

ŚRĪ VYĀSA-PŪJĀ



To our beloved Gurudev HG Mahatma Das
South Africa, 2016



*The genuine guru is God's representative,
and he speaks about God and nothing else.
The genuine guru is he who has no interest in materialistic life.
He is after God, and God only. That is one of the tests of a genuine guru:
brahma-nistham. He is absorbed in the Absolute Truth.
- Srila Prabhupada -*

*"My dear Gurudeva, you are the perfect transparent via medium to your Guru Maharaja.
You always accept service on his behalf. Because you were the perfect disciple,
you are completely qualified as the perfect spiritual master.
You pass on the devotion and adoration of your disciples to the lotus feet of your Guru
Maharaja. la Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaja passes the fruits of your
devotion to the lotus feet of his Guru Maharaja
And so it goes from Guru to Guru within the paramapara up to the lotus
feet of Lord Sri Krsna.*

*I humbly pray to remain connected to your lotus feet always remembering
you are eternally my Lord and master.*

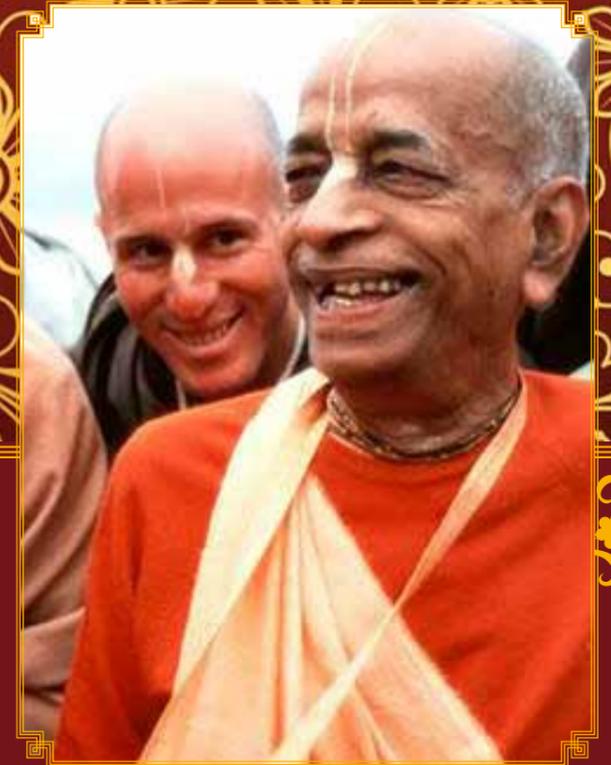
*Except for your causeless mercy, my life has no value or qualification.
I beg that you allow me to eternally spread your glories. I pray to swim in the ocean
of bliss that is available by remembering your eternal lila."*

February 1975, ISKCON Honolulu

Srila Prabhupada Uvaca 108

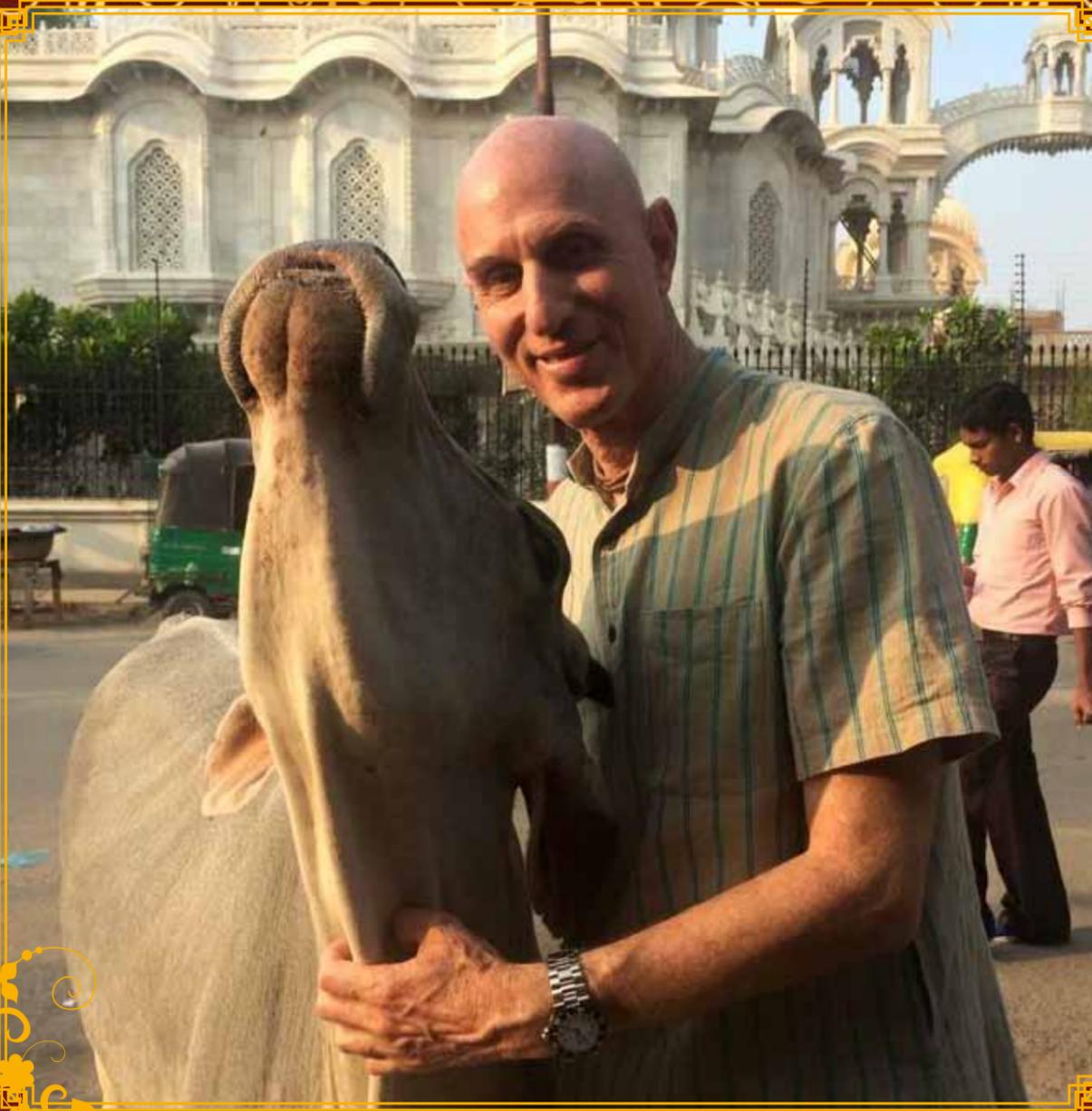
Relationship Between Guru and Disciple

- Srutakriti dasa



Dear Guru Maharaj

*Nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa- preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate mahatma-prabhu iti nāmine
nama om̐ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa- preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī- pracāriṇe nirviṣeṣa-sūnyavādi- pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*



It is a pleasure to offer you this Vyasa Puja book 2016. This is the third year that we are making this offering. With each year more and more devotees are making offerings.

These offerings are testament to the number of lives that you have touched with your unconditional love and compassion for all Krishna's devotees. You are a living torch light of knowledge.

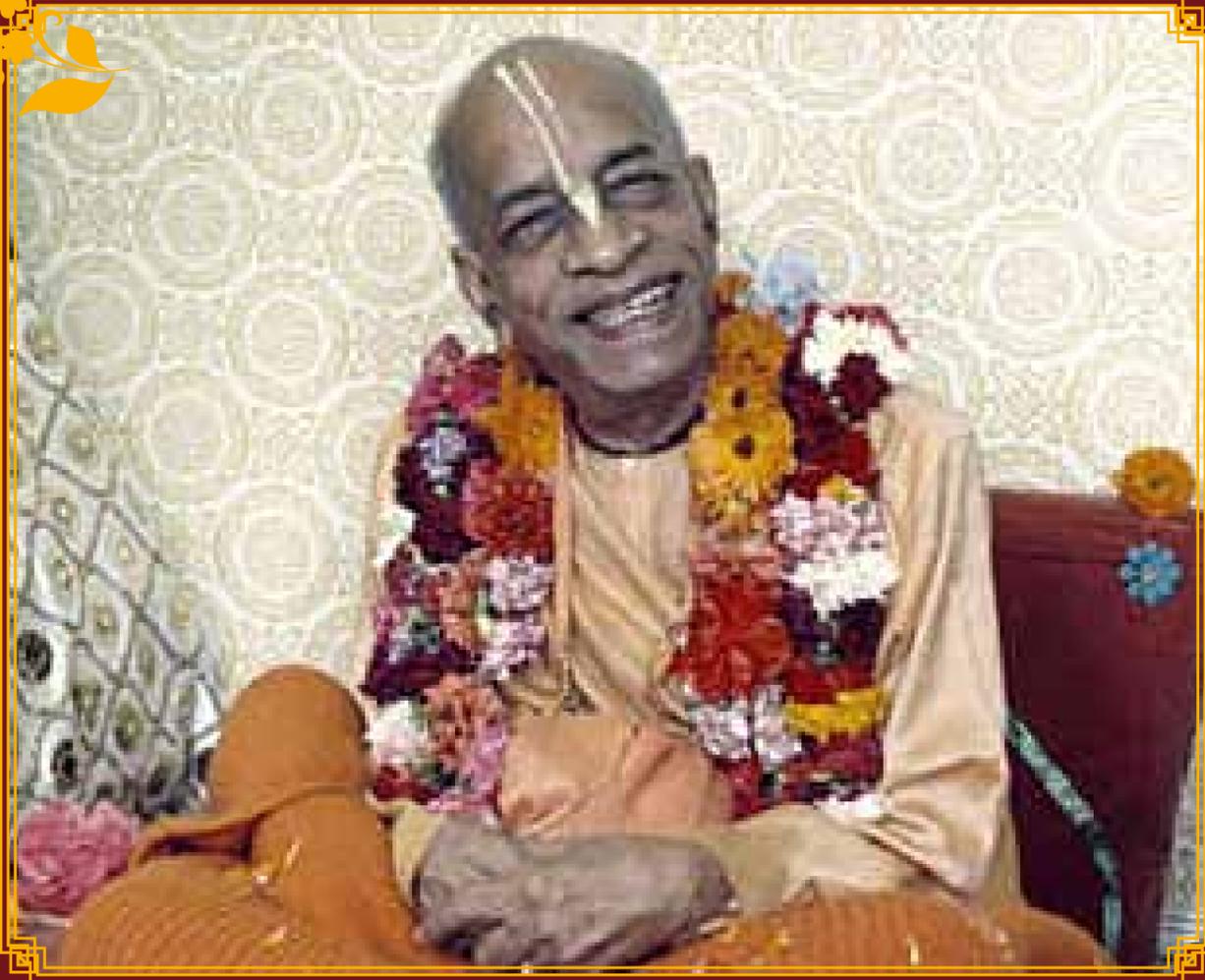
One of the most beautiful things about this Vyasa Puja book is that in addition to the offerings made by your Diksa disciples there are also many offerings made by your Siksa disciples. The lives of these devotees are the real offering as they imbibe the principle that "Siksa is the essence of Diksa", i.e. the essence of the guru-disciple relationship is in the disciple's dedication to following the instructions of the spiritual master. This is a principle that you yourself are a living example off.

In a room conversation in Honolulu (February 1975) Prabhupda gave the following instruction: „But, this is your business,“ Srila Prabhupada said. „It's all right they may worship you if they like you very much. That's all right. But your business is to bring them to me. You are my disciple. The duty of the disciple is to bring the devotees to the spiritual master. This is your business. Your preaching should be like this. If your preaching does not bring them to this point, then it is useless.“ You have mercifully taken on the service of being a Guru, to deliver us to the lotus feet of your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. For this we are eternally in your debt, a debt that can only be repaid by dedicating our lives in service. In Science of Self Realisation, Srila Prabhupada explains that the guru is Krishna's representative and therefore the guru should be offered the same respect of as one would offer to Krishna himself. In the Guruvastakam prayers that we recite daily, we recite the verse “yasya prasada bhagavat-prasadah**“

„By the mercy of the spiritual master, one receives the benediction of Kṛṣṇa.“ We pray that we will be able follow your instructions even in your absence, and will be able to please you with our service.

We hope that you will be pleased with this Vyasa Puja Book.

