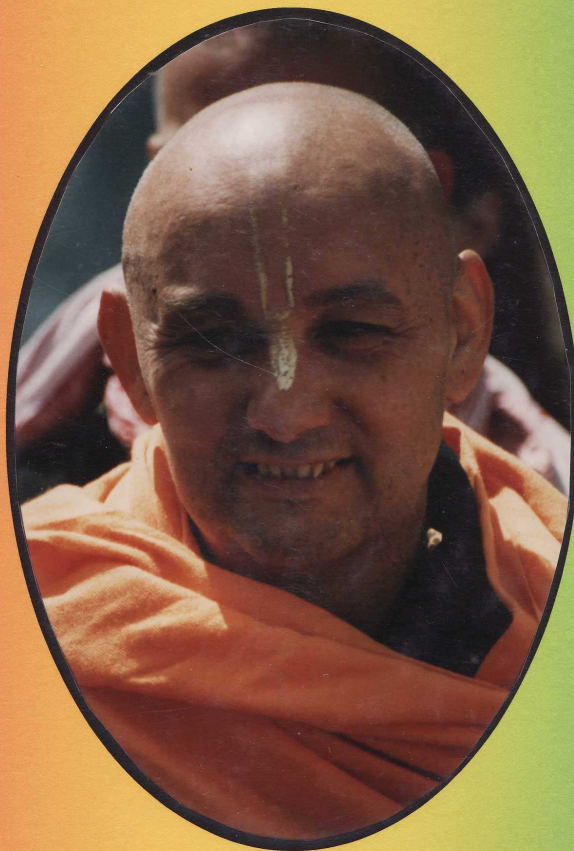


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All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Introduction

All glories to Sri Gaura-Govinda, the Lord of all! All glories to Nityananda, Lord Haladhara! All glories to Sri Advaita Prabhu, the foremost distributor of devotion! All glories to Sri Gadadhara-Pandita, the reservoir of love! All glories to Srivasa Pandita, the friend of the poor! All glories to the Guru-Parampara! All glories to Srila Prabhupada, the founder Acarya of ISKCON! All glories to Srila Suhotra Swami, our beloved Guru Maharaja! All glories to the merciful devotees of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu! Have mercy on us. All glories to the readers of this Vyasa-Puja book, who possess all devotional qualities! Kindly read my introduction.

Obviously, to write the introduction for Guru Maharaja's Vyasa-Puja book implies a great responsibility. I am not qualified at all for this task, but I understood that every year one of the disciples, by rotation, takes this responsibility and tries to do his best. The first thing I did was to read all the other introductions from previous years. Some of them were addressed to Guru Maharaja, others to us, the disciples. But what's the difference? It seems, this is something related with *sevyā* and *sevaka*- the person served and the servant.

"Actually, however, there is no possibility of one being different from the other, for the worshiper and the worshipable cannot be separated at any stage. On the absolute platform, one cannot be understood without the other."

Now, I've got something, a thread for keeping trace of, and I started to follow it, deeper and deeper and deeper...

*aham vai sarva-bhutani
bhutatma bhuta-bhavanah
sabda-brahma param brahma
mamobhe sasvati tanu*

"All living entities, moving and non-moving, are My expansions and are separate from Me. I am the Supersoul of all living beings, who exist because I manifest them. I am the form of the transcendental vibrations like omkara and Hare Krsna, Hare Rama, and I am the Supreme Absolute Truth. These two forms of Mine-namely, the transcendental sound and the eternally blissful spiritual form of the Deity, are My eternal forms; they are not material."

*atha venu-ninadasya trayi-murti-mayi gatih
sphuranti pravivesasu mukhabjani svayambhuvah
gayatrim gayatas tasmad adhigatyam sarojajah
samskratas carli-guruna dvijatam agamat tatah*

"Then Gayatri, the mother of Vedas, being made manifest, i.e. imparted, by the Divine sound of the flute of Krsna, entered into the lotus mouth of Brahma, born from himself, through his right ear-holes. The lotus-born Brahma having received the Gayatri, sprung from the flute-song of Sri Krsna, attained the status of being twice-born, having been initiated by the supreme spiritual preceptor, Godhead Himself."

"But Krsna concludes, the Vedanta-sutra. Vedanta-sutra, He gives reference because this Vedanta-sutra comes from the disciplic-succession of Brahma. Brahma-sutra."

"So this is the parampara system. And everything is described in the Brahma-sutra by Vyasadeva. Vyasadeva happens to be the disciple of Narada. Narada happens to be disciple of Brahma. And from Vyasadeva, Madhvacarya; then from Madhvacarya disciplic succession, Madhavendra Puri. Madhavendra Puri was the spiritual master of Isvara Puri. Isvara Puri was the spiritual master of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Caitanya Mahaprabhu is the spiritual master of the Six Goswamis of





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Vrndavana: Rupa, Sanatana, Bhatta-Raghunatha, Sri Jiva, Gopal-bhatta, Dasa Raghunatha. So from the Goswamis, then Kaviraja Gosvami, Visvanath Cakravarti Thakura, then Jagannath das Babaji, then Bhaktivinoda Thakura, Gaura-Kisora dasa Babaji, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati. And we are servant of Bhaktisiddhanta."

A big airport. Many people were coming and going. Somewhere, in the waiting area, Srila Prabhupada was waiting for his next flight. He was surrounded by some of his disciples. They all were chanting. After a time, Srila Prabhupada looking at one of his disciples, who was standing in front of him, said:

- You chant very nice...
- No, Srila Prabhupada, I don't, thought the disciple.
- Yes, you do.



But, who was that disciple, so nicely praised by Srila Prabhupada? Of course, no one else than our beloved Guru Maharaja, so qualified to receive *sabda-brahma* from Srila Prabhupada, in that glorious above mentioned disciplic succession.

"The Vedas are known as *sabda-brahma* because evidence taken from the Vedas constitutes the ultimate understanding. This is because *sabda-brahma*, or the Vedas, represents the Supreme Personality of Godhead. However, the real essence of *sabda-brahma* is the chanting of the Hare Krsna mantra. By vibrating this transcendental sound, the meaning of everything, both material and spiritual, is revealed."

"But if you can chant Hare Krsna, then immediately you go to the spiritual planet. These are stated in the Bhagavad-Gita. *anta-kale*, at the time of death, if you can capture this sound, *Om* or Hare Krsna... If you capture *omkara*, then you are transferred to the spiritual sky."

"So there is a disciplic succession. That parampara should be followed. *evam parampara-praptam imam rajarsayo viduh*. If we want to understand really Vedic literature, then we must follow the parampara system."

"So one who is very serious to understand the science of God, for him a guru is required."

So let's follow our Guru Maharaja, an ocean of mercy! We are completely dependent on his grace. All glories to you, dear Guru Maharaja! All glories to your devoted disciples!

Asking forgiveness and mercy at the lotus feet of Vaisnavas.
Murari Krsna dasa,



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Introduction





Meaning of Vyasa-Puja

The two words Vyasa and Puja indicates Srila Vyasadeva and the worship of Srila Vyasadeva or his representative. But why is Srila Vyasadeva so special? First of all he is an empowered incarnation (*saktyavesa-avata*r) of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna. He is the sage "whose words are Vedic evidence and through his words alone can the materially conditioned souls attain spiritual knowledge", as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has testified to Sanatana Goswami.

And by what is so special his worship over all others? Why it is the most important celebration of the whole year for a disciple? Because the disciple can honor his spiritual master, the perfect bearer of the Absolute Truth, the true representative of Srila Vyasadeva on the occasion of his appearance day and thus show gratitude and appreciation to him and of course it is an opportunity to get special mercy: inspiration and enthusiasm for devotional service.

Surely now is coming question who is true representative of Srila Vyasadeva and who is actually bona fide spiritual master? It is he, who has first of all his spiritual master in the chain of disciplic succession and doesn't change anything on the teachings of his spiritual master.

Srila Vyasadeva has compiled vast Vedic literature for the sake of fallen souls of the age of Kali, where besides many bad qualities memory of people is cut down heavily. People of this age have short memory and are extremely spiritually lazy. But still for those who are little bit inquisitive about spiritual life, Srila Vyasadeva compassionately left those literature amongst which Srimad Bhagavatam is the jewel, „which revives the loving ecstasy of the souls inner devotion to Sri Krsna and transfers one from the material realm to Goloka, the supreme plane of transcendental consciousness, where the most intimate forms and pastimes of Godhead are revealed.“ (quoted from Guru Maharaja).

But because Srimad Bhagavatam is also an incarnation of the Lord, it is not possible to grasp this treasure simply by dry academic scholarship. No, on the contrary, the student must rise up from armchair and,

*tad viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

„Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.“(Sri Krsna to Arjuna in Bg 4.34)

Actually if one wants to understand Srimad Bhagavatam, to get some spiritual knowledge, he must surrender his whole life; body, mind, intelligence everything to the current representative of Srila Vyasadeva, the bona fide spiritual master, who is the most proper recipient of our love and veneration. In our Vaisnava culture it is so nicely arranged, that disciple can practically without limitations show his gratitude, appreciation and love for his spiritual master in the process of Vyasa-Puja celebration and spiritual master on reciprocation showers his mercy on disciple; actually one of the meanings of Sri Vyasa-Puja is "a celebration of the unceasing flow of mercy from our divine master" - Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja - Ki Jaya!

And yes, everyone can understand without any doubt, that His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami is true representative of Srila Vyasadeva: his vast wisdom and deep realizations of teachings of Srila Prabhupada his beloved spiritual master and Vyasa (one who describes elaborately) of the modern world, he presents in so nice form in his lectures, books, seminars and discussions. But also in his all other activities he demonstrates its effect:



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dedication to the mission of Srila Prabhupada; taking responsibilities such as *diksa-guru* and ISKCON-GBC. He is embodied inspiration, guidance and help. Srila Prabhupada must be proud of him, for he so perfectly represents him and Sri Guru Parampara.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami!

Cit Sakti dasa





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Mangalacarana

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

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

*sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthapitum yena bhtu-tale
svayam rupah kada mahyam dadati sva-padantikam*

„When will Srila Rupa Goswami Prabhupada, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?“

*vande 'ham sri-guroh sri-yuta-pada-kalam sri-gurun vaisnavams' ca
sri-rupam sagrajam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa jivam
sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krsna-caitanya-devam
sri-radha-krsna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams' ca*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and of all the other preceptors on the path of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaisnavas and unto the six Goswamis including Srila Rupa Goswami, Srila Sanatana Goswami, Raghunatha dasa Goswami, Jiva Goswami, and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Sri Advaita Acarya Prabhu, Sri Nityananda Prabhu, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and all His devotees, headed by Srivasa Thakura. I then offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Krsna, Srimati Radharani, and all the gopis, headed by Lalita and Visakha.,,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.“

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

„Our respectful obeisances unto you, O eternal spiritual master. You are the Simha-guru and the one who takes away the influence of Kali-yuga by delivering wonderful lectures on the scientific teaching of Srila Prabhupada.“

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

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



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Mangalacarana

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa -sunnyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

„Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya-deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.“

*nama om vinsu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktisiddhanta-sarasvatiti namine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.“

*sri- varsabhanavi-devi-dayitaya krpadhaye
krsna-sambandha-vijnana-dayine prabhava namah*

„I offer my respectful obeisances to Sri Varsabhanavi-devi-dayita dasa (another name of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati), who is favored by Srimati Radharani and who is the ocean of transcendental mercy and the deliverer of the science of Krsna.“

*madhuryojjala-premadhya-sri-rupanuga-bhaktida-
sri-gaura-karuna-sakti-vigrahaya namo 'stu te*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, the personified energy of Sri Caitanya's mercy, who deliver devotional service which is enriched with conjugal love of Radha and Krsna, coming exactly in the line of revelation of Srila Rupa Goswami.“

*names te gaura-vani-sri-murtaye dina-tari,
rupanuga-viruddhapasiddhanta-dhvanta-harine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, who are the personified teachings of Lord Caitanya. You are the deliverer of the fallen souls. You do not tolerate any statement which is against the teachings of devotional service enunciated by Srila Rupa Goswami.“

*namo gaura-kisoraya saksad-vairagya-murtaye
vipralambha-rasambhode padambujaya te namah*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto Gaurakisora dasa Babaji Maharaja (the spiritual master of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati), who is renunciation personified. He is always merged in a feeling of separation and intense love of Krsna.“

*namo bhaktivinodaya sac-cid-ananda-namine
gaura-sakti-svarupaya rupanuga-varaya te*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto Saccidananda Bhaktivinoda, who is transcendental energy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He is a strict follower of the Goswamis, headed by Srila Rupa.“



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Mangalacarana

*gauravirbhava-bhumes tvam nirdesta saj-jana-priyah
vaisnava-sarvabhaumah sri-jagannathaya te namah*

„I offer my respectful obeisances to Jagannatha dasa Babaji, who is respected by the entire Vaisnava community and who discovered the place where Lord Caitanya appeared.“

*vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca krpa-sindhubhya eve ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees who can fulfill the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.“

*panca-tattvatmakam krsnam bhakta-rupa-svarupakam
bhaktavataram bhaktakhyam namami bhakta-saktikam*

„I offer my obeisances unto the Supreme Lord, Krsna, who is non-different from His features as a devotee, devotional incarnation, devotional manifestation pure devotee, and devotional energy.“

*sankarsanah karana-toya-sayi
garbhoda-sayi ca payobdhi-sayi
sesas ca yasyamsa-kalah sa nitya-
nandakhya-ramah saranam mamatsu*

„May Lord Nityananda Rama be always my shelter! Sankarsana, Sesa-naga and the Visnu-forms who lie on the Karana-ocean, Garbha-ocean and the milk-ocean, are all His plenary portions, or portions of His plenary manifestations.“

*namo maha-vadayaya krsna-prema-pradaya te
krsnaya krsna-caitanya-namne gaura-tvise namah*

„O most munificent incarnation! You are Krsna Himself appearing as Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You have assumed the golden color of Srimati Radharani, and You are widely distributing pure love of Krsna. We offer our respectful obeisances unto You.“

*namas te halagraha namas te musalayudha
namas te revati-kanta namas te bhakta-vatsala*

„O Sri Balarama, who is carrying the plow, I offer my respectful obeisances unto you! I offer my obeisances unto you, who are swinging the mace! I offer my obeisances unto you, who are the darling of Revati! I offer my obeisances unto you, who are the well wishing friend of your devotees!“



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Mangalacarana

*namas te dharani-dhara namas te balanam srestha
pralambhare namas te 'stu ehi mam krsna-purvaja*

„I offer my obeisances to you, who protects mother-earth! I offer my obeisances to you, who are the most powerful of all the powerful beings! I offer my obeisances unto you, who are the enemy of the demon Pralambha! Please come to me, O elder brother of Sri Krsna!“

*he krsna karuna-sindho dina-bandho jagat-pate
gopesa gopika kanta radha-kanta namo 'stu te*

„O my dear Krsna, ocean of mercy, You are the friend of the distressed and the source of creation. You are the master of the cowherd men and the lover of the gopis, especially Radharani. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.“

*jayatam suratau pangor mama manda-mater gati
mat-sarvasva-padambhojau radha-madana-mohanau*

„Glory to the all-merciful Radha and Madana-mohana! I am lame and ill advised, yet They are my directors, and Their lotus feet are everything to me.“

*divyad-vrndaranya-kalpa-drumadhah
srimad-ratnagara-simhasana-sthau
srimad-radha-srila-govinda-devau
presthadibhih sevyanau smarami*

„In a temple of jewels in Vrndavana, underneath a desire tree, Sri Sri Radha-Govinda, served by Their most confidential associates, sit upon an effulgent throne. I offer my humble obeisances unto Them.“

*sriman rasa-rasarambhi vamsi-vata-tata-sthitah
Karsan venu-svanair gopir gopinathah sriye 'stu nah*

„Sri Srila Gopinatha, who originated the transcendental mellow of the rasa dance, stands on the shore in Vamsivata and attracts the attention of the cowherd damsels with the sound of His celebrated flute. May they all confer upon us their benediction.“

*tapta-kancana-gaurangi radhe vrndavanesvari
vrsabhanu-sute devi pranamami hari-priye*

„I offer my respects to Radharani, whose bodily complexion is like molten gold and who is the Queen of Vrndavana. You are the daughter of King Vrsabhanu, and You are very dear to Lord Krsna.“

*jaya sri-krsna-caitanya prabhu nityananda
sri-advaita gadadhara srivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrnda*



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Mangalacara

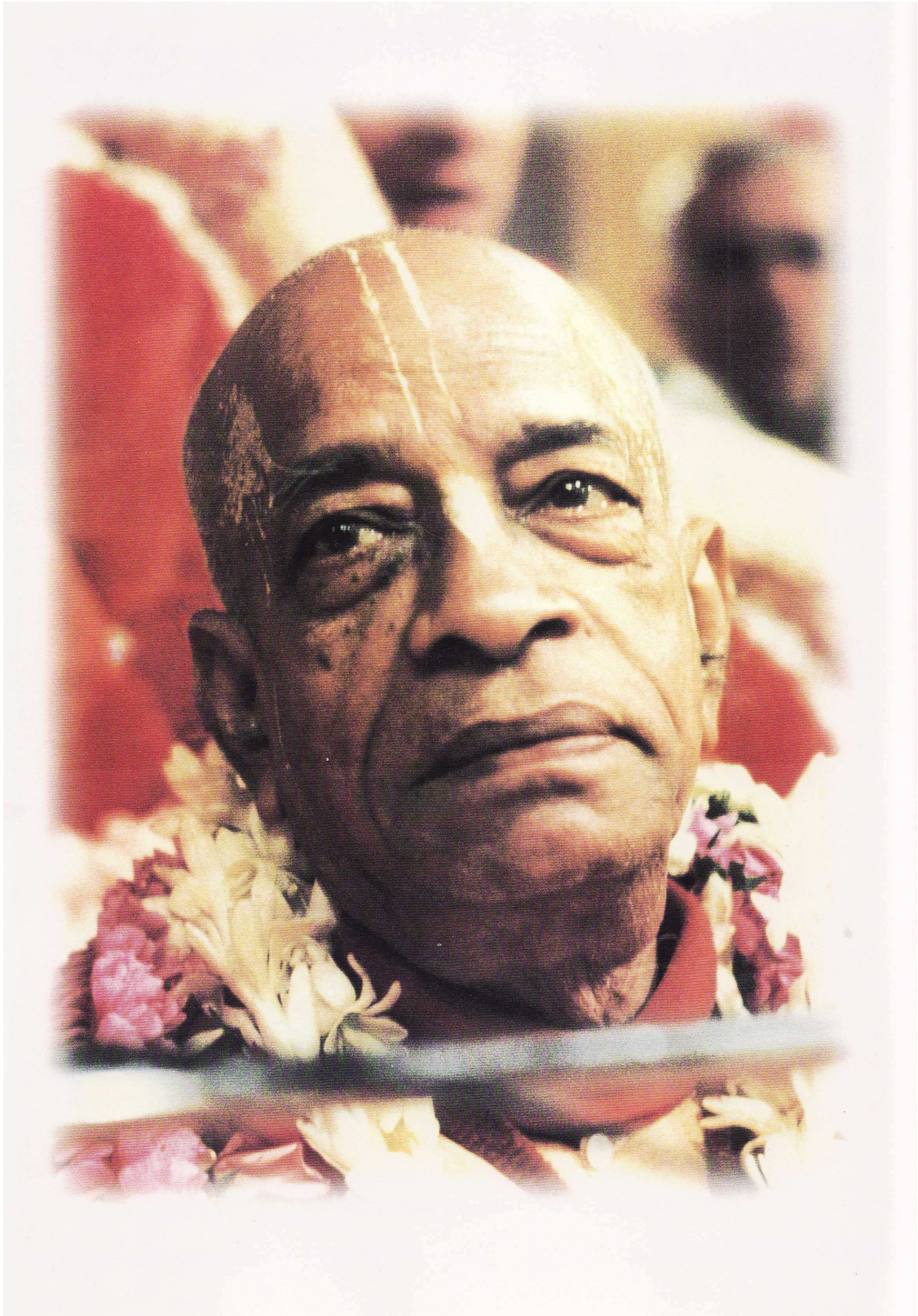
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Homage to Srila Prabhupada

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you, the rarest of rare pure devotees, who astonish this modern world full of proud, sinful demons by revealing the full potency of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission of renunciation, knowledge, and pure devotion to Sri Sri Radha-Madana-mohana, Govinda, and Gopinatha.

The gravity of your presence silences the gibbering, gesticulating madness of material attachment. The radiance of your wisdom penetrates and dispels the most soul-darkening ignorance. The sweetness of your love for Krsna makes plain the bitterness of lusty affairs and awakens in our hearts the taste for devotional service. Your ocean-like compassion is so broad and deep that it accommodates the entire earth and all its living entities. You are the only hope for the most fallen, and your plan to steal the world away from Kali's grip cannot be thwarted by the envious.



It is said that whatever goes into the holy river Ganga is considered as pure as the Ganga, at least as long as it remains in the Ganga. Dear Srila Prabhupada, my prayer on this auspicious day of your appearance is that the consciousness of all conditioned souls may plunge and swim forever within the holy waves of transcendental sound vibration that your Divine Grace conducts throughout the whole world, O Bhagiratha of preachers! I pray that not one rascal, even the most hurtful and impious, remain immune to the current of that almighty flood of nectar in the form of parampara *krsna-kirtana*, *krsna-tatva*, and *krsna-katha*. For if you grant this prayer of mine, then surely I too, at last, shall be carried to the ocean of pure devotional service.

Remaining eternally indebted to you, with no chance of paying you back, though I hope against hope for the strength to try.

Your insignificant servant,

Suhotra Swami



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Abhaya Mudra devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet! All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada, the shelter of ISKCON! All glories to the golden avatars- Nityananda and Gauranga!

The day of the appearance of the spiritual master is the time to glorify him with most precise and chosen words. It's a special day, but every day must be like that- full of remembrance and service to you, which is naturally the result of adoration before your qualities. You're not from this world and for you there is no birth and death. So, what is the use to celebrate this particular day? You're transcendental and you deserve to be glorified always and why not on this day. Especially Vyasa-Puja force us to remember you all day and recalling that day, to remember you always. So, I pray for that. I personally have so big desire to help you in your transcendental mission but It's a place to say I found I'm very fallen. So, please pray to Krsna to purify me from all lusty desires. You are my only hope. Once you said that I have all your blessings. You're so merciful. You give me the service to Sri Krsna and this is the thorn which will take out the thorn of material existence. I already tasted the sharp blade of the material existence and Sri Krsna showed me that I'm not from this world. I'm subordinate to God. That means, the pleasure of the soul depends on Krsna. Love of God is the only way to get rid of Maya, but because that is another keen thorn, the inexperienced devotee like me, very easy can cut himself. Anyway, I continue.



In the future I like to be more in contact with you and I'll fight with illusion for this. I think you are so humble to know actually how great you are. But I'll work for your glory to be spread all over the world. I'm always subordinate to you, because my happiness depends on you.

I don't know what you think about me! Who can know the mind of the pure devotee? I'm one of your children. But how much I desire to be recognized by you. I'm trying, but I don't have my own power. All my power is coming from you. Because I know you put some trust in me I'll try again and again to be yours. Dear Guru Maharaja, you are such a nice devotee...

Your servant life after life,
Abhaya Mudra devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Adhika Daya devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your Divine lotus-feet! All glories to the most auspicious day of your appearance. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Now is a midnight.
It's not a dream
I am sitting holding my head
within my hands.
The single light is falling on your picture.
You are chanting
looking directly into my eyes.
Your glance is piercing
- whether I'll be sincere?.....

These moments of time
in which I try to remember, or serve you
are my real life.
Otherwise, I am just a dead body
and yet I think this dead body is me.
That's why my heart is deprived
of pure sentiments.

Your mercy alone, keeps me desire
to purify them.
Despite everything, I want to dedicate
the best of my feelings I've ever had
towards anybody, to you.

Sometimes I cry like a small child
thinking of you I get some relief.
Sometimes the tears flow from my eyes
in utter feeling of separation from you
as symptoms of my most dangerous disease
of forgetting you.

As long as I want to enjoy material life
I'll be able to see you, only with these material eyes.
As long as I keep this mentality
you will not take me further.
Your mercy alone keeps me desire to go further.

Maya is powerful.
She is expert in dragging us down.
Still I think it's too late for her
to take you away from my life.
There is no one other than you
to whom I put my hope in.

Your mercy alone keeps me alive,
keeps me desire, to remain yours.
Otherwise, who knows where
I would be now.

Every step in my life is full of mistakes
but I know for sure one thing is right
that I approached you for shelter.

"Dear Lord, when the bee
approaches the celestial tree
called the *parijata*
it certainly does not leave the tree
because there is no need for such action.
Similarly, when we have approached
your lotus-feet and taken shelter of them,
what further benediction
may we ask of you?"



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Adhika Daya devi dasi

Dear Guru-deva,
I can not understand how it happened
that you've accepted me.
I don't deserve it.

You are not from this world.
There is no need to explain
what kind of sinner I am
for you already know me
better than I myself.

Your mercy alone, keeps me desire
to change my character.

Puspanjali, arati, tasty preparations,
are not enough for your full satisfaction,
a true disciple offers substantial deeds
performed according to your instructions.
When I turn back to these years
and look for something I did for you,



some significant thing,
there is not much to offer.
Because of my most dangerous disease
inability to serve you properly.
Sometimes I feel it like a pain in my heart,
but you've said:
"We are so unqualified
by our past sinful activities.
Still we can desire."

Your mercy alone, keeps me desire
to use everything from you and for you.

There is not much time, life is so short.
How much love I have towards you,
can be shown by this how I carry out
the mission you gave me.

Your mercy alone, keeps me desire
to perceive your mood,
to remain in your mission consciously.
Otherwise, there is no reason to live.

Every moment of time is final to give
all my heart of the hearts to you.
Still I have not.

Your mercy alone, keeps me desire
to make you, the center of my life.
I am made of your mercy...

Now is almost morning,
It wasn't a dream, Still
your glance is piercing:
Whether I was sincere?
You are still chanting, for eternity.

I pray to Lord Nrsimha-deva
to always protect you.
All glories to your Divine Grace.
Dear Guru-deva,
I pay my obeisances in front of you.
Please, kindly accept them.

Your servant
Adhika Daya devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Amaraprabhu dasa

My dear Guru Maharaja,

My humble Obeisances to your Lotus feet. All Glories to you!

As a disciple of yours, I'm glad to know that there will be hope after such long struggle in this material world to find pleasure.

Pleasure comes from pleasing the soul and that I could not find anywhere, except under your Lotus feet. **Lotus feet** are not imagination of sentimentalism, but the instruction and practical example from the spiritual master to the disciple. Even a deaf and dumb person who just follows the foot step of a holy saint, like yourself, can start to practice Krishna consciousness immediately.

