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A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

CAMP: c/o Kailash Seksaria; 74 Marine Drive; Bombay-20, India  
January 4th, 1970



My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 29th, 1970, along with enclosures of flyer and new clipping. I am so much glad to know that you are working on both you and your wife with great enthusiasm to preach the message of Lord Caitanya to the fallen souls of this age. My Guru Maharaj has declared that the real life of a man is preaching. If one has at all got any life in him then he will preach. So I am very, very pleased by your constant efforts to enliven the people in general even in far off lands by the simple method of direct devotional service to the Lord by chanting His Holy Names.

We have recently been preaching and holding Samkirtans in some small villages and the result is very good. The simple villagers are very much attracted by this Samkirtan process and they join with us very nicely and listen attentively. So I am glad that you are also preaching in the outlands. That is very nice. Lord Caitanya wanted that His Movement should be spread everywhere, to every village and city and now by your kind cooperation His Holy Desire is being fulfilled.

Regarding your tendency to become angry in public, that is alright provided there is positive reaction. Otherwise we do not wish to create any unnecessary enemies and you should curb your anger by your advanced intelligence in Krsna Consciousness. We have to better correct the faulty habits of the conditioned souls by persuasive authoritative preaching and personal example without stop. The mantra to Ganapati is not bonafide. That is another nonsense. Your worship of Guru-Gouranga and Nrsrngadeva is very nice. Please make it as attractive and gorgeous as possible though simple. The leaves and flowers of Tulasi may be offered to the devotees of the Lord for offering to the Lotus Feet of the Lord Krsna. Tulasi may not be offered on the feet of anyone but Krsna, not even Srimati Radharani. It appears that Fiji is very nice place for Krsna consciousness from the appearance of such nice flowers and Tulasi for the worship of Krsna there.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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P.S. Some time back I dispatched one tape to you by registered book post air, I do not know if you have received it or not, please let me know.

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DATE .... January 14 ..... 1970

My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters dated January 5 and 8 1970 respectively, and I am so much moved from your kind sentiments that you have expressed for my humble activities. Actually I am not worthy of any one of the words spoken by you but all of them are due to my Spiritual Master Who was so kind to me. In fact I am a worthless person because my Spiritual Master ordered me to take up this work in 1922 but I did not carry His order until 1958, when I was obliged to carry out His order by His arrangement only. This means although I was not very enthusiastic to carry out His order He forced me circumstantially to accept it. So this is His special mercy upon me and I always think about this with gratitude to this exalted personality coming directly from Vaikuntha World and we had the great fortune to meet Him. I think that is the only credit on our part that we happened to meet Him by some 'ajnata sukriti' or unknown auspicious activities. He is so kind upon me that when I came to your country, where I was completely unknown, He sent to me some good souls like you unsolicited. So I accept you all as assistants or representatives of my Guru Maharaj Who is still helping me because I am so feeble and unworthy. Anyway, the business which we have taken to work together is neither your business nor my business as far we are personally concerned, but it is the business of Lord Chaitanya and His bonafide servants like my Guru Maharaj. Therefore it is the duty of all of us to execute it as nicely as far as possible within our capacity. In other words, we shall just try to discharge our responsible duties faithfully and seriously, then all facilities will come for our help.

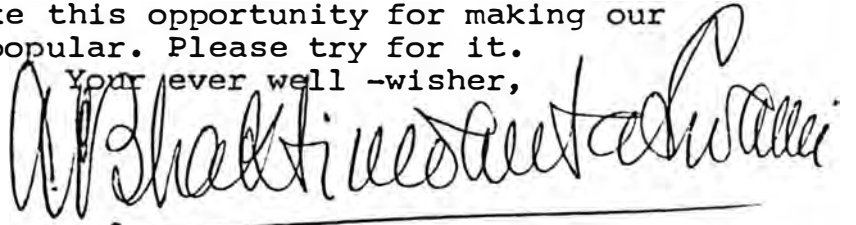
The Vrindavan scheme as suggested by you appears to be very nice. You purchase the adjoining two farms in the name of ISKCON and leave it to His Holiness Kirtananda Maharaj and the devotees for further development.

Regarding Krishna book, as soon as it is ready we will begin to print it either on our own press or in Japan as it is suitable and we shall not wait for George's \$19,000. His lawyer has put some difficulty in the matter and it is not yet settled up. Regarding our enlarged, revised Bhagavat Gita As It Is, if possible you can conveniently give an enlarged introduction also.

Here in Los Angeles they are selling our literature very nicely and yesterday I received the blue print of "Isopanisad" and this also appears very nice. If Kirtananda Maharaj moves amongst the school, college and university authorities and induces them to recommend this "Isopanisad" for additional reading by the students either privately or in the library it will be a great achievement. As you have read it, we have tried to discuss the nature of God's greatness and our relation to Him as preliminary chapter of Krishna Consciousness. So this book is the cheapest of all our other books and they can easily be introduced for mass reading and they will be benefited undoubtedly.

Regarding publication by Mr. Ferlingetti, I have got all approval and we must take this opportunity for making our publication still more popular. Please try for it.

Your ever well -wisher,



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My Dear Janardan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two letters post dated 2 and 4 January, 1970 respectively, the former redirected here from Boston.

I am pleased to note that although you have not yet secured a Temple building you are moving our program forward on other fronts. The arrangement for the composing and printing of BTG in French and German languages is already settled, and if you all continue to translate my books and articles and write articles yourselves; that will make the work successful. The people in general can be reached very well by the distribution of our literatures and by the propagation of Sankirtan in the streets. These are our two mridungas for reawakening the sleeping conditioned souls.

I am especially enthusiastic for our Krishna Consciousness philosophy or the teachings of Lord Chaitanya to be advanced for the benefit of the learned circle and in this connection your well received expose at the university is encouraging. Please continue your efforts to convince them of the great universal necessity of this scientific philosophy to solve all the knotty difficulties of life by practical application of the Vedic knowledge according to the Parampara prescription of the bonafide Acharyas.

The verse which you have requested is as follows:

kirata huna andhra pulinda pukkasa  
abhira sumbha yavanah khasadayah  
ye'nye c papa yadupasrayasrayah  
sudhyanti tasmai prabhavisnabe namah.

(Bhag. 2/5/18)

These are different names of non-Aryans or chandalas, less than the Sudras. They are called panchamas or fifth grade men. Brahmins are first grade men; Kshatriyas, second grade; Vaishas, third grade; Sudras, fourth grade. There are many of these different fifth grade men and it is difficult to find who are these fifth grade persons in present society. But the point is that they are all less than Sudra.

So these persons are all less than Sudras but Srimad Bhag-watam says even they, under the guidance of a pure devotee, can also be raised up to the the highest standard more than the Brahmins. If somebody questions how it is possible, how the most degraded of the human ~~society~~ can be more than a Brahmin?

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that is also confirmed in Vedic language that it does not matter if one is born of low grade family or chandalas, if he is a devotee of the Lord, he is first class man. There are other statements that a man after becoming a devotee becomes immediately qualified to execute sacrificial ceremonies. In this connection, Jeeva Goswami has given his momentation that a person born even in a Brahmin family is dependent on the purificatory processes as accepting initiation and sacred thread, but a devotee without waiting for such recognition becomes fit to act as a Brahmin, and this is the statement of Narada Muni in this verse. This means as stated in the Bhagavat Gita there are different symptoms of different classes of men - just like a Brahmin is truthful, clean, self-controlled, equipoised, tolerant, simple, full of knowledge, theist, and so on. Similarly a Kshatriya has symptoms - a tendency for ruling over others, martial spirited, charitable, does not flee away from the battlefield and so on. Similarly, the symptoms of a Vaisha is his tendency to agriculture, trade, cow protection and banking. And the Sudras tendency is to work in any way or other work anywhere and get some wages. S

So Narada Muni says that these symptoms are not stereotyped or stagnant; they are flexible. A man may be born in the family of a Brahmin but he might have the tendency of a Kshatriya or Vaisha or Sudra. Similarly a man may be born in the family of a Sudra or Chandala but he may have the tendencies for a Brahmin. Just like Ekaballabha was born in a Chandala family but he had the tendency of a Kshatriya. Similarly Viswamitra Muni was born in a family of Kshatriyas but his tendency was of becoming a Brahmin.

So Narada Muni says that men should be judged by his tendencies, not by his birth, and this is also confirmed in Bhagavat Gita by Lord Krishna that the four divisions of Human society should be judged by the qualities in actual work. Therefore with reference to all Vedic Scriptures our members are all Brahmins and therefore we offer them the sacred thread although they are born, according to Vedic culture, in the families of other than Brahmins or even than the Sudras. But that does not mean they cannot be purified. Actually they are being trained in such a way, their hearts are being purified by chanting the Mahamantra. And after some days when the Spiritual Master sees that one has followed the regulative principles faithfully and has abstained himself from the restricted items

like illicit sex life, etc. and has chanted regularly 16 rounds then say after a year or six months when he appears to be purified in the judgement of the Spiritual Master he is offered the sacred thread, and he is given the chance of Deity worship in the Temple. These Smarta Brahmins contest that unless one is born in a Brahmin family one cannot be given these facilities. But Narada Muni says no; a man should be judged by the symptoms of his character. And Srimad Bhagwatam says that the Kiratas, etc. can be purified by a pure devotee because the influence of Lord Vishnu is so strong. Prabha Vishnave means the powerful Lord Vishnu; prabha means that the light or heat of Vishnu is so strong that it is possible to melt them. Only the devotees of Lord Vishnu or Krishna can be purified, not the devotees of any demigod. They will have to wait for their next birth according to their own karma.

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So under this formula the whole European and American people who are so intelligent and materially advanced can be converted into pure Vedic Brahmins, and thus their mission of human life becomes successful, and the whole world becomes a garden of blooming flowers.

Take all these words very seriously and try to propagate Krishna Consciousness with all serenity. It will be a great gift to the human society. You are a learned and intelligent and young man; think over the formula and try to execute to the best of your capacity. That is my request.

Hope this will find you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Ekendra das Brahmachary,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your good handwriting letter, and I am so pleased to learn that you are joining the Sankirtan Party along with Birhadra and Girish.

I shall always pray to Krishna for your spiritual progress and good health hundreds of times, and you be happy under the protection of New Vrindavan.

I am so pleased to learn that you are studying arithmetic so quickly. Five plus five is equal to ten. Two plus two is equal to four. So Krishna plus everything is Vrindavan. Do not forget Krishna, and you shall always be in Vrindavan.

Thank you very much.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Ksirodaksayee,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23 January, 1970, and I have noted the contents carefully.

I am so glad to understand that you have decided to dedicate your life for Krishna Consciousness Movement, this is the right way of perfecting our mission of human life. Many men have dedicated their lives for many engagements in the name of philanthropy, altruism, nationalism, humanitarianism and so on, but all of them will be finished along with the end of life of this body. Our dedication of life or Krishna-ism, on the other hand, will continue eternally and give us eternal life, bliss and knowledge. Try to follow these principles and preach the message to the suffering humanity. This is my request.

I am so glad to learn that you are in charge of kitchen and food supply which saves 25 to 30% on food. That is a great service. To be extravagant is not recommended by Krishna in the Bhagavat Gita. He says, "Yukta ahara bihara." We should indulge in regulated habits; that is nice.

I am so glad that you are also looking after the accounts department. The five point plan: do it by consulting amongst yourselves, and I have already written to Gurudas about this. Someway or other, if you can secure that building worth £ 80,000, that will be a crowned success. In my next letter to Tamal I will write to him about the building fund.

Preaching in Hindi may be accepted by mutual consultation, but the point is that our Radha Krishna Temple in London is specifically meant for English knowing persons and I think the Indians know sufficient English. If you speak in Hindi and sing in Hindi, the English speaking Europeans and Americans may not derive the benefit out of it because none of them understand Hindi; but if you speak in English, every one will derive benefit from it. Therefore, I think English speaking should be encouraged.

Everyone comes to the Temple for some spiritual enlightenment, so why should a section of the audience be denied the benediction? The same thing applies for Hindi songs also. Hare Krishna Mantra is understood both by Hindi knowing and English knowing persons; other Hindi songs may not be understood by the Europeans. I have no objection for Mirabai's songs, but I think Hare Krishna is the greatest common factor understandable by all people all over the world. The chanting is transcendental and quickly effective.

I am so glad to learn that you are feeling in the Temple that Radha Krishna is dancing and you are being inspired by His Lordship to preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement to everyone. Now you have got a very good chance, Sri Sri Radha Krishna is very pleased upon you.

You have been for the last fifteen years in London, and you were sincerely working for advancement of your spiritual life. Now Krishna has given you a good chance, a good opportunity for preaching Krishna Consciousness to all classes of men without any discrimination.

In our Temple all Europeans, Indians, Mohammedans, Christians; everyone is welcome. And our presentation is so nice that everyone will be attracted to accept it because we are preaching love of God. Love of God is the prime function of all living entities, without any sectarian understanding.

Regarding the Hindi letter, I could not follow the Hindi script handwriting. If you send me either a typewritten copy or the English translation of it, that will be nice. As far as I could read the letter here and there, I understand that it is written by some Radheshyam Banka. Sometime in the year 1961 I was guest in the Gita Bagicha. At that time one boy was taking care of me. I think he is Radheshyam Banka. Anyway, my relation with the Gita Press and Hanuman Prasad Poddar is very much friendly. So letters to them should not be written about myself which may influence our friendship.

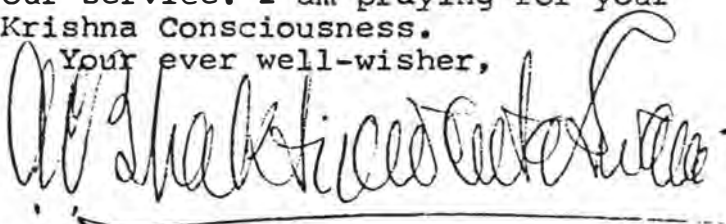
I could not gather why the letter was sent to me, therefore, I request you to send me if possible a typed copy of English translation of it so that I can give you my proper reply to this. Keep good relations with Gita Press because they are good friends of ours. The preaching method of ourself is a little different only because we want to gather one's attention only to Krishna--that is recommended in the Srimad Bhagwatam and Bhagavat Gita.

In the Bhagavat Gita it is always stressed to Krishna by the words aham and mam. Similarly in the Srimad Bhagawatam the same stress is given from the very beginning--Param satyam, the Supreme Truth. If we divert our attention to worship other demigods, then our faith in Krishna will be flickering. We Gaudiya Vaishnavas, under the guidance of Lord Chaitanya, want steady attention for Krishna, not flickering. Therefore, in our line of thoughts and action there is no scope for worshipping any other demigods.

At last, but not least, I would remind you as to how you are organizing the prospective tour in India with forty of our devotees next year in February, 1971. Please organize this party from now so that it can be completed in due time by the end of this year.

Thank you very much for your service. I am praying for your long life and prosperity in Krishna Consciousness.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Jayadvaita,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 January, 1970.

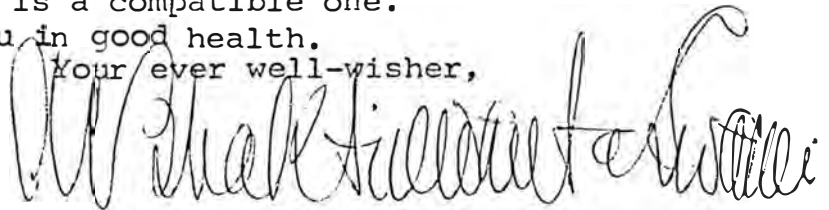
I am very glad to learn that Nectar of Devotion is now completed. You have inquired about the quality number 63 of Krishna that He is surrounded by loving devotees can be explained as follows: When we speak of Krishna, Krishna is not alone. Krishna means His Name, His qualities, His fame, His friends, His paraphernalia, His entourage--everything included. Just like when we speak of a king, it is to be understood that he is surrounded by ministers, secretaries, military commanders and many other people. Krishna is not impersonal, so in His Vrindaban Leela especially, He is always surrounded by the Gopis, cowherd boys, His father, His mother and all the inhabitants of Vrindaban.

Regarding your second question, Pyabhaichary, you have got 31 only out of 33. I think some of the brackets are not counted. So if the parentheses are removed from 'intoxication' and 'impotency' and they are also counted, the total of symptoms will come to 33. Simply add commas after the preceding symptoms namely 'prestige' and 'impudence' respectively.

Regarding the third point: all kinds of mellow includes servitude. Therefore a mixture of servitude and parenthood is not incompatible. So Ugrasena's mellow is correctly written as mixed with servitude and parental affection and the statement in Part IV should be corrected to state that a mixture of parenthood and servitude is a compatible one.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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February 5, 1970.

My Dear Sriman Anil Grover,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 February, 1970, sent through Sriman Vamandev. I am so glad to learn that you are an educated boy and coming to our Temple and trying to understand our Krishna Consciousness philosophy very seriously. It is very good sign. Try to continue this attitude and whenever there is some question, you are welcome to put it before me, and I shall try my best to help you.

My life is dedicated for this purpose, and you have no cause for hesitation; but the process of putting questions is service and submission--that is the injunction in Bhagavad Gita. Questions should be put before a person to whom you can submit yourself and to whom you can render some service also--that is the way of self-realization.

The Krishna Consciousness Movement has a basic philosophy in view, which is propagation of the ideal of One God, one religion, one scripture, one hymn, and one human society. So far we Indians are concerned, we are ordered to preach the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness throughout the whole world, after personally realizing what it is. This means that as we have different types of limbs for different functions, but at the ultimate end all the different limbs of the body cooperate for the maintenance of the whole body. Similarly, if we accept the human society as one, then different sections of the human society may act differently for the one purpose of growth of human civilization.

You have said that you have come to this country for getting higher scientific education. That is very nice; but I think that if Indians would have come to this country to give the people of this country higher education in spiritual knowledge, that would be the proper function of their section of the human society. If the people of this country have got higher technological and scientific education, they might go to India to teach them that part of knowledge; and Indians may come to teach them spiritual knowledge. To maintain proper balance of the society, both sides of education are needed.

If Western people are expert in technological knowledge, and if their natural tendency is to develop it, let them do it. But as far as we Indians are concerned, our people are naturally inclined for

spiritual elevation. Therefore, even in these days also when there is Kumbha Mela at Prayag or any other place, or there is a particular function in some pilgrimage like Jagganath Puri, Vrindaban, Haridwar, etc., millions of people gather without any advertising. So these natural tendencies should not be disturbed, but the people of a particular section of the world should develop their indigenous talent, and then exchange with others. So the Western people may give us their product, and we may give them our product; and by such exchanging policy, both of us may flourish in our civilized way of life.

Unfortunately, in India at the present moment, our blind leaders are completely neglecting development of our indigenous talent. Therefore, India is in a position of misadjustment. I have got practical experience that some of the Indian students in this country directly criticize this Krishna Consciousness Movement; so I am very glad that you are giving some serious attention to this Movement, and I wish may Krishna bless you for your further advancement.

No, coming to the point of questions--your first question is: "What am I? Is this body itself matter, or spiritual soul, or a combination of both?" Answer: You are eternal servant of Krishna. The body is matter. The spirit soul is different from the body--it is not exactly combination, but it is engagement. Just like if you put oil in the water, the oil does not mix up with the water. Similarly, soul does not mix with the material body; but due to our material consciousness, we are thinking that the movement of this body is movement of the soul. Therefore, when the body is destroyed, we think the soul is destroyed. That is stated in the Bhagavad Gita, that the soul does not die with the destruction of the body. With the destruction of one body, the soul transmigrates to another body; thus the bondage of material existence. Therefore, to train the soul properly to revive his original consciousness, or Krishna Consciousness, is the real purpose of human life.

Then, your second question, "If this body is pure soul, then why it gets engaged with worldly matter?" As explained above, the body is not the soul, it gets engaged with worldly matter due to its vitiated consciousness. Just like some of us are thinking that 'I am American', Or 'I am Indian'--it is due to vitiated consciousness. The real consciousness is that I am eternal servant of Krishna. Or it is just like a madman who thinks to himself that he is king, he is free to do whatever he likes, and talks non-sense; but a sane man laughs at him.

Our engagement in the matter is just like a madman's activities. When one is treated by the treatment of Krishna Consciousness, he becomes relieved from all these designative engagements. When I feel as American or when I feel as Indian, and act accordingly, that is the cause of all sorts of anxieties and frustrations. Krishna Consciousness means to come to the pure understanding that one is neither American or Indian, but he is eternal servant of Krishna, and thus engages himself in rendering loving service to the Lord. This is his pure spiritual life.

As long as he does not come to that standard, he is supposed to be materially contaminated. Krishna Consciousness Movement means to engage our senses in the service of the Lord, just opposed to the materialistic way of life wherein the senses are engaged for sense gratification.

Your third question is, "As you have explained in "Two Essays", that as body is covered by shirt and coat, similarly, soul is covered by mind, intelligence and false ego--if it is so, than who are mind, intelligence and false ego? Who controls them?" The soul controls the mind and intelligence. When he is designated, he controls the mind and intelligence in one way; but when he is free from designation, he controls the mind and intelligence in another way.

In other words, when the soul is designated, for example, as American or Indian, he controls the mind and intelligence in that direction and acts for that particular nation. Similarly, when he is free from the designations and feels himself as the servant of Krishna, he controls his mind and intelligence for that purpose. That is to say, a soul is destined to use his mind and intelligence for rendering service to others because his original position is servant. A servant has to render service to some master, so when he is in designated condition of life, he accepts somebody as master which is Maya.

Maya is illusion. When a soul renders, therefore, service as American or Indian or any other designation, he accepts Maya as his master, because thinking oneself as Indian or American is illusion. Therefore, one's perfect position of life is to render service to Krishna, and for that purpose control the mind and intelligence. So, the conclusion is, in either of his statuses of life, the soul itself is the controller of the mind and intelligence.

