

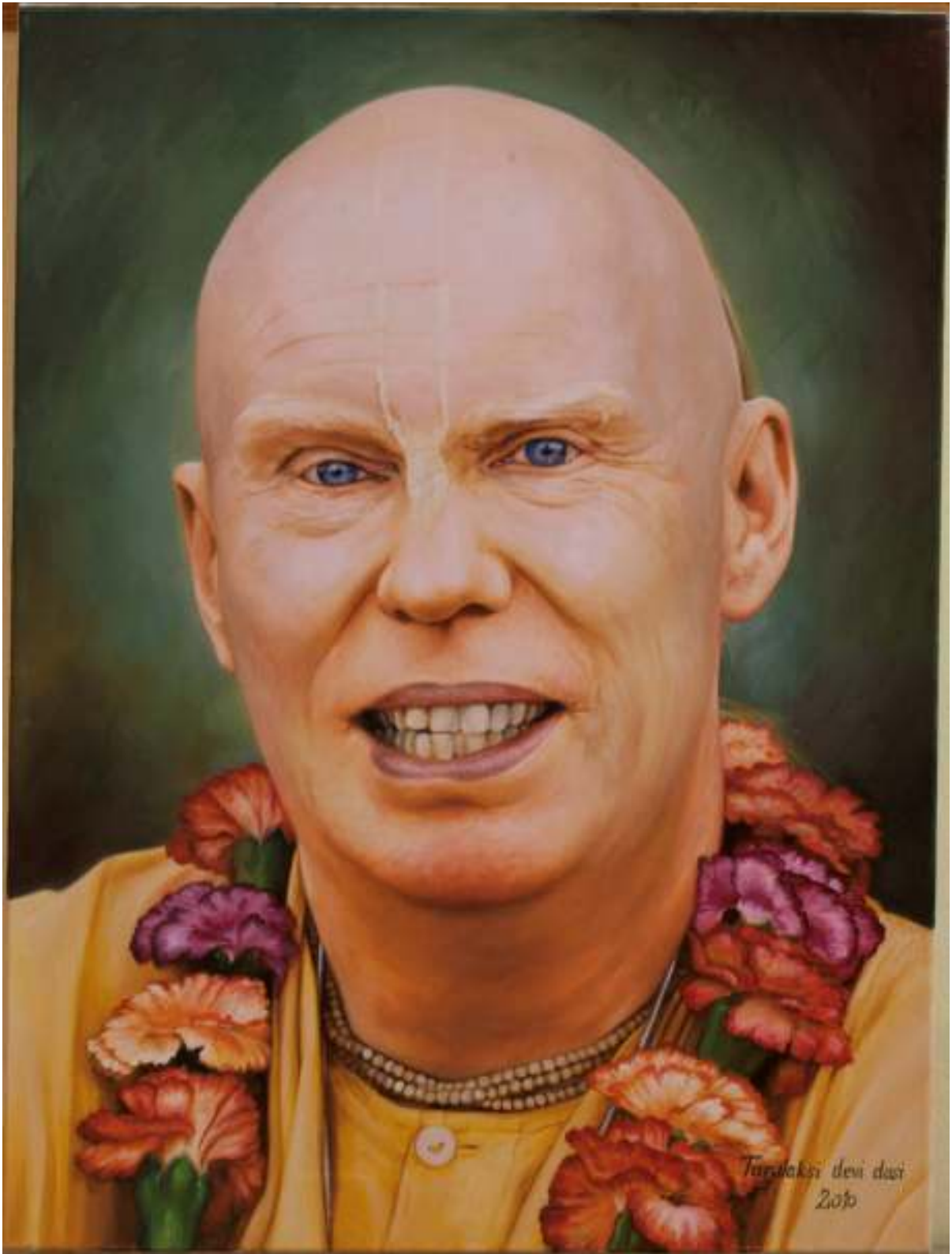
Sri Vyasa Puja

The Most Blessed Event- August 14, 2012

The appearance day of our beloved spiritual master,
His Holiness Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami



Homage's From Kwazulu Natal, South Africa



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2010

Bhakta Akash

Please accept my humble obeisances!
All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath!
All Glories to Sri Giriraj Govardhana!
All Glories to Sri Gaura Hari!
All Glories to Srimati Tulasi Devi!
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All Glories to HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja!

Hare Krsna!

My dearest Srila Guru Maharaj, Lord and Master!

I should be the last who should even be able to glorify you!

A very Auspicious Birthday to you!

Aside from taking shelter of Srila Prabhupada and his Iskcon, the other most life changing, life saving, life freeing moment was realising I found my Spiritual Master! You answered all my questions about myself without me even asking! You gave me direction, gave me reason and gave me Srila Prabhupada.

But these things I took for granted, I thought myself strong and wise but boy was I foolish walking around like I knew who I was and where I'm going! But you still love me, still protect me and guide me in my Krsna Consciousness. I am finding who I am, I am growing in my understanding and I am on my way home, back to Godhead. Many will say that that is what Spiritual Masters do, but you fathered me, natured me and for this I will remain always grateful and under your lotus feet!

For all your blessings, love, strength and mercy may Sri Sri Radha Radhanath forever be merciful upon you! May your service to Srila Prabhupada grow beyond measure spreading this most amazing movement.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva.

Please take a seat in my heart and reside there for all eternity! I pray my love is pure enough to bath you lotus feet.

Your servant
Akash Gokul.

Bhakta Amith

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale

śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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

Hare Krishna dear Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to your divine grace, and all glories to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.

I wish your Divine Grace Srila Gurudev a very happy and blessed appearance day.

Srila Gurudev, I want to also thank you so very much for accepting this worthless fallen soul as your disciple. I really don't deserve your mercy and I pray that I am able to always follow your instructions properly and become sincere.

Your Divine Grace Srila Gurudev is so very humble, kind, tolerant and understanding that despite me being so useless you have accepted and given me shelter at your divine lotus feet. I don't know where I would be right now had it not been for your wonderful mercy-actually I'm nothing without you.

I thank you again and again for tolerating me and offer my repeated obeisance's at your Lotus Feet.

Your unworthy servant
Bhakta Amith

Bhakta Preston

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha.

It gives me great pleasure to offer my heart and service to your divine lotus feet. I remember the 2008 Ratha Yatra, the year I joined this ecstatic movement. I got attracted by your perfect character and by the way you presented Krsna consciousness. You always present the science of Krsna Consciousness very beautifully yet so simple. It's due to your mercy, my attraction to Srila Prabhupada and this transcendental movement increased.

I always thought who would introduce me to Srila Prabhupada, the parampara and their Lordships; It was a dream that awakened me to your position as one of Srila Prabhupada's true general's. The kirtans, lectures, your humble character. Love for Prabhupada, love for your God brothers and time for everyone really inspired me. I am really indebted to you and this exuberant mission. I pray that with your assistance and guidance, my Krsna consciousness would grow. Srila Gurudeva please bless me to have good qualities of a good vaisnava like you.

Your unworthy aspiring servant of the servant.

Bhakta Preston

Bhaktin Marcelle

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

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Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaja

Please except my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet and all glories to Srila Prabhupada, Radha and Krishna

All glories to you guru dev on this most auspicious day of your vyasa-puja I want to thank you for accepting me as your disciple. Through your constant prayers I have remained by the shelter of Krishna and Srila Prabhupada. You have always been my spiritual strength guru dev.