Your Servants

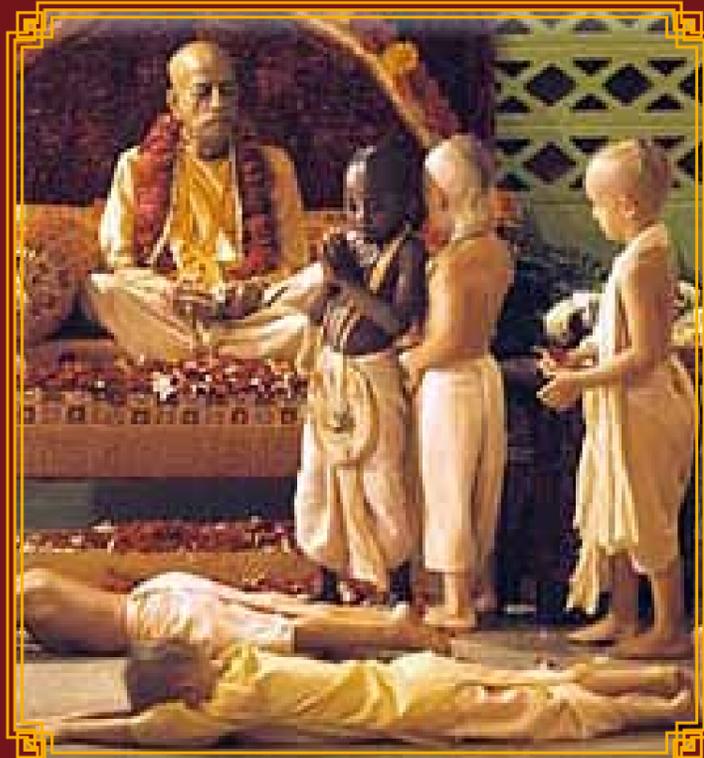
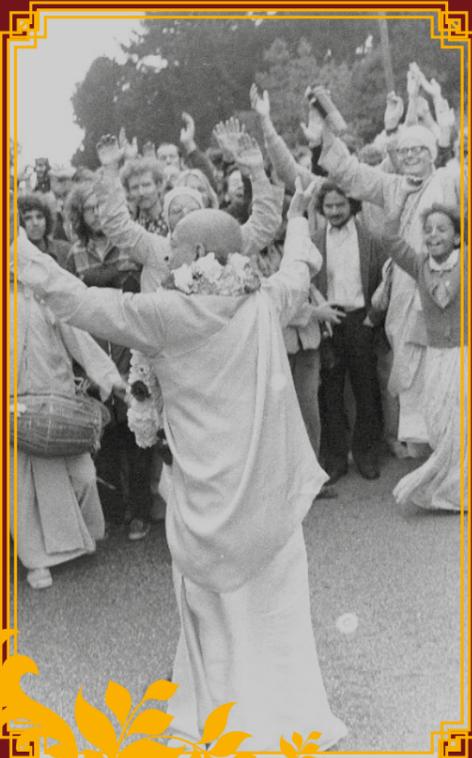


*namah om visnu padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvati deve gaura-vani pracarine
nirvivesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

There are so many ways in which you have saved my life and attempting to list them all would take more space than this offering allows. Nevertheless, I find no better day to express my most sincere gratitude for some of them than today.

I had a loving father who took very good care of me. Unfortunately, he encouraged me to enjoy sense gratification, believing this would make me happy. It didn't. It only caused me frustration. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for becoming my real father and instructing me that austerity, not sense gratification, brings real satisfaction and happiness. You are the father I always wished for, the father who not only wanted the best for me, but who could both show me what is best and empower me to achieve it.



I had one sister but no brothers. I always wanted a brother, feeling incomplete without one. When I moved into the temple in Berkeley in 1970, I was immediately gifted ten brothers. And now I have thousands more, many of whom are dearer to me than any material brother could ever have been. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for not only satisfying my need for more siblings, but for giving me the most special brothers (and sisters) anyone could ask for.

As a teenager, I spent endless hours writing songs, playing music and singing. Singing the same meaningless songs over and over left me feeling empty and dry. I had a deep need to express myself through music but such songs turned my taste for music sour. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me profound songs to sing, kirtan to chant, the harmonium to play them on, wonderful devotees to sing them with and a mission to give transcendental sound to the world.

I always wanted to play drums. But my parents wouldn't allow it. Still, the desire to create rhythms by banging on something never left me. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me the mrdanga. You fulfilled my desire to be a drummer – and with the sweetest of drums.

I had a very creative mind. But growing up I found no meaningful way of putting my creative energies to use. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me unlimited opportunities to utilize my energy in the fun and exciting service of making the world more Krsna conscious. I can only imagine how miserable, bored and unfulfilled I would have been had I not been given the opportunity to use my thoughts, skills and enthusiasm in creatively working to make the world more Krsna conscious.

As a student, my lifestyle was unregulated, unclean and passionate. I could speak philosophically but lived more like a dog than a human. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for introducing me to the human form of life. I tried to satisfy my need for love through shallow relationships, relationships that ended up being much more about satisfying my lust than loving another person. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me celibacy, the grhastha asrama, and respect for women. You saved me from having to experience countless anxieties and perils by giving me the power to overcome unhealthy sexual attitudes and instincts I previously thought impossible to control.

I was a confused student. I wanted to know why I was in this material world, and what my purpose in life was. But the education I received left me frustrated because my professors were as confused as I was (or maybe more so). Thank you Srila Prabhupada for appearing on my campus as an accredited Bhagavad-gita class taught by devotees. Your sun-like words dissipated my confusion and gave my life purpose by answering every question I had (and every question I would ever have). You are a transcendental professor, and the only professor who could have stopped me from following the mantra of the day: If it feels good, do it. You saved me from wasting my youth in the endless pursuit of pleasure.

I never found reading interesting. I grew up absorbed in physical activities and neglected intellectual pursuits. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for sacrificing your sleep to give me your books. From the time I found them, I began to devour them. Within two months of receiving your Gita, I had already read it twice. Your books have always been my lifeline to Krsna consciousness and are the only books I have ever read that bypassed my head and operated directly on my heart. And distributing your books has always opened up the flood gate of your mercy on me.

I wanted to help others. But all I could teach them were my own speculations, the same useless thoughts that were messing up my life. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me

something of value to offer the world, something that makes people happy, clears the confusion in their lives and gives them a reason to live. Giving Krsna to others has been the calling and highlight of my life.

The day I met you, I considered my life a success. If I were to die the next day, there would have been absolutely nothing to lament for since meeting you was the highlight of my life and my ultimate perfection. Every day I am thankful for the great fortune of being able to serve you. My deepest desire and prayer is that every waking hour of the rest of my life be fully engaged in your service. There is nothing in the universe I want more than this. Your service is my life. Unless I am serving you every moment of every waking hour I suffer. I therefore pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, that I will only be engaged in serving your lotus feet, and nothing else, throughout the remainder of my life and for eternity.

Your aspiring servant,
Mahatma Das

*Om ajana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,
Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

Dearest Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to You and Srila Prabhupada. On this very auspicious day I pray to RadhaShyamsunder to fulfill all your wonderful dreams and wish You a very Happy Krsna Conscious Appearance Day. HARE KRSNA!

After many many lifetimes of struggle and hardship and by some very good fortune, I met Your Divine Grace, who is saving me from the onslaught of material energy. I shudder to think how I would have been still bounded in the complicated network of maya. I am still not totally out of it but by Your Divine mercy I hope to be.

You as my tolerant spiritual father taught me how to develop taste of offenseless chanting, which has given me immense peace and bliss. You still have kind words to calm me, even though I repeat my mistakes because I am a stupid, unworthy, fallen speck of dust, trying hard to come out from the clutches of maya. I am very grateful to You for being so tolerant and compassionate, and my words cannot match the feeling I have for You. You taught the magic of attaching 'Krsna's arrangement' to every situation, big or small, which changed my perspective of life completely. Now I live with zero anxiety or anger or fear. This has led me to profound Faith in Krsna and immense love for RADHASHYAMSUNDER.

It was my dream to cook kachoris for my adorable HDG Srila Prabhupada in this lifetime. YOU fulfilled that dream for me by giving me Brahman diksha. Gurumaharaj because of YOUR mercy, Srila Prabhupada's mercy, and the mercy of the DIVINE COUPLE, I have a wonderful spiritual family of amazing godbrothers and godsisters, and the most wonderful association of exalted devotee congregation of Vrindavan dham. Sometimes I have to make sure it's not a dream !



Gurumaharaj, now as your disciple, I would love to propagate the mission of HDG Srila Prabhupada, distributing Krsna Consciousness to the conditioned souls who I meet..But I have no special qualification except immense faith in You and Srila Prabhupada. And only by Your blessings and mercy I will be able to reach the standard You expect from Your disciple. Thank You for giving me diksha—an opportunity to serve You even though in an insignificant way Please bless me to increase my taste for offenseless chanting of the holy names. Please give me the taste of hearing your lectures so that I may be able to repeat as they are for others benefit.

I pray in all earnestness that please allow me to suffer my lot for which I am destined due to past misdeeds, but let me have the power of recollection that I am nothing but a tiny insignificant servant of the Divine Couple, realized through the mercy of my Divine Spiritual Master, Lastly please forgive me for all the offenses committed knowingly or unknowingly in the course of my trying to serve You, HDG Srila Prabhupada and other Vaishnava

Respectfully, with utmost humility and gratitude,

YOUR humble servant,
Vrindavani dd Md



Ever Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Hare Krsna.

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada and your ever enthusiastic service at his lotus feet.

All glories to your ever forgiving and merciful grace , which is the mercy manifestation of Srimati Radha Rani, the Ahladini shakti of Sri krsna.

*Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhū-tale
srimate Mahatma Prabhu iti namine*

*Namaste saraswati deve, gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi, pashchatya-desha-tarine
Mukam karoti vachalam, pangum langhayate girim.
Yat-kripa tam aham vande ,shri-gurum dina-taranam.*

Wish you a very Happy Appearance Day Dear Guru Maharaj, Thank you for being born. Thank you for taking birth in this material world to save all of us. Thank you for saving me from becoming an impersonalist. If you had'nt saved me my best chance would have been to maybe one day merge into the Brahma-jyoti and fall down again helplessly. Your association and guidance has taught me how to depend upon krsna for every thing and to learn to take every thing as his arrangement.

In various situations you have practically demonstrated this in front of my very eyes and I am always just left speechless with wonder .

I remember once in Edison, we were to get your India Visa application done and later you had to give the Tuesday online class. We didnt have much time to get the visa and as luck may have had it, some how the visa application that was sent wasnt complete and they rejected it. It was such a super stressful day. I cant even imagine how stressed out you should have felt that day. At least that's what I thought but I was so wrong. Just after that You started to give the online class with super enthusiasm and a smile on your face, like nothing had ever happened. I was right there in front of you and God knows I have no idea about what you said in that class . I was just super amazed and caught in awe

that even after a stressful situation like this you were brimming with happiness , as enthusiastic about the class and your service to Srila Prabhupada and krsna.

That day you taught me the lesson of „ ALWAYS BEING ENTHUSIASTIC IN SERVICE „ ^_

This time when you were in Mumbai and we were going to Chowpatty Temple. I remember you wanted to leave within 40 mins of reaching Powai. I so so wished to spend more time with you and you agreed to go later. That's when I messed things up and we ended first going to Juhu temple and then Chowpatty temple, in full traffic and you got super late. I felt so embarrassed and so stupid to have missed out on the address details, which wasted so much of your precious time. But you were still so calm and peaceful and said it was „ krsna's arrangement „ . I felt like again a lightening bolt struck me. That day you again taught me „HOW TO HAPPILY ACCEPT THINGS AS KRSNA'S ARRANGEMENT „ ^_

When we reached the temple you mercifully took me and Krishnamay with you for His Holiness Gunagrahi Maharaj's darshan. There are so many disciples of Maharaj who would do any thing to have his one darshan at this time and you choose me out of your causeless mercy to have his darshan. I am so grateful for that. That day i saw how happy Maharaj was to just see you and how happy you were to see him. That day you taught me „HOW THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GOD SIBLINGS SHOULD BE“ ^_ . I pray we all disciples of yours , can have the same unconditioned love, affection and relationship 50 years down the lane.

A few days later i again went to Juhu temple, standing where you stood, I went inside the temple. Trying to think where you must have gone or walked from. I could have burst into tears you weren't there !!!!! That day you taught me „ HOW TO DEAL WITH SEPARATION AND LOOK UP TO KRSNA AT THAT TIME „ ^_

A few years before once you were leaving from Newark Airport and you had the ticket in hand. We were inside the airport , moving towards to security check. I think we were looking for the correct line and you went up ahead and asked an airport personnel about it and that person was so rude to you. I was taken aback by how he could have dared speak to you like that . Then I saw you deal with him, with a smile and you walked away. I was again struck by awe . That day you taught me „ HOW TO NOT ENGAGE IN FUTILE ARGUMENTS , HOW TO LEARN TO WALK AWAY AND HOW TO NOT LET IT AFFECT US“ ^_

Once when you had a flight from JFK and we were driving down from NJ to NY. I was driving. I felt so happy always driving with you. Those are like my super cherished memories that will always be close to my heart.

To got to JFK we had 2 options, One went through all of NY city and the other was a free way. Out of my esteemed ignorance, I ended up taking the route all though NY city. We ended up not missing even a single red signal. It took horribly long for us to reach there. I felt like such a fool that and I was going to be the fool that made you miss your flight. You must been worried but you were still joking and talking happily all through the way, until we reached the airport. Luckily we made it just in time. I was so amazed looking at you. That day you taught me „ PATIENCE „ _^_

Once I had written an email to you, I dont exactly remember what i was going through at that time but it was a difficult situation for me. I remember i wrote to you thank you for not giving up on me and you wrote back „ You are too precious to give up on“ . I remember crying with gratitude so much after that. You have shown causeless mercy on my fallen soul even when i didn't deserve it. That day I learn't „ COMPASSION „ from you _^_

You have always taught by example the power of „ TOLERANCE OF SPEECH „ AND „HUMILITY IN DEALING WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE“

I have so many more stories of your wonderful past times that have always taught me so much and are for ever engraved in my mind.... I could go on and on... Thank you for taking the time to teach me so much Guru Maharaj _^_

I pray that if I ever cook Khichri.....let it be for you

I pray that if i ever book a ticket.....let it be for you

I pray that if i ever make a sweet ball....let it be fr you

I pray that if i ever miss some one....let it be you

I pray if ever write an email.....let it be for you

I pray if I ever fall...let it be at your lotus feet

I pray if i ever have to wait at an airport.....let it be for your flight

I pray if i ever try to learn any thing new..... it may be for your service

I pray if i ever take a walk on the beach....may it be in your association

I pray when ever i do Japa....let it be with your voice in my heart.

I pray that if i ever make a mistakeplease be there to chastise me

I pray if i ever get crowned a foolmay I be a fool surrendered to you.

I pray I am able to follow your instructions to the letter.....