You once told in a lecture, the story of the bull who pulled the library bullock-cart for Madhvacarya's preaching mission. I feel like the same bull, deep in ignorance.

Sripad Madhvacarya, who re-manifested his teachings and actions in your most loving grace, preached Krishna consciousness all around India, in the mood of Lord Narasimha-deva, against Mayavada and bogus philosophies. He had his own bullock-cart full of transcendental literature, were one bull had to pull it all around the country. When they stopped, Sri Madhvacarya gave a lecture and the bull always was listening to the transcendental sound vibration.

Similarly, when you are traveling around the world, you have also your own library with you, and where ever you go, you spread the Sankirtana mission. Here I am siting in front of my tape-recorder at home or even in the middle of the class like this foolish bull, who doesn't know anything. But please Guru Maharaja, let me always sit attentively hearing the transcendental message from your mouth, and never forget your instructions. By this, may my bull-like consciousness and life will be transformed as the same bull-story goes on, to a real disciple of His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja - Ki Jaya!

Your bull-like servant,
Amaraprabhu dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Amartya-Nadi dasa

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Before writing this homage I should first excuse myself for imperfections I have and beg you to inspire me to glorify your Divine qualities. As far as my experience allows I'd like to describe some of your wonderful qualities. You are an ocean of good qualities due to your unalloyed surrender to Krsna.

*yasyasti bhaktir bhagavaty akincana
sarvair gunais tatra samasate surah
harav abhaktasya kuto mahad-guna
manorathenasati dhavato bahih*

"All the demigods and their exalted qualities, such as religion, knowledge and renunciation, become manifest in the body of one who has developed unalloyed devotion for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Vasudeva. On the other hand, a person devoid of devotional service and engaged in material activities has no good qualities. Even if he is adept at the practice of the mystic yoga or the honest endeavor of maintaining his family and relatives, he must be driven by his own mental speculations and must engage in the service of the Lord's external energy. How can there be any good qualities in such a man?" (S.B. 5.18.12.)

You are a perfect Acarya, representative of Srila Vyasa-deva. You are representing scientific teachings of Srila Prabhupada in such a wonderful way that everybody is attracted and enlightened to help you in your endeavor to spread the holy name of the Lord.

You are an unalloyed servant of the holy name. As you explained we worship the holy name as attentively as Krsna, because the holy name is non-different from Him. We should serve the holy name by careful hearing and chanting. And our chanting is not complete unless we go out and distribute it to everyone. You are perfect servant of the holy name because you've made your desire one with Krsna's desire and the desire of the guru-parampara and that of Srila Prabhupada. And that is how the holy name would spread in every town and village. Let me assist you and your servants in fulfilling that desire, despite my selfish nature and my disqualification as a servant.

You are very humble devotee, prepared to give respects to everyone. That is the very important quality for a devotee to keep himself on the strict path of Krsna consciousness and to become the useful instrument in spreading the holy name.

You tolerate all our mistakes and misbehavior and are always thinking how to help us advance. And yet you are not shy. You are very bold to preach and eager to smash to pieces all the *mayavadi* ideas and misconceptions which are deeply rooted in the hearts of the people in the western countries.

Due to your unalloyed surrender, spiritual knowledge and renunciation manifest in your person and thereby you are guided by Krsna and are able to discriminate in dealings with others.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Antardhi dasa

You are thus able to give perfect instructions to your disciples and these we have to carry out. By doing so we can associate with you and thus develop good qualities you have.

Let me become one of your servants,
Amartya-nadi dasa



Dear Guru Maharaja,

Let me offer my obeisances at your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja, let me compliment you today on this endlessly auspicious day. This day is glorious, because you make it glorious. As the Yadu dynasty becomes glorious when Lord Krsna appeared in it, similarly everything becomes glorious you get in contact with. From your endless Mercy you appeared between us, from your own will, so that touching us you turn us in to happy and glorious as well. You appeared between us from your own will as the sun rises on the eastern horizon of the sky from his own will. Although I am of very low grade and have no understanding on the spiritual subjects, from your causeless mercy - as you wrote to Srila Prabhupada in one of your Vyasa-Puja offerings - still I succeeded to understand a very important point: that the appearance of the spiritual master happens completely causelessly and is inspired only by the compassion toward the living beings. You have given up every desire regarding to your own personality and live exclusively for helping others. This is the most wonderful feature, the jewel of a rarely high spiritual personality like you. Free from every selfishness and false-ego, you work tirelessly for the benefit of every living being. Actually you are our ever well wisher. This gives you glory forever and makes you very dear to Srila Prabhupada and Lord Krsna. Srila Prabhupada says in the 16th chapter of the "Teachings of Lord Caitanya" quoting from the Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya:

*aho mahatman bahu-dosa-dusto
'py ekena baty esa bhavo gunena
sat-sangam-akhyena sukhabahena
krtadya no yena krsa mumuks.*

"O, great saint, although there are plenty of faults in this miserable world, still there is a great, glorious thing: the association of the pure devotees by which our desire for liberation will cease."



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Atma-Maya devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja, I thank you for coming between us bringing the most valuable treasure of the world, the association of a pure devotee. Hoping that once I will be able to appreciate and accept this treasure, I remain.

Your eternal servant,
Antardhi dasa



Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

On this wonderful day of your Vyasa-Puja I would like to thank you very much for everything I have received from you and for your care. Actually, I am not able to express my gratitude in words. Therefore, I would like to use the words from a lecture of one devotee who describe the relationship of the disciple and his spiritual master in a very beautiful way.

Thanks to the mercy of Sri Guru we can begin to understand the mercy of Krsna. This is the most important thing. We sing every morning: *sri guru-carana-padma*, and we offer our obeisances to the lotus feet of our spiritual master. These feet are compared to *padma*, that means lotus flower. The spiritual master sees in the heart of his disciple the rising sun of the desire to surrender. Then the flower of his lotus feet begins to flourish because lotus flowers flourish in the morning, when the sun is rising. The lotus sees the rising sun and opens to accept it. Therefore, when the spiritual master sees the rising sun of the desire to surrender to Krsna, then his lotus feet begins to flourish to give the mercy to the disciple. The lotus is very cool. Therefore, the lotus flower cools the heart that is infected by materialism. *Samsara-davanala-lidha-loka*, the materialistic heart is blazing in the fire of material existence. It is blazing because of lust, anger and envy. It is the state of a big fever. Somebody is very ill. In India to reduce fever they sometimes use lotus flowers. They put the lotus on the sick person and the fever diminishes. In the same way, our hearts may be cooled when we keep the lotus feet of our spiritual master in our hearts. What else can we get from lotus? The lotus honey. There are many ordinary flowers but the pollen picked by bees from the lotus flowers creates the sweetest kind of honey. In Ayur-veda this honey is used as a remedy for the eyes.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Atma-Maya devi dasi

Our eyes are blinded. The disciple has to be like a bee and collect the pollen of the lotus feet of his spiritual master. Thanks to such a honey our eyes which are infected by materialism may be cured.

Guru Maharaja, you give us mercy and so many opportunities to develop our spiritual life. Still I am in such an ignorance that I am not able to take this mercy. However, I have the desire to make my life one with your desires.

As you have said during the inauguration of Prabhupada Centennial in Wroclaw:
"So, my prayer is that all of you may live at least 100 years and you will spend all those years preaching the Holy Name, distributing Srila Prabhupada's books, making more and more devotees, expanding this Krsna consciousness movement to every town and village."



I would like to develop more this desire to become a total guru-fanatic. And that means, being seriously attached to Spiritual master and to his instructions with strong faith. As Manidhara Prabhu once said: "First we have to understand our most dear guardian the spiritual master. He becomes our Absolute master. When the mind wants to be our master, we can tell him: Sorry, it is already busy here. My spiritual master is already in charge. Then life becomes blissful and book distribution possible."

I know that I want to be completely surrendered to your instructions as you expect us- your disciples to do, although I do not understand fully the philosophy. Ignorance and sinfulness remain deeply in my consciousness, still I have faith that by following the lamp of *bhagavat-tattva* which you give us in your lectures and by trying to understand this truth I will be able to surrender to your instructions in Srila Prabhupada's mission. Please, let me situate myself eternally at your lotus feet.

Atma-Maya devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhadra Priya devi dasi

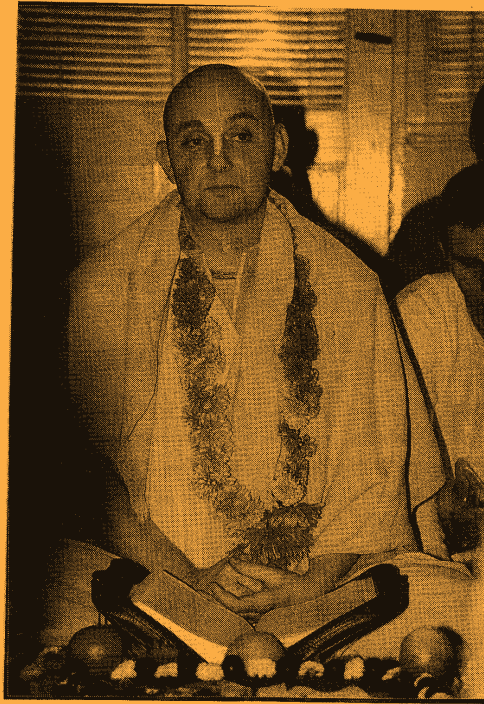
My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your lotus feet! Jaya Sri *guru-hamsaya*.

You are like the swan who picked me up by the heart, and took me in a world of truthfulness and light. I was going down so fast, and you pulled me up from a swamp of frustration. I don't like to think of what my life would be like now if you would not have come. You take me back to Krsna.

Nobody could be more kind. I can talk with your picture, listen to your voice on tape. you are always there for me. You are my father and my guide. As your child, I depend completely on your mercy. I will try harder to be a worthy disciple.

Your servant,
Bhadra Priya devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhagadatta dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Goswami Maharaja,

Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada! All glories to your Divine Grace!

I'm very happy that one more time I have the opportunity to write you a homage for the occasion of your auspicious appearance on this planet. There are several main streams that the devotees follow when writing their offerings. Some describe your wonderful qualities, in terms of their own realizations, or by referring to the scriptures. Others, by analyzing their own fallen condition try to draw your mercy upon themselves. Yet another use their poetic abilities to glorify you. And so on, and so on...



Every year I'm confronted with the same dilemma; How can I please you with my words? What pleasing can I write you. It's not easy! I can't just put someone else's words on my mouth. It never has the same effect. If the words aren't coming directly from the heart they just hang in the air.

I can not either open my heart. The smell will be intolerable. I can't please you by listing my accomplishments in devotional service, for I'm always in the position of just being around. Just like in communistic times, everyone did as little as possible for the state, just enough so that he doesn't get fired...

The question is: What words will please you? Yes!!! Now I know how to please you...I'll write you the most pleasing words:

*HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE*

Your black sheep,
Bhagadatta dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhagavata Dharma dasa

Dear Goswami Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble *dandavat* at the divine dust of your lotus feet. All glories to you, who are the greatest spiritual master and savior of the most fallen. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

As I am writing this offering, I am hoping that I will soon stand before you, and am reading these words, at the auspicious event of your Vyasa-Puja. Therefore, I thought of writing you an offering to please you. Because by words one can also please the spiritual master. We see, that you are doing this. You please Srila Prabhupada, by your devoted words.

My sense of *pratistha* said: "I shall write nice words. My offering shall be the best in this book. It shall become a great poem! It should be full of fine impressions and realized truths, adorned with deep statements from chosen *sastras*. Full of flowery language of poetry and of course, nice understanding of your statements. Stories which are enlivening, from my meaningful relationship with you, dear Guru Maharaja. It shall all be so impressing to you! I really wanted to say many things, and do many things for your sake, but I did a mistake.

You made a bridge by which I could connect myself with you and Sri Krsna. This bridge was personally decorated by you, with interesting spiritual sense objects, to attract my materially afflicted soul. I am a fool. I closed the bridge with the garbage of: lust, anger, greed, enviousness, madness, illusion and *pratistha*. Now the whole place is a mess.

Now, when I look at myself, as I am, then I know, that it is not possible for me to please you by my words. Neither am I able to please you by my thoughts or action. It is not a matter of making a show of being a wonderful speaker or actor. Neither can I, nor will I cheat you, for a relationship with you requires honesty. You are a father whom one can only relate to, through faith and devotion. Our best friend, by whose help we can take correct steps towards surrendering to Krsna. You are free from all sense of false prestige.



Yes, I want to be honest to you. I do not want to be just a member of this book. I badly need you! I want to become a real disciple. So that I can learn, how to go back to Godhead and continue to serve you. I know, that you are always with Krsna, and I want to be with you. But I have to pay the price:
„Full surrender, with love and devotion!“

Dear Guru-deva here I am, a case for causeless mercy. And here you are, the most munificent source of all love and devotion to Sri Krsna. At this day of your holy appearance, I humbly beg you, to give me the strength to purify my heart, so that I can pay the price. Thank you. All glories to you.

Your fallen servant,
Bhagavata Dharma dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakti-Acyuta-Priya devi dasi

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

All glories to you, Guru Maharaja, on this auspicious day! It is very difficult to express by words of gratitude to a person which saved and changed all my life, but anyway I will try because I am so thankful to you. By your causeless mercy, you are giving instructions to us all the time, which are helping us to cross this wild ocean of material existence. SB 3.7.36 describes spiritual master in this way:

*anuvratanam sisyanam putranam ca dvijottama
anaprstam ca bruyur guravo dina vatsalah*

„O best among the brahmanas, those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge.“

Your character could be described in one word as anagha - spotless (unblemished), because you possess all good qualifications of Vaisnavas in full. Because of your personal association and your instructions, the poor, conditioned and suffering souls begin the path of devotional service. I saw how people after Sunday Feast Program (when you were present), were enlivened, happy and full of appreciation for your Divine Grace. Especially your presentations of our philosophy (in form of books, articles, lectures), are in detail and logical explanation of the process of Bhakti-yoga, removing all doubts and dimness. Of course, I know that the source of your power is your faith, love and loyalty to your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. By your chaste following in the footsteps of Srila Prabhupada you, Guru Maharaja, are showing us the way to perfection -real Bhakti, love to Krsna. This is so simple and genuine. Unfortunately, it is so difficult for me to overcome my bad habits, false-ego, lust and so on. I can only beg for your mercy, to continue with care and sincerity to follow the process of devotional service and to be simply a good servant of servant of servant of God. You are teaching us every aspect of devotional service, starting from good-behavior, real humility, Vaisnava philosophy, etc. Your heart is overfilled with love of Krsna, you can defeat every false philosophy and prove that Krsna is the only reality. For this reason I will continue in my spiritual life, even if it means struggle. Since you are such a powerful pure devotee of Lord Krsna and you are giving me strength to go on.

Thank you Guru Maharaja for everything what you are doing for us: lectures, books, bhajans, excellent example.

All glories to you!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Your insignificant servant,
Bhakti-Acyuta-Priya devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bharadhari dasa and
Rasatmika devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

The first thing I heard when I joined the community of devotees, was a story about a king who injured himself with his sword and got angry at his minister who told him that whatever Krsna does is good. The story goes on and at the end, the king's life was saved just because of that injury. So the purport was that whatever Krsna does is good.

During the last two years me and my wife experienced a lot of things and emotions. Some of them was bitter from their beginning and remain bitter till now. Some of them became even more bitter than in the beginning. All the time we wondered, "How this could be good? What is Krsna teaching us?". Gradually, by your grace, we got some realizations too.

One realization is that the time is short and it might be that our life-time would not be long enough to fulfill your order and desire. This made us more determined and insistent in our endeavors.

Other realization is that we, devotees in the Broka-loka are very immature and weak in spiritual life and standards. We realized, how much we are dependent on the mercy and association of the pure Vaisnavas, which we accepted as something naturally given. But Krsna taught us a lesson. Without such pure association, our Krsna-consciousness disappears as a sand-castle on the sea shore. After some waves, there is nothing left. Although we are given the mercy and the process we are not qualified even to maintain them. Since the process is very powerful and we are impure, we injured ourselves as children playing with a sword. It's painful but whatever Krishna does is good.

Dear Guru Maharaja, please take care of us, so that we do not cut off our heads in our childish-foolishness. Please let us have your association so that we can receive proper intelligence to understand and accept Krsna's mercy. Therefore please accept this prayer.

"Dear Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai, dear Sri Sadbudja Mahaprabhu, dear Guru Maharaja, you are very merciful and friendly to all the fallen souls. Please bless us so that our hearts become free from influence and results of the lower modes of passion and ignorance- lust, anger, greed, pride, envy, illusion, sleepiness, laziness and madness. Please bless us in this way so that we can associate with such purified hearts and work all together and cooperatively spread the nectarian, most wonderful and most needful Sankirtana mission for the well being of all living entities in this poor and unfortunate country-Bulgaria!".

All glories to Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you, dear Guru Maharaja! His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja, Ki-Jaya!

Your fallen servants,
Bharadhari dasa and Rasatmika devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhatta Raghunatha dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja I want to praise your personality for your continuous endeavor to spread the mission of Lord Caitanya all over the world. In this way you continue the transcendental work of Srila Prabhupada who has brought the transcendental knowledge to the West, in order to awaken all conditioned souls from their miserable dreams of the false sense of being free, independent and separated proprietors, controllers and enjoyers of the material energy. The destination of those who preach this knowledge is explained by Krsna in the 18th chapter, verse 68 of Bhagavad-Gita:

*ya idam paramam guhyam
mad-bhaktesu abhidhasyati
bhaktim mayi param krtva
mam evaisyaty asamsayaha*

"For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me".

This knowledge about pure devotional service, that you are preaching is the purest kind of knowledge because it is not contaminated by mental speculation, mystic yoga nor by fruitive activities. I adore you since you are the most merciful and compassionate of all men. I want to follow your instructions in order to satisfy you and in this way to make gradual progress on the narrow path of spiritual life. I am amazed to how determined you are to preach Krsna consciousness, how persevering, and how patient! Although demoniac propaganda is so strong, especially in the western countries, you are continuing, successfully overcoming all difficulties thanks to the mercy of Lord Krsna. Your work is really beneficial because it brings benefit to the soul. Because of your deep realization of transcendental knowledge your teachings are very potent and convincing. Your presence is the source of inspiration, enlivenment and refreshment for the devotees who hanker after your association. Your vast knowledge encompassing 6 kinds of philosophies, your expertise in western philosophies, your eloquence, your scholarship, the keenness of your intelligence, all these assets you use in your preaching, not leaving even the smallest spot for personal distinction, profit, nor fame. You are setting example how to sacrifice everything in the service of Krsna, without trying to enjoy the material world or falsely renounce things of this world which anyway do not belong to us. Your love and compassion are very great, and make me forever thankful and obliged to you. Due to your great compassion and mercifulness you are trying to attract all ignorant unhappy human beings to Krsna, but they can not fully benefit if they do not accept your instructions in their hearts.

Your servant,
Bhatta Raghunatha dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Brghu Muni dasa

Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

Please let me glorify you with a few *slokas* on this most auspicious day.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.“

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

„Our respectful obeisances unto you, O eternal spiritual master. You are the Simha-guru and the one who takes away the influence of Kali-yuga by delivering wonderful lectures on the scientific teaching of Srila Prabhupada.“

*vande'ham padapadman te sampradaya-cudamani
yatirajaya suddhaya sri-gurave namo namah*

„I worship Your lotus feet, o crest-jewel of the *sampradaya*. Again and again, I worship you, the purest spiritual master, the king of Sanyasis.“

*tridanda-tulasimala-gopicandana-bhusita
sri-sarasvati-prestha jaya siddhanta-raksaka*

„All glories to you, who are decorated with *tridanda*, Tulasi-beads and *gopicandana-tilaka*. You are most loved by Sarasvati, and you are the protector of the devotional conclusions.“

*naumi tvam acaryadeva bhaktivedantam bhasasi
samsara-sindhoh sisyan te tan udnayasi eva ca*

„I worship you, spiritual master. You illuminate the science of Bhaktivedanta, and you rescue your disciples from the ocean of birth and death.“

*naganamanimanjaryah sridasim sevyasi sada
namas te dina-dinam mam kadacitkim smarisyasi*

„You always serve the servant of *Nayanamanimanjari*. I offer my respectful obeisances to you. Do you sometimes remember me, the lowest of the low?„

Your servant,
Brghu Muni dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Carucandra dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada! All Glories to Your causeless mercy!

On this most happy day of your appearance I'd like to offer few words for your satisfaction. I'm very grateful for all the love, care and encouragement that you are giving me in devotional service. I'll never be able to appreciate this fully! I feel like a helpless child always crying for the help of his father. When will I grow up?! When will I be able to serve Krishna in a nicer and mature way? That I do not know, but I know one thing- if I always remain in the shelter of your lotus feet, then I'm in the safest position, much more safe then any other position in this world.

I remember a true story of a man, who wanted to cross the vast Pacific ocean with a small boat. He was of a strong character, so he was very bold and determined. But something happened in the middle of the ocean, something went wrong with the boat, so he had to repair it. He was tied to it with a safe-rope, but it was very inconvenient for him to work tied like that, so he untied himself to feel more comfortable while working. Then suddenly a big wave shook the boat and this man couldn't keep his balance and fell into the water. Because the boat was on „auto-pilot“ it continued forwards and although our hero tried his best to reach it, he just could see how the boat went away and at the end disappeared. He was alone in the middle of the ocean, without his boat- completely hopeless situation. Fortunately, he had the unordinary good fortune to be seen by the team of a ship, which was passing by and so he was saved...



So this is my position. I'm hanging in the vast ocean of material existence, completely helpless, but I have a hope- **The boat**, which can bring me on the other side of the ocean... You are this boat, Guru Maharaja, but unlike this man I should never try to untie the safe-rope, for then I'll be finished. Sometimes I feel much inconvenient in my spiritual life, because of so many difficult tests I have to undergo, therefore today I pray to you:

"Please, help me to remain in the shelter of your lotus feet!"

Your adhama servant,
Carucandra dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Cintamani devi dasi

My dear Guru Maharaja,

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

On this wonderful day of your transcendental appearance in the material world, I want to thank you for your kindness to engage me in devotional service of Krishna. I'm very happy to be your disciple. I can see how rare is the opportunity to meet a pure devotee of the Lord in this world of sense-gratification.

Guru Maharaja, you are unlimitedly merciful and compassion to the living entities on the earth, because you give them the most valuable gift, namely Krishna-consciousness. Guru Maharaja, I know you had come from the spiritual world to reveal us the knowledge of the Vedic scriptures. You are my spiritual father, who wants to teach me how to serve Krishna. You come to help me and to make me happy by reviving my original position as an eternal servant of Krishna. Thank you very much. On this day, I want to express my feelings of love to you. You are my connection with Krishna. You want to give me Krishna. *sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma* "The lotus feet of the spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances to your lotus feet. The only thing, which I want is to purify my consciousness with the words emanating from your lotus mouth."

*saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih
kintu prabhor yah pria eva tasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari (Krishna).“

Guru Maharaja, you are very dear to Krishna, because you give everything to Him-the whole of your life. Krishna says, that the pure devotees are in His heart and He is in the hearts of His pure devotees. I only desire to purify my heart and to invite you to sit there on a beautiful lotus flower. I want, always to remember you by remembering and following your instructions. I want always to hear and to take part in your ecstatic kirtans. I want always to listen to your wonderful lectures. I want always to remember Krishna! I want always to serve Krishna- by serving you. I know, that I am completely unqualified for this, but I'm praying with whole my heart to you: please engage me in devotional service of the Lord forever! Please give me your causeless mercy, without which there is no hope for me.

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of 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 obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.“





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Cintamani devi dasi

My dear Guru Maharaja, you are *patita-pavana*, and I'm one of these fallen souls. Please don't forget me!

Your servant,
Cintamani devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Cit Sakti dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto the shadow of your lotus feet. All glories to you.

On the occasion of the most auspicious day in the whole year, I'd like to express my gratitude towards your Divine Grace, who saved me by accepting me as disciple, and despite all my foolishness you are still showering your mercy upon me by keeping me busy in the mission of Srila Prabhupada, that I don't know how I'll be able to repay you all that you are doing for me. I can only pray to you sincerely, "Please keep me busy in devotional service all the time", so I can maybe sometimes satisfy you, for that's the only pleasure in my life: to see you being satisfied. Therefore, I'm becoming crazy, when I hear that you don't feel well because of some stupid comet (I know that's not only because of it). I almost wish to have a small drop of potency of Sri Hanuman, so I could easily push it away (as Hanumanji once swallow sun considering it to be an orange, food).

Dear Guru Maharaja, thank you very much for revealing one of the very essential jewels of devotional service: love for the spiritual master. As you explained to me in your answer to my very first question to your Divine Grace about tasting devotional service: "When the disciple has love for the spiritual master, he naturally gets a taste from the service rendered to the spiritual master."

During that short time under your divine guidance I can understand more and more how essential this basic thing is. It is practical understanding of personal philosophy. Elsewhere you explained that to develop love for Krsna and guru starts with showing appreciation. A disciple who has love for the spiritual master is also ready to do everything for the pleasure of the spiritual master with great enthusiasm and force. Thank you very much, Guru Maharaja, for those brief moments that I could be in your personal presence, so that I could see what it practically means, for you are ready to do whatever for Srila Prabhupada, not caring for your personal interest. Taste is actually connected with desire: what I want; Krsna or Maya, therefore you are explaining the importance of checking desires minute by minute, in other words one must be attentive in performing devotional service according to rules and regulations of the *vaidhi-sadhana-bhakti* process introduced by Srila Prabhupada, then taste is awarded by Sri Guru-parampara. Lack of taste for chanting of the holy name, can be overcome "by chanting with relish, fixing your mind on the holy name and nothing else. Steady practice is required." And you are practically demonstrating again and again by your bhajans and kirtans what is the **real** taste and happiness in life: relishing the holy name. Nowadays it is sometimes a fashion, to go to somebody to taste higher stages of devotional service as *rasika bhakta* etc. Thank you, Guru Maharaja, that I don't have even time to find out what it is all about, being busily engaged in your service, while getting all I need, from you, so I can happily continue. In this way, I can taste real rasa coming from the anxiety of what will please you most! Guru Maharaja, please again, keep me busy in the mission of Srila Prabhupada, which is your life & soul.

Recently I've heard a lecture by your Divine Grace on the Verse 2.3.23 of the Srimad-Bhagavatam, which says: "The person who has not at any time received the dust of the feet of the Lord's pure devotee upon his head is certainly a dead body. And a person who has never experienced the aroma of the Tulasi leaves from the lotus feet of the Lord is also a dead body, although breathing."