Fourth question: "Where does the spiritual life lead us? How should people recognize whether we do take birth in our next life or not?" Answer: Spiritual life leads us to our original constitutional position free from all designations. This is explained in the Bhagavad Gita as brahmabhuta status. This brahmabhuta status means free from all anxieties, without any hankering or lamentation. At that stage only, one can think of universal brotherhood. And the next stage is to be engaged in pure Krishna Consciousness, and thus gradually be transferred to the spiritual world where there is eternal life full of bliss and knowledge.

In other words, this spirit soul, when he is fully liberated from material contamination or designation, he no longer transmigrates to another material body after death. He is transferred to the spiritual world for eternal residence in one of the spiritual planets known as Vaikunthas. The abode of Lord Krishna is the highest Vaikuntha planet, known as Goloka Vrindaban.

People must understand intelligently that they are transmigrating from one body to another at every moment. The body is dying at every moment, and the soul is transigrating to another body at every moment --this is medical fact. The blood corpuscles are changing at every moment and new corpuscles are taking their place. The old order changes, yeilding place to the new. This is going on continually. In this way, the soul is transmigrating from baby body to child body, from child body to boy body, from boy body to youth body. So, at the end, when the material of the body does not act very nicely, the soul has to take another material condition of body, giving up the present one. The body is changing, but the soul is there. Everyone of us can remember our childhood body or past body. That past body is no longer existing; but I am existing now, and I existed in the past, and therefore, I must exist in the future in spite of change of body. These things are nicely explained in the Bhagavad Gita, and we should take advantage of this knowledge.

Fifth question: "To achieve the goal of Krishna, should we pass our life through matter to spiritual life or direct to spiritual life?" The goal of Krishna can be achieved in a second if we simply accept the truth that we are eternal servant of Krishna. Although I am within this material body, I can immediately stop its material function simply by developing my Krishna Consciousness, which means to accept that I am eternal servant of Krishna.

Unfortunately, all the Karmis, Jnanis and Yogis are thinking of themselves in different degrees that they are not servants of Krishna. Therefore, it is stated in the Bhagavad Gita that after many, many births of different activities under different concepts of life, when actually one becomes wise, he surrenders unto Krishna, understanding Vasudeva Lord Krishna is the Cause of all causes. But such great soul, accepting Krishna as the Supreme Master is very, very rarely to be found.

Fortunately, by the grace of Lord Chaitanya, this Krishna Consciousness revival is made very easy, simply by chanting the Hare Krishna Mantra. Therefore, I advise you to chant this sublime Mantra--Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, and be happy in this life without any frustrations, anxieties, worries etc., as you have mentioned in the first part of your letter. This is practical and very easy to perform. Try it sincerely, and your life will be sublime.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

February 5, 1970

My Dear Bhaiji Hanuman Prasad Poddar,

Please accept my obeisances. I hope by this time you have received my acknowledgement dated yesterday for your letter received 26, January 1970. As you want to publish a comprehensive article about my activities in the "Kalyan", I think it is proper to give you a short history of my coming to the Western world.

Sometime in the year 1922, when I was acting as manager of Dr. Bose's Laboratory Ltd., I was fortunate enough to meet my Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad Parambansa Paribrajakachary 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Prabhupad. On the very first meeting with His Divine Grace, He asked me to preach the message of Lord Chaitanya in the Western world.

At that time, I was a young man and a nationalist, admirer of Mahatma Gandhi and C.R. Dass. So I replied Him at that time, who would care for the message of Lord Chaitanya while we are a subject nation? In this way, I had some argument with my Spiritual Master, and at the end I was defeated. But at that time, because I was already married, I could not take His words very seriously.

In this way, I passed on as a householder, but, by the causeless mercy of my Divine Master, that order of preaching was impressed on my heart. I was initiated regularly in 1933 at Allahbad, when Sir Malcolm Haley, then the Governor of U.P., opened our Gaudiya Math branch there. Then, in 1936 my Spiritual Master left this world leaving a message for me that it would be better for me to preach in English Language.

So I was thinking very seriously, and then as late as 1944 I started my paper, "Back to Godhead". Gradually, in 1954, I retired from my family life and began to live alone in Mathura Vrindaban. In 1959, I was awarded Sannyas by one of my God-brothers, His Holiness B.P. Keshav Maharaj.

Then I began translating Srimad Bhagvatam in 1960; and, perhaps in 1961, I was your guest in the Gita Bagicha. You were very kind to help me partially for publishing my first volume of Srimad Bhagvatam through the Dalmia Charitable Trust. With great difficulty, I then published the second and third volumes of Srimad Bhagvatam until 1965, when I prepared myself to come to this country with some books.



With great difficulty, I was able to get the 'P' Form passed by the Controller of Foreign Exchange, and somehow or other, I reached Boston on 17th September, 1965. I was thinking, while on board the ship "Jaladutta", why Krishna had brought me to this country. I knew that Western people are too much addicted to so many forbidden things according to our Vedic conception of life. Som out of sentiment I wrote a long poetry addressing Lord Krishna as to what was His purpose in bringing me to this country.

At that time, I was sponsored by a friend's son, Gopal Agarwal, who is settled up in this country by marrying an American Girl, Sally. I was their guest, and I feel very much obliged to Gopal and his wife Sally for their nice treatment and reception. I was with them for three weeks in Butler, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and then I came to New York. I was getting some money by selling my Srimad Bhagwatam, thus I was maintaining myself in New York. After some time, I rented one apartment at number 100,71st Street West, but after a few months, all my things - typewriter, taperecorder, books-- were stolen. Then for some time one of my students gave me shelter at Bowery Street.

I then rented one store-front and an apartment at 26 Second Avenue for \$200 per month, but without and source of income. I started my classes and sometimes, on Sundays, I used to chant Hare Krishna Mantra in Tomkins Square Park from three to 5 P.M. During this time, all the young boys and girls used to gather round me, sometimes poet Ginsberg would come to see me. In this way, the Hare Krishna Mantra chanting became very popular on the Lower East Side.

In this way, the younger generation became attracted, and gradually many branches were opened one after another. After New York, the next branch was opened in San Francisco, then in Montreal, then in Boston, and in Los Angeles. We have now the following centers in the States, Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia: (see insert sheets 2/A,B following page 2)

My activities in London were begun as early as September, 1968. I sent six of my disciples there, all of them young couples,\*husband and wife, and none of them more than 26 years old. These boys and girls first started Sankirtan Movement in London and there were very nice reports about them. Even the "Times of London" printed one article with the caption "Hare Krishna chant startles London."

In London there are many Indians, especially Guzraties and Punjabies. All of them were astonished to see how American boys and girls were preaching Hare Krishna Mantra. They were invited to many centers both by the Indians and the Europeans. But it was very difficult to find out a suitable house there in the midst of the city. My Guru Maharaj liked to start centers in the busiest part of a city. So, forty years ago, my Guru Maharaj attempted to start a Temple there, but somehow or other it was not possible. Still, I cherished a strong desire to start a temple in the heart of the city, and by the grace of Lord Krishna these boys and girls rented a five-storied house in the busiest quarter of central London, at 7 Bury Place, which is near to the

\*I get them married personally, as you will find in pictures and some of them are in charge of a center. I do not allow any of my disciples to live as boy or girl friend as usually they do in this country.

British Museum, London University, Great Russell Street and Bloomsbury Square. The British Museum is just a few stones away on the left side of our Temple. Our activities are going on regularly in London. There are about 35 English and American boys and girls.

Regarding the number of ashrams, our Temples are already listed above. The Deity worshipped in the Temples are Jagganath Swami with Balarama and Subhadra, and Radha Krishna. When we first start a Temple, we start with Jagganath Swami. My Guru Maharaj recommended Temples of Jagganath in these countries, so I was inspired to establish first of all Jagganath Swami because He is kind even to the mlecchas. Then, when there is opportunity, I establish Radha Krishna Murti. So generally in all our Temples, Jagganath Swami and Lord Chaitanya Samkirtan pictures are invariably there, and gradually we are installing Radha Krishna Murties in each and every center. The program of the Temple worship is as follows: Early in the morning, before sunrise, there is Mangal Aratrik. At 8:00 a.m. there is dressing and decorating of the altar daily and offering breakfast. Then, between 11:30 and 12:00 N., Bhoga Aratrik. At 5:00 p.m. opening of the door and Dhoop Aratrik as well as Boikalik Bhoga offering. In the morning we offer fruits and milk to the Deities, and at noon we offer rice, dal, chapatties, vegetables, milk, sweet rice, and many other varieties. In the Boikalik Bhoga Aratrik we offer fruits again. Then there is Sandhya Aratrik after dusk; and at 9:00 p.m. we offer Bhoga of Puri, vegetable, milk, sweetmeats, etc. Then there is Sanyan Aratrik after which the Deity rests. This is the general program of worship. We decorate the thrones with profuse flowers, changing the dress and ornaments daily, and as far as possible the Deity platform and the Temple room are kept neat and clean always.

The devotees take bath twice daily.

The Government of U.K. has passed a bill to hand over the redundant churches to other religious sects, but the christian authorities want good amount of money for selling those properties. So none of the churches have we been able to acquire, on account of the exhorbitant price, for which I have not got money to pay. But they are available. In London we saw a redundant church and also in Oxford. They are very nice for our purpose, but the negotiation is very slow. Some other churches are also available in other districts, but they can be purchased. The government has no such scheme to place these unused churches at our disposal.

How can we expect the government to give us any financial help, while our Indian government does not allow any money to be brought from India for this purpose? How can we expect financial help from another government? Our financial budget is managed by Krishna's Grace only. Undoubtedly we have huge expenditures--for example in our Los Angeles Temple we spend near about Rs 30,000 in our Indian exchange per month. But the devotees, boys and girls, somehow or other collect this huge amount, and by the Grace of Krishna, we have no difficulty.

In most of the centers our activities are in rented houses, only in Boston and Buffalo we have our own houses. In Boston we have got our own Press, ISKCON press, where our books and magazines are published partially. The major portion is printed outside our press especially in Japan, where we have our center, Tokyo.

The government is neither encouraging or discouraging. Sometimes the police department prohibits our Sankirtan Party when they go out in the street. In the United States this hindrance by the police is not very much, but in London they have practically stopped us, and the case is pending. In Hamburg and Tokyo they are also not very strict. In the beginning we have difficulty everywhere, by now, as people in general are appreciating our movement--that we are devotees of the Lord, boys and girls of nice behavior and character--they give us as far as possible all concessions. The government draft board has accepted our Society as religious, so they are kind upon us. But, we do not get any direct financial help either from the government or big foundations. Neither have we been able to contact the richer section of the people.

Our initiation system is as follows; In our general thrice weekly classes we chant Hare Krishna Mantra in the beginning and at the end, and in the middle we speak on Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagwatam regularly. In this class we do not prohibit anyone to come within the Temple, everyone is welcome. The only thing we ask visitors to leave their shoes at a specified place and sit down in the Temple crosslegged. If somebody finds difficulty to sit down crosslegged, we offer him a chair. So out of the members of the audience who come regularly, when one becomes more interested he is invited to participate in the program of Krishna Consciousness daily life and study. After some time of appreciating our program and trying to understand our philosophy, when someone is very interested and recommended by the Temple Commander, for being initiated, I accept him and give him first initiation in the form of Hari Nam in a regular ceremony with fire-sacrifice. I chant Hare Krishna Mantra on the 108 beads and then the beads are offered to the disciple with a change of name as Krishnadas. He is advised to strictly follow the regulative principles of 1.) no eating of meat, fish or eggs; 2.) no taking of intoxicants including coffee, tea and tobacco; 3.) no illicit sex-life; and 4.) no gambling or mental speculation.

In this way, after six months at least, when he is found habituated to the Vaishnava principles, then he is initiated for the second time with the sacred thread. This sacred thread ceremony is recommended in the Hari Bhakti Vilas, or the Vaishnava Smriti, by Sanatan Goswami. Sanatan Goswami recommends that by the initiation process one is elevated to the position of a twice-born (Dwij). This is recommended under Pancharatrika Siddhi. Under Vedic Bidhi, a student is required to be a bonafide son of a Brahmin or twice-born, but according to Srimad Bhagwatam, if there are no regular samskaras beginning from Garbhadhana one is considered as Sudra, but a Sudra can be elevated to a Brahmin's position by Pancharatrika Bidhi. This is instructed by sage Narada to Yudhisthira in Seventh Canto of Srimad Bhagwatam as follows: "Yasya hi yat laksman syat varnabhd banyakam yadi a nyatra api drsyet teneiva binirdiset"

On this verse, Sridhar Swami has given his commentation that birth is not always the criterion of becoming a Brahmin, but the quality is most essential. In the Bhagavad Gita also the caste system is made by the Lord Himself according to qualities and engagements. In the Srimad Bhagwatam also it is stated as follows:

Kirata huna andhra pulinda pukkasa  
adhira sumoha yavanah khasadayah  
ye'nye c papa yadupasrayasrayah  
Sudhyanti tasmai prabhavisnabe namah.

(S.B. 2/5/18)

So our initiation process is executed according to authorized regulative principles. This is the sum and substance of our initiation process. In the beginning, they are given Hari Nama and during sacred thread ceremony they are given Gayatris and eighteen letter Krishna Mantra. The disciple chants daily the Gayatri Mantras thrice--morning, noon and evening. The beads are chanted a minimum of sixteen rounds daily, or in other words, 27,648 Names daily.

I am enclosing herewith some printed copies of the rules and regulations, ten kinds of offenses etc., which are regularly observed by the students.

Hope this will meet you in good health,

Yours in the service of the Lord,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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His Grace  
Sri Manwan Prasad Poddar  
Gita Press  
P.O. Gita Vatika  
Dist. Gorakhpur  
U.P., India

P.S: So far the names of the books published are as follows:

3 Volumes Srimad Bhagwatam	League of Devotees	\$16.00 (set)
1 Paperback Bhagavad Gita <u>As It Is</u>	Collier (MacMillan)	2.95
1 Hardback	MacMillan	6.95
1 <u>Teachings of Lord Chaitanya</u>	ISKCON Press	5.95
1 <u>Sri Isopanisad</u>	ISKCON Press	1.00
1 <u>Nectar of Devotion</u>	ISKCON Press	5.95
1 <u>Krishna</u>	ISKCON Press	10.00
1 <u>Easy Journey to Other Planets</u>	League of Devotees	0.50
1 <u>Two Essays</u>	ISKCON PRESS	0.50
Monthly Magazine "Back to Godhead"	ISKCON Press	0.50
French Ed. " "	ISKCON Press	
German Ed. " "	ISKCON Press	
"Zuruck Sur Gottheit"		

Some of these are being enclosed herewith, and the balance will be dispatched from New York along with books.

The management of our different centers is made by three officers; namely a president, Treasurer and Secretary. They have got separate banking accounts in each center. The checks are signed by two officers out of three. Although in each banking account my name is there as Acharya, and when I am in a center sometimes I sign the checks, still, usually I do not. I try to keep myself aloof from business transactions; but as far publication is concerned,

I manage the book fund personally.

So our centers are managed financially by selling the books and magazines and by accepting some voluntary contributions from the public. Sometimes we manufacture incense and the visitors gladly purchase it. In this way we manage the financial affairs of our society. In London, however, we get some income by sales of "Hare Krishna Mantra" record and similarly in the U.S.A. we get some income by selling "Govinda" records and other similar records. From London the "Hare Krishna Mantra" record has world wide sales. This is managed by Mr. George Harrison, the famous English Musician, who is my uninitiated devotee. This boy has paid me recently \$19,000 for publishing my Krishna book. The whole amount will be required for publishing the book in Japan.

The names of places where our centers are already established is given above. The photographs of our various daily activities--Kirtans, etc.--are also enclosed herewith.

I am very glad to learn that you want to publicize our activities for the young men in India, But I find that here the young men are very much inquisitive. I do not know why in India the young men are not so much inquisitive.--maybe they are very much embarrassed to solve economic problems. Recently one Indian boy, he is a PhD at St. Louis University, has joined our St. Louis center, and the copies of his enquiries and answers by me are sent herewith for your perusal. So far European and American young boys and girls are concerned, they also send me many enquiries by letter and I answer them in the same way, generally giving reference from the Bhagavad Gita As It Is. These students are very nicely combating elements opposing Bhakti school. There are hundreds of letters from them; and if you are serious to make some agitation among Indian young men, then on hearing from you, I can send some of the letters for publication.

On the whole, the Godless world situation is not very satisfactory. People in this part of the world are feeling for this vacancy, but they do not know how to solve this problem. They think that by making people Godless they will solve the question--this is a utopian hope which will never be fulfilled. The Godless leaders of the society are blind themselves and their following are also blind. So blind men leading blind men has no meaning. But practically I have experienced that this Krishna Consciousness Movement or to present the philosophy of the Bhagavad Gita As It Is can solve all problems of the world. It is specifically the responsibility of the Indians after realizing the philosophy themselves, and I think if such realized souls go to various parts of the world and preach this Krishna Consciousness Movement in every nook and corner of the world, there will be a great renaissance. I would therefore request you to give your serious attention to this Krishna Consciousness Movement and help me as far as possible.

I want to start a center in India at the birth-site of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu especially for accomodating non-Indian students for taking lessons in this great transcendental art. When Indian young men will see that foreign students from England, America, Canada, Australia etc., are taking part and interest in the spiritual science left by the Acharyas headed by Lord Krishna, then naturally they will also take part. It will be a great extensive job, but still if one half of the expense is borne by the Indians I shall manage to send the other half from America And Europe.

As your good self has voluntarily offered some service on account of this Krishna Consciousness Movement, I shall be very much pleased if you kindly consider this proposal.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours in the service of the Lord,

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5 Feb 1970  
Hanuman Peddar

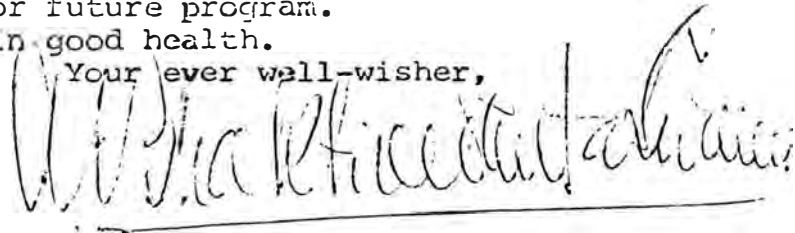
I could not follow the meaning of the last line of your letter, "We look forward to the day when You grace us with Your Holy Instructions for Lord Chaitanya's Sankirtan." If you mean by this line about the World Sankirtan Party, then I may inform you that for this purpose you will have to wait for some time more. The purpose of World Sankirtan Party will be to establish a center in each and every city and village of the world. This idea is taking practical shape in various centers. Just like you started for London Yatra and now after one year it has taken a shape, similarly in Germany also it has taken a shape, but in Paris it has not taken as yet. Therefore World Sankirtan Party means to establish a center everywhere we go.

I do not mean a concert party or musical party that may go to a city, have some performances and collect some money without any permanent effect. For this purpose the World Sankirtan Party should consist of members who can impress spiritual ecstasy in the hearts of the people so that some of them may come forward and agree to establish a center where the Sankirtan Party may go on continuously.

From Krishnadas' letter it appears that in Germany there is good prospect for opening many centers. When you last went to Germany it was very effective. Why not first of all start a center in Paris and a few other centers in Germany and then think of the World Sankirtan Party on the basis of starting a center wherever you go. Both Tamal and yourself, Gurudas and Shyamsundar think over this idea, and in the meantime, as you are yourself a musical instructor, you can teach the newcomers in the Kirtan performance for future program.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,




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P.S. How is Jeevanti. Ask her to write me letter. Hope she is doing well. Offer my blessings to her & Malati



8 Feb 70

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DATE ....February.18.....1970

My Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 12 February, 1970, along with your check for \$50., and thank you very much for this.

Your touring in different places and preaching Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is fulfilling my dream. May Kṛṣṇa bless you on and on for being engaged in such exalted work. In the Bhagavad Gītā, last portion of eighteenth chapter, it is said that nobody is dearer to Kṛṣṇa than anybody on the earth except the person who is engaged in preaching the most confidential philosophy of life, namely surrendering unto Kṛṣṇa, leaving aside everything material or spiritual.

In the Vedic literature there are many recommended processes for spiritual realization, and Lord Kṛṣṇa says that all of them can be avoided and if one is simply engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord that is the highest perfectional platform.

There is a great future for this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement in every part of the world, and I am getting such indications from every where. So please continue these activities by travelling on your good truck, assisted by some sincere devotees like Jadunandan and others, and I am sure you will be successful in your mission.

Now I am hopeful that our New Vrindaban will be an exact replica of Vrindaban in India. I think it was ordained by Kṛṣṇa that you went there, took your Sannyas order of life in the presence of Rupa Goswami and Jiva Goswami, and now you have got the opportunity to execute their will. Perhaps you may remember that after you accepted the Sannyas order many hundreds of people congratulated you, and you were looking so beautiful at that time that some of them were murmuring that this Sannyasi is looking exactly like Sri Caitanya. So all these utterances are the blessings of Sri Sri Radha Damodar Jew.

So carry on this work more enthusiastically and you will feel more and more jubilant in transcendental bliss. So far I am concerned, because our relationship is father and son, so nobody will be more satisfied than me by seeing your successful preaching work. Nobody in this world likes to be defeated by somebody else, but the father when he is defeated by the son feels more pleasure. Therefore, I may once more request you to try your best to construct New Vrindaban an exact duplicate of Vrindaban, and that will give me the highest pleasure.

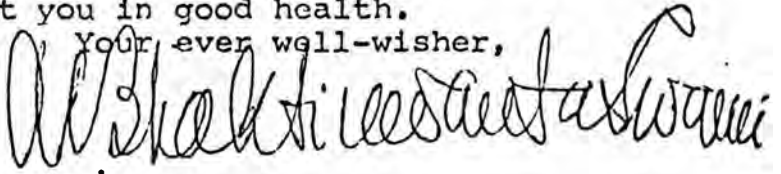


Side by side, please try to introduce our books in the different university curricula, and that will be another success. I have information from Gargamuni that major portions of my TLC are not yet sold. Of course such literatures are not meant for ordinary public, but I am sure if you try to introduce in the university circle; and I have got many testimonials of my books and thus they can be introduced without any difficulty.