Your sentences, Don't press the panic button, press the Maha Mantra button“ and „ Follow Your Guru's mood „ are for ever engraved in my heart. You have taught me actually how to separate my material life and mind from devotional life. I pray for your blessings to always remember and practice this. Without your mercy I would easily get swayed away again.

My wish is to serve you till my last breath and to know an instruction even before you give it, so that it could save your precious time.

I feel so emotional writing this and beg your forgiveness if i couldn't write is as nicely as it should have been written. Thank you for reading this and the hundreds of emails i write to you in my mind every day.

I could give my life for you Guru Maharaj.....but giving up life would be easy....living is the challenging partso i will do my best to live according to your instructions and in your service.

I promise to try my best to be a better disciple in your service _^_

Your ever grateful servant
Gurunistha devi dasi



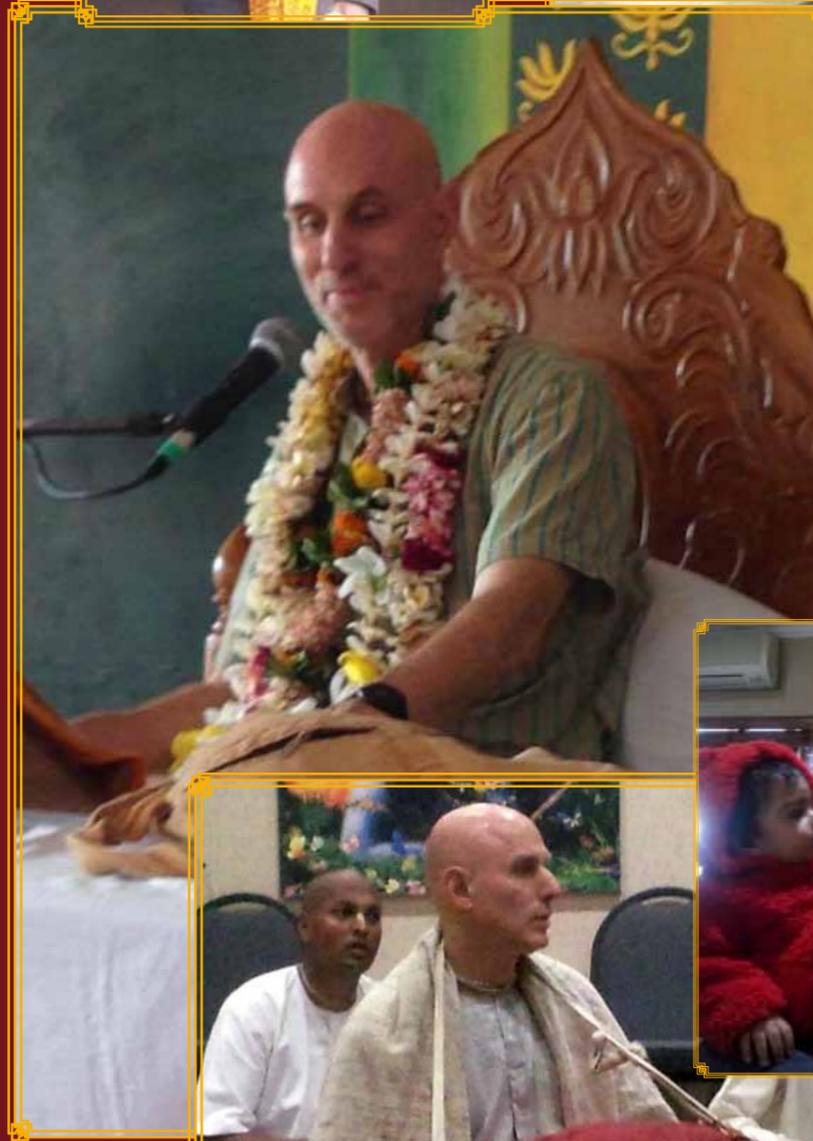
Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhpada.
All glories to you.

Another year has passed and still I haven't served you. A year filled with excuses as to why I couldn't, putting the blame on time, places, circumstances, resources and others. I chant my rounds and follow the principles but I feel like a hypocrite at your feet. I say we will make something happen here in Mexico and we have done nothing. What can I offer you? What do I have to show? The past few years I have been pushing to make your vision a reality only to fail time and time again and come up short.

I will not be satisfied until I have something to offer you. Yet, somehow in that desire I am fueled to push forward and it has helped me in my sadhana. I often dream of the day, in detail, of you coming here with everything ready for your arrival; courses, seminars, a center, retreats and thousands of people becoming devotees, getting close to Srila Prabhupada and Krishna. It's because of your dream, vision and service to Srila Prabhupada that I can say I have a spiritual life. It is the reason I wake up in the morning to chant my rounds, the reason I try to share the Holy Names with others, and the reason I try and cultivate healthy relationships with the devotees around me.

You give so much time and energy to bringing people closer to Krishna and I just wish I had something to offer you, to reciprocate. It is said that the spiritual master has given such a gift to the disciple that it will forever be impossible for him to repay, but that he should forever try. I wish I could promise this year there will be a room filled with a thousand people ready to learn how to chant, a center to bring these people so they can take courses to bring them closer to Krishna and advance in Bhakti with everything also available online. I can't promise that, but I do promise it will happen and I won't stop until it does, in my desperate attempt to reciprocate for everything you have freely and lovingly given to myself and my godbrothers. Just to be a part of your service to Srila Prabhupada has given me a life to feel content and happy with.

Your servant,
Prem Kishor Das





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srimate mahatma prabhu iti namine
nama om vishu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-swami iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani- pracarine
nivishesha-shunyavadi- pashchatya-desha- tarine
om' ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjanaalākayācakṣur unmi
litam' yena tasmai śrīgurave namaḥ*

Hare Krsna Guru-Maharaja,
Please accept my love and dandavats.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and Sri-Guru!

Another year has gone by and on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja I pray to Krsna that He may continue to bless us with your inspiring association for many more years to come.

It's been two years since you blessed us with the gift of initiation in this beautiful tradition, and so much has changed since then for that is the nature of this world, and everything will continue to change. But in this restless ocean of material wonder we can take shelter and know that there is one thing that can anchor us so that we may find our way back home, back to Godhead; our desire to serve. So we thank you for fulfilling this desire and engaging us in Srila Prabhupada's mission to spread the teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu all over the world and bringing us closer to him and Krsna.

Please continue to bless us with your wisdom and service, and please forgive us for any offences we may have committed. Your somewhat absent but always mindful servant,

Atmananda dasa (a.k.a. Gupta)



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All Glories to Srila Prabhupada! Jaya Gurudeva!

Please accept my humble obeisances

Dear Guru Maharaj,

You have deeply helped my spiritual life with your care and compassion. Every interaction I've had with you in person, in class, and via email have been inspirational for me. I often reflect on the time when you brought Prem and I to our first Mangala Artik at Laguna Beach temple. It was just us in the temple, you sang in devotion and it occurred to me who you really were and what you were giving us. That morning you showed me a real glimpse into Goloka-Vrindavan. As I look at today, I see that you have given so much valuable instruction and care for my spiritual life. Unfortunately, I have not fully executed and have not the realizations that I potentially could have. A realistic view of myself, I see that I can be lazy, materialistic in my dealings and choices and have not truly stretched out to my full potential nor limits. I remember you once wrote me to the effect of, It's ok to be fallen as long as you do something to correct it. What do I have to offer you, to Srila Prabhupada? I would like to say I've accomplished something, my own self but I haven't. All I have to offer is my faithfulness to you, your service, vision. I want to cultivate and give the holy name and teachings of our acaryas. I want to do it right, with care as you have mercifully shown me. I hold dearly your instructions, guidance and relationship. As long as I am following your instructions with full sincerity, I am truly safe.

Your servant,
Jaya Gopala Dasa





All Glories to Srila Prabhupada;iii
All Glories to you Beloved Gurudev;iii
All Glories to the assembled devotees;iii

Beloved Gurudev please accept my humble obeisances:

I do not know how many times
Maybe, I have been waiting
For your divine presence
Millions, thousands of lives
For you being now in my life

Gratitude is all
I can offer to you
As your mercy has come to me
As the fluent water river
And every time a word is spoken by you
This fluent river becomes an OCEAN OF LOVE
Worlds come and worlds go
But you remain fix in service
Never taking time for yourself
Always giving to other love

My mind cannot understand
How big you are
How patient you are
How empathic you are
How intelligent you are
How smiling you are
How compassionate you are
As I have never meet a soul as you are.

The more I see how hard you work
The more I want to please you
Nonetheless I am so lazy
And impure to achieve work done

I have learn many great things from you
But still there are millions of ideas to go through
I am so hungry to know a lot But my mind keeps me away from
the real source of love.

You are who is keeping me close of Krsna
You are who are always there for me
I feel so close from you
That even if Canada, South Africa or India are in between
You are in my heart always near to me. :)

It is hard to express everything in some words
As this material world can become kind of short
But I prefer to show you my love by actions
As you deserve, instead of only nice words
Actions follow by reactions.

My deep desire
in my heart
is to serve you
In fulfilling Prabhupada 's mission
We will do I am very sure
As all our heart is centered there
And our energy is pointing toward being success

You will have such an amazing organization
Full of devotees eager to serve Krsna
Spreading His voice through sweet words
And Calling Prabhupada presence all over the world

Gaura Premanande will be listened
In a united loving and sweet voice
HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE.

Soul Tools and Mantra Project
Are only starting
A new world order.

Your aspiring to servant
Anuradha devi dasi

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances and love.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!! All glories to you!!!

I am so grateful to Krishna to be your disciple, and a part of your wonderful preaching and also being able to have the privilege of your association always either through your lectures, your articles and writing, your music, through service or in your presence. At any place I can listen to your music and immediately connect to you, Prabhupada and Krishna. Thank you so much for making yourself so available for us.

You are such a wonderful soul full of compassion, mercy, understanding, love, humility, talent, determination, surrender, creativity, intelligence and so on. I always admire the time and effort you dedicate to your service to Prabhupada and the devotees, you are always thinking how you can serve and make better and greater things and projects, you are always helping us and inspiring us to be better, to do new things for service and to always give our best for Krishna. You are my example to follow.

I want to thank you again and again and again for everything you have helped me with, you have inspired me so much to better myself continuously and better my japa until by the grace of Krishna and yours one day I can be pure enough to go back to Krishna (I know I have a long way to go). Your classes and material on japa are one of the most precious things for me because I get so empower to just give my full heart and attention into that loving relationship that japa actually is.

You constantly show us by example to be always humble, appreciate and take care of devotees as you expertly do, things you inspire me to remind myself to be and to do constantly.

I pray to Krishna I can be a better disciple and serve you as you deserve, serve you more and with quality as well. I know I have failed many times but I want to improve and make you happy one day with what I do. Please forgive my offenses.

“I know I’ve failed in many ways, To serve you, to love you.
I know I’ve wasted many days, In forgetfulness of you.
I know life pulls me away, Sometimes I put things above you,

Yet this one thought never fades:
There’s no meaning to life without you.”

If the day turned dark, If the night turned bright, If the stars didn’t shine,
If wrong was right, If the sun turned cold, If the planets fell,
If the moon turned hot, Or if heaven became hell,
Still nothing could stop me from serving you,
Still nothing could take me away from you.
You saved me.

Thank you so much for engaging me always in the service of Prabhupada and Krishna. Thank you so much dear Gurudeva for everything you do, for who you are, for caring for us and giving us your love and guidance.

Your servant,
Rasika Devi Dasi





We are organizing a 6 month Soul Tools intensive course for 25 directors of non profit organizations. The course is called The Conscious Entrepreneur and is meant to help directors and business owners focus on people and planet over profit as well as provide support for bringing regular spiritual practice in the workplace such as meditation.

We are holding mantra project intros everywhere we can, apart from our weekly meditations at the park. This year we are trying to organize a massive meditation we're calling 1,000 voices, 1,000 hearts. So far we are getting a great response.





Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisance. All glories to your beloved Srila Prabhupada. All glories to You on this auspicious day of Your vyasapuja.

*mukam karoti vachalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripa tam aham vande
shri-gurum dina-taranam*

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

Dear Gurudeva,
I remember one day in Braj, where I was so lucky to have a short walk with You. You gave me the chance to see how You deal with people. How attentive You listen to the directions from simple brijawasi people and how serious You accepted each of their instructions about the Holy name. I was surprised, because You are The Guru and You give classes and seminars about Holy Name all over the world for many many years. You have dedicated all of your life to spread the Holy Name to others and at the same time You listen to ordinary shop workers in Braj with so serious and humble mood and accept their words so deeply. It gives me an example of a perfect guru, whom himself is always a perfect disciple. I can see Your life and have noticed You are always so humble and tolerant with everybody and so respectful with all living entities. This sloka glorifies Your qualities and elevated position of Sadhu:

*titiksavah karunikah
Suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

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

Dear Gurudeva, You have an amazing quality to see the essence of everything and bring it to others in simple way with all Your love and gentleness inherent to You as an real vaisnava, who has a soft and kind heart full of love. All You preach is absolutely harmonious and appropriate, balanced and beautiful.

Dear Gurudeva, now I understand more than before, I'm absolutely entangled in the desires of my mind, the needs of this body, in the emotions, in the fears, in the theory and in the philosophy I study, in what is right and what is wrong. Then I listen to You and everything become clear and easy to understand. Even difficult sastras points You can transform to the simplest words that I can easily understand. Avidya vinasa jate - Guru destroys ignorance and it's what I sometimes really feel with Your association.

