

Jan 1, 1975

Los Angeles, Calif. 90034

~~Prandevraamesvara,~~

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated Dec. 15th and 27th and have noted the contents. Hansadutta is here and we have discussed many of the points and questions in your letters. You can discuss with him for the details. You are secretary so, you should go on with normal business, budget the money and write regular reports.

Your Idea of letting New York have the 200,000 dollars worth of books to help them get the building is good. Do it.

Regarding the length of books, it is alright if it goes a little over 400 pages, but don't let it become 500.

Whatever fund is collected for food distribution should be sent to India. Why is it not sent? The other funds coming from sales of books can be accounted for properly, so where is there any fraud? Sometimes a salesman can say something extraordinary in order to sell something, but that is not fraud. Just like they are selling this oil, saying that if you rub it on your bald head, hair will grow. Where is the case where a bald man's hair grew from this oil? But the government is not charging with fraud. Don't use these UNICEF cards, that will not be good. You can make ISKCON FOOD RELIEF cards. But the money collected using this card must be sent to India where we are actually feeding people. If we simply speak nicely to a person and try sincerely to get him to take the book, he'll take it. Why should we adopt unfair means? We should not do anything which will create a bad impression or make us unpopular. People are after these books, they are hankering for them. We don't need to take cheating method. I never had to use any cheating method when I first began. I simply presented the real thing.

Basically and practically speaking everything that is done sincerely for Krishna's satisfaction is perfect. But we have to be very very careful in our dealings with others so that they will not take the wrong view. Just like the gopis. They left their homes in the dead of night to go and meet this young boy Krishna for kissing and embracing. To the ordinary person, this is sinful, but to the devotee, it is worshipable and it is considered the highest form of devotion even by Lord Caitany who was himself a very strict sannyasi. Therefore we are very careful not to discuss this rasa-lila in the presence of ordinary men because they will only misunderstand and commit offense. While dealing with the ordinary men, we must spread this movement in such a way that they will not misunderstand us and take offense. Try to sell as many of my books as possible to your best ability.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054 INDIA

Jan. 2nd, 1975

Adi Kesava das brahmacari  
ISKCON, 72 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston, Mass. 02116

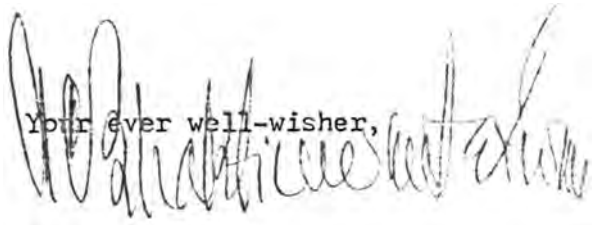
My dear Adi Kesava das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 24th, 1974 and have noted the contents carefully.

The thing is, we should have a little common sense in all activities. The example can be given that women by nature, do not forget to dress very nicely although always engaged in household affairs. Deity worship or lecturing in the colleges is just as important as book distribution. So, these things must be done very nicely and at the same time, book distribution should be done. Not that we should do one thing at the sacrifice of another. That requires a little common sense. Factually, we should be engaged 24 hours in Krishna's service and everything should be done very nicely and perfectly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Jan. 2nd, 1975

Laxmimoni devi dasi  
ISKCON  
5430 Gurley St.  
Dallas, Texas 75223  
U.S.A.

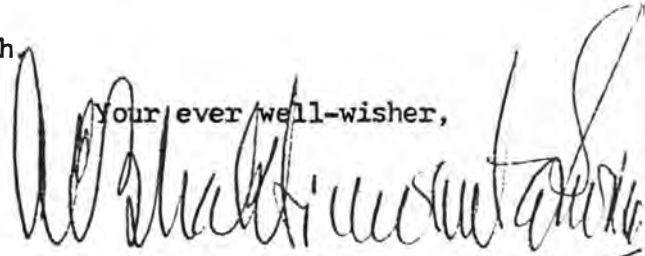
Ny dear Laxmimoni devi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 18th, 1974 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your nice pictures of Sri Sri Radha Gopinatha in Toronto.