By the by, I may inform you that you desire me to go to New Vrindaban during Janmastami days, and I suggested to organize a fair within our campus. Do you think it is possible to do so within such short period? But if you can do so, either this year or next, I am sure many people will come to see such fair, and that will be a great impetus for developing the land. The most important thing is easy transport.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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*P.S. our Isopanisad is now published. This excellent book of God-consciousness should be introduced as study book for school & college students because it is so nicely explained about God-consciousness. Any sincere gentleman serious about knowing God-consciousness must read this book. A little attention will make every one aware what is meant by God. It is a challenge to the Atheist, agnostics, sceptics and gross materialists. Please get this book in quantities from Boston and try to introduce it.*

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21 Feb 1970

LETTER TO SHAMASUNWARA<sup>2</sup> DAs  
FROM PRABHUPADA

I may repeat again, that every living entity has a dormant propensity of love for somebody else. That is exhibited not only in human society, but also in the animal society. That love is exhibited primarily in five kinds of relationship--especially as master and servant, as friend and friend, as parents and children, and as lover and beloved. This stock of love in every living entity is dormant eternal love for Kṛṣṇa, but because the living entity has forgotten Kṛṣṇa since a very, very long time, even before this creation was manifested, therefore all of us are misplacing that dormant love in a perverted way. Therefore there is always frustration. Even so-called 'sincere' love between lover and the beloved or husband and wife or even parents and children are so many instances of frustration. Therefore the only remedy for this repeated frustration of our life after life is revival of original Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

As soon as we revive that love of Kṛṣṇa in any one of the five primary relationships, as we have constitutional attitude, immediately we become happy. This is the fact, but it requires little time to come to this point by the prescribed method as we have to undergo patiently a treatment for the cure of our disease. Therefore this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement is the only solution for all kinds of frustrations and problems.

You can give this idea to George as well as explain your practical experience plus his practical experience also, then a nice foreword may come out. While he has given me contribution of \$19,000 for publication of my book, Kṛṣṇa, I think he has not done it foolishly. He is very intelligent boy, therefore I am sure he has also some practical appreciation of this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. But my above suggestion that if George and John lead the procession on Lord Caitanya's Birthday, that will be very, very nice.

Regarding the small booklet, Jaiadvaita from Boston has sent me two pages writing which I am enclosing herewith. So with additional alteration of this idea, plus your idea, if you write a suitable introduction, then we shall print them with some pictures on nice paper as many copies as you require for putting them within the paper covering of the records, and that will be a good introduction. But one thing, I must warn you in this connection that these records are distributed amongst teenagers, therefore the language and presentation should be suitable for their understanding. I think you will understand me right in this connection. So, after writing the pamphlet and if possible getting it edited amongst yourselves, you can send the copies one to me and one to Boston for printing. So this is my idea, now you can work upon it as you think it fit.

Yes, before your travelling around Britain, if these pamphlets are distributed, I am sure very easily you will be able to sell our Kṛṣṇa book. The U.S. centers will act according to your direction without fail in this connection. I am enclosing your next longer letter as mentioned in your letter under reply.

Thanking you, and please convey my thanks to Lalani for her nice letter. I shall reply it in due course.

Regarding the court case, I am sending herewith on 1/21 cutting how they were released in Detroit. Regarding the date for celebration of Rathayatra Festival, it is on 1/21 only until the return journey of Lord Jagadgadhara. Therefore Rathayatra, on June 16, there is a ceremony of 1/21

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My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 February, 1970, and have noted the contents carefully.

I am glad to learn that after deliberation between Jayapataka and Raktak, you have been asked to become the president of Toronto temple. The idea is that whoever is competent to manage affairs will accept the post of president by mutual consent. Our main business is to be fixed up in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness by keeping steady in the prescribed duties of devotional service. So I have got all approval for your being elected president; that is nice.

I am also glad to learn that already you have got a temple and enthusiastic and eager devotees there. This is very encouraging. Please push our Samkirtan movement and improve the program of Deity worship as the centers of your activities, and see that all the devotees remain steady in their execution of daily chanting of sixteen rounds of beads and strict adherence to the four principles of spiritual life and all other regulative principles, this will keep them strong in Spiritual power. And you may note that when these regulative duties are performed, and the devotee becomes fully absorbed in Kṛṣṇa activities, Kṛṣṇa as Super-soul will dictate from within the answers to all questions and will give the needed intelligence to progress more and more in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

Please see that the program for studying our literatures is also undertaken very seriously by all the devotees there. Everyone of us must become thoroughly acquainted with our philosophy, so that our preaching work may be carried out nicely.

There is no harm if the devotees chant in the temple during the time when the Deities are resting. You may have heard that here at the L.A. Temple, they are holding Kirtan and chanting 24 hours in the temple, and the program is very encouraging to all the devotees. Of course, that is only possible in a very large center such as L.A.

Regarding what to do with the eyes while on Samkirtan, your suggestion to look into the faces of people and try to convince them of the sincerity of our movement is best. There is no need of artificial things like seeing the spirit soul. We talk, and we talk on Kṛṣṇa topics--that is all. When we chant, we must concentrate our mind on the sound vibration

and in that way everything will be revealed one after another; the form, qualities, pastimes, etc. of the Lord. And this is the way of cultivating spiritual realization.

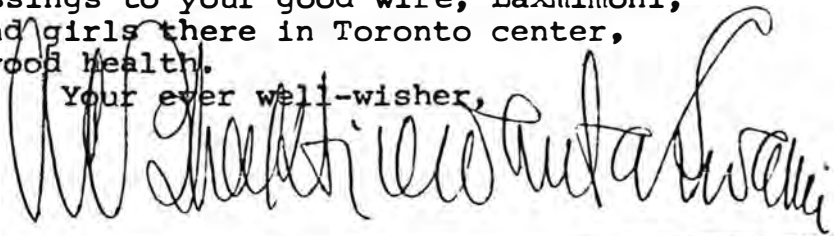
Regarding your questions concerning the spirit souls falling into Maya's influence, it is not that those who have developed a passive relationship with Kṛṣṇa are more likely to fall into nescient activities. Usually anyone who has developed his relationship with Kṛṣṇa does not fall down in any circumstance, but because the independence is always there, the soul may fall down from any position or any relationship by misusing his independence. But his relationship with Kṛṣṇa is never lost, simply it is forgotten by the influence of Maya, so it may be regained or revived by the process of hearing the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa and then the devotee engages himself in the service of the Lord which is his original or constitutional position. The relationship of the living entity with Kṛṣṇa is eternal as both Kṛṣṇa and the living entity are eternal; the process is one of revival only, nothing new.

Astanga Yoga is better than Karma Yoga and Jnana Yoga is on the level of Astanga Yoga. But the Bhakti Yoga is the ultimate goal of all Yogas. In other words, Karma Yoga, Jnana Yoga, and Astanga Yoga by proper execution culminate in Bhakti Yoga. So far yogis who meditate on the Paramatma form of the Lord within their hearts, if they see Him in that way actually they become pure devotees, but if they do not perfect the process they may remain on the lower level of incomplete realization or Paramatma realization.

I am happy to learn that your Samkirtan party is very successful. If you have some extra money, you can contribute to the book fund because I am contributing to purchase a large church here to the extent of 20,000 dollars; and try to send the maintenance charges to me regularly.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Laxmimoni, and to all the other boys and girls there in Toronto center, Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Mr. DDD,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received your nice letter together with pictures drawn by you. Thank you very much. I am so happy to see how you are drawing the activities of Kṛṣṇa and His devotees the Pandavas and Jagannatha das Babaji. And I am glad to see that your letters are drawn nicely also.

It is very encouraging to me that you are regularly chanting your twenty rounds of beads daily. Be careful never to decrease but increase the number and you will become more strong in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So continue to tend your Deities first-class and be happy in Kṛṣṇa's service.

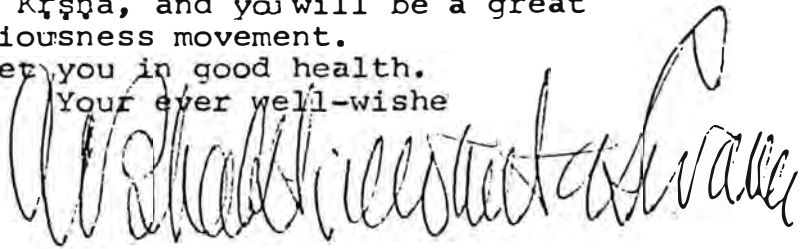
I am very glad to know that you are learning your arithmetic in school, but I do not know if you are staying at New Vrindaban for study because your letter is sent from Montreal, Canada.

You have written that you are sending seventy dollars for my book fund, but I have not received the seventy dollars enclosed with your letter. Has it been sent by separate mail? Please let me know what has happened to it as soon as possible.

Always remember Kṛṣṇa Who is your dearest friend and always serve Him just to please Him, and He will give you all intelligence how to be a first-class devotee. Just try to learn all about Kṛṣṇa, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, and you will be a great preacher of our Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement.

I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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My Dear Hayagriva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 March, 1970, along with the edited copy of the Foreword to KRṢṢṢNA. Thank you very much. The few alterations of dates is approved by me, so it is alright.

Regarding you question do the Vedic histories refer to this planet only?. No. Vedic history means of this universe. Our history begins from the beginning of the creation because the creation takes place with the birth of Brahma from the abdomen lotus flower of Lord Visnu. Then Brahma gradually creates. He begets so many sons known as Prajapatis who are supposed to be the generators of living entities, and therefore the history begins from Brahma. In the Bhagavad Gita this is confirmed in the 15th chapter. It is said there that the root of this big universal banyan tree is on the top; therefore history begins from the top.

Yes. This planet comes later on. We can take the idea from the tree--the tree grows gradually, and the different fruits, branches, and twigs gradually appear. Therefore it is to be understood that this planet has grown later on, Besides this we understand that although the planet was later on grown up, it was covered with water--pralaya payodhi jale merged into the water after devastation. Then gradually it emerges from water. That we can experience, that gradually land is coming out of the oceans. Because of its being merged into water, it is natural to conclude that the beginning of life was aquatic. This is confirmed in Padma Purana that the species of life evolved from aquatics to plants, vegetables, trees; thereafter insects, reptiles, flies, birds, then beasts, and then human kind. This is the gradual process of evolution of species of life.

But we do not accept Darwin's theory. According to Darwin's theory, homo sapiens came later on, but we see that the most intelligent personality, Brahma, is born first. So according to Vedic knowledge, Darwin or similar mental speculators are rejected so far the fact is concerned.

I am so glad to learn that the Gita is going on nicely. Perhaps you know that Mandali Bhadra wants to trans-

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late into German, so as you finish one chapter you may send one copy to him immediately for being translated into German.

Mayapur is the birth-site of Lord Caitanya. It is a small villager You cannot find it on the map, but near Calcutta you may find the place 'Nabadwip', and Mayapur is part of this Nabadwip district. So far your planning go go to India, not only you, but I think several others, including Kirtananda Maharaj and other advanced students, will go to India for preaching Krsna Consciousness. That will be a lesson to our so called "secular" government. I came here with this purpose, so you have to fulfill my desire. I think it is coming to be true by the will of Lord Caitanya.

Achyutananda is getting good opportunities to move amongst enlightened circle in Calcutta, so if some of our advanced students go to India for this purpose, that will be a great achievement. I am thinking of that plan always. In the meantime, let us publish as many books as possible within this year. I wish to go to India for this purpose in the beginning of next year.

So far life-size Deities are concerned, even if you do not go, that can be imported. We have got addresses of supplier, and if you give me the size of the Deity you want, that can be imported. In the meantime you try to construct some temples in New Vrindaban. I want to publish one catalogue of your ISKCON movement, giving pictures of all important centers and especially of New Vrindaban. This idea I gave you long ago when I was in New Vrindaban. I have advised Brahmananda also in this connection. So get this catalogue printed as early as possible.

Another important thing is our theistic school in New Vrindaban. If you can establish a nice educational center, I know many parents of your country will be glad to send their children in New Vrindaban. But we have to create a nice atmosphere and educational system there. Satyahama is very much enthusiastic in this connection. So you organize this institution systematically.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Chandanacarya,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for your nice letter of appreciation. The kindly words that you have used in this connection are very much pleasing, but all the credit goes to my Guru Maharaj. He asked me to take up this job as soon as I met Him in 1922; unfortunately I was so worthless that I delayed the matter until 1965, but He is so kind that by force He engaged me in His service; and because I am very much worthless, therefore He has sent me so many of His nice representatives--the beautiful American boys and girls like you. I am so much obliged to you that you are all helping me in the discharge of my duties towards my Spiritual Master, although I was so much reluctant to execute it. After all, we are the eternal servants of Kṛṣṇa, and by the Divine Will of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur we are now combined together, although originally we are born in different parts of the world, unknown to one another.

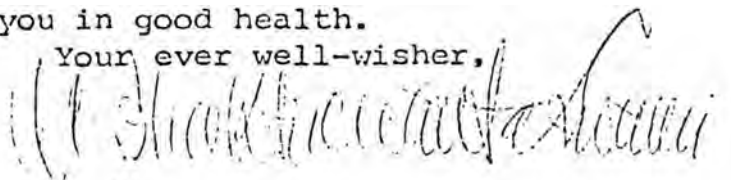
This is the way of Kṛṣṇa transaction; so let us, with great enthusiasm, preach this cult all over the world and make the people happy. They are missing the central point, Kṛṣṇa, and our duty is to remind them--then everything will be alright. So follow the path chalked out by our predecessors, and success is sure.

I am very much pleased to learn that the Columbus center has been nicely organized since you have gone there and things are going on nicely. In the meantime, I have received news from Boston that Aravinda alone cannot make the layout business very quickly. I think, therefore, if you sometimes go there, help them in this connection, and again come back, that will be very nice. If you so desire, you can remain in Boston and take up the charge of layout business. And sometimes you may go with Kirtananda Maharaj. That will be nice.

Now we are growing, and if we work co-operatively, our strength will also grow, and then the mission will not be checked in its progress.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1st April, 1970. I am very glad to know that you are busy now in the press assembling the new book Krishna Consciousness the Topmost Yoga, that is very nice. I am sending \$2,400 next week as Advaita has requested.

Regarding the proposed marriage of Jan Mohini and Sri dama, Yes, I have already sent Sri Dama sanctioning this marriage and offering my blessings. Subal has already got practical experience, he has performed two marriage ceremonies and he has sent me a xeroxed copy of the procedure which I have approved. I am enclosing herewith one copy and you can perform the wedding in your temple. Everyone, at least all the presidents, should be experienced in performing marriage ceremonies.

I am also glad to learn that you are engaging Viswa Karma to construct an enlarged altar for the new Deities. That is very nice. Then when the Deities arrive you can send the \$400 to me here for my book fund. Regarding the pictures from the first volume of KRṢṂA, they should be all sent here and I have advised Brahmananda in that connection.

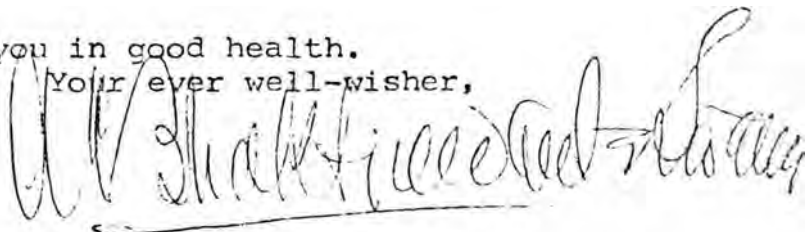
Regarding your first question, there is no difference of the svayamvara ceremonies of Droupadi and Iaksmāna, they were almost alike. The only difference was that the fish was covered with a cloth in the case of Iaksmāna, but the fish was naked in the case of Droupadi.

Regarding your second question, when blood stands for some time it coagulates and the coagulum subsides leaving the serum or water. So the lakes then become full with water.

Regarding the third question, generally these airplanes are constructed in the shape of a swan with wings and beak and tail, etc. and on the back they put a dome like on a chariot for sitting and driving. I have drawn you one picture to convey the idea, please find it enclosed herewith. You are at liberty to make many questions like that. So long I can, I must make answers to your questions, but when I fail, I shall ask you to excuse me.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I thank you very much for your letter...

As you have liked to know more about the temple, the worshippers, and the scriptures, I beg to inform you that this Krishna Consciousness movement is based on the Vedic scriptures. Veda means knowledge and there are two kinds of knowledge--one mundane and another transcendental. Vedas are considered to be originally transcendental because they are coming from the platform which existed before the creation. This transcendental knowledge was impregnated in the heart of the first created living being, and then he distributed the knowledge both for material and spiritual purposes.

This Vedic knowledge was stated in the Atharva Veda. Later on, just on the beginning of this millenium, the Kali yuga, Vyasadeva, who is the supreme authority of Vedic knowledge, considering the degraded condition of men in this age, divided the whole Veda into departmental knowledge and some of his disciples were entrusted with a particular type of departmental knowledge. In this way the whole Vedic knowledge developed into four Vedas, 108 Upanisads, 18 Puranas, then summarized in Vedanta Sutra, and then again to benefit the less intelligent class of men like women, workers, and the degraded descendents of the higher class he made another fifth Veda known as Mahabharata or the great history of India.

The original Bharata and modern India are not the same. The original Bharata means the whole earthly planet. Gradually being sectioned, the modern India is only a fractional part of the original Bharata. So the knowledge is distributed in so many departmental Vedic knowledge, but the whole process is aiming at God-realization.

The living entities within this material world are supposed to be rebellious conditioned souls who disregarded the order of the Supreme Lord, and they lost their spiritual kingdom. It is something like Milton's idea of 'Paridise Lost.' This material world is created, developed, maintained, produces many byproducts, then gradually dwindles, and at last it is dissolved or annihilated. The spirit souls or living beings are by nature eternal. This condition of life for the living beings, namely to go through repeated births and deaths, is unnatural for him. Therefore the whole Vedic knowledge is devised to regulate the life of the living entities not in the animal form of life, but in the human form of life, so that he can fulfill his material desires, but at the same time he becomes elevated to his original spiritual position. This process of evolution from the lowest aquatic life up to the stago of brahminical culture is deliniated in the whole Vedas. This is called knowledge, and when one is liberated from the material contamination, the same knowledge further advanced becomes transcendental knowledge.

This process of elevating oneself from different platforms of understanding to the highest status of life is called religion. According to Sanskrit language, religion is not a kind of faith, but it is a prescribed form of duties to be

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11th April, 1970.

Regarding your further statement in the matter of George's introduction, I think as he is not settled up in his conclusion, he wants to change it, either we should wait for his final decision or it may not be added. For the time being I am holding its publication. In the meantime, I hope you have received my yesterday's letter.

Regarding the presence of God, both the theist and atheist have practical experience in two different ways. They are as follows: The atheist is hypocrit that he says there is no God. There is presence of God both for the theist and atheist. The vivid example of this presence of God both before the theist and atheist simultaneously is Lord Nrsinghadeval Lord Nrsinghadeva appeared before the atheist Hiranyakasipu as Death and He appeared before Prahlad Maharaj the theist as the Benedictor of Blessing.

So God has two features of appearance--to the atheist He appears as Death and to the devotee-theist He appears as the Supreme Beloved. The hypocrit atheist says that he does not believe in God, but he cannot say that he does not believe in death. Our definition of God is that He is great. That the atheist does not believe in God means that nobody is greater than him--he is 'God' himself, but he is enforced to believe that Death is greater than him. In other words, Death is the representation of God before the atheist.

The atheist theoretically can deny the presence of God, but the presende of God in the form of Death is present before him despite his flouting. You have seen the picture of Lord Narayana--He has got four hands, two hands are for the atheist and two hands are for the theist. For the theist-devotee the Lord has the Lotus-flower or blooming peace and prosperity, and the Conch-shell dissipating all inauspicity by its vibration. But for the atheist there is the big Club for hammering on the head of the atheist, or separate the head of the atheist by the shappened edge of the Disc.

In the Bhagavad Gita the Lord says that He descendes in every millenium to give protection to the faithful and to annihilate the miscreants. So God has got always these two features of His authority, namely protection and death.

So the atheist is hypocrit himself when he says that he does not believe in God. He has to believe in God in the form

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My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 6th April, 1970, and the informations therein are all very encouraging. It appears that under your management everything is going on systematically. So by the grace of Krsna both your wife and yourself are endowed with great responsibility. Kindly manage things very intelligently and always feel yourself completely dependent on Krsna's protection.

BTG is my life and soul. Please therefore try to distribute BTG as many as it is possible. I started this magazine in 1947 in my householder life. I was spending Rs.300 to 400 at the time (\$300 to 400 in your exchange), and I was distributing this magazine without any consideration how much I was getting in return. Practically the whole money was spent without any return. But ten years after, from 1954 to 1959, the struggle was very hard because at that time I had no money and alone I was editing, publishing, and securing money for publication. So it was a great struggle. My ambition was that I would publish BTG in huge quantity so that people may understand transcendental blessings of Lord Caitanya.

Now, since I have come to your country, I have entrusted the matter to my beloved American boys and girls, and I wish to see that this magazine is published and distributed in the American way like 'Readers Digest', 'Life' etc., published in millions and distributed all over the world. Actually the position of BTG should be more important than any mundane magazine because it contains the quintessence of human necessities.

You can immediately transfer my maintenance fund to Pico-La Cienega Branch (308), Bank of America, 8501 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035; account No. 3081-61625. (Checking)

So far incense business is concerned, you can do very nicely as they are doing it here. Gargamuni will co-operate fully in this connection, and both Jivananda and Mukunda are very intelligent boys. So do it nicely.

