercy: inspiration is coming and usually no one is asking questions about details which I do not know etc. Sometimes it seems me that any new Bhakta after three months knows more details than I do.

Fortunately so many of Your wonderful classes are recorded. I do not have to speculate, but can take them as a guideline for my own classes. Sometimes I felt like a thief, but then I remembered how You were talking about how Śrīla Prabhupāda often was using the comments of previous arcaryas for his own books.

You see - Kali-Yuga is not that bad. What would I do without all the recorded classes? And Your bhajans and kirtanas are also always with me. Very often even during the night and i think that keeps me "alive".

There is the first title from "Kirtan Rasa". I heard it hundreds of times in New Mayapur in the kitchen, we switched it on again and again when it became tough. It is so powerful!

I just downloaded it from internet, because my CD is broken (no wonder) and played it on the computer. At the same moment I felt like back in this kitchen, the same mood, the same energy. Now I can listen to it again, lets see what it can do for me.

After all I think I need to make some adjustments in my service. The time of this fast life ... seems to be over. Getting up, taking shower, doing service, taking prasadam, chanting, reading, even sleeping...life is going past so fastly. And if possible three things at the same time, at least in the mind.

What about consciousness in situations like this? I do not want to "run away", but I do no t want to try to play the role of a "hero" again. But while You are working so hard, how can I lazy? That for sure is not the way to satisfy You!

Whist I'm writing this I am almost on my way to Vrindavana. Let us see what Kṛṣṇa will teach me there! I should be old enough to make my decisions, but very often I can not discriminate between all this inner voices. What is my mind, what is the supersoul,what am I???? I do not trust myself. Please guide me, teach me, correct

me, do whatever You consider to be necessary to lift me up to my natural position as a servant. Simply a servant. Of Yours, of the devotees, of Kṛṣṇa and Balarama, perhaps one day even of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.

And please give me Your blessings that all Your good teachings may fructify in my heart and mind. My prayer on this day is that Kṛṣṇa may allow You to serve Him for many more years. That You may be always fully satisfied and that all Your disciples may be a source of happiness for You.

Your servant,

Revatī Devi Dāsī

Rūpa-manohara Dāsa

Lieber GuruMahārāja,

nama om visnau-padaya kṛṣṇa-prsthaya bhutale
Śrīmate kadamba-kānana-swamin iti namine

nama om visnau-padaya kṛṣṇa-prsthaya bhutale
gurudāsa jayādvaita-swamin iti namine

Als ich zum Kṛṣṇa-Bewusstsein kam, war Dāsa ein Schlüsselerlebnis in meinem Leben. Ich realisierte, Dāsas mein gesamter Lebensweg von hṭheren Kräften geführt wurde. So viele gute und schlechte Erlebnisse musste ich durchleben um letztendlich zu dem Punkt zu kommen, an dem ich Kṛṣṇa-Bewusstsein als hṭchste Wahrheit akzeptieren konnte. Vorher war ich wie ein Waisenkind. Alleine im materiellen Ozean, voller Haie und Riesenkraken, versuchte auch ich -kleiner Fisch- durchzukommen. Gefesselt an meine kleine vergängliche Identität suchte ich, wie all die anderen verloren Seelen da draussen, nach dem Glück. Nach Sicherheit, Geborgenheit und Liebe. Doch wo kann man Halt finden, in einer haltlosen Welt der Vergänglichkeit? In der Väter ohne Ankerplatz vergeblich versuchen ihren Familien Schutz zu geben. Wie kṭnnen einem solche Vorväter eine wirkliche Stütze sein, geschweige denn den Rücken stärken? Und irgendwie fühlte ich mich auch immer wie ein Fremder. Selbst unter Freunden und in der eigenen Familie fühlte ich mich nie verstanden und konnte auch selbst nicht verstehen, wie die anderen fühlten. Ich dachte ich wäre nicht ganz normal… Doch dann wurde ich ins Kṛṣṇa-Bewusstsein eingeführt und wusste sofort: Hier gehṭre ich hin, Dāsas ist meine Familie. Denn plṭtzlich waren da Menschen, Devotees, die die gleichen Ansichten hatten wie ich. Zu der Zeit traf ich auch Dich Dāsa erste Mal - in Heidelberg. Du kamst direkt zu mir und fragtest mich wie lange ich Kṛṣṇa-Bewusstsein kenne. Drei Monate, antwortete ich und Du wolltest ein Gesprāch mit mir beginnen. So wie Balarama immer versuchte Duryodhana ein Freund zu sein, wolltest auch Du meine Freundschaft gewinnen. So empfand ich es, doch ich war noch nicht so weit. Ich fühlte mich von meiner neuen Familie noch nicht akzeptiert. Es sollte noch sechs Jahre dauern, bis Du mich offiziell in dieser Familie aufgenommen hast. In eine Familie von Vorvätern wie Śrīla Prabhupāda, Narottama Dāsa Thakura, Rupa- und Sanatana-Goswami, Śrīla Vyasadeva und schlieĻlich Narada Muni und Brahma. Du nahmst mich auf in eine Familie, in der selbst Kṛṣṇa in der Form von Caitanya Mahaprabhu erschien, um deren Erhabenheit zu demonstrieren und die so mit dem grṭĻten Beschützer, jagat-pati verbunden ist. So verstehe ich meine eigene Bedeutungslosigkeit und bete zu Deinen LotusfüĻen, Dāsas ich eines Tages der

GrṭḶe dieses Geschenkes gewahr werden mṭge, und fāhig ein Diener zu werden, der Deiner und der Parampara wūrdig ist.

Dein ewiger Diener

Rūpa-manohara Dāsa

Rukmiṇī Devī Dāsī

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

My Dear Spiritual Master.