I pray to see the reality as it is and be free from illusion. Only by Your causeless mercy is this possible. Darkness in my entanglement and ignorance, slowly but gradually decrease and You shows us beauty of a simple life in Krsna Consciousness. Each year by Your mercy I can experience more and more of this very bright flashes in my life - moments, when I can feel the real eternal and very sweet spiritual reality.

I only pray this cloudless state of consciousness one day will be everlasting and by Your mercy all knowledge I receive will be I understood. I pray I too can preach and share this sweet taste of devotion to others.

*yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthā
prakāśante mahātmana*

“Unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master, all the imports of Vedic knowledge are automatically revealed.”

Dear Gurudeva, the most important thing for me is to learn how to connect all aspects of my life with Krsna and You teach me how to see this way by Your strong connection with Srila Prabhupada. I'm very appreciate of all your classes about Srila Prabhupada. So much nectar from such a katha about our Founder Acharya. I hope it will never end.

I pray to Prabhupada and to Sri Radhika to have the opportunity to associate more and continue to learn from You, follow Your perfect example in the future because without you there is no chance of getting back to the spiritual realms.

*bhaktyā mām abhijānāti
yāvān yaś cāsmi tattvata□
tato mā□ tattvato jñātvā
viśate tad-anantaram*

“One can understand the Supreme Personality as He is only by devotional service. And when one is in full consciousness of the Supreme Lord by such devotion, he can enter into the kingdom of God.”

Dear Gurudeva, thank You very much for everything you have done for me. I always keep Your instructions deep inside of my heart and in my mind.

I want to always remain Your humble and happy servant,
Lila Sakti Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudev,
You have opened up my heart and my life and delivered me from anxieties. Thank you for giving me the true purpose of life in serving you. May Krishna always keep You, Jahnava and Braja safe, healthy, happy and well taken care of with Lakshmi! Thank you for being so wonderful. I am so grateful to be allowed to serve you!

Yours humbly,
Gauramani dd



Dear Gurudev,
please accept my humble obeisance to your lotus feet

I'm really sorry, but it's much about feelings in me what to do.

When I met you for the first time I felt like a flower picked up from the floor, where it was thrown away and like you put it on your heart's door then my huge gratitude started slowly slowly to manifest, sometimes in a wrong way, but trying to find my confidence and the right way to serve you at my best while following your coaching's instructions and wishing to be part of your team and all the rest, from where Krishna sent me totally unpredictably, right away, by my self like into the forest

I missed my goal and something went wrong
I'm but still deeply grateful to your warm welcoming and all your never-ending energy and time released and I'll be always in this strong

obeisance from an aspirant servant
Srimati Devi dasi



*Namah om vishnupadaya krishna prestaya bhutale srimate
Mahatma prabhu iti namine
Namah om vishnupadaya krishna prestsya bhutale srimate
Bhaktivedanta swami iti namine
Namaste saraswati deve gauravani pracharine nirvisesa
sunnyavadi pascatyadesa tarine*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dearest Gurudeva

Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have the opportunity to share our feelings on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja. As always we feel very indebted towards you for accepting the two of us, most fallen and unqualified souls as your insignificant disciples. This shows how merciful and compassionate you are and we wish that this compassion towards us increases and to all devotees who are looking for shelter at your lotus feet. Everybody knows it is very difficult to face this material world without the grace of the spiritual master and to deal with it we need to possess transcendental knowledge which we are receiving through your personal instructions and classes. These make us realize that we are Sri Krishna eternal servants and service to HIM is our prime duty. Therefore we wish we can develop a strong service attitude towards your lotus feet so that we can move forward on the devotional path. We are sincerely trying and will always try to do our best for your pleasure and the pleasure of the supreme lord.

As our only well-wisher you are continuously guiding and reminding us of our duties as husband, wife, parents and devotees. You always give importance to two very important qualities of a disciple and vaisnavas which are humility and tolerance. So in that regard we sincerely pray for your mercy so that we can develop these qualities within us.

Due to our misfortune we are not being able to get the maximum benefits of your association as we are full of bad qualities, have disturbed minds and offensive hearts which prevent us from developing pure devotional service attitude. Our goal is to serve you and Lord Krishna without becoming proud and remain with the humble vision of being lower than a blade of grass in order to remain always

fixed in our devotional service and to stay away from all inauspiciousness we have to encounter in this material world.

We hope we can clean our hearts through the cleansing process of sadhana bhakti where you can reside and then we will feel your presence at every moment of our lives as it takes time to actually become a disciple and to be properly situated in Krishna consciousness.

Once Srila Prabhupada told Tamala Krishna Maharaj as long as one remains as a fool then the spiritual master can give instructions to the disciple so we would like to remain as two greatest fools at your lotus feet.

Your most insignificant disciples.

Premavikash Das and Karunamayee Devidasi



Om Agyana Timirandhasya, Gyananjana Shalakhaya

Chaksurunmilitam Yena Tasme Sri Guruve Namah.

Namah Om Vishnu Padaya Krishna Prishthya Bhutle,

Srimate Mahatma Prabhu Itinamine.

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaj
ALL Glories to Your Lotus Feets.
ALL Glories to Srila Prabhupad.

I would like to wish you a very Happy Krishna Conscious Day on this auspicious occasion. I have no words and capacity to glorify you and your efforts to spread Krishna Consciousness around the world to fulfill your Guru's Order. I get great motivation by seeing your tireless service to Your Guru and by seeing that HDG Srila Prabhupad must be pleased. Please Bless Me so that I can get a tinge of it to please you By doing devotional service to Your Lotus Feets. I am Thankful to Krishna for sending you in my life to save me. I am really blessed to have you in my life as my Guru. Please keep guiding me to serve you and serve srila prabhupad in Spreading Krishna Consciousness in best capacity possible. I am thankful to you also for giving me such a wonderful family and I am really fortunate for being a part of them. In my last visit to Sridham Vrindavan I met Vrindavani Mata ji and it was ALL of your mercy that I got my lost Mother back in my life and for this I am forever indebted to you. I surrender myself to Your Lotus Feets, please accept me as your unworthy servant and be merciful on me so that I can become a small instrument in your hands to serve the mission a little bit. I pray to Krishna to keep you in good health always so that you can accomplish what your Guru instructed to you and deliver as many souls as possible. I really cherish ALL the moments of my life spent in your association till now, those were the best and still gives me happiness whenever



I think about them, the best days of my life. I seek your blessings to do Harinam sankirtan with right attitude and with the mood of surrender to Harinam Prabhu to Please the Lord. I seek your guidance so that I never grow ego inside me for anything and become more and more humble every bit of my life to carry out the service nicely. Without your mercy I am nothing and I wish to be nothing but the servant of the servants of the Lord who is preaching the mission to deliver the souls of Chaitnya Mahaprabhu in this world, by your mercy.

I really feel nice whenever someone ask me who is Your Guru and I proudly name You and they start glorifying you. It's nice to hear about you always from the other devotees.

I pray to the Lord for your Good Health and wellness so that you can preach more and more.

Your Humble Servant
Hari Kirtana Dasa
Bahrain

Hare Krishna, dear Mahatma Prabhu!
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I was thinking that I always tortured you with my long-long letters and a lot of words and I was thinking that this Vyasa Puja I will make you a present, I'll try to make it concise and in a special format. This is dedicated for You:

When I was lost
Bewildered of reality
Internal mess and chaos
In other words: insanity
I was guided to You

Then it started getting better every day
And now we can express to You on this day
Happy Birthday, Mahatma Prabhu !!

Thank You for your blessings, your wisdom of life
of how to follow the process and how to survive...

[Chorus]

Happy Vyasa Puja Mahatma Prabhu
Govindam adi purusham tam aham bajami
Happy Vyasa Puja Mahatma Prabhu

Spasibo chto vi est i chto vi s nami [eng. Thank You for being who You are and for being with us!!]

When my mind confused everything around
You've given me the hope, the shelter I found
You made it all so clear

Your mercy, compassion, attention and love
Your patience, higher than the sky above
You destroyed the fears

Thank You for instructions, for guidance, support
For showing path to Guru and Supreme Lord

[Chorus]

Happy Vyasa Puja Mahatma Prabhu
Govindam adi purusham tam aham bajami
Happy Vyasa Puja Mahatma Prabhu
Spasibo chto vi est i chto vi s nami [eng.

Thank You for being who You are and for being with us!!]

Your insignificant servants,
**Subuddhi Ray das, Manjavali dd,
Vishakha and Lalita**

P.S Undoubtedly no words can really describe how much we are indebted to You for everything. We can only pray and hope that somehow, despite our disqualification we will be able to somehow reciprocate with You. Our humble prayer is to always have the shelter at Your lotus feet. We wish you strong health and long years of life in Your service and preaching in the mission of Srila Prabhupada!



*Nama om visnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhutale Srimate Bhaktivedanta svaminn iti namine.
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine.
Nama om visnu padaya Krishna presthaya bhu tale srimate Mahatma Prabhu iti namine.
Namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine.
Jay Srila Prabhupada. Jay Mahatma aprubhu.*

Please accept my obeisances beloved Gurudeva

Mahatma Prabhu I want to congratulate you for your birthday. There are no words to thank Krishna for putting you in this life in my path. You are an exemplary vaisnava and representative of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. You are a beautiful soul, your great humility and the great love you show to any living being it's inspiring. That great love you associate with everyone. It really inspires me to see how you always include every devotee or person, you cover them and make them feel loved and protected. Gurudeva you are present every day and at every moment of my life. There is no day you are not on my mind. I want to eternally thank you to accept us as your disciples, me and my husband Ananda Moya Das and also for accepting my family with so much love, for covering us and guiding our daughters and their husbands: Aindavi Devi Dasi, Bhakta Jacob, Hladini Devi Dasi y Nimai Pandit Das.

You are our eternal guidance. I want to apologies because sometimes I feel I am not at the level to deserve so many blessings from Krishna and so much mercy from you Gurudeva. I want to thank you for the endless mercy you gave my husband and I to go all the way to New Vrindavan an initiate us and for letting all my family serve you. Your presence only for us in those trial difficult times you arrived and those days were amazingly happy. I remember a pastime with you in New Vrindavan when you were tired and called an old friend who later on picked you up in a red van and in that moment without controlling my maternal love which I always show. I reacted as If I were your mom and asked you: where are you going? Take your sweeter, later on gets cold. It was a spontaneous reaction and as you left with your friend I was worried who is he going with? What if he arrives late and it's cold? And then I realized that I questioned you and tell you to cover yourself as If I were your mom. I cannot help myself from showing that maternal love. Please forgive any offense but being able to take care of you those days was a great gift from Krishna. I pray to Krishna to give me the opportunity of serving you and taking care of you eternally. In difficult times you are the one that lifts me up with a phrase you once said: to think what you would do in if you were in our circumstances those words help me in my daily life. Endless gratitude.

Your humble servant and daughter
Amrita Keki Devi Dasi.



*Nama om visnu-padaya Krsna-presthaya bhu-tale srimate Mahatma Prabhu iti namine
namas te sarasvte deve gaura-vani -pracarine nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya- desa-tarine.
Nama om visnu-padaya Krsna-prestaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine
Jaya Srila Prabhupada.*

Dear Mahatma Prabhu p

Please accept my humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

Today in your glorious Vyasapuja I don't want to miss the opportunity of glorifying an excellent vaisnava even though I am in a very low level and I possess no good quality. I just want to thank you for giving us your mercy last year in New Vrindavan to Amrita Keli and me. All thanks to Krishna and your kind heart we were also able to be with you and benefit from your association, thank you my dear lord. You are giving so much to the community, to the people, to the vaisnavas so much that all must feel very satisfied with your service. Thank you Mahatma Prabhu for your words, your time, thank you for being.

May Lord Krishna in the beautiful form of Narasimha give you His endless protection.

Your servant
Ananda Moya

*ceto-darpana-marjanam bhava-maha--davagni-nirvapanam
shreyah-kairava-chandrika-vitaranam vidya-vadhu-jivanam
anandambudhi-varadhanam prati-padam purnamritaswadanam
sarvatma-snapanam param vijayate sri-krishna-sankirtanam*

Glory to the Sri Krishna Sankirtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death. This sankirtana 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 knowledge. It increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

All Glories to Sri Caitanya, All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, All Glories to your blessed service to the mission of such great Saints, All Glories to you ever precious and beloved Gurudeva, The glorious day in which we celebrate your auspicious appearance, is the perfect opportunity to express my gratitude to you by words, but there are no right words, I mean that only by my actions is how I really will express this gratitude, I hope that day will come soon.

Since you gave me your merciful shelter you gave me a seed of love. A seed, is always a promise of thousands of forests when it is planted on a fertile ground. I continually pray that my heart becomes into that fertile ground. Inspiration from hearing your instructions comes to water this

This last year have been plenty of many different experiences and feelings, since by Krishna's mercy we have been working together, it has been so transforming experience in my life, that I could realize the enormous responsibility we have to the world to spread Lord Caitanya's mission, and also at the same time I can see how insignificant I am that I cannot imagine how I can serve to such great commitment, but as a small seed can become a big forest by the Grace of the Lord and by watering it, everyone can become also part into Krishna Consciousness movement by watering with love and inspiration.

This is not a simple matter, when impurities also appear in the heart, such as fear, envy, pride, selfishness, and all kind of material obstacles that we need to remove and Your preaching is like a river of inspiration for the lives of everyone you are giving this seeds, so I wish all these seeds will become into thousands of forests of joy, inspiration, and love, where everybody comes and live happily chanting The Holy Names of God.

I thank you so much for including me to serve in your amazing mission, even when I am not qualified at all to do it, I can do it only if it is your wish, and Krishna always pleases the desires of His sincere devotees as you are.