Regarding Sanskrit class, it is very encouraging that Mr. Parikh is helping you in this connection, but the chief aim for learning Sanskrit would be how to pronounce the Sanskrit verses especially in our published books just like you have already chanted the Govinda verses in the record. Similarly all the verses you have to chant combinedly and melodiously along with musical instruments, and it will be a great charm to the

people of the world. When we shall lead our World Sankirtan Party at that time if we can demonstrate the chanting of the mantras as they are stated in Ishopanisad, Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, Brahma Samhita, that will be our unique position. Therefore the main aim of this Sanskrit class should be how you can learn this chanting in the proper accent. It is not our aim to become a Sanskrit scholar.

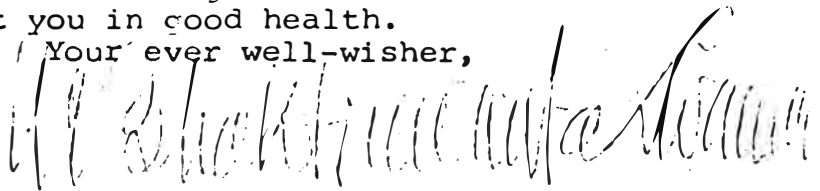
Regarding the three couples staying with George, I think if there is no contemplation of starting a new Radha Krsna temple there, simply to take advantage of staying there is no good. Temporarily we may take advantage of it, but as soon as possible the devotees must live together and execute our Krishna Conscious business in right earnest. So I hope you shall altogether consult and do the needful. Not a single moment should be wasted--that is very important thing. We shall not act anything which has no connection directly with Krishna Consciousness business.

Regarding Digvijaya and Pritha, if you have decided to get them married as fit match, then I have all my blessings and sanction.

When Trivikram comes to this side, my books which I have left in my room may be sent along with him.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th April, 1970, and I am very much encouraged to learn that things are going on there very nicely specifically in the printing department which is now the most important department in our Society.

Regarding George's introduction, it is now definitely decided not to be published. We have already mentioned his contribution in the preface and that is sufficient for the present.

Regarding Devahuti, sometime before I had some discussion with her that she will go to India and help in constructing our temple there. So now we are getting our land there and if she is able to help in this connection, then her going to India will be a great service to Krsna. I understand that she has many American lady friends, and if she approaches them, then we can build at Mayapur a place for retired American ladies to live there peacefully in Krishna Consciousness.

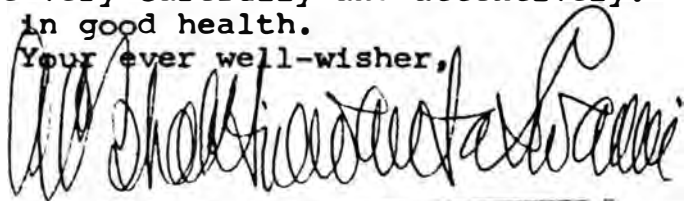
Yes, if the BTG can be published in the States it will be a great facility because we can print every month. So try to get things done very smoothly by mutual arrangement, and that will give me great satisfaction.

In KRSNA chapter #87, on page 4, the last line, it is said, "known as budbuvasa, which is manifested by Govinda." I do not know what is this editing. The correct word is Bhurbhuvarsvar as it is in the Gayatri mantra and everybody knows it. This 'budbuvasa' is an extraordinary word, neither it is Sanskrit nor English, so how it has avoided the vigilance of the so many editors? So if none of the editors knew this word, why was it pushed? There should be no such negligences like this, nothing uncertain should be pushed. Now what other discrepancies there may be like this? Or what is the use of such editing? Everything must be done very carefully and attentively.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Bertl,

Please accept my blessings. I am very much glad to receive your letter because sometimes I was thinking of you. You are a very intelligent boy, so I was impressed by your talking when you were walking with me on the street of Hamburg.

You have got a strong tendency to accept the Buddha philosophy, but you should know it also that if you want to accept Buddha philosophy you should act practically for this purpose. Lord Buddha was the embodiment of renunciation. He was in the princely order, grown up very luxuriantly, and he accepted the order of a mendicant, devoting his whole time to meditation. I meet many people who talk of Buddha philosophy, but their practical life is different.

Our philosophy is that we must apply in practical life what we believe. In this age no other philosophy or process of self-realization will be practical and effective as Krishna Consciousness is. So I would request you to come and live with our devotees in Hamburg and join the Sankirtan Party, try to understand the philosophy, eat with them, sleep with them, talk with them, and chant Hare Krishna. I am sure you will be happy and will be relieved from the present disturbances of your mind.

I would have been glad to ask you to come here, but I do not know whether it is possible for you to come here. But if you live in our temple in Hamburg, I am sure you will be happy.

If you have got any drugs habit you must give it up. The drug habit is killing the soul of the younger generation in the Western world. So if you live with the devotees, you will get strength to give up this bad habit, and if you live separately you will never be cured of your present diseased mental condition.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Bahulasva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th instant, and the information therein is very encouraging.

I understand from your letter that people have been well impressed, so this is a good opportunity for advancing our missionary activities. Actually we are creating the most peaceful persons in the world. Krsna is so nice that anyone who takes to Him becomes the first-class peaceful man. You can know from the example of Arjuna how much peaceful he was. He did not mind to forgo his claim, and he remained non-violent and peaceful. Personally he was not in favor of fighting, and whatever he did was only to satisfy Krsna.

Yes, that is a very nice proposal that you may combinedly San Francisco, Berkeley, and San Jose hold festivals throughout the summer, so do it. Whatever you do by combined consultation is approved by me.

Regarding Paramatma Das, I think he should simply push on with his school work as much as it may be necessary and the remainder of the time he may spend with the devotees in our Krsna Conscious activities. Certainly he is feeling some inconvenience ~~done~~ to the poor association at the karmi school but this is not a permanent situation. In the past many of our devotees like Leelasuka, Kanchanbala, Indira, etc. in New York, ~~Saxedia~~ Saxedia in Boston, some others in Buffalo, and in other places also have finished up their required education in the public schools in spite of continuous feeling of disturbance by the non-devotee students and faculty. So if he finishes up his education in this way remaining under your care at the temple, then the unwanted association will not be harmful, just see that he is strictly executing his prescribed duties and that will keep him strong in spiritual life.

Please increase the sales of literature. That is our great Samkirtan--Brihat Mridanga. The correspondence with Dr. Staal published in the Daily Californian was very much interesting, so we shall publish it in our BTG.

I am very glad to learn how you are improving the temple with new altar, proper Vyasasana, etc. I have already ordered Radha Krsna Deities for you, and when they arrive they will be installed.

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My Dear Robert and Karen,

Please accept my blessings. I am very glad that you have come to our Vrindaban retreat and try to remain there for some days. Attend our classes and routine work, and I am sure you will find the place very nice.

The truth within this material world is relative. The Absolute Truth is outside the relative world. Just like when a child is born, he is relative--he is born by his father. Then you go on researching and you will find that his father is also born of his father and so on. In this way if we go on searching out the Absolute Truth, you will find Him, the Supreme Person, not impersonal. Just like the child is a person, therefore the agent or the truth which begot the child is taken without any hesitation as a person. Therefore the Absolute Truth cannot be impersonal--that is a fact.

Impersonalism is only a solace for the frustrated. When we are frustrated by the relative personalism of this material world, we try to find out, in material way, the opposite number. Just like a patient who is suffering in diseased condition tries to find out something opposite number. So this is a long course, explanation, but actually impersonalism cannot give us the answer to our eternal search after peace. So far we are convinced from the Vedic literatures, God is a Person exactly like you are a person, I am a person, but His personal-ity is very great, full with six opulences, and none of the living entities beginning from the highest like Lord Brahma down to the ant, nobody can be on the equal level with God. These things are all explained in our books, and I would request you to read these books especially the recently published *Isopanisad*.

There are many impersonalists within our experience who renounced this world to merge into the impersonal existence, but being baffled there they come down again to the material world to find out engagement as altruist, philanthropist, communist, etc.,. So there is no stand on impersonalism, but there is steady stand in Bhakti cult because in this cult God is there, the devotee is there and the devotional service activities are there, and when they are joined together that makes us able to stand on the Absolute platform.

The physical activities in Vrindaban are not material activities. Just like Arjuna, in the beginning he declined to fight, and Krishna apparently induced him to fight. But does

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it mean that Arjuna after understanding Bhagavad Gita became a violent fighter? If that is the result of understanding Bhagavad Gita, then no gentleman would read it ever. Therefore the real thing is that in Bhakti cult the activities appear to be like those of the Karmis, but actually they are all devotional services. In New Vrindaban everyone is engaged in Krishna's service, they have no interest in material activities, but they are always ready to act anything for Krishna's sake.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th instant.

I am glad to know that you are about to enlarge your altar and throne to accommodate the new Deities. However, you should not put the Vyasasana in the rear as they are doing in L.A. L.A. has got a different arrangement, than you have got in Boston temple. So you can put the Vyasasana along the side of the Temple room and that will be nice. I also think that you cannot make the same arrangement as L.A. for separate doors for each of the three altars, so simply expand your present altars to fit the new Deities. on the basis of the old style.

Regarding organization of the artists, there is no need of wasting time for learning the art from study of texts. We should always remember that our time is very short. I think our artists should be satisfied with whatever they have learned already, that is sufficient. They should be simply engaged in painting pictures always, and that will teach them the art sufficiently.

In the beginning I was seriously corresponding with Indian friends to get some good mridanga players, but when I found it too difficult to get a man from India some of my students were given the rudimentary lessons in playing and simply by practice they are pulling on Samkirtan Party everywhere. My Guru Maharaj used to say that in a foreign land where you cannot speak the language with the natives very nicely, what do you do when there is a fire in your house/just to get their help? In such emergency one has to express himself somehow or other to his foreign friends and get their help to extinguish the fire. But if he wants to learn the language first and then talk with the foreign friends to get help, then everything in the meantime would be finished. Similarly if we have to learn and then paint, it will be a long term affair. but immediately we want so many pictures for all of our books, so all the artists may always be engaged in painting works and that painting itself will gradually teach them how to make things nice.

Regarding how the art department should be organized, that is to be managed amongst themselves. I do not know the technical details, I want only that they may be always engaged. Now it is up to them how to manage these things. As you have suggested, you may make any suitable arrangement and that is approved by me however you make it fit. The only thing is the

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artists must be always engaged fulltime in their painting work.

You may inform Devahuti and the others that I am always satisfied with their work. I am satisfied only to see that everyone of us is always engaged in his respective duties. As the teacher wants to see that the students are engaged in their handwriting work. Who is writing good hand, that is a secondary question. The teacher's duty is to see that everyone is engaged in handwriting work. So if all the artists are always engaged in painting, that will satisfy me, and that will gradually make them experienced for making good paintings.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your everwell-wisher,

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DATE .....25th April.....19.70

My Dear Jagadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20th April, 1970, along with a Canadian money order for \$278, and thank you very much for this.

I am very glad to know that your Maha-samkirtans with coordination of Buffalo are so successful. Please continue this program as you have suggested and surely Krishna will see that your more vigorous efforts to spread His movement are successful more and more.

Regarding Brijbasi posters, just take out pictures portraying Krishna with cows, with Gopis--just Krishna pictures, no pictures of demi-gods. Those pictures are alright.

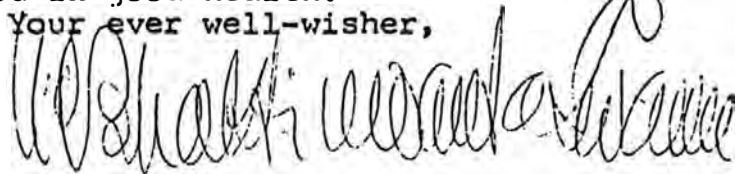
Regarding your questions about how and from where did the conditioned souls fall, your first question if someone has a relationship with Lord Kṛṣṇa on Kṛṣṇaloka, does he ever fall down? The souls are endowed with minute independence as part of their nature and this minute independence may be utilized rightly or wrongly at any time, so there is always the chance of falling down by misuse of one's independence. But those who are firmly fixed up in devotional service to Kṛṣṇa are making proper use of their independence and so they do not fall down.

Regarding your second question, have the conditioned souls ever seen Kṛṣṇa? were they with the Lord before being conditioned by the desire to lord it over material nature? Yes, the conditioned souls are parts and parcels of the Lord and thus they were with Kṛṣṇa before being conditioned. Just as the child must have seen his father because the father places the child in the womb of the mother, similarly each soul has seen Kṛṣṇa or the Supreme Father. But at that time the conditioned souls are resting in the condition called susupti which is exactly deep sleep without dream, or anesthetized state, therefore they do not remember being with Kṛṣṇa when they wake up in the material world and become engaged in material affairs. I hope this will satisfy your questions.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Laxmi-  
moni, and to all the other girls and boys there.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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29th April

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My Dear Pradyumna,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 'nil'.

Regarding your questions about the calendar-almanac:

1. Herāpancamī is correct (9 July 1970).
2. When there is an important Dvadasi, the Ekadasi fasting is transferred on the Dvadasi, and this is called Bahadvadasi. ~~The 26th October, 1970, is actually Dvadasi,~~ so the fasting is observed together, or Ekadasi fasting is disregarded, and the Dvadasi (Bahadvadasi) fasting is taken as important.

You were give this old Panjika just to consult the names and spelling only. The dates are different, so whatever date I have given, that is correct. Why you are searching Byanjali Dvadasi in this last year's Panjika? What I have given is from this year's Panjika, so everything will not collaborate.

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3. The word is ओडन . That is called Odana-Sasthi and the date is 14th December, 1970. That is correct even if you do not find it in the dictionary. The dictionary may not have every word.

5. 7th February, 1971--Varaha-Dvadasi, I have explained the position in regard to #2.

6. So far determining Ekadasi it is counted 11 days after the full moon and 11 days after the new moon, but sometimes it so happens as you have noted one day later. However, what I have given is correct.

The Panjika which I gave you is old Panjika, our calendar is for this new year.

Regarding the Prayer book, I did not ask you to transliterate this--somebody else has underlined, I have not underlined it. I have received both the prayer book and the panjika also with your letter.

Pradyumna  
29th April, 1970  
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Regarding your work on the Staal Correspondence, locating references to ~~chapter~~ and verses and adding appropriate translations after the Sanskrit, that is alright as you have done it

On page 13 of Three Essays, manāsinah is the correct word.

You must always ask the Lord's grace to <sup>make you in</sup> ~~manerbandh~~ the right position. It is not for your sense gratification, it is for the Lord's service. For the Lord's service we can ask for His grace and mercy a hundred times, but for our sense gratification we cannot ~~pray~~ or ask anything--that is pure devotion.

I have also received a note from you, and regarding KRSNA ~~chapter~~ 31, page 4, top, the word Hrdaya is correct.

Hope this will meet you in good health.  
Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

My Dear Brahmananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of the text proof for BTG #32. I am looking through it now, and will return it to you soon.

Hope this will meet you in good health.  
Your ever well-wisher,

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DATE .....1st. May.....19.70

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 26th April, 1970, and I am so pleased to note the contents which are exactly befitting your name Tamal. Perhaps you know Tamal is a nice tree in Vrindavan, and because the color of the tree exactly resembles that of Kṛṣṇa, therefore Srimati Radharani always used to take rest underneath the Tamal tree when she was feeling separation from Kṛṣṇa.

So for European activities, I have sent you there, and for its nice organization I am counting upon you very much. You have so kindly written to say, "Please order me in any way Your Grace desires, everything I have including myself belongs to You, and Your Grace may do with me as You wish." So it is my desire that in Europe you will kindly occasionally visit the three countries--England, France, and Germany--and see that the things are going very nicely.

In England your suggestion to open a few other Temples in big cities like Birmingham, Manchester, and Liverpool, is very much welcome. For constructing Temples in England, especially in London, I have got very good support from a very rich man in India. Not only he, but also many others will be ready to pay for our construction such Temples, but I want the Temples should be constructed by the local natives--that is our success. If I bring money from India and construct a Temple here in a Western country, that is not very creditable. Now this Temple of Los Angeles is completely undertaken by your countrymen and that is a good credit for me.

Anyway, if I go to India for some days, I am sure I shall be able to collect a considerable amount of money for this purpose, but I wish that people from this part of the world should be sympathetic with my movement. This means good organization to convince the people of the Western countries that we are doing something which is very, very much beneficial for everyone, and especially for this part of the world.

Regarding a place in Paris, you write to say that there is accommodation, but you are in want of money. If this is a fact, then immediately find out a nice place for our Paris center, and if you let me know how much you require, then I may try for it. But I am very much hopeful from your statement that in Paris we have got very good prospect of organizing this movement. Simply by your request only so many young boys and girls joined--this is a very good sign. I have information



from reliable sources that in France this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement has very good chance.

So far translating our literatures, if you simply send the matter, our press will immediately give you so many books. You can print books in small sizes and distribute them profusely. Small books like 'Easy Journey to Other Planets' and 'Isopanisad' will be very quickly sold more than the larger volumes of TLC and Srimad Bhagavatam. So if Suridas and Woomapati engage themselves five hours for translating work, there will be no difficulty to publish our French language books immediately. So arrange for this.

I have received one copy of the latest French BTG, published from Montreal. It is printed in our ISKCON Press in Boston, and they have done it very nicely. If for the present this BTG published from Montreal can be useful? I am sending by separate air mail one copy which you can examine, and if you think they are useful for your purpose, you can immediately ask them to send you as many copies as you need.

Your suggestion for Murari's opening a center at Amsterdam is very much welcome. His wife, Lilavati is very intelligent and both of them can do the preaching work very diligently in that place, so try to give effect to this proposal.

Regarding this Temple, actually it is simply Kṛṣṇa's grace that we have such a nice place very suitably arranged for our all purposes. Both the devotees and myself are living very comfortably, and the Temple is in the center between us. The kitchen is very nice and the frontage with a small garden space, as well as sufficient place for parking, on the junction of very important roads--all these facilities make the position of this building unique. Besides that, the banks, stores, laundry, medical house, everything is within easy reach, so we must consider this as Kṛṣṇa's gift.

Regarding the appointment of Suridas to the post of president, that is a very good proposal. He is intelligent, sincere devotee, and similarly his wife is also.

Regarding your question about annamoya, pranamoya, etc. Yes, they are different stages of consciousness. Different living beings are situated in different consciousness, Some are satisfied in the matter of eating and sleeping, they are on the annamoya stage. Pranamoya means those who can simply survive in the struggle for existence. Manomoya means philosophical speculation. Jnanamoya means self-realization, vijñanamoya means application of that stage in practical life, and when there is the right perfection of life that is anandamoya stage or Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

So by the grace of Lord Caitanya, in this age our movement is giving directly the anandamoya stage, and anyone can visit our Temple and see how our students are in blissful life. Naturally they are in jolly mood by chanting, dancing, and taking Prasadam.

Tamal  
1st May, 1970  
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Your regular chanting of Mahamantra and reading of books will keep you always fit for pushing on this movement. This formula should be rigidly followed by everyone of us.

In conclusion I may inform you that Achyutananda has given publicity in an important newspaper that next year I am going to India with forty students, so for the next year we have got sufficient margin of time--eight months--so what do you think? shall we be able to have our World Sankirtan by that time? That will be very nice. All our selected students like yourself, Hansadutta, Mukunda, Shyamsundar, Woomapati, etc. along with their wives, and some of the students from here may join, then we can go to India via Africa, and then after a few days in India, we can come back via Japan, So you have to consult over this matter also because it is already advertised in India.

I have also just received the second copy of this letter sent by you.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Please offer my blessings to Woomapati and his new wife Ilavati Dasí, and to all the other boys and girls there in Paris center.

Your ever well-wisher,



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3rd May, 1970

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My Dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th April, 1970, and the report of our Samkirtan Movement in London is very much encouraging.

I think each couple of our students may try to open a branch in England. Our first branch of London Yatra was opened by Mukunda, Gurudas, and Shyamsundar and their wives. They tried very hard, and now our London Temple is nicely situated. Similarly many other Temples can be opened in places like Amsterdam, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, etc.. I have received report from Tamal that preaching in Paris is going nicely. In one day they recruited about 14 devotees simply by requesting who will join this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness movement. So you all also recruit members, English boys and girls, in that way. Our Movement is a declaration of war against Maya, that you can understand very well, so we have to recruit many fighting soldiers, --so do it vigorously.

I am glad to learn that the children are feeling very well in open atmosphere, so let them enjoy life for some time.

George has rendered some valuable service, so Shyamsundar is trying to do some good to him. This is our duty, anyone who has rendered a little service to Kṛṣṇa should be given all facilities to take it up seriously.

Regarding your question, Yes, Kṛṣṇa is always increasing in so many ways, so there is no question of decrease. The verse in question stating that Kṛṣṇa is devoid of increase and decrease is from Srimad Bhagavatam and it is given with specific reference to the devotee. The purport is that if Kṛṣṇa gives himself to any one of His devotees, although He is Purna or the Complete Whole, still there is no decrease in Him. Similarly we may give to Kṛṣṇa everything, but still He is not increased.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls there. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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DATE .....3rd.May.....19.70

My Dear Ekayani,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your encouraging letter, dated 8th April, 1970, and I am so happy to note your steady enthusiasm to work harder in Kṛṣṇa's service. So this enthusiasm is very good sign, and if you continue to become more and more enthusiastic to be always strictly engaged in devotional service while observing carefully the rules and regulations, Kṛṣṇa will surely bestow upon you full success in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and thus your life will be happy and successful.

Regarding the color of Balaramji, He is colored like milk white with little bluish tint and rosy luster. Our idea of whiteness is of the milk foam. Regarding whether ivory is offerable to Kṛṣṇa, yes, ivory is pure. Although it is a bone of an animal, still it is as pure as the conch shell which is also the bone of an animal.

