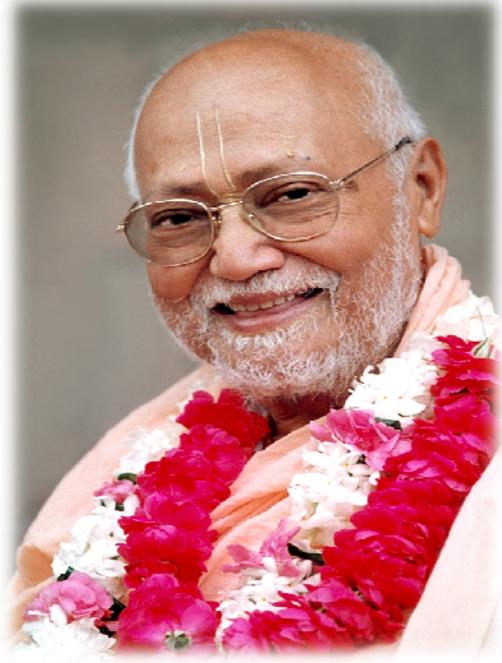


VYASA PUJA OFFERINGS



91ST Vyasa Puja of HDG Srila

Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja

This publication is dedicated to the most holy lotus feet of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja, who, out of his causeless mercy, has descended into this material world as the direct representative of Supreme Lord Sri Krishna to rescue the fallen souls.

His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja has devoted his entire life to the promulgation of the glories of Sri Krishna while implicitly following the instructions of his *diksha* and *siksha* gurus, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Goswami Maharaja and His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Pramode Puri Goswami Maharaja, respectively. He is recognized by all Gaudiya Vaishnavas as one of the greatest *acharyas* of this era. His praises are most deserved, as, along with many other things, he possesses a vast knowledge of *shastra* and its inner devotional meaning with an acute ability to communicate this knowledge effectively to all persons regardless of their backgrounds or predispositions. This efficacy of preaching is largely due to his sincere humility and warm, affectionate character, which transforms knowledge into feeling—an actual taste of the Transcendent. Therefore, while desiring nothing for himself, he has garnered the love and respect of all who meet him, especially of those who are making a serious effort to follow his superlative personal example and ideals.

His Divine Grace's active preaching activities have now drawn to a close and he has entered into internal lila, yet his presence and influence are undiminished externally and he continues to be a leader among men—a stalwart and imposing figure among the followers of the message of divine love of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Without a doubt, he is a great Vaishnava, a great lover of Sri Krishna and all things associated with the Him, but he is also a great saintly personality possessing uniquely irresistible charm, intelligence, good humor, humility, erudition, physical beauty and other glorious qualities too numerous to relate here.

The offerings of the devotees in this publication are a testimony to the truth of the previous statements, and it is fervently hoped that His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja will be pleased by these efforts submitted on the auspicious occasion of the celebration of his holy appearance day. Herein, the devotees offer their sincere love and best wishes to His Divine Grace and humbly pray that he may bless them with love for, and the desire to serve, Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and His associates.

The Publishers



His Holiness, Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja,

I bow my head and prostrate my body at your lotus feet.

Upon being invited to share my heart on the holy occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I am grateful.

I am remembering the precious times that we spent together, sometimes in the hills of Sri Brajabhumi or at other times in the hills of Marin County, California. Wherever in the world you are, you are ever absorbed in dispelling materialistic and impersonal misconceptions while sharing your hearts love for the divine service of Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. We have all been blessed by your heartfelt humility, deep wisdom of the Bhakti Sastras and profound compassion to all beings. Your lifetime of loving service is a brilliant light that reveals, for people in this world of darkness, the infinite flow of grace that is forever descending from the hearts of Sri Sri Radha Gopinath and floods the world through the merciful Acaryas of our Gaudiya Parampara. On this sacred day of your Vyasa Puja, I offer you my sincerest gratitude.

Your Servant
Radhanath Swami



The unexpected hug.

The grace of his divine grace cannot be imagined. Arriving in Mayapur I met him as he came out from the samadhi of Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaj. Seeing him gave my heart a jolt of home-feeling. But then he recognized my presence and came over to me to give me a hug. I felt in the arms of divinity itself. No proper words can describe it. Anyhow a hug from above for a fallen soul that could only feel that tears were pressing on my eyes. So many moments of feeling his concern for all we tried to do. Srila Tirtha Maharaj is a leader in his own style. One pointed devotion to dedicated service for the one and only Lord of love and his surrendered servitor. His eloquence and style to pronounce the prayers and pranami after the Kirtan. One devotee came to me and asked? Do you know any pure devotee? Krishna Murti was his name from Venezuela. I said with Srila Tirtha Maharaj you cannot go wrong. He is unique. His love and care is his trademark. Next time I went to India I met Krishna Murti Prabhu with a large group of devotees in Mayapur taking shelter of his divine grace. What a joy. Now Guru Maharaj had entered south America. And Rasa Bihariji Prabhu went soon to visit them. Divine plan Divine action Divine mercy. That is what comes to my mind when I think of him. No way out. Srila Tirtha Maharaj chastised me one day with love. Where is the wva magazine which we published sporadically. I excused myself that we were not ready to publish. He said to his secretary. Give 10000 rupees to Maharaj. I protested. No no not necessary. We are managing, but he insisted had the secretary hand me over the Laksmi. I had not seen such a thing with any other devotee. His blessing is with us all the time. We just have to accept his divine order and all will be ok. My love and respect to all his disciples and god-brothers.

I bow at their feet. Gurudevas pastimes to be with us these days are deeply touching. He is giving us freedom while watching us from within. Special dandavat pranams to all those souls who are with Gurudeva and help him in all personal services.

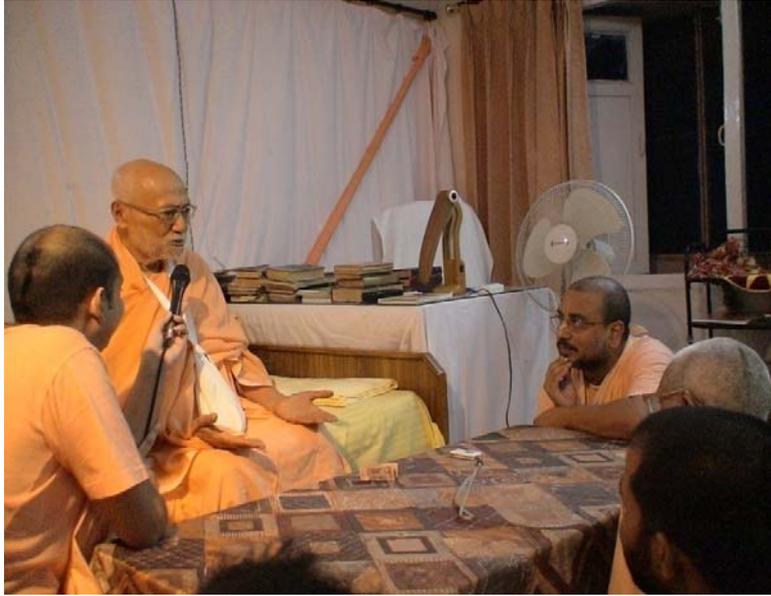
Please bless us become worthy servant of our siksa Guru.

Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj 91 year's vyasa puja ki jai

Your Servant
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Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj appeared on the day of Ramnavami on the appearance day of Lord Ramacandra. Ramcandra is maryada purushottam, incarnation of honor. I have seen in his entire character how he gives due respect and honor to everyone. It is like that Ramacandra's nature and Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj's nature is similar. I have seen how he was always respectful towards his god brothers and how he teaches his disciples. It is really a exemplary teaching to give due respect to everyone. It is my personal feeling that his teachings are really valuable for Vaishnava community, specially amongst our societies, Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math, Sree Gopinath Gaudiya Math as well as all Chaitanya Mahaprabhus Mission everywhere.

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur he gave instructions to us to chant happily that we have to keep due respect to all Vaishnavas, so he is the perfect example for that, the embodiment of that example. Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj was not discriminating who is coming from which society. He has given shelter to everyone.

After starting my renounced order of life I was staying under his shelter first 5 years. Because of his teachings, I am able to follow the path of the Vaishnavas. He has taught me how to follow the mission of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Although Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj was a president of WVA, his nature is so humble. Once in the year 1993, I have seen there was a problem at Kolkata math for cleaning pots and I saw that Maharaj was coming down from the 2nd floor to ground floor to clean the pots. I requested Maharaj with folded hands, "you please go. We are here we will do it." Then he humbly offered me the service and I rendered the service and I feel blessed. Why I am telling you this? Because he has never discriminated among anyone who is coming from which society. He is giving us a perfect example showing no matter which post we are in important is how we should render service to our divine couples perfectly this is the most important part.

Also Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj's kirtan is so exalted for all of us. From the core of his heart he was always singing kirtan, such a strong and powerful kirtan. It was such attractive for all of us everybody feels enthusiastic to follow his footsteps while he was chanting kirtan. I have seen also that he gave such an example before discourses he would pray to all the parampara. It was like he was praying in such a manner that all the parampara is coming down to him and he is not speaking, actually parampara is inspiring him to speak. In such a way, he is teaching us that we should not be like a platform speaker we should try to speak as per the order of our parampara.

His entire life as I have seen it is really exemplary for all the Vaishnavas to follow the path in every aspect. I respect his teachings and feel fortunate to be with him for 5 years very closely and his exemplary practice of Vaishnavism is helping me to carry the mission of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Affectionately Yours,

Bhakti Bibuddh Bodhayan



Hare Krishna.

I remember once Srila Bhakti Vallabh Tirtha Maharaj came to Srila Guru Maharaj (Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaj) and Srila Guru Maharaj had shown so much affection to him and then remembered Parmapujyapada Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Goswami Maharaj. Srila Bhakti Vallabh Tirtha Maharaj also showing so much respect to Srila Guru Maharaj that we know. Srila Bhakti Vallabh Tirtha Maharaj given so many nice books, devotees and teachings to the Sampradaya these are real wealth for us. I am giving my respectful obeisance unto his lotus feet

Nitai Gaura Haribol !

Bhakti Prapanna Tirtha

Sree Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Nabadwip



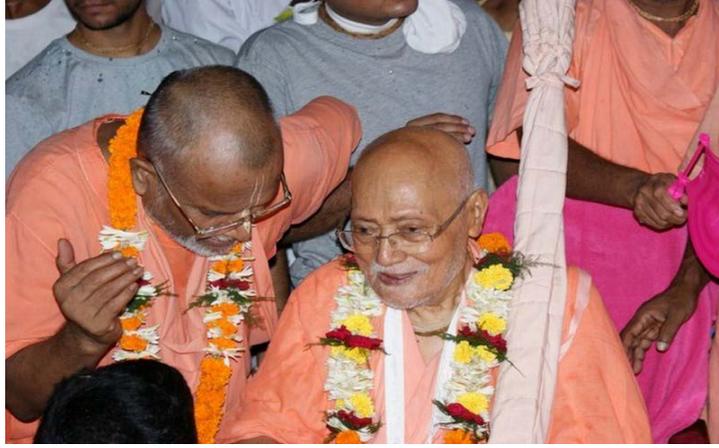
Today is the Appearance day of Ramacandra and also of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj who is the present Acharya of Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math and also my god brother. As we can see there is no birth and death for vaishnavas. In Sri Chaitanya Bhagavat Vrindavan das Thakur he mentions that appearance and disappearance of the Vaishnavas are very important for us, it is a day to glorify and remember their lotus feet he mentioned that *"je vaishnava sevile acinte krsna pa"* By serving the lotus feet of Vaishnavas, what happens one can attain the lotus feet of that Krsna who is inconceivable one cannot even think about him with their senses, one cannot see him with their eyes, one cannot remember him with their mind all the senses are imperfect to approach that transcendental lord. But when a person takes complete shelter unto the lotus feet of Vaishnavas he becomes qualified to attain the mercy of inconceivable lord there is nothing more higher than serving the lotus feet of the Vaishnavas there is no other sadhana superior than that. Today is the appearance day of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj I will serve him by remembering him by glorifying him—that he chose the place Goalpara and appeared over there he was the first member of his family who came in contact with the Gaudiya Vaishnavas. He was always hearing harikatha of Gurudev with great interest, very deeply and he always used to perform kirtan of srauta vani means whatever he had heard from Gurudev he always used to repeat that in harikatha in general talks there was nothing else he used to speak that was the only thing he used to repeat whatever he has heard from Gurudev and that's why many of his god brothers they use to call him Gurudev's tape recorder means he repeats whatever he hears from Gurudev so this is one of his was a very special quality. He was very shy to speak harikatha. Once Yayavar Maharaj in a Dharma Sabha ordered Tirtha Maharaj to speak Harikatha, "that now he will speak". There is a speciality I have seen in Guruvargas that those who want to speak they don't give them the chance and give chances to those who don't want to speak so he would only speak by the order of Guruvargas. Even though he was very grave always hearing harikatha attentively serving the Vaishnavas and one time what happened we went for preaching in Assam, Sarbhog there was one disciple of Prabhupad Madhavananada Vrajavasi, along with Krishnaballabh Bramhachari, me Narottam Das and another one younger than us name Kanai Bramhachari we were in Sarbhog for preaching and there was heavy rain for five days and no sun was seen at all so we were unable to go out. Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj he used to cook for the devotees over there, everybody used to like his cooking and that day he cooked something delicious with the potatoes only as it was heavily raining so we cannot go outside to purchase vegetables so he cooked with the potatoes only which was there in the math. He is expert because the qualities of Vaishnavas are they are expert in anything and everything whatever is related to the service of Vaishnavs. So he was expert in so many different ways to serve the lotus feet of Vaishnavas. He was very grave in hearing harikatha and speaking srauta vani and always engaged himself in serving the vaishnavas but at the same time he was rasika (humorous) which means a person who is always immersed in rasa. The pure

devotees they acquire all the qualities of krsna. Krsna is also having these qualities,the place where gravity is required he is very grave, the time when he is speaking with Arjuna he is very grave, but in some different pastimes he is also showing humour.He is very humble, expert in everything and main thing which can always be seen in him that is surrender. How he has surrendered himself completely and how he has always kept himself engaged in the service of Guru Vaishnavas and Bhagavan that he has practised in his life and also showed. He is the perfect example of a pure devotee. Those who do good association they become more humble. We were very affectionate to each other but others will understand this from outside. Every time when he wants to do some serious discussion, leaving everyone he will first consult with me that whether the decision being taken is right or wrong ?.

As I am incapable of singing his glories I am paying my respectful obeinsces to him if I have committed any offenece to him consciously or unconsciously he may forgive all my offences.

Vaishnav Dasanudas

Bhakti Vigyan Bharati



The Present Acharya of All India Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math (Registered)

Pujyapad Tridandiswami Srimad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj's Life History in brief

Respected Maharaj,

In 1924 C.E. on the day of Rama Navami with the help of father Sri Dharendra Kumar Guhu Ray and mother Srimati Sudhanshubala Devi in the Goalpara district of Assam, you had performed your appearance past-time.

‘Vaisnava kabhu janma mrityu nai. Sange aisen sange jayen thatai.’

(Vaishnavas do not have birth and death. They come and go).

Among all the sons of your father you were the dearest. You as per the wish of your father, you completed secondary, higher secondary, college, and in the university level you completed M.A. in philosophy with distinction marks. The money that you had acquired from teaching for a short span was completely offered to your father, which made your father's affection towards you grow even more. Since your childhood days, your devotion towards your parents, good qualities, and belief of God was evident.

“Guru Krishnarup hon sastrera pramane

Gururupe Krishna kripa karen bhaktagane” (C.C-Adi 1/45)

In the year 1947 C.E India Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Math Registered Organization's founder Nityalila Pravista Om 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Dayita Madhava Goswami Maharaj Vishnupada in had arrived in Assam's Goalpara for preaching. At that time you were popularly known as Sri Kamakyacharan Guha Ray. Along with your friend Debabrata (Rabi) you arrived at the house of

Srimad Radhamohana Dasadhikari Prabhu (Srila Prabhupada's devoted residential devotee) in order to catch a glimpse of Srila Gurudev. That was your first meeting with Srila Gurudev. The question that you had asked him- "while chanting Harinam it seems that after sometime I will catch a glimpse of the Lord himself, at that moment I have to leave all my loved ones of this world behind. Fearing that, the chanting sometimes ceases. So that at that time also the chanting does not stop, I pray for your advice.'