Thank you for your humble and exemplary life full of compassion for all souls, thank you for your merciful shelter I always can rely on, thank you for the inspiration, for the determination, for your existence and for everything you represent in our lives. Thank you for loving us and for sharing Krishna in our heart.

Love can never be love until it is given to others, you know it perfectly well.
With all my love,

Your eternal servant,
Alaksya Devi Dasi



Dearest Gurudeva,

I offer my most respectful and humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to your loving divine grace.

I wish you a very happy vyasa-puja and I pray to Srimati Radharani for many happy returns of this auspicious day. Gurudev since we met this year I feel like everything has changed. It all started that moment in the airplane flying back from Vrindavana where I had the experience of Krishna showing me such mercy by directing my heart to you in a moment of sincere fear. I knew then something was different and I most certainly had to pay attention and follow his arrangement that we would meet in Australia. Many realisations and new spiritual experiences have come by your blessings. Keeping you at the centre of my life, each day I can feel how your causeless mercy flows unconditionally in the upkeep of my devotional service.

I truly feel so protected by you and feel this sense of faith that there really isn't anything that I can't face without your care and direction, it's for two reasons – your sincere care by way of direct conversation, your book, your online classes, endless audio and also the inspiration you provide to always be improving my relationship with Srila Prabhupada and what he teaches about the relationship between Spiritual Master and disciple, if I had one drop of the sincerity and unconditional love that you have for Srila Prabhupada, this would be incredible. Your words/direction are very precious to me. I feel by your grace I have the opportunity to be a better mother, wife and devotee.

Rama feels protected by you and encouraged in his teaching service, by your association he has a sincere and stronger confidence I didn't see in him before – I see him wanting to do better for you, Levi is singing every day to the deities at home spontaneously and I feel this has come about by your conversation with him to be leading kirtan.

Soul Tools is like my baby that I dearly love, if I could be engaged in this all day every day probably I would really feel so blessed and inspired to have been given the opportunity to have any involvement in this amazing service because I really believe in it, you and our mission in service to Srila Prabhupada in modern times, and I will never give up my endeavours in my highest capacity to serve you and the other devotees as long as you desire it.

One of the benefits I have noticed individually is that I am naturally so attracted and inspired that I feel like my heart and thoughts are just very engaged towards this project that I have significantly less time to be selfish or indulge in things that don't support my Krishna consciousness or what is best also for Rama and Levi – I literally spend more time contemplating this and it reduces selfishness. It's just more attractive! I have noticed some of the things I would dwell on or worry about seemed to have dissolved as I have less time to indulge in such things.

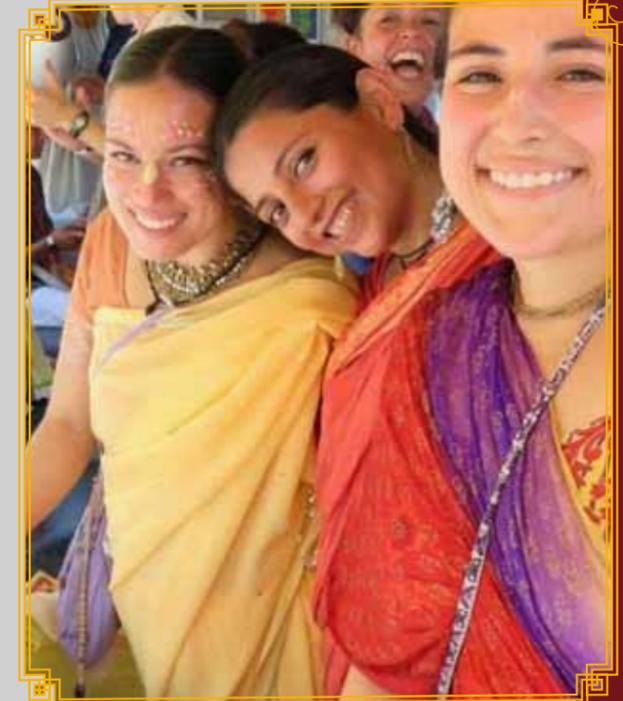
I enthusiastically await for you to return to Australia where I hope I can have the opportunity to serve you directly, with the Aussie devotees and with Soul Tools, but regardless of where you are in the world it is my most sincere priority to serve you as best as I possibly can in my greatest capacity. In your classes you always reference Srila Prabhupada on just about any given topic which I really love and appreciate, I have taken the habit now of using Vanipedia for every day general research -so I was thinking what did Srila Prabhupada say On May 5 th ? You inspire me to enquire and contemplate what would Srila Prabhupada do, think or direct about certain topics, I'm working on training myself to enquire and question on this level as much as I can.

May 5 th 1970 Los Angeles - Srila Prabhupada said Krsna is lion to the demons, and He's lamb to the devotees. (Laughter). Hare Krsna. Jaya. So the atheist, they say that "We have not seen Krsna. "yes, You'll see Krsna as lion when He'll ultimately come and capture you, "ow" (laughter) That is death, Atheist see Krsna as death, and theist, devotee, will see Krsna as lover. Hare Krsna.

Thank you for your guidance and mercy,

Your servant
Alana Rowe





Hare Krsna

Please accept my humble obiesances,
all glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Gurudeva

I have no words of telling you how
thankful I am for knowing you, for
having the blessed opportunity
of serving you in this life and finding
my way back home, back to Krishna.
Even just understanding that this love is
the only thing my heart needs.

It's all I will hanker for despite of my terrible inner pollution. Thank you
so much for your love, your guidance, your service and protection because
without you I would still be lost without a direction to go.

Forgive me for not being able to follow your instructions and for keep put-
ting my material desires on top of you even knowing I walk away from
Krishna by doing so. I don't know if the time will come when I become a
good disciple or even serve you as you deserve. The only thing I know is

I want to serve you, love you and keep holding on to your hand all
my life.

Your aspiring servant
Carmen P.

Dear Mahatma Prabhu

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! I had the good fortune of working with Prabhu on some of his projects while I was in Mayapur last year.

Working for him is kind of like working for Michelangelo just when he was beginning to paint the Sistine Chapel. You've never done anything like it and you don't know how it's going to manifest, but his vision and conviction are so clear and strong that you can't help but take up the project with him. He delivers his messages in such a conversational tone, it's almost like listening to a grandfather telling a bedtime story, but no-one who has ever heard him speak can deny that his words pack a powerful punch. He has the power to distill complex issues and concepts into bite-size pieces for us to remember and carry around with us.

But, Prabhu, despite your razor sharp mind, what I appreciate most is your gentle yet no nonsense way of speaking to people. You listen and hear what people ask of you – even what they don't ask. You are so sold out on Srila Prabhupada's mission that you tolerate all manner of mistakes and offenses against you. I know, because my attitude wasn't always what it should be and you were never upset by it. You either didn't see it, or you just thought, "Whatever. Let's just carry on and do this." You never give up on people or on what Srila Prabhupada asked of you.

I don't think Srila Prabhupada could not have given you a more appropriate name. You are a great master, a great mentor, great friend and great speaker, but most of all you are a great servant and I am deeply thankful that I have your association and guidance. Thank you for letting me walk with you. Thank you for teaching me and guiding me. I pray that I may always follow in your great footsteps.

Your servant
Kamala-sita dasi

Dearest Maharaj,

In my most fallen condition, I am like a helpless and sick child that is dying of some dreadful disease. Being rapidly ravaged by this disease of attraction to Maya and material enjoyments, there really was no hope for me.

But somehow, by the mercy of the Lord and the wonderful devotees, there was a picture altar installed in my home. I remember crying out to Lord Gauranga in my most difficult times: Please give me Your mercy Lord. I am dying here and I need Your help. I don't want to ever come back to this horrible place. Please help me to take shelter of the bona-fide Spiritual Master and ultimately use my body in Your service. And in time, by the Lord's grace, there was a disciples course arranged in Durban. After attending the course, I felt this overpowering inclination that I should approach you to guide me on my spiritual journey. I pray that I am able to render some service unto your lotus feet and follow your instructions. I cannot express in words how very dear you are to me and I pray that this feeling only grows and strengthens with time by taking more and more of your divine association.

I am ever grateful for all the wonderful teachings that you took from His Divine Grace and the beautiful manner in which you impart them for the benefit of all of mankind. I am grateful for the realizations you share and for the boundless inspiration that you offer. I am most grateful for the time that you mercifully give to me, even though I do not deserve it. I will never be able to thank you enough for allowing me to gradually become the servant of the servant of your servants. I am deeply saddened that I will not be able to attend your course this coming weekend in Durban, but I am trying to make arrangements to get some notes or a recording from my devotee siblings. I know that I am not even the slightest bit worthy of offering anything to someone as exalted as you are, but I will constantly try to improve myself, so that I may become useful in offering some service to you.

With much love, my only prayer is that you always have the blessings and mercy of Shri Guru and Gauranga, so that you may continue to inspire others in the manner that you have done for me. I pray that you take care of your health and that you are safe in your travels. I will forever be in great anxiety to take the dust from your lotus feet. All glories to you!

Please forgive me for any offences I may have made in writing this message to you.

Forever your unworthy and most insignificant servant,
Rishen



*nama om' viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa- preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate mahatma-prabhu iti nāmine*

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

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī- pracāriṇe
nirviṣeṣa-śūnyavādi- pāścātya-deśa- tāriṇe*

Hare Krishna Dear Guru Maharaj
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you on this very auspicious
day of your Vyasa Puja

Your glory as a spiritual master is that you are the perfect disciple to your Guru, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. You always lead by example. You once told me that Vyasa puja offering is not only an opportunity to glorify your guru, but it is an opportunity for the disciple to reveal their faults to the guru so that he can help you overcome them. But if I start down that line we will be here a very very long time! I feel that my own words are insufficient to express so I am going to borrow from the arcaryas. As I have always been inspired by Bhakti Vinod Thakur I would like to read a few verses from song Vidyara Vilase.

*vidyāra vilāse, kātāinu kāla,
parama sāhase āmi
tomāra carana, nā bhajinu kabhu,
ekhona śarana tumi
podite podite, bharasā bārilo,
jñāne gati habe māni'
se āśā biphala, se jñāna durbala,
se jñāna ajñāna jāni
jada-vidyā jata, māyāra vaibhava,
tomāra bhajane bādhā
moha janamiyā, anitya samsāre,
jīvake koraye gādhā*

1) With great enthusiasm I spent my time in the pleasures of mundane learning, and never worshiped Your lotus feet, O Lord. Now You are my only shelter.

2) Reading on and on, my hopes grew and grew, for I considered the acquisition of material knowledge to be life's true goal. How fruitless those hopes turned out to be, for all my knowledge proved feeble. Now I know that all such erudition is actually pure ignorance.

3) All the so-called knowledge of this world is born of the flickering potency of Your illusory energy (maya). It is an impediment to the execution of devotional service to You. Indulgence in mundane knowledge verily makes an ass of the eternal soul by encouraging his infatuation with this temporary world.

In spite of being so proud of my intelligence I have not been serving you properly. I always seem to have some excuse for my failings, or none at all. Even though I have realised that I need to work on my humility and compulsive need to control every little detail of every little thing that I do, I am still not there. Of course Krishna always facilitates me learning my lessons. Whenever you visit, I try to impress you by "being attentive" to every detail. But of course things don't always go according to my plan. A perfect example of this is when you visited Cape Town last year. HG Medhavi Prabhu invited you to take lunch at his home. Saradiya was driving and I was supposed to be the navigator, but I was failing miserably at that task. I got us so lost. We eventually did get to Prabhu's house, way past lunch time. After lunch were watching Prabhupada memories videos. In one of the videos, one devotee recounted how he had been reading a lot and preparing many questions to ask Prabhupada so that he could impress Prabhupada with his intelligence. However when he saw Prabhupada his mind went blank and he just stood there looking at Prabhupada. Then Prabhupada looked at him and said to him "I one tries to look like anything other than a fool in front of your spiritual masters he will go straight to hell". Laughing, you turned to me and said "You have nothing to fear Kush, you the perfect disciple." In your humorous manner you crushed my ever so large ego and reminded me of my position, A Fool at Your Lotus Feet.

I still have a long way to go to get back to Krishna I am grateful to Krishna and Prabhupada for sending me a Guru like you to help me on my path. I pray that I may never forget my position so that I may stay under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Happy Birthday Guru Maharaj.

Your Foolish Servant
Kush Singh

(Ananda Nrsimha devi, The Happy Lion that Sometimes bites)

„Gurudeva Krpa Bindu Diya“ by Bhaktivinoda Thakura

Book Name: Saranagati (Section: Bhajana Lalasa Song 11)

(1)

gurudeva! kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro 'ei dāse tṛṣṇāpekḥā ati hīna

sakala-sahane, bolo diyā koro nija māne spṛṣṭvā hīna

(2)

sakale sammān, korite śakati deho 'nātha! jathājatha

tabe to 'gāibo, harināma-sukhe aparādha ha 'be hata

(3)

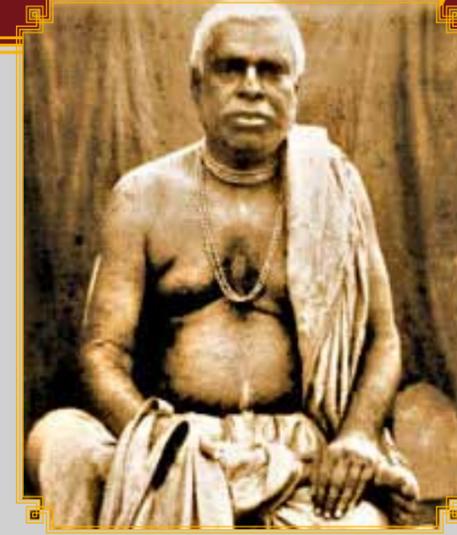
kabe heno kṛpā, lobhiyā e jana kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!