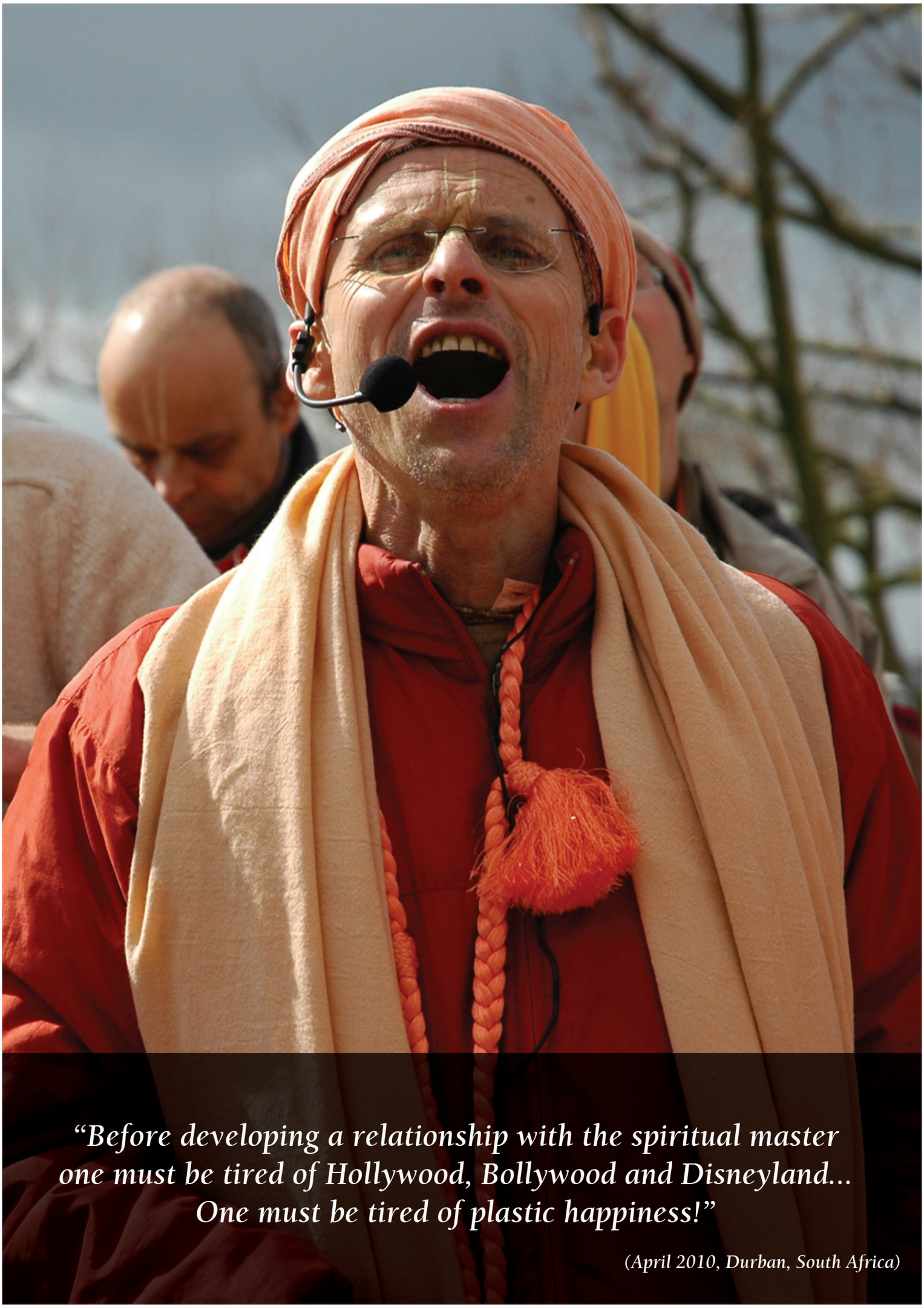
When I first heard of the path back to Godhead, from sradha to prema, I thought, "No way I'm gonna make it." Then some one mentioned, "just surrender to the bona fide spiritual master". I thought, "Bingo, I found the short cut." I set out in search of ***thee*** spiritual master so that I could be the star disciple. Well, now I see that the path of surrender is not so easy. In some ways surrender gets more and more difficult. The doubt arises in my heart, "Can I really do it? Can I really surrender?" In these moments I appreciate one sterling jewel you have given me, a family of your disciples. In them I see what real surrender means. I see what it means to be fixed in meditation on your service. In them I see total dedication. I see their Krsna consciousness flourish in the warmth of their love for you. Lotuses blossoming. Then I know: No excuses. Please help me bow down to them.

This year we were blessed with the association of His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. I really wanted to know about the type of person he was. So I listened and listened and all I heard was the Bhagavatam. I finally concluded he was the Bhagavatam, full stop. It made me think that what sort of person you where to choose such a person as a spiritual master. You bend backward to offer mercy to all of us. You accept whatever comes and never give up on anyone. Yet for yourself you show no compromise. For you its back to Godhead and nothing else will do. "Pure bhakti is all I have faith in." you said. Do I really know you? I'd like to find out.

You said Krsna is infallible because he never fails to recognize any service rendered. And the value of that service increases infinitely in his eyes. You also never fail to appreciate any service. I see all the faults that are bulging, totally evident but it seems like you don't even see them. I realized that you are too smart not to see them, it's just that you are not looking for them.

You give yourself, in every kirtan and every class, in every exchange you are giving your heart. Never half measure. Your addiction to the holy names of Krsna is obvious. I have no taste for Krsna book, nor any burning desire to learn more about Him but when I see how much you are attracted to Him then I wonder, "who is Krsna? What sort of person must He be that He has purchased you like that?"

One last excuse: The material world taught me not to trust. No one is for real. Nothing is for free. Then you came and you are for real. You really care. You give without wanting anything. Its like my brain can't comprehend and my heart won't really believe that this spiritual relationship… **is it**. I'm sorry that even after all these years my trust is so shallow, my commitment so on the surface and my devotion to you a show. And what have I really offered?



"Before developing a relationship with the spiritual master one must be tired of Hollywood, Bollywood and Disneyland... One must be tired of plastic happiness!"

(April 2010, Durban, South Africa)

I'd like to help you with your plans for Africa. I might have the wrong body. If you look at the number of subscriptions we got at ratha Yatra you'd be forgiven to think I'm joking but I hope somehow I can help.

You said that Krsna is present in the guru-disciple relationship and that He will help us surrender. With this in mind I pray to lotus feet of Radha-Radhanatha that I try harder to fulfill your instructions, that I put what you want in front my mind and senses, and that I can be more than an ornamental disciple but one who truly serves.

Your servant,

Rukmiṇī Devī Dāsī

Ṣaḍbhuja Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, Jayādvaita Swami and You

The longer I'm in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, the more challenges seem to manifest, more responsibilities and more situations to deal with. Sometimes it gets over my head but considering how much you have gone through already and how much you tolerate everyday, by staying calm and considered, even when your own situation is not considered, all this gives me awe and inspiration.

While I'm still stray around on top of the ocean, you are a transcendental Tiefseetaucher, undisturbed of the material waves!

While I'm struggling with one temple you take on whole continents! While my heart is black you have a heart for blacks!

When I write You an email , even if You don't answer, there is some progress in my issues and I can feel that You are the reason. May I get more and more mature and not bother You with emails any more.

You live a life of selfless service, world-famous for Your quotes: exploding kirtans. At the same time you are a scholar. Without many noticing it, you again and again establish the siddhanta of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and not only that , but You live it as well.

In Mayapur last year, someone asked You "What is the thing You like to see most in Your disciples" Your Answer: "That they take shelter! Shelter in Kṛṣṇa, the holy name, the process of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, sadhana, cleanliness, tilaka…"

You are a perfect example of this, good sadhana, sincerity and devotion. But also You understand to inspire others, empower them with a caring nature. You are a real friend, showing how important relationships are and how, with nice relationship everything becomes possible. You don't demand respect and authority, but naturally devotees take Your guidance. I know, its not easy to live this way, but actually it is the life of a humble, surrendered soul, and that's what You are.

I hope one day I can please You in the core of Your heart and not be a burden on you, but follow in Your footsteps, wherever they go.

My path is very difficult, I'm 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 (CC Antya Lila 1.2.)

Please give me your mercy , without it I'm lost.

Your humble servant,

Ṣaḍbhuja Dāsa

(Bhakta) Samra

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Jayādvaita Swami, All glories to you.

I don't know how to express my gratitude and appreciation for You. I am the most happiest person in the world because had you accepted me as your disciple.
The care and kindness that you showed has melted my heart and deeply touched my soul, making my desire for serving to become stronger. Remembering You and listening to your lectures and bhajans is my only treasure. Since it gives me strength and keeps me alive.

Everything about You is great a inspiration; Your dedication to the mission of Śrī Guru and Gauranga, determination on spiritual path, humility ,inapprehensible love and compassion,... .I pray that I always take your shelter and always remember your good qualities.

Dear Guru Mahārāja,there are no words to thank you for everything that you have done and You are still doing for me.