Forgive me for any mistakes or offenses that I have committed unintentionally at your lotus feet. You are a radiant light that has brightened my once dark soul and I pray to always remain at the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your Aspiring Servant/Daughter
Bhaktin Marcelle

Jivani Devaki

To My dearest Bhakti Caitanya Swami

All glories to your divine loving grace.

In all forms of life and variations through the different species one can see very clearly that there is a quality that is unified throughout, and that is the quality (mood) of protection and care within ones boundaries. Caring for the weak of the group enabling a stronger, firmer framework by which they can progress into different fields in their lives. Maharaja, you are one of the people who have been the building blocks, and workmanship to help create a spiritually bright framework for me in my life. As I ponder this sweet, nectarian mercy you have given me, I realise that I am an unworthy receiver. What comes to mind is a scale, when an owner of a fruit company is selling his products he weighs it in accordance to how much the buyer wants to purchase. In this transaction there is an equal balance i.e. the seller will give the amount the goods cost, the

buyer will intern pay the corresponding amount. In my dealings with you Maharaja this balance is lost, nonexistent, this is so because you give me so much of good fortune and care, and I give nothing in return. If we were to go into business together, you will not have me on your list as being one of your top customers!

Srila Prabhupada uses the analogy of a train coming to a village that has never seen, or heard of such technology. So in eagerness to view this wondrous spectrum all the people of that village gathered at the time the train was destined to arrive. One group of people came forth and admired just the lights of the train from a distance, the next group took interest in the exterior of the train and was satisfied, the next group examined both the interior and exterior but not very closely, but the final group waited for the crowds to leave and examined the train, both inside and out taking all its details into consideration. Srila Prabhupada describes that all the people who observed the nature of the train were all perfect in their findings. As a train it has bright lights, a furnished exterior and interior and is run with a detailed process. This analogy shows the level at which people see God, from one level they just see light, from another level they see a partial slice of its form, moving closer they see its form and activities and finally they see the Lord in His form as being the complete whole. Maharaja, through my life you have helped me to look at Krishna more closely and I know one day by you help I will be able to see Him in His perfectly complete form as Govinda, the one who gives pleasure to the cows.

In this material world one comes across three types of men. The uncivilised, the half civilised and the fully civilised. It is said that those who are civilised are ones who take time in the hearing process. You Maharaja are a truly civilised soul as your whole life is simply dedicated to hearing and conversing in the Lords pastimes and activities. I am proud to say that I have the association of civilised souls like you as it is rare to come across such greatness in the midst of this iron age.

Maharaja, you are a true hero. Your mission is fighting the illusion which is maya, and delivering people from their fallen conditions. You are a real hero as you do not fight your run of the mille crime but you fight the crime that fallen conditioned souls take interest in which is falling in the hold of maya. By your extra special super power which is your Krishna sakti, you are able to bring souls from temporary joy to eternal joy that is ever increasing “anandam bhudi vardanam pratipadam.” If anyone asks me “have you ever come across a super hero?” my answer will be yes, I can refer to one off hand, Bhakti Caitanya Swami. Maharaja, you are as dear to me as a bee is to a sweet smelling flower. Upon connecting with a flower a bee is fully satisfied and is in complete bliss with its sweet pollen. You Maharaja are my good fortune, a truly rare something to come across. I thank you for this.

Maharaja I pray to always have your care in my life and I pray to never lose your sweet grace. I thank you for all you have done for me in my life. I don't think I will ever be able to repay you but I will try to by becoming a better devotee in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement. I will strive to become a worthy warrior in the battle against maya and one day make you proud.

I love you very much.

Your servant,
Jivani Devaki

Nirasha Moodley

Dear Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day.

Since our very first meeting, for some unknown reason - which I can only put down to causeless mercy, you have always taken a special interest in my spiritual life. Unfortunately I have yet to take full advantage of this special mercy and sufficiently develop my Krishna Consciousness. I pray that I may one day be able to live up to your expectations.

I look forward to the day that you will once again bless our home by your presence.

Aspiring to be your servant,

Nirasha Moodley,

Raksha Budhram

Hare Krishna Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Guru Maharaja

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my respectful obeisance at dust of your lotus feet.

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

Maharaj, I feel so blessed to have your wonderful association. You have helped me in so many ways including introducing my family and me to Krishna consciousness and now helping me become more serious in my spiritual life.

I pray for your continuous blessings and guidance and thank you for everything that you have done.

Happy Vyasa-puja. Have a wonderful day.

Your aspiring servant

Raksha

Bhakta Sanesh

Hare Krishna

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to you, your Holiness, Bhakti Caitanya Swami
Maharaja, I had come to you in with such an infantile approach, no knowledge, limited words,
even
haphazard in paying obeisance's, and yet still, you so kindly spoke to me. Your mercy is
boundless.

This causeless mercy I see in you Maharaja, it filters down through all your disciples. I see your
instructions being carried out in the very best of ways, and I hope one day to please you too.
Through your guidance and that of your disciples, I have become so much more engaged in
devotional service, I am carrying out activities that I could only dream of, and I pray to you, Srila
Prabhupada, the Supreme Lord that I may always continue to serve.

Even though I have been associated with this movement of Srila Prabhupada for a long period, I
only feel now, that under your guidance, and that of the vaisnavas, I can make some progress.

Maharaja, thank you for your guidance, your words, your kindness and your mercy, to my wife,
Eurika, and I.

You continue to inspire us to carry out our duties to the best of our abilities, thank you!
On this most auspicious Vyasa Puja, Maharaja, I just want to thank you for being the perfect
example for me to emulate.

Hare Krishna,

Aspiring to be your eternal servant
Bhakta Sanesh

Sean Moodley

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

namāmi bhakti-caitanyaṁ prabhupādānusevinam
śrī-vraja-dhana-māhātmya-pradarśakam kṛpārṇavam

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Your Divine
Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

It is said that one should remain a fool before one's spiritual master but somehow I have managed
to take that to a lower level – I am like a fool that throws away diamonds to pick up stones. How
fortunate am I to have the association and guidance of such an exalted devotee as yourself, yet I
stubbornly cling onto my foolish ways?

When I am in your presence, listening to your mesmerising accounts of the pastimes of the Lord
or dancing to your ecstatic kirtana, I feel spiritually energized - just like, I am sure, every other
disciple feels. Unlike the others, though, I cannot maintain that momentum when I am bereft of
your personal association. Yet, despite my short-comings, you always encourage me to soldier on
with your kind and inspiring words.

You are creating so many qualified disciples who are propagating this Krishna Consciousness on your behalf and on behalf of Srila Prabhupada. I pray that I may one day make it on the list of those sincere and fortunate souls who take your instructions as their life and soul.

As I sit here, trying to beat the dead-line for submitting my vyasa-puja offering unto you, I can't help but think that I am totally undeserving of your mercy. At the rate that I am progressing in my Krishna Consciousness, how ready will I be for that final dead-line at the end of this life? Thank you for guiding us to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, and I have no doubt that if I can remain firmly situated at your lotus feet, I will surely be ready for that moment.

