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Hare Krishna.

Thank you very much for coming to this retreat. Last year when I had some physical difficulty, then I was told not to travel. I went to America and spent about 4 months in one place, in Orlando. I went to Orlando because the weather there is very good and there are not so many devotees. Orlando is a place where many elderly people retire because of the weather and because of other conditions. Therefore the medical facilities are very special. So, for various reasons like these, Orlando was selected and I spent about 4 months in Orlando. I started to get requests from devotees about how much they would want to see me, how much they are missing me because I'm not going there. I started to feel that I also needed to be with them; that I also had responsibilities to the devotees, especially my disciples.

So, I wrote to some of my disciples in Europe that I would go to Europe and I would just stay at one place for 7 days. In that way I won't have to travel to many places and the 7 days at one place will be quite restful. So, they made the arrangement in Switzerland in a very beautiful location, up in the Swiss mountains, which was actually a skiing resort and because it is a skiing resort it was not very crowded in summertime. They have many beautiful hotels. So, they made arrangements in one hotel. They took over the whole hotel. Everything was actually taken over by the devotees and we were there for 7 days and we had a very beautiful time together. Since then I decided that it would be a more effective way of utilizing our time. Instead of going to many places for 1 to 2 days, just stay at one place and let everybody come and we can spend 7 – 8 days together. Otherwise we go to one place, even if we stay there for 3 -4 days, most of the time goes just visiting people and taking lunch and maybe a few classes here and there. But this was very intense, 7 days together morning till night and they could get my association till they were completely sick of it (laughter). It was nice and the subjects that I selected were very simple.

For the first one in Switzerland, the topic was "The Development of Consciousness". We are dealing with Krishna consciousness, but what is actually Krishna consciousness. In order to understand what Krishna consciousness is, we have to understand what consciousness is. There are different levels of consciousness; plant consciousness, insect consciousness, animal consciousness; but then it comes to human consciousness; and then in certain conditions human consciousness begins to develop further and ultimately it culminates

into Krishna consciousness. It's a simple topic but, I found that it's quite effective because devotees need to understand the basics. If you don't know the alphabets, how can you become a PhD? So first you have to learn the alphabets.

The first evening was an orientation and the devotees came and got together. I started to speak and generally I like to speak about Srila Prabhupada. I could see that the devotees appreciated it and then it occurred to me that everybody has some relationship, a very special relationship, with Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, I told them that from the next day onwards, in the evenings we won't have any seminar.

Generally we have 2 sessions, one is the morning session and the other is the evening session in a retreat like this. But there we decided to have only one session, the morning session or seminar, and the evening session would be Prabhupada katha. So, I told them that we will have instead of the seminar in the evening session; we will have Prabhupada katha sessions. Later on many devotees told me that most exciting part of the seminar was that Prabhupada katha session. Now there were more than 100 devotees so I was selecting the devotees, asking different devotees to speak. Then I noticed that when I was selecting different devotees, other devotees felt "Why not me?" And I started to feel quite guilty that I wish I could get everybody to speak. So, I assured them that I would make everybody speak, but at the end we didn't have enough time; just one day and 30 devotees; and we decided that night that I will let everybody speak. That night we went on till 11 o'clock and every devotee spoke. But the next retreat I had was in America, in Orlando.

The Swiss one was so successful that some devotees, who went there from America, felt that they should have one in America as well. I said fine and they organized it. I was in Orlando, so they organized the retreat in Orlando. There were also many devotees came but I must admit, not as many as here. Here I heard that including children the total number of devotees is about 250. The American seminar was with about 140 devotees.

The problem is we have only 6 days of seminar, but I learnt one thing; that I was not going to select devotees to speak. So, in America I started a new system. On the very first day, I asked every devotee to give his or her name, and we got the children to pick 20 names every evening. For selecting those names, the children got sweets. This is how we selected different devotees to speak on different days. I thought that I'll do something like that here also. You all think it's a good idea? I'll actually ask you all on the final day, how you liked this session. I can guarantee you from my own experience, that you will find this to be the most interesting, most exciting session. There are few conditions that I also made. That is, everybody has to prepare their presentation in writing. No coming and standing in front of the microphone and start rambling, so prepare yourself. So, I'll request that from tomorrow there will be a lottery. There are plenty of children here to pick the names and I'm sure that there are plenty of sweets also to keep them happy. No one knows whose name is going to come up tomorrow, so everybody get prepared. Now since we have total of 195 participating grown-ups and we have 4 nights; that makes it a little tight. Actually we can't accommodate more than 20 a night. If you give each person 5 minutes which takes about 2 hours, and that's why it's important that you have it in writing. Anyway, please prepare yourself and we'll see how it goes. Today I am going to start, to set the program.