In reply to this, Srila Gurudev had explained with an example. "Once in a very smelly and mud filled pond some ordinary ducks used to reside. They used to happily survive themselves on the snails, worms, prawns and other types of creatures found in that mud filled pond. One day they saw up in the sky some ducks belonging to their clan flying off. They were beautiful to look at, their feathers were of various types and they were also bigger in size. Seeing that sight the ordinary ducks in the pond started to lament, they thought that the place where those flying ducks reside that place must be very beautiful, and if they would have stayed there, then even they would have been equally beautiful and happy. The ducks flying up on the sky belonged to the species of Swan, at first they were in the sea now they are flying towards Manas Sarovara. The ducks with eyes full of melancholy stared at the flying swans, but one of the swans saw the sad condition of the ducks and was moved by it. The swan circled around and landed on the bank. Seeing the beautiful body of the swan, all the ducks in the pond were pleasantly surprised. The ducks prayed to the swan to take them to the place where he stays. The swan replied, he has come to rescue them from this smelly place. When the swan asked the ducks to fly off with him, the ducks replied that they do not have the ability to fly at such great lengths. Then the swan felt sympathetic towards them and asked all of them to board his back. To this all the ducks started to think, and after a long discussion with one another they asked the swan, the place where he is taking them, does that place have foods like snail, urchins, worms and prawns for their survival? To this the swan replied that they stay in the Manas Sarovara in the Himalayas, where they will survive by consuming the stalk of the lotus. Hearing that, the ducks together shouted and replied, then what will they eat there to survive? Hence they did not agree to go. The low and the sub-standard taste of the ducks became a barrier for them to fly off to a beautiful location. Thus this outwardly illusionary world and this mortal body often becomes a barrier or hindrance in our path to reach God. God is the possessor of all supreme qualities and the highest form of elation, the place where he resides that shrine is also like that. There is no place for such disgusting elements. Those who cannot leave the elements of this materialistic world and want to cling on to them can never reach up to God. God and illusion are two opposite elements. Till the time a down-fallen comes in contact with a pure soul and is exempted, the well being of the livings are not achieved.

*tato dusangam utsrjya
satsu sajjeta buddhiman
santa evasya chindanti
mano-vyasangam uktibhih*

An intelligent person should therefore reject all bad association and instead take up the association of saintly devotees, whose words cut off the excessive attachment of one's mind.

Immediately before you took the decision of renunciation of your family life, you met Srila Gurudeva at Nos. 8 Hazra road. After witnessing the full form and supremacy of Srila Gurudev, you could feel his different mood compared to the other sadhus sitting there. At that time Srila Gurudev gave answers to two questions with their reference from the scriptures which

strengthened your decision more to leave your house. Soon you left and dedicated yourself to the lotus–feet of Srila Gurudev. The two questions are as follows “since childhood in the daily life there is always a tendency to enjoy, in this condition is it apt to leave behind the household?” And the second question was, my father has brought me up affectionately and have also helped me to complete higher education. In this condition, if I abandon my father, will I commit some kind of offense? Srila Gurudev gave answer to these two questions, a short summary of them is, – ‘we might have incapability within us, but the almighty Sri Krsna does not have any form of incapability within him. He is ever lasting, and so his mercy is also ever–lasting. How much we might be downfallen yet he will always shower us with his mercy, otherwise it negatively affects his vastness. We cannot overcome the lustful adversaries with our own might. But if we surrender ourselves to the hands of Krsna he will definitely protect us from all such adversaries. He is the protector and preserver of one who resorts to him.’

To the answer of the second question, he quoted a sloka from the 18th chapter of the Gita

sarva–dharman parityajya

mam ekam saranam vraja

aham tvam sarva–papebhyo

moksaisyami ma sucah

He explained the sloka and said, if one abandons all religion and all worldly duties and surrenders oneself to the hands of Krsna then Krsna will definitely always protect him from every evil. The sole duty of the daily servant of Krsna is to serve Krsna. By serving Lord Krsna one will be able to fulfill one’s duties towards one’s father and mother and also others towards who the individual has a responsibility. Srila Gurudev bestowed you with the names of Sri Krsna Ballabh as your Brahmachari name and Tridandiswami Srimad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj as your Sanyas name. The questions that you asked to Srila Gurudev and the answers that Gurudev gave through them will bring goodness to many souls, there was no doubt about that.

Most respected Maharaj! the number of days that I could associate with you, I have heard your advices/ preaching, I have closely observed your behavior, and have seen the above mentioned questions and answers get reflected in your attitude and I am still observing them till this day. Today on the occasion of your holy appearance, I offer my prostrated obeisance unto your lotus–feet and I humbly pray to you, to forgive any offense that I have committed knowingly and unknowingly, and shower me with the blessing so that I can spend my life serving Hari–Guru–Vaisnava and do enough for the well–being of mankind.

vancha–kalpatarubhyas ca kripa–sindhubhya eva ca

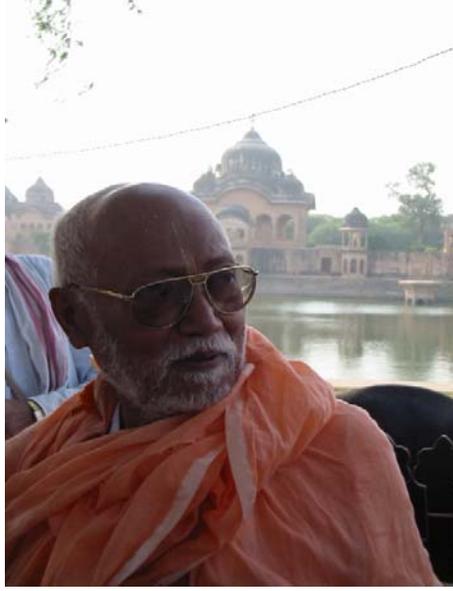
patitanam pavanebhyo vaishnavebhyo namo namah

28th March, 2015 C.E

Saturday, Sri Rama Navami

Vaisnavadasanudasa

Sri Bhakti Saurav Acarya



Param Pujyapada Trindiswami Om 108 Sri Srimadabhaktivallaabha Tirtha Goswami Maharaj

Most revered Trindiswami Sri Srimad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj's

91st Holy Appearance Day

Firstly, I offer flowers at his lotus-feet and humbly pray to show mercy and accept the flowers offered to him by this fallen one. Just as the appearance day of the Lord himself is extremely holy, similarly his devotee's appearance day is equally holy. Hence today is an extremely auspicious day. Today is the appearance day of supreme human Lord Sri Ramachandra, and as today is also the appearance day of our revered Maharaj it definitely bears some kind of significance. The Lord appears on the face of this earth in order to save the living world, in this respect our revered Vaishnava crown-jeweled Maharaj for the welfare of the living being of this world as per the wishes of the Bhagawatam and appeared on the face of this earth. God himself has said that more than my worship the worship of my devotee is great. Hence all of us will assemble together and offer our worships unto his lotus-feet. With that he will be extremely satisfied and happy with us and will shower us with his merciful blessings.

The most respected Maharaj- engaged himself in Gurudev's daily past-times Om Vishnupada 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Daitya Madhava Goswami Maharaj, among those who were under his shelter among them he was his most dearest/favorite disciple. Srila Gurudev seeing his dedication towards the service of his Guru, fair-mindedness, humbleness, mercy, respect and his indifference towards high position got attracted to these various qualities of his and established him as the next Acharya of his own founded Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Math. At present he is Acharya of Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math. He has all the qualities of a successful Acharya. Sri Hari Bhakti Vilasa 1/45-46 Sloka is Vishnu Smriti says:

Krpsindhu su sampur sarvota pakarakah

Nisprha sarvatah siddhah sarva vidya visaradah ,Sarvasamsay samachettahana-laso guru rahurta

Immense merciful, well-contained (which means who is present in all moods and who does not lack anything) possessor of all good qualities, engaged in the well being of all living creatures, without lust, pure/auspicious in every way, most knowledgeable or an expert in Brahma knowledge or Bhakti Siddhanta (devotional knowledge) and the eradicator of all anxieties of his disciple supportive and active which means the man who is infested with devotion towards the Lord he is popularly known as 'Guru'. Our reverend Maharaj is possessor of all these qualities. Sri Mahaprabhu had advised the Goswamis to follow the four instructions 'Namaprema pracara' (the preaching of the name of love), 'Shuddha Bhakti Grantha Prakash' (The publication of pure devotional books), 'Sri Vighraha Seva' (Serving the deities) and 'Lupta tirtha Uddhar' (the discovery or recovery of the holy places that have almost become extinct). The most respected Srila Gurudev accepted our revered Sri Tirtha Goswami Maharaj as his main associate and had followed the above mentioned four instructions imparted by Sri Mahaprabhu. During the lifetime of Srila Gurudev he took along our reverend Maharaj and travelled extensively across north, south, east and west India preaching the holy name and the way he was able to channel the minds of ignorant people towards Krsna consciousness; an extremely outstanding thing. Later on the advice of the revered Vaisnavas, and especially Nityalila Pravista Om Vishnupad 108 Tridandiswami Srimad Bhakti Pramod Puri Maharaj, our revered Maharaj preached the Holy name across 26 countries of this world. During this preaching, many people got attracted towards Mahaprabhu's religion of love and took shelter at his feet. He had immensely worked hard in publishing pure devotional books. Many of his books were translated and published from America which spread across the world. Among them Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu His Life and Associates is specially worth mentioning. While establishing the service towards the deities Srila Gurudev had taken our revered Maharaj as his main assistant and had established big temples and maths across India. While recovering extinct holy places on the instruction of Srila Gurudeva, our revered Maharaja in order to revive the place of appearance of Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati the way he had worked hard it is actually beyond one's description. Our revered Maharaj is dear/favorite to those who had taken shelter under Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur. Engaged in daily past-times, most respected Srimad Bhakti Hridaya Vana Goswami Maharaj, engaged in daily past-times most respected A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj had shown interest in taking him as their assistant while preaching abroad. He is my elder God brother, renunciation master, as well as my spiritual master. Within him all the qualities of a pure Vaishnava is present. I am quite insignificant, yet I have been fortunate to receive his affection. He also does not have any detesting attitude towards his enemies. He is the well-wisher of everyone. Today at the auspicious day of his appearance, I offer my obeisance unto his lotus-feet and I pray for his mercy. Knowingly or unknowingly if I have committed any offense to his holy feet please forgive me, this is the request that this fallen makes unto his lotus-feet.

Sri Vaishnavadasabhasa

Sri Bhaktisaudha Jitendria



By the causeless mercy of Supreme Lord Sri Krishna, I was fortunate to take birth in a Vaishnav-family. Since my father, Pujyapad Sri Prem Das Prabhu ji, Dehradun accepted Harinam in 1953, from His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhav Gosvami Maharaj ji, so I had been fortunate to have regular darshan of Paramguruji, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Pramod Puri Gosvami Maharaj, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Kumud Sant Gosvami Maharaj, Parampujyapad Srila Keshav Prabhuji, Srila Gurumaharaj and other great Vaishnavas since childhood. Vaishnavas like Pujyapad Tridandi Svami Sri Bhakti Vigyan Bharati Maharaj, Pujyapad Tridandi Svami Sri Bhakti Prasad Puri Maharaj, Pujyapad Tridandi Svami Sri Bhakti Lalit Nirih Maharaj and Pujyapad Mathuraprasad Babaji Maharaj used to come to our house on regular basis. In 1982, I went to Jammu for Harinam initiation. Pujyapad Sacchidanand Prabhu introduced me to Srila Gurumaharaj. Srila Gurumaharaj smiled and said - 'O! You are the son of my friend.' Since then I am experiencing the shower of causeless mercy of Srila Gurumaharajji on me. I have firm faith that Srila Gurudev is Absolute. He is a perfect Guru as well as perfect father for disciples, perfect brother for God-brothers, perfect administrator for the Organization as well as He is perfect disciple of His Gurudeva. Once in Kolkata, His Gurudeva, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhav Gosvami Maharaj ji said - 'I have many disciples. But dear to my heart is ----- 'TIRTHA MAHARAJ'.

'Example is better than precept' - is His way of preaching. If we leave some recent years of His pastimes (Asvatha lila), we can easily confirm that How He had been an example. Srila Gurumaharaj never missed Mangla Arati, Evening Harikatah class. Parikrama in Sri Navdvip dham - Sri Braj Mandal. He would walk bare-foot whole day with the smile on His divine face. Srila Gurumaharaj had been always keen to please His Gurudeva. He knew that His Gurudeva liked loud Sri Harinam Sankirtan. During parikrama, whenever He observed some lethargy in Sankirtan, He would immediately take the charge and energize all with His melodious Sankirtan. His pastimes are of most ideal character. No one can pin-point any shortcoming even after thoroughly observing Him. His Harikatha-lectures are Anu-kirtan of divine words spoken by His Gurudeva. He expanded the preaching circles initiated by His Gurudeva to a larger extent by going across India as well as outside India. He wrote many books on devotion in Bengali and English which are enlightening many souls towards the pure devotion. His Gurudeva introduced a magazine 'Sree Chaitanya Vani' in Bengali from Kolkata. Following the Foot-steps of His Gurudeva, He introduced the magazine 'Sree Krishna Chaitanya Sandesh' in Hindi from Chandigarh, 'Sree Gaurang Vani' in Odiya from Puri and 'Kirtan bhakti' in Assamese from Guwahati.

Tridandi bhikshu Bhakti Vichar Vishnu

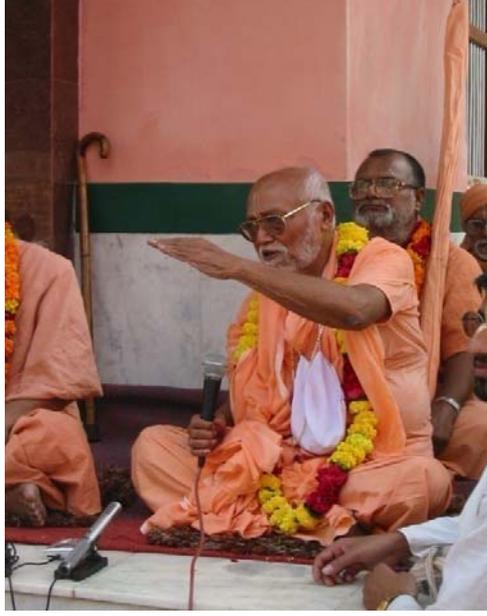


In the year 1996 I had my Harinam, on the ekadashi after Ratha Yatra, while giving me the Harinaam when Guru Maharaj placed the mala in my hands then he asked me a taking my father's name "You are the son of Harivallabha, will you travel with me to Delhi?" Then at that time I could not give him any answer but in my heart I felt and believed that I have dedicated my life to the lotus-feet of Gurudev and hence wherever he wants to take me, wherever he wants to keep me I will do as according to his desires. Still today I am trying my level best to follow the instructions of Gurudev and he is also showing his mercy upon me so that I can stay in that place. Though being immensely ineligible yet he still has given me shelter in the lotus feet of his Prannath Sri Radha Shyama Sundar. I was serving Guru Maharaj for sometime in Kolkata Math and that time used to take dalia and Papaya vegetable for prasad. One day it so happened that while Guru Maharaj was taking the Prasadam he asked me "Today have you added salt to the dalia?" I replied "Yes I have given". It can so happen that day I added less salt. So while eating Guru Maharaj said, "you also eat". So Guru Maharaj had half spoon and with his own hand and with that same spoon he gave me the remenants of his prasadam. I will always remember that day because that day Guru Maharaj gave me his remenant prasadam to me with his own hand and it was like an achievement for me.

Your Servant

Sanandan Das

New Delhi



Offerings to your Lotus Feet

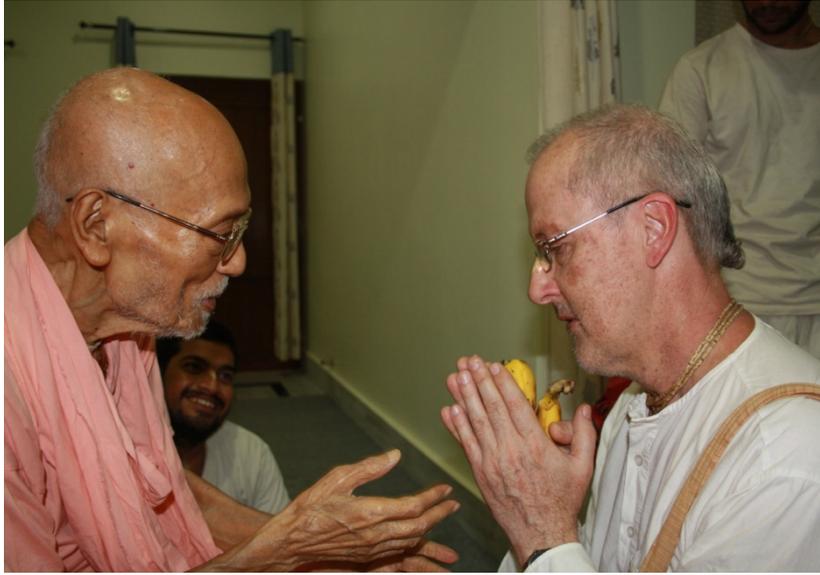
At first I offer my innumerable prostrated obeisance's to the Lotus Feet of my most revered Divine Master, Srila Gurudev Om Vishnupad 108 Sree Sreemad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj, 11th Acharya of perceptorial channel of Lord Sree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Oh Gurudeva, your glories are endless and are sung in scriptures, similarly your most revered Gurudev, Siksha Guru, Guruvargas also tributes to your Scholaristic, Vaishnavata and Divinity (True sad-Guru). Oh Gurudev I pray at your Lotus Feet, on the occasion of your Divine Appearance on the auspicious day, Sri Ramnavami, bless me to remain always in the service of Guru, Vaishnavas and Bhagavan.