The six armed form which Lord Caitanya disclosed to Sarbabhouma Bhattacharya had two hands of Lord Ram Chandra, two hands of Kṛṣṇa, and two hands of Lord Caitanya. Perhaps you have seen the picture in our New York temple which was brought from India by Kirtananda Swami.

Your question why Lord Shiva was ordered to appear as Sankaracarya and teach the Mayavad philosophy to turn the people to atheism and thus increase the population, that nobody can understand. If Kṛṣṇa desired Lord Shiva to do like that, so he had some plan which we need not understand. He is the Supreme Lord, and He is maintaining the huge universal affairs, so how does He do things and for what purpose He does them, it is very difficult to understand. Just like He planned the battle of Kurukṣetra and He induced His friend, a great devotee, Arjuna, to kill. So why does He plan to make others atheist, it is known to him.

Our business is to glorify Him always, either He plans to dance with the Gopis, or He makes a plan to kill others on the battlefield of Kurukṣetra, or He plans to do something which is not very good from materialistic point of view. Our only business is to remain steadfast devotee to Kṛṣṇa in all conditions. That is the instruction given in Śikṣastak, wherein it is said, "My Lord, whatever You like You can do, but unconditionally You are my only object of worship." That is pure devotion.



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14th May, 1970

My Dear Shyamsundar,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th May, 1970, written on Hare Krishna stationery of George Harrison. My hearty thanks are to George Harrison because now he is chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa so enthusiastically. May Kṛṣṇa bless him more and more, and he may advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

So as suggested by you I am deleting the words "of the famous Beatles", and simply putting his name and his present transcendental change by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. In the Preface the one paragraph is being replaced by the following words, suggested by him. "If there is a God, I want to see Him. It's pointless to believe in something without proof, and Krishna Consciousness and meditation are methods where one can actually obtain 'God perception'. You can actually see God, and hear Him, play with Him. And He is actually there, actually with you."

Regarding your invitation to visit you in England, in this connection you can read my circular letter recently sent to all the Presidents. But when there is absolute necessity, there will be no difficulty.

It is very encouraging to hear that you have converted the very nice chapel to a splendid Temple and you have arranged to hold public kirtan one night a week in Henley. Please continue to expand these developments because the outlook is very bright. Yes, the village folk are not so much contaminated. The great English poet, Mr. Cowper, said, "Town is made by man, and village is made by God."

So if from your center the surrounding villages are drawn to the attention of Kṛṣṇa consciousness simply by the distribution of Prasadam and chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra, it will be a great success. It is not necessary always to be officially

initiated, but if they participate in the group chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra and taking of Prasadam weekly or daily as it is possible, that will fulfil our mission.

Thank you very much for sending me the two Apple posters for 'GOVINDA', it is a very good advertisement and I have suggested that it may be shown in the temple bookstore here. I have noted the french newsclippings also and they are very much encouraging, so I am satisfied that everything is going on well there.

Regarding your question about the term 'unmanifest' in the Bhagavad Gita 8/21, there are two words in Sanskrit-- aprakata which means "unmanifest" or "non-manifest" and prakata which means "manifest". Kṛṣṇa's Lila in Vṛndavan is prakata or manifest Lila, and the same is going on eternally in the spiritual realm which is known as aprakata or non-manifest. Actually Kṛṣṇa's planet and Kṛṣṇa's pastimes are going on eternally, \_\_\_\_\_ and the same is manifested before the conditioned souls at certain intervals, that is to say once in one day of Brahma, exactly as the sun is visible for 12 hours once in a 24 hour cycle of day and night. When the sun is visible it is called prakata, and when the sun is not visible that is called aprakata or unmanifested. Non-manifested therefore does not mean there is no existence, but the terms are used in relation to the visibility or non-visibility to the limited conditioned souls.

Kṛṣṇa by His causeless mercy manifests Himself along with His form, name, qualities, entourage, and pastimes in order to attract the conditioned souls to the eternal blissful life of knowledge. Thus by understanding Kṛṣṇa in His manifest Lila one is attracted to His eternal Lila, and that is the highest success of life which is explained in the latter part of the verse

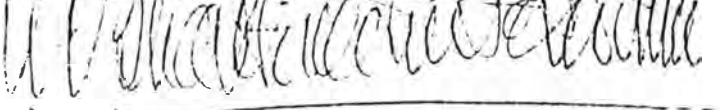
yam prāpya na nivartante  
tat dhāma paramam mama

"Going, no one ever returns from that, My Supreme Abode."

Please offer my blessings to Sriman George and all the other Prabhus there. I am marking that George has the serving spirit, and that is making him advance gradually.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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16th May, 1970

My Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 8th and 14th, 1970, respectively. Previous to this I received one letter from Yamuna dated 8th May, 1970.

Regarding the letter dated 8th May, you write therein "the enclosed are humble offerings from all of your disciples here," but I have not received any enclosures.

I am very glad that Trivikram is helping you there, and he may stay as long as he likes. Rather I would like him to stay there to assist you. So regarding my books, you may keep them packed, and when he comes back he can bring them, or if I require them urgently I will write you, for the present there is no haste.

It is very good news that you have now received permission for the Rathayatra festival and Murari and Shyamsundar are constructing the Ratha. But I do not know if you are preparing three Rathas. In San Francisco they are preparing three Rathas this year.

If Mr. Dindayal is impressed, and he wants to start a nice Temple of Radha-Kṛṣṇa in the British Guinea, certainly we will be very much pleased, but the Temple should be on the principle of our London Temple which is not for any particular sect of persons but for all human beings. Anyone who takes to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is welcome--that is our mission.

Regarding the proposed trip to Kenya, the next step I have already advised to Tamal in this connection. I understand he is coming to London very soon, and you can discuss with him. But one thing is that Mr. Parikh was talking of this Samkirtan Party to Africa

since a very long time. There is no direct correspondence with us. It is difficult to say how it will be a fact in future.

Regarding requirements and recommendations in the Vedic system of selecting partners for marriage, there is a Vedic system, but that cannot be done here. It should be made under the guidance of the guardians and the selection should be made on the basis of astrological equilibrium. So it is not possible to introduce such system in the present age. The only selection is that both the boy and the girl should be Kṛṣṇa conscious, and the boy may be older than the girl at least by 2 to 5 years.

Your first question about the jiva's form with particular reference to Bhagavad Gita 8/18 purport "during the nighttime they have no form." "During the nighttime they have no form" means there is no material form. The simple understanding is as we are transmigrating from one material form to another, so actually in this material world we have no fixed form. Similarly when we are spiritually perfect we develop the spiritual form to live eternally in the spiritual world. In the spiritual world there are exactly the same things as we see here; namely the land, water, trees, birds, beasts, human beings, etc., and all of them are spiritual as all the varieties here are material.

So these things can be understood when one is advanced in self-realization. The real form of the living entity is eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa. Now this spiritual form is developed when he enters into the spiritual world.

Regarding your second question, "Where in our scriptures is there mention of Lord Jesus Christ as recognized and what is the purport?"--We do not find in the scriptures Lord Jesus Christ's name. There is mention of Lord Buddha's name which is described in our Srimad Bhagavatam. So far we are concerned, we have all our obeisances for Lord Jesus Christ because His whole life was devoted to the service of the Lord.

With reference to your letter dated 14th May, I am surprised how you allowed Mr. Parikh to sit on the Vyasasana. You know that Vyasasana is meant for the representative of Vyasadeva, the Spiritual Master, but Mr. Parikh does not come in the Parampara to become the representative of Vyas, neither he has any sound knowledge of Vaiṣṇava principles. I understand from your letter that sometimes discussions on Aurobindo philosophy are done by Mr. Parikh from the Vyasasana, so I am a little surprised how did you allow like this. I think you should rectify immediately all these mistakes as stated by you in the last two lines of your letter, "I think the best thing to do is stop his class. Nonsense ought not to be tolerated."

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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New Vrindaban, West Virginia

17th May, 1970

My Dear Yamuna, and Gurudas

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your very nice letter dated 8th May, 1970, and noted the contents with interest. Thank you for your determination. For the way in which I am trying to expand I require so many sincere assistants.

So the program which you have listed for the students and your daily schedule are very nice, and your schedule is fully approved. Just see that everything--Aratrik, Bhoga offering, etc. is done strictly on time. When every moment one is engaged it is called avyarta kālatvam which means not to spoil even a single moment of life without Kṛṣṇa Consciousness.

I am so glad to learn that you are regularly observing the listed holidays in our Caitanya almanac. The roaring kirtan, offering feast to the Deities with special preparations is our simple mode of celebration, and there is no special other program, this is standard, and that is our festival.

It is good news that Sriman Tirthapada has also engaged one carpenter to help rebuilding our London Temple house. As he is giving service, gradually he will come to Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. His giving service is his qualification. As we accept valuable metal like gold from a filthy place, similarly we should allow any Karmi to work for Kṛṣṇa.

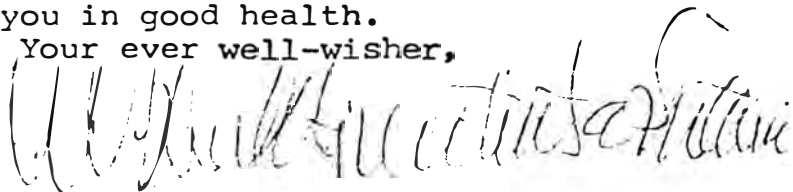
Regarding Rathayatra, Jāgganath starts on the second day of the moon, and on the fifth day there is no meeting, but there is some controversy with Lakshmi's servants and Jāgganath's servants--that is Herapancami. Jāgganath returns back on the tenth day of the moon.

Thank you very much for the silver for sweetmeat preparations and also the milk massala of ginger base; I have kept it for future use as you have suggested.

Yes the Br̥hat Saman is meant for the demigods-- devotees are demigods,--but people are not so advanced that they can sing Br̥hat Saman so nicely in this age, therefore Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra is recommended to be chanted without diversion. You have already mentioned ya jnānām japaya jna'smi on the head of your letter, that the Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra is the best yajna sacrifice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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DATE ....27th.May.....19.70

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st May, 1970, and noted the contents carefully.

Regarding the Sanskrit class, I think it was only a plea, but he wanted to teach us something other philosophy. Our Temple is meant for our men, and we may have our own discussions amongst ourselves, no outsider needed. It is definitely concluded that we have not got to learn anything from any outsider beyond the jurisdiction of Gaudiya Vaisṇava philosophy. Our philosophy is established on sound ground of the conclusion arrived at by Nityasadeva down to Jiva Goswami, Nityanath Cakravarty, Bhaktivinode Thakur, etc.

The other day one Indian boy came here to take permission for chanting some bhajan, so I indirectly refused. Try to understand our own philosophy described in so many books, but I cannot allow you to hear from the mental speculators without any solid knowledge.

So it is very encouraging that London Temple is being managed by one pair of husband and wife very nicely. Similarly each pair should take care of a center; and if you love me at all, then all of you try your best to open at least 108 centers during my lifetime.--that is my special request. At the same time, we must be very careful to see that every center is going properly. Our possessing own building is not so important as it is important to see that everything is going on nicely in order.

Yesterday I received one very important magazine 'Kalyan' from India in which the editor has described about our activities so nicely, but at the end it has been remarked whether in future the standard shall continue. Of course we are not very much concerned with the future; at least in our presence who are the floating members of this Society we should like to see things are going on properly.

You have described Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa at London Temple as wonderful. Yes, that is the test of standard service. If we see the Deities in very pleasing mood, that will certify our service unto the Lord. So everywhere we shall see the Deities in such pleasing mood. As soon as we see the Deities in a different mood we must immediately

understand our discrepancies.

Regarding your proposed agreed upon program to send each householder couple to a different European city to open a center there, and then having the center firmly established, join the World Sankirtan Party, is very good. This program is approved that first we establish some more centers. My missionary activities are especially meant for the Western countries. To go to India is a secondary question, the primary thing is that we establish our institution firmly in the Western countries. So when we are sound in our preaching work in the Western countries, that news automatically goes to India as it is already publicized.

So if Kṛṣṇa desires, we may go to India next year with our party, but I will prefer if George takes the responsibility of this touring party. If he is serious about it, I can give my suggestions about how it will be done.

As you have listed the prospected cities with the respective couples of householders to go there, these programs are very encouraging. In England there are some very important cities like Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, etc. so these may be gradually incorporated in your program.

Regarding the members comprising the World Sankirtan Party, on the whole I wish that 40 members will go, one half from Europe and one half from America or as it may be suitable, there is no definite restriction.

So far the proposal of the Karachi Gujrat Hindu Union and the Brahma Samaj to take our devotees to Africa, if they give return fare we will go to Africa, but I am not very much hopeful of the Indians there. They may be of the same type as they are in England. The difficulty with the Indians is that they are under the impression that they know everything and they have not got to learn anything from us, but factually most of them have lost their original culture and they have to learn so many things from this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

Regarding decreasing the number of copies of KRSNA book ordered by Shyamsundar, no, Shyamsundar must sell at least 2,500 KRSNA books, that is already decided. He can sell them at the best price, it does not matter whether it is the price mentioned on the book cover.

So if you want to see a Spanish edition of BTG, then you go to Spain and open a branch, then we get Spanish edition also--it is not difficult. It is very good news that several new boys and girls have joined the Paris Temple, so utilize all these newcomers--whatever capacity they have got try to utilize it for Kṛṣṇa's service--that will be good for them and good for us.

Regarding your two questions, the first, Sri Gadadhar is expansion Radharani and Srinivas is the expansion of Narada Muni, or in other words they are the internal and the devotional energy respectively. The second question, Yes, Rupa

Goswami is a Gopi by the name of Rupamanjari, but not all the six Goswamis of Vr̄ndavan are Gopis. The following is a list of some of the principle Gopis, the first eight are called Astasakhi:

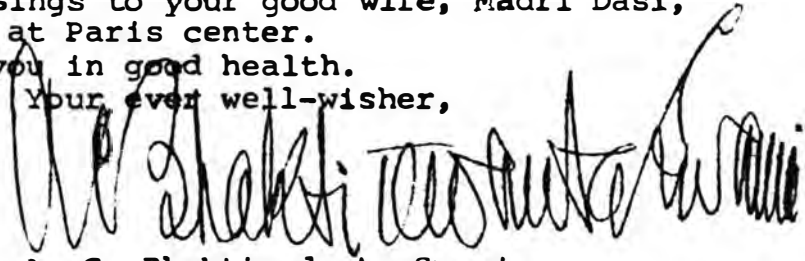
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| 7. Tungavidyā      | 8. Indurekhā    |      |
| 9. Rupamanjari     | 10. Ratimanjari |      |
| 11. Labangamanjari | 12. Rasamanjari |      |
| 13. Manjumali      | 14. Kasturikā   | etc. |

You can sing individually the names of the Gopis, there is no harm, but when we sing the prayer "Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa padan sahaḡuna Lalita Sri Visakha nitamsca" this includes them all.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, Madri Dasi, and all the boys and girls at Paris center.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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DATE ..... 4th June ..... 19.70

My Dear Yamunadevi, and Gurudas

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd April, 1970, with enclosed pictures of Lord Caitanya's Birthday procession as well as the Calcutta magazine section. I have immediately asked our magazine editors to publish the London pictures. This letter was mailed by ordinary surface mail, so it reached here just after one month. So in future send by areogram or air mail.

It is very, very encouraging to learn that London temple is receiving so many inquiries from the different European countries. So open branches there. When there is inquiry, the people are receptive. It is now already experimented that wherever we may open a center, Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra will be chanted with great delight. Our Japanese center is doing very well. They have got very many television engagements. Brahmananda has gone there, and he says that in those parts of the world there is very good chance of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Most probably Brahmananda will open a branch in Hong Kong. One Indian gentleman has taken very active interest, and he is paying \$50 per month. So if there is possibility of opening centers in the places from where you have got inquiries, do it as far as possible.

I am so glad to read the line wherein you write to say that there is no room for nonsense. That we want. We don't want to give any chance for Maya to enter in our business. That should be our motto, and we should be very much vigilant.

In the meantime, while writing this letter, I have received your letter dated 1st June, 1970, and I am glad to know that the program for Rathayatra is well under way.

Regarding your first question, the bathing ceremony of Lord Jagannatha is observed by His Lordship standing in a bathing tank while each of the devotees in turn offers prayers and obeisances, then pours water to bathe the Lord, then offers obeisances and the next devotee follows the same procedure. All the other devotees are holding kirtan throughout the bathing ceremony which takes place on June 19th.

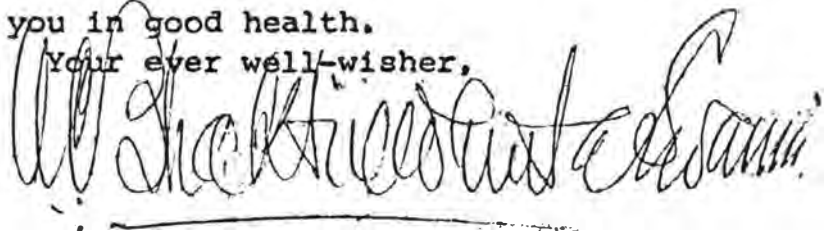
Regarding your second question, after being bathed, Lord Jagannath catches fever and at that time you may carry Him along with Balaramaji and Subhadra to my room for recovering. During this time, up to Rathayatra, any repairs may be made. In Jagannath Puri during this recuperation period the Deities are completely repainted. But that is especially

in Jagannath Puri that this is done so. Then Lord Jagannath reappears on the day of Rathayatra festival. During His convalescence Bhoga is offered as usual, but no visitors are allowed to see the Lord.

I am so pleased with the continuing expansion of London center's opulence for Deity worship, and that is the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa for attracting so many visitors who will become devotees.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

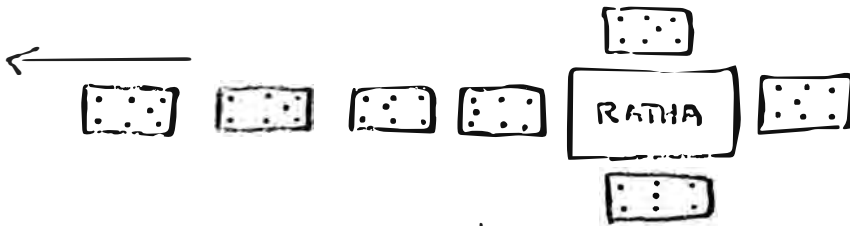
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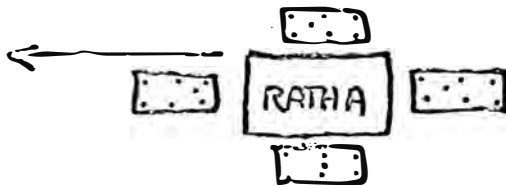
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Regarding the Rathayatra procession in London, the procession should be made like this:



The arrangement is for seven kirtan parties, or if you do not have enough men, four parties. Each party must consist of seven men as follows: two mrdanga, four kartals, and one dancer. One of the kartal players is lead singer, and the dancer dances freely up and down between the two lines of players three on each side as in the drawing. If there are only four parties, the arrangement should be that one party is on each side, and in back and front of the Ratha:



So the dancer should dance very freely, you may distribute Prasadam and especially distribute our literatures from some small tables on wheels for the purpose.



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DATE .....13th June.....19.70

My Dear Rebatinandan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6th June, 1970, along with a cheque for \$100, and thank you very much.

Regarding your question whether you may go to Ratha Yatra festival, yes, you may go because in your present temple the Deities are not regularly installed. So you can close the temple for a few days keeping in front of the Deities some dried fruits and a tumbler of water. When the Deity is installed it is called niyama sevā. That means the routine seva prescribed after installation you cannot stop. But Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is very kind to the fallen souls of the Kali Yuga and He is satisfied with chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra. And for chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra there is no hard and fast rules and regulations, so if you are absent for chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra somewhere else, it is as good as to chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa mantra in the temple. Your chanting may not be stopped; it does not matter where you chant.

The next question, about the living entities falling down in this material world are not from the impersonal brahma. Existence in the impersonal brahma is also within the category of non-Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Those who are in the brahma effulgence they are also in the fallen condition, so there is no question of falling down from a fallen condition. When fall takes place, it means falling down from the non-fallen condition.

The non-fallen condition is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So long one can maintain pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness he is not fallen down. As soon as he becomes out of Kṛṣṇa consciousness immediately he is fallen down. It does not matter where a living entity stays. In the material world also there are different stages of living conditions, and to remain in the brahma effulgence is also another phase of that fallen condition. Just like in the Bhagavad Gita it is stated that conditioned souls by their pious activities are elevated to the higher planetary system, but as soon as the stock of pious activities is finished he again comes down on the earthly planet. Similarly those who are elevated beyond the planetary system to the

brahma effulgence, they are also prone to fall down as much as a living entity from the higher planetary system.

As such those who are thinking that they are liberated by being situated in brahma effulgence are described in the Srimad Bhagavatam as impurely intelligent. In other words, they are actually not liberated, and because they are not actually liberated they again come down to the material world as much as a living entity elevated to the higher planetary system comes down to this earthly planet. So we do not accept anyone elevated to the brahma effulgence as actually liberated.

I hope this will clarify the matter for you.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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DATE .....21st June.....19.70

My Dear Tamal,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18th June, 1970, sent by Special Delivery Air Mail.

Kṛṣṇa philosophy is understood as it is stated in the Vedas:

yasya deve para bhakti yathadeve tathā gurou

tasya ete kathithā hi arthā prakāsante mahātmanah

"One who has got unflinching faith in the Supreme Lord and similar faith in his Spiritual Master to him only the imports of Vedic knowledge become revealed."

A Spiritual Master is always liberated. In any condition of His life He should not be mistaken as ordinary human being. This position of a Spiritual Master is achieved by three processes. One is called sādhana siddha. That means one who is liberated by executing the regulative principles of devotional service. Another is kripā siddha, one who is liberated by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa or His devotee. And another is nitya siddha who is never forgetful of Kṛṣṇa throughout his whole life. These are the three features of the perfection of life.