I just hope that one day I will become your qualified disciple and servant.

I pray to Lord to protect you and to give you strength and good health so you can continue to deliver mercy all over the world.

Your aspiring servant,

(Bhakta) Samra

(Bhakta) Sebastian

Dear Kadamba Kānana Swami,

First please accept my humble obeisances, and secondly acknowledge, that I feel indebted to you: You always took a lot of time for me in our personal conversations to find simple and practical advice. Before we met personally, I was attracted by your classes and your bhajans which showed great spiritual depth. I remember clearly this evening in Jena "Saalbahnhof" which was pulling me towards Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Finally I got the most benefit indirectly, by the opportunity to serve your disciples in Leipzig.

A fallen soul called,

(Bhakta) Sebastian

(Bhaktin) Seema

All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.
All glories to Śrī Guru and Gauranga

Śrīla Gurudev,

It's the first time I am writing for your Vyāsa-pūjā and although I feel ineligible to do this service for you. I feel exuberant to praise and glorify my Guru Mahārāja.
Although we are far from you, we feel you are close to us at every moment. When you left Melbourne, you left your sweet memories and your sweeter instructions that came about from serving you.

As I read the Bhagavad Gita, I came across an interesting line that reminded me of you. It was this – 'if you serve the devotees of Kṛṣṇa, sincerely, think that you have served Kṛṣṇa'.

I will pray to Kṛṣṇa that you have a long life and your ever sweet message of love and devotion will get across to many people.

All Glories to You,
Your humble servant,

(Bhaktin) Seema

Sparsh and Saransh Ahuja

Grey pigeons strutted around like businessmen,
I would love to be one of them.
Life is so busy, full of distress,
I really didn't want to be a mess
In the darkness I roamed around.
No support, No help to be found.
From dust you came, and to dust you will return – my mind told me.
But suddenly you came, a buoy in the raging sea.

A kind soul who understood my heart.
His love pierced my soul like a dart
And In my new found happiness,
I discovered God.

For It is Said ' The Guru is My Representative"
Why before wasn't I so attentive?
The Guru I found was no less than God,
And like God I revered him.

Again and Again he came,
He seemed to know my inner name,
He told me it was my ignorance to blame,
And how to fix it – the Holy name

Hare Kṛṣṇa – the song I sing
Does a clock chime, does a bell ring?
The mantra I had already heard
In a new package.

"Who was my Guru?" you might say
The one I am writing about today
He is Kadamba Kānana Swami
My Guru.

All Glories to You Mahārāja
Your humble servants,

Sparsh and Saransh Ahuja

(Bhakta) Speedy Gonzales

Dear Mahārāja,

Śrīla Prabhupāda, in one of his purports of Bhagavatam, said that a person who tries to repay the spiritual master or teacher of the transcendental message of Kṛṣṇa, becomes a laughing stock just like a joker because it is not possible to repay such a debt.

brahmánda bhramite kona bhágyaván jíva
guru-Kṛṣṇa-prasáde páya bhakti-latá-bíja

The whole world lives in hellish conditions. Every living beings suffer in fire of material existence. Especially in the places, you have also mentioned, like Holland and Czech Republic, where a temperature of the fire is the highest. The best salvation in this waste land are oasis in the form of centres of ISKCON.

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and The Supreme Lord one little soul also found shelter specifically in GovinDāsa restaurant in Prague. There as much as possible, he tried to realize that devotional service begins with engaging the tongue, d uring one of the delicious lunches. While he was doing his service, the mercy of a Saṅkīrtan devotee fell into his heart. The devotee said, "Hey you, you are not this tongue!" Time went on and the jiva found in temple on a bhakta program. The program was tight and nectarean. Thank God, there wasn`t any time for spacing. Chiefly after long the ecstatic festivals, an alarm clock was used to try to convince everyone, "You are not this body so wake up and chant the holy names of the Lord Gauracandra."

After finishing the bhakta program, the living being had continued with training as a brahmacari. Unfortunately this soul is conditioned amd also stubborn. Fortunately the brahmacari leader is so humble that he did not even think, "Hey Jiva, you are not that mind!" Again and again by the mercy of devotees. the soul was travelling on Saṅkīrtan for a few weeks. Thus he tried to drink the nectar of book distribution on a street. Not even a passer-by indicated, "You, who do you think you are!?"

Oh yes, that is the question, "Who is the soul?" The answer came afterwards in a Saṅkīrtan van when a Saṅkīrtan devotee, servant of the Lord, conqueror of demon Madhu, who can cut off all demoniac doubts, asked, "So how many books today?" "Only a few," jiva said. Without the second thought the devotee inquired, "And how many times have you thought of Kadamba Kānana Swami?!" "A few times, Madhusudan," conditioned jiva answered. "Therefore you have got only a little mercy, my dear jiva."

Yes, that`s it, the soul is a servant of the servant of the servant of the Lord Kṛṣṇa.

om ajnána-timirándhasya jnánánjana-salákayá
caksur unmílitam yena tasmai srí-gurave namah

And thus we can join Saṅkīrtana Movement, which is the prime benediction for humanity and increases the ocean of transcendental bliss. Thus we can chant and dance with you Mahārāja. Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu confirm, "Don`t think this chanting and dancing will not get you to the goal, it will."

Dear Mahārāja, please accept our poor attempts to serve you. According to Śrīla Vrindavan Dāsa Thakur the devotees of the Lord are so powerful that everyone of them can deliver all the universe. Also it is said that every moment in their association can bring one success. By the mercy of Guru, Vaisnavas and Śrī Kṛṣṇa, I myself could be presently in the company of devotees for 24 hours a day.

I wish you to be in the association of the devotees 24 hours a day and to be engaged in Saṅkīrtana movement forever.

All glories to all Vaisnavas, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to Śrī Guru and Gauranga. Thank you.

Your small servant,

(Bhakta) Speedy Gonzales (Prague temple).

Sukhayanti Devi Dāsī

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

It is said that a devotee of the Lord is very compassionate. You demonstrate that everyday by conducting your activities. Now that I am far away, and not able to have personal association with you, or my god brothers and sister and people who were important for my spiritual growth. I still don't feel lost and disconnected. You have showed your true care for me as your disciple, by writing emails, making sure that I am doing well and that I am still active in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You make the effort to protect and guide your disciples, out of real compassion. Knowing that we have to be Kṛṣṇa conscious in order to be really happy.

Rupa Goswami said in the nectar of instruction that one should not collect a big number of followers for prestige, or for the purpose of being worshipped. It is clear that we are not people that you put in your list of disciples, to demonstrate to the world what a great and powerful person you are. NO, you pick us up from the ocean of material birth and death, out of true compassion and care. You really want to help us find our way to Kṛṣṇa, by really making sure that we are happy in our spiritual practice, and always encouraging us to go on, to get up and keep on walking even if we fall down, even if we make mistakes. You are very forgiving, knowing that we are not perfect. You do not encourage us to make mistakes, or to break the principles, but if we did so by accident, because of old habits; too many anarthas may make such mistakes; not wanting to do so, or planning to do so but out of weakness, you help us continue in our practice, giving us the required strength to face the difficulties.

How would we be able to do anything without your mercy, if Kṛṣṇa accepts any of our offerings it is because of your deep compassion, because you have accepted them. Therefore I am eternally grateful to you and indebted to you. I would like to do something to pay you back, but as the time passes I realise more and more that I will never be capable to do it.