Sri Guru Kripa Parthi

Krishnasaran Das (Karunakar)

Hyderabad



On this most auspicious occasion of the celebration of your appearance in this world for the benefit of the fallen souls of Kali-yuga, I offer my most humble obeisances unto the holy lotus feet of my beloved *shiksha guru* and bosom friend, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja, who is the epitome of wisdom, mercy and compassion.

I consider it to be the grace of my beloved Guru Maharaja Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Their Lordships Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga and Sri Sri Radha-Nayananatha that I was given the undeserved opportunity to meet you so many years ago in the days of my youth. The intimate relationship I would like to have cultivated with my *dikshaguru* was not possible due to time, place and circumstance. However, I feel that you fulfilled this need. We met via a unique series of events, which were surely not accidental and my attraction to you, and affection for you, was instantaneous. You have always been most affectionate to me and you have also extended this affection unreservedly to my family members, for which, among so many other things, I am most grateful.

You wrote me a profusion of letters offering the most sagacious advice to improve my spiritual life, and I hold these dear to my heart along with the memory of your inimitable voice, smile, gestures and other mannerisms. You also graced my home so many times and allowed me to attempt to serve you in your preaching activities in the West—activities that were the pinnacle of my devotional life and surely of those who shared this wonderful opportunity. Even though the West was unfamiliar terrain to you, you demonstrated an ability to adapt to all situations and types of people in a charmingly diplomatic and tactful way that captured the hearts of all concerned. You've always exhibited a unique combination of uncompromising gravity with a spontaneous sense of humor and a razor sharp wit. Everything that happened during those heady times was an adventure—events never to be forgotten. Anyone who was there will surely agree. I will always remember your incomparable renderings of 'Jaya Dau', which made it seem as though Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Himself was present!

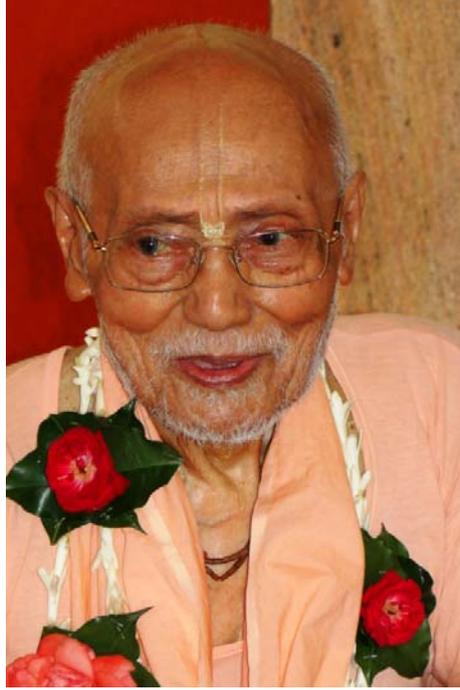
My visit to you in 2012 was of a most profound nature; you displayed much warmth and affection toward me, and it is my hope that I managed to convey the same to you. In our *sampradaya* we place great emphasis on the concept of '*vipralambha*' or 'love in separation', and during those few intimate meetings with you at that time, I began to understand the true import of this idea. You assured me that we will see each other again beyond this brief lifetime and I concurred, yet, despite these assurances and the knowledge that we are eternal, I am left with a void—an empty heart, and a longing that will not be relieved until we

meet once again in a situation where you can guide me in how to glorify Sri Sri Radha-Krishna and you can play tricks on me and joke with me as you have sometimes been inclined to do.

I love you with all my being and have no way to repay you for the beneficial effect that you have had on my life and those close to me. You are everything to me and the mere thought of some of our encounters brings tears to my eyes. I humbly request that you never forget me despite my many offences, and I also humbly pray to you that you will kindly place the dust of your holy lotus feet upon my most unworthy head. I am your eternal servant and I will always love you.

Affectionately yours,

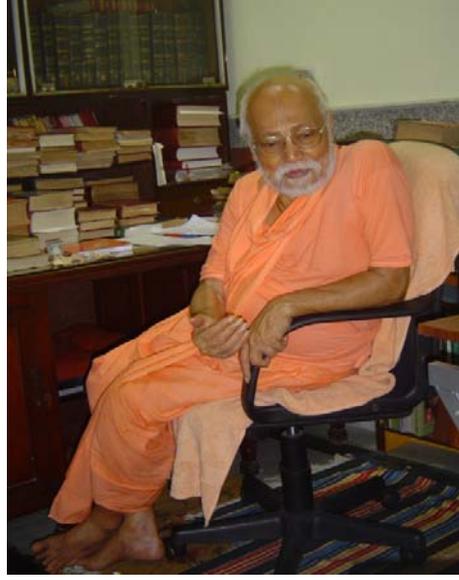
Akinchana dasa



On this glorious day of Vyasa-puja, I offer my respectful obeisances at the divine merciful feet of Your Holiness Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja who are so very dear to Lord Sri Krishna. How fortunate and blessed I feel to have been allowed through my son Akinchana to have your exalted association, to have heard you speak, to have been in your divine presence and to have seen your transcendently sweet face, which I thought to be like a golden lotus flower.

You are so kind and merciful, someone so rare in this world, and your dedication to your revered Guru-Maharaja, Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Goswami Maharaja and the mission of Sri Gauranga, is exalted. You are worshipful by all souls and, by your affectionate and profound instructions, you awaken the urge to return home back to Godhead. I bow down in love and gratitude for your tolerance and affectionate concern for the spiritual well being of not only myself, but of all fallen souls. I prostrate myself at your dear lotus feet and say with all my heart how I miss your sweet presence and how I never forget your wonderful, munificent mercy upon this fallen soul. I am eternally your affectionate servant and I worship you with all my heart and soul.

Brahmidevi Dasi United Kingdom



Vande Ham Sri-Guroh sri-yuta-pada-kamalam-Sri Gurun Vaisnavam ca

My humble obeisances to the lotusfeet of my spiritual master and my instructing Gurus.
My dandavat pranam to the lotusfeet of Srila Bhakti Bhallabha Tirtha Maharaja.

We were fortunate to meet Srila Bhakti Bhallab Tirtha Maharaja in 1998 at an unusual place, namely the hospital in Amsterdam where at that time my dear godbrother Sriman Hayeshvar prabhu was admitted due to a braintumor. Maharaja, you so kindly chanted the Narasimha prayers for him and blessed him. After that we had the good fortune to have you as our honoured guest over the next few years and this was and remains a great inspiration for many western devotees. I fondly remember your classes and Narasimha kirtans and exchanges, and it touched me that you enquired about my welfare as I had regular migraine attacks.

In Batinda 2004 at kartik was the last time I had your darshan, but you will always have a place in my heart.

Ohe Vaisnava Thakura, doyara sagara e dase koruna kori.

Servant of the servant.

Tirthakara das.
Bergen op Zoom
The Netherlands



A Humble Offering to the Lotus Feet of His Divine Grace

Srila Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Goswami Maharaj

You are so great and yet so humble
and fearless in the face of fear
you show the way by perfect example
I realise this more with every year
everything you say is confirmed by sastra
and everything you do is for the Lord
and all you teach me averts disaster
and strikes in my heart a sympathetic chord
from your lotus lips I long to hear
more and more of that nectar dear
that in my eye will raise a tear
I realise this more with every year
the truth divine has been handed down

from heart to heart of our gurus
this fruit divine, which has no bounds
now passes from you to us
your appearance here, there is no doubt
has blessed the world, it's true
and out of many thousands about
saints like you are very few
and so I pray for just one drop
of mercy from your feet
as I recall those words of yours
"every piece is infinite"

with love from you worthless servant

Trilokanatha Trivikram Das

United Kingdom



Dear Srila Gurudeva, Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandavats at your lotus feet.

I first had the opportunity to receive your darshan in 1997 at a public gathering in London and afterwards at the home of Padmanabha prabhu (Prema Chand), but after that I did not see you until 2001. In that year, I saw on the GOKUL web site that you would be visiting Brighton, UK, to give a talk and attend Nagara Sankirtan, so as that place is near our house, I contacted the GOKUL devotees and requested you all to visit our house and take prasadam. You very mercifully accepted my invitation, and visited along with about 25 devotees. On that occasion, my husband Trilokanath was not able to be present, but I saw you again at Prema prabhu's house when you were speaking about the teachings of Kapila deva. I found your words to be very relevant to myself, and at that time you appeared to be directly instructing me, although I was only one amongst a large group of listeners. The following year you most mercifully visited our house yet again with numerous devotees, and gave a most inspiring talk. Trilokanath was present this time, and remarked that you spoke the same instructions as that of our Guru Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaj. Up till then I had not realised what a truly great and wonderful devotee of the Lord you are. But since then I have seen how sweetly humble and tolerant you are, how loving and respectful you are to everyone, and how deeply learned in the sastras you are. I felt that Krishna had especially brought you to our house as Trilokanath then received diksha from you, in 2005, which was 20 years after having received harinam initiation from Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaj. Then in 2010 our daughter Lalita received the great blessing of Harinam initiation from you.

Please forgive me for any offences I may have committed at your lotus feet due to my extreme ignorance, and please bless me that I may see more clearly your divine instructions, and have engagement in the Holy Sankirtan Mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. I am so grateful that you blessed our home with not one visit but two, and that I have had the opportunity of a few moments association of your Divine Grace, which is more valuable than the attainment of heavenly planets, or even liberation itself. You have touched my heart despite it being covered by layers and layers of dirt and defects due to countless lifetimes of sinful activity. Please excuse my complete inability to properly glorify you on the Holy occasion of your 90th Appearance Day, 2014.

Your lowly and insignificant aspiring servant,

Kundalata dasi , United Kingdom



Most worshipable Srila Guru Maharaji

Please mercifully accept my extremely grateful and respectful unlimited sincere obeisances .

You are Srimati Radharani 's loving compassion personified for the most needy and destitute fallen suffering souls as myself. Your humility and complete selfless dedication to Your so glorious venerable Divine Master Param Pujyapada Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja Lotus feet makes you a most perfect Rupanuga Acarya example for your sincere and honest disciples and all who are learning from you , this most prestigious pure Vraja Bhakti Prajnana and the divine vani of Sri Sacinandana Gaurahari.

You divine Love knows no boundaries, you never make differences and see all as servants of the Lord that you once told me to serve from the core of core of heart with honesty and sincerity .

I am so little and unqualified but still as a most wonderfully merciful Shiksha Guruji You are taking care of me and helping me so much to progress in my spiritual development, since the so very unfortunate earthly departure of my most worshipable Diksha Guruji His divine Grace ParamPujyapada Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayan Goswami Maharaji ,my life and soul .

You are so kindly giving solace and hope to all who are in distress like me, .

Also we can never repay you for all the so beautiful transcendental and unending Mahaprasadam we ,countless bada jivas received from your so soft divinr lotus hands who are extending directly like Srimati Radharani's own most merciful worshipable lotus hands and reveals you as Her very special representative on earth.

You are an embodiment of Visudha Sattva Visesa Atma and being so fortunately in your transcendental most loving presence, even for only a lava matra, can make miracle happen ,such ad turning a crow into Garuda , a lame cross mountains and a dumb sing Vedas and Harinam bringing in everyone 's life sublime auspiciousness . Remembering you worshipping Srimati Tulasi devi is a great blessing for us all who you blessed to receive such deep moving darshan.

Few times daily I remember 3 of your favorite slokas.

HARER NAM HARER NAM HARER NAM EVA KEVALAM,

TRINAD API SUNICENA TAROR API SAHISHNUNA AMANINA MANA DENA KIRTANIYA DADA HARIH

AND HARI GURU VAISNAVA TINERA SMARANA

Praying to your very merciful lotus feet from the core of core of my heart to be able to fully realise even only a spark of a spark of them ,making my devotional life successful .

Please my very dear Guru Maharaja always guide and inspire me from within the core of core of my stone like heart that it may gradually melt for the eternal NikunjaSeva of Sri Sri Radha Govinda and the divine Prachar of Sri Gaurcandra Vani for the utmost auspiciousness of all living entities.

A straw between my teeth i Eternally with greatest gratitude bow down to your most compassionate lotus feet worshipable by even great rishis munis and all pure devotees of The Lord of all sampradayas offering my unlimited dandavat Pranams from the core of core of my heart and begging you to forgive me for any offenses committed knowingly or unknowingly as I am a very ignorant fallen conditioned soul .

Aspiring for your causeless mercy always
Very lowest servant Sashikala Dasanudasi Vrindavan.



Srila Maharaja came to stay at my house on Maui for several days travelling with five devotees. Every night he spoke so powerfully that all were inspired. Then, when it was time for them to go to the Big Island, he generously offered me a ticket. I apologized and said I had to work. One of the devotees said to me "But you are simply weeping!" He was right about my weeping in separation once everyone left. I made plans to fly standby to San Francisco to join them for Ratha Yatra after they left Hawaii for California. They had left a chapati pan behind at my house. I had carried it and by a miracle I got a seat on a sold out airplane . One person didn't show up for their reservation so I had a seat and was able to go to him to join Rathayatra in California by his mercy. It was ecstatic following Maharaja throughout the Ratha Yatra procession and I was staying close to him all the time.

Your Servant

Chandrika Dasi, Maui

Hawaii



I was lost until I met Guru Maharaj in December 1994. From the first sight I have wanted to fully surrender to Guru Maharaj. All my life has completely changed to spiritual side. Since Guru Maharaj has stayed at my house I consider it like a Holy place.

I have no qualification to write about Srila Guru Maharaj's glories.

Seva Adhikari Padmanabha das

(Prema Chand) UK



Dear Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj

I am writing this brief Vyasa-Puja offering with some hesitation, due to my conditioning, always thinking I am the body and not the atma residing within this body.

I have met Your Divine Grace on two occasions in England many years ago. I remember those occasions as though it was yesterday. Your Grace's humility and expert knowledge captured our hearts. Since then I have followed your inspirational sayings and deep insights closely, finding immense inspiration from them. Even though I am not your direct disciple I regard you as my Siksa Guru. You have the ability to deliver Lord Nityananda's blessings throughout this world. Your affection for my Gurudev (His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Rakshaka Sridhar Deva Goswami Maharaj) is immense. Your knowledge of the Sampradaya gives us all joy as demonstrated in the publication Sri Chaitanya: His Life & Associates and you give real meaning to the scriptures. You are presently showing the pastime of illness to increase your disciple's attachment to your lotus feet for their benefit. All Glories, All Glories to you Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj. I beg for forgiveness for any offense committed to your Divine Grace. When the imperfect comes in connection with perfection some offense may arise, but due to the Vaisnava's mercy it may not take root. All Glories, All Glories to your lotus feet.

Your Servant
Guru Prasad das
U.K.



Dear Gurudev

Please accept my Dandavat Pranam

On this glorious day of your 91st birthday, I would like to remember you for my own purification one of your pastime in the west. You were sitting on a bench, at the airport of Nice (south of France) and a few devotees were on the floor, listening to Your spontaneous Divine Katha. Groups of passengers were passing by, not paying much attention. Then one lady emerged from one of these groups and literally fell at Your Feet, half unconscious. One female devotee started to chastise the half-conscious lady, telling her that she should not touch a sannyasi. But You, with eyes full of compassion, You helped the lady to sit next to You, asking her if everything was alright. After a few moments, when the lady was feeling better, she left, not knowing that this event was the most glorious moment of her life...

In the same way, I was roaming in this material world, half unconscious and, like a magnet, You attracted my heart to your lotus feet but, due to my offenses, like this lady, I am unable to realize that these moments with Your divine association were the most glorious days of my life.

Please help me Gurudev.

Your disciple Uddhava Das

lost somewhere in France.

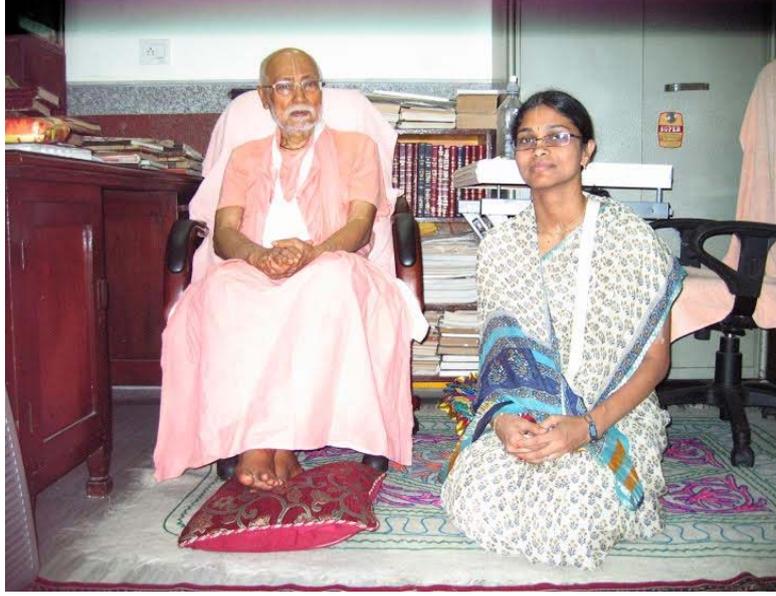


At first I offer my humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev and pray for His causeless mercy.