So far Nārada Muni is concerned, in His previous life He was a maidservant's son, but by the mercy of the devotees He later on became siddha and next life He appeared as Nārada with complete freedom to move anywhere by the grace of the Lord. So even though He was in his previous life a maidservant's son there was no impediment in the achievement of His perfect spiritual life. Similarly any living entity who is conditioned can achieve the perfectional stage of life by the above mentioned processes and the vivid example is Nārada Muni.

So I do not know why you have asked about my previous life. Whether I was subjected to the laws of material nature? So, even though accepting that I was subjected to the laws of material nature, does it hamper in my becoming Spiritual Master. What is your opinion? From the life of Nārada Muni it is distinct that although He was a conditioned soul in His previous life, there was no impediment of His becoming the Spiritual Master. This law is applicable not only to the Spiritual Master, but to every living entity.

There are thousands of examples explained in our books that the conditioned soul is never affected with the material body. It is said in the Vedas asamga ayam puruṣa which means the living entity is always unaffected with matter. Another example is given that the reflection of the moon on water appears to be moving, but actually the moon is not moving, it is fixed up. So any living entity is like that. His reflection on the material body appears to be changing, but the spirit soul is fixed up, therefore this movement is called illusion.

Liberation means liberation from this changing condition.

So far I am concerned, I cannot say what I was in my previous life, but one great astrologer calculated that I was previously a physician and my life was sinless. Besides that, to corroborate the statement of Bhagavad Gita "sucinām srimatām gehe yogabhrasta samvāyate" which means an unfinished yogi takes birth in rich family or born of a suci or pious father. By the grace of Kṛṣṇa I got these two opportunities in the present life to be born of a pious father and brought up in one of the richest, aristocratic families of Calcutta (Kaṣinath Mullick). The Radha Kṛṣṇa Deity in this family called me to (1964) meet Him, and therefore last time when I was in Calcutta, I stayed in that temple along with my American disciples. Although I had immense opportunities to indulge in the four principles of sinful life because I was connected with a very aristocratic family, Kṛṣṇa always saved me, and throughout my whole life I do not know what is illicit sex, intoxication, meat-eating or gambling. So far my present life is concerned, I do not remember any part of my life when I was forgetful of Kṛṣṇa.

So it is very good news that your centers are doing well. And the program for opening several more new centers is most encouraging to me. In the meantime, I am eagerly awaiting to see the French and German editions of our BTG printed, so please send me copies as soon as they are printed. Hansadutta has also just written to me in this connection of acquiring our own European printing press. But I think that for the present there is not enough capital to advance for this purpose. Also, unless we have very good press equipment it is not very practical to print our literatures ourselves. But in future if the opportunity is there, then we shall consider further.

Regarding the invitation from Africa, I have not heard anything about this from Gurudāś until now, but I have just asked him for the information.

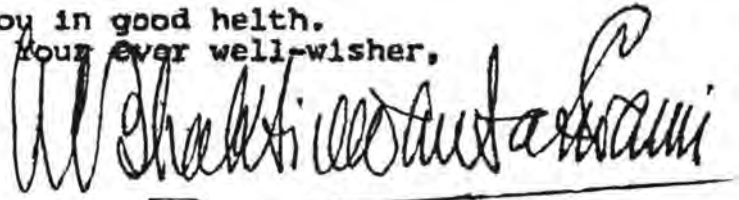
Regarding your question how to carry your Deities to different places with you, you should of course always carry Them personally if at all possible in a small box or cabinet for the purpose. Then when you come to another temple you may place Them on the altar with the other Deities. That is nice.

Regarding your second question: what determines whether a devotee goes to a Vaikuntha planet or to Goloka Vṛndāvan? Those devotees who are following biddhi mārg are meant for going to Vaikuntha planets and those who are following rāga mārg are meant for going to Kṛṣṇaloka. It is generally that the followers of Lord Caitanya are going to Goloka Vṛndāvan. There is no difference between the Vaikuntha planets and Kṛṣṇaloka, it is a matter of personal taste only.

I have heard that the Ratha is almost completed in London and it is expected that the Rathayatra Festival will be very, very magnificent. So as you have suggested, this will also be the best opportunity for the several programs to be established by mutual consultation amongst yourselves, yourself, Gurudas, Shyamsundar, Hansadutta, Mukunda, etc. So please manage everything very nicely and Kṛṣṇa will provide all opportunities for expanding His movement throughout the European countries. So see that everything is done cooperatively. Then it will be very nice.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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23rd June

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My Dear Tosan Kṛṣṇa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated nil.

Regarding New Testament, we can simply agree that the New Testament accepts God is great and the creation came into existence by His Word. I do not know the details of New Testament, but I know so far that it is stated there that all creation is made by God. So this statement is Vedic statement. In the Vedanta philosophy also the same thing is stated that the Supreme Brahman is the cause of all creation, maintenance and destruction.

So on the principle that God is Supreme, God is Great, I do not think there is any difference of opinion between us and the Christians. But the Vedic literatures being older and disseminated by many, many superior acaryas we can find out how God is great, how the creation took place one after another. These details are not found in any other scriptures in the world.

So on the whole if anyone accepts that God is greater than everyone and nobody is equal to Him, then we welcome such statement. And if he is sober and intelligent then he will try to learn from Vedic literature how God is greater than everyone and how nobody is equal to Him. This knowledge is very clearly defined beginning from the Bhagavad Gita. So if you meet such persons who are staunch Christians you can humbly put this argument before them for consideration. But if somebody is dogmatic and blind follower, then avoid to discuss with him. Better spend that time for enlightening a person who is innocent. Do not try to enter into the details of New Testament, but simply say that we agree on the principle that God is great.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

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24th June

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My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June, 1970.

We must stick to our Kṛṣṇa consciousness business at all circumstances. This determination will make us successful. Although according to Vedic system there is restriction that boys and girls should not freely mix, the brahmacaries are strictly prohibited to talk with young women, but in the Western countries this rule is not valid. As such, we have to accept both boys and girls in the same standard. But if each of us follow the regulative principles and chanting of the mantras hardly there will be any chance for sex indulgence. So we have to be little careful about it and Kṛṣṇa will help us.

I do not know why your wife has not yet got her visa.

The devotees who are trying to join our movement may be called by some Vedic names, but ultimately change of name will take place after first initiation. In the meantime there is no harm in calling them by some suitable good names.

Speaking or anything all depends on practice and study. I remember when I was first asked for speaking by one of my senior God-brothers. I felt very much hesitating because I was not practiced to speak. Later on by speaking and hearing or reading I got experience and now we can speak 45 minutes, 50 minutes or one hour at a stretch. So you have to read our books very nicely and gather thoughts, then you can speak for hours without any difficulty. It requires practice. So read your books carefully, especially Nectar of Devotion now published, and practice speaking. It will be alright.

The complete edition of the Bhagavad Gita As It Is is not yet published. It will be published soon. If you cannot procure mustard seed oil, you may use olive or sesame oil.

The translating work cannot be transferred everywhere. It is not possible because for my regular work I require reference of the books which means I shall have to carry with me so many books and other things. So I have no objection to do this, but by such action the work will suffer. But I can go to Australia when you are fully equipped for some time and again come back. I have never seen Australia, so naturally I am inquisitive. But in that case you will have to provide for at least two men's double journey. I wish that your center may be strengthened more and more, and if by next January as you have stated you like me to go there, certainly I shall go for some time.

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**FILE**

DATE .....8th July.....19.70

My Dear Sri Dama,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th June, 1970, and have noted the contents with great interest.

I am so happy to learn that you have been so well received in Provincetown by the young boys and girls. It is a fact that the hippies are our best clients. I had very good response in San Francisco during Ratha Yatra festival. I saw that they were taking up the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa mahamantra very feelingly even without the presence of any devotee to lead them. They appreciated my lecture and I appreciated their attitude. They joined in Ratha Yatra very enthusiastically. So try your best to convince them by very nice preaching and in particular very nice Samkirtan party and distribution of our literatures.

It is very good news also that you have received permission in Providence for chanting and distributing literature and incense as well as collecting. Now you should concentrate to develop your spiritual power to attract the fallen souls to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The daily regulative duties must be performed by everyone very strictly, the beads chanted sixteen rounds, and our literatures read and discussed. In this way everything should be done very nicely. Samkirtan should be done by you in the streets and at gatherings and in this manner display what is this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement and how it is for everyone's eternal welfare and happiness.

So you do all these with great enthusiasm and very carefully. Our all activities must be open so that no one may criticize our mission, so all dealing must be to the standard of Vaiṣṇavism. We cannot mis-represent ourselves for the purpose of taking monies from the public, but as everything is undertaken forthrightly in Kṛṣṇa consciousness way, then Lord Kṛṣṇa will be pleased to provide all facilities for aiding our such sincere service.

Regarding your closing the temple in Providence during the very cold winter months and going to Florida at that time, yes, you may do it, but in that case you may not install any Deities in the temple. Worship of Deities means special care must be there for regular uninterrupted service and the Deities cannot be moved from place to place. So you must have picture of Panca Tattva for worshiping and making offerings.

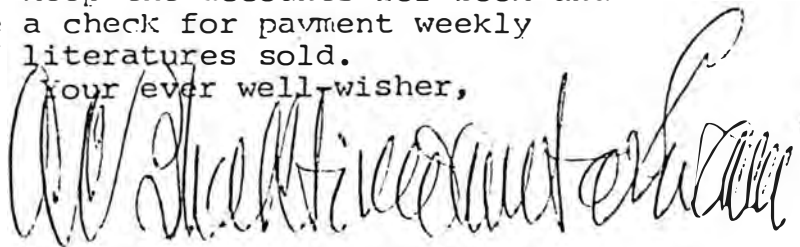


This picture along with Acarya pictures may be carried from one place to another. Lord Caitanya is very kind and He accepts the simplest worship or simply sincere chanting of the Holy Names of Kṛṣṇa.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife and to Sriman Nanda Kiśore and his wife. Hope this will meet all of you in good health.

I am very glad to know that you are selling our Bhagavad Gita AS IT IS; so keep the accounts for book and BPG sales daily, and issue a check for payment weekly according to the amount of literatures sold.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Jaya Pataka,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your ~~letter~~ ~~dated~~ ~~dated~~ dated 29th June and 2nd July, 1970, and noted the contents with great pleasure. In the meantime I have written two letters addressed ~~to~~ both you and Achyutananda in which I wanted to know if you have changed your place. In you letter dated 29th June you write to say, "we shall move into our apartment the next day after or tomorrow, Achyutananda Says," but in you letter dated 2nd July it appears that you have not gone there, so I am surprised why the delay. It ~~is~~ not possible to stay at the Gaudiya Math because we want to organize our preaching work in our ~~own~~ way which we are following here. So in the Gaudiya Math we will not get any facility ~~except~~ for staying, neither they will be able to accomodate more men who are intending to go to India.

About the land in Mayapur, I have already advised Achyutananda to purchase the land at all risks. ~~That~~ will kindly send me report of your activities at least twice weekly.

I am very glad to learn from your letter dated 2nd July that both yourself and Achyutananda went to Babu Ghat for chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. I am very glad to learn ~~that~~. The same process I adopted in your country when I started my Sankirtan in Tompkin Square, New York. Kṛṣṇa was so kind to send to me all these boys and girls who are helping me now. Babu Ghat is a very nice place. Similarly, in front of Babu Ghat there is the Eden Garden that is also a very nice place. After all it is not the question of the place, but it is the person who chants which is important. A sincere soul like you, so much devoted to Spiritual Master and Kṛṣṇa, is sure to be successful anywhere. So you adopt the same principle as we are doing here.

So far collection <sup>on</sup> ~~is~~ concerned, if somebody offers money there is no reason to refuse it. Certainly there are many pseudo-Vaisnavas collecting money for sense gratification, but that does not mean that a pure Vaisnava will not collect.

Yes, get naga Sankirtan organized, it is very nice program. It is all encouraging. Nityananda Prabhu was doing this although He was attacked by Jagai and Madhai. In spite of His being injured by them, Lord Nityananda ~~developed~~ <sup>delivered</sup> these two brothers. That is the way of preaching. Certainly there will be thousands to follow a large Sankirtan Party, ~~is~~ <sup>so you do</sup> like that.

Regarding the Math, naturally because they are getting great name and fame ~~at your cost~~ <sup>by service</sup> they will not like you to leave, but if more men go where they will live. I do not know why there is hesitation still. We must have our own place. I hope you have replied this point in my previous letter. As soon as you settle up in your own place, we shall send many magazines and books for distribution.

So your first example of service has very much satisfied me. I have all my blessings upon you. Kindly continue this program and please keep me informed at least two times in a week.

Regarding your feelings of burning impatience, these things are very explicitly explained in the Nectar of Devotion in the chapter on ecstasy. These are symptoms of ecstasy, that is not bad.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever-well-wisher,

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Dear Sri Nevatiaji,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 10th July, 1970, and noted the contents. I am surprised that the mail parcel containing the following articles has not reached you. Maybe it is delayed, but still if it is not yet arrived I shall send you a second batch on hearing from you. There was a copy of a letter addressed to Hanuman Prasad Poddar which covers all your questionnaires, so I am sending herewith another copy which will cover all your questions. Furthermore I am also giving you answers in sort of your questionnaires.

1. Before 1959 I was householder. Calcutta is my birthplace. Our house was at 151 Harrison Road, now Mahatma Gandhi Road. This house was originally purchased by late Siva Prasad Jhunjhun Mullick and I think at present the Govinda Bhavan is situated there. This was done long, long ago.

At the present moment I am seventy-four years old complete. I was by profession chemist and druggist, and in the beginning I was manager in a very big chemical firm of Calcutta. I was educated in Scottish Churches College, appeared for my B.A. in 1920 and then joined Gandhi's movement and gave up education. I met my Guru Maharaj in 1922. I was born in a Vaisnava family--perhaps you may know Kasinatha Mullick Thakurvati--so by the grace of Kṛṣṇa from the very beginning of my life I was Kṛṣṇa conscious by family tradition and my father's caretaking.

2. My Spiritual Master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, advised me to preach the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement in the Western world on my first meeting with him and I was preparing to come here in the Western world since a long time. I met late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Radhakrishnan and the late Lal Bahadur Shastri for this purpose. I was convinced by my Guru Maharaj that in the present status of civilization there is no hearcity of anything except Kṛṣṇa consciousness. So distribution of Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the best service to the human society, so I tried first of all to start this movement in India, but friends were not very much sympathetic. Therefore, with great difficulty I came here in 1965. In 1966 I registered the Society with the help of some friends and

disciples, and the movement was started regularly in 1966, July, from New York.

Gradually it developed and at the present moment we have got 32 branches all over the world. We have got very ~~large~~ <sup>huge</sup> expenditure for maintaining these establishments, for example in Los Angeles, we are spending near about \$3000 per month, which is in Indian exchange ~~Rs 42,000~~ per month. Similarly we <sup>Rs 24,000</sup> have got expenditure in London, New York, Hamburg, Sydney, Tokyo, etc. The source of income is generous contribution by the public and a little profit ~~out of~~ <sup>out of</sup> selling our magazines and books. We do not get any lump ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> contribution from any of various foundations, but our boys and girls work very hard and we maintain our establishment. The main source of income is Hare Kṛṣṇa. out of sum contribution

I think very confidently that this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement will solve all the problems of the world--political, social, economic, etc. I am writing books and articles on this subject strictly on the line of Acarya Parampara and I have already published some books, a list of which is enclosed herewith.

3. The Society is registered in each and every country as a religious and cultural institution under specific statutes. I am trying to get this institution registered in India also. So far, up to date, actually I am the only superior controller, but as the boys are getting experienced I shall very soon transfer the administration to them, simply keeping myself as an overseer guide. Because I am old man, so I am trying to maintain this standard of management uniformly with the assistance of my grown up students. But actually what we need is to render sincere service to the Lord because ultimately Kṛṣṇa is the supreme manager. ekao bahu nam vidhadati kaman. "The Supreme One supplies all the necessities of all the living entities." Actually this is our constitution.

All the devotees strictly follow our regulative principles of 1) no eating of meat, fish or eggs, 2) no illicit sex-life, 3) no taking of intoxicants including ~~coffee~~, tea, tobacco and alcohol, and 4) No gambling. In each center we have a president, secretary and treasurer who manage the local affairs.

4. I am sending the list of temples on separate sheet.

5. Specific information about our schedule of general and specific activities you will find in the letter addressed to Sri Hanuman Prasad Poddar.

6. The boys and girls here naturally they are born of rich nation and materially cultured families, but there is no spiritual guide. According to Vedanta Sutra this human ~~form~~ <sup>form</sup> is meant specifically for spiritual understanding. So a person or a community or a nation when in the top position of material enjoyment and still does not find any peace, he searches after something better. That is the position of the Western countries. But they ~~have no information~~ <sup>have no information</sup> what is that better. Therefore,

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the younger generation especially they are turning to be confused and frustrated and they are generally known as "hippies." Here in this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, because the actual solace and remedy is there, they are finding it very nice and gradually they are being attracted. Some of them actually experience that before coming to this movement they did not know what ~~was~~ spiritual life. So there is a great potency of spreading this movement all over the world.. The India Government has a Department for Cultural Affairs; if they would have taken this cultural movement as the background of Vedic civilization, then the whole world would have been happy, and India's glories would have been magnified many thousands of times than by simply imitating the Western technology which is on the verge of failure.

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7. Regarding ~~Swamis~~ <sup>Swamis</sup> and Swaminies, you have been misinformed. Among my disciples there is only one Swami or Sannyasi, but there is no 'Swaminie.' Woman is never offered Sannyasa in the Vedic culture. Up to Varnaprastha stage the woman may remain with her husband as assistant or friend without any sex relation, and when a man takes Sannyasa the woman has no connection with him. I am very sorry to ~~inform~~ <sup>inform</sup> you that there are some Indian ~~Swamis~~ in this country who are living with so-called "Swaminies," but so far we are concerned we follow strictly the Vedic principles. All our students are following the regulative principles as mentioned in Section 3, paragraph 2.

8. As referred to above we have got only one Swami, but no Swaminies. Rather I encourage the boys and girls to get married and live regularly on the Vedic principles. They are following this instruction and they are happy and advancing in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

9. The Americans are very intelligent and qualified boys and girls so they understand the principles as genuine and thus they accept them. They understand that Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement is neither Indian nor Hindu but it is a cultural movement for the whole human society although of course because it is coming from India it has Indian and Hindu touch.

10. Kindly refer to section 2, paragraph 3.

11. We are expanding every month. Recently I received one letter from my disciple in England and the report is very favorable. In the villages of England they are very much receptive to this movement and even children in grammar school are chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa,

We have got many records and record albums out of which some produced by one renowned musician of London, George Harrison, has become very popular and many people from all parts of Europe are coming to see our temple in London. Recently we have opened two branches, one in Amsterdam and one in Copenhagen and another in Edinburgh.

12. New Vṛndavana, a transcendental community project, modeled on the Vṛndavana site of Lord Kṛṣṇa's pastimes, is developing nicely in the mountains of West Virginia. The primary message

of Lord Krsna to surrendr all one's activities unto Hi, that is to carry out one's duty for the sake of Krsna, as it is delivered in the Bhagavad Gita is practically undertaken in New Vrndavana. All work in Vrndavana is specifically executed in full knowledge of its being transcendental loving service to Kṛṣṇa the supreme proprietor of everything, and all souls. This natural environment for living in pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness or plain living and high thinking develops the spiritual character of the inhabitants and especially the Society's children who are concieved, born, raised and educated in Kṛṣṇa science or natural sprituallyconsciousness. New Vrndavan shool system provides education for children which is both practical and spiritual.

*mountain* This site situated in the midst of the Beautiful ~~west~~ West Virginia ~~mountains~~ provides an ideal setting for demonstrating the simplicity of naturalistic living based on brahminical culture and cow protection in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Cow protection practically solves the problems of sustinence and the greater portion of time of the devotees, being not engaged in the frantic scramble of materialistic competition for food and shelter, is kept engaged in the pursuit of spiritual perfection.

The activities are centered on the temple schedule of Aratrikas (six daily, very regularly), kirtanas and classes in the Vedic scriptures. Work is in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, dairy and construction as well as devotional studies.

I am sending the description as it will appear in our Kṛṣṇa consciousness handbook which is just now being printed. The complete and finished Handbook will be sent later on. Along with the section on New Vrndavana there is also a two page feature on our ISKCON Press.

13. Our press owned and operated by the Society is housed in our Boston temple buildings. Presently we are printing books regularly and our monthly magazine BTG is being printed in English, Rrench, German and Japanese editions with Spanish, Hindi, Bengali, Dutch and Danish forthcoming. The English edition is understocked at 125,000 copies per month and the other editions are printed at the rate of 10,000 per month. The public demand for our literatures is international and so much greatly ~~increasing~~ increasing that although printing department (editing, transcribing, composing, layout, photography, printing and binding as well as sales) is full time engaged and the press is kept running almost 24 hours daily we are ~~unable~~ unable to meet ~~the~~ demands for literatures and so we must also go to outside printers like Japan.

See pages on ISKCON Press in the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Handbook.

14. Ratha Yatra festival was celebrated in three major cities-- San Francisco, London and Tokyo--with great pomp and grand success. The transcendental festivities organized for large public participation have drawn admirable comments from the city authorities regarding their unprecedented joyous nature shared by otherwise unmanagable numbers of people. The

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San Francisco Ratha Yatra was given all facility ~~for the~~ <sup>by the</sup> full cooperation ~~of the~~ City and public advertisement was extended by the City ~~via~~ the newspapers, radio and television and posters in all the public transportation vehicles as well as large banners lining the main streets. Over 20,000 persons attended ~~for~~ a full day of chanting and dancing as they eagerly drew the Ratha cars five miles to the sea. At the end of the procession Prasadam was sumptuously distributed to everyone and ~~the~~ distribution of Prasadam was extended through the next several days. Also at the end of the procession route a capacity attendance filled a standing auditorium to attentively hear the spiritual master speak. His reception was well mannered and very enthusiastic including participation in dancing samkirtan.