The thing is, we should have little common sense in all activities. The example can be given that women by nature do not forget to dress very nicely although always engaged in household affairs. Deity worship is just as important as book distribution. As we sing in the Gurvastakam prayers, srivigrahara dhana-nitya-nana-srngara-tanmandira-marjanadau. So, it should be very nicely done, and at the same time, book distribution should be done. Not that we should do one thing at the sacrifice of another. That requires a little common sense. Factually, we should be engaged 24 hours in Krishna's service and everything should be done very nicely and perfectly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Road  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054 INDIA

Jan. 3rd, 1975

Sriman Alfred Ford  
Teton Village  
Wyoming 83025 USA

My dear Alfred,

Please accept my blessings. I am writing this letter to inform you that Sudama Svami has left our camp. He has his own plans. He has violated our rules and regulations and thus fallen down from the spiritual platform. Under these circumstances, please do not act under his advice. I have been very much busy here in Bombay. In about a week, I am going to come to Honolulu. I will notify you of my definite arrival date and I request that you please come and see me there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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CC: Honolulu, Wyoming, c/o G.K. Swami

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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu. Bombay 400 054 INDIA

Jan. 6th, 75

Hansadutta das adhikari  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath  
Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, Eng.

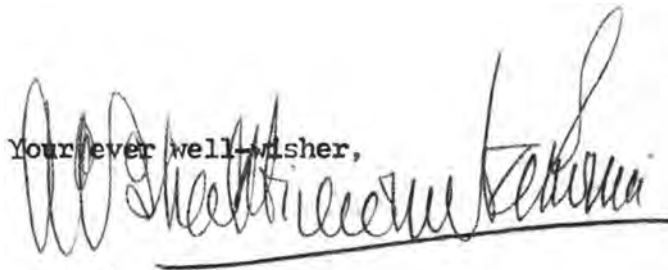
My dear Hansadutta das,

Please accept my blessings. I have considered this matter of record distribution and have decided that <sup>I</sup><sub>it</sub> should be immediately stopped. It has simply caused havoc. It should be stopped everywhere. The stress must be on books, nothing else needs to be sold. If someone hears a record, he will not understand anything of our philosophy. He will simply enjoy it as sense gratification. But if he gets a book and reads even one page, then he may very likely be induced to take part in our movement. These records are not important. My books are important. You should make arrangement to distribute them in as much quantity as possible.

Enclosed is ~~one~~ letter from Ajit das (president of Stockholm) wherein he expresses anxiety and confusion soming from this record distribution.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Eno: 1 TRUE COPY of a letter from Ajit das

Jan. 6th,

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N.N. Bagai  
1185 Sector 18-G  
Chandigarh

My dear Mr. Bagai,

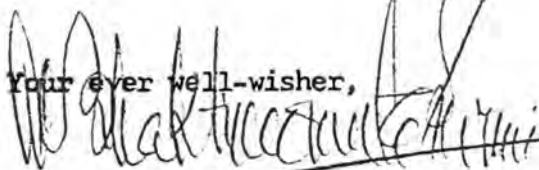
Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 30th, 1974 and have noted the contents. You have now got your identity card, so you can go if you like to any of our centers and live there for some time. If you like the atmosphere, then we have no objection to accept you into our institution. You should remain with us for some time, otherwise how will we know what work you are fit to do? You should understand of course, that we do not pay anyone in our society. After you have stayed with us for some time, then we shall discuss initiation, name and mantra. These things are not awarded immediately. When you take sannyasa, you can use the word svami — not before.

We are not interested in these things like hatha-yoga and swimming. We do not encourage such useless activities. We would never take to such activities for earning money. We got money enough. We don't require to adopt any unauthorized means. At present we spend 8 lakhs of rupees every month and Krishna sends all money. Our process is to chant Hare Krishna. That is sufficient.