Aspiring to be the servant of your servants,

Sean Moodley

Maran, Seshna and Yadav

Hare Krsna Dear Guru Maharaja

Please accept our humble obeisances

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to You, Gurudev

Guru Maharaja, on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja, we pray that Srila Prabhupada and Their Lordships Lord Jaganath Baladev and Subhadra Maharani keep you in good health so that you may continue to assist in preaching Lord Caitanya's mission and to help the fallen conditioned souls like us.

Thank you Gurudev for your encouraging words, kind association and warm support throughout our years.

Hope you have a blissful Vyasa Puja.

We love you

Your servants

Maran, Seshna and Yadav

ISKCON PHOENIX

Ananga Mohini Devi Dasi

Hare Krishna Dearest Gurudev

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Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of Your lotus feet! All glories to our beloved Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Your divine self Gurudev!

Gurudev, Your vyasa puja day is one of our favourite days on our calendar – Jagannath and I would like to take this special opportunity on this most auspicious day – to wish You a very happy vyasa puja celebration.

Gurudev I want to start by thanking you profusely for taking an unworthy fool like me under your shelter - that itself is an act of Your inconceivable mercy. Over the past years You have always shown me love, kindness and always been patient with me, always guiding me on the right spiritual path – I thank You for Your precious time taken for that Gurudev. I truly feel so fortunate to have an exalted Guru like You – even though I'm undeserving.

Gurudev, I humbly beg Your forgiveness please – for recently I did not take Your guidance seriously with regards to not moving to SA – due to my own material attachment I did move and due to which now I'm struggling and certainly paying the price for not taking Your loving guidance, by leaving Mayapur. Both Jagannath and I are miserable away from Mayapur – just like Your prediction - and the only thing on our minds are to go back to Mayapur. Gurudev, please I humbly beg You for Your mercy to please give us Your blessings to go back to Mayapur. Gurudev, thank You for giving us the rare opportunity of going to Mayapur – those were the best years of our lives – and the most precious and best days of our lives where when we served you in Mayapur – please forgive me Gurudev for any offences I may have caused while serving You – I pray that someday I will be able to serve You better in Mayapur again.

Gurudev, during our Jaipur parikrama, it was clearly evident what a loving father You are to us all. You displayed so much love and concern for all the devotees at all times – to the extent that You even changed accommodation just to ensure that the devotees were comfortable. Thank You very much Gurudev – for being the wonderful loving father that You are to all!

Gurudev, You are a true replica of Srila Prabhupada – You never let anything stop You from spreading Krishna consciousness – not even Your health will stop You from travelling. I was amazed during our last Govardhan parikram at how committed You are to follow in Srila Prabhupadas footsteps even with your health situation. It was my best Govardhan parikram thus far – thank You for that Gurudev.

Gurudev, thank you for Your ecstatic kirtans and ever inspiring classes. Thank you for those precious dvds which we treasure, and the loving care that You always share. Gurudev, please forgive my feeble attempt to glorify Your exalted self.

On this most auspicious day of Your vyasa puja – Gurudev, I humbly beg for a tiny drop of Your inconceivable mercy to remain Your eternal servant. I am drowning in this material ocean and without Your special mercy I cannot swim, please save me Gurudev. I will hold onto Your lotus

feet until You show me the way out of this material ocean, the way back home to our Dear Lord Krishna.

THANK YOU GURUDEV – FOR EVERYTHING!

Your insignificant servants and daughter

Ananga Mohini devi dasi & Jagannath das

Bhakti Devi Dasi

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Dearest Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and all glories to you on this blessed day.

In a letter dated 29/07/1976 to Mantrini Devi Dasi, Srila Prabhupada says, "...Actually you are correct, it is not possible for the disciple to repay the debt to the spiritual master. Therefore the disciple remains eternally indebted to the spiritual master and continually works in such a way that the spiritual master may become pleased upon him for such sincere services rendered..."

Gurudev, I am eternally indebted and grateful to you for your mercy, kindness and love which has enriched my life. It is only through your blessings that I am able to overcome the hindrances and obstacles of this material world. I have no devotion nor do I have any knowledge, but I have strong faith in you Gurudev and because of this faith I am able to understand that Kṛṣṇa orchestrates events in our lives to purify us and to bring us closer to Him.

My deepest desire is to serve you and the vaiṣṇavas in a loving and pleasing way, the same way that you are serving and pleasing Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON. You, Gurudev are the perfect example of pure devotion and deep attachment to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Kṛṣṇa. My prayer to you today is that you please bless me that I, one day become qualified to serve you in a pleasing way.

Thank you Gurudev for giving us so many of Srila Prabhupada's priceless gifts, especially revealing Sri Vrindavan Dham through your DVD's and the book Vrindavan, The Playground of God, which is my absolute favourite.

Today, and always I pray to The Divine Couple Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa by whose causeless mercy everything is possible, for your well being and to bless you with spiritual strength to continue with your important service to Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON.

Hare Kṛṣṇa

Your eternal servant and daughter

Bhakti Devi Dasi

P.S. Recently Krsna Kripa Das gifted me with a very beautiful photo of you. Just looking at this photo uplifts and inspires me and brings nothing but joy to my heart.

Thank you again Gurudev for everything.

Devadeva Dasa

My Dearest Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of Your vyasa puja

In the past 15years I cannot remember a time when you have been away from our Sri Sri Radha Radhanath temple for such a long period. Recently you have been coming home for much shorter periods. I understand that you must preach, this is your life's goal but I've realized how much I have become attached to having you here and even more so, how dependent I am on your constant guidance. I have been struggling to deal with many situations that you would ordinarily simple wipe away with a few words or a facial expression. Your frequent emails and telephone calls comfort me but I still serve in separation from your Divine Grace.

In response to this you told me, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder and I am always with you within your heart. When you think of me, I too am thinking of you and in this way we are together always in spirit."

I comfort constantly myself remembering the following:

"Just as Krsna does not take a step away from Vrndavana, Krsna's devotee also does not like to leave Vrndavana. However, when he has to tend to Krsna's business, he leaves Vrndavana. After finishing his mission, a pure devotee returns home, back to Vrndavana." (Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya 13.156 purport)

You once told me, "Sri Sri Radha Radhanath is Sri Vrndavana Dham and this is my Home" "This Radha Radhanath Temple is the spiritual world and you should try to never leave, I will always return here so you should be here!"

I pray that I too will someday become a, " Radha Radhanath man", a " Vrndavana man", a " Prabhupada man", as you are and serve with such surrender, dedication and conviction as you are serving Srila Prabhupada but most of all I pray to someday become "Your Man"

I long to always remain in your direct service and association.

You are my Lord and Master and I remain your eternal servant,
Devadeva dasa

Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Dearest Srila Gurudeva

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisance's upon your divine grace. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We humbly beg that you please accept our Vyasa offering.

Dearest Gurudeva, words would never do justice to the way in which you have touched, guided and blessed our lives.

You have accepted me Dear Gurudeva, the imperfect me, encouraged and motivated us at all times. You have stolen the hearts of millions, what to speak of only us. Your heart is so pure, so true and so dedicated in distributing the Holy names in many different ways. We know and strongly believe in our heart that our Lordships are extremely proud of you.