Thank you, Guru Maharaja, that because I could meet you I could steal also a little bit of dust of your lotus feet and I am praying that it can happen many times more, for dead body can render a little service to your Divine Grace. Thank you, Guru Maharaja, very much for your patient guidance, I'd like to be a better follower.

Your servant,
Cit Sakti dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Dayala Candra dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances unto the dust of your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*



All glories to Gaura-Nitay. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the Sankirtana mission.

It is a very auspicious day for us, the day of your Vyasa-Puja, when we can glorify you and your elevated qualities. For us you are the perfect example in every respect. By action under your guidance we can remove our ignorance. By your instruction it is possible for us to cross over the material world which is like an ocean of suffering. By accepting service for you we are attaining the supreme bliss, which is devotional service for Lord Sri Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Transcendental knowledge which is flowing from your lotus mouth, makes it easy for us to find the proper way to the spiritual world, and give up our attachments to the material world. In this way we can make advancement in Krsna Consciousness. Guru Maharaja, by staying in the association of persons like you we have opportunity to hear about wonderful qualities and accomplishments of the Supreme personality of Godhead and begin to understand them.

Without your instructions, knowledge and the mercy which you are giving to us, we are like blind fools who like a night-butterfly are killed in the fire of material illusion.

Dear Guru Maharaja, please bless us so that we'll be able to serve you always and in this way satisfy Sri Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. Your mercy is inestimable, and I trust that because of it I also will be able to make progress in Bhakti-yoga.

Your servant,
Dayala Candra dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Devala dasa and
Ekaparna devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you, Guru Maharaja!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

In this most beautiful day, we together beg you, Guru Maharaja to accept our, coming from deep of the core of our hearts these few words of our thanks, which we want humbly to place at your lotus feet. Due to the course of time, we are seeing more and more how important is the constant presence of the spiritual master in the life of a disciple. How in many particular moments inspiration is coming from his Divine Personality's Mouth, and what to do to spiritually advance. We tangibly experienced your personal mercy once again. You, Guru Maharaja blessed us by giving us the opportunity to come in contact with our God-brothers and God-sisters with whom we can associate in a spiritual way and cultivate and develop our desire to serve you. Because of your causeless mercy, we can learn how to resign from our so-called independence and separatism and start to develop Krishna conscious relations and spiritual friendship with other devotees.

The fundament of a disciple's devotional life, is the service for the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna through the transparent media of his spiritual master. The association of devotees and your preaching, make us more and more aware of the importance of that fact. We are impelled by the power, which comes from you and thus we can intensify our spiritual engagements by developing the close relationships with those, who dedicate their lives to serve Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga.

We pray to your Lotus Feet, Guru Maharaja to give us the constant intelligence to appreciate such an association and be able to show them our respects with open hearts.

The power of your instructions, and your spiritual shelter, are the perfect tools which destroy ignorance at our hearts and simultaneously help us to properly take care of our service to you- Guru Maharaja and to Srila Prabhupada. Having your constant guidance we will be able to fully accept any challenge now and in the future and learn how to be more and more dependent on your mercy.

Your humble servants,
Devala dasa and Ekaparna devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Dharmaksetra dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my deepest obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you on this unequalled day.

I am not able to comprehend the storage of mercy which you are showering upon your surrendered disciples. If only I could please Your Divine Grace, that would be my life's fulfillment. Your mercy on this fallen soul can not be estimated, because although I am completely unqualified. You gave me shelter under your lotus feet. I can try to serve you eternally, but am forever indebted to you. You are very dear to Sri Krsna, Srimati Radharani and Srila Prabhupada. If somehow or other you are pleased with me, there is still a chance .

Please be patient me, because through-out the whole of the three worlds you are my only shelter.

Your foolish servant,
Dharmaksetra dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Gadabhrt dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja, please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

In this auspicious day, your spiritual sons and daughters -your disciples- come together to glorify you, remembering your endless mercy and how you have saved them, kindly giving them the opportunity of the liberation from birth and death.

I also try to follow the footsteps of my God-brothers/ and sisters, but I am very fallen and I can not find the proper words. I would like to tell you an interesting dream which gave me a deep impression:

„It happened before my initiation in the autumn of 1993. During a night, I was dreaming that you visited us on the farm. Soon after your arrival, you wanted to look around on the farm and nobody else wanted to bring you, only me. When I got to know this, I became frightened, because I could not speak English and without a translator, I could not communicate with you. But something else happened... After our departure you started to speak with me but to my utter amazement not on English but with perfect pronunciation on Hungarian. I was surprised and very happy because finally I could speak with you directly. We were going through the farm seeing everything, and you-like a real father, was explaining to me everything. How one has to dress vines; hay, weed, how one can recognize the different garden-plants.“

Afterwards, I woke up and I was extremely happy and enthusiastic. I could understand the following things from this dream:

The spiritual master is;

- the best friend.
- knows everything.
- universal.
- very kind to the fallen souls.

sri guru karuna sindhu adhama janara bandhu

I am thinking about this dream with pleasure and my desire is that one day it becomes reality and could get your direct association. Meanwhile, following your instructions I try to serve your lotus feet- your *vani*.

Your insignificant servant,
Gadabhrt dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Gaura Bhagavan dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

In the beginning of my Krsna consciousness, I could freshly remember the sufferings of material life and I was very young and idealistic. Then the *bhoga-tyaga* pendulum swung easily towards renunciation.

Now, as I am forgetting how miserable my life was, and having been affected by bad association the pendulum wants to swing back to sense gratification. Then due to having only a fallen *mleccha* upbringing I feel the pull of my sinful material nature. In my present condition, the only thing that motivates me to continue following the regulative principles, is to remember you and Sri Krsna and the unlimited mercy you have shown me throughout the years and are still showing me now.

Actually, without becoming attached to the lotus feet of the spiritual master, even being born in a pious family is of little value.

I pray, that I may become more and more sincere in pleasing you and remain as such. Then the path back to Godhead is very simple and clear. Thank you so much, Guru Maharaja.

Your fallen servant,
Gaura Bhagavan dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Gopati dasa

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Every year we, your disciples celebrate with great joy and reverence, the significant festival of your appearance day on this planet. Due to this appearance, now we can take shelter at you lotus feet.

The mercy you give us is the foundation of the deep and intimate relationship between us, because the parents we have in this material world are coming and going with the change of our body, whereas the relationship between the disciple and the spiritual master is eternal and never terminated. I'm trying to comprehend the meaning of this relationship, which is as necessary for our existence as the air and the sun are, to maintain the body, and without which there is no meaning to our human life. By listening to your lectures I gradually begin to realize how terrifying this world is and that only by your mercy I can get out of here. I have no idea how I can repay you for the incredible mercy you showed upon me by accepting me as your disciple. I can only try to assist you however I could for the fulfillment of your mission of spreading Krsna consciousness throughout the whole world.

Without your mercy I'm completely helpless, and I very well know this because as Prahlada Maharaja is saying that the violent waves of life are always tossing us back and forth, and only by the mercy of your great wisdom and expertise we can survive in this war with the material energy.

I remember how in one lecture in Sofia you said that the transcendental nectar pouring down from the lotus feet of the Deities will flood the temple with all the devotees there. Then it will float down through the streets of Sofia and some people who would try to escape wouldn't succeed because they'll also taste that nectar. But in order that this really happens, we, your disciples must make serious endeavors. The Bulgarian devotees now are working in different countries with the aim of collecting Laksmi for the fulfillment of your wonderful desire to have our own temple in Sofia. I want to express my gratitude to you that I was able to be present personally on the celebration of Srila Prabhupada's 100-th anniversary and Krsna-Janmasthanami in Radhadesh. This can happen only through your mercy! I can not forget the way you glorified Srila Prabhupada with loving words coming from the depths of your heart. I could also see the exquisite love and reverence you expressed towards Sri Sri Radha-Gopinatha when you worshipped them. All the devotees were dancing and singing in ecstasy hearing your incredible kirtans, and by your mercy I could also dive deep into this transcendental ocean of nectar.

I would like to also mention the wonderful Vyasa-Puja which we celebrated at the home of Amaraprabhu in Berlin. There, you told us a very interesting story about your visit to Italy. You pointed out the importance of having staunch Sanyasis in our society giving good example to all others.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Gopati dasa

I would like to also thank you that by your mercy I could also go to this wonderful temple in Abentheuer. There I could fulfill my long cherished desire to build a temple for Sri Sri Radha-Krsna. We fulfilled this wonderful project for building a temple for Sri Sri Radha-Madana-mohan for nine months. There were many hard moments because there was a lot to do. The work was heavy and the time very short. At this difficult moments I could always remember how selflessly and vigorously you work for Krsna and how many severe austerities you undertake in order to travel and preach. And this gave me the strength to pass the test. I'm very glad that we could do this service. There in Abentheuer we got the opportunity to associate with many devotees and also hear different spiritual masters. And again, only by your mercy I could get some more experience in Krsna consciousness by this good association.



I beg you again and again to receive shelter at your lotus feet, for without your mercy I'm like a withered rootless tree. I'm praying heartily to Krsna to give you long life and good health, so that we, your disciples would understand and execute better the mission for which you have come to this world.

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga! All glories to Sri Sri Radha-Krsna! All glories to the assembled devotees! Please accept my humble obeisances.

Your insignificant servant,
Gopati dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Ijya devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances . All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus feet ! All glories to Lord Caitanya's sankirana mission.

You are very merciful to the conditioned souls. Srila Balabadra das Visnupada said at the time of initiation the disciple promises to follow the Guru, and the spiritual master promises to take the disciple back to the spiritual world. May the disciple don't keep his promise, but the Guru is keeping, He always keeps His word.

To go back to the spiritual world is not easy. One has to be very thirsty to pure devotional service performed to the lotus feet of Radha-Krishna, to go back to his original home .

Guru Maharaja, I know that you will take me back to Krishna, even if I don't want to give up my independence. But I know that you will take me back, because you chain me to yourself by your kind personality. I don't know why, but I feel that I shouldn't cause you any pain, and for that I rather tolerate every suffering and trial what comes in my way during the performance of the spiritual life.

Your personality is incomprehensible for me. When I am in your association, I always feel very indebted to you. I feel you have put trust in me, you gave me first and second initiation, and your instructions. When you look at me I know and feel surely you know that I am not that body and I do not belong to that world . I belong to somewhere else, to Krishna .

Once Srila Sacinanda Maharaja in a lecture said that we shouldn't think that the spiritual world is a good health resort-place, where beside nice flute place we can happily live there. The spiritual world means 24 hour serve , without selfish desire and sense gratification .

You said the love for the Guru is manifesting in four things . It manifests in good behavior, humility, obligility, and obedience. So we should behave well, be humble, obliging and obedient! Distribute Srila Prabhupada's books!

Somehow we should please you in some way. Let your happiness be our happiness only.
Guru Maharaja Ki Jaya !Guru Maharaja Ki Jaya ! Guru Maharaja Ki Jaya !

Guru Maharaja, please give your blessing that these words don't remain words only.

Your eternal servant,
Ijya devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Jagannatha Misra dasa

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto the shade of your soft lotus feet which releases us from the illusions of material existence.

We are so fortunate! Simply because you choose us to take place in this most wonderful pastime of Gaura-Nityananda.

*prithivite ache yata nagaradi grama
sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama*

Now the chanting of the Holy names of Krsna is drowning the world, and the most fortunate living beings are taking their birth. This prophesy becoming true is not because of accident or any tricks, but because of the causeless compassion of personalities like you.

Prabhupada brought that power from *bharata-varsa* to America then his foremost disciples carried to the rest of the world. It is like transcendental flood with ever increasing power, which no one can stop... and for sure no one will remain dry.

All glories to you Guru Maharaja, and to all the eternal associates of Lord Caitanya, whose "heart-beats" are the same as this movement. If you don't inspire, if you don't teach, if you don't direct me I would never know who am I and what to do with my measured life.

*prayenalpayusah sabhya
kalav asmin yuge janah
mandah sumanda-matayo
manda-bhagya hy upadrutah*

Quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky, and above all always disturbed. That's me. Without taking shelter into Prabhupada's spoken kirtans or the sound emanating from your lotus lips. I must say I'm lost. I'm blind! I'm blinded by "science", blinded by "friendship" and "love". I'm blinded by my own ignorance. And how could I understand that:

*ekale isvara Krsna ara sarva bhritya
yare yaiche nacaya se taice kare nrtya*

"Only Krsna is the Supreme master, and all others are His servants. As Krsna desires, everyone dances, according to His tune."

The dance of the conditioned souls is always perverted and ugly, but the dance of Krsna with His lovers is ever-increasing beauty.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Jagannatha Misra dasa

"Gopis are clapping with their hands and Krishna dances. He is the Supreme Lord... but He dances."

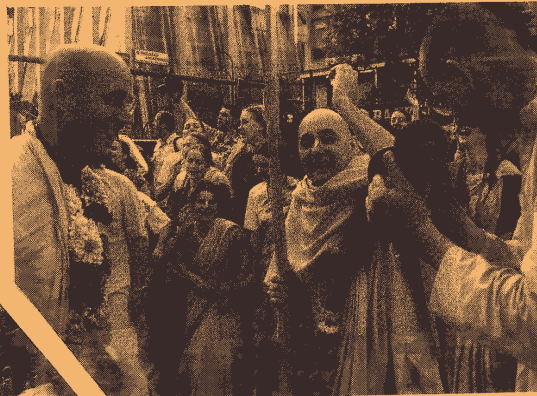
He likes to walk over the heads of the demons or to press down all of mind's poisonous hooks. He jumps in a lap of a devotee who simply loves Him. Or right in someone's heart in the form of His books. He is *svarat* and no one can say to Him- where to step. Whatever Krsna wants is naturally, perfectly, performed. Krsna is singing wonderful melodies and meters. You accompanied Him, following His beautiful song.

All Glories to you, Guru Maharaja, and all the eternal associates of the Supreme, following His flute's sound. I'm dull and slow and I cannot properly follow the tune. Impurities cover my heart and lack of taste for that realm of spiritual bliss is my unfortunate and unbearable sin. I never saw Krsna's dance, nor I know who Krsna is! I'm no better than low beggar with an iron-box instead of heart. I'm no better than a pet animal, forgetful of his gentle master. I'm no better than an unchaste wife loitering far away from his husband. Still I'm shamelessly begging you the master of my true life- *nacao me, nacao me...*

Let me remain simply a "book worm" in that vast transcendental ocean of books, Continuing the distribution of Krsna's message until this body falls apart. And if you grant me even with a drop of pure attachment for Krsna's lotus feet my life is successful.

Please, Guru Maharaja, don't ever leave my heart...

Your eternal servant,
Jagannatha Misra dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Jalendra dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Every time I start to write the offering for your Vyasa-Puja day, I try to look back to see what I was doing during last year. Actually, I don't want to look back so much this time, because if I have to be honest, this has been the worst year in my life. And Krsna, of course bless me in a special way, but that's what I wanted.

I remember, very well when that you told me: "Become simple Jalendra, become simple!" When I think a little bit, it sounds very simple: „just become simple.“ Actually, it is nothing to wonder about. It is just to do it! But I'm so STUPID!

There is no doubt about what I want to do with my life, I just want to take complete shelter at your lotus feet. I hope there is a small place also for me!

Srila Suhotra Maharaja Ki Jaya!!!

Your servant,
Jalendra dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Jnanacaksus dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to you and to Srila Prabhupada!

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says:

*brahmada bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva
guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata bija*

Even if one wanders for many millions of years, from the time of creation until the time of annihilation, one cannot get free from the path of material existence unless one receives shelter at the lotus feet of a pure devotee.

As a monkey takes shelter of the branch of a banyan tree and thinks he is enjoying, the conditioned soul not knowing the real interest of his life, takes shelter of the path of *karma-kanda*, fruitive activities. Sometimes he is elevated to the heavenly planets by such activities, and sometimes he again descends to the earth. This is described by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu as *brahmada bhramite*. However, if by Krsna's grace one is fortunate enough to come under the shelter of the guru, by the mercy of Krsna he receives lessons on how to execute devotional service to the Supreme Lord. In this way he receives a clue of how to get out of his continuous struggle, going up and down within the material world. Therefore the Vedic injunction is that one should approach a spiritual master. In Bhagavad-Gita (4.34) the Supreme Personality of Godhead also advises:

*tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth."

Srimad-Bhagavatam (11.3.21) gives similar advice:

*tasmad gurum prapadyeta jijnasuh sreya uttamam
sabde pare ca nisnatam brahmany upasamasrayam*

"Any person who seriously desires to achieve real happiness must seek out a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation. The qualification of his spiritual master is that he must have realized the conclusion of the scriptures by deliberation and be able to convince others about this conclusions. Such great personalities, who have taken shelter of the Supreme Godhead, leaving aside all material considerations, are to be understood as bona fide spiritual masters."

Similarly, Visvanatha Cakravarti, a great Vaisnava, also advises: *yasya prasada bhagavat prasada*. „By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the mercy of Krsna.“



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Kalavinka dasa

It is the same advice as given by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu *guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija*. This is essential. One must come to Krsna consciousness, and therefore one must take shelter of a pure devotee. Thus one can become free from the clutches of matter.

Thank you so much for appearing at this time on this planet, even though this world is such a troublesome place.

Your servant,
Jnanacaksus dasa



*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Guru Maharaja,

With this poem I try to glorify you by your name. Please, excuse me if there is something too intimate. I'm just trying to take advantage of this auspicious day! Guru Maharaja Ki-Jaya!

Prabhupada's son

At 50's you mercifully appeared
In 71 you was fortunate enough
Srila Prabhupada personally initiated
Your like crystal-nectar life.

He gave you the name Suhotra dasa
very soon, Prabhupada the name discovered
"Oh, your chanting is very nice!"
Then your humble attitude appeared. *

That was personal short explanation
We can find in *sastra* more
about important exposition
which Prabhupada conveyed in his purports.

„su“ means very good
Like „suhrt“ word convey **
„Hotra“, it's not „agni-hotra“
Supreme *yajna* should understood.
"Sacrificing worldly possessions
pursuing transcendental knowledge
in this way. ***

Sutapa he is perfect renouncer
You have that mood; the name is closed
Your tongue is very careful even tasting
maha-prasada
You live with Krsna-*sakti* for others
this is fast.



Kalavinka dasa

Narada Muni presents here, as *svrata* is addressed
Those who have no material interest. ***
By determination you said, intelligence will come.
„*ekeha*“ verse explained this in Krishna-conscious term. *

Spiritual consciousness you can attain from mouth of the pure devotee - just hear!
„*Sthanestita*“ - blissfull devotees follow in your zone
„*su-yoga* state!“ Remaining of your name- It's clear! *****

„*Ku-yogi*“ Himalaya-meditator you can face right now.
By *drdha-vrata* words you easily can show. They have no attitude to serve Krsna
This point you „*ku-yogi*“ don't know.

Srila Prabhupada's mood you clearly understood and teach in a way that everyone is amazed
In „Stay-high-forever“,
„Substance and Shadow“ way.

In this way you became the best of Srila Prabhupada's sons.
Nobody else but the best.
Bhaktisidhanta's grand-son.
That can see everyone.

Invisible is your inside *atmarama* type self-satisfaction.
Which appeared outside as gentleman, and all forgiven man perfection.

All forgiving!
Everyone who try to offended you, Hiranyaksa remind.
Harsh words are turning into glorifying.

Perfect gentlemen,
Those who once see you think:
"I never see such beautiful smiling
Those who are advanced know " Your every word will practically manifest."

Personified Suhotra, *svrata*, *sutapa*, *su-yoga*, you are
O, I want eternally your *guru-padasraya* shelter.
O, the savior of the most fallen!

Your ever foolish Kalavinka

* letter SP VP 93 or 94
** BG 5.29
*** BG 2.41
**** Substance and Shadow chapter 5
***** SB 7.4.44
***** SB 4.20.25





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Kamalavati devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

On one side, I am so glad that it is again the occasion of your all auspicious appearance day in this world - since it gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude and admiration for you. On the other, it is the time of the year when I most intensely regret my inability to express myself in an adequate way. Anyhow, I'll try, with the hope of not spoiling everything.

As time goes by, I realize more and more that everything positive in my life is due to your mercy on this fallen conditioned soul. Whatever real happiness I have experienced, whatever good qualities I start to develop, whatever spiritual (and even material) acquisition I have, is only by your mercy. Attracted by your transcendental personality I came to Krsna consciousness. Due to your compassion, concern and expertise, I am still trying to engage in devotional service. My relationship with you and the personal instructions you give are my constant and biggest inspiration in devotional service. I am amazed by your ability to engage everybody with even a small drop of sincerity in devotional service.

As I am writing I realize that like Ananta-Sesa; I'll need millions of mouths and eternity in my attempt to describe your glories. But since I do not have either available; I'll end my offering praying to be able to glorify you by becoming and remaining forever completely devoted to the service at your lotus feet.

Aspiring to become your ever surrendered servant,
Kamalavati devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Kasya dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

*vyavasayatmika buddhir
ekeha kuru-nandana
bahu-sakha hy anantas ca
buddhayo 'vyavasayinam*

"Those who are on this path are resolute in purpose, and their aim is one. O, beloved child of Kurus, the intelligence of those who are irresolute is many-branched." (B.g. 2.41)

Commentary by Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura:

"The best kind of intelligence I can have is intelligence used in the service of Krsna. That intelligence is defined as fixed when it is fixed upon my spiritual master's instructions, such as chanting the names of Krsna, remembering His activities, and performing service to His lotus feet. His instructions are my *sadhana* and my life - both, in the beginning stages of Bhakti as well as in Bhakti's perfectional stage. I desire only to follow his instructions. I accept nothing as my life's work, even in dreams. Whether I am happy or distressed, whether the material world remains or is destroyed, I do not care. There is no loss for me. I simply must carry out the orders of my spiritual master. Fixedness upon his orders is determined intelligence in devotional service, and only by being fixed in his orders is such determined intelligence possible."

Everybody can see how seriously takes our Guru Maharaja the order of his spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. He is extensively traveling through-out the whole year, not caring for his bodily comforts. He is calling the conditioned souls, trying to invite them to the realm of ever-eternal bliss. Above all, he is very expert and learned in presenting Krsna's philosophy, so that we can be inspired to surrender to the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord. There is not a person, who would not relish his sweet and melodious Kirtanas. By his powerful speech it's very easy to understand the most intricate parts of the philosophy. Therefore, I ask myself and the rest to sincerely to try to follow in his lotus foot steps.

Srila Prabhupada came
to propagate Krsna's name.
He flooded the world asking to follow.

Our Guru-deva, inspired
took Prabhupada's advice.
Extensively preaching, not caring
what Maya puts forward.

Our Guru-deva knows,
how to be nice to the animals
in human disguise.

He plays harmonium
and chants long time:
"Hare Krsna! Hare Krsna!"
Then he explains philosophically
who are we, and who is Krsna!

We can just pray, in hope we will be saved,
we will once understand, what is his intend.

Your eternal servant,
Kasya dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Kaustubha dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I offer my humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

Many people think that Guru worship is personal cult or slavery. But Narottama dasa Thakura says in Bhakti chandrika:

chadiya vaisnava seva nistara payeche keba

„Unless one serves the spiritual master and the Acaryas one cannot be liberated.“

Everybody has to accept and follow a guru because he is the well wisher of all living. A bona fide spiritual master thinks like Prahlad Maharaja:

„I don't wish to be liberated alone, leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Krsna consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore, I wish to bring them back to shelter at Your lotus feet.“ (S.B. 7.9.44.)

titiksava karunikah suhrdah sarva-dehinam

„The symptoms of a sadhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities.“
(S.B. 3.25.21)

You are such a saintly person. Dear Guru Maharaja, thank you for your help. I'm very lucky to be connected with you.

*aksnoh phalam tvadrsa-darsanam hi tanoh phalam tvadrsa-gatra sangah
jihva-phalam tvadrsa-kirtanam hi sudurlabha bhagavata hi loka*

"Seeing a person like you is the perfection of one's eyesight. Touching your lotus feet is the perfection of the sense of touch. Glorifying your good qualities is the tongue's real activity, for in the material world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord. (Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya)

Please forgive me for all my mistakes and offenses. I will try to become a better disciple in the future. Please give me your blessings to fulfill your instructions.

I offer again my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

Your eternal servant,
Kaustubha dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Krsnadeva dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

The spiritual master is an exalted Vaisnava because he knows how to practically engage his disciples in his mission of spreading the Krsna consciousness. While chanting the glories of the holy name of the Lord, Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare, the spiritual master is opening the closed hearts of the conditioned souls, and by his lectures on the Srimad-Bhagavatam and the Bhagavad-Gita he is putting knowledge and taste for devotional service into these hearts.



It is a great responsibility for the spiritual master to spread Krsna Consciousness all over the world. The function of a disciple is to take some of this responsibility away from the spiritual master and put it on his own shoulders, and thus assist in his mission of spreading the Krsna consciousness. The spiritual master is pleased when his disciples meditate every day on his instructions, so that they can execute them in the best possible way for his satisfaction.

I desire to be your sincere and humble servant, so that by my service I can assist you in your mission as much as possible.

Your eternal servant,
Krsnadeva dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Krsnananda dasa and
Maha-bhava svarupa devi dasi

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and his mission.

This year 1997 is full of difficult tasks for me and for my wife. You, Guru Maharaja, are testing us and we've got serious lessons. Only by your causeless mercy and blessings, we started preaching program for establishing a new center in Varna and now this center can function and develop successfully. Your strong desire for expanding the preaching mission in Bulgaria is the only reason that urges the people from distant towns in this country to become „infected“ by the transcendental sound of the **Hare Krsna** Maha-Mantra, to read the books of Srila Prabhupada, and to have this wonderful opportunity to taste Krsna-Prasadam.

We both pray to Krsna for your personal association Guru Maharaja, because only you can eradicate the dense darkness of ignorance in our miserable minds and to protect us from the traps of Maya. Utility and preaching, you said, must go hand by hand. We will try to apply this principle in our life. Thank you for the intelligence, which you causelessly are giving to us.

Your insignificant servants,
Krsnananda dasa and
Maha-bhava svarupa devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Krsna-ragini devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

Srila Prabhupada said that only one who wants to inquire about the spiritual world must find a spiritual master. And, in order to inquire about the Absolute Truth, about spiritual life, one must become experienced by the miserable life in the material world.

We may be attracted to Krsna. We may love the books, the philosophy, the Deities. We may hanker for the association of the devotees and be attached to the service. But as long as we do not really realize the miserable condition of this material world and, as such, we do not take wholeheartedly to Lord Caitanya's mission, what chance is there to become Krsna conscious in this life and go back home, back to Godhead in the end of it?

Guru Maharaja, you pushed your mercy upon me, such a covered one. So covered that I could not even see your mercy at the moment it was manifested. And Krsna knows when will I ever be able to quickly detect it, blinded as I am by my attachments.