In Feb. 1999 when I came to India for the first time, Srila Shyam Das Babaji Maharaj, disciple of Srila Bhakti Promod Puri Goswami Maharaj was picking me up at the airport on the order of Srila Gurudev. While we were driving in car towards Mayapur, Babaji Maharaj asked me whether I have met Gurudev before and I replied no. Then he said : »he is world famous«. When I heard this, I felt for the first time in my life that I have a heart, i.e. I felt I am soul and I felt I belong to Gurudev and my only question inside was how I can serve Him, how I can serve Him. When in Mayapur I saw Gurudev for the first time in His bhajan kutir, I never saw such beauty before in my life, it was something different. So beautiful and golden shining. The first thing He asked me, because He is omniscient, that how was my travel. Actually that travel was very long and complicated so I was tired and also in complaining mood and Guru Maharaj saw my heart. I replied, oh very long. Then Guru Maharaj said »everything depends on the will of Supreme Lord Sri Krishna«. When I heard Him say »Krishna«, again it was something different I have ever heard before and I could realise that Guru Maharaj knows Krishna personally and also all my troubles in mind due to travel were at once mitigated. Then He also gave me apples prasad. Next day again I saw Gurudev and again He was so beautiful, so attractive. Then I also saw and heard Gurudev singing and dancing in parikrama and again it was something different which I never saw or heard before. He was actually singing and dancing for Krishna. Because I was first time in India and a westerner, when we were in Nrsingha palli, devotees told me to take prasad inside house. I was sitting just opposite to Srila Gurudev and again I saw something which I have never seen before, it was something different, how Guru Maharaj was eating. He was actually taking Krishna's prasad for Krishna's satisfaction, not out of any need or enjoying desire. Few days later, at the time of my Harinam initiation, when I heard Him say Mahamantra, again I felt something which I never had before, I could feel that this sound is superior to me and I'm His eternal servant. Jay Srila Gurudev.

Your Servant

Madan Gopal Das (Slovenia)



I am very insignificant fallen person to glorify my gurudev, but still I will attempt to say few words as he has been the most merciful person to me in this world. My coming in contact with gurudev was by chance. His ever smiling face was enough to convince me to take harinama and later deeksha from him. He had been always very compassionate towards me. Whenever I had chance of meeting him (which was very few times) he would say he doesn't know kannada (I being from Bengaluru, the main language spoken here is kannada) and always enquired whether I have got proper arrangements for stay and am I comfortable.!!! Whenever I have had difficulties in following this path, some way or the other he has helped in continuing this journey...given me the strength to go forward. Whatever sadhana I have been able to do is just because of his mercy and support...nothing of my own doing. Although, there are many incidents where I have felt his presence in guiding me, I will narrate one of them here in his glorification.

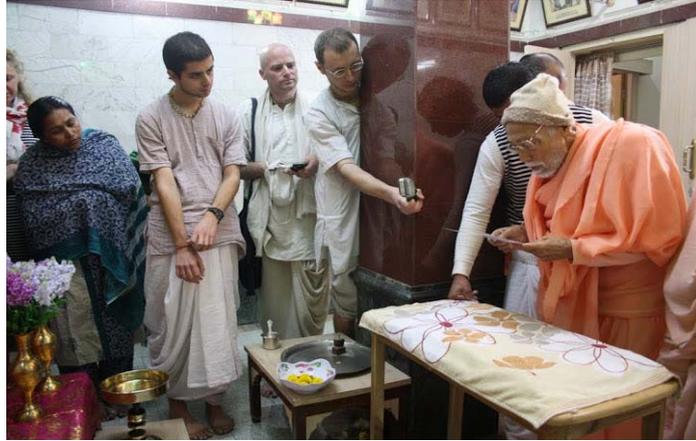
During one of our home programs, I was very much busy in making arrangements for the prasadam for the devotees that I couldn't attend the bhajan. I very much wanted to attend the kirtans and harikatha, especially that day being ekadasi. I felt very bad that i missed the bhajans and felt that even on ekadasi day I couldnt do any kirtan, how bad my karma is!!!! Almost feeling like crying, i switched on my computer, just clicked one of the lectures of Gurudev...thinking at least I will hear my Gurudev's voice. In the lecture, he said, Krishna is merciful..He allows jeeva to give service to him. But only he can decide what service he wants the devotees to do. We should be thankful for whatever opportunity we get to do the service. We can't be saying I will do only this service or that service. It is his desire what service he wants us to do. We should be happy for the opportunity provided to serve him. Then I realised that even cooking also is a seva. I can't be chooser when I am a servant. I was no longer sad, I was happy that I could serve the devotees...as serving his devotees makes him happier than serving himself.

There are many incidents where I have got the clarity about situations as my Gurudev has always ensured I am guided properly. I am thankful for his blessings and hope to serve him in some way at least to make this life useful.

Koti dandavat pranams at his lotus feet...Jai gurudev....

Your Servant

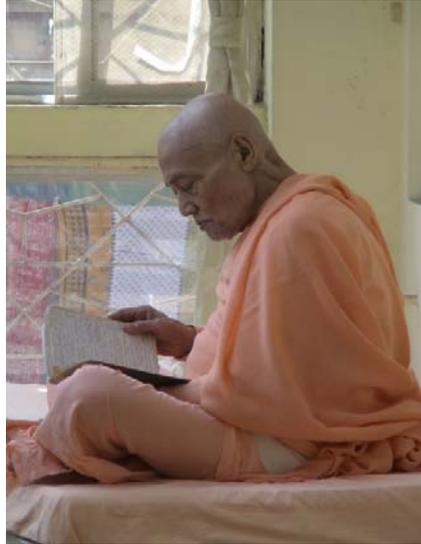
Raseswari Dasi,Bangalore



It was with Gurudeva that I first had a very powerful experience of what *sabda-brahma* is. Although I did not have the fortune of participating in any of Gurudeva's kirtans, I got to hear him pray to Param-Gurudeva and our previous Acaryas in Param-Gurudeva's Bhajan kutir. His simple uttering of the names of Param-Gurudeva and Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Prabhupada in separation was the most powerful kirtan I have ever heard in my life, and I have been in many wonderful kirtans. I have read and heard from the Caitanya Caritamrta about the devotional ecstasies of Sri Gaurangadeva and his devotees, and Srila Gurudeva actually displayed these intense ecstasies of separation and captured my heart with his intense love for Param-Gurudeva.

Another interaction with Gurudeva that I cherish deeply in my heart is from when I had his darsana at the hospital in Guwahati. I was allowed to see Gurudeva face to face and, although his eyes were closed, he sent an overwhelming wave of affection into my heart and thus reminded me that he is not bound by any physical limitations, that he is always seated in my heart. I pray to Srila Gurudeva to keep me eternally engaged in his transcendental loving service in the service of Sri Gaurangadeva and Sri-Sri Radha-Krsna.

Sincerely,
Abhimanyu Das
Alachua, Florida, USA



My name is Ananda priya Dasi , I am a disciple of Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayan Goswami Maharaj.

I met my Gurudeva two years before he left this world. I had only a few associations with him.

After his departure of course I wanted to know him more and to have spend more time with him.Even if he had already given to me so much.Few months after he left, I had a dream, my Gurudeva telling me to go to see Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj.Next morning I woke up and I was like a new devotee, I didnt know who he was and I didnt know if it was really someone. I just asked my boyfreind who is Srila Bhakti Ballabh TirthaMaharaj he explained to me he was a Guru in Kolkata. I had so much desire to follow my Gurudev's instruction and so to meet Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirth Maharaj.

Few months passed and we were in Kolkata , when some brother and sister of us invited us to have a beautiful prasadam in Sree Chaitanya Gaudiya Math they said the prasad is always wonderful there and also the Guru is.So we went there and when we arrived they told us the name of the Guru Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj .It was so incredible that after so much time I wanted to meet him and I was very restless, we were there in the math of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj and he was there. We waited for the darshan the first evening and it was ok, but I didnt feel so much attachment.I was worried about different stupid things around me.The second evening we went there I was more peaceful I wanted to be the last one of the queue to see him .because I wanted to tell him the story about my Gurudeva"s dream.

In the queue I was worried I wanted to tell him that my Gurudeva came in my dream to give me his name and to tell me to go to see him.But I thought that may be he will think I am stupid or what..

When I arrived in front of him. I told him the entire dream and I started to cry then sundar gopal came close to me to translate what Maharaj was telling to me I could not speak so much my voice was chocked.

When I started to speak about the dream of my Gurudeva to him , Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj came closer to me. At that time ,everything around was suspended. Time stopped. He came so close to me with his eyes and I realized we are two friends talking about our best friend that we had in common and who had just left this planet few months ago. He gave me so much attention and affection. That he fulfilled my heart. Thanks to him Irealized then what is Siksha Guru, someone who make you become closer to your own Guru .

"Actually that was the best moment of my life" ! I think that my Gurudeva across Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj. He gave me something which I have not received before. I have so much love and affection for Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirth Maharaj and I hope I can develop more thanks to my Gurudeva's grace for arranging this meeting with him.

Your Servant
Ananda Priya Dasi
France



Remembering and sharing few of my unforgettable moments with Gurudeva, I try to cherish the unfathomable mercy of Gurudeva.

My first darshan of Gurudeva, in His bhajan kutir Kolkata, (March/April 2010) in the evening when Gurudeva is distributing prasadam to all devotees, His face shining with a sweet smile. I felt like a child meeting his mother.. He, so very natural, so loving, so very relaxed, so warm and welcoming. Another special moment was when hearing live webcast of Gurudeva's Harikatha, I read a chat message which said no audio here and instantly I found my hands spring into action to type on chat channel the English translation I was hearing clearly alongwith Gurudeva's Bangla katha. I felt I was driven by some unknown force and i just had to submit. The topic Gurudeva was speaking then was about Prabhupad travelling in an ox cart in Assam and a young boy (Kamalakanta?) walking from behind the cart got so attracted by the personality of Prabhupad. Prabhupad was having a very casual talk with the boy but the boy was piritually drawn who followed him to the next village, later gave up home and joined math.

During Gurudeva's 50th Sanyas year celebrations at Mayapur.. I was very fortunate to be there among thousands of devotees to perform arotika of our dearest Gurudeva in great joy, most touching and memorable event, followed by Gurudeva's blessing words in Harikatha.

Listening to Gurudeva's Harikatha in Sri Jagannatha Puri on Sri Gundica Marjan day in 2011, wherein was his instruction to all to give full attention to Harikatha specifically saying not to chant on beads during Harikatha time which was like direct instruction to me because it was exactly what I was doing then.

On the Rathayatra day .. Gurudeva blessing me with Harinama diksha and japamala is the greatest moment of my life. Felt Gurudeva's chanting of Panchatatva and Mahamantra that day entering through the ears had reached the my heart straight and I began chanting on the new japamala that day on.

Next occasion is when Most Gracious Gurudeva became even more merciful and gave me diksha name and diksha mantras (On Gaur tratiya, Bhadra .. 2012) taking his giant step towards me and making me feel more closer to Him.

Navadvip Parikrama time 2011. At Narasimhapalli inside the temple there was great rush of devotees and feeling suffocated I was looking at the exit door to get away without darshan. Then Gurudeva suddenly came to my mind and to my great surprise I found the path before me clear away, people giving way and got the direct darshan of Narasimha Bhagavan face to face from where I stood some 4-5 feet away. Everything stood still for that moment. It was all for just a second or two may be but it left me dumb, immobile. It was so dramatic.. unexpected and like we see in a movie. Later I remembered Gurudeva's words that we

cannot remember Guru or Vaishnavas by our own capacity, if at all you remember, know that they are gracing you!! After an year realised, Gurudeva is trying to say to me .. Only and only by Gurudeva's Grace, one can have the darshan of Bhagavan.

Your Servant

Visakha Dasi,Bangalore



Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

I offer my respectful obeisances in the dust from Your Sacred feet. In this favored day of Your Appearance on the earth I pray. Please teach me to always remember You, Vaishnavas and Bhagavan. Sure, authentically I don't know You, but I got the fortune to get association of Your disciples - they got faith in You. By associating with them and trying to serve, my mind and soul gradually fulfilling strong faith in You. This faith is only rescue for me, not realizing my real self, but only realizing my martial body. That faith in You, descending from your disciples, inspiring me to learn - how to remember You, Pray to You, giving up temporary, lower ideas.

So via Your disciple, recordings of Yours Harikatha came to me, that Harikatha, which I have heard once and forgot, and now I'm again blissfully getting Darshan of that Harikatha. From You coming realization - that I'm eternal debtor not only of Yours Grace, but Your favored disciples too. Like sun rays, Your Love and Love of your disciples coming through strong doors of my ignorance in my dark heart, awakening desire to perform Sadhana in spirit to serve You.

Your worthless disciple,

Advaya Gyana Dasa. (Russia, Voronezh)



I offer my most humble obeisance's to my most worshipable Gurudev Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayan Goswami Maharaj. In the same way I offer my wholeheartedly humble obeisance's to my beloved Siksa Guru Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj on the occasion of his all auspicious appearance day.

I remember that Srila Guru Maharaj use to say us in darsan to help each other. Guru Maharaj' s heart is full of compassion and love. And he also wants us to become like that. To be really friendly with each other, to have not diplomatic relationships but relationships based on real empathy and affection, in this way strengthening our hearts. Appreciating the good things in each other and overlooking others weaknesses. He wants us become simple hearted like himself. His heart is a fragrant lotus flower full of humility. Love is like this and this is the real universal love movement of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Those who are near to Mahaprabhu and his associates are like that. so soft, so sweet and with complete fortitude. Premera Thakura Gaura!. Guru Maharaj has this kind of love.

Wherever I came to him he make feel so blissful at heart because he has real love for all of us. As God Himself. He is my eternal well wisher and he also told me that he is always with me in my heart permanently. He told me to be fearless. Because only shelter is Supreme Lord, the eternal husband of the soul who protects, maintains and give real pleasure at heart. Because that I not feel never helpless in life. He is, as well my Gurudev, everything that I really have. Everything can pass away but never they, they are eternal associates of Radha Krishna in Vraja.

I pray to you Guru Maharaj please make my heart as soft and sweet as Vrajavasis's heart. Then I will be able to attract the mercy of Vrajendra Nandana and Vrisabhanu Nandini Sri Radha.

Your Servant

Raseswari dasi (Chile)



Puru insisted me that I should meet Gurudev. I was reluctant because of the long lines. He cut to the front of the line, embarrassing me greatly, as this is forbidden in the West. I offered my obeisances and Puru introduced me. I had a camera and I asked him if I could take a picture. He lit into me, asking how I could see him. The soul is 1/10,000 the tip of a hair. I was mortified. Then a nice bramacari reached out to me and grabbed my camera and took a shot. In retrospect I must have looked like a dacoit, all dressed in black, long hairs and no tilak! At least I had on kantimala....

Your servant,

Bhutabhavana dasa

Cheney Washington

Director and co-founder of the Bhaktivedanta Memorial Library

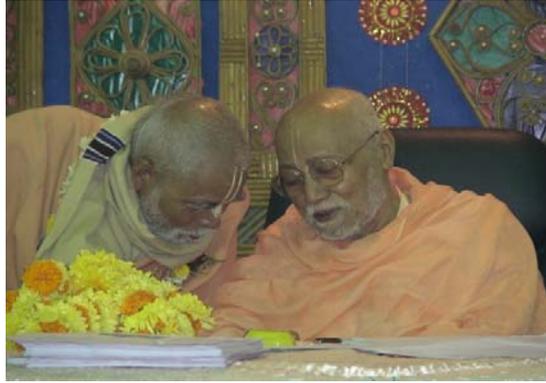


Jaya Guru Maharaja
Sri Ballabha Tirtha
Sri Gaura Karuna murti
asubha nasana

All the Glories to Patita pavana Guru Maharaj! The saviour of the most fallen! The embodiment of Gaura Hari mercy! The aniquilator of all inauspicious things! All the glories to You, whose affection to those who have surrender to you is incomparable! All the glories to you, the dearmost friend of Srila Gurudev Narayan Goswami Maharaj. Upon hear the name "Narayan Maharaj" your heart melts and tears come from your eyes. All the glories to your love and affection for the bhaktas! Today is a festival in all three worlds! The commandant chief of the Rupanugas army appeared on this holy day. Today the whole universe is charmed and blessed by His divine presence!!Jaya Guru Maharaja Sri Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Maharaj Sri Gaura Karuna murti asubha nasana

Your fallen Servant

Baladev (Brazil)



First of all I would like to offer my humble pranams to all you devotees out there with Srila Gurudeva who are trying their best to serve Him with utmost care and affection and also trying to help spread His glories in different ways as much as possible.

Next I would like to offer my dandvat pranaams to Srila Gurudeva and all the Vaishnav Acaryas to bless me so that I can try to say something about His endless glories on your loving orders.