I would like to take this opportunity to beg for your mercy and your constant guidenss, because I feel very lost. Please keep protecting me and caring for me. May I also one day be able to give everything up for Kṛṣṇa, as you have done.

Your servant,

Sukhayanti Devi Dāsī

(Bhaktin) Susie

Hare Kṛṣṇa Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto

Your lotus feet.
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.
All glories to GuruDāsa Jayādvaita Swami Mahārāja.

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

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

When standing before the Lord, praying and asking for a benediction – what comes to my mind after deep consideration is to become the personal servant of Guru, Kṛṣṇa and the Vaisnavas. For this aim to achieve it takes lot of purification and most of all the causeless mercy of Guru, Kṛṣṇa and the Vaisnavas.

During this last year and especially the last weeks and months, by Your all causeless mercy, I got rectified in so many ways from my stubborn and depressive tendency, realising how much I am heading for the wrong direction. For this I am deeply grateful.

Thank You very much for Your plenty personal association, for Your personal care and guidance, for Your patience and forbearance as well as for Your gentleness and for generously bestowing Your causeless mercy.

śivāya lokasya bhavāya bhūtaye
ya uttama-śloka-parāyaṇā janāḥ
jīvanti nātmārtham asau parāśrayaṁ
mumoca nirvidya kutaḥ kalevaram

Those who are devoted to the cause of the Personality of Godhead live only for the welfare, development and happiness of others. They do not live for any selfish interest. So even though the Emperor [Parīkṣit] was free from all attachment to worldly possessions, how could he give up his mortal body, which was shelter for others? (SB 1.4.12)

Although this verse is not directly relating to Guru, it illustrates one of Your characteristics that impressed and inspired me most during last year: how You are fully (absorbed in) giving Yourself to and caring for others.

I am praying to You for becoming absorbed in Your mood, also in so many other regards, so that I may lay off my selfishness and become Your instrument, by being fully devoted to Your all desires.

Your servant,

(Bhaktin) Susie

Sutapā Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada

You once told us the pastime of Sanatana Goswami coming to meet Lord Caitanya at Jagannatha Puri. While travelling, he developed a disease and resolved to throw himself under the cart of Lord Jagannatha. As you narrated the pastime, you taught us deep lessons about the relationship between the guru and disciple.

Today I reflect on those instructions.

Sanatana Goswami was severely reprimanded for his plans. *"Your body is my property. You have surrendered to me and therefore you no longer have any claim to your body"* the Lord said. Through your life I am seeing what it means to be the property of the spiritual master. Your unshakable faith in Srila Jayadvaita Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada is demonstrated by your complete willingness to serve them in whatever capacity they desire. You show us how to be fearless in the pursuit of the spiritual master's orders. I pray that one day I will renounce my own plans and become a surrendered instrument in your hands.

Sanatana Goswami was then instructed to go and preach. *"Mathura and Vrindavan is My own dear abode, I want to preach there and will do this work through your body"* the Lord said. I see how you have become the perfect preaching instrument, tirelessly travelling around the world and distributing the holy name wherever you go. You talk about slowing down, but when there is opportunity to share Krishna with others you can't resist. I pray that one day I will burst the bubble of my own comfortable life and become serious about doing something to assist you in spreading this mission.

The Lords instructions surprised Sanatana Goswami. *"No one can understand the deep ideas you plan within your heart"* he said. Through your life we see that there were so many twists and turns, yet you always remained fully surrendered to whatever plans Krishna manifested. You once explained how the spiritual master has a broader vision for our life. I am trying to understand what that is, and more importantly trying to fit into that vision of yours. Please give me the intelligence to do this.

Finally, Sanatana Goswami offered a prayer to the Lord. *"A wooden doll chants and dances according to the direction of a magician but does not know how he is dancing and singing"* he said. So this is our position. We are trying to do some insignificant service for you, but realise that it's your mercy, guidance and blessings that is fuelling our endeavours. Everyday I gain greater appreciation for the depth of your guidance and the spiritual potency of your words. I pray I can take that instruction and make a selfless sacrifice for your pleasure.

I beg to remain,

In your transcendental service,

Sutapā Dāsa

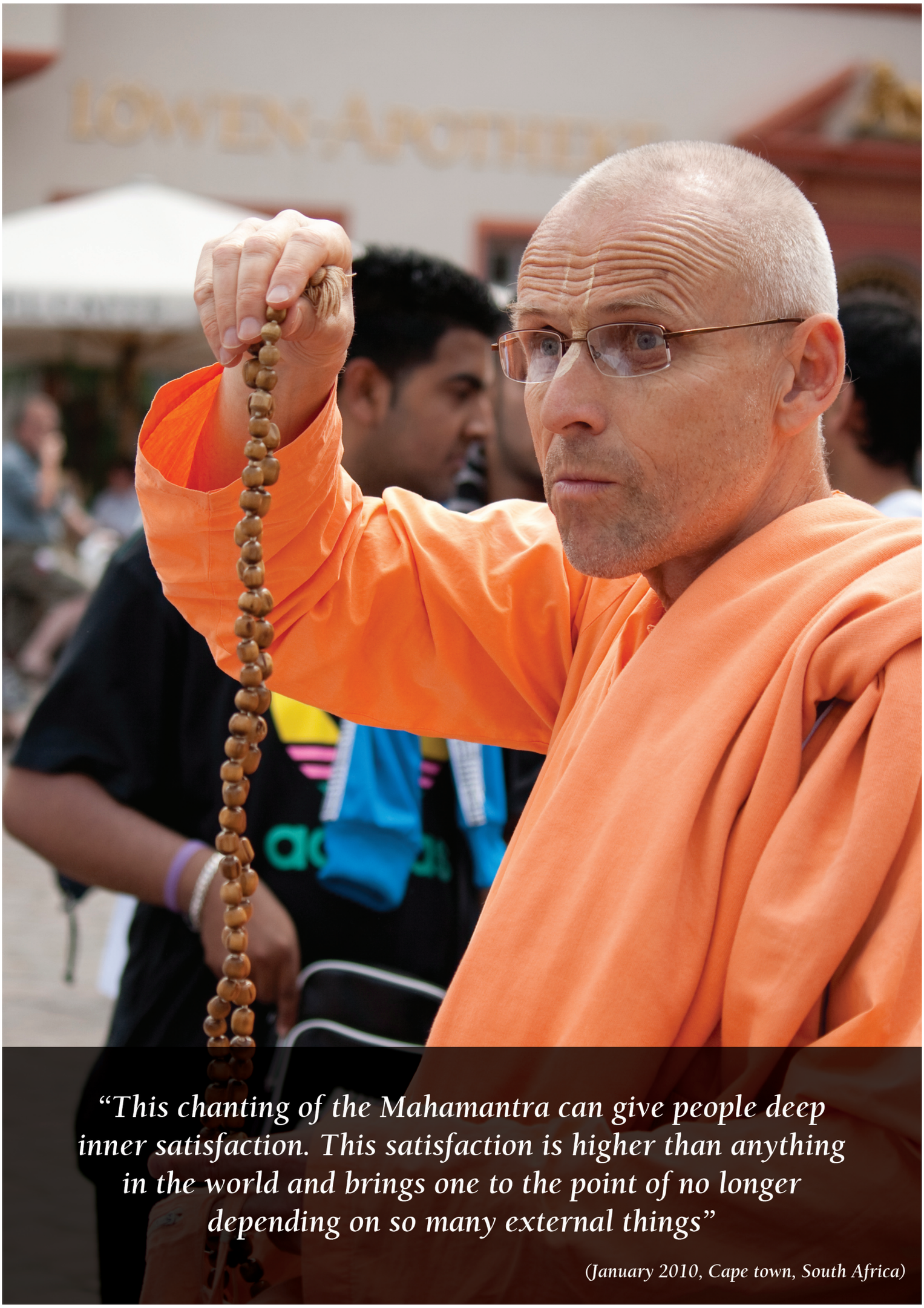
Svāhā Devī Dāsī

My Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories, all glories to GuruDāsa Jayādvaita Swami Mahārāja. All glories to His Divine Loving Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to your auspicious appearance day!