śakti-buddhi- hīn, āmi ati dīn koro 'more ātma-sātha

(4)

jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi tomāra karuṇā sāra

karuṇā nā hoile, kāṅkṣiyā kāṅkṣiyā prāṇa nā rākhibo āra



TRANSLATION

1)

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

2)

I offer you all respects, for thus I may have the energy to know you correctly. Then, by chanting the holy name in great ecstasy, all my offenses will cease.

3)

When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? Allow me to be with you.

4)

If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life.



When I went to India in the last part of 2014, there were two prayers I said at every holy place we came, every Samadhi, every temple. I prayed for Krishna to send me my Guru Maharaja I had realised that I had no idea what I was doing. I didn't know where to go from here. I didn't know which parts of my personality to develop, and which parts to redirect. So I lay on my face all over Northern India, praying feverishly. About 4 months after that, my prayers were answered. I was rushed into serving a visiting Swami by my authorities. To be honest, I had little desire to do this. The idea of serving so closely with such an exalted devotee filled me with anxiety.

By the second day serving however, everything had changed.

In total, I have only spent about a week and a half in Maharaja's physical presence, and yet the entire trajectory of my life has changed. In my chart it shows that I will have a very powerful Guru Maharaja, but I could never even have imagined. Mahatma prabhu is a true revolutionary, just like our Srila Prabhupada. His face might not be on T-shirts (yet), and he might not be referenced in rock songs (yet), but that is of little consequence. His way of acting is subtle and without pretense, he swoops in and changes everything before anyone even notices.

So in honour of him I wrote a poem. I plagiarised a bit from a poem by Bhaktivinode Thakur, because I know that Maharaja loves him dearly (thanks Kush). But let's just call it a tribute. He reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die When thou art living still in sound Wonderful service never dies and never goes to ground

A man, a vision, sets foot in New York a puppet in God's hand
he comes to show the true purpose of work he comes to fulfill God's plan
Alone and poor he strives to serve a frail old man abroad
illusion unmasked, a hopeless task,

no one to applaud he brings the spirit that we have lost
he brings to us our hearts he showed to us at any cost he showed we are a part
of love and joy and bliss unending never need we part the science of transcending
he instills within our heart a hallowed light, he dispels the blight that grows in
heart of man he brings the truth, gives us a roof underneath which all can stand

Then the dreadful year arrives no longer can he stay
his mission calls him elsewhere on that, that fateful day He reasons ill who
tells that Vaishnavas die When thou art living still in sound
Yet our hearts may scream and eyes tear up as his body enters ground
His light was gone, called back home surely this cannot be? He cannot have
left us all alone, nowhere for us to see But what is that sound, that shakes the
ground Does our Prabhupada return? Does, in the soil above his burial mound
his body take shape as we yearn? Alas!

Months have passed, his body's past, no longer in our eye his sweet smile and
most loving laugh, forever we will cry Yet the sweet sound remains, like whis-
pered thoughts I swear I hear his voice he reaches out to all of us, he leaves no
choice rejoice! Another mouth may shape these words yet his voice is clearly
heard Another heart may give this love yet my heart is clearly stirred He
reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die When thou art living still in sound
The heart of a Vaisnava is ever near by no body is it bound Finally, realisation
dawns, he never went away he lives on through those he taught, we need never
go astray His voice and heart, which are as one, has taken many forms
Teachers, gurus, peers and friends, he comes to us in swarms
No longer is he bound by space, for his mission to be performed no longer are
we separate from grace, no longer are we forlorn

Instead of one body and one voice, his sound comes from every side no longer
do we have a choice, no longer can we hide Reaching to us by his loving emb-
race, the conduit extends for us, his grandchildren, his most beloved children
he does send A loving embrace across time and space, it reaches out to me
My life is saved, by His Divine Grace, in the form of Mahatma prabhu, for
everyone to see Rejoice rejoice, my saviour come,
my Guru Maharaja in flesh

My whole life is changed, is turned around, I can finally begin afresh
Never in my wildest dreams, never in my mind
Could I have imagined the loving embrace, and how my Guru Maharaja does
shine!

He reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die
When thou art living still in sound The Vaishnavas die to live and living try
To spread the holy name around!

Your Servant
Axl Maas

Hare Krishna

Maharaj please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Maharaj please allow me to serve you. Please instruct me about my service.

Maharaj i am really, promise one big fool!! But i will feel happy if you call me "Your fool".

Maharaj i have learnt from you so many things. I feel the power to discriminate between the right and wrong things is given to me by you. May be not applying them perfectly but at least can know that I am awrong. I learnt from you that when we are hiding our faults thinking that we might upset, disappoint, lose respect or for some other reason then the consciousness is material. Especially this teaching has changed my life. I feel little confident than before.

I don't keep talking about my little services like I did earlier because I learnt from you that is not humility. If we are doing it to inspire others or please a senior then we can do it.

I have learnt from you to be happy on seeing others happy and successful. Because of you i take the courage to smile and glorify others on seeing them advance. Sometimes when I don't feel naturally happy, i do it forcefully with an intension that one day i will naturally become like this.

Because of you when I want to imitate senior bhavas, i do it without hesitation remembering that i am not on the same level.

Before when i sat in Kirtans i would never be able to sing with concentration thinking that others will think i am overacting or something. But now I don't hesitate to sing with concentration in front of anyone. Because you once mentioned that if you are chanting well in front of a senior vaishnava then go ahead, at least for that time period you are doing well. Otherwise i would always think „i am only acting in front of a senior devotee“. Now I think let me at least act, this way for some time i can concentrate.

When i think of you i feel protected and confident.

You once said „I want you to be a servant of all devotees“. Since then I have been meditating upon this and unlike before I feel happy when serving vaishnavas. I feel happy because I take this as an instruction from you.

I glorify devotees because you said it creates a good atmosphere.

I learnt envy arises when we are not satisfied with ourselves. This thought subtly helps me a lot.

I have learnt from you to face failures in life and never give up trying. This has helped me maximum. I have tried so many things which I never did before. Only keeping this in mind.

There are zillion things that i have learnt from you and can keep mentioning but I don't want to speak about it till i practice them in my life.

Maharaj you have done wonders in my life and this is not all. I know you can change everything in me. The problem is in me, I am failing in my attempts to follow your instructions. I love you. I don't know what I have to do.

Maharaj please take care of this idiotic fool. I want to be beaten up by you very badly. I love you

Your Eternal Servant
Sitalangi





Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya
bhu-tale srimate Mahatma Prabhu iti namine

Namaste saraswati deve, gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi, pashchatya-desha-tarine
Mukam karoti vachalam, pangum langhayate girim.
Yat-kripa tam aham vande , shri-gurum dina-
taranam.

Dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All Glories to
you on this auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

I am so thankful to have you in my life, even though I know sometimes I don't write as often as I should, and that I have many anarthas, the truth is that before I met you I was completely lost, navigating through life like a dog without his leash. Even before I met you in person I had been following your online classes and courses and it was one of my deepest wishes to be able to have your association and follow your instructions. So I'm really grateful that you accepted me as your disciple, even though I may be the worst of all.

My only wish is to be able to serve you as you deserve, to be able to follow your footsteps and be of any help with your projects. I know I don't have a lot to offer but all of me, my resources, my enthusiasm, my devotion, my will and my stubbornness, I'm aware that is not much but is all I can offer you and I'm willing to do it for the rest of my life.

You are my greatest inspiration and not a day goes by that I don't thank Krishna and Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to try to serve you. You enlighten a room as you walk in and you give a sense of peace to anyone who has the fortune of listen to you sing. Please forgive my many offenses, and my inability to be a proper disciple.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Silvae

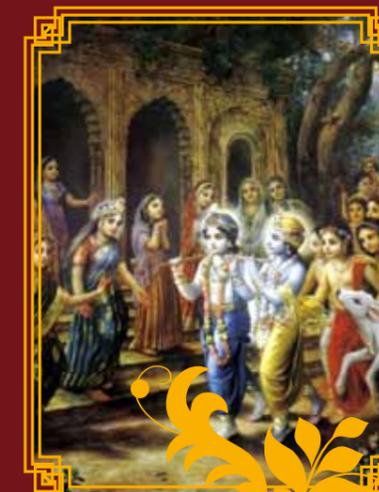
Dear Gurumharaj,

This is the first time in my life that I have the chance to write something like that... and actually I ask to my brothers and sisters how to do this in the proper way... but I decided to write you directly.

First at all I thank God for the mercy that gave me, for letting me know in person, these few days for me were amazing. The chance to know some like you, the way that you explain the Prabhupada's instructions was really interesting for me. Then when I have the opportunity to talk with you, I was really surprised, as you knew I lived in a temple for 1 year looking for some answers about my „exciting life“, about the things that I have to make to please Krishna, and you when your lovely way to explain the spiritual and material stuff I felt very happy because the vision that you have is so near to my thoughts and my experiences. For few months I was thinking about to write you, but I was trying to deal with the things that I have in my mind, then I decided to talk with you for some minutes, and your words were like drops of water to a thirsty, that make more easy the decision to aspire to be your disciple. Now, I know that it was the right decision, with all the stuff that are happening everyday in my life, you help me to clarify my mind and my feelings. As I mentioned someday, when I have the chance to talk with you I feel so happy, because I find many of the answers that I want to hear, even when tips that you give are a little bit to execute, I'm making my best everyday. I don't have anything to give you this day, I love to give presents, but now it is quite difficult for me, but I have my small hands, my legs and my brain to help you in your mission, to help you to propagate the Krishna Conscience around the world, please taking me into account :)

Thank you for every second, every word, for aaaaaall your patience, and please forgive me, I know I'm a difficult person, but I think I'm a good one, or at least I'm trying to do my best for sure. Thank for give the right words in the right moment. The life in this material world is so difficult, but with your instructions, you help me to find a north. Happy birthday and I hope to see you soon. Hari bol :)

Eddy Rico Grey





My dear Gurudeva,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
First of all I want to thank Krishna for letting us be in your association.
I hope we have such opportunity for many more years.

As you already know and remember I am not good expressing myself and even less when I write. The only thing I can tell you is that you are a wonderful being Krishna sent us to lighten our paths in this immense darkness that surrounds us. You are a person who was sent to save and try to save lost souls and souls drown in the mud of this material world.

I offer you thousands of apologies for not being a good devotee, not even a devotee attempt. I know I have constantly failed because of my stubbornness of wanting to continue to be in this perverted ocean of birth and death. I hope one day I can have the courage and bravery to be able to give the next step, move forward and be a better person. I really hope you can forgive me and continue to extend your hand to help me and lift me up so I can come out of this. I thank you for all your teachings and I hope you continue letting me serve you and Prabhupada.

With love, Your aspiring servant,

Yiyetzi.



All glories to Sri Guru and Gouranga!!!
All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!!
All glories to you!!!

Dear Gurudeva please accept my humble obeisance.

As I have always said, I am very clumsy in expressing myself but I will try to glorify you in some way. Today in the glorious day of your appearance I want to thank you for all the inspiration you have brought to my life. Krishna was very merciful in giving me a second father like you. Day after day you inspire us to chant better the Holy Name. I will never be able to stop thanking you everything you do for us. I hope to be your servant life after life and understand everything you teach.

Your aspiring servant

Saranagati Dasi



All glories to my divine master, because he has an endless flow of mercy, awakening in us the light of eternal existence.

Your eternal servant

Ana Lilia.



Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya
bhu-tale srimate Mahatma Prabhu iti namine
Nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
Srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
Namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani- pracarine
Nirvisesha-sunyavadi- pascatya-des- tarine

Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you on this wonderful and auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja!

As the years go by I remember the first time we met and how merciful you were to me, to take pity on such a fallen soul, to be so generous with your time and to be so loving to such a rascal daughter. Finding the words to express how much this has meant to me is proving difficult, but a few words from the heartfelt bhajan Gurudeva Krpa Bindu Diya summarise it so beautifully:

Gurudeva, give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass. When will such mercy fall to this one who is weak and devoid of intelligence? If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life. In particular the last line, if you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is literally everything that I am made of. It is only by your mercy that I have been able to do anything in my life, be it personal, professional or spiritual.

People often ask me how I cope with the work that I do, and my immediate thought is: guru maharaj deals with far worse than I do, with senior devotees, new devotees, people in general. He has to look after his family, his disciples and still finds time to give class! This is my constant inspiration and encouragement; you are so personal, caring and loving with everyone you meet, I feel so fortunate that by Krsna's causeless mercy I have been able to encounter your mercy and that our relationship has flourished since then.

You have never turned me away no matter how silly, mundane or challenging I have been. You have never turned me away no matter how sinful I am. You have never turned

me away no matter how late I wake up! This I am eternally grateful for, because this level of compassion touches the heart and stays etched on there, like an engraving on stone.

I pray that on this auspicious and wonderful day your health remains strong to allow all the amazing preaching activities to continue. I pray to always be able to serve you no matter where you go. I pray to always be able to hear the nectarian glories of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna from your lotus mouth and pray that maybe one day, I can put into practice your eternal instructions and exhibit even one drop of devotion that you have.