In the accompanying packet are enclosed some prints from this year's various Ratha Yatra festivals and also issue No. 20 'Back to Godhead' which was a special issue on last years festivities.

Other major celebrations are Janmastami and Lord Caitanya's Abhirbhava on Phalguni Purnima. These are especially celebrated gorgeously at New Vrindavana and New Navadvipa respectively. For its lavish Ratha Yatras yearly for the last four years San Francisco is now commonly known as New Jagannath Puri. We are gradually increasing the size of major festivals and eventually there will be twenty-four or two each month. The public response is always very encouraging.

I will enclose in the accompanying air packet the several photographs you have desired as well as several other items which you may find helpful in preparing your article. If there is any further questionnaire which you may need, please drop my a line and I will be very glad to supply the required informations.

Yours very sincerely,

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My Dear Yogesvara,

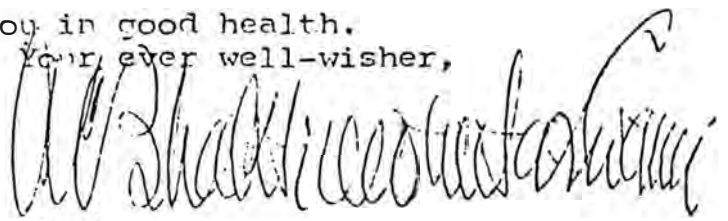
Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13th July, 1970, along with one poem which I have read and sent on to the editors of *ISKCON*. Some time back you sent another poetry which I have also sent to the editors; these poetries are nice, but now if you would write some articles for our *ISKCON* that will be even better. Now you have got some good understanding of our Krishna consciousness so you write it for publication.

I am very glad to know that you have got the experience and talent as well as the desire to write Krishna conscious children's books. I have very encouraging report from Shyamsundar that the grammar school children in the villages of both England and Holland are very eager and ready for learning Krishna consciousness and their instructors are also very enthusiastic to introduce our program. So you can write many books for children and insert pictures, then they will be a sure success.

The books should be written in simple language. First of all try to explain what is God, then what is the relationship of God with the world and the living entities. Then explain what is our duty in that relationship with God. In this way write the subjects very clearly. What one learns as child is not lost throughout the life. So this is a very important business. Please execute it with great care and seriousness of purpose. May Krishna bless your sincere endeavor in his service. The more you work for Krishna, the more He will bestow auspicious intelligence upon you for furthering your loving service unto Him.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Ekayani Dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your encouraging letter dated 19th July, 1970, and noted the contents.

I am so glad that you are now happily combined with Sriman Gopal Kṛṣṇa, and I think this match is just suitable for you both. You were wanting a very nice responsible devotee husband and now Kṛṣṇa has so blessed you, please utilize this opportunity nicely and advance mutually in Kṛṣṇa's transcendental loving service and be happy.

Yes, it is very good work that you are doing by making children's books on Kṛṣṇa conscious subject matter. We have got so many children now in New Vr̄ndavana and it is also learned that in England and Holland the young grammar school boys and girls are eagerly taking to this process of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. So what is learned in the early years of life will not depart for the whole life, therefore do this work very carefully to explain simply and directly Who is Kṛṣṇa, who we are, what is the material world, what is the relationship of Kṛṣṇa with the living entities, how we should act in that relationship, etc. And if you can illustrate these books with pictures they will certainly become very, very popular in the schools. Sriman Yogesvara is also doing this work in London. So in consultation with your husband make some nice Kṛṣṇa conscious children's books and we shall then see to printing them. You are also a skilled painter so I think this venture will be successful.

Yes, I am so glad to know that the St. Louis temple is doing so well. I know that Sriman Vamandev and your sister, Indira are a very exemplary couple in Kṛṣṇa consciousness householder life, so you kindly follow their example.

Regarding your questions, the first answer is that it is correct that the body transcendental of Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa Himself are nondifferent. so what is the difficulty to understand that the soul of Aghasura merged into the body of Kṛṣṇa In other words Kṛṣṇa benedicts the demons Whom He kills personally with the impersonal liberation of merging with Him.

There is a difference between the activities of Kṛṣṇa which are exhibited to the perception of the conditioned souls in this world and His activities in Goloka Vr̄ndavana. Because Kṛṣṇa was playing as an ordinary human being, His activities here appear just like ordinary human activities, but in the Spiritual Sky there is no such requirement. There in the spiritual sky Kṛṣṇa has His activities also but they

cannot be understood by the conditioned living entities how they are going on without any resemblance of the mechanical workings of things in this material world.

In the Spiritual sky and in the material sky also there is no question of separation from Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is all pervading, so where can one be out of His presence? Whatever has to do with Kṛṣṇa is on the spiritual platform and on that spiritual platform there is no difference between being together and being apart from Kṛṣṇa. So even in the feeling of being separated from Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa is there.

So far the Avatars are concerned there are two types. One is called nitya and the other is called naimittic. Nitya means eternal and naimittic Avatars appear for some specific function in the material worlds. Nitya Avatars have their eternal abodes in the spiritual sky from which they may sometimes descend to the material worlds but naimittic Avatars are expansions of nitya Avatars for some timely purpose. So the non-human forms of Avatars do not have their planets in the spiritual sky.

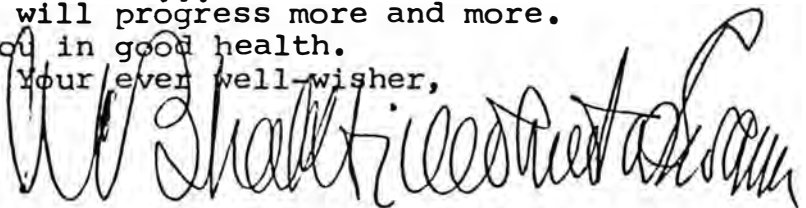
Yes, Mahesha Dama is in the spiritual sky. That is described in the Srimad Bhagavatam and Brahma Samhita. At the time of dissolution of the material worlds, Lord Siva remains in His spiritual abode while the cosmic manifestation merges in to the body of Mahavisnu.

Regarding the activities of such great sages and devotees like Parvat Muni and Parasara Muni begetting children, such activities of these elevated souls are not to be questioned by us. They have a higher purpose which we cannot determine; therefore it is said in the Srimad Bhagavatam that one should not try to imitate the actions of the Isvaras or those who are very powerful, but one should follow their instructions.

I am very glad to know that you are reading our literatures and you are very thoughtful about them. I am always happy to answer your questions, but you should practice to get the answers from your husband and try to find them out by reading further in our books. All questions will be clarified if you simply read our books very thoroughly and follow the simple process of devotional service as we have given it to chant regularly and rigidly observe the rules and regulations. This is our principle that the spiritual science becomes revealed to the devotee from within the heart according to the degree of his surrender to Kṛṣṇa. You are a very hopeful student and intelligent devotee, so you continue to pursue your devotional activities patiently and Kṛṣṇa will open your path of Kṛṣṇa consciousness so you will progress more and more.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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My Dear Satsvarupa and Uddhava,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you for your express letters and have noted the contents carefully.

You are all my children and I love my American boys and girls who are sent to me by my spiritual master and I have accepted them as my disciples. Before coming to your country I took sannyas in 1959. I was publishing B.T.G. since 1944. After taking sannyas I was more engaged in writing my books without any attempt to construct temples or to make disciples like my other God-brothers in India.

I was not very much interested in these matters because my Guru Maharaj liked very much publication of books than constructing big, big temples and creating some neophyte disciples. As soon as he saw that His neophyte disciples were increasing in number, He immediately decided to leave this world. To accept disciples means to take up the responsibility of absorbing the sinful reaction of life of the disciple.

At the present moment in our ISKCON campus politics and diplomacy has entered. Some of my beloved students on whom I counted very, very much have been involved in this matter influenced by Maya. As such there has been some activity which I consider as disrespectful. So I have decided to retire and divert attention to book writing and nothing more.

The ISKCON Press was specifically established exclusively for printing my books. Please therefore give me an idea how you can help me in getting all my manuscripts printed as soon as possible. Whenever Advaita is submitting an estimate for printing my books, I am supplying the money immediately. So far the finance is concerned, Kṛṣṇa is supplying. Therefore if you simply print my books in the Press incessantly, that will give me great delight.

Please therefore let me know how far you can all help me in this connection and what are the manuscripts ready for printing. I think I shall now stop all other activities except publishing of my books. Kindly enlighten me per return mail.

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DATE August 4, 1970 1970

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated July 30, 1970. I am glad to hear that our Sydney Temple is going nicely.

Regarding your questions, the Sannyasins are now devoted fully to travelling and preaching work, management is left to the local Temple presidents and the members of the Governing Body Commission.

As we make advancement, offenses should be gradually diminished; advanced devotees, in fact all devotees should study how to do this very carefully in the Nectar of Devotion. We can understand the Absolute Truth by hearing, that is how we can become perfect. Simply by hearing and chanting the Glories of the Supreme Lord from the original Bhagavatam one can become perfect, this example is shown by Sukadeva Goswami and Maharaj Pariksit.

The Gayatri is chanted morning, afternoon, and evening. The pujari chants Gayatri at each offering. Regarding the 'Sanyatthana' ceremony, in that part of the year it is very hot so they pour water mixed with milk over the statues. Lord Jesus Christ is a Saktavesh Avatar. An example of his ability to give. In order to attain that position one must be pure. So in this case Lord Jesus Christ was pure in heart. If anyone, who is not pure in heart, would hear him, he would hear him. So Lord Jesus Christ was acting a part suitable for the particular circumstances.

It is a nice story about the police sargeant hawing down following the example of the devotees. That tendency is there in everyone eternally, simply they must be exposed to our Sankirtan Movement. It does not matter if they are devotees or Sannyasins, the point is to be exposed to the completely surrendered to Lord Sri Krsna. Even Lord Caitanya's followers were Sannyasins but not all of them.

Thank you once again and please convey my blessings to all the Prabhus there. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your Ever-well Wisher

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My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated August 4, 1970 and have examined the contents. A reply to your last letter was previously sent.

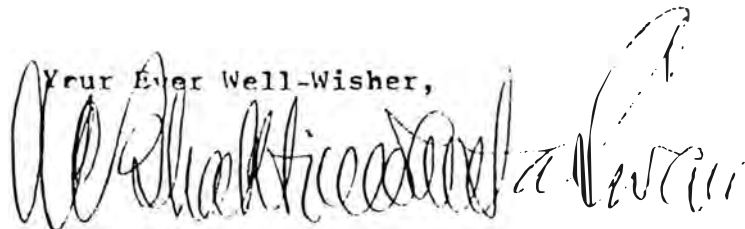
Now all my disciples must work combinedly and with co-operation to spread this Sankirtan Movement. If you cannot work together then my work is stopped up. Our Society is like one big family and our relationships should be based on love and trust. We must give up the fighting spirit and use our intelligence to push ahead. You should accept help from your God-brothers.

Now I have set up the Governing Body Commission to handle management, questions of philosophy, and personal problems. These things are too much botheration for me, I simply want time to write books to satisfy my Guru Maharaj. If Balimardan Prabhu has gone to open still another Temple that is certainly good news. Kindly remain there and teach Upanandadas by nice example and work together with all the devotees there. If we work hard for Krishna without personal consideration or ambition, then we are assured of success.

Tomorrow I am leaving for Hawaii on the way to Japan. After some time our Sankirtan Party, including five of my disciples, will go on to preach in India. Meanwhile, kindly push on our Sankirtan program and distribute as much literature and prasada as possible.

I hope this reply finds you in good mood.

Your Ever Well-Wisher,



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Date: August 6, 1970.

My dear Sriman Vyas,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1970 and its contents have been carefully noted. Yes, you are correct when you say that for a true devotee of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Sri Krsna theoretical speculations are avoided. Not only is devotional service the simplest way of God realization, as you have agreed, it is clearly pointed out by Lord Krsna in the ~~Srimad Bhagavad-gita~~ Bhagavad-gita in every chapter that He can be achieved only by finally engaging directly in devotional service, or bhaktiyoga, the highest stage in yoga practice. In the First Canto, second chapter, verse seven of the Srimad Bhagavata, it is clearly stated that by the process of applying devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead Vasudeva (Krsna), the immediate result is that causeless knowledge and detachment follow. Therefore the burden of useless theories can be avoided, simply by following the Sastras.

Anyone can understand that behind the beauty of nature, behind the succulent fruits and vegetables, and behind the wonderful heat and light of the sun, there is a Friend. So we should contact that Dearest Friend, Krsna. Any reasonable man will accept this argument. That is rational thinking. In the second chapter of the Bhagavad-gita, Lord Krsna says that "One who restrains his senses and fixes his consciousness upon Me is known as a man of steady intelligence." Otherwise there can be no conviction. How can a man be convinced who will not accept? Krsna says hear from me, "tatsrnu".

We are going to popularize our Samkirtan Movement by following strictly the footsteps of Lord Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu and distribute Krsna consciousness literature throughout India as well as the rest of the world. All of our resources are used for this purpose. Our Society is intended for the intelligent class of men, so you are invited to join this Samkirtan Movement.

Yours Ever Well-Wisher,

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DATE .....16th August,.....19.70

My Dear Satsvarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 10th August, 1970, along with a list of schedule for Temple activities. It is very nice program. If you simply follow this program, then the spel of Maya will not be able to enter into your constitution. All Questions and answers are practically given in our books.

I have received two Bhagavatam chapters, "Pure Devotional Service: the Change in Heart" and "The Lord in the Heart". In "Pure Devotional Service" the arcan program is very nicely described in verse number 22 specifically. So these books are so valuable for public reading, but some way or other they are not being introduced in proper channel namely the school and college for reading.

I have nominated you as one of the members of the Governing Body because I know you are a very good soul and I shall be very much pleased if the mistake which has already crept in our Society can be rectified by your combined effort. I have not heard anything about the activities of the four Sannyasis, neither I have received any letter from them.

I have not yet received any letter from Rupanuga about the press questions, but as you know as I have several times mentioned that the press is my heart and soul and it should work constantly to produce literature for wide distribution. Similarly I am trying to engage the Dia Nippon Press for printing our works. Yesterday I have placed with them \$32,000 worth business. We have now stock of NODs 5,000 at \$4 apiece, similarly KRSNA at \$8, so by book estimation you have got more than \$100,000 worth books in stock. So if we collect only one fourth of it and pay to Dia Nippon then we get another \$100,000 worth books. Of course, it is not business proposal, but it is a scheme for distributing widely our literatures. That is my program.

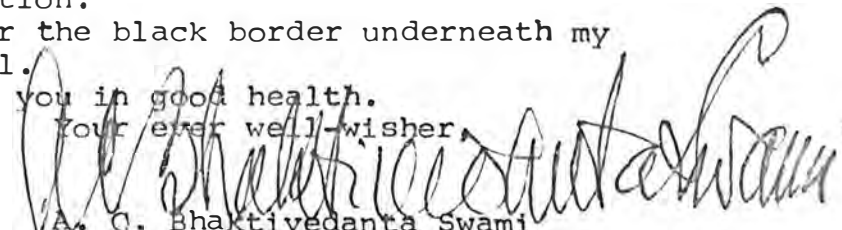
So I hope you are all meeting in New Vrindavana and try to meake a strong program how our missionary activities can be pushed on with great stride.

I have advised Karandhar to collect all book funds and send to Dia Nippon wherein I have opened an account "Bhaktivedanta Book Fund Deposit". The more they receive amounts, the more we print books for distribution.

In the Third Chapter the black border underneath my name does not look very well.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



p.t.o.

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami



*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

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Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan

DATE .....18th August.....19.70

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12th August, 1970.

Yes, for the present I am in Tokyo and arranging to reprint some of our books and magazines to the extent of 70,000 copies and I am also awaiting the manuscript of KRSNA, Volume II, as well as Hindi magazine. So altogether there will be about 100,000 copies of different books and literatures which will all be carried to India for distribution.

The idea of going to India is to organize our Mayapur center tributed by a number of subordinate branches in a number of cities in India. We have already got invitation from various places like Mt. Abu, Nainital Hill Station, Gorakhpur and many other important cities. With my party at the present moment we are five Sannyasis and one householder. In India there are two Brahmacharies. So if we actually work together we can factually do something substantial there in India. So arrangement is being made for this purpose.

Yes, I shall not be able to attend New Vrndavana meeting and the picture kindly sent by you will certainly be properly utilized and placed somewhere for worshipping.

Yes, I received one letter from Bali Mardan which I have replied to Sydney address, but today I have received one letter from him from L.A. He is on the way to New Vrndavana. I understand on his way he was on Fiji Island and there is a very good prospect to open a branch at Fiji.

Please always remain busy in Krsna Conscious activities and there will be no disturbance created by Maya. That is the standard of real peace. Without Krsna's association there is no possibility of peaceful condition of life. We can associate with Krsna in so many ways by chanting His Holy Name, by hearing His Qualities and Pastimes, by seeing His Beautiful Form in Arca Deity, by eating His Prasad, by contacting His Devotees, by travelling to His Temple and Holy Pilgrimages and after all by thinking of Him within our heart always. All these different items are identified with Kṛṣṇa because He is the Absolute Truth.

It is a known fact that Maya is very strong, but one who associates with Krsna in the above mentioned ways, Maya can show no strength or Maya converts herself from MahaMaya to Yoga Maya.

Kindly observe the regulative principles, chanting 16 rounds regularly and see that all your other assistants are doing the same. If someone is lacking, try to induce him peacefully.

carefully. The schedule of your activities appears to be very encouraging.

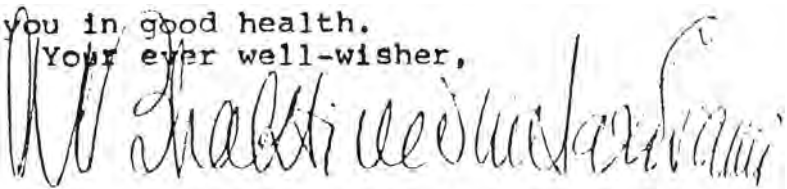
You have stated, "I have with contrite heart decided to bow my rotten head to all authority and to serve You with my heart and soul." Your assurance is very encouraging and I thank you very much.

Tirthapada is your very sincere devotee and combined with him the activities there will be very much exemplary. I have sent the poetry written by Tirthapada ~~and you~~ to Satsvarupa for publication in BTG.

You are good for everything but your attitude to remain good for nothing is very nice. A Vaisnava is always humble and meek and he is never puffed even he has got the highest qualities of demigods. You are always welcome to write me directly.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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DATE .....20th August.....19.70

My Dear Jaya Pataka and Achyutananda,

Please accept my blessings. On receipt of your telegram dated 18th August, 1970, I have decided to start from here for Calcutta on the 29th August, reaching there in the evening of the same day. I hope you have received my telegram reading as follows by this time.

"We six arriving Calcutta Saturday 29 August 7:40 evening KLM flight number 864 Letter follows"

The purpose of my going to India at the present moment is to give some idea to the coummunistic tendency of the people so that everyone may take Kṛṣṇa Consciousness for a solution of all problems of life. When I came to your country, U.S.A., I began my preaching work by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra and by talking some philosophy from Bhagavat Gita and Śrimad Bhagavatam and thus the younger generation of your country gathered around me and now they are gratefully acknowledging that they have got something substantial, when they were feeling confused and frustrated. Many young boys and girls are now happy by getting this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness and similarly I hope the communist young boys and girls in India will also feel similarly if they accept this Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement.

Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement is not a sectarian religion, but it is a solution for all the problems of life. In other words, Kṛṣṇa is good for everyone. The idea is Kṛṣṇa is substance and Maya is illusion. Illusion is accepted as void and impersonal, but Kṛṣṇa is the Summum Bonum Person. Kṛṣṇa is One and Maya is zero. Zero by the side of One is ten, but thousands of zeros clogged together do not make one. So there are many ideas within this world put forth by many philosophers, politicians, religionists, philanthropists, etc., but all of them are considered as illusion or zeros if there is no Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. We have to push forward this philosophy throughout the whole world. We have sufficient support for acknowledging this philosophy.

I understand that nowadays many strikes are being observed in Calcutta. These are not new things because from our childhood we know Bengal is the origin of all political agitation. Lord Caitanya appeared in Bengal and He said that simply by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra everyone will have perfection by one's idealistic way of life. Now it is the time for the Bengalis or for the Indians to understand that this Hare Kṛṣṇa Mantra will also bring in the perfection of communistic ideas. If you can therefore arrange a small meeting with the Bengali Communist leaders, I can try to convince them how

20th August, 1970

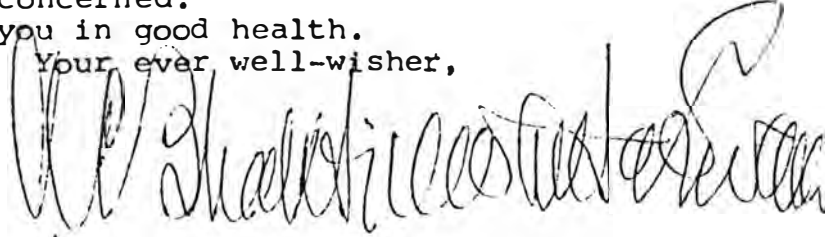
Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement is very much congenial for their purpose.

I hope the Mayapur land purchase is by this time completed. In your previous letter you wrote that if I am present there it will be done. Immediately also for this purpose I am going to Calcutta.

So keeping in view of the above two points, please arrange for our accomodation and I shall try my best to give some service to all persons concerned.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DATE ..... 9th ~~August~~ September 1970

My Dear Bhavananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very encouraging letter dated August 27th 1970, redirected from Japan. I was anxiously awaiting for this letter because since you have opened the new Temple I received one telegram at Los Angeles inviting me there at New York for which I was very much obliged, but I decided to come to India. I am receiveing also many other letters which are not very encouraging in the matter of the activities of the four Sannyasis, so in Calcutta we have come and last Saturday, the 29th August, there was very nice reception at the airport. So at the present moment I am in mixed up condition both encouraging and discouraging.