Srila Prabhupada is undoubtedly the most wonderful, most extraordinary spiritual personality of this age, due to Srila Prabhupada's achievements. How do you recognize a great person? A great person is not a personality whom many people rally around and glorify. Like nowadays, in the age of publicity we see that many people are becoming very popular. They have a lot of following but soon after they die, they are lost and forgotten and those who were following them, they also disappear. It's a personality cult. Actually through personality cult we won't be able to recognize the greatness of a person. On the other hand we can see a true great personalities' greatness becomes manifest after his disappearance, in many cases. Like consider Jesus Christ, when he was alive what his situation was like? But, with time people recognized his greatness. There had been many so called spiritual personalities who created a big wave in the mid-sixties. There may have been many of them even more popular than Srila Prabhupada. But what did they achieve? They gathered some people who rallied behind them and that's about it. When we go back to see what was happening around Srila Prabhupada, then we recognize that hardly anyone knew about Srila Prabhupada. The public didn't know about Srila Prabhupada so much. People knew about his movement. The Hare Krishna movement created a big sensation. Many Americans and Europeans committed themselves completely to Srila Prabhupada. But a layman standing outside away from the movement didn't know who

that personality behind the movement is; because Srila Prabhupada didn't name this movement after himself. It was not called the International Society for Bhaktivedanta consciousness. It was called the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Srila Prabhupada didn't promote himself, he just promoted Krishna. Prabhupada was happy to just stay behind everybody and promote Krishna and motivate everyone to become a devotee of Krishna. So we notice that Prabhupada was not very prominent or popular at that time. Today we hear many people saying that "Oh I met Swamiji, I received so much mercy from Swamiji." Especially in India, we hear so many people claim that they had such intimate relationships with Srila Prabhupada. But at the back of our minds, we keep thinking, "Then why didn't you follow him? If you really came in contact, so close to him then why didn't you follow him?" They didn't follow him because they didn't see Srila Prabhupada's greatness.

They saw a small-bodied Indian, not very impressive, who doesn't even speak very sweetly. He blasts everybody. So this is not the kind of personality that they want to follow. He didn't say that you give me 25000 rupees and I'll make it into 25 million rupees. He didn't say something like that. Prabhupada rather just presented himself as a representative of Krishna.

Prabhupada simply spoke about Krishna's greatness. Prabhupada pointed out that if you surrender yourself unto Krishna, you will make your life successful, you will achieve your ultimate spiritual perfection. So that is what Srila Prabhupada came to distribute. But we are noticing that with the passing of time, Srila Prabhupada's greatness is becoming magnified. Like today we see so many of you are following Srila Prabhupada. Why? Because you have recognized Srila Prabhupada's greatness. It took time. But when Prabhupada was here, how many people actually became influenced by Srila Prabhupada. And why are you becoming affected by Srila Prabhupada? Because of his writings, because of his teachings, because of his achievement. So that is the ultimate indicator of a great personality. So Srila Prabhupada greatness will be recognized by how Prabhupada is going to affect the lives of so many people in the time to come.