I would just like to share something on one of the above questions.

What comes to your mind as soon as you remember Gurudev and why?

Srila Gurudeva is an embodiment of divine love and compassion and has special mercy on the conditioned souls like myself. One of the most fascinating things that comes to my mind as i try to remember His lotus feet is the relation His Divine Grace has had with His own Spiritual Master (Srila Param Gurudeva).

More than anything else the quality of His relationship with His Gurudeva has really put a deep impression on my heart.

Everyone in this world is looking out only for trustful, worthy and eternal relationships; but in spite of trying everything we fail big time and end up with mere grief, sorrow and miseries only; even if we have all worldly luxuries.

But looking at the unconditional service that His Divine Grace has been offering to Srila Param Gurudeva till today has no match what so ever.

His pure character itself speaks that real purpose of life actually lies in serving and not in trying to become a master of this mortal world.

And also service to not some partial entity (like family, country, etc) but service to the complete whole (Krishna).

Since we cannot serve Krishna directly through this mundane senses, Krishna Himself appears in front of us in the form of Bonafide Spiritual Master to accepts our services in the form of six loving exchanges (dadati, prati grhnati ...) as explained by Srila Rupa Goswami.

This central thought of Gaudiya Vaishnav teachings has been taught to us by His own magnificent example; as He Himself says that Example is better than precept.

Not saying much, I would like to conclude by asking for the merciful blessings of His Divine Grace, that even if I could offer a drop of service to His Lotus Feet and being satisfied by that if He could at least once recognize me as one His own, even from afar; then i would certainly consider my life successful.

Vaishnava Dasanudas,
Hariballabh Das (Harshall Lamba)Mumbai.



All glories to the Golden Lotus, to the love, to the mercy who is embodied manifestly from Sat Guru Tatva as the mercy and love that manifests in my spiritual master. You are my father, my friend and my heart. Once upon a time a lost soul who came to the Golden feet of love who emerged as a lotus emanating their sweet fragrance of mercy and kindness. I do not have anything to give today, and I have nothing, only this body borrowed as a prison; and the substance what inhabits it, I offer it to Sree Sat Guru Bhagavan, who shines like a Golden Lotus that shining beyond a thousand suns and is decorated with garland of Bhakti and love ornaments.

I have not been initiated by you, I do not find among his disciples initiated, however it is my lord and master. For me, you are my spiritual master and there will be nothing I can replace it. I hope to create a Vyasasana in my heart so that you can sit on it and someday be your servant.

Your aspiring servant;

Krsnamurti Das

Caracas,Venezuela



All glories to the beautiful and sacred lotus feet of my beloved Gurudev who pervaded my life with his magnanimous effulgence.

All glories who gave birth to my life bestowing mercy and the opportunity to serve you.

His sweet smile is engraved in my soul and I animate and strengthened to not lose heart in spiritual warfare, Thanks for taking care of me and always being by my side.

Jai Gurudev Jai Gurudev Jai Gurudev

Your aspiring Servant

Kunti Devi Dasi, Venezuela



Gurudev, I love you so much. I have you always in my heart. I miss you!

Your Darling Daughter & Servant Maharani Devi Dasi

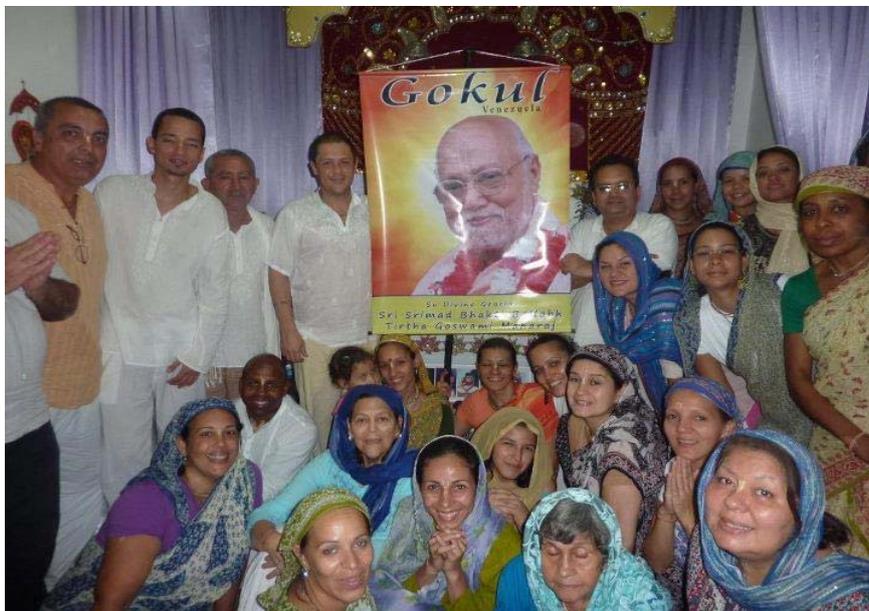


All Glories to Srila Gurudev who gave me His causeless mercy and put inside my heart His sweet love. You are always within me, my heart is yours and let me always serve at your Golden Lotus Feet.

Your aspiring Servant

Priyarupa Dasi,

Venezuela



VENEZUELA

**GOKUL CENTER HARI KIRTAN SABHA OFFERINGS
TO SRILA GURUDEV ON HIS VYASAPUJA**

Extremely grateful to have you in my heart.

AMBRTAMAJI DEVI DASI

All Glories to Srila Gurudev

From this humble aspiring devotee, the only thing what can I tell is. I bring you with me in my heart, at Your Feets

SACCIDEVI DEVI DASI

Oh my Lord thousands of happiness in your Vyasapuja, you who have all love from Sri Nityananda.

LILAVATI DEVI DASI

I hope you a nice Vyasapuja, and I also want you company always

HRISHIKESH DAS

My most revered Gurudev please received my humbles dandavats pranams from Venezuela. I send you with these short words the affection of your disciple, an aspirant of your servant.

Jai Srila Guru Maharaj ki!! Jai!! Gaura Nitay!!

RAMACANDRA DAS

Always full of sweetness and love for living beings and whose effulgent lotus feet are the refuge and hope to the less fortunate, All glories to your sacred presence, all glories to bhagavan and His highness lotus feet.

KRSNA RANI DEVI DASI

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

I want to thank you for such infinite mercy and hope in this life have the conscience to serve absolutely and for the rest of my life ...

Jay Gurudev..

HARI PRIYA DEVI DASI

On this special day for all I want to thank you for the opportunity to get your Darshan. Oh my Gurudeva, please I implore from Venezuela resides here in my heart and never leave me. I love you. Jay Gurudev.

My most humble and respectful obeisances to Srila Guru Maharaj and His devotees.

BHAKTA MAX

Dandavats Pranams my beloved Srila Gurudeva.

My Savior, who by His causeless mercy came to this world to love us, to give us light in this darkness and with His immense love gives hope and shows us the path that we must take to become an eternal servants.

My obeisances at Your Golden Lotus Feet.

HARI BALLABH DAS

Congratulations on your day, I wish you get better soon and hope to be back with you getting your love and mercy. Gaura Nitai

SHIVANANDA DAS

My sweet Gurudeva, I implore to Lord Krishna that spillage all his blessings upon you and grant You your greatest wish "your aspiring become your servant at your Feet.

INDULEKA DEVI DAS

OM VISHNUPAD PARAMAHANSA 108 SRI SRIMAD BHAKTI BALLABH TIRTHA GOSWAMI MAHARAJ MY LORD GURUDEVA

I WANT ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR US GIVE MY SERVICE, MY THOUGHTS AND EVEN MY FEELINGS MAYBE TO LITTLE. I AM A FALLEN ENTITY AND UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SRI GURU, YOUR LOVE, YOUR PURPOSE AND DESTINY, I JUST WANT TO THANK MY EVOLVING FROM MY LEVEL PRESENCE IN THIS PLAN AND SO SORRY THAT I COULD NOT SHARE TOO MUCH WITH YOU IN INDIA. MAKES ME HAPPY THAT YOUR ESSENCE IS FOREVER IN MY HEART, YOU ARE MY FATHER, MY MASTER. JAY JAY GURUDEVA

KUNDALATA DEVI DAS

My Sacred Lord, filled with purity and transcendence.

I only ask that I bind your feet and let me feel and understand your shelter only just look you into your eyes I satisfy the desire of peace, hope, of something I just cannot explain. You my Lord you're the truth, light, happiness, love, hope someday, give me the opportunity to worship, serve and think on you sincerely. I reverend you every day, filling me every time that I see you with enthusiasm and hope that someday I'll get my real sambhanda with you my Lord. FROM VENEZUELA, I send YOU MY MOST HUMBLE AND RESPECTFUL OBEISANCE TO YOU MY GURUDEV in your great Vyasapuja.

Antaranga Devi Dasi

Dear and beloved Gurudev ,

Every day are special with your presence in my heart, but as I am not a devotee and need a structure , I hope to never forget your beautiful eyes and your great smile, when I had the great fortune of being close you on my initiation. Fortunately I have always the mercy to remind you by the seva from your beautiful devotees of India with some of my brothers what they do for facebook remembering your teachings and your beautiful pics ; was something magical and special that I could live in those few days when I went in India. You are the most what happened in my life and I appreciate it every day to Sriman Krishna Murty Das Prabhu, for bringing me at your Lotus Feet, my dear lord , I just want to become a true devotee and don't disappoint you for that seed what you planted in my heart grown his fruit.I love so Much my Guruji

ANANGA MANJARI DEVI DAS

My most humble and respectful obeisances to Srila Gurudev!

I want to thank you for your love, and mercy to this fallen and conditioned soul. Thanks for Your looking at me, for let me go to You, please give me Your blessings to be continue in my spiritual life. Hoping someday to serve you.

Happy Vyasapuja, Our Golden Lotus!

JIVANAMRTAM DEVI DASI

My most humble and respectful obeisance to my spiritual master Srila Gurudev.

I write You these few lines to thank you for find me and accepted as an aspiring lord devotee.- Thank You for listening to all my sufferings, thanks for putting the seed in my heart and help me to water it every day of my existent life in this material world.-

My reverences to my Eternal Spiritual Master. Jay Gurudev..

MADHAVI DEVI DASI

Dandavats Pranams, Gurudeva

Please accept my obeisances; I want to implore your mercy and allow me to serve at Your Lotus Feet life after life. All the glories to His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj

At Your Feets

LILA MOHINI DEVI DASI

Dear Srila Gurudev,

You are the light to my darkness, You are my joy to sadness, You are medicine to my pain in this world, You are my life in my state of death, You are my savior. Thank you for give me the mercy and grace to take me Your hand back home.

By His Grace Srila Gurudev, always in attempt to serve You; Jay Srila Gurudev of Love.. Ki Jay

MADURI DEVI DASI

My obeisances to you, Srila Gurudev!

By you and your glories is that I am here today, surrounded of the universal knowledge and so beautiful devotees .. So thanks for so much mercy! Ask for your support and guidance for the beginning of this journey! Please send me your blessings to my spiritual life! I want to take initiation (Harinam) and someday be able to distribute Your glories around the world.. Thank you! Happy Vyasapuja!

BHAKTA ALBA

My most respected and revered Gurudeva,

You are brightness and sweetness in this material world full of cruelty and suffering your light illuminates our hearts and feeds our souls. Thanks for your great and beautiful mercy. Lord Nityananda blesses you always.

My most humble and respectful obeisances unto your Holy Lotus Feet ...

KALINDI DEVI

Meeting you, was the most beautiful thing that happened to me in my life. Thank you for so much love and mercy, Thank you.
Happy Vyasapuja

ACHYUTA KRSNA DAS

Srila GURUDEV SUBSCRIBE TO MY MOST HUMBLE AND RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES!

THANKS for all the mercy and love poured out on me, your causeless mercy because I possess any quality that I have received so much from you, I will be eternally grateful to you and try and give your precept to every soul that I see! Srila GURUDEV
JAY!

RADHA PRIYA DEVI DAS

OH!! What have I done Gurudev, to deserve your magnanimous blessings? Lord, you wrap me with lot of tenderness through your loving devotees who worship and serve you. How can I someday be worthy to get a bit of your bright and sweetness? Jay Gurudev !!

SATYABHAMA DEVI DAS



Pushpanjali to the Lotus feet of my Most Revered Gurudev

Om Vishnupad 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj!

(1)

Gurudev, the non-different loving deity of the Supreme Lord,
more affectionate, more compassionate than God.
The sweetest transcendental smile on your moon like face,
the glimpse of which removes all afflictions as your grace.
Gurudev, Srimad Bhakti Ballabh you are,
please keep me in your service life after life.

(2)

Oh Gurudev, the purifier of fallen souls,

With your love and affection my heart you stole.
You gave me shelter under your lotus feet, where there's no fear,

I am most fortunate and saved; you are Krishna's most dear.

Gurudev, Srimad Bhakti Ballabh you are,
please keep me in your service life after life.

(3)

Non-different from Srila Paramgurudev- Your God brothers glorify

What an ideal example of your life & precept, do souls purify.

Live deity of Supreme Lord's "Trinadapi Sunicha" Sloka

which is rare to be found in Tri-Loka.

Gurudev, Srimad Bhakti Ballabh you are,
please keep me in your service life after life.

(4)

‘Suddha Bhakti’ preacher – Ganga of Pure devotion,

that flows across the globe – countries & ocean.

The pure ‘Naam’ dances on your lotus lips relentlessly,

The Humans, trees, birds, beasts get absorbed instantly.

Gurudev, Srimad Bhakti Ballabh you are,
please keep me in your service life after life.

(5)

I am your most fallen, useless, disobedient hypocrite son,

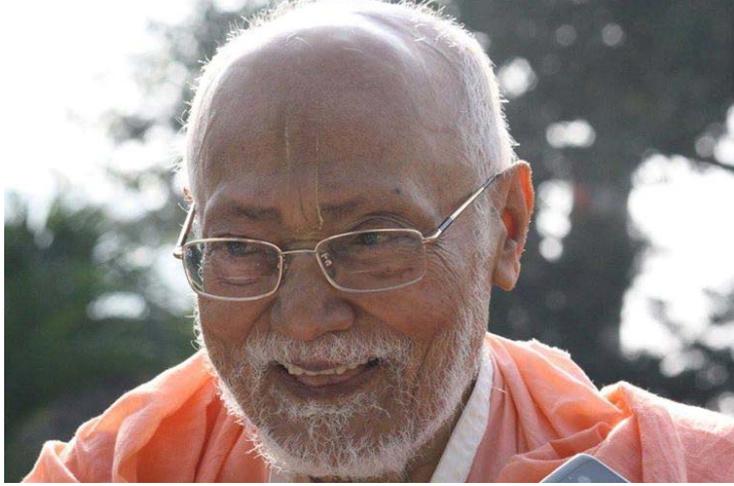
So merciful, you still count me with other disciples as one.

Accept my insignificant offerings to your lotus feet please,

begging for your service being humble & tolerant like trees.

Gurudev, Srimad Bhakti Ballabh you are,
please keep me in your service life after life.

~ Prayer by Gopal Krishna Das, UK



Dear Gurudev , please accept my countless bows . Only by the grace of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna , I met you and it is my great good fortune , for which I am very grateful. I fallen soul that hopes for your mercy . Dear Gurudev , I am very sorry that I have not met you before , I did not hear your katha , did not participate in kirtans . Although I saw you once, it was the bright spot in my life! Like your smile , it shines all around. I'd love to see you again and again Oh Gurudev ask you not to leave me , only your grace I can find complete shelter of your lotus feet.

Your Servant
Ananga Manjari. Russia



‘All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gaurang’ when we invoke this prayer, firstly ‘the Guru’ who is been glorified. A ‘Guru’ means one who dispels the darkness of ignorance with the brightness of transcendental knowledge and makes me realize ‘who am I’. Similarly, ‘Acharya’ is one who preaches through words followed by actions. They are embodiment of all qualities of the Supreme on this planet. Somewhere it was written ‘*Preaching aims at the heart, and aims at revelation*’. You are always preaching us ‘to love the Lord from the core of our heart by constantly engaging our self in hearing the pastimes of Lord, reading and listening the glories of Hari-katha, serving the vaishnavas and dhamas and realize the real happiness. All these have been heard and read in the scripture but among the fortunate ones to actually see all qualities and attributes all in one i.e. ‘**Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj**’, beloved Gurumaharaj of every one. I will be always indebted and pray to the Supreme Lord Hari to make me the obedient and humblest servant of the servant ‘dasanudas’ at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudev. Please forgive my offenses. Please accept my innumerable prostrated humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

Dasanudas

Purushottam Das (Ahmedabad)



*Nama Om Vishnu Padaya
Sri Gaura - priya- Murttaye
Shrimate Bhakti Vallabha
Tirtha Goswami namine*

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj, I offer my respectful obeisance's at Your Lotus Feet. All Glory to the Day of Your Appearance! Beloved Gurudeva -You mean the world to us. You - a beacon of hope that leads to life many souls around the world. By Your Grace, my life has found the true meaning and value. sri -guru- charana -padma kevala bhakati - sadma. Your Lotus Feet - a unique treasure of devotion! jogyata -vicare kichu nahi pai tomara karuna sara. I do not find merit in itself. Your Grace for me - everything. Infinite thanks to all the Devotees who care about You.