I was hoping to deliver this message myself but what to do. I have to work in our days, since I'm not such a useful disciple anyway.

It has been a while since I got excited over writing your offering. Simply because I had no hope in the future. The past two years have



"This chanting of the Mahamantra can give people deep inner satisfaction. This satisfaction is higher than anything in the world and brings one to the point of no longer depending on so many external things"

(January 2010, Cape town, South Africa)

been the most trying years in my entire Kṛṣṇa Consciousness lifetime. You know, I used to think that nothing could bit the brahmacari torture days, but I was wrong. But I think the change has come. I think it might have something to do with the India trip and "NO", not because of that other extra gift that I came back with, but really because Kṛṣṇa gave me so much, it was bewildering! I think after India everything changed for me and I would like to let everyone know that you literally dragged me out of South Africa to India, I'm sure Vibhu knows what I'm talking about.

I would like to thank you for always seeing the bigger picture. Thank you, for always claiming your position, which most of the time I always mix-up. Guru is supposed to take you to Kṛṣṇa, is supposed to show you how to get there, for which you do so expertly , so graciously and without fail. You have always given to me and yes I admit you have always favoured me in many situations. Are we allowed to say we love our spiritual masters? Well, I think if not that would be sad, because you have showed me love and how to love. I'm afraid I'm still learning how to love unconditionally, selflessly without expecting anything back. How do you do it? Just giving and giving all the time and never once ask for anything that does not benefit us.

I have not promised anything in the past two years and I have continuously avoided asking for service from you because , I guess I was sick and tired of promising and not delivering, but I've realized that is an excuse not to get service. So this year, I'm asking, how can I serve you Guru Mahārāja? What would you really like me to do? I PROMISE that I will swallow all pride and do it! You know how proud I am, so I hardly ever offer to do anything. I have been stuck in the same sport for two years now and I'd really like to do something.

Thank you for getting our Pita-maha to SA. Oh! No words, he is my inspiration. He has given me back the encouragement and the affirmation that I so longed for. It is like he came and closed all those open wounds. Thank you very much to both of you.

May I always hold you next to my heart and may I one day be the disciple that you have always desired for me to be.

At your lotus feet
Your ever fallen one,

Svāhā Devī Dāsī

Tattvavati Devī Dāsī

Gurudev, Gurudev,
Lets glorify the qualities you have.
Where should I start?
I just see a tiny part
Of Your mercy and Your grace.
In Your eyes is Kṛṣṇa`s face,
You are great and I am small,
You´re a friend to every soul,
You are faultless, peaceful, clean,
You are truthful, never mean,
Inspiration for us all,
Showing us the highest goal.
Perfect manager, scholar and preacher
And to us- loving father and teacher.
You are soft like a petal of flower,
We should never forget Your great power.
You´ve surendered to Kṛṣṇa and Rādhā-

That´s perfection. There´s no need to bother
About money, a wife and a dog,
Unless one wants to be Dr. Frog.
You´re desireless, as for Your own,
Very simple, as often is shown.
You are merciful, silent and mild,
Though Your kirtans are sometimes quite wild.
You´re magnanimous, equal and brave,
Highly advanced, not a material slave,
You´re an expert,a poet and visionary,
Name it short- extraordinary!
There is so much I would like to say
But I guess it will not be today...

Your servant,

Tattvavati Devī Dāsī

(Bhakta) Tomas

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

By the mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Vyasadeva, Śrīla Prabhupāda and by Your mercy, I was allowed to take shelter at your lotus feet. This is the place where conditioned living entities like me can find what we are looking for after millions of lifetimes

ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanaṁ bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-
nirvāpaṇaṁ
śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaraṇaṁ vidyā-vadhū-
jīvanam
ānandāmbudhi-vardhanaṁ prati-padaṁ
pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanaṁ
sarvātma-snapanaṁ paraṁ vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-
saṇkīrtanam

Glory to the Śrī-Kṛṣṇa-Saṅkīrtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust which has been accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of the conditional life, from repeated birth and death. This Saṅkīrtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life of all transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

You are constantly engaged in Saṅkīrtan, and you are absorbed in the nectar of the Holy Names of Kṛṣṇa. Everyone can see, feel and hear it too. You want to inundate the whole world with this chanting. Strong waves of nectar which emanates from your mouth goes further and beyond.

No mountains or oceans can stop them. They take with them whatever they meet. One day they caught me too. Thank you for coming to Slovakia . Thank You for having come in to that stone which is in my chest. Please make this heart beat for You and Kṛṣṇa.

It is recommended to jump into the nectars of the Holy Named ocean and dive so deep that we will not have any breath to come back and drown in that ocean. But now, I don't have the courage to dive in that ocean alone. So I can only hold Your lotus feet because, You are always absorbed in the nectar of the Holy Name.

oṁ ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana śalākayā

cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena
tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ

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

"Arjuna was blessed so that he could directly hear from Kṛṣṇa, as well as SanJaia could hear Kṛṣṇa by the mercy of Vyasa. In reality there is no difference in hearing Kṛṣṇa directly or hearing Kṛṣṇa via spiritual master like Vyasadeva. Spiritual master is also representative of Vyasadeva and according to vedic tradition, disciples celebrate the birthday of the teacher with celebration called Vyāsa-pūjā." In this way Śrīla Prabhupāda describes happiness that also I can part take of.

I am very thankful and I feel indebted to you for becoming a representative of Vyasadeva and allowing me to hear the knowledge which opens my eyes . Please help me open my eyes so that I could understand You and Kṛṣṇa. Dear Gurudeva, You teach us that we are eternal, full of knowledge and bliss. In Your presence that means in fulfilling Your orders we can realise all this. I thank You for everything. I don't have much to offer so please give me the power to fulfil your desire.

Your servant,

(Bhakta) Tomas

Tulasī Dāsa

Dear Guru-Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisancess at your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Jayādvaita Swami. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

In this most auspicious day of your appearance, I want to thank you for everything you are doing for me and my god brothers. By travelling all over the world you are giving enthusiasm to so many devotees.

We are spiritual souls, eternal servants of Kṛṣṇa, but we forgot this fact. Now instead of serving Kṛṣṇa we are serving so many other objects – our senses, family members, relatives, country, or our dog. We cannot stop serving even for a moment. But our serving propensity is directed in a wrong way. Now we have to learn again to serve Kṛṣṇa. This is difficult. To reciprocate with persons who are present in the front of your physical senses, is much easier than to reciprocate with Kṛṣṇa, who, at least for us, is not physically present. But he is coming in the mercy of the Spiritual Master. Although he is non-different from Kṛṣṇa (saksad dharitvena samasta sastrair) he is present in the front of us and we can easily reciprocate with him. We can serve him just like we are serving an ordinary person, but actually in this way we are serving Kṛṣṇa.