Today you are thinking that there are a lot of you following Srila Prabhupada. Give this movement another 25 years and you will see. I won't be surprised if the number reaches into millions. That is the true greatness of Prabhupada. Personally I feel that the most important aspect of our movement and the most important ingredient for the success of our movement is to recognize the importance of Srila Prabhupada in our lives. The more we recognize that, how Srila Prabhupada has affected our lives individually, the more we will make spiritual advancement and the more we are going to become affected by this movement. The purpose of this movement is to give Krishna, but how are we getting Krishna? We are getting it by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. So, it's important that we recognize that. In this respect we must understand that everyone that comes to this movement, everyone who joins ISKCON has a relationship with Srila Prabhupada. The more we recognize that relationship, the more we will make spiritual advancement. Srila Prabhupada is actually the main spiritual influence in ISKCON. All of us, it doesn't matter who we are; we are simply the servants of Srila Prabhupada. That is our identity and no one will ever replace Srila Prabhupada. You have seen, unfortunately some individuals have tried to do that; they tried to replace Srila Prabhupada; consciously or unconsciously. You saw the consequences of that. They lost their spiritual life. Big, big spiritual leaders are nobody today. When they were in ISKCON, they were such big personalities, but today where they are? Somehow struggling just to maintain themselves and also not in a very dignified way. They were situated in the most elevated spiritual positions at one time, but because of this unfortunate mistake, they not only lost their spiritual credibility, but they became insignificant nobody's. I know one big ISKCON guru is now selling caps on the streets. Can you imagine how unfortunate it is? Therefore we should always try to remember that our spiritual success lies in our becoming the loyal servant of Srila Prabhupada. And we should never try to become a competitor of Srila Prabhupada.

We are simply the representative of Srila Prabhupada, via medium of Srila Prabhupada. What is the meaning of a via medium? And that also is transparent. What is transparent? Transparent is a medium through which the light passes without being obstructed. When the light is obstructed, some light passes and some light is obstructed then it is called translucent. When no light passes, then it is called opaque. Now, our business is to become transparent, that means, nothing should stop in us; everything must be offered to Srila Prabhupada. The more we can do it, the more transparent we become. So on our part we become transparent and the result will be Prabhupada's mercy will flow. You come to me offering me something. What are you

offering me? You are offering respect, honour, worship; but as a via medium, what should I do? Just offer to Srila Prabhupada. Yes, I'm receiving it on his behalf; it's not mine.

Once Prabhupada told me the difference between a demon and a devotee; a devotee when he gets something, he immediately offers it to Krishna. A demon is, when something is meant for Krishna he holds it for himself. So that is the simple difference between a devotee and a demon. Now obviously we don't want to become demons, so let's become devotees; everything for Krishna. Because we are representing Srila Prabhupada, we are part of the International Society for Krishna consciousness, where the founder acarya is Srila Prabhupada, so it's Srila Prabhupada's institution and we are the members of this institution. So whatever comes to us, it actually belongs to Srila Prabhupada. So that is our position and when you come and offer something, I will offer it to Srila Prabhupada. Then Prabhupada bestows his mercy and that mercy goes to you. So this is the simple spiritual process. It's very important that you recognize the role of Srila Prabhupada in our lives. We are a part of ISKCON, we are representative of ISKCON and as a representative we must be the transparent via medium. As a result of that, what will happen, we will recognize Srila Prabhupada's greatness ourselves and we will be able to distribute, or broadcast Srila Prabhupada's greatness throughout the world. The more Srila Prabhupada's glory spread, the more effective and powerful this institution will become. The more powerful this institution becomes, the more effectively Krishna consciousness movement will spread. On the other hand if this International Society for Krishna consciousness becomes weak and eventually dwindles, then what will happen to the Krishna consciousness movement? Will it spread all over the world? Now in this respect, I'll also point out one thing; you see in a dark night a fire fly appears to be very bright, very brilliant. But, what does firefly actually do? Does the firefly help you to see the light? Or does the firefly actually give out light, effective light that is beneficial or useful? Rather, firefly intensifies the darkness, so when the brilliant sun, Srila Prabhupada, has disappeared from this planet, many fireflies will appear and they will appear to be very bright. But please don't mistake them to be as great as Srila Prabhupada. Try to recognize the brilliance of the sun. Don't miss out on that brilliance of the sun or the possibility of receiving the light of the sun running after some fireflies. What are the difference between and a so-called firefly and Srila Prabhupada? Srila Prabhupada created an institution, the International Society for Krishna consciousness which has been perfectly designed to continue the mission of Krishna consciousness even after his disappearance.

This movement is actually designed to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world in every town and village fulfilling Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction. Now if someone claims that he is as great as Srila Prabhupada or greater than Srila Prabhupada, then our point will be, please create a movement like ISKCON, as Srila Prabhupada did. So, it's a warning, it's a reminder, it's a sincere advice, actually, because I'm seeing a lot of damage is being done today because of taking advantage of the innocence and ignorance of some individuals. Some persons are actually hurting the propagation of Krishna consciousness movement throughout the world. Anyway, this is one very deep topic; therefore I don't want to delve into it. But at the same time this can also cause a lot of damage that is why it's a kind of sincere warning.