I will always remember the first meet with You. It was in Kolkata for Darshan. Your vote, Your bottomless eyes ... It was a wonderful feeling of infinite Love, completeness Happiness ... Next to You I wanted to stay forever. I carefully kept in his heart the memory of the delightful golden time in Goalpara - Dham, in the place of Your Appearance, in July of 2013. Your Darshans Your smile, Your laugh.... the moments sweeter than sweetest! All around drowning in Your Love, in an atmosphere of unlimited Happiness. Jai Jai Shri Goalpara-Dhama! I am very grateful to you for the opportunity to gain Your darshan, sadhu-sanga, to come to the Holy Dhama, it's all very inspiring and supporting me.

Dear beloved Srila Gurudeva, I beg you to grant me eternal sadhu-sanga.

Sadhu - guru - kripa bina nahiko upaya. I pray for Your grace to gain purity of chanting the Holy Names. Dear Srila Gurudeva, grant me His grace to live in the Holy Dham, entirely engage me in Your service and Vaishnavas.

Your Servant
Dhanishtha dasi , Russia



I offer my respectful pranams to all the Vaishnavas present there.

Oh Divine Grace!

I am a rascal sense enjoyer and a mudha, yet I was fortunate to meet your holy grace and I was fortunate to stay in my mother's house when you came and put your lotus feet there. How merciful!!! How merciful? I think I can never fathom! You are an ocean of mercy! You are effulgent and beautiful shining in this dark kali yuga- a frightening time. You are like soothing balm for hearts filled with sadness, pain, fear, and madness! Your soft lotus feet touched our hard land of volcanic lava stone. Your beautiful face shining like a sun in the dark ugly world. The great power of your love chases away all inauspiciousness and makes fear dissolve ! You are shelter for the lost burning jivas ! You are hope for the hopeless! You make impure places into holy places of pilgrimage! You are like the sun that burns away all disease and impurity! Your simplicity causes the knots of complex sinful speculations and selfish thoughts disappear! You are the glory of your Gurudev! I would not know his name were it not for your holy representing him to a great extent! Your holy feet are unattainable by me, yet, I offer my pranams from afar and through you the jewel of your line visible to me, I offer respect at the lotus feet of your Gurudevatma!

Please forgive my ignorance in not knowing how to properly glorify you! I am but a small fly and you are the moon! Thank you so much for coming to this horrible world! Thank you so much for giving us your beautiful darshan! Your sweet smiles! Your kind blessings!

I can only offer according to my adhikar and surrender according to my insufficient adhikar, my heart pushpanjali at your lotus like feet.... Your feet are much better than lotuses for they purify the whole world.

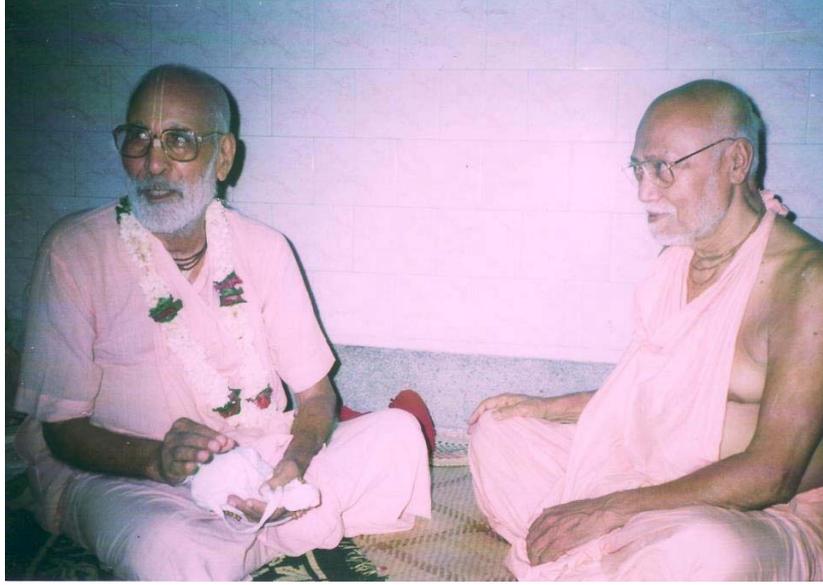
I don't know why I am remembering this verse today:

"He Radhe Vraja Devike cha lalite, he nanda suno kutah, sri govardhana kalpa padapatale kalindi vane kuta ghosantaviti sarva to vraja pure khedair mahavivahlou vande rupa sanatana raghu jugou sri jiva gopala kau"

Maybe because Srinivas acharya wrote it in separation from all of Gaura's parivar.

You are dear to my Gurudev and my spiritual uncle. Please forgive me for my offenses.

Sincerely, unqualified, Suchandra Dasi, eldest daughter of Chiranjib das and Mangala dasi from the Big island of Hawaii



Dear Srila Maharaja ji,

Hare Krishna. Please, accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Gurudeva, all glories to Sri Sri Gauranga Radha Govindaji.

I am not qualified to see the level of Vaisnava but my Gurudeva, nitya lila pravista om vishnupada Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Goswami Maharaja, considered you a pure devotee. You have Krishna in your heart,

Krisna se tomara, krisna dite paro, tomara shakati acche.

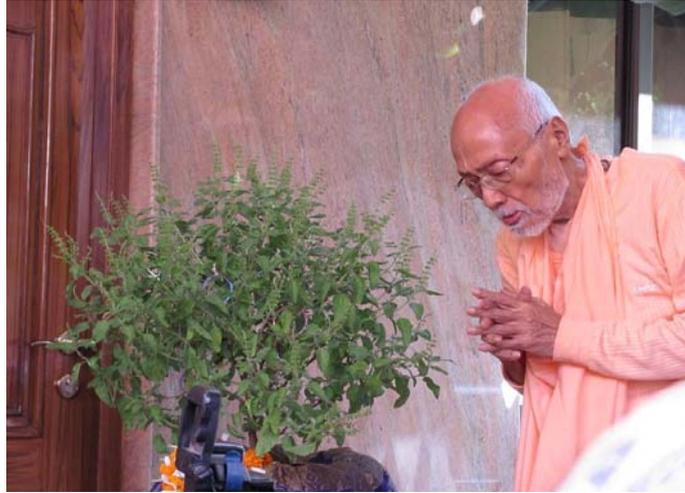
I did not have the opportunity to see this with my own eyes since, unlike your own disciples, I did not do much seva to you, but I heard from them that with all your life you exemplified to us how to do the strong sadhana being determined to our ultimate goal.

Having your darshanas from time to time, I was always moved by your genuine love and care about all of us that I could feel instinctively. Seeing you now I'm astonished by the glimpse or the shadow of the glimpse of understanding the depth of internal emotions that you are absorbed in now.

Now Krishna wants to test me how much I understood and realized from the instructions that my Gurudeva, you and all guru-varga gave me. I could not take this lesson while Gurudeva manifested this pastime and now, out of compassion to me you are giving me the second chance.

Oh, Vaisnav Thakur, although it seems to me now that I understood little more how Sri Vighraha, Sri Rupa and Sri Nama of Sri Govindaji are non-different, I know that only by your mercy I can actually realize this. Seeing you in your form of Sri Vighraha now I pray under your lotus feet - please, be merciful to me and establish me in pure siddhanta of our line, enabling me to render annaloyed service to my Gurudeva, your Divine Grace and all our Rupanuga guru-varga.

Humbly aspiring to become dasanudasi,
Snigdha dasi, Russia



Dear Srila Maharaja, dandavat pranams.

While preaching in your lecture you said,

"Upon the awakening of his real self (atma), a man feels the want of the sweetest affection of the Supreme Lord. He cries, "Oh Supreme Lord! In this world, nothing gives me happiness. Everything is temporary. Everyone is selfish. You are my most beloved! Where are You? I have forgotten You! Come! Come! I am in a furnace! Come! Come!" Weeping, he calls, but Krsna does not come. "I am engaged in My pastimes," Krsna says. For some time, the man then becomes absorbed in the affairs of his family and relatives, and forgets Krsna. Time passes and he cries again, "Where is My beloved Supreme Lord? Where is He?" Crying, crying. But, the Supreme Lord still does not come. Ultimately, he shouts, "I do not want a house! I do not want anything! Nobody is mine---You are mine! Oh beloved Supreme Lord! Come! Come! Come!" He cries and weeps, tossing his arms and legs about. Then Krsna cries, "Oh!" and comes to him. This sort of perturbation of the heart, extreme eagerness for getting Bhagavan, must be there."

Recently the results of my own foolish and dangerous association were haunting me and in serious fear for my body and soul I turned to you for help knowing Lord Krishna would hear if you pray for me. There I was unprotected, like a thief caught by police and chained by the reaction of my sins.

I remembered your kind disciple Sundar Gopal prabhu from Kolkata, reading his notes on internet full of love and devotion for you, it gave me the idea to beg forgiveness from Lord Krishna through your divine intervention. And Sundar Gopal prabhu came to blissful darsan as usually to see your divine grace and he mentioned my name. Lord Krishna heard your prayers and you saved me. The danger was not gone but I was protected. Lord Krishna is yours, Srila Maharaja. Your purest devotion is the medicine for all troubles in Kali yuga and by serving you that Bhakti devi blesses us even if we are wretched and pitiful and surely I did not deserve it. Next message was asking your permission to translate your lectures into Croatian language and make a booklet and again you agreed. I still did not print it, but it will be soon there and your merciful nectarian lectures will be printed.

Dear Srila Maharaja, I usually am skilful writer but now when I try puting my heart to paper instead of false ego and talent, I am like illiterate baby not used to write out of deepest core of my gratitude.

Thank you. These two words have completely new meaning in my life and I beg dear Lord to let me show you my gratitude.

Your aspiring servant
Yashoda Devi dasi, Croatia Slovenia



Jaya Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj, dandavats pranam to your lotus feet, please receive my respectful obeisances from Mexico, My name is Nilacala Das, I am very happy to be able to write a letter for you, I been reading about the letters you sent to Vaisnavas as Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad, Srila Narayan Maharaj and really make feel something very special in my heart, and listen to your sweet Katha makes me feel faith. Is very touching to make a direct service to a pure devotee as you that dedicates your live to the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu with your preaching and with your example. My beloved Hemangi Dasi and I, we are collecting to go to the Dham, we want to meet you, we are aware of your health also we are doing book distribution to collect and go to India.

I am a disciple of Bhakti Alok Paramadvaiti Swami Maharaj, and my beloved of Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayan Goswami Maharaj. I want to take refuge on your lotus feet. Please give us your blessings to go to India and have any service and be in kartika parikrama and take darshan.

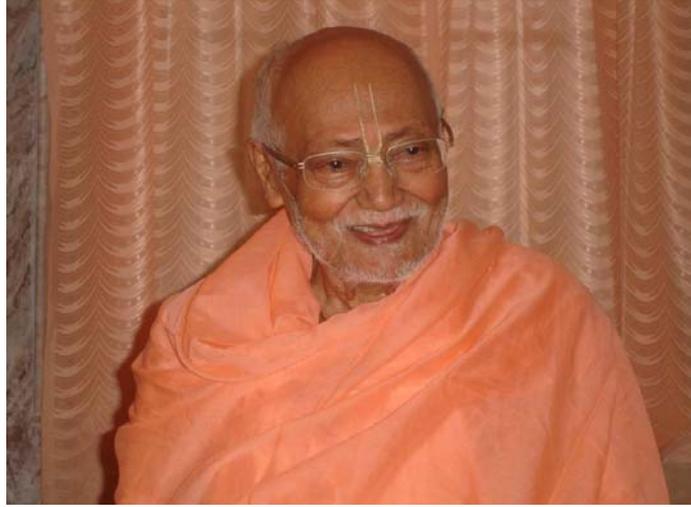
You give us inspiration since we saw a picture of you, and my beloved Gurudev, Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayan Goswami Maharaj where you are putting a garland on his neck, so we are praying to Radha and Krishna very hard so that we can come to India and can again have your divine darshan.

Please bless us so that we can come to you very soon.

Dandavats Pranam Maharaj and forgive our offense, Hare Krishna.

All glories to Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj!!!

Your Servant
Hemangi dasi and Arjunpathi Das, from Mexico.



The Personfication of Gentleness, Humility and Compassion

Millions of humble dandavat pranams to my beloved Gurudev Nitya-lila pravista Om visnupada astotara-sata Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Goswami Maharaj and my beloved siksa Gurudev Swami Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj.

After the physical disappearance of my Gurudev Narayana Maharaj, I felt that there was a vacuum in my life and Gurudev knew it. He knew what I needed to take me further in my spiritual experience. I needed someone filled with gentleness, compassion and humility to lead and guide me. That is why He lead me to Srila Guru Maharaj, Swami B.B. Tirtha Maharaj who possess all these qualities and much much more. I have had the good fortune (by the grace of Guru, Vaishnav and Bhagavan) of having Srila Guru Maharaj darshan almost daily for a couple of months in a stretch. Despite of His own frail health, He was always concern about how we "foreign" devotees are adapting to life in the math in India. He always has a word of advice for us at the appropriate time. He is ever so caring and gentle with all devotees. I am amazed by his humility. A personality of His standing would get upset if devotees pay obeisance to Him when His Gurudev portrait is around. He would sternly chastise devotees and tell them they should pay obeisance to His Gurudev and not to Him and when He said, He was made archarya not because He was qualified, but His Gurudev knew he needed to serve vaishnavas to purified Him. Of course we know this is not so. He is the embodiment of the qualities of a pure Vaishnava, an example for us to follow. His compassion knows no bound. He reinforce this truth to me through his lecture, not to blame but accept whatever happens as our own karma. I did not know then that He was preparing me to face some heartbreaking events in the then near future. It was not easy to put it into practice. I failed the test when I was tested and now I am slowly recovering when I keep his words close to my heart. His glories are unending.

I truly do not know how to glorify a pure Vaishnava except on a very mundane note. I beg for forgiveness for all the offences I have committed.

Jai Gurudev, Jai Guru Maharaj. Thanks for being there whenever I needed help.

With Love Chandrika Devi Dasi, Malaysia



Param Pūjyapād Śrīla Gurudev 108 Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Ballabh Tīrtha Goswāmī Mahārāj.

Please accept my humble koṭi daṇḍavat praṇāms at your lotus feet, on this most auspicious occasion of your grand Vyāsa-pūjā festival.

Śrīla Gurudev, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for your causeless mercy that I continue to see in my life day by day. I have not and never have had any qualification to receive it; when I look at myself all I see are clumps of anarthas. Even if I had performed many lifetimes of pious activities, that would not have enabled me to have even a moment of your darśan. Yet from the first, you have been so generous with your causeless affection and wishes for my eternal welfare. As I and many others have seen, you are warm and radiant like the sun. That you have given me shelter at your lotus feet as your disciple is my unimaginable good fortune. It is beyond my limited, worldly mind and stone-like heart to even understand the extent of what you have bestowed on me, though by your grace it is unfolding to me more and more. Your kindness is my everything in life.

Śrīla Gurudev, your instructions are like precious gems that reveal new, brilliant facets the more I pore over them. The deep meanings of what you have spoken and written to me personally continue to blossom in different ways at different points of my life.

Śrīla Gurudev, we are very grateful that you are continuing to bless us with your divine association. Please play your pastimes of good health. Due to my misfortune and conditioning, I have not taken advantage of the rare opportunity you are extending to do your sevā. On this day, I humbly pray that you please continue to protect me and nurture me in the path of bhakti. Please bless me that I can do your sevā, and that I can continue to do so life after life.

Śrīla Gurudev, I humbly beg for your forgiveness for all the offenses I have committed to you, knowingly or unknowingly. Please keep me in your grace.

With my humble koṭi daṇḍavat praṇāms again and again at your lotus feet,

Your most lowly disciple,
Rukmiṇī Devī dāsi

Berkley, California USA



Dear, Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja

On this auspicious day of your Vyas Puja celebration, I offer my dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet. Lord Krishna says that one should approach a bonafide Spiritual Master for becoming self realized. But, you approached me in my life through your lectures and books I feel very blessed to have friendship with some of your disciples where I could clearly see face to face how you have elevated thousands of souls by giving them Krishna Consciousness. You give constant guidance to any question we ask you. Sometimes I feel, "I don't deserve this special mercy". Now that I am trapped by your mercy, I pray at to the dust of your lotus feet, that I become a good instrument in your hands and become a sold out slave of your Divine Grace. Your mercy is most important to me than anything else. "How can I understand Krishna without your blessings and guidance? You always stress about "Pure Devotional Service" and that sound vibration has imprinted in my heart. It is now my duty to strive for pure devotion and serve you in your mission of spreading the message of Lord Krishna.

Your servant
Jaya Gopala Dasa
Madrid, Spain



Dear Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Gurudeva & Srila Paramagurudeva.