Dear Gurudeva, kindly find below the qualities that we believe you truly posses:

B - a true blessing sent from above

H - humble as a blade of grass

A - adorable

K - kind to all

T - tolerate as a tree

I - intelligent

C - caring

A - amazing

I - important role model in our lives

T - trustworthy and true

A - astounding

N - noble

Y - youthful spirit

A - akama

S - sweeter than mangals

W - warm hearted, welcoming and wise

A - acarya

M - merciful

I - inspiring

We wish you only the best, good health and spiritual happiness. May you always be blessed with the strength to fulfil Srila Prabhupada's desire by inspiring millions of people and spreading Krishna Consciousness throughout the world.

Lots of love

Your servants

Gokula Taruni devi dasi and family

Newcastle

Hari Dasa

CC Madhya 14.18

rājā kahe, — āmi tomāra dāsera anudāsa

bhṛtyera bhṛtya kara, — ei mora āśa

Translation:

The King replied, “My Lord, I am the most obedient servant of Your servants. It is my ambition that You will accept me as the servant of Your servants.”

Purport:

The greatest achievement for a devotee is to become a servant of the servants of the Lord. Actually, no one should desire to become the direct servant of the Lord. That is not a very good idea. When Prahlāda Mahārāja was offered a benediction by Nṛsiṁhadeva, Prahlāda rejected all kinds of material benedictions, but he prayed to become the servant of the servants of the Lord. When Dhruva Mahārāja was offered a benediction by Kuvera, the treasurer of the demigods, Dhruva could have asked for unlimited material opulence, but he simply asked for the benediction of becoming the servant of the servants of the Lord. Kholāvecā Śrīdhara was a very poor man, but when Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu wanted to give him a benediction, he also prayed to the Lord to be allowed to remain a servant of the servants of the Lord. The conclusion is that being the servant of the servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the highest benediction one can desire

Dear Bhakti Caitanya Swami

I once met a very nice servant of yours many years ago and he revealed to me a very private moment between himself and you that captures your wonderful service to all devotees so when I stumbled upon CC (Madhya 14.18) the links were so palpable I felt compelled to share it with others.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada wrote in his purport of Caitanya-Caritamṛta (Madhya 14.18), that “The greatest achievement for a devotee is to become a servant of the servants of the Lord”.

My fear is that your servant attitude captured in this private moment may have gone unnoticed. (I shall use fictitious names to protect those concerned so Vidheya prabhu=servant, and Priya dasi=loving devotee)

Vidheya prabhu said beaming with pleasure “I have to tell you about how much Guru Maharaja cares for his devotees. A devotee from afar, Priya dasi made a special offering of prasadam for Guru Maharaja and sent it for him with a devotee who was travelling to the Durban Ratha Yatra. Anyway this devotee forgot the offering in the car for the entire festival and only remembered to hand it over to me on the last day. You know how humid it was throughout the festival?” I answered, “Yes it was a killer this year, was he cross with the devotee?” Vidheya prabhu answered “No the devotee left it with me and it was all wrapped up so we didn’t know what the prasadam was until we got back to the room and opened it” His answer was dismissive and he gestured with a curt outward sweep of his right arm to reinforce his answer emphatically. Vidheya prabhu leaned forward with more intensity now and said, “It was late and Guru Maharaja did not want a

heavy meal but a snack so I opened up the offering and found that it was going bad. I got back to Guru Maharaja and reported to him the state of the prasadam. Maharaja replied, "How bad is it?" I told him "it was going bad on one side and was spreading to the other side but it was hard to tell ..." Guru Maharaja said "Well...Priya mataji will be very disappointed after all the trouble she went through. You know she is definitely going to call me to ask me how it tasted. I can't lie to her you know and she will really be disappointed. I tell you what...cut me a slice...cut it in such a way that you get the best piece out of it and I will take my chances." Vidheya prabhu said "We laughed looking at each other but Guru Maharaja was showing serious intent so I nervously went ahead and in a surgeon-like manner cut a piece which was reasonable for Guru Maharaja to taste".

Dear Guru Maharaja if a great sannyasi like you can demonstrate such humble and loving reciprocation to your devotees even in their absentia in your private moments then surely I have to surely endeavour to follow in your footsteps. I am grateful for the mercy you shower upon me and always welcome your chastisement to improve.

Your ever aspiring servant

Hari das

Hari Vallabha Devi Dasi and Priya

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath
All glories to Sri Gaurachandra and Nityananda Gosai
All glories to Srila Prabhupada
All glories All glories to your divine grace.

My dear Srila Gurudev.

Gurudev, On this day of most auspicious days, I would like to wish you a very happy Vyasa puja, I can never in all my lifetimes come to thank you for what you have done for us. . . please accept our little offering to you.

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

"I was born in the darkest of ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisance's unto him "O' Master, Gurudev and beloved father, Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisance's millions of times at the dust of your lotus feet.

Srila Gurudev you gave to us the greatest gift that anyone can ever receive ... you have demonstrated the highest standard of pure loving devotional service to our supreme sweet lord, Krsna in all forms. You continuously reveal to us all the descriptions in our Veda's of what a pure devotee is and how we should take to this beautiful process of Krishna consciousness.

I pray to Srila Prabhupada that he help us to develop at least a fraction of the mood and dedication you have in serving him, so that we can try and please in whatever we do. Gurudev, taking to this process, following all teachings of scriptures and remaining at the dust of your lotus feet is our only goals in life and without your mercy we are nothing. . . we only survive by the string of

mercy that emanates from you. Please bless us so we continue to stay link by your unlimited mercy. In this age of Kali your mercy is our air, without your mercy Srila Gurudev we merely suffocate until we are lifeless.

Srila Gurudev I pray that you remain in good health.

Your most foolish servants
Priya and Hari Vallabha Devi Dasi

Karunamayi Devi Dasi

Dearest Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

Each year on your vyasa puja I reflect on my role as being a disciple of yours. In many ways I feel unqualified to be called your disciple but by your kind mercy you have accepted me.

In recent times we have been experiencing the loss of some lovely devotees and most recently the ill health of Shyamlal prabhu. This material world is so fickle and maya is such that she so mercifully reminds us that this material world is a place of suffering. We often take for granted the association we have with senior devotees and even other devotees at large. I've come to the realisation that our time is borrowed with the devotees and each moment of association is valuable and may never be regained. I have decided to be more cautious in my dealings with devotees to avoid causing aparadha and to always look for the good in each devotee. Srila Prabhupada could take instruction from a child and I should take each moment of association with devotees as opportunities to learn how to serve and better develop my relationship with the lord through the association of his devotees.

Your absence from us in Durban is a difficult one. We understand your need to preach and your multifarious roles you have to fulfil in Iskcon and this pep talk sort of pacifies your absence. We were thinking how we would ever continue if your association was taken away permanently. Many disciples would feel lost. I constantly look to you as being my father in many respects and for a daughter the loss of her father is most difficult to bear. I pray I will not have to endure this loss any time soon.

When one loses a loved one or is threatened to have their association removed we reflect on our relationship with them. It's more common in times of distress we remember Krishna similarly we remember devotees in such circumstances. In you being away from us for longer periods than usual I miss your association. Your presence always enlivens us. Material anxiety vanishes in your saintly association. You so kindly encourage us to serve with more vigour. During this past year this is what we have been trying to do, serve the Lord more, try to serve our god family, serve the devotees and in so doing hope that you will be pleased.