You are welcome to Vrindavana anytime.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054 INDIA

Jan. 9th, 1975

Rupanuga das adhikari  
439 Henry St.  
Brooklyn, New York 11231

My dear Rupanuga das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 2nd, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the new building, if it is suitable, never mind if it is a little more or less, you should get it. We can rent the unused space, and the house-holders can live in the building as long as they have separate floors. One thing is that they must be fully engaged. Don't make a hotel for free boarding and lodging. Everyone must be full-time engaged and the best engagement for them is to sell books. That will be very nice. Don't allow anyone to simply eat and sleep. All should attend classes 2 or 3 times daily, chant 16 rounds, and go out for street sankirtana. Eating should be minimized. Too much eating leads to too much sleeping, and then sex desire. So, management should be done very carefully to see that there is not easy-going, lazy attitude which will only end in fall down.

Regarding the controversy about book distribution techniques, you are right. Our occupation must be honest. Everyone should adore our members as honest. If we do something which is deteriorating to the popular sentiments of the public in favor of our movement, that is not good. Somehow or other we should not become unpopular in the public eye. These dishonest methods must be stopped. It is hampering our reputation all over the world. Money collected for feeding people in India should be collected under the name ISKCON Food Relief. Not any other name. And every farthing of that money must be sent to India, or better yet, buy food grains there and ship them here and we will distribute. But every farthing collected for that purpose must be used for that purpose. I have already sent one letter to Ramesvara explaining these points.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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N.B. Your idea of having the "summer institute" at your farm is nice.

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Jan. 10th. 1975

Patit Uddharan das  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, England

My dear Patit Uddharan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 4th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I very much appreciate your nice report on London and I am glad to hear how things are going on there. Many thanks to Prabha Visnu das.

Yes I'll come there, but the first opportunity may be in April. I am also hankering to go there. Please take great care you are experienced. Co-operate with Prabha Visnu and make an ideal place for devotional service there.

Regarding the incident with Mr. Mody, it was a mistake by Kaushalya. Don't commit anything which will cause mistrust. This is not at all desirable. Keep peaceful situation with all men. There is no question of taxing someone for a donation. They can give donation and we will accept on friendly terms. Nobody should be pressured for contribution.

Impure atmosphere can be counteracted by having kirtans twice and thrice daily with dancing. So, keep the atmosphere very peacefully. Go on chanting and hold classes in Bhagavatam, etc. Don't allow anyone to engage in eating and sleeping alone or the devil's workshop will develop.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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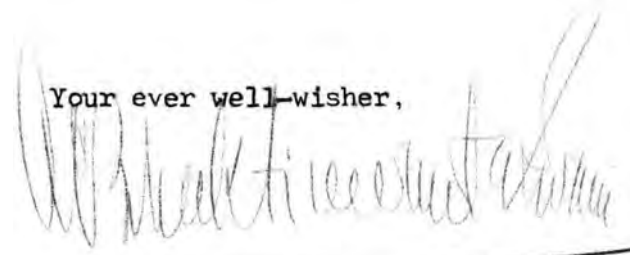
His Holiness Jayapataka Svami  
ISKCON International Center  
P.O. Sri Mayapur Dham, West Bengal  
(Dist. Nadia)

My dear Jayapataka Svami

Please accept my blessings. I have just received one letter from Asita dasa wherein he claims that he was all of the sudden asked to go away from Mayapur. What was the situation? Kindly let me know.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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*Tridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

**Founder-Acharya:**

**International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

**CENTER** Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054 INDIA

**DATE** Jan. 12, 1975

Sukadeva das adhikari  
400 18th Ave. E., Seattle, Washington  
98112

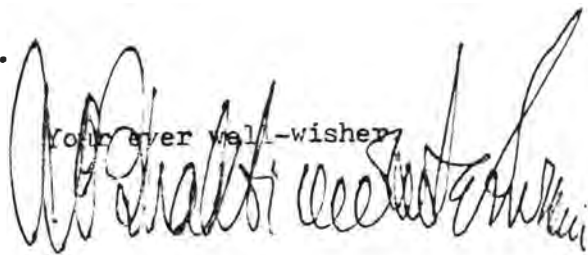
My dear Sukadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 25, 1974 and have noted the contents. I have also just received one letter from Gandharva das. I have requested him to come to India and live with me for some time. I think that will solve this problem.