Please forgive my offenses towards Your Divine Grace & to the rest of the souls in this world. For Your Divine Grace know the many unnecessary & unpleasant things I am engaged with, for my continuous ignorance & negligence towards the path of sadhana. I feel completely helpless & in a confused state about my life here. There is no confidence in me, neither belief nor faith. Your Divine Grace has many sincere & devoted disciples whom are full in enthusiasm serving, to whom I am no match to compare with. They are submissive towards Your Divine Grace & your words whereby they are suppose to be where they shall be, & currently being in a successful platform.

My only wish is to have the glance of Your Divine Grace, so may I get liberated from my current dreadful condition as the sunrays eradicates the darkness. This very mother earth, Bhu Devi is very much fortunate to have a son like you, for having your lotus feet touched her soil. How many of your very selves may appear in this human society? It is very rare & the rarest thing to have happen in our lives. Just then, i recalled to the reference made by a sanyasi of yours, to one MahaBhagavata's words that the whole world may go dark if such personality like you were to leave. I am very alone & realise that will be alone for the rest of my life. Your shadow is our only shelter & company. We keep our hands together folded begging Your Divine Grace to be with us, guiding us. I will like to also pray that may the mercy of Your Divine Grace shower among all the poor, less fortunate, living entities & plants whom are in a very alarming condition threatened by this human society.

Please be well & we wish to see your beautiful smile, comforting our heart that you are always well.

Yours sincerely,
Sandanakaruppiah
Malaysia



My loving pranams Jai Sri Guru Gauranga Jai Sri Nityananda !

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaj . We are eternally in debt to You for blessing us for showing us the correct path and the right way of Bhakti for saving us from impersonalism. We are eternally grateful To You for teaching us fearlessly through any circumstances and for inspiring us always to never leave the side of the truth of Pure Devotion.

Your insignificant servant,

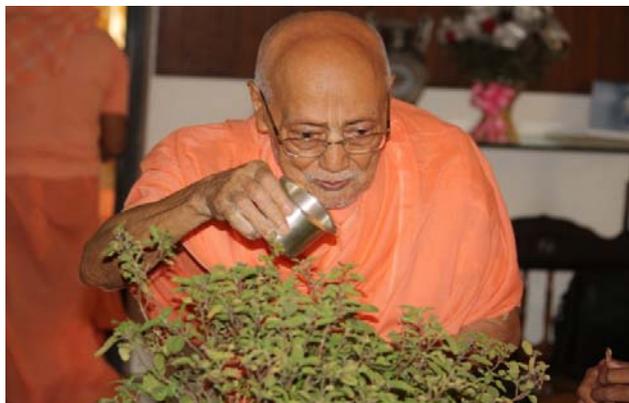
Kanak Manjari Dasi, Miami, Florida

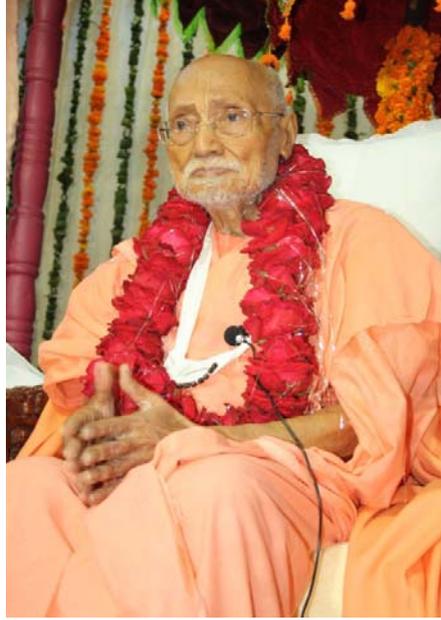
Most respected Srila Guru Maharaj,

Impressions that I got seeing You by serving Sri Tulsidevi are so live in my heart and mind. When I chant, I think on You, Your words, that we should spell every Name of Maha Mantra clear. Respected Srila Guru Maharaj You gave all these Instructions from Your heart, to teach and inspire all devotees to follow Your example of highclass devotion to Sri Sri Radha Krishna!

Your Servant

Liladevi Dasi , Zurich Switzerland





Dear Gurumaharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances. I pray that you are in good health by the mercy of the Lord. I would like to do my offering by expressing my gratitude for being accepted to take shelter under your lotus feet. Gurumaharaj, I know well that I am unworthy of being even glanced by you Gurumaharaj, but you have very mercifully given me shade of your lotus feet. I remember how my journey to India, my accommodation, my travelling to the Holy Dham was blessed all the way-to and fro, even till I boarded the flight back to Malaysia with just one prayer unto you Gurumaharaj. I realized the extent of how truly merciful you are unto those who seek for your mercy Gurumaharaj. But me on the other side didn't realize enough or even appreciate your love and care for having accepted me. I very irresponsibly took everything for granted and was very negligent that I lost my Chanting beads on my way back to Malaysia. I really can't forget this mistake of mine and will never ever forgive myself for this blunder. I felt very useless when I realized it and tried searching all areas possible in the airport but couldn't locate it. I felt that I have failed you Gurumaharaj, I have lost the most Precious-Matchless gift given by you to me. Now I bow my head again and again before you Gurumaharaj and Param-Gurudev and seek your forgiveness. I humbly pray and beg for another chance and promise that I'll be careful with the beads and good care of it. I also promise to chant my rounds as I vowed on the day I took Harinam. Please forgive me Gurumaharaj and bless me with my new beads.

I will always pray to their Lordships to keep you in good health.

Hare Krsna Gurumaharaj

Your humble servant,
Nityananda Das
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our prostrated humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Paramgurudeva!

Lord Nityananda, who is Balarama Himself, the first direct manifestation or expansion of Lord Krsna, is the original spiritual master. He helps Lord Krsna in His pastimes, and He is a servant of the Lord.

Every living entity is eternally a servant of Sri Krsna Caitanya; therefore the spiritual master cannot be other than a servant of Lord Caitanya. The spiritual master's eternal occupation is to expand the service of the Lord by training disciples in a service attitude. A spiritual master never poses as the Supreme Lord Himself; he is considered a representative of the Lord. The revealed scriptures prohibit one's pretending to be God, but a bona fide spiritual master is a most faithful and confidential servant of the Lord and therefore deserves as much respect as Krsna.

The scriptures confirm this :

Guru krsna-rupa hana sastrera pramane

Guru-rupe krsna krpa karena bhakta-gane

According to the deliberate opinion of all revealed scriptures, the spiritual master is non-different from Krsna. Lord Krsna in the form of the spiritual master delivers His devotees.

The scripture further said **Association with a Sadhu is Better Than Being With the Lord**. Lord Chaitanya taught us by his own example - he was associating with Ray Ramananda and Swarup Damodar Goswami, who are both very very elevated vaisnavas, premi-bhaktas. He said, *"Association with my bhaktas, my devotees and my premi bhaktas is better than my personal association. It is superior to directly associating with me."*

"It is not that by only surrender, "saranagati, one can attain me. No. It is my bhakta-sanga. If one surrenders by associating with sadhus, then he attains me"

Again and again in the scriptures it is mentioning Sadhu Sanga Gives Bhakti.

One should associate with those who are engaged day and night twenty-four hours a day, in the loving service of Krishna, those who have bound up Krishna in their heart, because only by sadhu sanga can one develop bhakti.

Dear Srila Gurudeva, although we have not adopted your teachings in our life at all, we feel very blessed with the fact that we have met a real sadhu in our life. The activities of a pure devotee like your divine Grace cannot be understood by mundane senses.

Gurumaharaj, we read your 50th Sannyas Anniversary Festival brochure. In that brochure, great great personalities have confirmed your divine activities and qualities.

“Don’t think about future, my appointed successor is my most beloved disciple, He is extremely humble and He will preach more than me”(by Paramgurudeva)

“Pujyapad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj is an embodiment of “trinadapi” sloka by Sriman Mahaprabhu. At present, there is no such effulgent Sun in the Gaudiya sky. I doubt if there will be such in future. You are fortunate for having his association.”

(by Sri Srila Bakti Pramode Puri Goswami Maharaj)

“After the generation of our god-brothers (disciples of Thakur Prabhupada), presently it is very rare to find an elevated Vaishnava like Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj. If you want to learn the conduct of a Vaisnava, then approach him. Consider it fortune, even if you have to undergo a debt to serve such an exalted vaishnava”

(by Srila Bhakti Saurabh Baktisaar Goswami Maharaj)

“I will be pleased if you join Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Maharaj for parikrama. He has all the vaishnava qualities of humility, submissiveness etc, as quoted in the scriptures. He is a great sadhu.”

(by Sri Srila Bakti Kumud Sant Goswami Maharaj)

“Srila Tritha Maharaj is an utmost vaishnava and i know he is the personal associate of Sri Gaurahari”

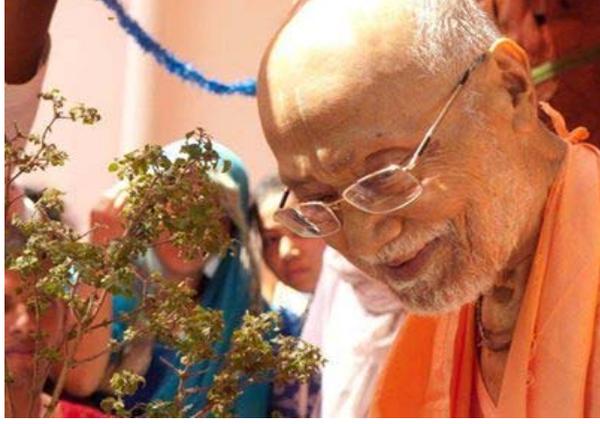
(by Sri Srila Bhakti Saran Trivikram Maharaj)

Srila Gurudeva, we feel extremely fortunate to have been given such an opportunity to associate with a Vaisnava mahajana of your calibre. We pray that you give us some intelligence to understand and realize the importance of serving your divine Grace and all Vaisnavas! Ultimately we pray to you to guide us, wherever we are and in whatever situation, whether they be the lean and rough patches or the successful moments, so that at the last breath of our life we can sing your glories.

All Glories for Srila Gurudeva Vyasa Puja!

Your Spiritual Son & Daughter,

Krishna Murthiy and Haarathi.(Malaysia)



*nama-srestham manum api saci-putram atra svarupam
rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim gosthavatim
radha-kundam giri-varam aho! radhika-madhavasam
prapto yasya krpaya sri gurum tam nato smi*

*vanca-kalpa tarubhyas ca krpa sindhubhya eva ca
patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah*

mahaprabhur gana saba patita-pavana

tai lobhe mui papi loinu sarana

vandana korite mui kato sakti dhoru

tamo-buddhi-dose mui dambha matra kori

tathapi mukera bhagya manera ullasa

dosa ksami mo-adhame karo nija dasa

Dedicated to the purely divine lotus feet of
His Grace Srila Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja,

Oh dear Vaisnava Thakur,
In the glow of your eternal radiant love,
this hard heart I carry
at long last feels relief and hope...

Out of causeless mercy, you manifest before us,
only to purify and soften our hearts,
and return us all to our eternal joyful condition
in service at the divine lotus feet of your most beloved
Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

Who can conceive of such a gracious personality?

Knowing myself to be a most insignificant and fallen soul,
I pray for the strength to fully submit myself
by mind, body and words,
in service unto the lotus feet of Sri Guru and Vaisnavas,
and humbly ask, "When will the day come,
that I may receive the mercy to truly understand such a pure heart as yours?"

Your every breath, movement, word, and thought
are drenched in the most sublime happiness of pure unalloyed devotion

to the Divine Couple of Vraja...

Only to please Them, have you descended to collect so many flowers (jivas)

for Their beautiful spiritual garden...

With faith, I again and again come

to the unlimited fountain

of your compassionate presence, HariKatha and Kirtana.

Finding solace there,

I offer my ears and heart into this sacred shower

with the simple hope

that this transcendental seed sown within my heart

grows high beyond this world.

O Prabhu, who am I?

Your kind and deep glance penetrates to the core of my soul.

continuously beckoning me near to you.

How have I received the unimaginable good fortune

of your most exalted sadhu-sanga?

You are an eternal well-wisher of all jivas.

I pray you somehow keep me in your merciful line of vision,

and bestow upon me the qualification

to receive this most precious key

into the hidden treasure of my soul's delightful service.

The highest perfection is contained
in one particle of dust from your transcendental lotus feet...

Therefore, in each and every birth,
may this divine foot dust of yours,
and all Vraja Rasika Vaisnavas,
forever decorate my body and consciousness...

All glories! All glories to you, Srila Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Gosvami Maharaj,

who boldly and expertly carries forth the divine torchlight
of our most worshipable rupanuga guru parampara
into the darkened hearts of the fallen souls of Kali-yuga;

Who illuminates the special splendor of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu,
and His dear associates;

All glories to you who are forever drowning in an ocean of Kirtana rasa,
and compassionately submerging others into these blissful waves of Harinama;

All glories to you who are as kind and forgiving as a tree,
and who purifies all 3 worlds
by the effulgent prema emanating from your heart and words...

All glories to you! All glories to you!!

Your lowly servant,

Yamuna devi dasi,USA



THE MOST BLESSED EVENT

Om Vishnupada Paramhansa Parivrajakacharya Astottarasata Sri Srimad

His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Bhallabh Titha Goswami Maharaj

Initiating Spiritual Master in the Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math

Founder Acharya His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhav Goswami Maharaj

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your divine lotus feet which release us from the illusions of material existence. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj, saviour of disciples. All glories to Lord Gouranga, the Lord of all. All glories to Nityananada, Lord Haladhar. All glories to Sri Advaita Prabhu, the foremost distributor of devotion. All glories to Sri Gadadhar Pandit, the reservoir of love. All glories to Srivas Thakur, the friend of the poor. All glories to the merciful devotees of Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga. It is a great pleasure for us, today we are observing 91st Vyasa Puja of our beloved Om Vishnupada Paramhansa Parivrajakacharya Astottarasata Sri Srimad Bhakti Bhallabh Titha Goswami Guru Maharaj with great joy and reverence. Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu says,

Brahmanda bramite kona bhagyavan jiv

Guru-krishna prasade pai bhakti-lata bij

I am fortune enough as you have loved and accepted me, a fallen soul as your ignorant disciple. I am eternally grateful to your Divine Grace. In this way you gave me a great chance to serve Lord Krishna instead of serving Maya. Your causeless mercy, qualities and glory are so great that I feel short of words. Words are not enough to express the love, affection and devotion I have for you deep within my heart and soul. Thank you , Guru Maharaj , for the boundless love, endless tolerance, unlimited excuses, the eye of knowledge which you give us, for making our lives perfect, by engaging in the devotional services of the Supreme Godhead , Sri Hari. Your mercy is so unlimited and I remember the song that we sing every day.

“Samsara –davanala – lirha- loka.....vande guroh sri caranaravindam”

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

Your appearance is just as this cloud, extinguishing our burning material desires. Without your causeless mercy, my life is completely meaningless. I pray to remain. Let your glories spread all over the three worlds, Jay Srila Guru Dev.

Your most ignorant and insignificant servant

(Govinda Sundar Dasadikari)

Gautam Bhowmik ,

Agartala, Tripura-West



Dearest Gurudeva,

When I first met you, you immediately embraced me with your loving affection. Everything that I could conceive of as love was embodied in you and so much more. In that little while I spent with you, so personal and intimate, you entered my heart and became my everything.

The last time I remember writing to you was shortly after my initiation. I expressed all my concerns about being unworthy of your mercy. I waited with baited breath for your response. Then in a Hindi class amidst many devotees you began to address my doubts in English. I was uncertain but it did sound as though you were speaking to me directly. The next darshan you asked if I had attended class and then you pointed at me and said-

“ I was talking to you”.

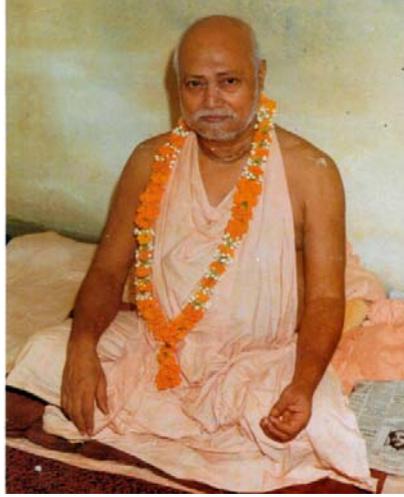
Now I sit writing to you yet again and wish so much that I can hear your voice . I want to have that direct communication with you. I felt indulged having such close dealings with you and now thousands of miles away in this spiritual desert I am hankering for your sweet association.

Gurudeva you are my only shelter and guide please keep me close to you. Without you I am lost. Please bless me with your association yet again and I pray for the blessings of all the Vaishnava's that I may be at your side eternally.