The other day I was in Phoenix, Durban and somebody in a rather challenging way question if ISKCON is the only institution that will make Krishna consciousness spread all over the world; and my answer was "Yes." Some individuals have left ISKCON and gone away. It is their misfortune.

Those who have left the shelter of Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, it's their misfortune. It is not a loss for ISKCON. ISKCON will shine forth with its own glory, because ISKCON is an institution that was designed by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu himself. Srila Caitanya Mahaprabhu sent Srila Prabhupada and Srila Prabhupada according to the plan of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu designed ISKCON. This movement is here to stay and this movement is here to fulfill Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction. If you don't want to believe it, I'll say give us another 50 years time. You will see for yourself (Applause). I may not be here at that time, but many of you will and you will witness it. So that is the real greatness of Srila Prabhupada.

I met Srila Prabhupada first in a dream. I was searching for a spiritual master and I was thoroughly disappointed. At that time I didn't know what to expect from a spiritual master. That time I didn't have any idea that "The one who knows Krishna, only he can become a guru". But the one thing I could see, that when I think back, then none of those so called sadhus that I met in India, not a single one of them was a devotee of Krishna. Fortunately somehow or the other I knew, they are not the ones I wanted to surrender myself unto. To me it seemed that they are speaking about something that they don't know about. They talk

about spiritual life, they try to give some impression, but somehow I could feel that these are not the people who really know what the ultimate goal of life is. Many of them were ordinary people in holy places like Rishikesh, Bhadrinath, Haridwar, Benares and Gaya. Something was missing in them, some were ordinary, some were quite famous personalities with thousands of followers, but I had a feeling that you are not the one that I'm looking for; you are not the one that I can surrender myself to. When I practically gave up my search, I was completely frustrated, bewildered, feeling absolutely hopeless, didn't know what to do with my life. At around that time I just came across the Nectar of Devotion by His Divine Grace A.C.

Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. I took the book and started to read it and from the very first page it just hit me. It came to me as a realization, "Yes, this is it, this is it". Two things became absolutely clear. Those days my understanding about spiritual life was to achieve liberation and I didn't know what liberation was. But in the Nectar of Devotion, the very first thing that Prabhupada dealt with was liberation, not only liberation; he defined 5 kinds of liberation. 5 different kinds of liberation. Blew my mind. Then he pointed out that one liberation is useless and I realized that's kind of liberation I was searching for. So immediately he cleared out all my doubts and the next thing that I came across just from the very first page of the book, Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I believed in God, I knew He is there, but I didn't know if He was He or She or It.

But, here Prabhupada gave a very clear understanding, Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and then he started to give all kinds of understanding to substantiate that understanding. Why Krishna is God? I realized that "Yes, this is what I was searching for all this while". I was reading, whilst lying on the bed and I fell asleep. In the morning when I woke up, the first thing I did was to start reading the book again. The following night I had the dream. I don't know whether I can call it a dream; it was very real. It was not like any other dream that I had experienced before; as if I was there. I saw Srila Prabhupada. There was a brilliant light around him and Srila Prabhupada was sitting on a throne. In those days I didn't know what a vyasasana was, because in India, the sadhus generally don't sit on an elaborate seat. It looked like Srila Prabhupada dressed like a sadhu, but he is sitting like a king, a real Maharaja in the true sense. He was sitting on a vyasasana. Just the sight gave me that realization that here is my spiritual master, finally I found him. I just offered my obeisances to him, didn't ask him any questions, but my heart was filled with an incredible feeling of that finally I found my spiritual master.

Then I went to Calcutta temple and I asked where Prabhupada was and I was told that Prabhupada was in America. So I thought that I would wait until Srila Prabhupada came back and then when he came back I would offer myself to him. But then whilst reading in the Nectar of Devotion I was picturing myself in Vrindavana going to different temples. Nectar of Devotion instructs what a devotee should do and I was picturing myself doing that in Vrindavana. So I thought of going to Vrindavana, but before that I thought that I would go to Mayapur, the place of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I went and that was it. I went to Mayapur, I thought that I would spend a day or two in Mayapur and then I would go to some other places nearby of Mahaprabhu's pastimes and then I will go to Vrindavana.