Now, a bomb of renewed enthusiasm exploded in our hearts in Romania, after your last visit, as we make again plans to expand the movement. Expanding the movement goes against expanding sense gratification. And I see this mission of preaching in Timisoara and Bucharest as a real test of my purity, patience and confidence and as the most deep service I ever did to you. Krsna says in Bhagavad-Gita 9.33:

*anityam asukham lokam
imam prapya bhajasva mam*

"Therefore, having come to this temporary, miserable world, engage in loving service unto Me."

We are now in this material world and have to deal with it. But still here we can make our living simple, expanding our spiritual life and fulfilling our life's mission. Always with the thought and hope for the day when, by Lord Caitanya's grace, we will come to Krsna's lotus feet, in the eternal abode.

Your unworthy servant,
Krsna-ragini devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Krsnavalli devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet! All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! All glories to the most auspicious day of your appearance!

I feel very embarrassed to write to this book together with so many great souls who are very dear to you, because they know nothing besides your service. I am so slow that till now I did not understand that there is no other hope for me than to accept your instructions very very seriously and never do anything else. Most of the time I am obedient servant of my other Guru- the mind. But you are the most expert in defeating all kinds of speculations and rascal "philosophies" of the mind.

Last time when you were in Prague, you have encouraged me to preach, because my mind was trying to convince me that I was unqualified and therefore could not preach. Since that time, I could feel how much strength is coming from preaching and how important it is. Another time I asked you about preaching to someone who is too attached. You explained that the most important is friendly relationship and then the person can hear the truth, even though he or she cannot follow the proper way, but the desire to follow is developing and sooner or later one will advance. You are yourself perfect example of this preaching and by your mercy I could understand that you are my best friend and well-wisher and I could also give up a few of my unlimited attachments and start developing desire to give up the rest. The more I will hear from you and also from your true disciples, the more I will be able to serve Krsna and give up the desire that Krsna serves me.

Thank you, Guru Maharaja, for your great patience with me.

Your heavy burden,
Krsnavalli devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Laksmikunja devi dasi

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

Guru Maharaja, you have saved us. You have saved us from this Kali-yuga mess and gave us new life of service to your lotus feet and by your mercy only we can engage in the service of Sri Krsna. We can never fully appreciate how you are taking care of us, more than we can understand, more than we deserve and even more than we could ever imagine. What would we do without your mercy? You are giving us this wonderful mission and when we have some problem, we can just remember you, your mission, which is the mission of Srila Prabhupada and Krsna and we can also see that our problems are insignificant. The people out there, they have the real problem. Birth, old age, disease, death... But they do not know what to do about it. They just wander through out this material world being constantly smashed by the illusory energy. And the only thing we can do is to try to help them. Just in some way or other to give them Krsna consciousness, engage them in the devotional service. In this way we can just try (even though we will never be able to repay you our eternal debt) to help you in executing this wonderful mission of spreading Krsna consciousness all around the world.



Guru Maharaja, please, let me be always engaged in your mission and let me take it as my life and soul.

Your servant,
Laksmikunja devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Lalita-Gopinatha devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this special day. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Forget Transcendental Mercenaries, forget detective stories and forget the jokes. Today I decided to be serious because you being our spiritual master is a very serious „business“ indeed.

I was just reading in Srila Prabhupada Nectar a quote from Sruta-kirti dasa. Srila Prabhupada used the expression „dandavat-devotee“ to describe a devotee who made a profuse show of respect and worship of the spiritual master but did not follow it up with a real service attitude. In other words, devotional service really begins when a disciple says, „Now I accept you as my spiritual master. Please instruct me.“ To feel or to state to the guru that you want to follow him completely is auspicious, but it must be accompanied by practical service.



I found this to be very significant because when reading it, I was thinking that you have such a wonderful service attitude toward your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada. It is obvious that you are not a "dandavat-devotee" nor do you only give "lip service". We all see that you are constantly performing "active" devotional service which is benefiting not only yourself, but all those with whom you come into contact with and affect by such service.

This is what inspires me to improve my own service to you. As an aspiring disciple of yours, I must consider that I am looked upon as your representative, though in my heart I know that I am not qualified to be considered such. Still, with this in mind, I am enthused to become a real disciple of yours and act in such a way which is befitting of such a position.

Guru Maharaja, I would like to thank you for all your kind, thoughtful, „heavy“, „hilarious“ and instructing words, whilst guiding me in my spiritual life. May I always serve under your lotus feet.

Your aspiring disciple,
Lalita-Gopinatha devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Madana-Mohana-Mohani devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! All glories to your Divine Grace!

Suhotra Maharaja, you are a pure devotee,
a servant of the Supreme Lord,
a servant of your spiritual master,
a servant of the fallen souls.

Your glories deeper than the ocean.
Your greatness greater than a mountain.
You're pouring nectar all around you,
like a never ending fountain.

So merciful, so kind and loving,
like a benediction moon,
you're seeing everyone as equal,
giving out the greatest boon.

The greatest boon is love of Krsna,
non-different from the Holy Name.
You're constantly engaged in chanting,
spreading Lord Caitanya's fame.

I'm blinded by a veil of nescience,
pushed around by lust and greed.
When will I give up my envy ?
My heart is overgrown with weed.

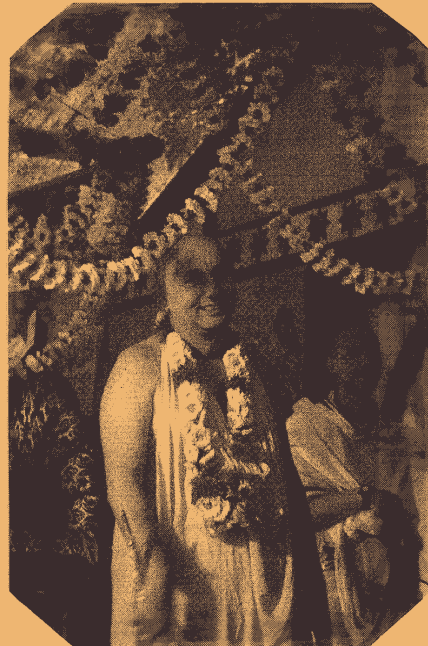
There is a way, you say it clearly,
for fallen wretched souls like me.
To chant and dance and be ecstatic,
is possible by your mercy.

You open the path of Bhakti-yoga,
though Kali's age is dark and gray,
because your torch-light full of knowledge,
can shine through stone, and show the way.

The way to spiritual perfection,
you give through lectures very clear.
You leave no room for speculation,
my only duty is to hear.

Please give this soul a drop of mercy,
the shelter of your lotus feet.
Without it I am just a nonsense,
a foolish puffed up incomplete.

Your aspiring servant,
Madana-Mohana-Mohani devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Madhu Pandita dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I would like to offer a few words of appreciation and glorification.

A few times a year, we are fortunate to have your association in Radhadesh. In one sense we are unable to take full advantage of this association because there are so many pressing matters for you to deal with when you come here. It seems that you are hardly here and then you are off to continue the fight on some other war-front where there are more urgent concerns. I remember how physically demanding it was when I had the occasion to travel with you for a few months back in 1992. However, despite the inhuman pressures and responsibilities, you never fail to deliver the goods, giving valuable guidance and advise, with a good measure of humor.



I hope we can look forward to more of your association for many years to come. In the meantime, I hope I can be of some service and beg forgiveness for my offenses at your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servant,
Madhu Pandita dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Madhura devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja, once more I should struggle with my incapability to extract from my dull brain and stone-like heart sincere words of gratitude towards you on this most celebrated day. The years are sliding one after another and I am realizing, that I have no other shelter than that which is always waiting for me to take advantage of it; that which is always giving me real love and protection from the merciless world of Maya; that which is always encouraging me to surrender to Krsna and whole-heartedly take up the devotional service to Him.

Actually, I could not be lastingly convinced to give my life to the process of Krsna consciousness if I haven't met you amidst the entire frustration and aimlessness in this world. Indeed, who can remain in ignorance meeting you, pure and effulgent as the Sun, radiating transcendental knowledge and bliss, powerfully preaching the message of Bhagavad-Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam and smashing all doubts, brilliantly exposing the false propaganda of the demons.

You, dear Guru Maharaja, are unlimited treasure-house of wonderful qualities- all dedicated to Krsna's service. I've never seen anybody with such an ecstatic mood in glorifying Krsna and His holy names. I've never seen anybody with such deep humility and full dependence on Krsna. I've never seen anybody so fully detached of the bodily comforts and pleasures while directing his whole existence in loving service to Guru and Gauranga. Not only my fallen self have these impressions, but all the devotees which I've been spoken with about your Divine Grace. Just a slight touch to your personality, is giving an immediate realization of your exalted position as the Lord's pure representative. Once uttering your name, I feel purified. Meditating upon you, tons of dirt are cleansed away from my heart. Listening to your instructions changes the desires for enjoyment into desire to dedicate my life to somehow serve you. Your dearest desire is to see all the people Krsna conscious and everything that helps that goal gives you pleasure. That's why I'm asking: Please, mercifully keep me serving your mission.

By hearing your sweet kirtans and substantial lectures, I can experience the spiritual world and I can start a little bit to understand Krsna, His glories, qualities and pastimes. The service to your lotus feet is giving so much nectar, that if one tastes it, he becomes more and more eager to drink it. I strive to be always attached and dependent on this Divine nectar. The shelter of your lotus feet is my happiness, my consolation in distress and my only hope in this fearful material world.

Dear Guru Maharaja, on this most auspicious and merciful day of your appearance I want to ask you: Please, destroy my demoniac propensities and purify my offensive mentality. Please, bless me with pure desires and intelligence directed only to your service.

All glories to your appearance day! All glories to you!

Your insignificant servant,
Madhura devi dasi



*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

Explosion of pain, explosion of bliss!...

I had a nightmare. There were horrible beasts named madness, illusion, lust, anger, envy, greed who wanted my flesh, but in spite of running away from them, I alone jumped into their bloody mouths. So, it was a dark scene and I was thrown into repeated fear, horror and pain. I acted as an enemy of myself.

Material means measurable. And measurable means miserable. Everything material is limited. This is so painful for the soul. From the stone to Brahma-all material bodies are limitations upon the Jiva's *sat, cid, ananda* nature. From this limitations comes the unlimited pain of the material existence.

Pain from birth to death. And after „endless“, „unlimited“ means total collapse of all ideals. Strength, is what I want. Beauty is what I want. Wealth, is what I want. Knowledge, is what I want. Love, is what I want...Krsna, is what I want. But if you don't know what you want? So, in the midst of this hallucinations suddenly came a thunderbolt. First the light, later the sound. This light of Prabhupada's books, showed me a new perspective. I saw the universal form of the lord, and I was shocked. I saw my spiritual nature, the Lord in the heart and the source of everything- the Supreme personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna, Brahman, Paramatma and Bhagavan. I saw the Prakriti, the Jivas, the time, the karma, the Isvara. So, I saw these things, but I was still bewildered and afraid, feeling myself alone and helpless. And how could I be happy without having real personal association on the spiritual platform? How can I be happy only with *jnana*? Without practical devotional service to the Lord?

No! I was yet bewildered and unhappy. Of course, I was connected with Krsna already by Srila Prabhupada's books but this was a very disturbed connection. I prayed to Krsna, because being just saved from the material ocean, being one of those who came in ISKCON out of frustration, I didn't understand the position of Srila Prabhupada. I looked at Krsna, not understanding who gave me Krsna and who can establish me in the service to Him, and to introduce me in His *lila*. This is very good example of ego-centrism, selfishness. I tried to jump over everything and everyone- all the way to Krsna. Ignorance! Very neophyte state coming from the fact that by the mercy of Srila Prabhupada, one surpasses many levels in the spiritual advancement. He is just taking us from the stool and placing into a *halavah*. But we don't understand what actually happened. That by his mercy we are high on the spiritual stairway. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jaya.

Then the sound of the thunderbolt came: HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE! It was your voice Guru Maharaja! Let me always listen to your bhajans and chant after you the Maha-Mantra.

Then I woke up completely and understood that Srila Prabhupada and Krsna sent you to take me back home. Definitely, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is always giving you His association. Because, what you are doing for us - the fallen souls is inconceivable. And being extremely and unusually merciful, you are acting in a way that our debt to you is increasing. As you teach, practically speaking, everything would be only some *suska-jnana*-school, or at best, *prakrita-sahajiya* theater, without the Sankirtana-movement of Lord Caitanya. Without Sankirtana, we can't overcome our offensive chanting of Hare Krishna. As without Panca-Tattva Maha Mantra we can't touch Harinama Prabhu.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Madhva dasa

And practically speaking the Sankirtana would be only an empty word, without the-*sangopangastra parsadam*. The Sankirtana-devotees, the effulgent companions of Lord Caitanya, who are spreading this movement around the world.

As Srila Prabhupada served his spiritual master with „grand, grand-style“ - like this you are serving him, acting as Sankirtana-Acarya, spreading the *yuga-dharma* among the most fallen souls like me. You Guru-deva, are personal associate of the *sena-pati bhakta* of Lord Caitanya. I can only look with amazement, about the things you do, and all other Mahatma disciples of Srila Prabhupada. All of you are wonderful spiritual personalities. You are holding the whole world- above the waves of devastation. Which is the greatest *tapasya*, established by Srila Prabhupada.

ISKCON-Vartmanacarya Ki-Jaya!

Once you told how Srimati Radharani saw Krishna's picture and fell in love for Him. After that, she heard the name Krsna and immediately fell in love for the owner of the name. And when She heard the flute of Krishna, she fell in love for the player. This is so nice! Like this I am attracted to your Divine personality in so many ways. You have the gravity and force to keep me forever in your service, having the "all-attractive" in your lotus heart. I feel your gigantic spiritual power, I see it in all your activities. Mainly I feel this, when I am listening to your lectures, and instructions. Every word from your lotus mouth, is equivalent to the my realizations of millions and millions future lives. Every one of your words, is delivering me and revealing my relationship with Krsna. This experience of mine is so intensive. Everything is in your speech, the whole perfection is there. the whole power. Your lectures are kirtans. Your kirtans are lectures! You are the Sankirtan-Acarya. Although you are completely transcendental and a lover of Sri Sri Radha-Krsna, simultaneously you are acting perfectly in this „material world“, teaching *vaiddi-bhakti*, showing spotless example. *paramahansa-parivrajakacarya*. No doubt - you are Nityanda Prabhu's intimate companion and representative.

I am not qualified to speak about your qualities. The only thing I can say is that I haven't the proper words. Your mercy, forgiveness, love for Krsna and Srila Prabhupada, your love for your disciples and all the other living beings, your knowledge, *vairagya*... should I continue? - You are the pure devotee of the Lord. Even I who am unfortunately not one of your intimate disciples. I have not the qualification to be at all your disciple, but even I have so many personal realizations of all these nectarian qualities of yours. Being extremely attracted by your association - direct and on the street, on Sankirtana, now I want to neglect completely my material *svabhava*, to become fully brain-washed by your instructions, so that my mind and intelligence could serve the book distribution. Exactly as you want. If you tell me: „Madhva- kill yourself“, or anything else - I'll do it- it's easy. But you have said: „Do book distribution as long as possible and distribute as much as possible.“- this is not so easy, because it requires surrendering not for one second, but for eternity. It does not require blind fanaticism...Let me fulfill your order. You have said: „My relationship with Srila Prabhupada is mainly by philosophical realizations“, so, till the end of my army service I'll try to study Srila Prabhupada's books and the „Substance and Shadow“. And when I can leave the army, then I'll distribute them.

For your next Vyasa-Puja I pray to be able to offer you some nice book-distribution-scores, Laksmi and good behavior. Please, be some how satisfied with me. Otherwise, why am I living?

Your eternal servant,
Madhva dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Manjari Svarupa devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you on this most auspicious day!

On this very special day, I would like to thank you for everything you have done for me. From the time since I was a small child you have always given me so much mercy. Every time you came to visit us, you had some small gift or sweet for me; I was always so happy and proud about it.

I thank you again and again for giving me a lot of care and mercy. You give me strength and inspiration in spiritual life. Your perfect example of great service and surrender to Krsna, gives me power and will to become more Krsna conscious. Whenever Maya comes around and pulls me towards her, it always helps to think about you and your great endeavor to please Krsna. You give everything for Him, you use all your time and energy in serving Him.

You travel around the whole world, non-stop and give Krsna to every person you meet. In your lectures you present the philosophy in the most brilliant ways. You attract innumerable amounts of people by singing the Maha mantra with your beautiful melodies. I'm so lucky to have such a loving and big-hearted father like you. What have I done to deserve all this mercy? No words can describe your glories. You bring happiness and bliss wherever you go.

Dear Guru Maharaja, I thank you for always guiding me to come closer to Krsna. All glories to you on this special day!

Your eternal servant,
Manjari Svarupa devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Martanda dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you.

Writing an offering on Vyasa-Puja, I always wonder how to glorify your person in the best way. I would like to express most sincerely what I feel towards you, but it is very difficult for me, as I am conditioned and on a very low level. I need your mercy, and I try to meditate more often how to get it.

Recently, I have realized that your mercy manifests through Trivikrama Swami. That is him who engages me in devotional service in such a way that I can be always inspired and enthusiastic to serve Krsna. I pray to Krsna, so that I can be always engaged in devotional service to you. I pray to Krsna, so that I can develop determination to attain the goal of making your mission my life and soul. I pray to Krsna, so that I can always remember your lotus feet, thanks to which I can become fearless. I pray to Krsna, so that He bestows upon me the intelligence by which I can completely surrender unto you.



I pray to you, dear Guru Maharaja, please bestow upon me your mercy, Pour it on my material desires so they don't give fructify any more. I pray to you, dear Guru Maharaja, please, be merciful to me and bestow upon me the spiritual power by which I can conquer the ocean of repeated birth and death.

Your humble servant,
Martanda dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Minavatar dasa

Dear Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet, which gives shelter for both me and my God-brothers and God-sisters.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.“

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyaabhuta pravacanena vai*

„Our respectful obeisances unto you, O eternal spiritual master. You are the Simha-guru and the one who takes away the influence of Kali-yuga by delivering wonderful lectures on the scientific teaching of Srila Prabhupada.“

On this most auspicious day of your holy appearance, I want to thank you for accepting me as your disciple and for your guidance in my spiritual life. I don't deserve the mercy of being the disciple of such a great Vaisnava like you, dear Guru-deva. Even if all of us- your disciples, are spread all over the world, it doesn't matter. We are all listening to your wonderful lectures and in this way you are always with us.



By your mercy, I was able to leave my home and parents and move into the temple in April of 1991. My real home is with the Vaisnavas, not with my materialistic parents. You are my real father. It is my wish never to leave the association of Vaisnavas because to leave them means to be the loser. There are many nice Vaisnavas here- in „New Raman Reti“ (Alachua-Florida).

I am looking forward to see you again some day, and render some personal service to you. Please let me serve you eternally- without end.

Your servant,
Minavatar dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Mukti Datri devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa -sunnyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

From those lips comes the sound, which makes one madder than a mad elephant.
Mukti Datri devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Murari Krsna dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

I offer all my respectful and humble obeisances unto your lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

In our Gaudiya Sampradaya, we offer on the appearance day of the spiritual master our humble homage annually. And, as Srila Prabhupada says, we are learning how to offer respect to God. *saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair*. But am I humble and respectful enough to do that? No, I am not. I am not in the position to serve you properly and to offer you something that might please you.

However, there is still a trace of goodness in me that impels me to do something with my life. Therefore, at least I am willing to learn how to offer respect to you. Maybe that might please you a little bit.

Trying to get deeper into the meaning of this Vyasa-Puja, I have found several statements of Srila Prabhupada, that made me think more seriously. I took them as a challenge for my stone-hearted character.

„We should always pray, *yasya prasada bhagavat-prasadah*.“

„We cannot understand Krsna without spiritual master. That is bogus.“

„But remain always faithful to the spiritual master and try to understand Krsna. ...Any other so-called understanding, that is simply waste of time because we are under the grip of the material nature. You may be very learned scholar. You may be a fool. It doesn't matter. You are under the laws of material nature.“

So, please accept me as the greatest fool number one before you, and have mercy on me. I hope one day will come when I will be able to say to you, like Arjuna, *sisyas te 'ham sadhi mam tvam prapannam*.

Your humble servant,
Murari Krsna dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Nikhilatma dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your Divine lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

We, conditioned souls are coming in this material world with the intention to enjoy through the senses and mind. For us the material cosmos is like a „destiny-land“, where we act and enjoy of the fruits of our activities. The taste of this fruits is sometime sweet, sometime bitter. Some of us are staying longer here. Some for short times . All the time, you are near to us and watching carefully remaining invisible.

Unto that spiritual master who is always with us I offer my humble obeisances. When we become bored from that "enjoyment" we begin to search different ways to leave this land. Then you appeared visible to us, showing the exit. Even you are grasping the hands of those who are more eager and they become your disciples which you lead to that exit.

Unto that spiritual master who always appeared at the right moment I offer my humble obeisances. On the way, some of us hesitate, another give it up and new ones are joining. Some are slow, deciding to re-discover this strange place.

All the time you are equal to all, tolerant, loving and peaceful. Sometimes you are speaking, and sometimes you are silent. For those who remain, you will come again later. Unto that spiritual master, who is personification of unlimited peace and tolerance I offer my humble obeisances.

You are using the most powerful weapon- the Vedas, instructions of God for the release from this place. You are acting like Srila Vyasadeva, the compiler of the Vedas. Unto that Guru, who is true servant of Srila Vyasadeva I offer my humble obeisances.

With your activities you established the principle of the spiritual master-the *adi-guru*, who is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Unto that Sri Guru-Deva, the *adi-guru* I offer my humble obeisances.

You are the personality who makes very sweet kirtans, and giving wonderful lectures. The person who sharing our lamentation or joy, sometimes tired from our foolishness and sometimes simply feels good between us. Unto You, Srila Suhotra Maharaja, I offer my most humble obeisances, praying for your happiness and success of your mission.

Your insignificant servant,
Nikhilatma dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Nikunjarasi Vilasi devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai and Sri Sadbhujā. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you, the most merciful person I know. "What is the use of association with pure devotee even for a moment, even if that association is unwanted?" When Yamaraja, Siva, Brahma, even Lord Narayana heard this question they become ecstatic. Even the Supreme Personality of Godhead can't give answer to that question because the benefit of this association is not possible to be described with words.

Many years ago one man had a good chance to help to Srila Prabhupada. This man removed a wart from Srila Prabhupada's face with horsehair. Srila Prabhupada was very thankful and he smiled very kindly. This ordinary person kept in his heart the remembrance of this single meeting with Srila Prabhupada. And even after many years when he meet ISKCON devotees he remembered about this association and told very enthusiastically about it, as the most important experience of his life. And the life of this person is successful.

Five years ago, another man come in your lecture accidentally. This man put questions to you. You answered very exactly and comprehensively. After the lecture, this person got a great mercy- your garland. This person is my karmi father. Since then he is keeping this garland and always with great enthusiasm tells how he asked some provocative questions to Suhotra Swami, but Suhotra Swami prove to be very erudite and eloquent person and he was very pleased with answers; how after lecture Suhotra Swami with great smile went to him and put the garland. Even only this remembrance is purifying this person more and more.



And what shall I say? I associate with you every moment- personally, by my service, and by other devotees. And every moment association transforms this wild and strange girl which I am into a more civilized person.

I'm so happy that I meet you because you are the most wonderful person I now. I'm so happy that I have the chance to associate with you. I'm so happy that you entered into my heart. I'm so happy!

Your eternal servant,
Nikunjarasi Vilasi devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Nirahankara dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

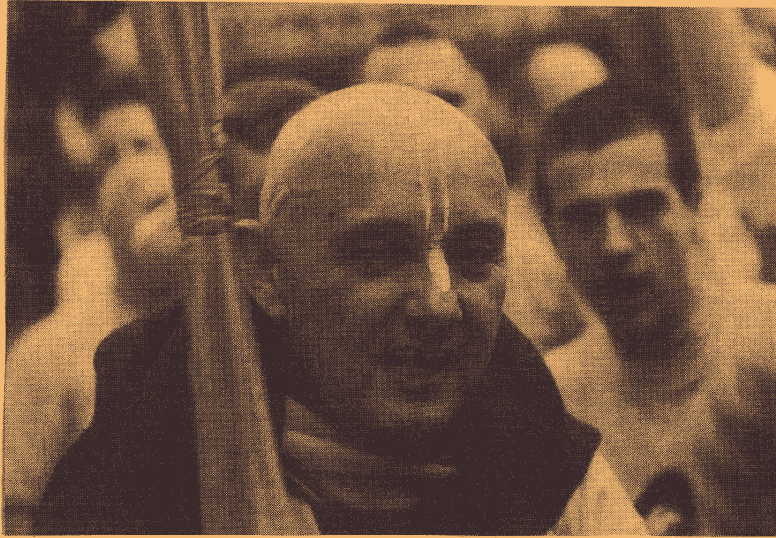
*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

On this auspicious day of your appearance-Vyasa-Puja- I would like to pay my respectful obeisances before you.

Each new day should be considered by a disciple, as Vyasa-Puja day, when the mind becomes delivered in the morning from the night abstractions, at that time spiritual master and his instructions appear. Strong faith in spiritual master and Krsna, clear path to devotion, to real devotion, in which there are no expectations, only for service. And only in such a state of consciousness one is able to say: „I'm your instrument and you're the musician.“ *Totus tuus*. I'm all yours. I have only hope that this Vyasa-Puja day will continue for ever. I hope, that you will not leave in the evening and come back in the morning. I hope, that there will not be night in my consciousness anymore, in my remembering your instructions and glorifying you and God. Please help me, to achieve this state by all means.

Your servant,
Nirahankara dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Nitai Carana Dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I am aware, that I am not competent to glorify you in a way you deserve to. However, due to your and my God-brothers mercy, I have got a chance to do it. It is not easy for me to put in words my thoughts and impressions but in this case, I am counting on your tolerance during my trial of expressing my gratitude.

At fist, I would like to thank you very much for putting so much trust in me. For giving such a fallen soul like myself, a spiritual initiation and engaging me in devotional service. Now after some time, after so many things has happened, I am just starting to realize how enormous mercy I have got from you. Who knows where I would have been now if I had not had you as my spiritual master. The fact I have got a guru gives me strength and simultaneously makes me obliged to you.

When I recall my very beginning in Bhakti-yoga, I can see that I was completely frustrated with sense gratification and looking for the answer on many bothering questions. At that moment I could meet you, a self-realized person. After this event I decided to take up this process and live in the temple. I think it was then when some relationship between us was born. I was not really aware of this at that time.

When after few months of tough times which came for the Greek *yatra*, and most of the devotees left the country for various reasons, I started to search for shelter which could give me the strength to continue the process. That situation became the milestone in my life, because in the core of my heart I accepted you as my spiritual master, before you accepted me as your disciple.