We can learn how to surrender completely, only if we serve a Guru who is directly present in front of our senses. If the Guru is not present directly and with his example and instructions, does not help us to surrender more and more, our tendency to keep more for us and less for Kṛṣṇa is coming always on the surface.
There is a famous verse from fifth canto of Śrīmad Bhagavatam. Jada Bharata instructs Mahārāja Rahughana:

"My dear King Rahūgaṇa, unless one has the opportunity to smear his entire body with the dust of the lotus feet of great devotees, one cannot realise the Absolute Truth. One cannot realise the Absolute Truth simply by observing celibacy [brahmacarya]; strictly following the rules and regulations of householder life; leaving home as a vānaprastha; accepting sannyāsa, or undergoing severe penances in winter by keeping oneself submerged in water or surrounding oneself in summer by fire and the scorching heat of the sun. There are many other processes to understand the Absolute Truth, but the Absolute Truth is only revealed to one who has attained the mercy of a great devotee."

Even if one is very knowledgeable, austere, and a perfect brahmana, there is no chance for his spiritual elevation without the mercy of the Guru. So what to speak about someone like me. Therefore, I pray for the dust of your lotus feet. If I don't attain your mercy there is no chance for my spiritual advancement.

Yesterday I read something amazing in the biography of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura and the young Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati went on a pilgrimage in Bengal. One night they slept in an old temple haunted by a brahma-raksasa. The ghost tried to disturb them at night but Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura chanted loudly Hare Kṛṣṇa maha mantra and the ghost disappeared. On the morning the local villagers wondered how it was possible for them to spend the night in such a place. They told Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura that this brahma-raksasa was the former priest of that temple and that during his life he was chanting harinama almost constantly. Why he degraded so much? And how was it possible that he disappeared just by one loud chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra?

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thakura answered that this person was offering only lip service, by repeating the syllables of the name in nama–apaRādhā. He was never in a contact with the real name of Kṛṣṇa, because Kṛṣṇa never reveals Himself in front of materialistic persons. The villagers confirmed that this person was committing many sinful acts during his life. Because of severe nama-apaRādhā he became a ghost.

Then Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Tnakura explained that only if such a person hears the real name of Kṛṣṇa from a bona fide person, only then he can be saved from his degraded position.

When I read this story, I was thinking that this is my case. I am chanting the syllables of the name, but where is my mind? How pure is my way of life? Am I not also a materialist? I know that my chanting is also on the level of nama-apaRādhā because I am often not attentive during japa and only by your mercy this can be changed.

Please teach me how to chant the pure name of Kṛṣṇa and how to develop my relationship with Him. I know that this is possible only by your mercy.

Praying to remain eternally your servant,

Tulasī Dāsa

Uddhava Dāsa & Viśakhā Devi Dāsī

Hare Kṛṣṇa Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All glories to you.

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

You have said that since you took sannyasa, that your family has expanded and expanded multiple-fold. Now you take care of many devotees and guide them whenever you can and wherever you are. We all keep a connection to you and each other. And you keep a close connection to Śrīla Prabhupāda, which isvery visible. You always preach about the glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda and your god brothers and senior god brothers are enlightened to hear you speak about Prabhupāda. After a class, which you gave in Vrindavana during Śrīla Prabhupāda's disappearance day, you were approached by several senior devotees that expressed their happiness about your preaching about Prabhupāda.

Since you keep this connection to Śrīla Prabhupāda really alive and we have a connection with you, we also benefit from this. Even when your disciples see you maybe once a year they still keep this invisible connection and try to serve you as best as they can. In the material world it is money that makes the world turn, but in a spiritual family it is serving, or love. You preach carefully and are always personal and you will strive for the impossible. At the same time you demand something special from us. But we are so useless that we say "yes yes" but fail to execute it. And still you love us. That is what makes you special.

Just like Caitanya Mahaprabhu, you are giving out the mercy from the warehouse for free. Also this year, we are standing in front of you again, like beggars and asking you to forgive our foolishness from last year. We realize that we did not do much to improve ourselves compared to you.

We just pray to Kṛṣṇa to give you even more strength and perseverance to boldly preach where no man has preached before. To keep the connection strong and alive. To continuously improve your bhajan and sadhana.

Please Kṛṣṇa, protect our Guru Mahārāja and let him serve his Guru Mahārāja perfectly.
Please Lord Caitanya, give him even more love for the Maha-mantra.
Please Śrīla Prabhupāda, take him home back to godhead
Please Guru Mahārāja, don't forget us.

Your servants,

Uddhava Dāsa & Viśakhā Devi Dāsī

Vaiṣṇava Dāsa

Lieber Guru Mahārāja,

mit dem grṭḶten Respekt verneige ich mich vor Dir! Hare Kṛṣṇa.
Mit dem grṭḶten Respekt verneige ich mich vor Dir,
Jayādvaita Swami, Śrīla Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda
und der gesamten Guru-parampara.

Heute ist Deine Vyāsa-pūjā.
Alles Liebe, alles Liebe von Herzen.

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

Ācāryavān puruṣo veda (Chandogya Up.6.14.2)

Ich verneige mich vor Dir,
als wahren Diener des Dieners desjenigen,
der Dāsa Singen der Heiligen Namen
auḶerhalb Indiens verbreitete.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Krisna Krisna Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

Heute an Diener Vyāsa-pūjā
steht die Tūr zu Deinem Herzen
noch weiter auf als je,
Du bist ein Ozean der Barmherzigkeit.

So bitte ich Dich um Deine Segnung,
mṭge ich Anteil haben an der
Verbreitung des Wissens:
“Es gibt einen persṭnlichen Gott
und Sein Name ist Kṛṣṇa.”

Es gibt einen persṭnlichen Gott,
der uns liebt.
Sein Name ist Krisna und der Diener
seines Dieners seines Dieners
heiḶt Kadamba Kānana Swami.

Guru und Kṛṣṇa sind Eins im Herzen.
Alle Ehre Śrī Krisna Caitanya,
Alle Ehre meinem lieben Guru-Mahārāja
Kadamba Kānana Swami.

Alles Liebe, alles Liebe von Herzen
Dein Schūler

Vaiṣṇava Dāsa

Vaṁśī-gīta Devi Dāsī

Dear Śrīla Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances
All Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All Glories to their lordships Jaggernath, Baladev & Lady Subadra
All Glories to HH Jayādvaita Swami
All Glories to You!!

In one of your offerings to Śrīla Prabhupāda ,you spoke about how Śrīla Prabhupāda said that this movement can turn “crows into swans” You said that you did not make the transformation but rather painted your feathers white to pose as one. Your prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda was to transform you into a genuine swan.

Seven years later Gurudev, I know you have truly displayed your swan like form. We see that your

words describe the glories of the land that can sanctify the atmosphere of the whole universe. We see by your actions that you have become that swan, a true Paramahamsa.

On this grand occasion of your Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā. I would like to thank you for showing us your examples of how an ordinary human being can become an extraordinary spirit soul. You live your life in such a way that we want to follow a great man like yourself. Your addiction to Kṛṣṇa and his holy name has made so many us wanting to join your mission to spread the Holy name. The one quality that I really admire is your unflinching faith in the Supreme Lord.

Personally you have given me so much. I know I can be very unfair in that I take, but it's very difficult for me to share, you have seen beyond this bad quality and continue to give me so much! In my darkest moments where I am reduced to tears, I can think of you and smile again. Thinking of something that you had said or did, and your smiling face is enough to make anyone want to smile! With you and this amazing family I feel a sense of belonging, a sense of hope.