Forever in your debt

Krsna Govinda das

South Africa



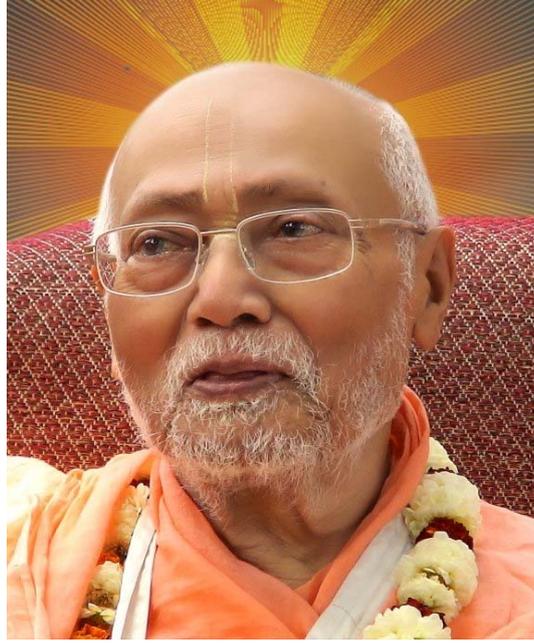
For Gurumarhaji on this auspicious 91st vyasa-puja.

How it is possible that someone as despicable as myself could ever even enter the same vicinity as such a saintly person as our most revered and beloved Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja, what to speak of receiving His merciful glances and this panacea Maha-mantra, and the most sublime vibration of Hari-katha from His lips – – this is a question that could easily keep my mind going in circles, considering where I have been physically and mentally in this lifetime alone. I can only imagine that this kind of good fortune is brought to me by causeless mercy of an extreme variety and it is this mercy that was there for me when I felt ready to try to start dragging myself out of this most disgusting muck of illusion. And so there it was, this mantra, and these books written by Swami Maharaja, and then more books by more acaryas from Gaudiya Vaishnava Guru Varga – then I happened upon Your name, Srila Bhakti Ballabha Tirtha Maharaja and had such an attraction. . . I didn't hear much about You for the next couple of years and I was absorbed in my own material difficulties but with increasing effort and desire for the shelter of Guru, finally I had some remembrance and became determined to see You. Your mercy led me all the way to Kolkata and though I desperately wanted to take Harinama I was so worried that I would not be allowed to, not eligible. From that time I now relish the remembrance of Your face, Your smile, and Your unwavering devotion to Paramgurudeva and Tulasi Maharani that hit me like a million arrows right to the core of my sad little heart. I want to remember Your face every day and if for some reason one day I will not be able to see Your face in my mind then I would consider myself already dead. Upon leaving Kolkata the first time You told me that, "There will be much difficulty", and undeniably it is true. Darkness and difficulty surround me constantly but You are my shining light. When other devotees asked you in the darasans, "Gurudeva, how can I serve you when I am so physically far away?", I remember the answers, as this question was of course dominating my thoughts as well. So I want to volunteer myself too Gurudeva, to do Harinama Sankirtana, and to serve Harinama ! But I cannot do anything without Your mercy.

I could have been interested in so many things, so many paths, considering my addictions and selfish desires– and somehow You have snatched me up! There is no way I can ever understand how this is possible but I am eternally indebted and begging for any opportunity to understand and remember Your instructions and hear about Your glories.

All Glories to our most merciful Gurudeva, friend of the fallen, distributing nectar to all ! Somehow some way, please keep me in service to You and to the Vaisnavas!

Your Servant Krsna Dasi (Hilo Hawaii)



Koti dandavat pranam to your lotus feet

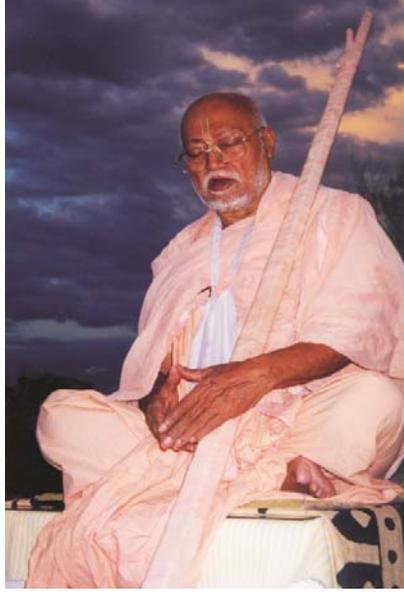
You have blessed us with immortal treasure of Lord's love. A source to live and feed our divine craving. Our life with this mortal material junk would have got depressed and aimless feeding only our delusion and senses. With your divine connection we could get our solace in this world and made our life worth living.

This change and confirmation of living for divinity gives us new meaning in our life and new orientation in all our activities and happening. This gives us peace and satisfaction. Hope we become more and more established in divinity and eligible for Supreme Lord's mercy, break all our delusion of this material world and seek the mercy of Lord day in day out.

With deep surrender Dandavat pranams

Your Servant

Nagesh , Bangalore



All glories to Srila Bhaktivallabha Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja!

I feel so fortunate that my Guru Maharaja, Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja, introduced us to Srila Bhaktivallabha Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja and would bring us to see him every year in Mayapura. One time, I had some emergency seva to attend to and did not think I was going to make it to the parikrama that day (Mayapura parikrama). After my seva was attended to, although I was a couple of hours late, I was urged to go. Praying along the way to make it, I rushed to Mayapura and when I caught up to our parikrama party, they were at Sri Caitanya Gaudiya Matha. The class was over and Srila Maharaja was making his way out of the temple room back to his room. He was being stopped by thousands of devotees bowing down and touching his feet, so I stood by the temple doors waiting my turn to offer my heartfelt pranamas. When he was walking by me, I bowed down and touched his feet, and when I stood up he looked me in the eyes and so sweetly said, "You are so fortunate. You have come to the birthplace of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu." And then he smiled and kept walking. I felt elated. He could have talked to anyone, yet he spoke to me. I knew in my heart that he had seen my whole morning's events and that he along with my Guru Maharaja had brought me to such a holy place.

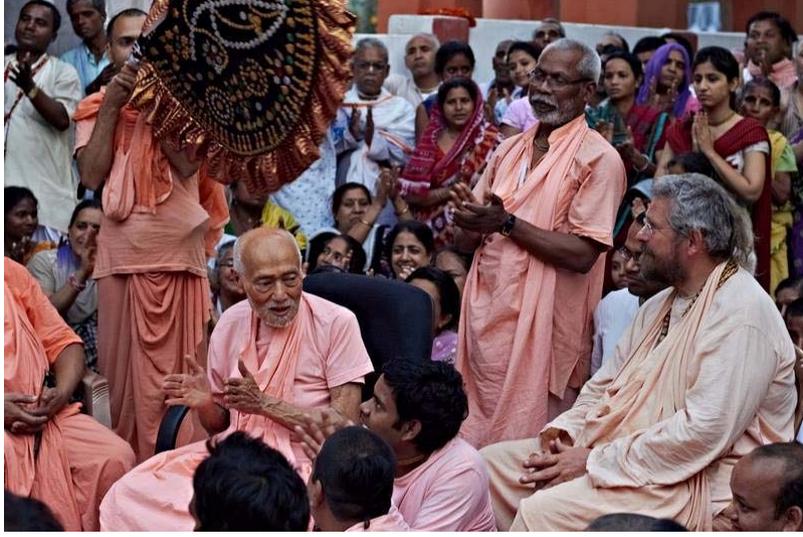
Praying for his causeless mercy on this fallen soul,
Vasanti dasi
Vrindavan



To my most beloved Gurudeva Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaj,

You have been sent here by RadhaKrishna themselves to give us shelter and hope in this world. Even though I am the most fallen you have taken me in and showed me unconditional love. You have given me so much hope and I will be eternally indebted to you for allowing me to take shelter at your lotus feet. I am not worthy of the compassion you bestowed on me but I am so grateful to receive it. The day I met you I felt like all the the burning in my soul was soothed with your loving glance. I offer my most humble obesenses and I beg for forgiveness for my countless offenses.

Yours eternal Servant
Hemavati Dasi
Hawaii



Nama Om Visinupada Paramhansa 108 Sri Srimad Bhakti Vallab Tirtha Goswami Maharaja ki Jaya!

When the sun is rising on the eastern horizon, you mercifully appear in front of us. Wearing the clothes of the color of rising sun, engage us in yuga dharma-nama sankirtan.

With the sweet sound of mrdanga, karatalas play in time. Although not speaking to us with words, You are teaching us the essence of knowledge through sankirtan.

When the sun is setting, the sky manifests the color of Sri Krishna's complexion. Again you mercifully appear to remind us to do bhajan earnestly.

Srila Gurudeva,

Without your merciful presence, for me God only exist in books, not in my life.

Without your mercy, I will never understand the mercy of the most munificent Lords of this kali yuga-Sri Nityananda and Sri Gauranga.

Devotees make the simple balcony into a beautiful kunj.

Vrndadevi is growing happily. Her beauty is increasing day by day...

Birds are singing the glories of Sri Sri Radha Krishna and Their devotees.

The gentle breeze is blowing, speaking the language of love which I forgot for a long time...

I never expected God would give me this kind of association with Srila Gurudeva.

Without any word you are spreading the moonlight of prema bhakti...

May this beautiful darshan will eternally manifest in my heart

Please kindly bless me the one-pointed devotion to your lotus feet!

Jaya Srila Gurudeva!

Aspiring to serve Sri Guru and vaisnavas
Radhika Dasi from China



Hare Krishna

Hari Guru Vaishnava ko mera koti koti bar pranam

I am Shivani ,17 year old from hyderabad. From the age of 12 or 13, I used to do 1 round of chanting only, that to by force of my mother. I was not interested in doing that too, I also used to get embarassed of putting tilak,wearing tulsi mala etc. when my mother used to insist me on taking hari nama ,it was all until 2011, when guruji visited hyderabad math and I met him for the first time, my first thoughts of guruji was that ,

"He is not an ordinary person,but certainly seems to be very knowledgable".

during the process of telling hari katha to my mother, Guruji blesses me and my two sisters And told me to do harinam very well,which proved to be a turning point in my life,because after his blessings i started doing 16 rounds of chanting daily And starting observing ekadshi vrat regularly and willingly and without my mother forcing me to do so. With gurujis grace i took Harinaam on 21st august 2014.

Guruji transformed me completely and totally and whatever i am today is only because of my guruji, i am no longer embarassed of putting tilak,wearing tulsi mala participating in bhajan etc. Infact I like them. I am looking forward to cut myself from materialism and spend my valuable time in serving my guruji and the lord.

Guru Maharaj ki jai.

Your Servant
Shivani , Hyderabad



My Innumerable Obeisces to the Lotus Feet of Hari Guru Vaishnavas

My name is Radhika and I am from Hyderabad. I have taken harinam from Srila Gurudev 10 years back in Chandigarh math. I was living in a family where everybody eats non veg but i was vegeterian from the age of 9. Whenever he guruji used to come to hyderabad math, the devotees there was always suggesting me to take harinam from Srila Gurudev but that time it was impossible for me. Once one of our god brother told me to go and cry in front of Gurudev's picture and ask him to give you harinam and I did accordingly to what he said and within 3 months I got news that Gurudev will be giving harinam initiation in Chandigarh and after that my husband who was very supportive and he personally took me to Chandigarh to get Harinam from Srila Gurudev, without letting the family know. So this is how by his mercy I got Harinam. Without the mercy of Guru Vaishnavas and Bhagvan nothing is possible and I have a personal experience in my life being a vegetarian I was coming to math attending programs but still that time i was lack of the actual sukriti from a pure devotee.

Once during the annual function of Hyderabad math all the sanyasis and bramhacharis visited my house for kirtan and Harikatha but my father in law was not favourable to all these so he was annoyed and he used bad words against my gurudev. There is a scriptural evidence god forgives all offences committed to him but no offences committed to the pure devotees. So same thing happened here as well - Everything was going well with us but few days after this incident gradually within a year there was a financial crisis in our house and immediately the first thing which came in my mind is Gurudev is not an ordinary person and supreme lord will never tolerate any offences against his devotees. So same thing happened my family faced a huge downfall. Due to the financial crisis and for some other reasons my husband expired and that time I was 7 months pregnant, along with my 2 other daughters I was completely all alone without any kind of support from anyone. I was staying in my paternal house and even their financial condition was not so strong to support me and my daughters. The condition was so bad that i didnt even get sufficient money to arrange vaccination for my daughters as I was feeling so helpless cannot understand what to do? After sometime I went to math and then I went in front of Srila Gurudev's picture in math standing in front of his picture i started crying then after that I saw Jitendriya Maharaj coming towards me, he came to me and gave me 4000 rupees in my hand saying that someone has sent this money to me but the person dont want his name to be revealed and after getting the money I was completely shocked thinking that Srila Gurudev is so merciful his mercy has no limits.

Not only these incidents there are many incidents in my life and srila gurudev has always rescued me and always I can feel that he is always with me in my heart. Today I am standing in a stable condition by his grace and that is also because of my most revered Gurudev.

Your eternal servant

Radhika Dasi, Hyderabad



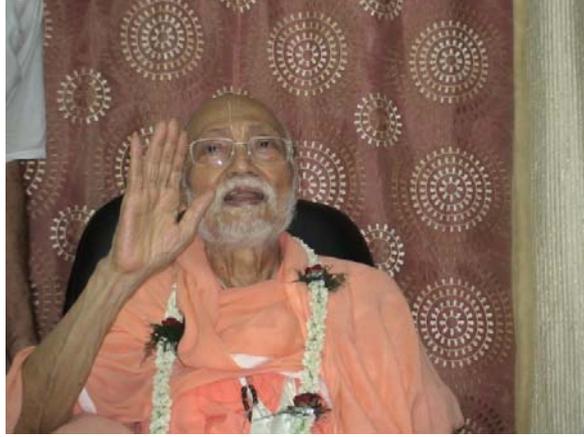
Most revered and deeply beloved Srila Gurumaharaj.

Who can know your transcendental pastimes? Blinded by material vision I am ever deluded in this world of time and space. My own solace are the memories of your divine kirtans and teachings and association. I feel incredibly blessed that I was able to offer some service, however inapt . On this holy day I pray for your continuous guidance and blessings.

Your aspiring servant

Arjuna das..

Holland



Jay Sri Vyasa Puja!

Please, I beg you to accept my most humble dandavats pranamas...

Dear prabhuji, my name is Śyāmāpāda dasa, from Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, and I had accepted diksa from Nitya-lila pravista om visnupada astottora sata Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja. I also had accepted siksa from Srila Gurudev Om visnupada astottora sata Sri Srimad Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja and Om visnupada astottora sata Sri Srimad Bhakti Vijñana Bharati Gosvami Maharaja, since the disappearance of my Guruji in 2010. From over 10 years me and my community of devotees, mostly made of Srila Narayana Maharaja's disciples, have been serving Sri Guru, Sri Thakurji, and all sadhus, vaisnavas and vaisnavis through a well established temple called Sri Gauravani Gaudiya Math. We have installed deities of Sri Sri Radha Ramana Bihari, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Jagannatha deva, and also a vastra-samadhi of Srila Bhaktivedanta Narayana Gosvami Maharaja. I am writing in the name of this temple and in the name of this sanga, thank you so much for reading it!

I have no qualification to glorify Sri Vyasa Puja or Sri Guru. I am an unfortunate soul blinded by all anarthas and incapable of have darshan of Sri Guru, full of pride and arrogance, vanity and all faults. But still I beg for your mercy, please offer us all, all this sanga at the sweet and fragrant lotus feet of my most dear Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja and Srila Bhakti Vijñana Bharati Maharaja. Since the disappearance of our Guruji we have been lost and confused, in complete disarray, without knowing whom to follow. By the causeless mercy of my Sri Gurudeva I accepted his last wish and instruction in my heart to take shelter of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja and Srila Bhakti Vijñana Bharati Gosvami Maharaja and I have been preaching their glories, their love and affection and their instructions to my sanga, here in Brasil, Rio de Janeiro.

Now we are here to serve and glorify them in our hearts, tongue and hands. We wish we could be there with you all to have complete darshan of Srila Gurudev Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja and glorify him properly with all his devotees, but we are stuck here in Brasil and locked within our temple and family responsibilities. We know of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja condition and state, and we humbly ask you to beg him to shower us with his mercy and his blessings so we can continue on our mission refreshed and with renewed strength to try to distribute Srila Caitanya Mahaprabhu mission and give respect and honor to all guru varga, to all vaisnavas and vaisnavis. We also humbly ask you Srila Gurudev if you could bless us to bring Srila Bhakti Vijñana Bharati Gosvami to Brasil for a huge festival like the one we gave to Guruji on his last Vyasa Puja.

We beg for a chance to serve Sri Guru and Vaisnava and we would have our lives fulfilled if we could properly serve Srila Gurudev Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Gosvami Maharaja, and Srila Bhakti Vijnana Bharati Gosvami Maharaja. Please be kind to me and forgive and fault of my character and any fault I could have possibly made to you. Innumerable prostrated obeinsces to your Lotus Feet on this holy ocassion from the whole Brazil Sanga.

Sincerly,
Syamapada dasa.
Brazil





Offering this to your Lotus Feet on the auspicious day of Ramnavami 2015

Please shower your mercy on all of your darling sons and daughters

“ JAI SRILA GURUDEV ”

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Srila Gurudev

Hare Krishna