Thank you for all the help you have given me all these years guru maharaj. It has saved me in the darkest of hours, in the deepest of pitfalls and in the harshest of miseries. I will never forget the first time we met, where I felt so broken, lost and hopeless. But somehow by Krsna's causeless mercy, I was able to encounter his pure devotee. I remember speaking to you that day, pouring my heart out (without even paying obeisances!!). I remember feeling that although externally my situation had not technically changed, something internal had, some spark was being fanned and something had reached the heart. That was your mercy. And I remember the months after that, crying constantly because of the situation and feeling so lost, confused and hurt. But then whenever I received instruction from you, or recalled our conversations, I felt enlivened, encouraged and determined to move past it.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you every time you come to the UK guru maharaj. It is always a transcendental adventure despite the numerous mistakes, offences and mishaps I cause. I always relish that time I spend with you and immediately notice the void in my heart as soon as you leave. I hope and pray that I can continue with this amazing, wonderful service and that I am able to serve with some love, devotion and sincerity, as currently I have none of those qualities! Please forgive me for all my mistakes and offences over the years.

Dearest guru maharaj, no words could ever express just how grateful I am for your association, time and mercy. I pray that one day I can offer you some meaningful service and be of some use to you. Wherever you go, to whichever end of the planet, whatever service you do, please take me with you. Please be merciful unto this fallen jiva and engage me eternally in your service. For without this, my life is useless and has no meaning.

Your unworthy aspiring servant,

Jenny

Hare Krsna dearest Guru Maharaj,
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to you dear Guru Maharaj
All glories to your beloved disciples and to all devotees

‘nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate bhaktivedanta-
svamin iti namine’

‘nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale srimate
mahatma prabhu iti namine’

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

I have had a few epiphanies in my spiritual life of which the first one was in a coffee shop in Holland where I met a devotee for the very first time about 11 years ago, I heard Krsna consciousness for the time and realized for the first time in my life I had found what I was seeking for for so long. I could not believe what I was hearing, I instantly feel in love with the philosophy.

Second time was after 10 years of somewhat being involved in KC, I was going to Mayapur for the first time. For so many years I listened to devotees talking about the Dhaam and finally I was going myself with Krsna’s mercy, when arriving and greetings the deities I knew then as I still feel now I was home and that I’m on the right path.

The third epiphany was last year in 2015 when I was fulfilling a dream by being able to do my Bhakti Sastri in Mayapur, half way along the course I remember very clearly,” what is this teacher talking about, this does not feel right, is this the best Mayapur has to offer?” and then I met Bhakti Vidaya Purna Swami and I heard his classes, I was blown away by his crystal clear, simple but sophisticated classes.

I feel that my spiritual life is just starting now my heart belongs to you. I have hesitated for so many years, postponing my decision to become a worthy devotee for so long. One of my dearest siksa’s lives in Holland, a 64 year old brahmacari. He always told me and the last time was at our dear beloved

river Ganga while cleansing ourselves for the last time before leaving back to Holland. He said,” If you want guru, you have to cry for it”, but even on my last day I could not find tears. And then it happened, thing started going bad and I realized more than ever, I cannot do this alone, I cannot do this alone and I cried my eyes out. I cried, praying on my knees to Krsna,” please Krsna help me, I understand now, my life is yours, do as you wish but have mercy on me. Not much later you came into my mind dear Guru Maharaj, I realized my guru was right in front of me the whole time, I just did not have the eye to see it. I started listening to your lectures and I knew instantly after only a few words, this is it!!

Epiphany number 4: Mahatma Prabhu is my Guru

Although we are just starting to get to know each other, I can tell you with all of my heart, with tears rolling down my cheek how grateful, happy and eternally blessed

I’m feel you are a part of my life. I have been looking for you for so long. I’m so excited about your mission, your projects and your sweet mood I don’t know where to start expressing myself. I feel I have so much to offer you but I know it is you who is offering so much to me. I can only pray I will be of service to you as you are of service to your Gurudev, our beloved Srila Prabhupada. There is so much to do.

I was reading the offerings of last year and I was so touched by your beloved disciples, what a great family. They all love you so dearly each in their own way. I wish I can come to that level of devotion. Please let me be an instrument to your mission and Srila Prabhupada. Please be patient with me and forgive me for any wrong doing. I humbly ask you teach and guide me.

Dear Guru Maharaj, if ever you doubt yourself (which I don’t think you often do), please know that what you are doing, this mission you are on, is going to change the world. Its value has no price, it is the greatest of gifts anybody can offer. What you are doing is amazing, mindblowing and life changing to so many people.

Hare Krsna, Your servant,
Bhakta Nicolas



Dearest Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to you on this auspicious day of your vyasapuja, all glories to Srila Prabhupada! May I always take shelter and guidance from you and our previous acaryas.

Everyday I think about how grateful I am that you accepted me as your aspiring disciple. The inspiration, encouragement and mentoring you have provided me has helped me go deeper in my Krsna consciousness, and I am always trying to think about ways In which I can better serve you.

Your seminars and kirtans give so much insight and inspiration to me and so many devotees, along with your very deeply connected stories of Srila Prabhupada. The association and

love you have for Prabhupada comes across as so deeply genuine, caring and sincere that it has helped me to develop my own relationship with him. Your dedication to following Prabhupada's instructions and preaching shows me, and all of your disciples, the best example of how we should also try to serve you and the movement. Your lectures give so much practical and spiritual advice. With your knowledge on Sastra and how to read between the lines of Srila Prabhupada's purports, you share with us the deeper underlining meanings. I feel this is a true gift from Krishna and is yet another example of your many exalted qualities.

Without listening to a lecture of yours daily I find myself lost. The guidance and insights I receive from you recharge my batteries and motivate me so that I am able to continue with my services. You inspire me with your calm, direct approach to counselling and I hope one day I'll be able to help others in the same way you do.

The attachment I have to serving you has become so strong that every task I do I'm always trying to think of how it could be most pleasing to you. I feel so grateful and blessed that when I email you, you take the time to respond in such a way that I know always has my best interests at heart, and which will help me become more krsna conscious. This inspires me to keep focussed on my services and duties and makes me want to become a better devotee.

My commitment to serving you in any way possible is a blessing to me and I will always strive to do my best to serve you in any task you ask of me.

Humbly Your Servant,
Andi

From Mukesh Dhoni

COUNTLESS BOW-DOWNS TO my GURUDEV MAHATMA DAS, ON HIS VYAS-PUJA DAY I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO HIM FOR HIS SHELTER GIVEN TO ME.

I AM STEADILY PROGRESSING ON MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MY BELOVED GURUDEV, MAHATMA DAS FOR THE LAST TWO AND HALF YEARS.

I FEEL VERY CLOSE TO HIM DUE TO HIS OPEN HEART & MIND. MY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE IS ENRICHED BY OUR FREQUENT Q&A VIA EMAIL.

HIS SYSTEM OF MONTHLY REPORTING IS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH PARTIES. I PRAY TO LORD FOR SMOOTHNESS IN HIS PREACHING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



Dear Mahatma Das,

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

Thank you for your personal guidance and for gifting your classes online. Listening to and hearing them, as well as, Maha Mantra are changing my life in the most profound way. They resonate deeply, helping to unify my bewildered mind with my sincere heart. I spent most of my life discouraged, while determined to find a cause that truly inspires me. Krsna is my Cause. Your love for Krsna, your Bhakti, keeps me inspired, builds my faith and encourages me on my bumpy road homeward bound...

I'm starting to realize that there are gifts in the darkness, like jewels...that life and my unique relationship with Krsna is a precious jewel.

Please accept my gratitude which extends far beyond this world. I pray that I can serve you and Krsna by striving to realize the qualities of a devotee and sharing Bhakti with many others.

Jai Gurudev!!!

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Your Servant,
Sunni



My dear Mahatma Maharaj, Please accept my unworthy obeisances to your lotus feet. All glories to our divine spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada.

I've been struggling about what can I write that had some truthful meaning, then, about two days ago, again you had the mercy of show yourself in my dreams, that day was specially full of doubt and fear for me, thinking I don't deserve your mercy, your instructions and your infinite love, was a painful day and a restless night.

In my dream I died and you appeared next to me and we walked together towards a bright place, you left me in this magic place and said some words to someone, I didn't understand quite everything until I saw myself surrounded by devotees singing and dancing, and then far away, I saw someone who I later understood was Krishna, my dream was full of adventures in this place and I hope telling you this is not offensive.

When I woke up all my doubts were still there, but, this is how we suppose to feel in this material life, we should never take something for granted, except now I know, the love of our spiritual master and all the devotees of Krishna, this is the perfect love I'm afraid to lose everyday.

I know I'm not as perfect and a good devotee or even a good person as my spiritual brothers and sisters, but you love me still like one of them. You are the father I never had. Thank you.

My only wish is to serve you in this life and all the lifes I've left to live. In this auspicious day I wanna to thank you for being in my life. But first of all thanks to Krishna for sending such a beautiful soul like you to us.

Your servant
Samantha Pelcastre



hare Krishna guru Dev ,

I am very insignificant to write this, but didn't want to miss the chance to thank u. U r simply amazing guru Dev . The minute I saw u, I knew God have send u specially for person like me, who have nowhere to go. U have some mystical powers to read my mind & give thea exact solution to my problems, even without me asking it from u. I am so blessed to have met u in person. My japa had never been better before I attended ur japa classes. They gave a whole new life to my japa. But me being so insignificant, It lasted only for couple of months. The one liner thoughts of yours are so inspiring, that it can change anyone ,s life for good. I had heard u sing brahma samita in Blore, I felt like u would bring down God for all our deliverance. So powerful it was. The concern u show to be connected to each one of us is remarkable. The mail with basically nothing on it, is also replied by u, shows, how much u care for us. Hoping to be initiated by you someday

Your aspiring devotee
Pooja



nama om vishnu-padaya
krishna-preshthaya bhuta-
srimate Mahatma prabhu iti namine

please accept my humble obeissance.All glories to
Guru and Gauranga.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.All glories to Gurudev

hare Krishna

I cannot always put blame on Maya whenever I have
strayed from the path of spiritual life.I mean i know,I
was taught,all I had to do was play my part,make an
effort to always stay in loving service to Krishna and
always chant his sweet,lavishing names.what I lear-
ned is that it's my choice not to follow

it took me a while to find you and finally I have. All my life,I have been picked
up and picked on,struck about and beat up until you turned my life around.
I am always falling short of being worthy because I am not good enough but
you still accept me as your disciple.

even thou sometimes I become a yogi and disappear the time I appear again
you still give me service and you still see potential in me.you still advice me not
to give up Krishna consciousness and not to do anything stupid. even when I
am facing difficulties with my spiritual life you still help me get back just like a
father teaching his child to ride a bicycle for the first time

I am not a devotee as yet,still learning what a devotee is and how to serve. I am
not pure at heart but yes I want to serve. I am so blessed to be at your service.
I pray that one day I could be worthy of your service and your instructions but
most of all your love

your servant
Bhakti Rasa Dasi



My Dear and Respected Prabhuji,
Hare Krishna!

Please consider accepting my prostrate and humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Pancha-tattva!

On this day of your Vyasa puja, first, I would like to express my gratitude to Krishna and Gauranga to most compassionately offered your association. This association is actually of the dust of your divine lotus feet, the happiness and wisdom effulging out of which is making me happier each day. This happiness and contentedness is spiritual as my life being gradually transformed and moving towards real self. Thank you so very much for being there and being there to seed and sustain the remembrance of Srila Prabhupada and Vaishana-va parampara.

Of the many modern day diseases, not having someone, non-judgemental is one significant one. This suppresses the emotions and makes many victims of one's own mind. Thank you for being there to listen and to gently correct.

Of the many disqualifications of modern day, not having compassion is one that is troubling the society so much. Thank you for being a living example of compassion in its true spirit and through that living example teach me to be compassionate to others.

Of the many troubles I have had, not forgiving others was one of the biggest obstacles in my life and progress of it. Thank you for removing the thorn and making me feel the fragrance of forgiving and self-liberation.

Of the risks, hopelessness especially in spiritual life is the fundamental one. Thank you for being that hope and making me believe in the simpler and complete assurances that Srila Prabhupada has given.

Of the catastrophic dangers of today, having faith in Guru and Krishna is a conceit. Thank you for making me realize the truth that I have miles to go, but it is doable and doable in one lifetime.

I was hearing Srila Prabhupada yesterday. He is saying, "sakala janme pita mata sabe pay krishna guru nahi mile bhajaha hiyay". Thank you so much for mercifully meeting with me again and again. Your tolerance tolerates my ignorance and yet every-time lovingly fills the emptiness of my heart with joy.

Your aspiring servant,
Chetan

To Your Grace Mahatma das Adhikari
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories to You. All glories to the vaisnava devotees of Lord Caitanya
All glories to your Vyasa Puja

Guru Maharaja
Your preaching has been an inspiration and I am dumbfounded by its consistency and strength.

Thank you for helping me and so many souls out there to pursue spiritual life. I pray that your Vyasa Puja is joyful and blessed. I have written a small offering below for your pleasure

One day when we were doing japa walk in the mountains of Cape Town, you told me in my next life I would come back as a guitar string. Low and behold I looked down and at my feet was a red plectrum.

I saw this as a sign.

Please string me over the guitar neck of austerities
Please tighten me with the tuning peg of the regulative principles
May you use your fingers of shastra to play melodies over me,
from your heart, Strum me in harmony with the other "strings"
to resound the MahaMantra continuously

Un-tuned I am nothing but noise
Alone I am worthless
Play me Guru Maharaja, that I will always be in your eternal kirtan
and on the lap of the vaisnava's
I pray that I will never snap away from my vows.

Your eternal servant
Bhakta Jason

Your eternal servant
Bhakta Jason



Hare Krishna prabhuji!
Dandavat pranams.
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
Wishing you a very Happy Birthday!
Thank you for bringing my life from darkness to light.
Thank you for your unconditional love, support and guidance.
Thank you for everything.
With gratitude and love,
In your service ,
Ekta

Maharaj today is a very special day for all of us. Krsna has blessed us with you and we are thankful to God because he has given us the best gift and we could not have got a more special gift. Whenever I am angry and think what good have I got? I am reminded of you and become calm. You are everything. We need you.