I remember, when I was listening to your lectures which inspired me to go on Sankirtana and try to please you. When I was traveling, by your mercy I went through so many wonderful moments. Especially when I was sometimes alone and felt exhausted by constant traveling to strange places, I could feel your association and the "protective shield" which was giving me more and more strength to do my service. I was realizing in practice how much Krsna is merciful if we make effort to please His pure devotee. Then I went to Viernheim in Germany, where I could meet so many ecstatic devotees and God-brothers with whom I participated in Prasadam-production. At that time, you officially accepted me as your disciple and a few weeks later you gave me initiation and allowed me to take birth again. Shortly after knowing my „Greek nature“, you decided to send me to Greece to do my devotional service there. I remember, when I was traveling with you- because of the close association with you, I was again inspired and the word „impossible“ did not exist for me. And again I was doing Sankirtana and I was realizing that with your help, wherever I went, even the most hopeless places would become ecstatic. I could feel a great fire inside me and I was aware that I am your debtor. Unfortunately, at some point I have got the problems with my body and it came out that by my sinful activities from before Krsna consciousness I am infected with HIV virus. I went back to Poland and I found myself in a hospital in a very serious condition. It was a very difficult time for me. Once or twice, I thought that the time came I had to leave my body.

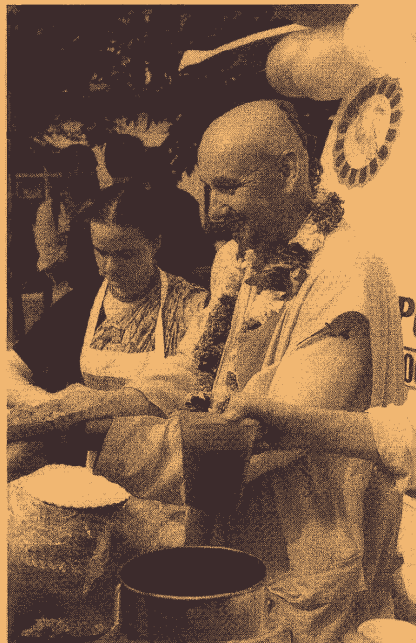


All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Nitai Carana Dasa

At those moments, I could see how much I identify myself with the body and how easy is, to scare the mind and forget about Krsna. Now when I recall these events of staying in the hospital and afterwards at home, I can see that because of a constant association with the materialistic persons I gradually started to fall into Maya. Now, when by your mercy I am again with my God-brothers I have time to peacefully think over so many important aspects of my spiritual life. I can realize that without the association of the devotees and without the mercy of a pure devotee my life is meaningless.



Guru Maharaja, sometimes I am afraid very much of my mind. His irrational desires and illusory traps. Please teach me how to control the mind so I can become more sincere and determined. And when the time of leaving the body comes, I can think about Krsna and pass this last test. I know that it is possible by your mercy, mercy of my God-brothers and other devotees. Taking advantage of this moment, I would like to thank all of you very much.

Your humble servant,
Nitai Carana Dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Padmapada devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please, accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you!

Every year at this time, I am reading the offerings of my spiritual brothers and sisters. I hope it will inspire me to glorify you eloquently. Unfortunately, I do not have their devotion and purity and my words do not express my feelings. But every year, on this most wonderful day of your appearance I realize how fortunate I am to be your disciple.

Dear Guru Maharaja, although I do not understand your real position, I can see your activities. Your ecstatic chanting attracts everybody to the glories of the holy names of Krsna. Your logical and clear lectures help us to understand the philosophy. Your powerful preaching makes more and more people Krsna conscious. Your inconceivable activities show how you are blessed by Srila Prabhupada and Krsna.

In the letter to Radhesyama 14-Aug-76 Srila Prabhupada writes:

„The disciple should be prepared to offer everything he has including his body, mind, and words, in the service of the guru. Anyone who is sincerely serving to his greatest capacity becomes dear in the eyes of the Lord.“

When I read these words, I started to think about my service for you. It is so poor, so imperfect! I could offer you much more devotion but I do not do that. It is so painful that I cry. I am so foolish that I do not even use all my capacities in service to you. But although I do not care of anything but sense gratification, still you accept me as your disciple and you take care of me.

I am so grateful for everything you have given me. You allowed me to translate your book. You give me many opportunities to serve you although you do not need my service at all. I can see that you are completely self-satisfied.

When you come to Wroclaw, you almost do not eat. If you accept something what we cook for you, you do it only for our purification and benediction.

On your Vyasa-puja day in Sofia 1995 you told in a lecture:

„I have given you this knowledge and all my blessings, so lift up this sword of knowledge and fight. In this way you can actually understand the power and happiness derived from being a devotee of Krsna.“

Dear Guru Maharaja, I promise you that with your mercy I will fight with this sword of knowledge. Your teachings are so powerful that we cannot waste it. It is our duty to use the power which you give us and to preach. In the same lecture you said, that it is the best *guru-daksina* if we give life to the walking dead bodies of the material world. We can do that, by giving them transcendental knowledge that we have been given by our Guru.

Guru Maharaja, sometimes the devotees from other cities ask me who my spiritual master is? When they hear the answer, they always smile and start to glorify you. Everybody sees what an extraordinary person you are.

I remember a very special event. It took place 5 years ago in Wroclaw. You were staying in a flat, in the center of the city. Together with two other devotees I was going in a car. Suddenly we saw a shiny effulgence. It was you, Guru Maharaja, going down the street with your *danda* and bead-bag. In the midst of the Kali-yuga you looked so pure and beautiful! People were staring at you. When I got out of the car, I heard somebody saying, „This man looks like an angel.“ It was true. You came from the spiritual world, like a pure angel who is shining. You preach the pure message and you give us the pure love for Krsna. You save the most fallen rascals like me, giving them the biggest treasure, devotional service.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Pandu-rani devi dasi

Let my consciousness be purified by the words emanating from your lotus mouth. Let all my activities be engaged in your mission. Let my heart be filled with real love for you. Every day I realize, that I only want to engage everything in your service. Still I do not give up my material desires. Please, let me get rid of them. I remain.

Your most fallen, and most fortunate humble servant, (let me understand the meaning of this word)
Padmapada devi dasi



*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the shadow of your tender lotus feet. All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and Glories to the whole Guru-Parampara. All glories to your Divine Mission! All glories to Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai, Sri Sadbhujia, to Sri Sri Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra! All glories to Sri Sri Radha and Krsna!

Guru Maharaja, on this most blessed day- your Vyasa-Puja, I again feel pain and suffer for the fact that I still can't glorify you with proper word's which you deserve so much. My mind is deeply sunk into the vibration of the material energy, and I find it quite rare and difficult to realize your sublime qualities, and the majesty of this precious gift - the nectarian Divine association with you.

In this world of illusion, you are the only beautiful and true person in my life and you are giving me the only true thing - the association of Krsna and his devotees, which is so hard to get, and so little can understand and praise this immense mercy. You are indeed my only friend and ever well-wisher, but because of my material conditioning I accept all this to be very natural, and to be a thing that I have a natural right to possess, and very rare and very clumsily try to thank you. That's why on this very beautiful and very happy day, I wanted to say something that is indeed very pleasant, sweet and nice, to satisfy you. I know that you feel gigantic love and devotion to Srila Prabhupada, and that you possess a heart in which you desire to save all the world. That's why often others address you as *jagat-guru* and *simha-Guru*. I had a desire to glorify exactly these exalted qualities of yours. I wanted to sing praises to your everlasting patience and meekness, your immeasurable compassion, nobility, tolerance and generosity towards all conditioned souls and in particular towards us- your disciples. Nevertheless, all my attempts to do this with well-chosen extremely sweet for the ears word's, as it is explained in the Srila Prabhupada's books turn unsuccessful. Obviously the main cause for that as the lack of pure devotion in me, because this qualification is only inherent to the advanced devotees. However, there is another reason as well.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Pandu-rani devi dasi

Your open letter to all your disciples, is before my eyes- again and again. In this letter you state without a doubt, that we are not satisfying you enough with our service. In this connection you were planning to not celebrate your Vyasa-Puja, and now I'd just find out that you will give no more initiations this year. Thus three actions of yours, make me feel very uncomfortable and ashamed that I can't serve you properly. That's why I can't glorify you with beautiful words, because if they are not combined with the proper service to you, this words can turn offensive. Guru Maharaja, once in a lecture you said that the best present for you will be if we devotees, ourselves surrender to Srila Prabhupada book distribution. In my heart, still there is no love and devotion, and I perform my service out of feeling of obligation towards you. The only thing I've developed is the attraction to the mission of book distribution. I know that this is only due to your mercy. This attachment however, is not accompanied by the qualities needed, and that's why I can't do this service up to your full satisfaction. On this most blessed day of your Vyasa-Puja, I'm begging you to give me your mercy so that I become a better instrument in your lotus-like hand's, so that I will increase the quality and quantity of my book distribution. Please, bless me in such a way that all of health, financial and material obstacles fall from my path towards your service. Please give me your mercy to become a better preacher and to be able to do my service with the desire to satisfy you, to give Krsna to the others, and to attain pure love of Krsna.



Guru Maharaja, in the „Nectar of Book Distribution“, I've read, that it is enough only to hear Srila Prabhupada books to develop all His good qualities. I know that this process is not automatic and this can only happen by the mercy of the spiritual master. You are a bright example of these words. By the mercy of your spiritual master you obtain all of His Divine qualities.

Please be merciful to me, and give me the opportunity to develop all of your wonderful qualities and to attain such big love and devotion to you, as this you have for Srila Prabhupada.

Guru Maharaja, on this most blessed day of Your Vyasa-Puja I'm praying to you, to Srila Prabhupada and to all the Guru-Parampara, to Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai, to Sri Sadbhujia and Sri Sri Radha Krsna to bless me and all your other disciples to serve you in such a way that will be satisfying to you, following your instructions more strictly.

Your servant,
Pandu-rani devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Pavitravani Dasa

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All Glories to your Divine Grace. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

My dear Guru Maharaja, on this glorious day of your appearance, I would like to thank you, for your kindness and patience in teaching me how to serve Krsna.

*janame janame sabe pitamata paya
krsna guru nahi mile bhaja hari ei*

Everyone gets a father and mother, but if one gets the benediction of Krsna and guru, he can conquer material nature and return home, back to Godhead. (S.B. 9.18.43). Guru Maharaja, you are teaching me in the same way as a father teaches his small son how to walk. I am remembering with gratefulness, how you allowed me in January-February 1997, to be able to travel with you as your personal servant.

*tad-vijnanartham sa gurum evabhicchet
samit-panih srotiyam brahma-nistham*

„To learn transcendental subject matter, one must approach the spiritual master. In doing so, he should carry fuel to burn in sacrifice. The symptom of such a spiritual master is that he is expert in understanding the Vedic conclusion, and therefore he constantly engages in the service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.“ (Mundaka Upanisad 1.2.12)

Purport by Srila Prabhupada:

„By serving such a bona fide spiritual master, gradually a conditioned soul becomes detached from material enjoyment and invariably makes progress in spiritual realization under the direction of the spiritual master. Those who are misled by the illusory energy are never interested in...“

Guru Maharaja during our travels, I could clearly perceive your divine qualities, and those days where the most happy days in my life. And I remember when I was telling this to you on the airport in Warsaw, then you replied... Yeeess! Pavitra... In those days, you were personally teaching me how to serve Krsna, and you were always so kind to me, and some times you were also personally correcting me. (which is even more kind.) And I could see that it always was for my benefit. You also arranged for me that after our traveling was over, then I could go to Radhadesh and worship Sri Sri Radha-Gopinatha. So now by your great mercy, I can worship Sri Sri Lalita and Vishaka, and dress them every morning. Thank you very much, for all the care and attention which you have shown me. By your mercy, then I hope that I can gradually understand that I should be servant of Krsna, and continue to improve myself, and change my mentality into a serving mood, and act only in such a way, that you will be pleased with me.

Wishing to be Your eternal servant,
Pavitravani Dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Prabhu Nityananda dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirviseṣa -sūnyavadi-pāścātya-ḍeṣa-tarīne*

Every time when I wrote Vyasa-Puja offerings, it was very difficult to do it. In my previous letters I wrote something, but now I don't know what to write. It is not that there is nothing to be said, but I am unqualified to do it. On such an auspicious day, when the spiritual master is glorified, I thought that one should say a lot of things. Why I cannot do it?

I remember from the Srimad Bhagavatam class, how Kṛṣṇa is glorified by His devotees, how nectar is flowing from their mouth. In their prayers, they don't stop glorifying Kṛṣṇa and His pure devotees. I could also try to copy this model and to tax my brain squeezing out a lot of sophisticated and flowery words and then by reasoning to arrange a few phrases for the glorification of the spiritual master. From an external point of view, the words I write could look like the words of great sages and devotees from the Srimad Bhagavatam, but only from an external point view. I realized, that there is a great difference. As I said in the beginning the great devotees recite prayers in glorification of the Lord and His devotees, but they do it directly from the heart, in a spontaneous mood. This prayers, naturally flow like nectar without any separate mental endeavor, because they are situated on the spiritual platform, the real position of the living entity. Now I can very easily understand that as long as I am situated on the mental, material platform, with such a dirty and contaminated consciousness as mine, practically it is impossible to glorify a pure devotee.

By Kṛṣṇa's and your mercy, I was accepted as your disciple. In this way you gave me a great chance to choose serving Kṛṣṇa instead of serving Maya.

Today is a day in which I have the occasion to thank you for this and to offer my homage unto you. Your mercy, qualities and glory, are so great that I cannot describe them by my words, even if I were a great learned speaker.

I learned from Srila Prabhupada, from his purports, that a person can be a great scholar in science and philosophy, but to have a stone heart and so he will remain in suffering condition, being unable to taste the nectar of Kṛṣṇa's and His devotees qualities. But a devotee, even if illiterate, because he has a heart that is open and surrendered to Kṛṣṇa, he attains the most happy and glorious state, being a servant of Kṛṣṇa. Such an „illiterate“ person glorifies Kṛṣṇa and His devotees continuously, without any difficulty, finding greatest nectar in such glorification.

Finding myself in this position, with no inspiration and the heart full of many dirty desires, I try to thank you by a few words for the mercy that you have upon such a unworthy person like myself. You are offering me a chance to get out from this swamp of perverted desires in the material world.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Prabhu Nityananda dasa

In spite of squeezing my mind, for words to glorify you, I could find nothing. Then I approached another source of inspiration, the Bhagavad-Gita, and I found a few wonderful verses. These are Krsna's words that describe a pure devotee. Who can describe a pure devotee better than Lord Krsna? I am speaking about the verses 13-20 from twelfth chapter. Reading them I understood that they are the best words for describing in a real form your true position as a devotee of Krsna. I would like to offer you my homage today via these texts:

„One who is not envious but is a kind friend to all living entities, who does not think himself a proprietor, and is free from false ego and equal both in happiness and distress, who is always satisfied and engaged in devotional service with determination and whose mind and intelligence are in agreement with Me- he is very dear to Me.“

„He for whom no one is put into difficulty and who is not disturbed by anxiety, who is steady in happiness and distress, is very dear to Me.“

„My devotee who is not dependent on the ordinary course of activities, who is pure, expert, without cares, free from all pains, and not striving for some result, is very dear to Me.“

„One who neither rejoices nor grieves, who neither laments nor desires, and who renounces both auspicious and inauspicious things- such a devotee is very dear to Me.“

„One who is equal to friends and enemies, who is equipoised in honor and dishonor, heat and cold, happiness and distress, fame and infamy, who is always free from contaminating association, always silent and satisfied with anything, who doesn't care for any residence, who is fixed in knowledge and who is engaged in devotional service- such a person is very dear to Me.“

„Those who follow this imperishable path of devotional service and who completely engage themselves with faith, making Me the supreme goal, are very, very dear to Me.“

When you were here in Timisoara, you manifested your mercy upon me also, giving me a wonderful service, to engage in Sankirtana and book distribution. Thank you for this, and I also beg you to forgive me for all the offenses and the rascaldom I commit all the time.

Your unworthy and unqualified servant,
Prabhu Nityananda dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Pracarananda dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you, Guru Maharaja!

At this most auspicious day, I want to warmly thank Sri Krsna and Srila Prabhupada that they were so merciful, and together they arranged your appearance in this world to save the conditioned souls who are here everywhere. Your capacity of rescuing the drowned people in the ocean of material existence is coming directly from your deep understanding and practical realization of Srila Prabhupada's teachings; you, Guru Maharaja are the real scholar who knows how to present the Vedic *siddhanta* in a very genius and scientific way to those who look for the absolute truth in this low place, the material world. Because of your constant meditation on Srila Prabhupada and his mission, your preaching is so powerful; having your causeless mercy, Guru Maharaja to travel with you, I can easily see that your intelligence is so sharp and spiritually genius, that nothing (and of course nobody with his so-called secret plans and speculations) can be hidden from your deep, analytical, X-ray glance. Wherever you come, you immediately see the real status-quo of that place and by your straightforward and uncompromising preaching in the form of lectures and darsans you, Guru Maharaja are giving the advises what and how to improve the Krsna conscious standard to make everyone happy and blissful in their devotional service. Your judgments are always perfect and according to *desa/kala/patra* and I personally experienced this one year ago, though the obvious understanding of this, was just recently revealed to me. Guru means „heavy“ and as I'm the real knuckle-head and my skin is thick, because of my pride, I need corrections from you to come to the real state of your, Guru Maharaja's servant. Maya is very powerful and in a very tricky way, made me feel comfortable in such situation and such position and because of that I began to be neglectful in my dealings with you, Guru Maharaja and other devotees, but you are such an expert in rescuing and guiding me all the time, saving my spiritual life, that I simply don't know if I ever will be able to reciprocate for all of your mercy and pay-off completely my debts unto you. In one of your lectures you said, that „Guru simply removes the disciple's false ego“, and I clearly see that this is the key-point to overcome this false ego under the shelter and guidance of the spiritual master.

In this material world, everyone thinks he is so special, and this is the normal practice, so that's why, it is so difficult to be *amanina*, free from the false prestige and pride even being in ISKCON and trying to serve the spiritual master, as we used to act like heavy controllers in our *karmi* lives. It is very important not to even try to implant our past mentality in this spiritual process thus we really need someone who tells us regularly and without any hesitation what should be and what shouldn't be done and in this way make us more capable to advance in Krsna consciousness. In my tiny life you, Guru Maharaja are the person who completely takes care of my spiritual hygiene for such a long time, investing your time and intelligence into such a bunch of clay as I'm now to form from it the real Sri Krsna devotee, who will be able to be a real gentleman in due to course of time, and who after spiritually growing up will finally understand your kindness towards him and be able to reciprocate fully for your mercy and serve Srila Prabhupada's mission. Guru Maharaja, I beg you to continue rescuing me from Maya's influence and guiding me all the time during the rest of my life despite of my lack of intelligence, knowledge and low background. I have full faith that having your shelter I will be able to come back to Sri Krsna, if you, Guru Maharaja decide that.

Your humble servant,
Pracarananda dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Pradyumna dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

I am so unqualified to do that, but still Guru Maharaja please allow me on this auspicious day to offer a few words for your glorification. It is said that to understand Krsna we should accept shelter in the bona fide spiritual master.

All of us, are looking for happiness and knowledge and that is natural. After all everybody is looking for Krsna, consciously or unconsciously. But now, our knowledge is so imperfect and we are so strongly tight by the conception of I and mine, that without your causeless mercy- without the mercy of the spiritual master and Krsna, there no chance for us. Now we are all *go-dasa*, the servant of our senses, of our mind- who is always changing and who is cheating us constantly. Guru Maharaja please, take away this demon of ignorance, who is occupying our mind and our body. You are the only person able to do that. When we turn back, we see that we made so many nonsense, when we look forward, we see that the future looks very unclear and unsure, that for us there no other opportunity except to surrender and take shelter at your lotus feet here and now. As you once said: „forget about the past, don't make useless plans for the future, just surrender and do everything you can now, at this moment!“ .But we are so stupid, that we continue to run after the sense-objects.

Guru Maharaja, please get us out of this dark well of material existence, and make us *krsna-dasa*. You are our only hope.

Your eternal servant,
Pradyumna dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Prahlad Nrsimha dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances full of admiration and respect for your service, which you fully dedicate to the legacy of your spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada.

Your knowledge, absorption, steadiness, patience, humility with which you preach and act, your hunger for the holy name with which You are singing for hours and hours, thus creating beautiful spiritual atmosphere in which one forgets his worries, pains, desires, fear, and finally he forgets even his ridiculous body from which all this unnecessary suffering comes about, and then he happily dances with others, enjoying the transcendental bliss free from envy, duplicity, lust and all the other materially conditioned qualities.

In the beginning, I couldn't really understand why you were singing for so long, but now I can see that it is your great mercy upon us, who are flapping in the ocean of material existence, so that we can at least for a few hours experience and taste a bit of uncontaminated spiritual enjoyment which you prescribe to us through the holy name.

For me personally, these deep experiences are a great resource during various difficulties which I have got, or actually into which I have entangled myself by my foolishness. And thanks to them- which means again by your causeless mercy, I can continue in serving this mission which is the only opportunity to realize why there is this world and why do we suffer in it.



You, Guru Maharaja, have knowledge and you know how to operate this material disease, due to which we suffer here under the spell of illusion and the false ego, and I beg you on behalf of myself and of all who want to get cured quickly - **Please don't spare us and operate.** Because once we're healthy, we'll assist you in curing others, and thus we'll gradually remove the illusion, and give to the people the knowledge and real happiness which they all desire so much.

*mukam karoti vacalam, pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande, sri gurum dina tarinam*

Your hopefully eternal servant,
Prahlad Nrsimha dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Purnaprajna dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

Just about the time I was going to begin your Vyasa-Puja homage, my wife came to me and said „You know! It seems that your Vyasa-Puja offerings are getting less and less inspiring and interesting year by year“. Well, I thought- maybe, but the Vyasa-Puja homage-readings is not a recitation contest. Then I started to think more about how much our written offerings actually reflects our Krsna consciousness during the year of service and enable us to summarize our achievements and loss in our struggle with Maya. I realized, that this rare time when we have to sit down, concentrate and put on paper our thoughts is very helpful and give us a limitless opportunity to glorify your divine personality. Automatically, many questions are coming: What is my status in Krsna consciousness? Did I move forward or backward on the path of detachment? What to improve? I could see that the right answers to these questions could be given only if we perceive our life through the prism of relationship with our spiritual master. Relationship with you.

So, how is this relationship, affection and sentiments towards you manifested? Through smile and politeness? Through a nice talk with you about our practical household affairs? Also. But the real axis of this relationship is a sincerity of service we render to you. The essence of our devotional service is our devotion to Guru and Krsna and the external results of the service are secondary.

The spiritual status of the soul is to serve Krsna. Here, in the material world, you help us to understand this point and accept our service on behalf of Krsna. By initiation ceremony, both Guru and disciple formally accept the mutual responsibilities of their relationship. Spiritual master teaches us what Krsna likes, what he dislikes and give us practical advises how to apply this knowledge in our lives. In the moment of weakness or forgetfulness of Krsna the spiritual master again arouses disciple's unflinching meditation upon the personal form of the Lord. The disciple is listening, following the orders and trying to understand the mood of his Guru. These dealings between the spiritual master and his disciple are very personal. It is not a mechanical thing. It is a process of constant loving reciprocation. Reciprocation through service.

Guru Maharaja, you continuously and patiently inspire us to advance further in Krsna-consciousness. You create the best conditions to help us to perform our devotional service without obstacles. You give us everything what is needed to wake us up from a coma of material consciousness and to help us to regain our lost spiritual memory. Sometimes- like a father who pushes his too-dependent child into the deep water to quickly teach him how to swim and how to survive in a hostile environment- you give us instruction which apparently exceeds our capacity of handling it. Most of the time when you give us a service opportunity, we feel completely devoid of any required qualities to fulfill your desire. However, it is our duty towards you to at least try to do it. Ultimately, if Krsna desires so, the service given by you will be completed. But our real success will be our sincere devotional attempts. This is the beauty of the process of Bhakti-yoga and our relationship with you. If we follow your instructions and at the same time remember that everything has to be sanctioned by Krsna, our life is free of anxiety. Depending in our service on Krsna's sanction allows us to live on His mercy and keeps us safe in all circumstances.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Purnaprajna dasa

The next thing is that if we take risks on our Guru's behalf we can learn very quickly of Krsna's personal protection. Last year you sent me and my wife to distribute your books in the British Isles. Although perhaps the result of this mission could have been better, still we felt blessed by you for giving us a chance and opportunity to at least try to do it. By sending us there you forced us to deeper develop our faith in Krsna's sanction and protection. Afterwards, with your encouragement, we landed up on a Greek spiritual desert, surrounded by nine million maniacs.



The town we came to, was soon cut off for some weeks, from the rest of the world by the farmers who were on strike. We went to the nearest hotel and asked ourselves, this time in a Greek language „Ti na kanume, tora?“- what we are going to do, now? The answer was the same in any language. We have to surrender and depend on Krsna. It was our only hope in that situation.

Shortly after we were allowed to live under the same roof with Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai and Srila Prabhupada's Murti and render to them our small-insignificant service. By your mercy we could feel that the process of Krsna consciousness enables us to solve any problem and makes us feel satisfied even while living amidst spiritual barbarians infamous from their religious intolerance.

Chanting rounds by the sea, sweet morning program, simple class based on Prabhupada's purport, devotional duties during the day, reading *sastra* and last but not least tasty Prasadam make my life happy. Due to your great affection and the care you give to us, for the first time I can really feel that the process of Krsna consciousness becomes an integral part of my life. Spiritual master and Krsna are so kind. Thank you for this.

Your servant,
Purnaprajna dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Purusacyuta dasa

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Jaya Guru-deva! Jaya Guru-deva! Jaya Guru-deva! Jaya Guru-deva!

Oh, my dear Guru Maharaja, thank you for everything.

Thank you, for the causeless mercy you bestow upon us all. Thank you, for the unlimited patience in your dealings with us. Thank you, for the boundless love you bestow on us. Thank you, for the *jnana-caksus*, the eyes of knowledge which you give us. Thank you, for establishing the preaching as the very essence of ISKCON. Thank you, for giving us the most precious and most wonderful person- Krsna. Thank you, for your engaging all of us in the devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krsna. Thank you, for making our lives perfect in this way.



Oh, most dear Guru Maharaja, thank you for your lotus feet, at which we again and again offer our most humble obeisances with our hearts, and at which we find secure shelter.

All glories to you! All glories to you! All glories to you!

Jaya Gurudeva! Jaya Gurudeva! Jaya Gurudeva! Jaya Gurudeva!