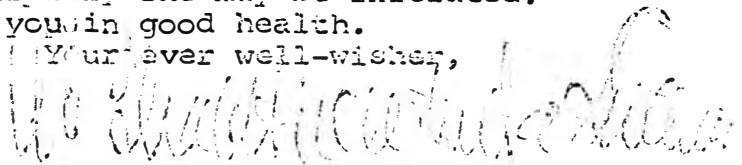
New York is very much attractive for me because New York is the starting place of my activities in your country and when I had no place of preaching, one Armenian gentleman offered me a two storied building in Brooklyn with a nice hall downstairs for only \$125 per month, but at the time I was payng only \$70 for my apartment and I couldnot bear at that time to pay 125 dollars. That situation continued for at least one year and then I was bold enough to accept an apartment for \$200. In this way the Society extended with so many branches and now you are paying \$1,450 per month, so it is very encouraging. I thank you very much that you have already allotted a nice apartment for me, an entire first floor, so if I had the wings of a dove I could fly immediately to Brooklyn and enter my apartment. Anyway, in future I wish to go there. For the time being keep it nicely. By the grace of Krsna, wherever I go you all my disciples give me a very nice place for residing and in Calcutta also Sriman Achyutananda and Sriman Jayapataka, who are going to be Sannyasis tomorrow, they have given me a very nice apartment. So I am now 75 years old. I never thought how far I shall be able to travel such a long distance. But as people say I am still younger, then maybe sooner or later I shall come back to New York again.

I have seen your many pictures sent by you and they are all very encouraging. Kindly send me more pictures whenever possible. In Calcutta we are trying to open a permanent center.

Regarding the proposed wife for Jitendriya, if she is living in the Temple and if she is younger than the boy and if you think that the marriage will be very nice, the girl may be married with Jitendriya. She may follow the footsteps of her husband in all respects and later on conveniently she may be initiated.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,





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New Vrindaban, West Virginia

My Dear Jāgadisha,

Please accept my blessings. I am so very much encouraged to see your fine letter dated Sept. 21st, 1970, and your movement is being recognized by the sensible persons. Naturally there will be increase of new members everywhere.

Since we have come to Calcutta many boys are coming to us even they were very much subversive to the social orders. People are very much appreciating our Movement. Wherever we go for preaching work hundreds of men gather and they contribute liberally according to their capacity. We have already two centers in Calcutta and trying to have our own center in the most important neighborhood of this city.

So the idea is — you work sincerely on behalf of Kṛṣṇa according to instructions of Lord Kṛṣṇa in His great magnanimous form as Lord Caitanya. I know you are very intelligent and sincere servant of Kṛṣṇa, so try to serve His Lordship to your best capacity and He shall give you proper intelligence. You know that Kṛṣṇa is Spiritual Master from within and Spiritual Master is manifestation of Kṛṣṇa without. That is the position; both ways a sincere student is instructed, which is called Guru-Kṛṣṇa kṛpā. Simply you have to receive it properly and execute it orderly.

Take care of the new devotees so that they may read our literatures carefully and come to the real standard of understanding. Our strength is not material strength, but spiritual strength. So if spritual strength is not strong now, try to make Sripati and the others stronger by spiritual means by following the regulative principles and chanting sixteen rounds. Formerly Jaya Pataka was president of Montreal center; now he is working here in India very intelligently although it is a foreign city.

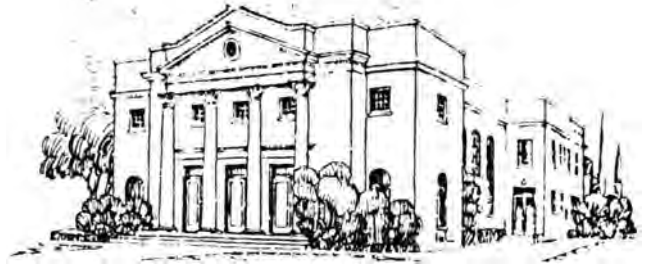
Regarding your cooperative program with Karandhar for realizing the great potential for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, that is very good news-- do it carefully.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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### COMMUNITY PROJECT

New Vrindaban, West Virginia

My Dear Upendra,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very encouraging letter dated Sept. 21st, 1970, along with some nice photos of your Sydney activities and some favorable reports from the local newspapers. All this publicity is very nice for our Movement and people are beginning to seriously appreciate our work. I have had good reports also from Jagadisa in Toronto and he says that in Canada the people are very receptive to our Krishna Consciousness philosophy.

I am very glad to know that you are following a strict schedule of devotional service and that will keep you all strong in Krishna Consciousness. Please maintain this standard and improve further. It appears that Krishna is giving you nice facilities and nice devotees also for fulfilling His Mission in Australia. Please train the new devotees nicely and have them carefully read our literatures so they get a fine understanding of our Krishna Consciousness.

Regarding your invitations to speak at different gatherings of "yogis" etc., wherever you go speak pure Krishna Consciousness. God is One. He is All-Attractive. Therefore His technical Name is Krishna. In other words, Krishna is God and God means Krishna. So you can preach this philosophy anywhere, never mind whether it is to yogis or bhogis.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls. Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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October 26th, 1970

My Dear Nayana Bhiram,

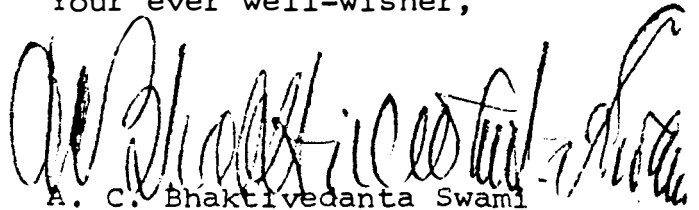
Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 11th, 1970, and noted the contents with satisfaction. It is most important if you arrange lectures and kirtans at the schools and colleges because the more intelligent young boys and girls of your country are very much eager to understand this Krishna Consciousness Movement. They are frustrated in so many ways and they are looking for something new kind of happiness which they will find in this Krsna Consciousness Movement.

Please also try to introduce our books in the colleges and schools as well as local libraries. I have received word from other centers that our literatures are very well received and often they are being used as course textbooks in the schools and colleges. You are already preaching on the university campuses, so you add this book distribution to your program and make it complete with preaching, chanting of Hare Krsna Mahamantra, distribution of Prasadam and literatures. I know how well this program is received by the students because they are very intelligent. You are also very intelligent boy and devotee of Krsna and Krsna will give you even more intelligence in proportion to your endeavor to serve Him faithfully.

Please offer my blessings to your good wife, whose picture in the news clipping is showing nice Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, and all the other devotees there in our Philadelphia Temple.

Hope this will meet you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,



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Amritsar, Punjab, India

October 26th, 1970

My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter from Fiji Islands dated October 4th, 1970, and noted the contents. I am very glad that you are preaching steadily our Krishna Conscious philosophy and this should be done in defiance of all the atheistic propagandas which are so much current.

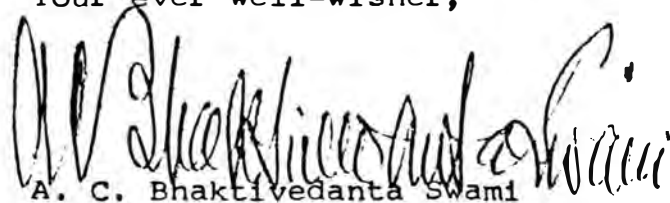
Regarding the impersonalist swamis, don't try to mix with any swami who has no knowledge of Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. So their speaking is simply maya, therefore they are called Mayavadis. Lord Caitanya has warned us that anyone who listens to or tries to understand the impersonalist philosophy is doomed, his devotion will become dried up.

Regarding worship of demigods, the whole Hindu society is absorbed in this business, so unless our preaching work is very vigorous it is very difficult to stop them.

As soon as I return to Bombay I shall send you the tape as you desire. I shall be returning to Bombay by the 31st October. So far the literatures in Hindi, Gujarati and Tamil are concerned, it shall take some time because we have no ready made such literatures. But we are getting Hindi "Back to Godhead" very soon as Tamal has informed me.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

New Vrindaban, West Bengal

My Dear Bhavananda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 6th, 1970, and noted the contents. I am very glad to note your feelings of dependence on the mercy of Krsna and Spiritual Master. Yes, that is the way of surpassing the influence of Maya. It is stated in the Bhagavad Gita that the Maya is very strong, unsurmountable, but one who surrenders to Krsna--Maya does not touch him. So, all our books are as good as Krsna because we deal in the books about Krsna only. Therefore, taking shelter of these books means taking shelter of Krsna--there is no doubt about it and if you stick to this principle there will be no attack from Maya.

Pleas conduct the Samkirtan program regularly and that will give me great pleasure. Regarding our new Temple in Brooklyn, Krsna has given you very good chance to serve Him. From the very beginning I was insisting Brahmananda to have a nice place in New York. Now we have got it and Krsna is giving us all other opportunities. Please try to utilize all of these opportunities in His service..

It is very encouraging that you have got licence from the Board of Education to continue our children's school. Kindly organize it nicely and it shall be a great achievement. We have to concentrate to give them some idea about God-- that should be our first business. In art class they should be encouraged to draw pictures of Krsna, Kurukshetra, etc. There are so many subjects for drawing as it is stated in our book Krsna. If they are trained, they will come out nice devotees. It will depend on the process of training. Regarding some misbehaviour, that we have to check by training peacefully. Your attitude of tolerance and kindness very nice, so train them in this way. It is Lord Caitanya's order that we have got to discharge welfare activities on behalf of Lord Caitanya.

Please offer my blessings to all the boys and girls and children. I hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

Tridandi Goswami  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

c/o Kailash Seksaria  
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November-4, 1970

My dear Bali Mardan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your airletter from Japan dated 18 October, 1970, and I have noted the contents with great encouragement.

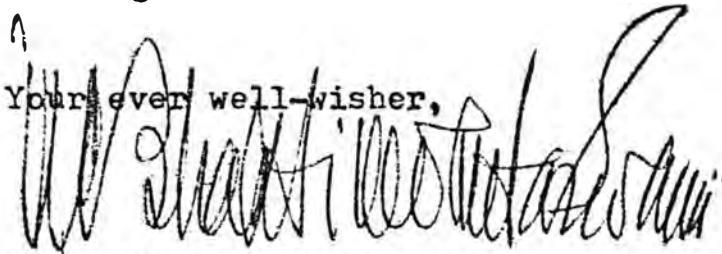
It is for your daring and active nature that I have chosen you to represent me as GBC man for the southeast Asia zone, and I can see from your latest words that my choice has not been wrong. I think that Singapore and Hong Kong are English-speaking places so that you will not find much difficulty there. So just open two nice centers immediately and that will link-up our chain of centers around the world.

The basic principle of our actions should be that they are all meant for pleasing Kṛṣṇa. If we act always in this consciousness automatically everyone will be attracted to devotional service, and this is the secret of our preaching work. If you simply practice the regulative principles which I have introduced you will remain pure. Factually this is our only strength. I have seen better orators, better scholars and better organizers but no one is becoming pure by following regulative principles. Simply because we rise early, take bath, chant sixteen rounds and strive with every activity to please Kṛṣṇa--this is what impresses others

Please report to me fortnightly, and correspond with your other BBC men as well. I request that you always display and distribute my books wherever possible.

Hope this finds you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
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#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

New Vrindaban, West

November 13th, 1970

My Dear Thirthapada,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to all the devotees of our Sydney Temple. I am so glad to receive your letter dated 14th October and have noted the contents.

The test of preaching ability is whether one is making some disciples or not. So it appears that your preaching is going on nicely. The standard of purity which I have introduced in the Krsna Consciousness movement will give you the real spiritual strength needed to preach. If you will simply stick to your principles, you will gain the respect of the whole world and our preaching work will be successful.

Please maintain the program of Temple worship, distribution of Prasadam, Samkirtan Party, distribution of literatures, study and Krsna work all in order and make everything as nice as possible. The school college and university students are very receptive to this Movement, so we must present them with an excellent example. They are very intelligent and bad experience has taught them to be cautious, so if you keep all your programs to the standard as I have already instructed in so many ways, then they will easily become satisfied that this is the real way of life for any intelligent person--Krsna Consciousness.

I have heard from Upendra and he seems enthusiastic about opening the Fiji center. Our Krsna Consciousness Movement is flourishing all over the world by the grace of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and I am receiving favorable reports and full invitations from all over the world for our Movement. Now it is up to you to keep on working vigorously in the service of the Lord and because He is seated within your heart, He will reveal from within all necessary intelligence for you to further extend your loving devotional service to Him.

Hope this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

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P.S. I have seen the news-cutting and I am very glad that Upananda and Anne are now married happily in Krsna Consciousness. Please offer them my full blessings to work together in mutual cooperation for advancing Krsna consciousness. However, in future, if you kindly take sanction for such marriages beforehand, that will be in proper way.

Tridandi Goswami  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

CAMP: Ramasharanam; 18th Road; Chembur, Bombay-71; India  
November 21st, 1970

My Dear Upendra,

~~RECEIVED BY THE POST OFFICE DELHI ON 21/11/70~~  
November 4th respectively. I have received your frequent reports as you have been travelling and your account of the situation is of great interest to me, especially I am pleased to see your activities in the matter of spreading Krsna Consciousness to all the peoples of the world. I am so much pleased with your sincere endeavor. You are doing good service for the Lord and He is sure to reward you with advanced Krsna Consciousness in no time.

I am very glad that you have found some interested and friendly persons to give you at least some temporary assistance in Fiji. Do not be worried about the future. If you will simply work on very strenuously in humble state of mind as the sincere servant of the servant of the Lord, then Krsna will give you all facilities. I know you are already acquainted with the Lord's mercy in this respect because you have already had several times experience in the matter of establishing our ISKCON Temples in different places.

I have seen your leaflet and it is very nice. Regarding Hindi BTG, several hundred copies will be sent to you as soon as they are received by us. Yes. As you have noted the youth are our most potential source of converts to Krsna Consciousness. I do not think it is necessary for you to spend time unnecessarily at this time of your life to learn some foreign languages, but the program as we have followed with good success is to find out some local boy who is well acquainted with the English language and train him to preach to the general less educated public. This is the best system and do not be hopeless because you are sure to find such a helper very soon.

The article in the Hindi paper appears to be nice. It is very good that you have renovated one flat for a Temple. Now you can begin your program properly and invite some boys to stay and learn Krsna Consciousness under your instruction. The young boy of 14 years is a very prospective candidate if you train him properly. So do it nicely.

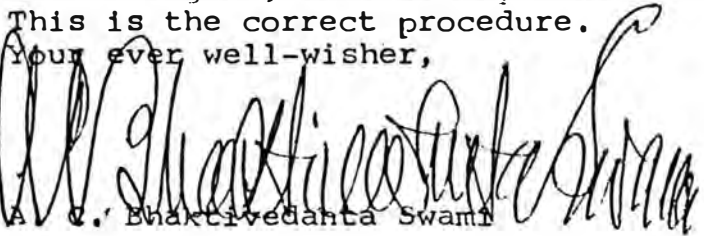
As usual, always be very careful that the regulative principles are being followed by yourself and others very strictly. If you keep to the standard in that way and make a nice Temple for serving the Lord that will be the right path of devotional service and so many sincere souls will be saved for going home, back to Godhead.

Regarding "Devi Chandan", we have no use for it. It has got no place in our Vaishnava worship. So far the demi-

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gods are concerned, we Viasnavas have nothing against them, so they may be offered all respects as part and parcel servitors of the Supreme Lord Krsna. The foolish persons may worship the Demi-gods as Supreme, but we see only that they are agents of the Lord and as such we may offer them our humble respects.

Hope this will meet you in good health. Another thing, although we respect the demigods, we may not take their prasadam if invited. We observe the system followed in Jagannath Puri. First the foodstuff is offered to Lord Jagannath and then His Prasad is offered to the different demigods; then we may take such remainders as prasadam. This is the correct procedure.

Your ever well-wisher,  
  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. I am sending you the Hindi tape record as you have desired by separate book post, You should receive it soon.

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PAR AVION  
एरोग्राम  
AEROGRAMME

Sriman Upendra das Ad  
ISKCON Temple  
44 Saniwal Road

Suva

Fiji

द्वितीय पक्ष SECOND FOLD  
एरोग्राम के अन्दर कुछ न लिखें  
NO ENCLOSURES ALLOWED

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CAMP: c/o Kailash Seksaria; 74 Marine Drive; Bombay-20, India  
November 24th, 1970

My Dear Bhagavan Das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16th November, 1970 and I thank you very much for your encouraging report.

Yes, we are fighting impersonalism and voidism with pure devotional service. Impersonalism and voidism kills the natural aptitude of devotion which is lying dormant in everyone's heart. Therefore we are printing books like our KRISHNA book so that people may know it that the supreme absolute truth is a person. The perfection of every living creature is to render transcendental loving service to that Supreme Person and thereby go back home, back to Godhead. Krishna has said in Bhagavad Gita that "whoever explains my transcendental glories to others is most dear to me in this world and never will there be one more dear to me than he". So go on with your organization for distribution of my books through press and other modern media and Krishna will certainly be pleased upon you. We can use everything - television, radio, movies, or whatever there may be - to tell about Krishna and outside of devotional service all these modern paraphernalia are just so much rubbish. It is very nice that you are opening another center in Cleveland, Ohio. Please do it very thoughtfully.

Yes, any intelligent man can immediately appreciate the qualities of a Vaishnava devotee. The devotee is always truthful and therefore everyone feels confident about what he may say or do under any condition. So the judge has appreciated the transcendental qualities of our devotee Narrotomanda Das.

I've seen your notice to the other centers regarding your new San Kirtan practices and it is very nice. Please continue to work cooperatively in this way and I will be very much grateful to you for your sincere efforts. Thanking you once again for your kind letter.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.S. I am in receipt of  
your last letter also.

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November 30th, 1970

My Dear Karandhar,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated 28th October, 19th, 13th, and 10th of November respectively and have noted the contents carefully. Your sentiments for me are very nice and I thank you very much for your sincere attitude which is so encouraging for me.

If we have to repair our house and Mr. Raj Anand is willing to give us the loan and you think there will be no problem in repaying him, then it is all right and you may do it.

I am glad to hear new devotees are coming and do not be worried about some of our members leaving; they will come back. Krishna never forgets the service rendered to him by the devotee and once tasting the nectar of devotional-service to the Lotus Feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, it is not possible to forget him.

I have received the report of Pittsburg GBC meeting. I am happy to see you all so active and serious about carrying on the work which I have started. Now I want that all administration may be done by all of you 12 GBC members all over the world. Always keep in touch and consult matters all together for practical execution.

Yes, continue to send money to my book fund so that we shall be able to go on producing literatures of Krishna Consciousness. Thank you for the check of \$227.00 for my maintenance fund. You may collect all the payments and send once monthly from L.A. the total amount. That will be better. I have also received the receipts of temple payment for Sept. and Oct. Also the pictures of the sanctuary appear very nice.

My Guru Maharaj used to say "don't worry about money, Do something nice for Krishna and money will come." So we should always be thinking how to distribute the message of Krishna and surely He will give us facility. Even an ordinary man if he wants publicity then he gives so much money for the propaganda work. Similarly Krishna is not poor. He can supply any amount for the devotees who are engaged in broadcasting His glories. I see that you are moving in the schools and universities for preaching. That is very good. Krishna says that this knowledge is the king of education. So it will be appreciated.

Your program to visit nearby cities and towns with a travelling party is nice. Krishna Das has also started this program in Germany and the success has been good.

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December 1st, 1970

My Dear Nayana Bhiram

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 21st November, 1970 and have noted the contents carefully.

Yes, I am so glad to learn that you are distributing our books in colleges and schools so nicely. Actually this Krishna Consciousness Movement is a novel proposition to the world. The world is suffering on account of atheistic conviction of life, so our theistic proposition presenting Krishna, the Supreme Lord, is certainly a great relief to the agnostics, atheists, impersonalists and voidists. In all our books we have very scientifically covered all such demons and if these books are introduced in the schools and colleges, so many beautiful souls will be saved. You are doing a great service to humanity to introduce our books to the people in general. So far as preaching through television the mantras of Isopanishad is concerned, that will be a great success to do so.

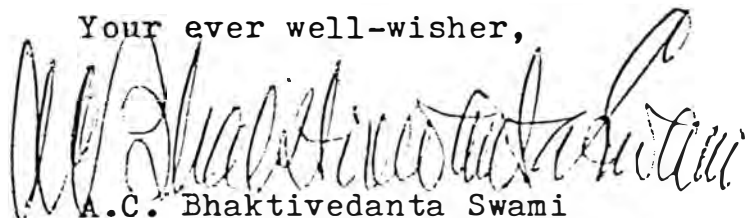
So far as moving the temple to a new location, that is very good news. When I return to your country, I must visit your temple, either from New York or from New Vrindaban. Formerly, when I first came to the U.S. I saw this Philadelphia city. It is a nice small city almost representing New York. In the Philadelphia University there is one professor of Sanskrit. His first name is Norman, and the last name is, I believe, Brown. Dr. Norman Brown. He invited me to speak in his class, so we are acquainted. If possible, try to introduce our books there. This university is in the Walnut district.

If you can keep cows, it is very good. You'll get fresh milk. That's a great benefit. To take care of the cow is a religious function for the Hindus but actually if care is taken for cows, it delivers us the miracle food-cows milk, which is so valuable. And because we drink cows milk, we should accept the cow as our mother. That is etiquette.

Someday when the opportunity comes for film-making you can do so. If you can make bonafide films it is welcome. Then I can help you by directing. So far as exporting films that is not possible.

Hoping this will meet you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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