You always said that you "want to be remembered as a Prabhupada man". I want to be remembered as Bhakti Caitanya Swami's daughter who always tried to please her father by doing devotional service.

Please give me your blessing Srila Gurudeva to serve you in a way which will please you. Please direct us in serving the way you would like us to serve. Give us strength to deal with the onslaught of maya in our devotional service and give us the enthusiasm to always carry out your instructions.

Your eternal fallen daughter,
Karunamayi devi dasi

Krishna Caitanya Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

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

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

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.
All glories to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

On this very auspicious day of your vyasa puja I humble pray at your lotus feet that I may never deviate from Srila Prabhupada's mission. I beg for your mercy that I may always be enlivened and follow your instructions sincerely.

Your are truly a magnanimous personality, having saved a fallen soul as I. It's only by your mercy that I am still able to continue in my Krishna consciousness and I am greatly indebted to you for giving me shelter and protection under your lotus feet.

Hare Krishna!

Your servant,
Krishna Caitanya Dasa

Krishna Kripa Dasa

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

Dearest Srila Guru Maharaj

Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila prabhupada and all glories to you on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

In the CC Adi-lila (1.45) there is a verse that describes the spiritual master as one who delivers the disciple.

Guru krsna –rupa hana sastrera pramane

Guru-rupa krsna krpa karena bhakti-gane

Translation

According to the deliberate opinion of all the revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is nondifferent from Krishna. Lord Krishna in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees.

While reading this verse I thought of your Srila Gurudev as you are being merciful upon by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. Thank you for so kindly instructing me in many ways to take Krishna consciousness more and more seriously and in doing so you are delivering me from the materially afflicted world.

In a purport in the CC Adi (1.46) “it says that the acarya is defined as one who knows the import of all vedic literature, explains the purpose of the veda's, abides by the rules and regulations, and teaches his disciples to act in the same way”. Herein we see that you as a Srila Prabhupada man have so perfectly perfected the above mentioned definition of an acarya. For example recently after a very long stay away from Durban you returned to visit His Shyamalal prabhu. Your flight back to Durban was a long one and you were visibly very exhausted on your arrival. Despite your fatigue and jetlag the very next morning you were present for the morning program, chanting the Holy names and singing for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. The vedic scriptures say that one's attendance to the morning program are vital for one's Krishna consciousness to grow strong. And herein you follow the scriptures by putting the bodily needs away and attended the morning program. In abiding by the rules and regulations of the scriptures you have taught me by your act of adherence to the morning that come hail, storm and body exhaustion the morning program should be followed. I pray to follow in your steadfast footsteps.

Thank you Guru Maharaj for being there for me in your presence and instructions. I pray that you bless me to become a better recipient of your mercy.

Your servant and son

Krishna Kripa das.

Nanda Maharaja Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

namāmi bhakti-caitanyaṁ prabhupādānusevinam
śrī-vraja-dhana-māhātmya-pradaśakam kṛpārṇavam

Dear Guru Maharaja

Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

August 14 1951-what a blessed day! The demigods must surely have been showering the earth with petals on your divine appearance that day. All glories to you on your divine appearance.

His Grace Lokabandhu prabhu once said that when he first saw Srila Prabhupada in the Pietermaritzburg city hall in 1975, Srila Prabhupada appeared like a military general. He was walking fearlessly and boldly in the aisle of the hall as he probably did everywhere. Guru Maharaja you resemble the general that Srila Prabhupada is, as you are empowered by him.

I work with generals -they always unknowingly display the 4 defects of mankind as well as duplicity in their dealings.

You are the perfect general- officer and gentleman type. Firm, committed, compassionate to all.

You are a "hands on" general , taking personally to the battlefield in this fight against maya by preaching everywhere and distributing the holy names of the Lord to all-unlike the materially motivated generals, giving orders from their offices and not being personally present to inspire their subordinates. You lead by example.

Bhagavad -Gita 3.21 purport "People in general always require a leader who can teach the public by practical behaviour. A leader cannot teach the public to stop smoking if he himself smokes. Lord Caitanya said that a teacher should behave properly before he begins teaching. One who teaches in that way is called acarya, or the ideal teacher." Gurudeva you have all the good qualities of a genuinely decent person, thus you are the ideal teacher.

Gurudeva, thank you for your blessings. This year I have experienced your mercy more than ever. I am still a student in The School of Hard Knocks but am hoping to graduate one day under your tutorship. Scripture always directs a disciple to enquire from the spiritual master in order to advance in spiritual life. I hardly ever communicate with you in this regard, maybe because I don't want to burden you, but you always answer my doubts and "questions" through your mercy as if you already know whats in my mind. Thank you for being my saviour.

Srimad Bhagavatam 6.16.34:

citraketur uvaca

ajita jitah sama-matibhih

sadhubhir bhavan jitatmabhir bhavata

vijitas te 'pi ca bhajatam..

akamatmanam ya atmado 'ti-karunah

Translation: Citraketu said: o unconquerable Lord, although You cannot be conquered by anyone, You are certainly conquered by devotees who have control of the mind and senses. They can keep You under their control because You are causelessly merciful to devotees who desire no material profit from You. Indeed, You give Yourself to them, and because of this You also have full control over Your devotees.

In the purport to this verse Srila Prabhupada states that only pure devotees can conquer the Supreme Personality of Godhead. These pure devotees are described as sama-mati, which means that they never deviate from devotional service under any circumstances. You are sama - mati. When you experienced a setback in your health it was reported that you could not keep away from preaching. When a devotee offers devotional service to the Lord without any motive {anyabhilasita-sunyam}, his service cannot be hampered by any material condition {apratihata}. Thus a devotee who offers service in all conditions of life can conquer the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Gurudeva, you are such conqueror of the Supreme Lord. All glories to you.

I pray to become your competent disciple.

Holding onto your lotus feet.

Nanda Maharaja dasa

Prana Priya Devi Dasi

All glories to Sri Gauranga! All glories to Sri Guru! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to my Gurudeva, Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami!

Dear Gurudev, this is your loving daughter and eternally humble servant Prana Priya Devi Dasi. Please accept my most humble and loving obeisance's at your lotus feet. Once again we, your loving disciples, friends and revered senior devotees, have gathered to honour and pay tributes to you on this occasion of your vyasa puja.

We are still in the ecstatic mood of having just celebrated Krishna janmastami and the vyasa puja of our spiritual grandfather Srila Prabhupada. It feels extremely good to remember you on this very special occasion.

Dear Gurudev, I beg of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath to shower Their richest blessings upon you for a long and healthy life. And I beg of Sri Sri Gaur Nitai to shower Their richest blessings upon your good self to serve Their mission for long into the future.

I want to now use this opportunity to thank you for everything you have been to me. Thank you for being my spiritual father. Thank you for praying to Sri Sri Radha Krishna on many occasions on my behalf. In this way you have protected me from many conditions of helplessness. Thank you for guiding me in the spiritual path of Krishna consciousness. Thank you for giving me

wonderful instructions for devotional service. Also I thank you for guiding my son Caitanya Caran dasa in his spiritual life.