But Mayapur was so captivating, especially the devotees of Mayapur was so captivating. Whoever I spoke to was inviting me to stay and that was also something very unusual. In India there are many temples, many ashrams, but nowhere do you get this kind of sincere invitation or appeal to get you to be with them, to be one of them. So I started to think, I already made up my mind, so why not just stay since they are asking me to stay. The next morning I attended the program and after the Bhagavatam class I decided that I would become a devotee. I got a dhoti and kurta – I didn't have dhoti-kurta those days. I threw away my old clothes, went to the barber got my head shaved and went to the Ganges and took bath. Many of them who were sincerely inviting me to stay became quite shocked to see that I had not needed more persuasion, but on my own I got shaved up and put on the devotee clothes. That's how it all started. I remember at that time, I thought that if I didn't like it then my hair will grow in 2 months time. I'll give it a try for 2 months and see what happens. Those 2 months didn't end as yet (Applause). On the other hand with each passing day the conviction is becoming stronger and stronger. Even yesterday I was talking to some devotees and I was telling that before I came to Krishna consciousness, my attitude was that I am looking for the best spiritual process. When I committed myself to Krishna consciousness, my feeling was that if there is something better than this, and then I'm prepared to take that.

But, in 30 years I haven't found anything better than this. I make a challenge also; if you have anything better than this, please offer it to me; I will accept also. There cannot be anything better than this, because this is the ultimate perfection of spiritual understanding. This is the ultimate perfection of spiritual achievement. That has been very elaborately described by Sanatana Goswami through Brhad Bhagavatamrta. The time I read that I was completely fascinated by that book. Of course Prabhupada's books are the basis. These are the books that actually substantiate our conviction to Srila Prabhupada's teachings. Brhad Bhagavatamrta actually says it in the perfect way; it takes you to different levels of devotion. It takes you to the height of spiritual relationship with Krishna.

A simple Brahman worshipping Saligram Sila, Narada Muni is searching for the greatest devotee and he thought that he was the greatest devotee. But, when he started to describe the Brahman as the greatest devotee, the Brahman became very embarrassed and said "No, that such and such king in South India is the greatest devotee." He said that, "I'm a Brahman; this is my occupation so I'm worshipping the Lord, and so what's the big deal? But he is a ksatriya and in spite of being a ksatriya, he is such a devoted servant of The Lord." So Narada Muni went to him and started to glorify him as the greatest devotee of the Lord. He said "Me? Greatest devotee? Such an insignificant person. Indra is the greatest devotee." He went to Indra and when he started to glorify him, Indra said that, "Brahma is the greatest devotee." Narada Muni went to Brahma and started to glorify him. Brahma became very annoyed with him. He said, "Shut up. So many times I told him not to speak such nonsense. Lord Siva is the greatest devotee." Narada Muni went to Lord Siva who said that he wasn't the greatest devotee, but the greatest devotee are the residents of Vaikuntha. Laksmana started to describe how Laksmi devi is the greatest devotee. Then Narada Muni started to go to Vaikuntha, and then Lord Siva stopped him and said that, "Even greater is Prahlada Maharaja." So Narada Muni went to Prahlada Maharaja who felt very embarrassed and said that, "In a childish way I developed some attachment to the Lord. I don't really know what devotion actually is. The greatest devotee is actually Hanuman. Look what he has done for The Lord." So Narada Muni went to Hanuman and started to describe his greatness as a devotee. Hanuman started to cry, "Why do you have to hurt me in this way. If I was, if I had any devotion, then why did The Lord reject me and I'm waiting for His darshan, but I can't find it. Actually the greatest devotee, the most fortunate devotees are the Pandavas. See how The Lord is always with them." So he went to the Pandavas. The Pandavas said that, "We are not the greatest devotees, compared to the residents of Dwarka, we are nothing."

So he went to Dwarka and saw the Dwarkavasis, such exalted devotees and started to glorify them. "Actually the greatest among all of us is Uddhava." So he went to Uddhava and then by the mercy of Uddhava, he got to see the Lord. And he saw how the Lord was lamenting for the association of the residents of Vrindavana. In this way he recognized the greatness of the devotees of Vrindavana. Among all the devotees of Vrindavana, the position of Srimati Radharani is the highest. So is how, step by step, very systematically Sanatana Goswami took us to the highest region of the spiritual sky indicating the greatest of all devotees, Srimati Radharani. That is what Srila Prabhupada has given us. This is the first part of Brhad Bhagavatamrta. The second part is the journey of a cowherd boy from Govardhana – description of his spiritual journey. That also is leading him to different levels of devotion and to ultimately Vrindavana.