Please set a strong example of Krishna Consciousness for all the devotees there who are under your care.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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ISKCON—72 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston Mass, 02116

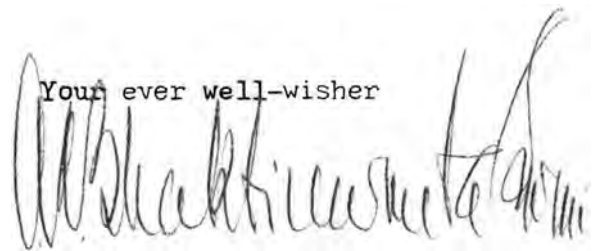
My dear Adi Kesava das

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your proper engagement you should first discuss that with your GBC and try to work something out together. Regarding your questions. I have already answered the most important question. "How to please Krishna"? —by following all the regulative principle that I have given you chanting 16 rounds and reading my books scrutinizingly. Everyone must do these things otherwise they cannot understand Krishna Consciousness.

I have accepted the four persons that you have recommended for second initiation and their threads and mantra sheet are enclosed herein. I have also accepted the six persons you have recommended for first initiation. Their names are: Edward--Sadāsiva dasa Robert—Rupa dasa Susan—Sitapati dasī Theothora--Tryadhīsa dasī Mildred—Mahālaksmī dasi David--Dharmasetu dāsa. Their beads can be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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Enc: 3 threads and mantra sheet.

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Jan. 17, 1975

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Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, England

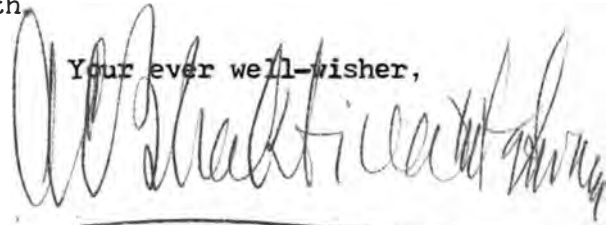
My dear Hansadutta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 11th, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is very encouraging. I pray to Krishna that everything may be settled up as described by you. I am going to Hawaii on Jan. 26th via Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo. You can report the next incidences to Hawaii. The program is that from Hawaii I may go to Mexico and Caracas as invited by Hridayananda Gosvami.

All money that is collected on behalf of the Food Relief program should be sent to India .(or if possible, send grains) Why has this not been done? That money (700,000dm) that has been blocked up in the bank account there, as soon as it is freed, you should send whatever portion of it was collected on behalf of food distribution program to India. All money should be sent to Bank of America International Society for Krishna Consciousness Mayapur-Vrindavan Fund, account no. 16026 in Bombay.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054 INDIA

Jan. 19th, 75

His Holiness Satsvarupa das Gosvami  
3764 Watseka Avenue  
Los Angeles, California  
USA (90034)

My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 5th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for doing your work so nicely. I was very pleased to receive the review on the 1st volume of the third canto of Srimad Bhagavatam written by professor Mehta from the University of Windsor. If you can send more similar reviews on my books, I would very much appreciate it. I am keeping a folder on such things and we can print a small book to distribute that will contain such reviews so that people will see what a great impression our books have on the intelligentsia of the world.