Today I pray for some little mercy, I hope someday I can please you in a little way. Thank you for your love and kindness to my family Premanjana and Bhaktilata Pandita, it's what carries us through each day. May I always have your divine association. Now I pray, someday this crow can become a Swan like her master.

Your most fallen daughter,

Vaṁśī-gīta Devi Dāsī

Varṣāṇā Devi Dāsī

Hare Krišna náš drahý Gurumaharája.

Přijmi v den tvī Vjasapůdži hlubokī poklony u tvých lotosových nohou. Všechna sláva Šríla Prabhupád, Jayādvaita Swami a všem oddaným Krišny.

V den tvī Vjasapůdži bysme ti náš gurumaharáj chtěli popřát hodně zdraví a hlavně ti poděkovat za kupu milostí, kterī dáváš svým žákům. Vždy, když máme špatnī vědomí a uvědomíme si, že při nás stojí a vždy bude stát, náš milovaný guru, otřepeme se a máme důvod pokračovat. Materiální příroda nás halí den za dnem a my musíme čelit jejím nástrahám, kterī jsou někdy velice maskovanī. Procházíme ted špatným obdobím náš drahý gurumaharáj a je nám moc líto, že se nemůžem dostavit na tvoji Vajsapůdžu, ale věříme, že nám dáš tvoje požehnání, kterī nás opět postaví na nohy a dá sílu jít dál....

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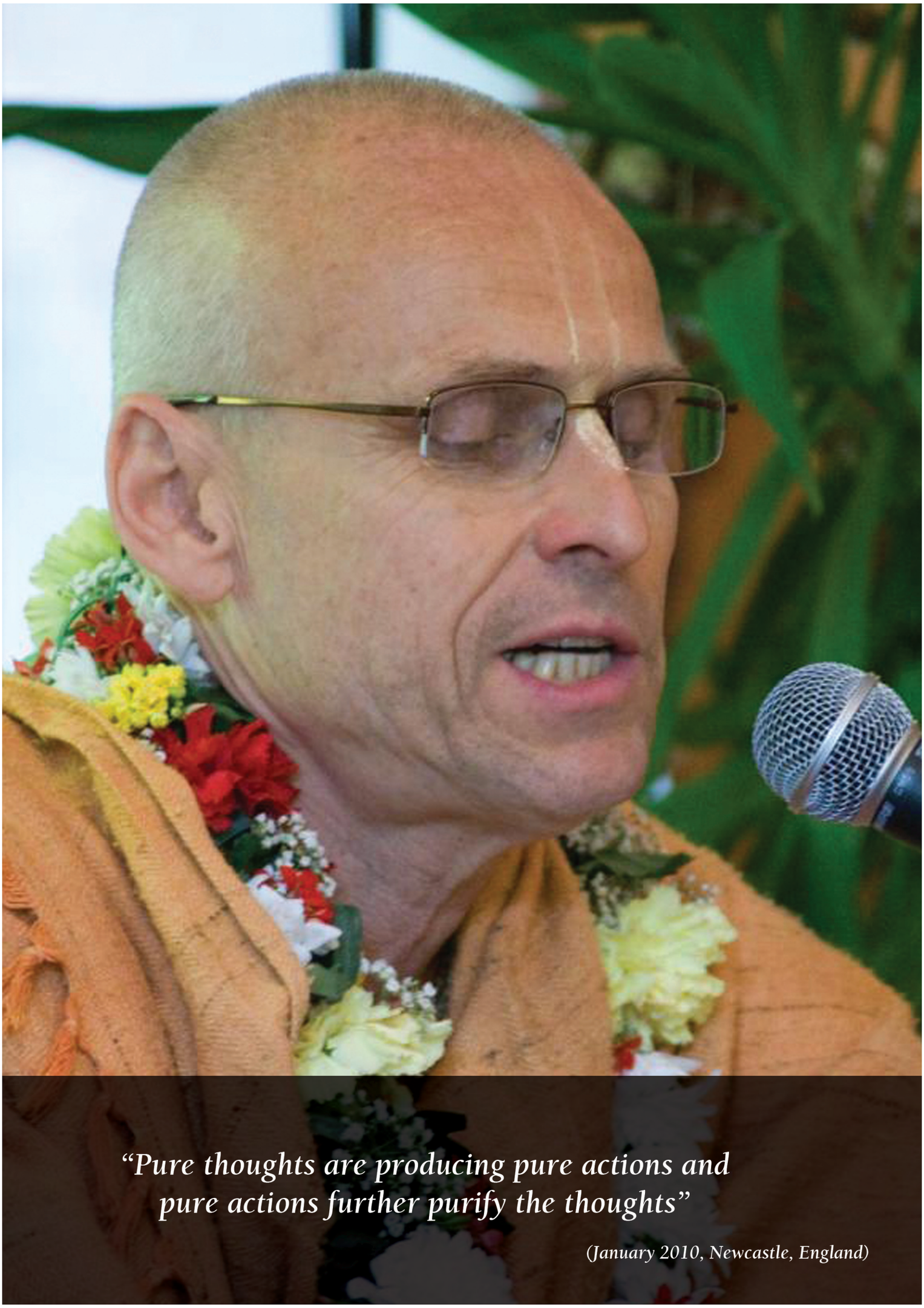
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Vasudeva Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

During a memorial celebration of Bhakti Tirtha Swami, someone glorified his disciples as "strikingly real." You remarked after the ceremony that you would like your disciples to be like that, very real people.



"Pure thoughts are producing pure actions and pure actions further purify the thoughts"

(January 2010, Newcastle, England)

I remember one of my first exchanges with you. It was on EkaDāsī, and the devotees were about to have breakfast. I proudly declared: "I am fasting today." You said something like: "Don't be ridiculous. Sit down and take." I got the message.

Later, after I joined the temple, I was preparing for puja early in the morning. You came in and out of the blue told me "you probably were a smarta-brahmana in you previous life." Again you stuck a pin in the bubble of my false pride.

On many other occasions you brought me 'down to earth,' to the essence of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. That is what I appreciate most about you, that you are simple, sara-grahi, you are looking for the for the essence, for Kṛṣṇa, the Truth.

Śrīla Prabhupāda stressed the basics of Kṛṣṇa consciousness:

"Our process is simple. Follow the regulative principles strictly, chant at least 16 rounds of Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra daily, read all our books, go for street Saṅkīrtana and in this way be engaged in Kṛṣṇa's business 24 hours. Then you will be always thinking of Kṛṣṇa and in the end go back to Kṛṣṇa, back to home, back to Godhead." [SPL 13/10/1971]

I remember you quoting Śrīla Prabhupāda as having said; "Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so simple, you might just miss it." As a spiritual master you teach us by example to be simple, and to go deep in the basics. You are deep in the basics. You are deep in your conviction, in your chanting, in the sastras, deep in your commitment to service and preaching. You convince us that an everlasting reservoir of nectar and inspiration can be found in the simple practices of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, if only we would chose to apply ourselves with faith.

You have explained that the process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness turns crows into swans, but sometimes it is seen that a lazy crow simply paints his feathers white! When I heard that my bubble burst again: I am a lazy crow. Externally I am "saintly," but internally I am still deeply averse to Kṛṣṇa and His service.