So in this way it becomes substantiated that what Srila Prabhupada is the highest, what Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the highest and it is Srila Prabhupada who is distributing it all over the world to everyone. So that is the good fortune that we have. Therefore we can so boldly challenge, if you have anything better, give it to us. But if what I have is greater than what you have, then you take it. If you are serious about your spiritual conviction, your spiritual life, if you are serious about fulfilling your human form of existence then take to this process.

Those who are sincere respond to that call. Those who are insincere sink in the ocean of Maya. So we are the fortunate ones. We got Srila Prabhupada's most wonderful benediction. We received the most wonderful gift and now it's up to us to take full advantage of it. Some of us who are fortunate to have direct association of Srila Prabhupada, some of us may not be as fortunate to receive the direct association of Srila Prabhupada, but still you are no less fortunate.

In many cases I can see that you all are more fortunate because there have been many individuals who had this wealth of Srila Prabhupada's direct association, but in spite of having that association they didn't recognize the value of Srila Prabhupada's divine transcendental position and his gift. They drifted away. So

in spite of coming so close, receiving so much, if one goes away... But on the other hand we may not have the direct association of Srila Prabhupada but recognized the value of his gift and accepted it wholeheartedly and pursuing that process that he gave and try to recognize or derive the real benefit of his connection with Srila Prabhupada. Between two of these ways, who is more fortunate? The one who takes advantage of Srila Prabhupada's mercy. So it doesn't matter whether if you came in direct contact with Srila Prabhupada or not, what really matters is how committed you have become to Prabhupada's teachings, how sincerely you have accepted Prabhupada's gift, that is what really matters, so please recognize the value of the gift and try to derive the actual benefit of it. The one thing I can assure you, your life will achieve its ultimate perfection. Please take advantage of this most wonderful gift. Even if you did not meet Srila Prabhupada, it doesn't matter. Prabhupada is a spiritual personality.

Srila Prabhupada is not limited to his prakat lila. Prabhupada's pastimes has 2 aspects like Krishna's. Prabhupada is always there like Krishna is always there. Only there are 2 aspects of his presence. One is manifest and the other is unmanifest. When Prabhupada was manifest, those who were present on the planet at that time, will associate with Prabhupada, speak to Prabhupada, deal with Prabhupada, listen to Srila Prabhupada, and have a direct exchange with Srila Prabhupada. That was the prakat aspect of Srila Prabhupada. But now also Srila Prabhupada is present but we are not able to directly deal with Srila Prabhupada.

Prabhupada is there and Prabhupada can become manifest if Prabhupada feels that we are qualified to receive his mercy. Srila Prabhupada will appear. It may appear to be like a dream but it's not a dream. You will see for yourself. People have asked, "I had a dream of Srila Prabhupada, was it real?" My answer to that is how did you feel in the heart at that time, how did your heart respond to that? Most of the time I hear, "I felt so happy." That is the indication. When you meet Srila Prabhupada, you will feel the ecstasy. Your heart will experience that ecstasy. So Prabhupada is very much here. Now the question is whether we are prepared to perceive him, whether we have developed that spiritual vision to perceive him, whether we have developed the sincerity to receive his mercy.

So thank you all very much. Please prepare tomorrow, anyone of you may be called to speak on Srila Prabhupada. So prepare nicely, write it down. I will give you a little guideline as how to approach that task. The first thing that you can consider is; how has Srila Prabhupada affected you, how Srila Prabhupada has come into your life? Did you derive any special benefit out of that link with Srila Prabhupada? Did you have any unusual experience with Srila Prabhupada, like dreams? I hear so many devotees have dreamt of Srila Prabhupada. I have also seen some devotees have had a massive deadly accident, but nothing happened to them, as if Srila Prabhupada saved them. I'm just giving you some ideas on what to focus on. Srila Prabhupada will save you time and time again. Finally, Srila Prabhupada will save you from this dangerous ocean of material nature and take you back to the spiritual sky. Just remain attached to his divine lotus feet.

Thank you very much.