Regarding your question about the controversial talks going on, this kind of talk is not befitting my advanced students. This is childish. In Krishna's service, there is no inferior and superior. Deity worship is just as important as book distribution. It is not material. As mentioned in the Bhagavatam,

sravanam kirtanam visnoh smaranam pada-sevanam  
arcanam vandanam dasyam sakhyam atma-nivedanam

Sravanam kirtanam is the beginning—to chant and hear. Book distribution is under this category of sravanam kirtanam. The next item is smaranam. If somebody simply remembers the Supreme Lord, that is also as good as sravanam kirtanam. Then there is arcanam. That is also as good as the others, but one who simply becomes engaged in arcanam and does nothing of sravanam kirtanam, his position becomes in the material field. Any one of the nine processes is as good as the other. There is no question of inferior or superior. But out of all of them, sravanam kirtanam is very important. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu while instructing Srila Rupa Gosvami, has said how the seed of devotional service sprouts and increases by watering the root by the process of sravanam kirtanam. So, these two items are very important in devotional service, but that does not mean that the other items are inferior. Srila Jiva Gosvami has stressed kirtanam especially in the age of Kali. Even if there is arcanam for sanctifying the contaminated mind, it must be accompanied by sravanam kirtanam.

So, you are all advanced students. You should understand the importance of each and every item of devotional service. Do not make any misunderstanding by devaluating any of the spiritual activities. You are one of the advanced students. One who distinguishes a particular type of service as inferior or superior, he does not know the value of devotional service. It is all transcendental. Whatever item is suitable, that is accepted as very elevated. Just like Maharaja Pariksit. He simply listened to Sukadeva Gosvami. That is sravanam. And Sukadeva Gosvami simply narrated Srimad Bhagavatam. This is kirtanam. Prahlad Maharaja simply contemplated—smaranam. Prthu Maharaja simply did deity worship—arcanam. Arjuna only remained as friend of Krishna—

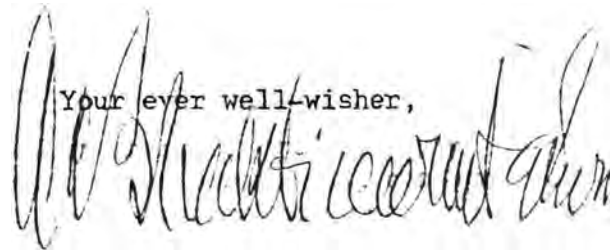
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sakhyam. Hanuman remained only engaged in carrying out the order of Lord Ramacandra—dasyam. And, Bali Maharaja surrendered everything to Krishna—atma-nivedanam. So, any devotee executing any one of the nine is transcendently glorious. One devotee may be proud that his process of service is the best. That is not inglorious. This is called transcendental competition. Everyone should feel proud of his particular type of devotional service, but that does not mean that other types of service are inferior. Everyone should feel proud of becoming sincere servant of Krishna, but the pure devotee never minimizes the importance of other devotees. Krishna is the enjoyer of varieties of service. It is not stuck up with any particular type of service. Krishna takes pleasure with devotees even by fighting service. When Grandfather Bhisma was trying to injure the body of Krishna by sharpened arrows in full devotion in the mellow of chivalry, Krishna was feeling the piercing of the arrows as as good as worshiping him with soft rose flowers. The conclusion is that everyone should be very very sincere. There is no more the question of inferior or superior.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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N.B. I have accepted Bhakta Seth for first initiation. His name can be Sesa das<sup>a</sup>. You may chant his beads. Also, I have accepted Maha Buddhi das and Mahadyuti das as my duly initiated brahmanas. Let them hear the gayatri-mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself chanting it. Their threads and mantra sheets are enclosed herein.

Enc: 2 threads and mantra sheets.

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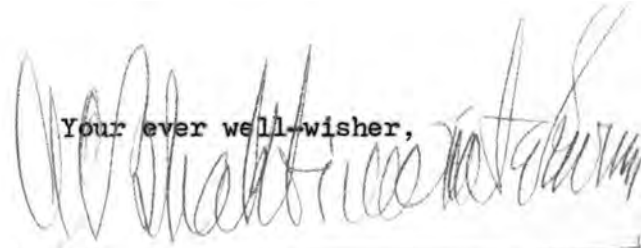
Tejyas das adhikari  
19 Todar Mal Lane  
New Delhi 110001