Your eternal servant,
Purusacyuta dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Radhesa dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Just like every year, this year again came this auspicious day of your appearance. Again, I do not know how to begin. Being entangled in qualities of passion and ignorance is hard to find the right words which can glorify your greatness. Therefore, I beg you so that I will be able to satisfy your personality by this offering, but also by practical devotional service.

I want to thank you that I am still situated in ISKCON, able to chant the holy name, able to be in the association of devotees and thus live a simply wonderful life and practice devotional service.

Your behavior and action shows who is a real Vaisnava, surrendered to the mission of Srila Prabhupada. On the basis of my false ego, I am always thinking myself to be a perfect servant of yours, but this year in India I realized how it is hard and rare to serve your personality. You are so modest and humble that you do not need to accept service from „puffed up *dasa's*“ like me. Still you are not rejecting me and I am by your mercy able to continue. Thank you that I could breath in India and move at all, and visit holy places in Mayapura and Vrndavana. It was so difficult for my false ego, mind and body.

I want also to thank you for your visit of *nama-hatta* seminar, which was a great inspiration for the friends of Krishna, who are now helping us very effectively with Prasadam distribution in the areas afflicted by flood. They arranged for us real equipment with which we could distribute 300-350 liters of Prasadam daily for three weeks. In one village, it looked like after bombing and I can see here by your mercy, what is the meaning of „material suffering“, about which are speaking from Srila Prabhupada's books. How much anxiety and fear the people have „What will be with them?“. This material world is not our home.

By your mercy, we can one day see our real home. Therefore please kick me, give me club so that I will be conscious, what it means „the mercy of spiritual master“- who are you, and what is devotional service unto you. Thank you for everything.

Your servant,
Radhesa dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Rasa-lila devi dasi

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

satyam eva jayate

S-erving tirelessly to the Supreme Absolute Truth.
A-ctually, clearly pointing to us the ultimate goal.
T-asting the unalloyed devotion as nectarian fruit.
Y-ou are attracting us to Krsna-the soul of the soul.
A-s spiritual persons- love is what we really require.
P-uting consciousness in meter was our wrong choice.
A-ccepting our instructions-way to purify our desire.
D-elivering spiritual knowledge- we now hear your voice.
A-lthough I'm so low, your causeless mercy is my hope.

Your humble servant,
Rasa-lila devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Ruciravatara dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you!

I started to write this letter only a few days after your departure from our temple. Your transcendental voice is still echoing in my heart. Almost every night I am dreaming your lotus smiling face. That night when you had to come, I was chanting until late at night. I could not keep my tears in from the feeling that choked my voice. I was so depressed because of the troubles that I caused you, the last few months. I was chanting in the big unfinished kitchen without any hope. I expected you every moment to come and tell me with great disappointment: „Ruci, you failed completely. I didn't expect this from you!“ And completely absorbed in such pessimistic feelings I was growing sleepy on the bench in the garden. All of a sudden, I awoke from the sound of your car and rushed forward to the street together with Sankarsana Prabhu.

You were already out of the car and although it was two a clock in the morning and you were tired from the traveling, you looked at the building and started to smash the dark clouds in my consciousness: with the incredible sense of humor and the fatherly concern with which you asked for everything. We talked until half passed three, But there was nothing of what I expected in your conversation. I was completely in bliss. All this months I was looking for somebody to understand me and although you was not here, all this time I could realize, that you actually know everything. The next day, you took off so much time for me as never before. My whole body was all ears and I absorbed each of your words. I was amazed of your large view, from your deep explanation of every detail. I have never before heard such brilliant explanation of the relationship between the devotees, so clear explanation of the meaning of the *grhastha-asrama* and the need of it in the *varnasrama* system. In your words there was so much love and concern. You did not preached to me how „I should do this, I should do that“, you were talking in such a way, that my soul became jubilant, and intoxicated from bliss chanted „I have to do that, I have to do that!“

Guru Maharaja, during these few days, by your causeless mercy, I could realize that you are my actual father. I was hearing many times about this, but just now I realized that with all my heart and soul.

Yesterday, Varadaraja prabhu told me about the unusual way you was giving the cake to the devotees on one of your Vyasa-Pujas. When the devotees were coming one by one in order to receive a piece of cake, you instead of giving it in their hands, was telling them to open their mouth and you was pushing the whole portion in their mouth, and a peace of course was smashed on their face. Thanks to this wonderful story I realized how actually you are giving me constantly huge portions of your mercy. And the portion is so big that in the beginning I cannot even perceive it's taste, even cannot taste it's sweetness and cannot swallow it. But little by little I understand, what I have gotten and what I experienced was the most wonderful thing in my life.

I am again and again bowing down in the dust of your lotus feet and humbly praying to you to allow me to line up on the queue of the devotees waiting for your mercy. Please, help me to remember your transcendental qualities and instructions constantly. Please, give me a part of the huge burden that you carry on your back, for all these years which you have given me so much mercy in advance. Please help me at the end, so that I also something wonderful for you!

Hoping to remain your eternal servant,
Ruciravatara dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Rupa Manohara dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja, Vyasa-Puja is the day on which the disciples offer their respects and reverence to the personality and activities of the spiritual master. The personality of the spiritual master, possessing all good qualities, is so enchanting that all words come short of describing him. During this year, me and my God-brother, Gopati Prabhu, had to change our service and go abroad. We had many situations in which we realized that without your causeless mercy we couldn't do anything. By your unlimited mercy and by Krsna's will we had the opportunity to take part in the constructing of the temple for Sri Sri Radha-Madana-Mohan. We had many difficulties and tests, whereby we realized that only due to your causeless mercy, even the impossible became possible.

The spiritual master is compared in the *sastra* to a benediction-cloud, who showers down rains of mercy upon the heads of the conditioned souls. All glories to such a spiritual master! It's also said in the *sastra*, that it's the duty of the disciple to dedicate his life to satisfying his spiritual master, but even this is not enough because we, your disciples always remain indebted to you.



Dear Guru Maharaja, please engage me in devotional service and give me your blessings to always remember Krsna and never to forget Him.

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Your humble servant,
Rupa Manohara dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sankarsana dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to your Divine Grace!

Please accept my most humble obeisances on this day, when you mercifully appeared in order to save the condition souls suffering in this material world.

Sometimes I'm trying to understand, how things work in Krsna consciousness? What is the mechanism of the relationship between you and me and my God-brothers and God-sisters. But what is the use of analyzing and speculating. What I can understand with my little brain. I have you and all the wonderful devotees around me, I have also the opportunity to be engaged in this wonderful movement and I'm happy. What do I need more?

This year was really the most heavy for me, as a devotee. I was confronted with many things which I hadn't passed through so far. I remember your words: „anxiety for me is my purification“. Yes, Krsna is taking care for his devotees so that they may be always in the transcendental anxieties for Krsna and always remember him. Now I see how small and funny were all these „big problems“. What is the problem if I always think of you and Krsna? The only problem is that I can't fix my mind constantly on your wonderful instructions and on the holy name of Krsna. It is very interesting how Krsna engages my life. A summer before the last summer I worked in the restaurant „Govinda's“, the last summer I was on the building of our temple, and this summer me and Rucira-avatara Prabhu are trying to establish a farm in Bulgaria. Who knows what is awaiting me still? Who can understand Krsna's plan? In actuality, the activities of the devotees are difficult to understand, from the side of the non-devotees.

I am writing this letter in the open air, taking care of the cows. Right now a man passed by and said „You are strange people, you are all graduated and you became a cowherd men. Why don't you find some nice job?“. But for us it is not strange. We know, that this farm-project is your desire, and we simply work for Krsna and for your pleasure.

I want to share one more realization with you: Krsna fulfilled all my desires so far. Sometimes we were discussing in a Srimad-Bhagavatam class whether Krishna fulfills our material desires also? In my case, I can say that Krsna fulfilled all my material desires as well. Krsna gave me everything I desired so far. And I pray to be always engaged in devotional service. Your mercy is so unlimited and I remember the song that we sing every day:

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

„The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just like a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.“

Your appearance is just as this cloud, extinguishing our burning material desires. And I know when you are coming in our country it is always raining And everybody who is working on the field knows how important is rain for the field, especially in the summer. Please come again and again and help me to be always in the shadow of your lotus feet. Thank you for everything you've done for me.

Your servant,
Sankarsana dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sasabindu dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

The most auspicious day for your devotees, is the day of your appearance. On this day you receive presents, and again you distribute freely Srila Prabhupada's mercy. Because I do not possess anything good, I'm sorry that I have nothing to give you as a present. Rather my present here is like the present of a beggar who immediately goes where there is something to take without paying.

When once I offended one of your devotees you told me that I must apologize at once, and you also told me not to do this any more even not to think anything wrong of him, because in this way I hurt you. After your words, I at once asked the devotee to forgive me and I offer him my obeisances. But when I asked to forgive me my offense to you Guru Maharaja you told me that there is no offense to you, because you are already the most fallen, that is why you can not be offended.

I must acknowledge, that surely I can neither understand your mood nor your words, but I want to tell you a dream I had after that. In this dream, Lord Jagannatha was present, rather it was his smile. Before Jagannatha's face was a group of devotees dressed in dhoties and saris. These devotees shined happily while holding brushes with their tops they painted the startling smile of Lord Jagannatha. Lord Jagannatha's smile was not precisely outlined. The smile was besmeared as if it was painted by children with restless hands, while painting. But nevertheless, Lord Jagannatha was shining and smiled happily as always, as if He wanted and liked this play. Because these devotees when painted Lord Jagannatha's smile it was like they painted reflecting their own smile. Because as if Lord Jagannatha's shining face was the mirror of their hearts.

This dream I accepted as a sign from Krsna, that He can accept every service if He wants. Even if sometimes the service may seem full of mistakes and defects, but if the devotees had offered him service with all their love hundred percents from himself, this service may be accepted by Krsna and become perfectly pure. That is why Krsna is shining with happiness looking with widely opened eyes at the devotees how they go on serving Him only out of love.

Today, I will take advantage of the day of your appearance, Guru Maharaja by asking you to take pity on me and to help me. Please help me, by teaching me how to be next to your devotees, how to be kind with them. Please help me, by teaching me humbly to serve them and to hear from them what they say for Guru and Krsna. Because, in the Srimad Bhagavatam it is said:(S.B. 4.20.26) „My dear highly glorified Lord If one in the association of pure devotees hears even once the glories of Your activities he does not, unless he is nothing but an animal, give up the association of devotees, for no intelligent person would be so careless as to leave their association. The perfection of chanting and hearing about Your glories was accepted even by the goddess of fortune, who desired to hear of Your unlimited activities and transcendental glories.“

Please take pity on me, do not let me become an animal. Please help me, by giving your blessings to help me to associate with your devotees without envying them, so that I become attached to them. Because, they can help me to approach them to touch you Guru Maharaja. It is said that:



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Silpa Karini devi dasi

„Those who constantly serve the Lord with love and devotion, associate with the Personality of Godhead Himself, who is in every one's heart in the form of Super-soul. The Lord is too near to his devotee. He is in the heart of every living entity, but only the devotee can feel His presence. That is why he is directly connected with the Supreme and every moment he gets His instruction. In this way the devotee never makes mistakes.“

Please help me Guru Maharaja, give me your blessings to become worthy to begin to love your devotees. Because, as you told me, this is your desire to all the devotees in Bulgaria: „To begin to love each other and when we succeed to obtain this, then I shall return to Krsna.“

Please forgive my absence of humbleness, but I wanted to tell this before all the devotees and I hope that in this way at least diminish my offenses.

Your eternal servant,
Sasabindu dasa



Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto the dust of you lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

I'm excited about your „Substance & Shadow“. And I'm going to write about it here, because „Substance & Shadow“ is the manifestation. A first child of your Divine Grace.

I can just imagine how your plans are big. Each of them is like a seed. So mercifully you planted one in my heart. I just have to care for it, stick with it and it will grow in a big steady tree with sweet fruits. „Substance and Shadow“ is the beginning of my devotional life. You personally created it and handed over to us, your disciples. We pray for your mercy so that it may be distributed incredibly, super-naturally. People, (new devotees) are out there. We don't even know how many! Some read your book, and tell themselves: „This is so interesting. This makes sense!“ And still, more people are yet to read your book and find out, that what you are saying makes sense to them too! A student from Amsterdam wrote: „I really like the things he is saying. I want to know more about this philosophy. Please call me in three days, because I'm going on vacation.“

All these people can be enlivened, inspired through the medium of your book. Whatever shadow covers them, the light of your explanation can drive it away. The confused can become clear, and the weak can become strong. Then they can all take pleasure in Lord Caitanya's Sankirtana movement. Guru Maharaja, you are the foremost transcendental knight of Srila Prabhupada, and „Substance & Shadow“ is your powerful sword. You are mercifully destroying Kali's domain in his holy Amsterdam. If even one reader becomes devotee, the book will be a success. But by your mercy, we expect waves of them.

Hoping to become and remain your humble servant eternally,
Silpakarini devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sita Laksmi devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your lotus feet .

*bhavantam evanucaran nirantarah
prasanta-nihsesa-mano-ratanthara
kadaham aikantika-nitya-kinkarah
praharsayisyani sanatha-jivitam*

„By serving you constantly, one is freed from all material desires and is completely pacified. When shall I engage as your permanent eternal servant and always feel joyful to have such a fitting master?“ (C.C. Madhya 1.206)

Really, I will never be able to understand and to show gratitude for the mercy that I can be your disciple, because by that I can finish off this long lasting material life. We were dogs, cats, worms, plants, so many times and now finally there is a chance by the grace of Guru and Krsna, who give many instructions for our service, which will simply explode us back to the spiritual world. But when will I embrace it into the depth of my heart? When will I become a sincere devotee who is not acting on the surface only. When will I really follow you ?

„When shall I engage as your permanent servant and always feel joyful to have such a fitting master?“

Guru Maharaja, please bless me by a drop of your mercy. Although I am so fallen but your causeless mercy is very very strong. This is my only chance . I was in the *tamo-guna* stage, I couldn't understand Krsna consciousness, and thus gradually I become totally disturbed, but you came, and you lit fire in my dark head.

„We must simply give all of our energy to our service, and the real success in service, if we give our body, thoughts, movements, and breathing to Krsna.“

So simple, but I would never understand it without your mercy . I don't care what this rascal mind is telling me, I will do my service today . I will meditate on Krsna throughout the day. In my heart, I will meditate on this, He is in my heart. I will offer these books to the people and I will think that: „My Dear Lord, this is for You, I am doing this only for You.“

Although I am like a worm who always wants to go back to the stool, When it has already been pulled out, but when I endeavor to act according to your words, then it is an eternal help, and eternal protection. And although it is so fearful to be in the material world, but these words give shelter. Thus there is nothing to fear .

„They're going to be heavier tests than that so you will have always have to be more sincere. But if you always just do this what I am telling you, you will pass any test.“

Guru Maharaja, you open the doors of the spiritual world, now it is my turn. I just have to step in, as you have said!



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sita Laksmi devi dasi

„But the fact, is that to stop this is up to you, I am telling you how to do it, but you have to do it. Nobody else can do it for you because you are the one in that body. You are the one in that heart. I can't go inside of your heart and do it for you.“

May these words enter into the depth of my heart, and may I give up all crazy thoughts and action. Guru Maharaja, please continue to be merciful to me and keep me forever in the dust of your lotus feet. If you are not merciful to me, I will not keep my life any longer. I am very fortunate that I could find you, and you have mercifully accepted me. As H.H. Srila Sivarama Swami wrote me in a letter : „Krishna consciousness is a wonderful process. It is sometimes our lack of appreciation that us makes forget how fortunate we are. We are already in a liberated condition. We simply have to continue associating with devotees chanting Hare Krsna and in that way go back home back to Godhead. But still we think there are so many obstacles, but there are none.“



For that I am just clinging to your lotus feet . „You are both most fortunate and must never throw this fortune away.“ The mercy is here, I just have to accept it.

„What else can we do than just accept? The philosophy is perfect if we just accept it, we also become perfect.“ Because : „By serving you constantly, one is freed from all material desires and is completely pacified. When shall I engage as your permanent eternal servant and always feel joyful to have such a fitting master?“

With gratitude, your eternal servant,
Sita Laksmi devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sri Caitanya Dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

You are a wonderful person and I am sure that somebody who has a little realization of your divine qualities could write books about it. Unfortunately, due to little realization from my heart, I find it difficult to write a few words.

The words and orders of the spiritual master are our connection to Krsna, the Supreme Absolute Person, and thus they are a tremendous value for us. The few exchanges that I had with you, are the very material from which my spiritual life is made from.

I have read somewhere that first there should be a sense of duty towards the order of the spiritual master and later after executing this duty, one will be pulled out of the suffering condition of life by the Guru. Then, as we begin to see the material world behind us, becoming smaller and smaller, we will feel more and more bound to the orders of guru and Krsna. This is a wonderful method for expanding our spiritual existence, becoming bound with love and devotion to your words. I had a few glimpses of this in a few exchanges I had with you, both in direct association- when you were dealing very mercifully with my material conditionings, and executing the Sankirtana mission, doing something little for your missionary activities in Romania, and now I pray to you to increase whatever little service attitude that I have developed.

Please empower me, so that I can bring many garlands of „Romanian *jivas*“ at your lotus feet, so that you can offer them the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada and Krsna.

Your respectful servant,
Sri Caitanya Dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sthanu dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Writing this letter dedicated to your divine appearance, before me are the verses of Bhaktivinoda Thakura's song Guru-deva.

*gurudev!
krpa-bindu diya, koro' ei dase
trnapekha ati hina
sakala sahane, bala diya koro'
nija-mane sprha hina*

When I'm on the street with Srila Prabhupada's books, I remember the verses and their purport and realize how dependent I am, to your mercy. I'm helpless and weak. Without your help and Krsna, I can not do anything.

*sakale sammana korite sakati,
deho' natha! yathayatha
tave to' gaibo, hari-nama-sukhe,
aparadha ha'be hata*

When your will mercy pour upon such fool as me?

*kabe heno krpa labhiya e jana,
krtartha hoibe, natha!
sakti-buddhi-hina, ami ati dina,
koro'more atma-satha*

*yogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,
tomara karuna - sara
karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,
prana na rakhibo ara*

I have heard from the devotees that, to surrender means to understand that one has not any qualities. I'm so far away from such understanding! But you are so merciful, that you engage even such fallen entities in the Sankirtana mission. There is no better opportunity for me to clean- up my heart. Please allow me to serve you! Thank you.

Your eternal servant,
Sthanu dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Subha Laksmi devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

My dear-most Srila Guru-deva,

Please, kindly accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet!

Let your glory be spread among the three worlds and be sung eternally! All glories to your beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Sri Caitanya's Sankirtana mission- the only rescue for the people in this age!

While reflecting on your inconceivably wonderful personality I have realized how rarely fortunate I am that I have met you. Just as Lord Brahma states in this verse:

*aho bhagyam aho bhagyam
nanda gopa-vrajaukasam
yan mitram paramanandam
purnam brahma sanatanam*

„How greatly fortunate are Nanda Maharaja, the cowherd men and all the inhabitants of Vraja-bhumi! There is no limit to their fortune because, the Absolute Truth, the source of transcendental bliss, the Supreme Brahman, has become their friend.“ (S.B. 10.14.32)

In the same way I feel I am very much blessed by the chance of becoming- or rather, trying to become your disciple.

In your lectures you very often speak that evidence of one's spiritual advancement is his developing a perfect character. Or in other words, simply acting in Krsna consciousness at every moment of our lives. For persons like me, it may take a life-time or even more than one, but still we can take inspiration in our efforts on this path, from your excellent example.

In my early teen-age years, I was searching for the Absolute Truth. I was diving into an ocean of literature created by the minds of sophisticated philosophers, dry speculators, eccentric intellectuals or even complete „nuts“. And I really loved swimming in that ocean, until I realized that gradually I am sinking into a deep existentialistic depression born out of great dissatisfaction from the ideals I was putting my faith in. They were simply millions and billions of cosmic years far away from the Absolute Truth. Fortunately, before I reached the bottom I happened to visit a lecture of yours. I still remember commenting to my friend after the lecture: „This person is completely different from all the other arm-chair thinkers, just sitting in the couch, smoking a pipe, and discussing philosophy. He has such a simple and pure life and moreover he lives according to what he teaches.“

Guru Maharaja, I was just an ignorant person at that time, with my consciousness so filthy from all these crazy bogus speculations. But even for me, your radiant personality did not remain covered. In you I found embodied all my ideas for an ideal spiritual person, for you are the true philosopher, the real intellectual, even the greatest eccentric. Because all of these virtues have their origin in Krsna, the Supreme Lord, they are absolute and transcendental and while manifesting through you, who are a transparent media of God, all of them remain in their pure, uncontaminated state. Thus you are without any selfish desire to draw the attention of others to you- rather all your intentions are aimed at Krsna only, and this makes you so attractive. At the same time, I must confess again how lucky and specially favored by Krsna and you I am:



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Subha Laksmi devi dasi

*brahmāṇḍa brahmīte kona bhāgyavāna jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasāde payā bhakti-lāta-bijā*

„Out of many millions of wandering living entities, one who is very fortunate gets an opportunity to associate with a bona fide spiritual master by the grace of Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of both Kṛṣṇa and the spiritual master, such a person receives the seed of the creeper of devotional service.“

I had so many friends together with whom we were speculating about the goal of life, and who also got the wonderful opportunity to hear from you, but who remained in the ocean of nescience...

Now, as the years are passing by, with great amazement, I can observe how your wonderful qualities are increasing and increasing. Although you are the most perfect, you are becoming more and more perfect, just like Srimati Radharani who despite of being the topmost devotee, is ever increasing, ever perfecting Her love to Kṛṣṇa. And the way you are giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others reminds me the cooking of a sugar candy- it is sweeter and sweeter and thicker and thicker. Recently, you are bringing out and teaching us the most essential points of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness philosophy. For your pleasure I would like to mention here three of them which I have caught from your teachings as the most important. They are explained with your own words:

1. Chanting purely the Hare Kṛṣṇa Maha-Mantra:

- „... We need to come to the state called *mantra-yoga*, in which the consciousness is always vibrating: Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare...“

- „...Our whole being should vibrate all the time. Day and night; sleeping or awake the heart should be beating- Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa,... Then our position is actually secure, because we are situated within Kṛṣṇa.“

- „...Let us realize that our absorption in the Hare Kṛṣṇa Maha-Mantra is our actual life and this is our only hope, therefore we should not take it lightly.“

- „...So this- becoming a confidential devotee of Kṛṣṇa, is a very high state of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, but Śrīla Prabhupada is assuring us, it is easily attained by the pure chanting of the Maha-Mantra.“

2. Serving the mission of the spiritual master, namely the Sankirtana-Yajna:

- „...So this is actually the result of a great mercy. The mercy of the holy name. We speak of the Sankirtana mission- this is the mission of the holy name...“

- „...We have to arrange our life in that way, that everything we do, we should direct as our service to the mission of the holy name...“

- „...This is Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's heart-felt desire- that the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, shall touch the life of every man, woman and child on this planet. So, when we speak of serving the holy name- this is the best service- somehow or other we should engage in pushing this movement, spreading it more and more...“

3. Associating with the devotees:

- „...ISKCON...it must be very very strong movement, and the reason for this strength is because, it facilitates genuine *vaiṣṇava-saṅga*, no nonsense *vaiṣṇava-saṅga*, but the real thing that is so rare in this world... We must try, try, try to take full advantage, just meditate how rare it is...“



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Subha Laksmi devi dasi

-,...For example in Greece, there are 9 million Greeks. And then when in the midst of this ocean of madness one can meet one or two devotees that are there- it is just a handful of devotees in that country, one feels so fortunate... Against the background of total madness, this is the only shelter...“

-,...This is my humble prayer to all of you that you kindly churn this great ocean of nectar in which you are situated- this International Society for Krsna consciousness - churn it, churn it, make it sweeter and sweeter, and then persons who are really fallen, they may be able to make advancement one day...“

-,...Our only hope is the shelter of the devotees- *vaisnava sanga*. That is why this movement is so special...“

I cannot help myself, but I have to admit that these statements can be classified as revolutionary. For they are meant to spark a revolution in the hearts of those aspiring devotees like me, who think this is a heavy task you want from us, this kind of preaching is too straight-forward, uncompromising with any material consideration, and finally we will not manage it anyway, in this lifetime. But for those wonderful God-brothers and God-sisters of mine, who have truly taken shelter at your lotus feet, and have firm faith in you and Krsna, this is quite a simple matter. It means only life of SERVING THIS SANKIRTANA MISSION - THE CHANTING AND BROADCASTING THE HOLY NAME OF KRSNA IN THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEVOTEES and at the end going back home to the spiritual world. And „there is no excuse of not doing it“ as you once commented it.

Dear Guru Maharaja, my only hope however is in your great compassion towards persons with such rebellious mentality, full of false-pride, lust and *sahajiya* tendencies like me. As long as I simply try to cling to your lotus feet, and finally start serving you, then my position is safe. I have experienced this many times but one accident not long ago made a deep impression in my consciousness. At that time I was in some anxiety due to my attachment to a certain plan which collapsed. I happened to be on the street in front of our temple, leaving for somewhere. I was just waiting for the car's door to be open. At that moment, I saw you from the distance appearing on the balcony of your room. You turned your sight to the direction I was, standing still, just watching me. Although you did not say or do anything and despite of the distance I could understand how much you are concern with, and caring for us. Your whole person was simply emanating this. Afterwards, I was just helplessly crying for not being able to give you anything worth in return. But simultaneously I had one deep realization- that I never want to make anything which is not pleasing for you.

Dear Guru-deva, thank you so much for allowing me to render some personal service to you. Please never take it away, I am so attached to it. And please, help me to develop stronger attachment to your instructions, which are more important, although I have difficulties realizing it.

Your ever aspiring servant,
Subha Laksmi devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sundaranayika devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja!

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories unto you on this most auspicious day! And all glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Some time ago, a devotee gave me a poem which I liked very much and I would like to share it with you. It is from Satsvarupa Maharaja's „Rose poems at castle Gregory-Ireland“. It goes like this:

My father used to ask me,
and so I ask myself again.
„What do you want from life?“
I answered in the same naive hopeful way,
with what's in my heart:
„I would like to break through in *japa*
and be soaked in tears.
To change permanently.
No more duality of the mind, pre-occupied
with other things while I chant.
I want my *japa* to be in *vraja*
for Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.
„How bad do you want that?“
„Like hell, SIR.“



I wish I could follow in your footsteps, as nicely as you are following Srila Prabhupada. At the same time, I wish I could get rid of all *anartha's* and bad habits, which is following my footsteps like a dog following his master. Making life complicated.

In this way, I would also be more useful for you in your important mission for Srila Prabhupada. I pray to Srimati Radharani, that your books, which is like seeds planted all over the globe, will nicely manifest some roots, and start to grow, more and more, until all the demons with the scientist and philosophers in the front line are finished. And the pious one's will realize their position as an eternal servant of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krsna.