Though I do not have the opportunity to be in the physical presence of your divine self for long periods of time, I feel your spiritually divine presence all the time.

Once again I thank you for all the various reasons that I have mentioned in my previous letters to you.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Gurudev

I am and will eternally remain your loving daughter and most humble servant

Prana Priya Devi Dasi

Radha Mohan Dasa

Dear Gurudev

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupad.

All glories unto your divine lotus feet dear Srila Gurudev.

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

namāmi bhakti-caitanyaṁ prabhupādānusevinam
śrī-vraja-dhana-māhātmya-pradarśakaṁ kṛpārṇavam

This yantra was nothing but a composure of the 5 elements that was a slave gambling sense yantra to its own desires until u instilled the ultimate mantra that somehow has reconfigured the senses to be engaged in its true svarūpa siddhi. Thank you for giving me this holy name, that has always been my shelter and guiding strength to stay on this path of perfection.

Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī in his Hari-bhakti-vilāsa says that a person, whatever he may be, can attain the perfection of a twice-born brāhmaṇa by undergoing the spiritual disciplinary actions under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, exactly as a chemist can turn gun metal into gold by chemical manipulation. It is therefore the actual guidance that matters in the process of becoming a brāhmaṇa.

By the above statement and looking at my own life, i can say that I have truly found that bonafide spiritual master who's is engaging me in my true svarūpa siddhi, so rare it is to take birth in this human body so what to speak of also coming into contact with a true representative of the Supreme Lord.

Thank you for always being you and the way you always know what to say to this poor confused and lost brahmana. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...for always sheltering me with your guidance.

Please pray that this son always stays enthused as you are enthused in this beautiful home of Srila Prabhupad.

Happy Vyasa Puja ☺... Dearest Gurudev.

Your eternal servant

Radha Mohan das

Rasamandala Dasa and Rasa Lila Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept our humble obeisance's. All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha,
All Glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva, and Subadra Maharani.
All Glories to our beloved grand spiritual master Srila Prabhupada.
All Glories to you Gurudeva, our eternal spiritual father.

On this auspicious day of your vyasa puja we want to wish you well and pray to our Lord Krsna that he gives you good health so that you may continue with your wonderful service to your Gurudeva, Srila Prabhupada. In a very humble way we see you always trying your best to serve Srila Prabhupada; in addition you are also serving and taking care of the children of Iskcon.

We are trying to better understand your mood; the way you tirelessly and selflessly go about spreading Krsna Consciousness throughout the world. To come anywhere closer to that level of understanding, we ourselves are finding our way to gradual purification of the heart, although we have a long way to go in our own purification. You, gurudeva is always making it easier for us by your constant interest you share in our lives and your blessings. Whatever little advancement we make in our spiritual lives is due to your blessings and guardianship.

Thank you gurudeva for your mercy; we promise to be your good disciples and spiritual children; we are always thinking of you, and how you would want us to behave. Happy vyasa puja, please take some time for yourself.

With lots of love from.

Your children:

Rasamandala dasa
Rasalila devi dasi

Rasamrta Devi Dasi

Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.

Dear Guru Maharaja,

There are many ideas that have come into my heart and mind on reflection of your prolonged physical absence from our yatra. Always, your gentlemanly presence is so large and transcendental

in the temple room whenever we chant japa in the morning time. This absence from the chanting culture was huge. Your sweet tone and perfect pronunciation of the maha mantra was surely missed.

During the abhisheik on janmastami there was this gaping vacuum. You would always be there on the alter bathing Their lordships, yet this year you were surely missed. "We" just kept yearning and hankering after your physical presence. And just as we said "where are you?" HH Bhakti Caru Swami walked in and he definitely lessened the alienation felt towards your absence.

When we visited all the holy places during our recent parikrama to India. Yet again we wanted to be in your exalted shelter in the holy dhams. But we only could have you in memory and in our hearts. HG Dina Bandhu prabhu took us to all the significant places of pilgrimage in Vraj. When we viewed the blue cows, we remembered how you taught us to look out for these very auspicious species. When we rolled in the dust of Kadambavan and the dust of vraj remained on our forehead and in our hair, we were reminded of how you would teach us to roll in the dust and not to remove it, but keep it on, an auspicious covering for the rest of the day. Even the local sadhu who put on his gopi outfit and arrived with sweet rice at Ter Kadamba also missed you.

Then suddenly, quickly as you were absent, you appeared again, due to the mercy of HG Shyamlal prabhu. A flying, urgent trip brought back the shelter of your physical presence right back into our lives.

When we cooked a Mexican meal for you but due to circumstance you never got to honour it, I began to realise how rare and increasingly intense it had become to serve you. You were always this exalted, maybe, I was given the mercy to appreciate your rarity and exclusive presence. Because you were always with us in the past, we have become accustomed to having you physically with us always. And now that you have become rare, we expect to be with you always.

I pray to take you less and less for granted. And to cherish and appreciate you when we do have you with us.

Your fallen daughter (trying to be your servant)
Rasamrta Devi Dasi

Rasarani Devi Dasi

My dearest Srila Gurudev

Hare Krishna

Srila Prabhupada has been so merciful to me. He has given me a wonderful spiritual father like you. I remember hearing a class you once said; sometimes we have to learn to serve our spiritual master in separation. We have to follow instructions of the Guru.

I am not the perfect disciple, but I pray to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath that whatever service I do, which is only by your mercy, and that I do it to the best of my ability. Dear Lord Krishna, please help me serve my Gurudev and follow his instructions. My Lord, please assist my father in his service to Prabhupada.

Thank you, my dear Gurudev.

Your daughter
Rasarani devi dasi

Rasbehari Dasa

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

namāmi bhakti-caitanyaṁ prabhupādānusevinam
śrī-vraja-dhana-māhātmya-pradarśakam kṛpārṇavam

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

"I offer my respectful obeisance's 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."

dhyana moolam guru murti
puja moolam gurur padam,
mantra moolam gurur vakyam,
moksha moolam guru kripa

The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's Grace is the root of liberation.

Gurudev, when I heard this verse my mind was immediately drawn to yourself. You imbibe all the qualities of a Spiritual Master that can deliver the fallen souls from this material existence. Your instruction is like a mantra that brings me closer to my life's mission of serving you in your service to Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON.

Please accept my most humble obeisance in the dust of your lotus feet. You are the deliverer of this fallen soul. You are full of Love and Compassion for all the fallen souls; I take shelter at your lotus feet.

Gurudev, I yearn for your association, I constantly reminisce on times that I served you to see how I can improve on my service to you. I try to remember our conversations and instructions so that I may live by those instructions. I try to imbibe your qualities of humility and tolerance. You are so tolerant to all my shortcoming but still you allow me to serve you.

By your mercy I was able to move closer to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and get engaged in direct service to their Lordships. The service has helped me remain fixed in my Krishna Consciousness and regulate my mundane activities. I relished this service and constantly pray to their Lordships to please bless Srila Gurudev in his tireless service, to keep my Gurudev in good health and allow me to serve Srila Gurudev.

Happy Vyasa Puja Srila Gurudev. All glories to you an amazing personality with a glorious life spent in the service of Guru and Gauranga.

Your servant
Rasabihari das.