My dear Tejyas das,

Please accept my blessings. Herewith please find the corrected copy of Gita Gana. Do the needful immediately. The bearer of this letter, Krishnagraja das, is going to Delhi on a mission to see the Home Member. So, give him all help in this connection. If you have got the Hare Krishna film, please make it available for his use.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Jan. 21st, 1975

Radhaballabha das  
ISKCON Press  
38 Tiffany Place  
Brooklyn, New York 11231

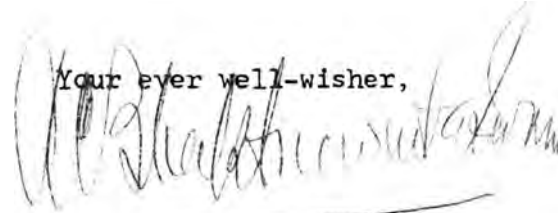
My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-7-75 and have noted the contents. Regarding the book on Kapila's philosophy, you can call it "The Sankhya Philosophy of Kapila, (the Son of Deva-huti)". You can give the roman transliteration for the sanskrit and then the lecture. There is no need of the original sanskrit (deva-nagari), or the synonyms. For the time being, I shall consider regarding the dedication, and introduction. After it is ready, I will tell you. You can use pictures from the Srimad Bhagavatam. That will be alright.

Finish the Caitanya-Caritamṛta as soon as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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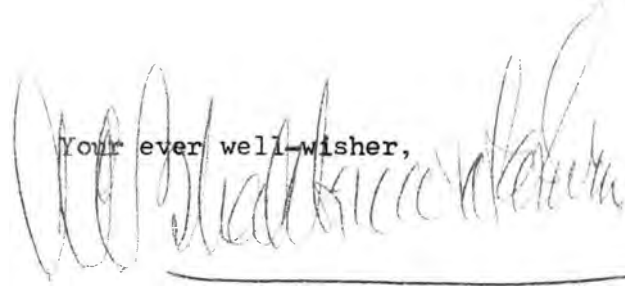
His Holiness Bhavananda Svami  
His Holiness Jayapataka Svami  
Sri Mayapur Candradaya Mandir

My dear Bhavananda Svami and Jayapataka Svami,

Please accept my blessings. The bearer of this letter, Jagannatha das brahmachari is coming to Mayapur to work on the Caitanya Caritamrta manuscript. Hopefully, he will finish editing work on the Antya-lila by the Festival at the end of March. Please give him all facilities in this connection. He will need a quiet spot for working. Try to see that he is full-time engaged in this editing work.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 1, 1975

Batu Gopala dasa  
15720 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

My dear Batu Gopala dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for distributing my books so enthusiastically. You are right. We must all become ideal in our character and then people will be very impressed with such purity. A devotee is faultless. He has no flaws.

I have accepted the devotees that you have recommended for 1st initiation and their names are as follows: Leon-Lilamohana, Virginia-Venuvilasa devi dasi, John-Gurugovinda dasa. Their beads can be chanted on by Kirtanananda Svami. Make sure that all of these candidates follow our principles very staunchly. Train them nicely by your own example.

I have also accepted Madhyam devi dasi and Vajasana devi dasi as duly initiated brahmanas. Their mantra sheets are enclosed herein. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself chanting it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii

DATE Feb. 1st, 1975

Bhakta das adhikari  
455 Valencia St.,  
San Francisco, Calif 94103

My dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 16th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have been informed by Jayatirtha prabhu that you have decided not to get the farm and that you want to get a building in Berkley. I have discussed with him and that idea is approved by me.

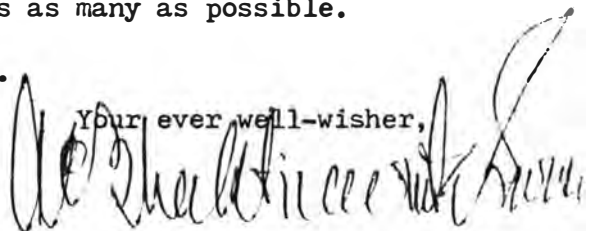
The boys that you have recommended for 1st initiation are accepted by me. Their names are: Ed-Hridayagovinda dasa, Nagaraja dasa and Jamie can be called Jiva dasa. Kirtanananda Svami can chant on their beads.