Thank you so much, for saving me and engaging me in this wonderful devotional service. Without you, life is completely meaningless.

Your Servant,
Sundaranayika devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Susanga Jata dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

On this auspicious day, I would like to thank you for your mercy and patience with me. Shamelessly and with no qualifications I crept into your life which is actually not being enacted in this material world, and I've caused you a lot of troubles.

I recall, one of the many days in which I didn't succeed in satisfying you. It happened last year in Sridhama Mayapura where I had the honor to wash your clothes. Out of laziness I didn't wash it every day. When I was leaving I approached you to express my thanks that you had engaged me in your service and to bid my farewell. You looked at me as if you couldn't understand what I was talking about, and said: "What?" Regrettably, only after some time did I realize that I had committed many offenses against you. And I see this day, as a very advantageous one for me to apologize you for all the misbehavior on my part. I'm too sentimental, and you knew that by your divine intelligence, and thus you didn't crush me as a fly between fingers.



I pray to Krishna, that I don't only fly around you as a fly and don't bother you, but that I become a person useful for you.

Your debtor,
Susanga Jata dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Syamala devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhv-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to the most blessed event of your Vyasa-Puja!

This year, I was tested by Krsna on the devotional path. This year, a moment came when I had to understand what it means, devotional service for the spiritual master, and what it means, the same action done in a consciousness contaminated by sense enjoyment.

Dear Guru Maharaja, you are the most merciful, because you are so expert to operate upon a person so ill as myself, because only you have the skill, the force and the intelligence to bring me back to life after this operation. I thought that what I did until now was an austerity to please you, but now I realize how attached I was to the service I did. The time came when Krsna showed me how foolish I was. Once, you said here that Romanians have „potato-heads“ and therefore, they must take potatoes-Prasadam, in order to appear some brain substance in their heads. I thought this was all about the unhappy people from outside, but I discovered I am included also.

My dear Guru Maharaja, you put in my face the real mirror that showed me in my true nature, so unqualified to serve you, and so weak. The only thing that makes me believe that by your and Krsna's mercy I will succeed is the confidence that you want Prasadam distribution in Romania. Please have mercy on me and forgive me for my lack of seriousness. Hare Krsna!

Your eternal servant-with a potato-head,
Syamala devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Tattvavada dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

„You have chosen like from two delicious subji- to distribute books. So, just distribute and train the others..“ You once told me this in Denmark.

Although my mind had some other ideas also, I still understood that these are your words, not different from those of Krsna. And just putting in practice what your Divine Grace has said, things will happen. Maybe we are waiting some for special mercy, and really it is there... in your orders! If we just put them to practice, the power is there!

Once you said, that Srila Prabhupada is our victory, and through so many different preaching experiences I have realized, Guru Maharaja, you are to me and to all of your disciples „the victory“. And your orders and association, the greatest perfection and blessings we can get.

Sometimes for example, while teaching the philosophy in schools, the teachers are amazed how much we know about these things. And the only thing we have to do is to repeat your teachings of the different subjects of the Bhagavad-Gita as you have explained in their language- in the „Substance and Shadow“.

Not only we are amazed, but such professionals also. I always remember those two and a half hours, when You where discussing with the famous professor here in Helsinki. He was turning more like to your student than an all knowing professor. You are victorious, and you are the victory to us! *yatra yogesvara krsno...* And then even after that you sometimes give your association to rascals like me, who is like a funny low-class dog in the association of the highest class of men. What a funny situation?

In my briefcase, I have a picture from your last visit where we where staying together in the airport looking when the flight is coming. It reminds me from that example which you once gave in the lecture in Helsinki. That we are actually already waiting for the *vaikuntha*-airlines, which is coming, and there is no need to make one's separate house- like inside the airport.

So, please let me stay where the Sankirtana-action is going on, that keeps my contact to your Divine Grace and in that way the perfection is already there. And please, despite all my crazy desires, please don't let anyone or anything, take me out of that picture.

Your humble servant,
Tattvavada dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vaikunthesvari devi dasi

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Prabhupada. All glories to your Divine Grace.

When I am writing this offering to you, was not so long ago that you were here in the Hungarian Farm. It was such a special event to see you like that. Especially the Kirtana has captivated me, when you were dancing and singing with Bhakti Bringa Govinda Maharaja and Bhaktivaibhava Maharaja. It was a wonderful Kirtana, very powerful and spiritual. In such occasions, I always feel that Krsna-consciousness is such a concentrated happiness that is even too much to accept. This feeling is due to your divine association, because simply a kind of Krsna-conscious happiness is flowing from you, which whirls along everybody with itself .

On the same day, (after this Kirtana) I visited a *grihasta*-Mataji in the village, to iron your clothes there .She welcomed me gladly and she said, that's a big honor for her. And then she just started to glorify you :

„I saw Suhotra Maharaja for the first time today , but I really like him. He is such a special person, He captures everyone's heart, and when He is chanting Hare Krishna, than one starts to feel; that yes, I always would have to do that.“

I was so happy to hear this, and I thought, yes you have a very powerful influence on everyone. How fortunate I am, that somehow I also could get into your transcendental force-field .

Dear Guru Maharaja, now in your appearance-day, let me thank you that I can be your disciple . Let me thank you for your care, teachings, and attention for which I am unworthy of. I have proven to you so many times, how foolish I am, but still you patiently continue teaching me. Whenever I, or somebody else asks you a question, before the answer you glance over the person, and what is visible in your eyes is your infinite compassion. This infinitely deep compassion, and well-wish is what you sprinkle over to everyone (even to me).

Thank you, that you keep me in my service, which I only can perform by your mercy. Although I am unqualified, but nevertheless very happy to do it. In this way you make me very fortunate!

Dear Guru Maharaja, please forgive me that I am not such a disciple like you want me to be. I know that I am just a miserable worm, who doesn't make much progress (even outwardly) but in my heart I very much want to serve and please you. For that, I will not give up trying.

All glories to you in this most blessed day !
Srla Suhotra Maharaja Ki-Jaya!

Your insignificant servant,
Vaikunthesvari devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vairagya Laksmi devi dasi

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

Especially here in Greece, I've really learnt to appreciate the fortune of having attained the Lord's mercy to understand Krsna's philosophy. I'm not at all a philosophical person, rather I like to clean and do small menial things, but out of your mercy I can understand that Krsna is my Lord and master. I know that I'm his eternal servant at all circumstances, in good and in bad. I may forget this in the course of my daily activities and passion, but in the core of my heart I know I have nothing to worry because Krsna is God. When I see all these Greeks who are simply so unfortunate, that they cannot understand this simple fact (even those who are educated and wise), I feel so grateful to you, Guru Maharaja for having revealed these things to me.

Another thing that makes me especially satisfied, is that you have taught me to see that everything belongs to Krsna and is meant for His service. Without understanding this, there cannot be any peace of mind. Again, especially here in Greece, people are so blind to self-realization and so tuned to exploit Krishna's property that they have built their whole society in a very tangible and gross way to serve their sensual demands. This is very sad, because they are very dull and unhappy people, no matter how much they jam out enjoyment from the temporary pleasures. By your help and example I've experienced steady satisfaction that comes from seeing Krsna as the cause of all causes. That's why I've stopped being in anxiety and worrying about every small detail in my life. You wrote us from Mayapura this year:

„Krsna is so kind, and we've come to understand this more and more. He is really taking so good care of us and giving us more than we deserve or even need.“

Now someone clever would ask, if I'm as happy as I sound, why don't I make others, these „unfortunate Greeks“ equally happy, as a real devotee would do. This is actually a real concern, and I'm a bit ashamed that I can't do more than I can. But I see the spreading of Krsna consciousness in this lost corner of Europe as a very very slow process that requires an intelligent, long-term plan and a lot of patience. Let's say, that we've started to improve the world from our home. That may not be a very great achievement if you compare it to the ambitious strategies of other countries and temples, but for us it has been the most important and inspiring step. We've become very close friends with my husband, which itself is a great wonder if you recall the rocky beginning of our stormy marriage. Who could ever have expected that we can actually work and cooperate so well together. This is essential since most of the time we are only two of us here in Thessaloniki. All this is possible because you have trained us to become stronger, more personal and responsible. By nature we are the opposite but in your patient guidance we have learnt forgiveness and tolerance. Although we don't have so much vision or power to transfuse this country with Krsna's message right now, we are confident that by working under your supervision we will ultimately realize Krsna's plan. Although we cannot see it, yet it seems that Krsna has some smart way to plough Himself in to the hearts of all of us. It may take a while though. This situation has forced us to grow up in the sense that we are not so dependent on your constant attention anymore. We can see that you are expecting us to make the simple decisions by ourselves, as well as try to work out all kinds of trivial details. Constantly we're trying to hear the sound in the heart, act accordingly and seek confirmation from you. Usually, you correct or confirm our thoughts even before we speak about them to you. This is a vital proof that we are connected to you, and that you are connected to Krsna although there is a physical separation of thousands of miles between us. All glories to you, my dear Guru Maharaja!

Your servant,
Vairagya Laksmi devi dasi



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vaniseva devi dasi
and Radha-priya

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please, accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet! All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

On this wonderful day of your transcendental appearance, I am before your picture trying to find the most wonderful words in order to describe your unusual qualities. But my dictionary is so poor to describe the whole variety of qualities you possess. I feel completely helpless and limited to do that. The only thing that I can say is that you are the Vaikuntha-man. You are constantly absorbed in the pastimes of Lord Gauranga and Prabhu Nityananda, Radha and Krsna. How otherwise, can one understand the depth of your philosophical lectures, the ecstatic endless bhajans, the ease by which you turn the unsolved problems between the devotees into the pastimes of Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai. And despite these wonderful qualities you told me in one conversation, that even for you bad things are spread behind your back. I was so amazed when I heard this. Immediately I was thinking who is this rascal? How can he dare to do this? But when I repeatedly turned to this conversation and tried to understand what you want to tell me, I realized that actually I am this rascal. Because as you said many times, the master is recognized by his disciple. And with which of my deeds I could make others speak well about you. Did I succeed to change my horrible nature? No! Did I engaged my mind and senses in your service twenty four hours a day? No! By this reason I cannot find wonderful words for your glorification, for the true glories of the spiritual master are the activities of the disciple.



My only chance, is to try to educate my little daughter in the science of Krsna-consciousness. Because, otherwise all that time she takes me will be lost in vain. You are the perfect example for a parent, because you have so many infant children like me, who create so many problems and disturbances for you. But you don't kick us away, just because we have so much disqualification.

On the contrary, you come again and again to all of us to give us the highest love- love of Krsna, and to teach us the most perfect activity- devotional service, and to live together with us in the most perfect family- ISKCON. We thank you for the boundless mercy and endless tolerance.

Your eternal insignificant servants,
Vaniseva devi dasi and Radha-Priya



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Varadaraja dasa

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to your Divine Grace. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

When we were in Paris in December last year, you quoted from a lecture by Srila Prabhupada. „What is a brahmana's interest? His interest is not to construct big big temples... No! His interest is to construct his character!. That is a brahmana! A brahmana constructs his character! He becomes an ideal person, an ideal man! An ideal woman! This is a very simple process to attain liberation... To perfect our character. And if we don't do this... Then there is trouble!“

When I heard these words, I was thinking... Yes! This is actually the way that you are living your life and in this, you have attained perfection. You have a perfect character and this is why you are attracting everybody else to take up Krsna consciousness. When they see your well constructed character, then they want to follow your instructions, and strive to perfect their lives.

At that moment, I was realizing that this is the right way in which to always strive. It is such a simple but yet such a sublime instruction. However without your mercy, then it becomes impossible to do! You are constantly showing us the right way to take and always showing us where Maya's traps are. If we simply live according to your instructions, then our lives will be highly blessed and sublime.

Not long ago, I had a dream that I would like to narrate to you. For me it was a very special dream and I was so overwhelmed with bliss after it, that it stayed with me ever since.

I was dreaming that we were in the spiritual world and Srila Prabhupada was sitting on a big *vyasasana*. All the devotees along with the unlimited demigods, were standing around Srila Prabhupada in a big circle. At that time you, Guru Maharaja, came back (apparently from your preaching mission in the material world). You threw yourself down on the ground, to pay your obeisance's to Srila Prabhupada and when Srila Prabhupada saw that You had returned and was taking shelter of his lotus feet, then Srila Prabhupada raised his eyebrows (in apparent surprise) and said „Ahhh! So you have returned. That is very nice! You have done very nicely!“

At this you looked very embarrassed (to be praised in this way by Srila Prabhupada). You just threw yourself down again and said: „It is all by your mercy Srila Prabhupada! I couldn't have done it without your mercy!“ You then quickly moved forward and grabbed Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet and put them on your head. At this very unexpected and bold move, all the devotees became very astonished. How would Srila Prabhupada react? I myself hardly dared to look up but when I did, then I saw that Srila Prabhupada was just very blissfully smiling. Srila Prabhupada was just beaming with satisfaction. Srila Prabhupada then said „That is alright! I am very satisfied with you! It's alright!“

This is of course just a mental concoction created by my speculative mind, but I can never forget that supremely satisfied smiling lotus face of Srila Prabhupada. He was just so satisfied with you. And after this dream, I was just wishing that if it would ever be possible, then there would be nothing more that I would like to see, than that most blissful smiling lotus face of Srila Prabhupada when the two of you will become reunited again, at the time when you will personally go again, to attain the shelter of Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, in the spiritual world.



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Varadaraja dasa

I am finding myself to be so very unqualified, so low-born and full of all the asuric qualities. Completely bereft of any genuine love and devotion, I am simply lamenting for my future fate. I am repeatedly finding myself lamenting over my inability to take full shelter of you and Krsna. And I am praying... When will the day come when my dogish mind and intelligence be able to only find pleasure in performing pure Krsna conscious activities, and will stop chasing Maya's false promises of satisfaction.



However, despite my dogish mentality and many disqualification, I hope that you will be able to continue to engage this most small and insignificant soul, in some kind of devotional service. Because I am simply trying to take full shelter of you, and I have accepted you as my only Lord and Master. Begging for your mercy, I Pray to remain.

Your humble servant,
Varadaraja dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vasumana dasa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

At this glorious day of your appearance I am humbly paying my prostrated obeisances in the Divine dust of your lotus feet. I can not find proper words to glorify your greatness. You are giving me mercy, that is not possible to repay with all the treasures of the universe. I have a great debt towards you. You have given me the seed of devotional service. So it is impossible to return you in some way every thing you are giving me. At least, I can serve for the spreading of the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

In one lecture in Radhadesh you said, that Srila Prabhupada imparted to his disciples his preaching mission and we can see that you are executing this perfectly. Your lectures inspire everybody, your sweet kirtans make everybody forget his material body and sing in ecstasy.

You are a real Acarya, because you strictly follow your spiritual master with great faith and devotion. At this most auspicious day, I am falling in the dust of your lotus feet and praying for the mercy to become strong in following you, and one day to be able to satisfy you by my devotional service.

*sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma,
bando mui savadhana mate
jahara prasade bhai, e bhava toriya jay,
krsna-prapti hoy jaha ha te*

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

Dear Guru Maharaja, thank you for taking the trouble of making me your disciple.

Your humble servant,
Vasumana dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vidyagati dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to your Divine Grace!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

At this time, when I am writing this Vyasa-Puja offering one year has passed since you kindly accepted me as your disciple. Thank you very much for this Guru Maharaja! It is Krsna's mercy only, that a person can after many lifetimes be accepted by a bona fide spiritual master. The spiritual master is a representative of Krsna and only through him we can approach Krsna.

By your mercy only, I was initiated into the chanting of the holy name of Krsna. The holy name is non different from Krsna, being pure transcendental sound. But unfortunately I am such a fool that I don't know this even theoretically. Please Guru Maharaja, help me to get rid of all my conditioning and help me to be engaged in this wonderful Sankirtana mission properly. I don't want to waste my life in illusion, I want to serve Krsna. But without your mercy I cannot do it.

Please help me to understand your instructions. Your lectures are so wonderful, you always show the difference between Maya and Krsna-consciousness. You give us light of knowledge in this dark age of Kali, by explaining the science of Krsna-consciousness. You constantly travel all over the world just to deliver the holy name to all conditioned souls. You, being yourself a fully self-realized person, inspire so many others into devotional service. These are some of your wonderful qualities, which I am not able to describe in full.



Thank you very much dear Guru Maharaja, for delivering me from this world of illusion and for giving me the greatest gift I could ever receive namely Krsna-consciousness.

Trying to be your servant,
Vidyagati dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vidya Vacaspati dasa

Dear Srila Guru-deva,

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

The Vyasa-Puja day, is the most happy day for all your disciples in the world. you are so powerful, that you can make everyone happy. You can explain to all that happiness derived from material perfection or understanding oneself to be Brahman is temporary. This is a great task to explain to all people the possibility of falling down from material happiness and falling down from spiritual happiness derived out of identifying oneself with impersonal Brahman. You have such knowledge. We can hear it in your lectures. We can always taste the nectar, when you clear all the philosophical problems. You also say: „Be servant“, because this is our *sanatana-dharma*. You are so kind by inspiring us to do it and telling us what it means in this age of Kali. It seems that there is some mystery because of which you do all these things. I know what it is. Because you want to see all your disciples and actually all people all over the world- You want to see them to be lucky! And this is possible by knowing of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His Sankirtana movement.

Your eternal servant,
Vidya Vacaspati dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vipula dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your transcendental mission in the service of Srila Prabhupada.

Every year, as I sit-down to write an offering to you, I feel more and more worthless and useless. As years are passing, a devotee is supposed to be more mature and more advanced in Krsna-consciousness. In this way, he can take more responsibilities in service for his spiritual master. But in my case, I feel like I would have been doing less and less. In fact you are the person, who gives us the possibility and ability to perform devotional service and we are persons who may take it or not.

So I am a rascal, who actually does not use this opportunity, or rather who misuses it. Your mercy is equal for every one. The question, why some of your disciples make quicker advancement, is to what degree they are able to take it!

Somehow, I feel guilty towards you, that despite all your mercy that you have bestowed upon me I am still so foolish, and I cannot take full advantage of that opportunity. I know that there is much more things to do, but I am so dull that I do not act even though I could. This laziness in my heart is very deeply rooted and I am afraid if I ever can overcome this contamination. And that's not the only obstacle. My heart is full of pride, lust, desire to be recognized, conceit and all this garbage. This is really amazing, how powerful is this process, and how powerful you are Guru Maharaja, that I am still here.

Srila Prabhupada once said that, his mystic power is that he takes *mleccas* and *yavanas* and converts them into Brahmanas and Vaisnavas. And so do you. Your real power is that such fools like me, can continue this process without any qualifications depending only on your mercy. I know, that if somebody has some particular abilities and does not use them properly in Krsna's service, Krsna may withdraw them as a punishment for such a person. But from Sastras we know that a pure devotee is even more merciful than Krsna. Therefore, I beg you on and on, falling in the dust of your lotus feet to give me one more chance, because only if you will not remove your mercy I can improve. My greatest and only fear is that, I leave the association of devotees. But I have also firm faith in you and I know that by your great power in Krsna-consciousness, I will be saved, if I just stick to the shelter of your lotus feet.

Trying to be your disciple,
Vipula dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Visvahetu dasa &
Jivanuga dasa

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet ! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to the day of your divine appearance. All glories to you!

Guru Maharaja! You are coming everywhere,
to engage everybody to distribute
Books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

O glories to your Divine Grace,
you spread Krsna Consciousness
all over the world to inspire to distribute
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your lecture are very strong,
whoever listens to them is knock out on the
floor, because You are telling to everyone :
„... You should distribute books ! „
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

When you sing, everything melts,
even if somebody possessed
the heart like the stone
he will quickly understand
without any doubts
that he should give to people
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Krsna is yours,
you can give Him to everyone
you don't discriminate
but you are specially inclined
to those who distribute
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

You always smile,
to see devotees go out
into the fire of SANKIRTANA
to spread the
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your mercy is immense,
you are always pushing us
even with lack of quality and just telling:
„... You should go out and distribute books... „
Books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

You travel all the time,
not staying so long
but your present is everywhere
we can feel you touchable
specially when we strive to distribute
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your determination is changing our hearts,
we just awaken dormant love
when we go door to door with
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

You are busy every day,
extracting nectar like the swan
showing to the people
what is Substance, where is Shadow
to understand more and more
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

You can preach Krsna Consciousness,
even alone
but You kindly engage everyone
in this sacrifice
giving the chance to distribute
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your *hari-namas* is shocking all around,
nobody will be the same
the atmosphere becomes purified
and people start to buy more and more of
these
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Nobody can imagine,
your feeling to „Gopinatha“
the *bhajan* is going on
whit out getting down
„Stay high for ever“
and only distribute
books! Books! Srila Prabhupad books!



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Visvahetu dasa &
Jivanuga dasa

Embodiment of your qualities,
are all your disciples
reflect Your mercy upon fallen souls
by convincing them to take
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your qualities are unlimited,
we can't describe it
we only pray to You
for strength to go out and distribute
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

O dear Guru Maharaja,
we are in the temple Gdynia
Sri Sri Nitay-Gour-Nataraja
now will start the Marathon
we haven't another chance
only go out !!!
to give to the people
books! books! Srila Prabhupad books!

Your servants,
Visvahetu dasa & Jivanuga dasa





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vrindaranya-priya dasa and
Ananda-laksmi devi dasi

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

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

This year, it is not so easy for me to start writing a letter in honor of your Divine Vyasa-Puja day. I am thinking and remembering all the different things you helped us out or inspired us for. I become a little-bit ashamed when I see how little we actually do for your Divine Grace.

From the deepest ignorance, until we are back home, you are guiding us to make sure nothing will overcome us. The best way in which we can please you is following your instructions and by helping you in fulfilling Srila Prabhupada's mission of spreading the movement around the world.

As I realized, preaching is your life and soul. Last year, at the end of June, I finished my school, so I wrote to you the following: „I just finished my examinations and past so I have my diploma, we are going every day out on Sankirtana with sweets“. And your reply was: „I am happy for you that you have your diploma but I am much happier that you are going out now on Sankirtana“. So we can see that you are a direct member of Lord Caitanya's Sankirtana army, ready to attack Maya and give every soul the opportunity to go back home, back to Godhead.

I remember, the first time I met you I asked you if I could become a disciple of your Divine Grace and you said: „Well the door stands open“. I mean that this is one of the most happiest moments in someone's life, although we most of the time do not realize it. But if someone gets accepted by a bona fide guru that means that we are back on our way home and that is definitely the biggest thing in life we need. And then, of course the best thing we can do to please you is following your Divine instructions and that is sometimes a struggle for us.

„By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master there is no chance of being promoted to Krsna-consciousness. I should therefore meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master.“

Your servants,
Vrindaranya-priya dasa and
Ananda-laksmi devi dasi





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Vyomadhara dasa

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on the most auspicious event of your Vyasa-Puja. All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Dear Guru Maharaja, I bow down again and again! I can't thank you enough for engaging me in Krsna's transcendental service. I am forever indebted to you, but please bless me so that I may forever stay in your service and be able to repay just a little amount of what you have done for me!

By your example, you are the source of great inspiration and encouragement, for all of those who are so fortunate to have your association. All of your activities shows the symptoms of the pure devotees! I hope, that one day I will be able to utilize the chance that you have given me. If I could be able to satisfy you and please you, my life would be perfect.

Although completely controlled by the material modes, I have at least a small desire to serve you. And I pray that the seed of Bhakti you have planted in me will grow to a big strong plant. But as soon as I am able to take away a few of weeds a whole bunch of new are coming up. So, please Guru Maharaja, have patient with me. If I just can remain in the association of devotees, taste and hear the transcendental sound of the Holy name, eat Prasadam, worship the Deity and render service to Lord Krsna, through your Divine Grace, I am sure my that *anarthas* gradually will disappear, and I can be able to render something that looks like pure devotional service. But I am afraid... it may take some life times.



Meanwhile I ask You again, please have patient with me, because without your help and mercy I will sink down and drown in this material whirlpool!

Your insignificant servant,
Vyomadhara dasa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Andrzej (Warsaw)

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

It is difficult to express in appropriate simple words, all my appreciation and admiration for your sublime personality. You have come here, Guru Maharaja, to this material world to save fallen souls from oblivion about Sri Krsna and liberate them from the cycle of repeated births and deaths. Therefore, you are very dear to your devotees, Lord Krsna, as well as all Parampara. It is a great, causeless mercy for me that I can associate with your preaching, which disperses darkness of illusion and gives quite new, timeless sense of my life. In this age of Kali, mastered mainly by the modes of ignorance and passion, you are, Guru Maharaja, a personality of unblemished mode of goodness, as well as all favorable qualities. It is said in Srimad Bhagavatam (3.25.21-22):

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

A *sadhu* engages in staunch devotional service to the Lord without deviation. For the sake of the Lord he renounces all other connections, such as family relationships and friendly acquaintances within the world. Your devotional service, Guru Maharaja, is for me an example, how we should use this human form in the most proper way. Giving others an appropriate conclusion of Veda and directing them to perform devotional service, you enable them to become liberated from the influence of the external material energy, and to be elevated to the platform of proper spiritual understanding in reality.

Dear Guru Maharaja, This process of Bhakti is a most fortunate thing which one can experience in this fleeting world. But without your order it would be impossible to appreciate this Bhakti really. Now, I know that because of giving up the association of Sri Krsna, millions of different incarnations are only different forms of suffering and real relief and happiness one can experience only by approaching your lotus feet and accepting your shelter. Then, as a proof of my acknowledgment, please accept, Guru Maharaja, my most humble and respectful obeisances unto Your lotus feet in this exceptional and favorable day of your appearance.

Your servant,
Bhakta Andrzej





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bh. Arek (Wroclaw)

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Sankirtana Movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu!
Please accept my humble obeisances offered onto the dust of your lotus feet.

At this auspicious day of your appearance I wish to thank you for trying to give us everything that you got from your beloved spiritual master. I feel obliged to show you my gratitude, but I am not able to do it in an appropriate way. Thank you for hitting me by your *danda* of knowledge, by which you dispel the darkness in my heart. This is certainly a hard work.

*jiv jago jiv jago, gauracandra bole
kota nidra jao maya - pisacira kole*

„Lord Caitanya said: Wake up sleeping souls! So long have you been sleeping on the lap of this witch Maya!“



Now I know, that through your mouth Lord Caitanya is calling me. Knowing I will not be able to repay you my debt, I humbly request you: „Please help me become a valuable Vaisnava.“

Your the most fallen aspiring servant,
Bh. Arek



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Ani

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you.

Guru Maharaja, it is very difficult for me to find the proper words for this very auspicious day and to thank Kṛṣṇa for the causeless mercy that He has showered upon me and my husband, giving us the chance to meet you in this life. Please forgive me the mistakes and offenses that I do and help me so that I can perform more devotional service. All glories to you, Guru Maharaja.