Rasika Mohan Dasa and Vrajarenu Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya svāmin iti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisance's unto Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

namāmi bhakti-caitanyaṁ prabhupādānusevinam
śrī-vraja-dhana-māhātmya-pradarśakaṁ kṛpārṇavam

I offer my humble obeisance's unto Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami, an ocean of mercy, who faithfully serves Srila Prabhupada and reveals the greatness of the treasure of Sri Vraja (Sri Sri Radha-Kṛṣṇa).

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our respectful obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In a letter to Nityananda prabhu, dated 12 November 1971, Srila Prabhupada wrote:

"It is a basic principle that one must accept a bona fide spiritual master in order to achieve the highest perfection of life, love of God. I thank all of you very much for accepting me as your spiritual master, and I promise that I will take you back to home, back to Godhead. I ask you all to promise me to always chant at least 16 rounds, follow the regulative principles, read our books and try to preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement all over the world. So far my qualifications are concerned; I am simply trying to carry out the order of my Guru Maharaja."

By Srila Prabhupada's mercy we have been directed to you, a bona fide spiritual master, faithful servant and an unalloyed pure devotee of Krishna. We are keeping our promise. The promise of the pure devotee is non-different from Krishna's promise, therefore we have no fear. All we have to do is sincerely try to follow the words of the spiritual master, and this is the crest jewel of any qualification one may acquire.

Srila Prabhupada once said, "If you just hold on to my feet, I will take you back to Godhead. I have the key to the back door." We firmly believe that this key has been passed on to his faithful sons, like you.

Thank you Srila Gurudeva, you are saving us, we hold on to your feet.

Your servants,

Rasika Mohana das and Vrajarenu Devi dasi

Revati Devi Dasi and Vraja Priya Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

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

I offer my humble obeisance's unto Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami an Ocean of mercy, who faithfully services Srila Prabhupada and reveals the greatness of the treasure of Sri Vraja (Sri Sri Radha-Krsna)

Hare Krsna Gurudeva

Please accept my humble obeisances

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

All Glories to your divine grace my dear Spiritual Father

Dearest Gurudeva, we would like to wish you a very happy Vyasa Puja and we are very thankful to you for addressing us as your daughter's and this is a very special and unique relationship that we will always share with you as our dearest Father.

Gurudeva on this most auspicious day we beg of you to please bless us that we make more spiritual advancement and focus towards our Spiritual life and Srila Prabhupada's movement. It is by your mercy, teaching, caring and love that we are able to continue to worship Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani. We thank you Gurudeva for without your presence in our lives we would be lost.

Thank you always for your guidance and your divine loving association and may we always remain at the shelter of your divine Lotus Feet. You are known as the true Prabhupada's man and it is impossible for an ignorant person and unqualified person like us to even begin to glorify you due to our fallen disposition.

Gurudeva we surrender ourselves to your divine Lotus Feet and beg for your mercy upon these undeserving souls. Please accept our most respectful obeisance's at the dust of your divine Lotus Feet on this most glorious day of your Vyasa Puja.

Hare Krsna

Your most fallen daughter's

Revati devi dasi and Vraja Priya devi dasi

Rupa Raghunath Dasa

Hare Krishna Guru Maharaja,

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

My humble obeisance's to our Guru Maharaja, Bhakti Caitanya Swami on this glorious celebration of your vyasa puja.

There are no words to express my gratitude to you for me accepting me under your wing. Having found Krishna consciousness, I have a sense of direction in my life. I am grateful to you, Guru Maharaja, for the literature and wonderful lectures that you have given to the world. Thank you for giving me spiritual upliftment, knowledge and understanding of Krishna consciousness. Guru Maharaja, your glory is the success of Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON. I pray always for your good health and great success in spreading the glories of Krishna consciousness.

Guru Maharaja, thank you ever so much. Your blessings and guidance are deeply received, celebrated and greatly appreciated.

Happy vyasa puja!

All glories to your Divine Grace!

Your servant,

Rupa Raghunath dasa

Saci Kumar dasa

mūkaṁ karoti vācālam

paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim

yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande

śrī guruṁ dina-tāraṇam

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

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this most auspicious day commemorating your appearance in this world. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, our saviour.

You have so many wonderful Krishna conscious qualities. For this offering I would like to focus on one aspect of your great character which I feel is really the essence of everything. You not only talk about it when presenting Krishna consciousness to all of us but it is something that is a part of your life, inseparable from you.

You're chanting of the holy name.

Your chanting is not simply a vibration of words done very nicely. Nor is it a conscientious effort to chant nicely with the understanding that these names are non different from Krishna. Rather, you are fully aware that they are Krishna. A few weeks ago, a group of us brahmacharis while washing our cloth (Savyasaci prabhu, Isvara Puri prabhu and myself) were discussing your chanting of the holy name. Savyasaci prabhu contributed by saying that when he first saw you chant japa at a BYS retreat (he was a student just starting up in Krishna consciousness) it struck him deeply and he thought to himself "this one has been chanting for a loooong time". He could perceive the extraordinary nature of your chanting. Isvara Puri prabhu spoke about how carefully, gently and softly you deal with the holy name.

In my observance of you, being close to you, it was clear to me that your japa bag is your most cherished possession. If you are not engaged in some devotional service then your hands are in your bead bag and your lips are carefully vibrating Krishna's holy names. So many times there would be a situation where I had to carry your bead bag and you would notice that you didn't have it or that you wanted it, you would take it from me or ask me to hand it to you in such a way that it was clear that your life depended on it. Indeed it is your life. Like a lover being separated from the beloved you appeared without your beads. The lover only longs to be with the beloved, in close proximity. In that situation only does the lover feel secure and satisfied.

The quality of our practical devotional service is a reflection of the quality of chanting of Krishna's holy names. Judging from how particular you are in dealing with others, in handling different situations you are presented with (both challenging and joyous) and in thoroughness of your executing your actions it is clear that your chanting is of very high calibre.

My heart is hard and filled with the unmentionable. I strive to one day taste Krishna like you do, so much so that He becomes everything to me, my life and soul. It is a long way away for me to experience such sweet intimacy but by your mercy it is possible.

You have taken the burden of seeing me through, all the way to perfection. So much of tolerating you have done and will continue to do. How to understand this mercy you bestow? I will continue on, holding onto your instructions and example until the goal is reached.

Trying to become a servant,

Saci Kumar dasa

Sukadev Dasa

Dearest Gurudeva

Please accept my most, humble obeisance's at Your blissful, divine lotus feet. All Glories to Our Dear Srila Prabhupada and All Glories, All Glories to You – Srila Gurudeva.

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to wish You the Happiest and joyous blessings on your most transcendental and treasured vyasa puja. May Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath bestow ever eternal, supreme blessings onto Gurudeva for his selfless, most munificent guidance to many lost souls, who aspire for shelter under his lotus wings.

Many a grim thought, will occasionally resurface, of the darkened, hellish life that existed outside the gates of the transcendental sanctuary of kirtan and Srimad Bhagavatam classes that you delivered. This very horizon of hope, that beckoned a lost soul like me, to pass through those gates, to experience “You” and engage with Your Messages, allowing them to completely absorb into my soul, and bring about a feeling of Love, that I was completely aloof to, pre your divine intervention.