I need to change my habits. I haven't sufficiently applied myself for Kṛṣṇa consciousness to really happen. My desire is not strong enough, and my determination is weak. Today I pray for desire and strength to follow in your footsteps: to take shelter of Maha-Prabhu, and to go deep in the basics of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. To become the real Kṛṣṇa conscious person you would want me to be.

Your servant,

Vasudeva Dāsa

Vasumān Dāsa

Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet! All glories to You! All glories to Jayādvaita swami! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

Dear Guru Mahārāja, to express your glories on this day is as difficult for me as to conquer a big mountain. Although, I can glorify you non stop all day, when the matter of writing comes, but my mouth is dry like a well without water.

You are the person giving me the life source. I always take you as an example. When my mind thinks about- what is the reason why he is so enthusiastic for spreading the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda? Why is he so happy? I want to be like him. I always want to be closer to you, and despite that I try to serve you in different ways, not all the time you appreciate it. You know me, please forgive my mistakes, but I love you so much and I know you also have loving kindness for all of us. You try to help us break free from the energies of maya. Even when some difficulties come, you perfectly cut the knot of the problem. You teach us how to love Kṛṣṇa and attain freedom. I pray to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and the disciplic succession to give you a lot of strength and power to continue the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

your humble servant,

Vasumān Dāsa

(Bhakta) Vikas Ahuja

PROTECTOR AND PROTECTION

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda
All glories to Śrī Guru and Gauranga
Śrīla Gurudev, please accept my most humble obeisances.

Today on the auspicious day of Vyāsa-pūjā of Śrīla Gurudev, I first of all would like to congratulate Śrīla Gurudev on his appearance day.

Surprising as it may sound, but while I was contemplating on what to offer at your lotus feet. I remembered the festival of Raksha Bandhan, which is observed in India by members of various religions. The true meaning of Raksha Bandhan is to have good intentions towards someone and be a protection for them in every way – to protect them from difficulties, unhappiness, calamities, etc. The sister would tie a sacred thread on the brother's wrist and the brother would promise to protect her, that's how the tradition goes.

What is Raksha or protection, and who can give it wholeheartedly? When a child is born it has no awareness of anything, but its mother protects it from birth until it is fully grown. The father is the breadwinner, but the mother is the protector. For the first, nine months she carries the baby in her womb, giving it all her love and attention; then when it arrives in the world she starts to take care of its every need. She keeps him clean, for he is constantly dirtying himself. If he gets wet and there are no more dry clothes, though it be the depth of winter, she will keep him warm on her breast and cover him with her own clothes, oblivious to the danger of catching cold herself. When the child gradually begins to have some awareness of his surroundings, he starts to realize a little of the love of his mother towards him, for the mother first loves the child, not vice versa. The child's love comes in response, and when he learns to love he is reluctant to leave his mother's lap. She spends her life in worrying about the child - his health, his food,

his education, good character, and his future. Everything concerning him is dear to her heart until he stands on his feet and gets established in life. Even then her worrying does not cease. You will find that most mothers are like this, the whole world over.
The true Raksha Bandan happens when you have a protector for your soul, who can take care of you in this world and the next, and without whom nothing can be achieved; with all due respect and gratitude to our physical and material protectors.

The mother hen sits on her eggs with full concentration, so that the chicks will form. When they are fully formed, she conveys to them that they are ready for the world, which is waiting for them with open arms; the sun, which is brightly shining, the grass is green and fresh, and there is plenty of food to eat. But the chick is in darkness, and cannot realize there is any other state. The mother then has to resort to tapping on the shell with her beak, and on hearing this he instinctively feels encouraged to do the same from inside and in a short time he is putting his head into a new atmosphere filled with light and life. Only then does he understand the promise conveyed by his mother.

So Śrīla Gurudev call me a chicken in the egg or someone who is begging you for Raksha (protection) but today on this auspicious day I beg of you to please bestow your mercy on me and engage my stubborn mind in the service of your lotus feet.

Your aspiring and useless servant,

(Bhakta) Vikas Ahuja

Yadurāṇī Devi Dāsī

My Dear Guru Mahārāja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to you.

Thank you for throwing me into an ocean of devotional service and helping me to float with your instructions. I depend very much on that service of hearing the words coming from your lotus mouth.

“Make the words from the lotus mouth of the spiritual master one with your heart,” it is said. My only thought after that is, when oh when will that day come... I’m sitting in my comfort zone, waiting for I don’t know how many pushes and yet you tolerate me and my slow brain so much. My famous line to you in all communication is, ‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry...’ and I’m sorry for keep on saying that ‘I’m sorry’ all the time...

‘Let’s become pure devotees; we come in a sampradaya like that,’ you said. I want to be like you, follow your purity and I know that if I faithfully follow your instructions to me, I’d be able to put a smile on your face.

Please forgive me for being stubborn and retaliating so much on the inside. I pray to Kṛṣṇa to help me approach you with an open heart and again I’m sorry to say that I have nothing else to give you, but more of my time and energy in your service. Thank you for everything.

Your daughter,

Yadurāṇī Devi Dāsī

Yāmunācārya Dāsa

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

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
guru-dāsa Jayādvaita-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

What power or ability do I have to glorify the devotee of Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu? Being engrossed in ignorance, it is only out of pride that I attempt to do so. Even though I have no speaking power to glorify You, still I am feeling great pleasure in my mind. Please overlook my faults, O vaisnava, and make me Your servant. The tests on the road of the spiritual life are coming like the ocean‘s waves. In our hearts, we hear the sounds of Your words and instructions, which enables for us to continue.

O beloved spiritual master with the torchlight of knowledge You dispel the darkness of ignorance. If one thinks one may progress without the mercy of the spiritual master, for sure He is a great fool!

O Gurudev ,my heart longs for being with You, therefore if You wish, then please give me the strength. Let Your instructions and desire become my life and soul. In this way let me stay with You. This world seems as if there is some shelter. But that is not so.

O Gurudev You know that well and therefore, I beg You again, if You wish to give me the strength, than please do so. Let Your instructions and desire become my life and soul. I imagine that sometimes You are singing, preaching, dancing and helping the devotees. As with Your gentleness melt the steel framed hearts and with Your strictness and vigorousness set out the right path and establish sidhanta. Thus I am happy.

O Gurudev when I watch You, I realize there is a long way for me to go. You act in Krshna consciousness constantly, every moment. Not just while singing or preaching, but in any circumstances. The earth is surely happy You walk upon her. Indeed You do not stay on one spot for a long. Sometimes it appears that You are dwelling in many places simultaneously. (blessed are those places) However it is no wonder for it is said that pure devotee possess all mystic abilities. And also as a spiritual warrior of Śrīman Mahaprabhu You enter the streets of Amsterdam with Your army. Because pure devotees are fearless.

O Gurudev how a fool like me can glorify a vaisnava like You ? Please stay satisfied within Your own glory. I am like a blind man who wants to appreciate the beauty of the rising sun. Therefore I ask You, please, be contented within Your sublime qualities.

O Gurudev You are like great ocean of mercy. Please be merciful to me. I take shelter of your lotus feet. I surrender to You. Please engage this person who happens to be a sinner and an offender, in Your service. If I am to be born in this material world again, I pray, I might glorify my beloved spiritual master and serve His mission. Your eternal servant,

Yāmunācārya Dāsa

"Everyone has some specific strength, something extraordinary in the way they serve. In this way you can learn from everyone!"

(January 2010, Cape town, South Africa)