The most ignorant and insignificant servant,
Bhaktin Ani





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Florin (Timisoara)

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirviseṣa -sūnyavadi-pascātya-ḍeṣa-tarīne*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

Thank you very much for accepting in your service such an unqualified servant. You said in one lecture that the relationship with the spiritual master is situated in the heart of every living entity in a latent way. Performing devotional service, engaging ourselves in the process, this relationship with the spiritual master develops. I desire this relationship to be the goal of my life, so I beg that you engage me more and more and more.

My *karmi*-name is „Soldatu“ (meaning soldier) and I know, that through your mercy, Guru Maharaja, you can train me to become a real soldier of Lord Caitanya, that can fight against the illusory energy really and not only in his mind.

There are two paths in my life: one near you, and the other directed towards sense gratification. You are like the sun and sense gratification is like darkness. I know that darkness generates fear and still I don't understand why I don't want to get away from this fear. Srila Prabhupada desires, that you make many Romanians Krsna conscious and I pray to Krsna to help me surrender to your lotus feet and to help me to inspire others to do it also. Guru Maharaja, I hope that by your blessing I can become a serious devotee, firmly fixed in devotional service and Krsna consciousness to in my whole life.

Your eternal servant,
Bhakta Florin





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Ganesha (Mayapura)

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

I want to thank you for giving me chance to become your disciple and serve you. I became a devotee just by preaching of your disciple Gaura Bhagavan Prabhu. He inspired me so much to follow the four regulative principles and to chant the Hare Krsna Maha Mantra. Even that I was born in India, I'm fallen and need your mercy to make progress more and more.

Guru Maharaja, thank you for permitting me to cook the lunch for you during your visit in the Mayapura-Gurukula.

I am waiting for you here when you come back next year. I hope so, that you'll engage me more in devotional service.

Your servant,
Bhakta Ganesha





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Ilko

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja! All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

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

Guru Maharaja you are like light, which is leading the conditioned souls back to Krsna. Only by your mercy I can break the chains of my conditioning and to come again to my original position as a servant of Krsna. Therefore, I offer my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet and I'm praying for shelter at them. My master, please allow me to become the perfect instrument in your hands for fulfilling your mission and for the satisfaction of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.



Let your glories spread all over the three worlds. Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja Ki Jaya!

Your eternal servant,
Bhakta Ilko



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhatin Katka (Praha)

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the divine dust of your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada! All glories, all glories, all glories to you!

A big politician Canakya Pandita, said that one good tree can fill whole forest with beautiful fragrance. That is also your case. Your auspicious merciful presence reconciles our horrible situation in this world and gives us the biggest hope for real life. You are my only shelter.

The Hare Krsna mantra dancing on your lotus tongue, and the words you are speaking in your perfect lectures, are so amazingly fragrant that everybody who hears it, is immediately attracted to sit down into the shadow of your protective branches. And there, trying to serve your devoted disciples, we can wait, in your patient care, for a time when we will be ready to enjoy a not- replaceable taste of the fruits of pure devotional service you are giving to us. But I am just unfortunately going around without any desire to come to you and fix forever your most beautiful lotus feet upon my foolish head.

Sri Krsna shows me His mercy by giving you to me, my dear Guru Maharaja. But only by the mercy of you and your children and their cousins I can really take advantage of this opportunity. Please help me! Even though I am not able (or I do not want) to accept what you are giving to me, I know you are giving me so much. Guru Maharaja, if I would chant every day till death sixteen rounds of thanks to you, I would not be enough grateful. So, I will try to serve you, as much as I can, help you to fulfill the mission of your spiritual master to his full satisfaction.

Guru Maharaja, I would like to please you, with my every movement, thought and word, in every moment of my existence. Please, Guru Maharaja, forgive all my mistakes and offenses against the dust of your divine lotus feet and please help me, an insignificant tiny soul, to become absolutely sincere servant of the servants of the servants...of Srimati Radharani who is the most perfect servant of Sri Krsna.

Your trying to become servant of your servants,
Bhaktin Katka





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Krisztina

Dear Suhotra Maharaja,

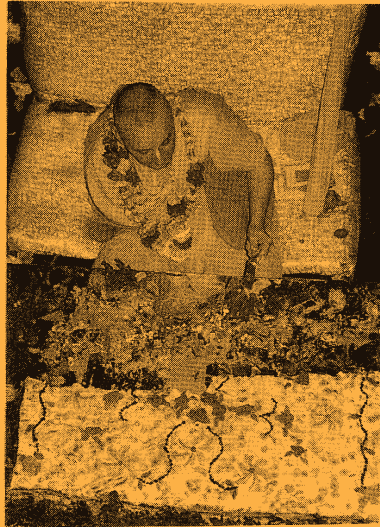
Let me offer my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

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

I thank to Sri Krishna and to Srila Prabhupada that I could meet with you. Thank you for your association, the kirtans, the bhajans and the lectures which give me enthusiasm. Thank you for your infinite compassion, your instructions, which you break my false-ego's-castles. Thank you that you see through me. The spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, and the friend of all fallen souls.

I feel great inspiration to make big promises to you, but one of the characteristics of the stage I am on, is that I can't keep promises. But I know that you are my only hope, and my only shelter.

Devahuti said : „ I am very sick of the disturbance caused by material senses, for because of this sense disturbance, my Lord I have fallen into the abhyas of ignorance. Your Lordship is my only means of getting out of this darkest region of ignorance because You are my transcendental eye, which by Your mercy only, I have attained after many many births.“



Please forgive me that I am so empty and dry, I hope in one time in the future, I will be able to glorify you properly. Please always keep me in the association of the devotees.

Your servant,
Bhaktin Krisztina



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Ksenija

Dear and beloved Guru Maharaja, Hare Krsna.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

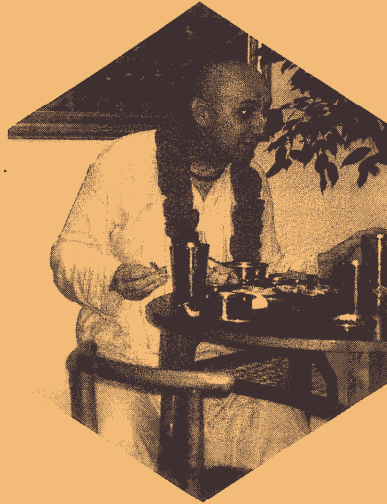
Please accept my humble obeisance in the dust of your divine feet, all glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada!

On this very special occasion, it is usual that disciples praise their spiritual master, and I am not feeling useless for the first time. There is no such poet who could describe you and what to speak of myself for I am being just ordinarily wrapped into these *gunas*. Although I surely am as stupid as a young girl can just be, my senses and my mind are still amazed with your qualities, although they're being so weak, overflowed far beyond their original capacity.

Yes, I should still try to say something... Thank you for being always with me, for your support, companion. According to my qualities that are listed above, I should be lost by now, but because of your presence I am still here, no matter what condition I am in.

So, that is all that I've understood by now. I am sorry because this is still not as sincere as it should be. Actually I don't know, if I should be happy for you to have me, or not?

Your very badly fallen servant,
Bhaktin Ksenija





All glories to Guru Mahareja !



Bhaktin Maria

My dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

*mukam karoti vacalam pangum langhayate girim
yat kripa tam aham vande sri guru dina tarinam*

What can I ever say to my spiritual master in this auspicious day? I humbly bow my head before you, my dear Guru-deva, and with deep respect I only say: All glories to you, bona fide master, torch of knowledge. Will I ever be able to thank you for all the good advises you will give me in the future? I did not have the opportunity in this lifetime to experience the effects of a material father's advises, but our dear Lord Krsna, by His causeless mercy, gave me the honor of feeling the solace of your warm and kind words of a spiritual-father. What else could I ever desire in this world of birth, old age, disease and death? Nothing, but to go on serving you and hear your advises. Out of the desire to remember Lord Krsna, to remember who I am and what my dharma is, I sought shelter at your lotus-feet. Because only through your mercy, I can successfully attain liberation. Krsna says in Bhagavad-Gita (4.34): „Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self realized souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth.“

I pray to Lord Nityananda, to help me be able to approach you in humbleness, to inspire me to serve you properly and fulfill all the instructions you so warmly gave to me. Thank you for everything and I beg you to allow me to follow you like a shadow.

*sri-radhika-madhavayor apara-
madhurya-lila-guna-rupa-namnam
prati-ksanasvadana-lolupasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

Your eternal and insignificant servant,
Bhaktin Maria





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Minel

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances! All glories to Srila Suhotra Swami and Srila Prabhupada!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa -suryavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

Some time ago at the Sunday-feast one younger boy came (he is coming sometimes last years) and I was discussing with him. Among other questions, there was one more ardent: „What can I practically do in my life, as a beginning?“ Every time I was telling him to chant Hare Krsna Maha Mantra as much as possible, but every time I could see on his face that he wanted something else. Right on the spot I could not figure how he can not understand that chanting the holy names is the most important thing and that it will lead one to perfection. Later on, I understood that this discovery of the importance of chanting the holy names is given only through the mercy of the pure devotee, the spiritual master.

Only by your mercy Guru Maharaja, I could understand a little about the importance of chanting the Maha Mantra with determination, and the great happiness that comes out of it. I consider myself fortunate to have the chance to meet you in this lifetime, and specially that I can also do some service to your lotus feet and the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada.

On this auspicious day of Sri Vyasa-Puja, it is indicated to glorify and pray to the spiritual master to help us become qualified in the mission of Lord Caitanya.

*mukham karoti vacalam pangum langhayate girim
yat kripa tam aham vande sri gurum dina tarinam*

I pray and wait for your causeless mercy so that I can explain to every living entity that our main occupation is the glorification of the Lord by chanting the Maha Mantra:

*HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE*

With humbleness- your eternal servant,
Bhakta Minel



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Norma

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhū-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances into the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! All glories to your Divine Grace!

Through the innumerable sins, that I have committed, I took birth in this material world. Although I still commit many, Krsna is so very merciful, that He gave me the possibility to come in contact with you, His pure devotee, to give me a chance to find the way out of this dark forest. I don't even realize how much this is a place of suffering, because I'm in deep ignorance. But Krsna of course, knows and so, I got His causeless mercy and met you, my eternal spiritual father, who has the faculty to take away these covers of material illusion. I can't really imagine what's the spiritual world like and what's our original position in there, but through your Divine presence I get an idea about it. Your ecstatic bhajans cause a deep, longing feeling in my heart, the desire to reach that world of never ending transcendental bliss. And because you're the best and the most perfect preacher your powerful lectures give me inspiration for my spiritual life. I want to thank You for all this. I know that I'm deeply indebted to you.

Hoping to become your useful servant,
Bhaktin Norma





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Oskari

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Here I am, gazing out of a motel window, taxing my brain how to glorify your Divine appearance, for the first time in countless births. Your transcendental „Stay High Forever Kirtana“ keeps playing over and over in my „Auto-reverse Walkman!“. Just a few things pop into my mind again and again; indeed your infinite tolerance and ever-expanding compassion keep stunning my tiny conditioned brain-substance.

Without your causeless mercy, I'm just a useless offensive fool. And every day when I go out on Sankirtana, I have the privilege to realize it for one more time. So, kindly you have opened to me the door into the eternal pastimes of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Prabhu, but just see - only a fool like me would remain speculating on the threshold. One can imagine opening a hog the gate to the heavens- he'd remain so fond of his filthy stool-pit.

Sometimes on the street, out of your mercy only, I'm able to inspire some few fortunate souls to take up Krishna consciousness to some degree. Generally, after a while, I am bewildered by my false ego, considering myself the controller and the supreme benefactor. Then soon I find myself very confused and completely smashed up on the wall of my *ahankara*.
„...Guru-deva...Krishnaaa...

I, in myself have no strength, but please, please, let me be the recipient of your mercy. I'm just a bewildered fool devoid of any good qualities. Please, please, reconnect me with your transcendental potency, let me work as your tool. Dear Guru-deva, please don't let my stupidity be an obstacle in trying to spread your glories...“

...And again, out of your causeless mercy, amazing things happen. So tolerant and forgiving you are, just as a well-wishing father unto his mischievous rascal son.

It is said, *guru-rupa krsna-kṛpa*, that the form of the spiritual master is made out of Krishna's mercy, and that is certainly manifest in you in it's fullest bloom.

Please Guru-deva, never ever let me deviate from my service to your lotus feet. Birth after birth, let me serve your *mukha- padma-vakya*, the nectarian *katha* emanating from your lotus lips. Please let it become the ever-expanding source of my inspiration in devotional service.

Begging to be your menial servant,
Bhakta Oskari





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Plamen

Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances in your lotus feet.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

In this world of darkness and suffering, we wander without seeing the exit. But you Guru Maharaja are like the light, that shows my path to Krsna and the eternal happiness. We have no other hope to achieve Krsna but your lotus feet. Please allow us engage in service to you by helping you in your mission, that you have received from Srila Prabhupada to distribute Krsna consciousness.

Inspired by your Godly personality, I tried to preach and I understood that it is very very difficult for somebody to become a devotee of the Lord. But you, dear Suhotra Maharaja, have such love and faith in Krsna, that even a *mleccha* like me can render service to Krsna.

Due to your mercy, I see that I am at the beginning. Srila Prabhupada tells, that the spiritual life begins when one understands that the material world is a place of suffering.

You made it so, that I could not experience any other satisfaction, besides the activities in Krsna consciousness. All the other things are simply great pain. If you had not saved me, Guru Maharaja, I do not know what would have become with me now. I know that I do not deserve it, but please Guru-deva, give me your blessings to preach.

I was so near to you-only a door separated me from you, but I could not see you by the will of the Providence. Then I understood that I am really near you only when I fulfill your mission.

Eternally your insignificant and foolish servant,
Bhakta Plamen





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Radostina

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

Dear Suhotra Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
All glories to your Divine Grace!

I am sorry that I was in darkness, and I forgot you for a period of time. But you are so merciful, that as *caitya-guru* you are always dwelling in the heart of your disciples and you always give them instructions how to continue with their spiritual advancement. It is said that the connection of the Guru and the disciple is eternal and even if the disciple forgets his Guru, the Guru never forgets the disciple. Sometimes I do not have any desire and enthusiasm to serve Krsna, but when I remember again and again how much you are strong and fix in your mission to satisfy Srila Prabhupada and Krsna, then I also become enthusiastic to serve and surrender to your lotus feet.
All glories to your merciful personality!

I wish to become your servant,
Bhaktin Radostina





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Robert Kowalski (Wroclaw)
Bhakta Robert Siwik (Wroclaw)

Dear Guru Maharaja,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

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

In the Bhagavad-Gita it is said „Among many thousands of man one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth“. I know that you are one of those unique persons who knows Krsna. Your wonderful qualities of pure devotee should always be followed and worth of honor. I would like to have a hope that by serving your lotus feet. I'll also become such a perfect servant of Srila Prabhupada and Krsna as you are. I endeavor to serve your lotus feet.

Bhakta Robert Siwik



Dear Guru Maharaja!

All glories to Srila Prabhupada! Please accept my humble obeisances offered onto the dust of your lotus feet!

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadhuta pravacanena vai*

Traveling throughout this vast cosmic manifestation from time immemorial, I have tried to squeeze out the happiness. But the only result of my search was distress, anger and pain. My plans for nice material life were all, one by one, turned into dust. But fortunately, thanks to your Divine Grace, I have found myself in another dust. The dust of your lotus feet. Actually it is the most valuable thing I have ever gained. Nothing can be more auspicious than your divine instructions, which can deliver us from material existence. The protection you give us made me your eternal debtor. How will I be able to repay? I have no qualifications nor any good qualities at all. How can I serve you? I guess the only way to please one's spiritual master is, helping him in his service. Therefore, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja I humbly beg you to let me assist your Divine Grace in your service to Srila Prabhupada.

Your most fallen aspiring disciple,
Bhakta Robert Kowalski



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Roland (New Vrajadhama)

Dear Suhotra Maharaja,

Please accept my respectful obeisances, all glories to Srila Prabhupada. All glories to the Divine Couple, Sri Sri Radha-Syamasundara.

Please allow me to also write a small offering on this auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa-Puja day.

Our first meeting that left a deep impression in me, happened in New Vrajadhama in July this year. I don't want to increase the volume of this book unnecessarily, therefore I would like to tell only one story.



I was in the Budapest temple reading the Srimad-Bhagavatam. One of Your disciples, Nirahankara prabhu was also visiting there. He was holding a cassette player to his ears so that he didn't disturb my reading with his hearing the lecture. I was sitting on a chair behind the table, but he just sat on the floor besides the table and even though I wanted to offer him my place, he still chose to stay on the floor. Other devotees were never so attentive to me as he was. Maybe I think this to be an important thing only because of being sentimental, but there are a very few devotees with such a humble mentality. Actually it was me who was to serve him. At this time, I understood what it meant to have such a wonderful spiritual master as You.

Your follower and servant,
Bhakta Roland





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhaktin Romana

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

My dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

All glories to this all-auspicious day of your appearance!

As all of my God-brothers and God-sisters, I will also try to say something for your glorification, although it will be like in the story you have told recently in Prague. When Lord Ramacandra organized monkeys and bears to build the bridge to Lanka, one spider came to also help, and although he could not help as much as big animals, he nevertheless wanted to do at least something. Actually, what can I say to glorify such a wonderful personality as you? What can I say to glorify a pure devotee, whose glory increases from one second to another? What do I feel is deep respect to everything you do and what is related to you. What do I feel is admiration to my God-brothers and God-sisters, who teach me by their attitude how to better serve you and surrender to you. What do I feel is unlimited thankfulness, that you have given to me your mercy and shelter at your lotus-feet. And this will remain inconceivable to me. I very strongly wish to be able to understand at least one thousandth part of your love and patience with which you preach to the conditioned living entities as me. You do not care at all for anything that could bother you, including your health, only to save the conditioned living entities from the ocean of material suffering. What can I say to glorify such a great surrendered soul?

I am so proud, but when I sincerely think about it, I know that the only thing I can really be proud of is, that you are my spiritual master. The only thing I can do right now is to ask you very humbly to be still very patient and merciful to me and that I would never forget service to your lotus feet, never forget that you are my spiritual father. Because, only by following your instructions and hearing your nectarian words, I have the only chance to be saved from my fallen, poor position.

*sa uttamasloka mahan-mukha-cyuto
bhavat-padamboja-sudha kananilah
smrtim punar vismrta-tattva-vartmanam
kayoginam no vitaraty alam varaih*

„My dear Lord, You are glorified by the selected verses uttered by great personalities. Such glorification of Your lotus feet is just like saffron particles. When the transcendental vibration from the mouths of great devotees carries the aroma of the saffron dust of Your lotus feet, the forgetful living entity gradually remembers his eternal relationship with You. Devotees thus gradually come to the right conclusion about the value of life. My dear Lord, I therefore do not need any other benediction but the opportunity to hear from the mouth of Your pure devotee.(S.B. 4.20.25)
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami! All glories to you, my spiritual father!

your slow-wit daughter,
Bhaktin Romana



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Sebastian

Dear Guru Maharaja,

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhuta-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyabhuta pravacanena vai*

It's a great honor and pleasure to have possibility to participate in your Vyasa-Puja. The day of spiritual master's Vyasa-Puja is very special for every devotee. Especially in this day we can see how much mercy we've received and how big progress in devotional service we've done. I can see this also in myself and I know it's only your mercy. I'm a lucky man because you keep giving me so many instructions in letters and lectures. By hearing these lectures I can see many more of your wonderful qualities than before. Now most impressive quality for me is your devotion for Krsna and Srila Prabhupada. In every lecture you speak what the goal of life should be. Doesn't matter what you were speaking about during the lecture, the result is always Krsna and devotional service for Him and Srila Prabhupada. You are not only speaking. You are acting in the same way. You are a perfect Acarya. Therefore I beg you for the blessing that I could serve you eternally.

Your servant,
Bhakta Sebastian





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Bhakta Standa

Dear Gurudeva,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

„I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Suhotra Swami Maharaja, who is very dear to Lord Krsna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.“

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine#
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

„Our respectful obeisances unto you, O eternal spiritual master. You are the Simha-guru and the one who takes away the influence of Kali-yuga by delivering wonderful lectures on the scientific teaching of Srila Prabhupada.“

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet, and allow me to be one particle of this blissful dust. I do not know, how I have got such an exalted position, from which I can write now my first attempt for glorification of your appearance in this material world. I thank you from my heart that you allowed me one year ago to worship you. I have no direct contact with you, and what to speak about spiritual reciprocation. This fact is a miracle for me, but you know that there is no other way to get fallen souls from the lowest states of consciousness, that to leave them a flower boat floating in the transcendental realm of Lord Krsna. Your mystic power has unique ability to surround rebellious souls, attract them by your Kirtans or delivering lectures full of transcendental knowledge of the most genius scholar Srila Prabhupada. By this you drive the souls more near and near to the most perfect knowledge, that we are the eternal servants of Krsna. Then they can also be your eternal servants, or even your disciples, and from some even spiritual masters or pure devotees of Krsna.

If I will develop meekness in me, which is the basic quality of a Vaisnava, then I will be able to understand, that you are not just an ordinary man. When I saw you the first time from a distance on the lecture and following initiation of two new disciples in Prague 1995, I was trying to look in your eyes to know completely your personality. When the initiation was over, you were looking through all the guests present, and for a short time you looked also on me. This was my first moment in my life which allowed me to know that these saints in saffron robes are the only servants and missionaries of God. Your outstanding qualities, is especially visible in this horrible age of Kali. After a little thinking, I can see that out of 6 billions of people on this planet only a few of them are exalted souls, and a few hundreds are serious followers trying for pure love of God-Krsna. These few special souls, led by *senapati bhakta* (leading devotee) Srila Prabhupada, by their transcendental activities in this world, are out of view of most imaginative thoughts of materialistic leaders. They can not even comprehend the danger of this movement for their sense-gratification. It is obvious from this that Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu chose, in the spiritual world, devotees who descended for these pastimes in the Kali-yuga. It is clear that present spiritual masters of ISKCON are these rare souls who give everybody spiritual knowledge. When I am writing these lines for your glorification, I don't know how to continue, how to behave towards you. I know only that I have got unimaginable mercy from you in the form of taste for chanting Hare Krsna, and singing and dancing like mad. Sometimes I scream in the temple in Kirtana like being afraid of my life. Actually it is the case of life saving, and therefore I have to chant more. Thank you very much for your realizations you send me even I am a bad receiver. But these images inspire me to meet you personally in the near future.

Your servant,
Bhakta Standa



All glories to Guru Maharaja !



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O beloved Guru-deva!

*You are giving us
your love.*

*You take care
of us.*

*You give us
Krishna.*

*There is no greater
friendship that can be
offered to the
spirit soul.*

*There is no gift
that we can give you,
that can be compared
with yours.*

*Thank you for
being with us.*

Your loving disciples.





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sri Sri Gurv-astaka

1

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

„The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.“



2

*mahapraboh kirtana-nrtya-gita-
vaditra-madyan-manaso rasena
romanca-kampasru-taranga-bhajo
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the Sankirtana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.“





3

*sri- vigraharadhana-nitya-nana
srngaira-tan-mandira-marjanadau
yuktasya bhaktams ca niyunjato pi
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.“



4

*catur- vidha-sri-bhagavat-prasada-
svadv-anna-trptan hari-bhaktu-sanghan
krivoiva trptim bhajatah sadaiva
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is always offering Krsna four kinds of delicious food (analyzed as that which is licked, chewed, drunk, and sucked). When the spiritual master sees that the devotees are satisfied by eating *bhagavat-prasada*, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.“





5



*sri-radhika-madhavayor apara-
madhurya-lila-guna-rupa-namnam
prati-ksanasvadana-lolupasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Radhika and Madhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.“



6

*nikunja-yuno rati-keli-siddhyai
ya yalibhir yuktir apeksaniya
tatrat-daksyud ati-vallabhasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopis, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Radha and Krsna's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vrindavana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.“





All glories to Guru Maharaja !



Sri Sri Gurv-astaka

7

*saksad-dharitvena samasta-sastrair
uktas tatha bhavyata eva sadbhih
kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

„The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari (Krsna).“



8

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasyaprasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

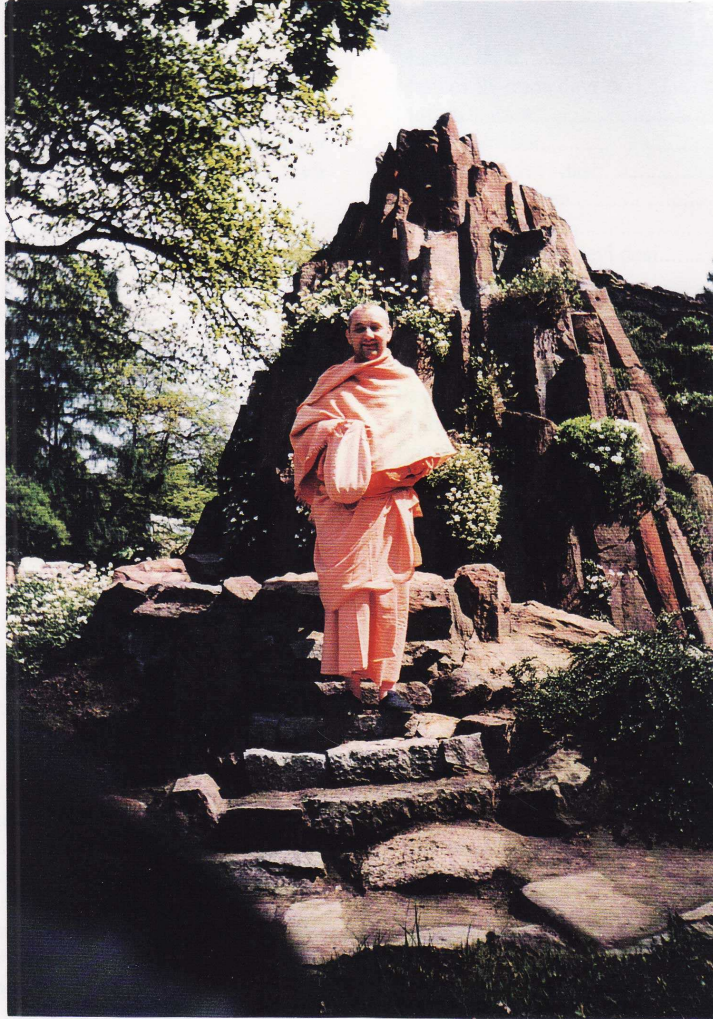
„By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Krsna. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus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





All glories to Guru Maharaja !

Srila Guru-deva Pranati



*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate suhotra-svamin iti namine*

*namas te guru-hamsaya, kali-prabhava harine
prabhupada-siksa vidyadbhuta pravacanena vai*

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