In the greatest and trying of times, You will continuously extend yourself, to diligently and graciously preach all that Srila Prabhupada has blessed You with. You ever kindly, channel these activities and processes into our lives to save us! Your sincerity in our deliverance is so admirable – a selfless, Matchless Gift.

Deep attempts to give honour and thanks to You, will ultimately prove fruitless, as a Personality of Your calibre, who possesses unflinching fervour and dynamic desire to Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON is undoubtedly auspicious and firmly transcendental. My only Prayer is that Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasunder in Their ever Merciful capacity, continue to bless Gurudeva with strength and health.

Please bless me to always have the mercy and shelter of your Lotus feet, where the dust which is power loaded with the light of spiritual guidance awaits another lost soul, who intelligently wishes to accept it.

Please kindly bless your ever loving servant

Śukadeva dasa

Syama Mohini Devi Dasi

Dear Gurudev.

Please accept my most humble obeisance's.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada

All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

Gurudev is coming, Gurudev is coming.....

Really yes....really Gurudev is coming....

A bunch of devotee standing waiting...their heads bobbing around

Like ostriches...looking at the watch...looking at the doors...looking at the

Little screen...to show flight from JHB has landed....

And there we have a brilliant bright orange moving at the speed of light

And swish the doors open and there pushing his trolley ...

It's almost as though life has re-entered this body and all the problems and difficulties seem so insignificant, after these wretched eyes have served its true purpose to see those Beautiful lotus feet again.

Whenever you leave to serve your beloved spiritual master Srila Prabhupad, its has though Someone has cursed us to remain on this ocean of ignorance with no stars to guide us. Hoping And praying for its Captain to come back and steer this boat back home.

Since being initiated by you this is the first year, the most wretched 2012, we will not Have those divine waters place on this miserable tongue which fails hopelessly To glorify your truly remarkable character.

A true servant of his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad, and a truly remarkable father Who is always there for his sons and daughters.

Thank you dear Gurudev for appearing recently and giving us the opportunity to see Your divine lotus feet.
Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Happy Vyasa Puja ☺.

Your eternal servant

Syama Mohini Devi dasi

Tamal Krishna Dasa

All Glories to His divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to you Srila Gurudev
Please accept my most humble obeisance's on this most glorious day of your Vyasa Puja (61st)

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

I offer my respectful obeisance's Dear Srila Gurudev, You are very dear to Lord Krishna, Having taken shelter at His Lotus Feet.

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

I was born in the darkest of ignorance, and my Spiritual Master opened my eyes with the torch light of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisance's unto such a Spiritual Master.

Hare Krishna to you on this most auspicious day Gurudev. I hope you have a wonderful day. I am writing this offering with mixed feelings. Gurudev I have a bad habit of not being able to reveal my inner thoughts and feelings. I am so happy my family is doing so well in their Krishna conscious practices, Vanessa is moving at a rapid pace and then I feel sad I don't seem to have the enthusiasm that I used to have, I don't have that desire to wake early and chant my rounds any

more. I feel like I'm in a deep dark pit with no way out. I have no idea what has happened, what offenses I have committed at the lotus feet of the devotees so Gurudev:

gurudev!
kripa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase,
trinapekha ati hina
sakala sahane, bala diya koro',
nija-mane spriha-hina

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.

On this auspicious day I ask for just one drop of your mercy so I can chant my rounds sincerely.

Your most insignificant servant
Tamal Krishna das.

Tulasi Radhika Devi Dasi(Lithuania)

Thank You!

Firstly, my humble obeisance's to lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada who brought Lord Caitanya's sankirtana mission to the West and saved me along with the limitless number of other lost souls drowning in the ocean of material suffering. My most humble obeisance's goes to my spiritual master, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, You...who are always trying simply to be nothing more than an insignificant servant of his Gurudeva. Be "the Prabhupada's Man"

ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya

O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet!

May I always pray to Srila Prabhupada,my grandfather to place His most kind lotus feet on You, my fathers head and may I seek that shade, make that shade my shelter.

Your insignificant servant,
Tulasi Radhika devi dasi

Ujjvala Rasa Devi Dasi

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhakti caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine

My Dearest Srila Gurudev

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisance's.
All glories to You and Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious occasion of your vyasa-puja dear Gurudev, I offer my sincere thanks to you for giving me shelter at your lotus feet.

You are glorious in so many ways, and I especially admire your equipoise and compassion. Whenever you travel to Russia, I always think of the icy cold weather and pray for your health and wonder how you must manage in such weather!

But you once wrote to me dear Gurudev, from Irkutsk in Siberia, Eastern Russia, close to Lake Baikal, on 30 May 2008, ".the weather is cold today about 9 degrees, but the hearts of the devotees are very warm and therefore we are having a very nice time preaching and having kirtana." When I remember this Gurudev, I know that the devotees are taking good care of you. You are very compassionate and you extend your mercy freely, I am most grateful to you for extending that mercy to my family members during Ratha-Yatra this year, especially to my paternal father. Your compassion for Shyamlal Prabhu is admirable and deeply felt. May Sri Sri Radha-Radhanath bless you and protect you throughout your travels in your compassionate preaching service. I am so useless that I cannot glorify my illustrious spiritual master, yet I am eternally grateful and feel greatly indebted to my dear spiritual master who has kindly given me the Maha Mantra and who is kindly guiding me in my spiritual life and who has made me a member of a glorious god-family. You are that spiritual master dear Gurudev, and I humbly offer my respectful obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet, again and again.

Recently, I have had the good fortune of serving with my dear god-sister Mother Bhakti and her children, Vishaka and Saci Kumar das. Denise was also there.

Srila Gurudev ki jaya!

I pray to remain the servant of your servant.
I pray to remain your servant.

Your daughter,
Ujjvala Rasa dasi

Vrsabhanu Nandini Devi Dasi

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada
All Glories to Srila Guru Dev

My Dear Gurudev, please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your Lotus feet. All Glories to your Divine Grace on your most auspicious day of your vyasa puja .

Each year I always battle as to how best to Glorify your Divine Grace and the common trend of my thoughts are intense gratitude and appreciations of your Holiness for saving me from the crutches of Maya, and directing me towards devotional service and cultivating the mood of service. You have always directed me sternly yet lovingly towards showing me that seeking the shelter of the devotees and Srila Prabhudada wonderful ISKCON was not only my hope but my destination. You are a perfect example of how best to conduct oneself in practice of our Krishna Consciousness

I remember many years ago when I was merely just existing and going through life almost senselessly you would tell me that "when the going gets tough the tough gets going" to this day these words forever echoes in my mind and heart. In my most tried and testing times I remember

these words of yours and yes it provides me with the encouragement , enthusiasm to withstand and tolerate life's adversities. Gurudev thank you for your protection ,guidance and leading me onto this wonderful path of spiritual life. Thank you for accepting me as Your disciple , and blessing my life in countless ways. I pray that you will always cast your mercy upon me so that I may be better able to serve and execute my devotional service in a loving , inspired and enthusiastic manner.

On Your Vyasa Puja I pray to the Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath that they almost keep you in good health so that you may continue to touch the lives of us fallen souls and continue to guide me in my spiritual path.

Striving to always be the servant of the servant

Your daughter
Vrishabhanu Nandini devi dasi