To The Love of My Life
You are the only reason for me to survive
Because you alone help the conditioning in me revive

Almost when falling from the cliff of a mountain
It is only your mercy that helped such situations surmounted

Every second in life is a big struggle
But you make them look like a tiny bubble

I feel completely dependent on you
While even the thought of rendering service is still dew

I promise it is not possible to be in Krsna consciousness without you
That is why please make me die before you

I sincerely pray to be your eternal servant
Please accept me because for all my sins this heart is repentant
(Although not sincerely repentant)

Your eternal eternal servant
Sitalangi Madhavi dd



First of all I want to offer my humble obeisances to You and His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada!

I am very grateful for your kind guidance and selfless service in helping me to advance in Krishna Consciousness. Your personal approach has touched my heart and inspired me to take shelter at Your lotus feet.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to join you in UK last year. Your presence and Your preaching programs helped me dramatically in my spiritual practice and I gained many valuable insights in preaching to public in general as well as devotees.

I hope you are doing well in your preaching and that Krishna will reciprocate with your desire to develop preaching business.

I hope that soon I may be able to help You to please Krishna. At the moment I am busy with resolving my material situation (I am looking for a job and recently I met a girl who is a devotee and she has 1.5 years old son and we are very compatible for family, so I have to sort out many things to provide them with all necessities).

If there is anything You feel I could be useful at please let me know and I will see how can I help You.

p.s. I have attached a photo as requested by your disciples.

Yours Sincerely,
Tom





Hare Krsna Mahatma das
PAMHO AGTSP

I'm sure there are more formal and regulated ways to send you this nevertheless I learned today was your appearance day and although I'm most qualified to say anything I still felt a strong desire to at least try.

I understand you joined Krishna Consciousness in 1969 and despite the many downs especially in the 80s you have remained resolute and determined. That is truly amazing because I believe you must have had many a chance to justify why not to stay but you did. That to me demonstrates your strength of character, deep faith, seriousness what to speak of your ability to tolerate.

During this time you have had many different services, selflessly given so much to the devotees and remain to do so as well as grown tremendously. Putting your own desires of being a musician or sannyasi aside day after day, year after year, must have taken a lot of understanding on your path.

Over the years I cannot imagine how many devotees and non devotees you have guided and supported to live a more fulfilled and aligned lives. This highlights to mean you are a true Guru, not wanting anything for yourself, no name or fame except to selflessly give. That for a person like me who is full of selfish thoughts and desires is a big pill to swallow.

On this most auspicious day I would like to simply say thank you knowing too well that is not enough. In fact if truth be known I do not think any words can justify your contribution to the world or others however that's the only word I know and that I can express from the deepest inner core of my heart. I would also like to apologise for all the things you have experienced in the 'hare Krishna' movement that you should not have and despite doing so you remain as humble, kind hearted and the well wisher of all.

For me you exemplify the 26 qualities of a devotees you advise everyone to work on and it's a pleasure to know that someone like you exists in this world. It really is pleasing to my heart and soul. I am so grateful for you having entered my life and am excited about the changes you can motivate me to make through your deep understanding and simple yet poignant presentation of our teachings. I really really really cannot wait to just be in your presence. I pray we can work together in a two way exchange to attempt to please Srila Prabhupada.

vancha-kalpatarubhyash cha
kripa-sindhubhya eva cha
patitanam pavanebhyo
vaishnavebhyo namo namaha

Your insignificant servant,
Dipak

My very dear Gurudeva!
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

Sré-guro paramānanda
premānanda phala-prada
vrajānanda-pradānanda-
sevāyāā mā niyojaya



My dear spiritual master, who gives the fruit
of the highest bliss – the bliss of love of Godhead – please engage me in the blissful
service of Sri Krsna, who bestows bliss upon the land of Vraja.

Dear Gurudeva!

I am so grateful that Krsna send you in my life. I got new hope that I can change
and that in ISKCON are some devotees with common sense, ready to give training
to everybody and ready to help as much as needed. You are not giving solutions,
you make us find our own solutions. You are making us strong and healthy in our
Krsna consciousness not like blind following sheeps.

Dear Gurudeva, I am hearing your kirtans and start to dance (sometimes). My
love and affection for you is increasing every day (love as Guru/disciple). I am
hearing your classes and I develop the desire to apply this knowledge in my life
and share it as much as possible.

I wish I could serve you more and more, learn from you and help others and mys-
elf to become better devotees.

Thank you for all your wonderful services and taking so nice care of this fallen
soul

Your insignificant, aspiring servant
Aditi dasi
Mayapur, India

Dearest Mahatma Prabhu,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada, all glories to You and Your services.

I consider myself very fortunate to have received your association and mercy for
almost six years. So, it is my great privilege to express my gratitude to your cause-
less and unconditional help in my life and to all the devotees in Iskcon.

You are indeed one of the best counselors and guide in our movement. I am really
inspired by the way you are always situated in the transcendental mode of good-
ness inspite of taking so many responsibilities as a guru, parent, teacher & other
roles that you take. You walk your talk so that itself is very encouraging for us. Just
by being in your association, I feel happy and it brings out the best in me. By your
advanced association, our consciousness automatically gets elevated and starts
rejecting the influences of the lower modes.

Your kirtans, lectures and the way you present your workshops, seminars are all
exemplary. Especially your guru tattva classes and the way you have explained me
the concept of guru tattva is extremely commendable. I have really learned and
evolved a lot in my understanding of guru tattva due to this. Also your consistent
quick response to our correspondence is very useful and something that I find is
very rare in our devotee community.

Inspite of your extremely busy schedule, you have always taken time out for re-
plying to my innumerable questions and responded to them in such depth. So, I
am very grateful to you for that and I deeply appreciate your personal care that
you have always shown to me and my wife. Being so personal inspite of so many
responsibilities is what I feel is a very special and unique quality. You are indeed a
Mahatma in every respect and a rare breed.

My deepest and heartfelt prayers to their Lordships on your appearance day is that
He bestows on you and your family very good health so that we may continue to
receive your association for many years to come and whatever obstacles you are
facing in your service to devotees be removed soon. I also offer a very special pray-
er for your financial situation. I wish and hope that it never becomes an obstacle in
your service to Srila Prabhupada and to the devotee community.

Lastly, kindly forgive me for any offenses that I might have committed unknowin-
gly due to my immaturred and inexperienced nature. You may correct me at any
time and I will consider it to be my fortune.

Always aspiring to serve You.
Your insignificant servant,
Prema Rasa Das

Dear Mahatma Prabhu.

Please accept my humble obeissances, all Glories to Srila Prabhupada and all the Glories to you and your preaching! Please forgive me if I commit any offenses.

I want to wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja, I pray Lord Nrsimha to protect you, so you can keep blessing us with your preaching, teaching and your instructions on how to follow in the spiritual path back to home.

Some weeks ago I took a course in Cuerámarao (Mexico) called Guru-Disciple, it is mandatory to be initiated, and one of the most important messages was “Take the time to choose a Guru, it might be years before you find the right one for you, listen to different classes from different Spiritual Masters, and let pass at least one year before taking any decision or conclusion”

I understand the reason why they recommend that, however I just can think about you, and every time I do I feel happiness in all my heart. You are an example to me; you have all my admiration and respect. I want to deserve your sympathy. I have not taken refuge at your lotus feet yet, I will follow the recommendations given by the devotees, but it is a fact that when I hear your sweet voice, it is just like testing the most delicious Prasadam.

In the last days, I received your answer to a letter I sent you, I was at work turning on my computer, and when I opened my mailbox and watch you have answered, my heart started beating I wanted to cry while I was reading what you wrote. Since that day I started listening to your “Finding your Dharma” series in Sound Cloud. Your instructions are so exact and always come with Prabhupada’s examples. This is so inspiring listening at the love and connection that you have with our Acharya Srila Prabhupada.

Dear H.G. Mahatma Prabhu, I long for the day I can see you again, even if you are present in my mind every time I chant, and every time I offer the meals, I want to see you again. And so far, I beg the day I am able to execute a service that may be worthy for your.

Thank you for all your projects, for the inspiration, for the instructions, your classes and your example. I want to celebrate much more Vyasa Pujas for you!

Your aspiring devotee
Alejandro Rubio

Cause for much joy and happiness is to celebrate the VYAS PUJA MAHATMA DAS, my Guru shakti.

First of all I must express the deepest gratitude for so intense that I transmitted to give me complete protection; a feeling of great wisdom, just is thinking about my Guro, by force, the value, security that gives me my Guro, to continue this transitional and temporary road in the midst of all the obstacles and adversity. To be able to recognize my faults, mistakes, weaknesses and everything that I reduced in the development and delivery complete Krishna, to be able to continue to evolve in the spiritual path, which is actually very narrow and difficult to understand by human thinking without that light I get so bright and radiant. So in this way I can go gradually evolving in the path of the total surrender to Krishna, dying in life to the illusory world that binds us to the material world, which paralyzes, deflect and loses, to power as well beating maya. It is a principle that has no end, so wonderful is the strength of the Guro, get it in all the moments and moments of my life, but I want it even more vigorously to continue to change in love and surrender to others.

Thanks by all what have received and will continue receiving in form free and excelsa, reiterate I am very cheerful and happy to the to be in this day so special.
KRISHNA KRIPA

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances.
all glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you!
All glories to your service!

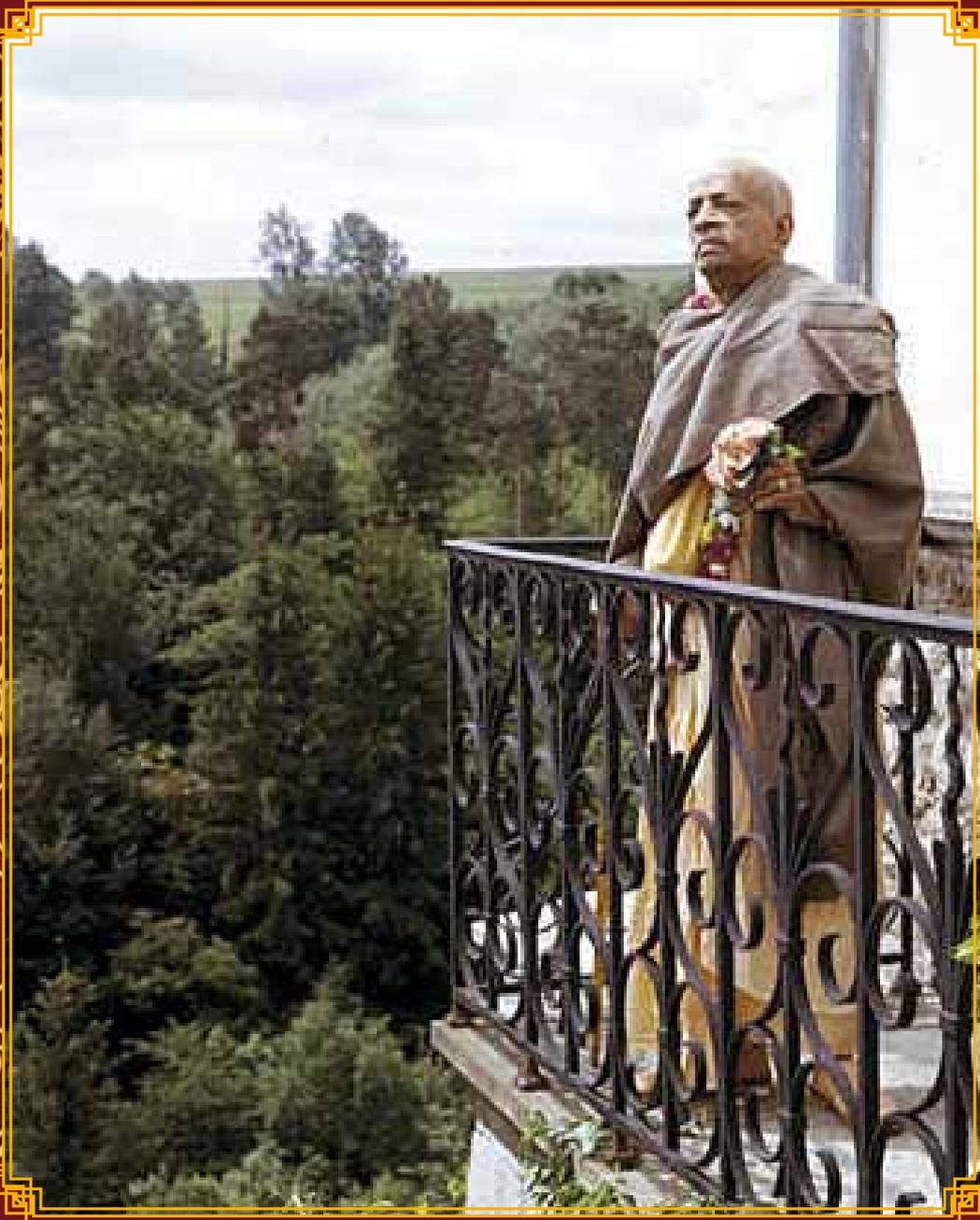
Dear Gurudev,

I wishing you a very happy VYAS PUJA in SA.
Thank you for beeing there always, for your advice, always, for tolerating and engaging this half baked devotee in your service, always.

I looking much forward to the day when we finally going to meet and i get the opportunity to serve and learn from you personally.

much love!
your insignificant eternal Servant
Ashalata

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare



*You must teach them by your own personal example
otherwise how will they learn .
If you are loose in your habits , then everyone in your temple
will also be loose in their habits .
- Srila Prabhupada -*