Concerning Ganesa worship, it is not actually necessary for us. But, if someone has a sentiment for getting the blessings of Ganesa in order to get large amounts of money for Krishna's service, then it is alright, but anyone who takes up this kind of worship must send me at least 100,000 dollars monthly—not less. If he cannot send this amount, then he cannot do Ganesa worship.

Please continue distributing by books as many as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



: A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

rou for the 100 dollar check.

51 Coelho Way, Hawaii (Honolulu)

Feb. 2, 1975

Puranjana das adhikari  
96 Herengracht  
Amsterdam, Holland

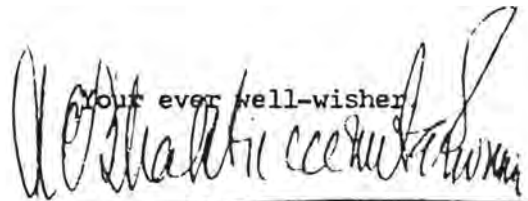
My dear Puranjana,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated Jan. 6, 13, and 17, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Hansadutta is here with me now and I have given the letters to him, They have all been read and discussed by the GBC members who are present here. I want that the GBC should relieve me of this management burden and in the future, all such questions should be taken up with the local GBC member. If no satisfactory solution can be reached, then other GBC members may be consulted. The GBC can formulate proposals and submit them to me for approval. So, kindly cooperate with Hansadutta and thereby help me use my time to finish my translating work in my old age.

Whatever money is owed to the BBT, that should be paid. As far as record distribution is concerned, if you have no big books, you may temporarily continue, but give a book with each record. With record distribution alone, the result is temporary. They will hear it for some time and throw away. Book distribution is solid. Even if they do not read, simply by touching they are benefitted. It is so much powerful.

You can purchase records from Hansadutta. Do not manufacture yourself. The BBT fund there has money, so your Bhagavad-gita in Dutch language can be printed with that money. I shall be anxious to see it. Anyway, work combinedly and everything will come out successful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher  


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Tridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

DATE Feb. 2, 1975

Sukadeva das adhikari  
400 18th Ave. East

Seattle, Washington 98112

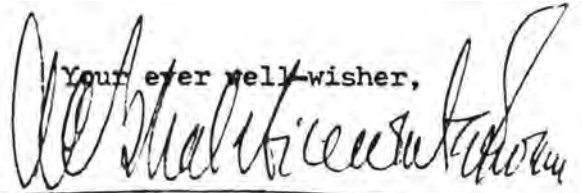
My dear Sukadeva das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 24, 1975 and have noted the contents. If you can acquire that building in Seattle, it will be very nice. Jayatirtha like it very much and he recommended that you should be given the loan for 10,000 dollars. So, if it is there you can take it.

Regarding my coming there on this tour, I think it will not be possible this time, but maybe next time after Mayapur and Vrindavan festivals when I come back to the U.S., I can come there and visit you temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 3, 1975

Patit Uddharan das  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford  
WD2 8EP, Hertfordshire  
London, England

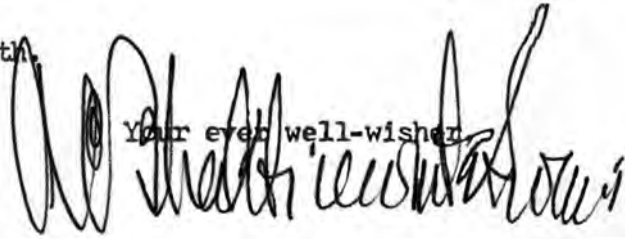
My dear Patit Uddharan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated Jan. 18th and 27th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your column in the Gujerat Samachar is a great way to preach Krishna Consciousness to the Indians there in London. They will become very much familiar with our ideas and goals by reading it regularly. Please continue it nicely.

Regarding the other points mentioned in your letter, Hansadutta prabhu has said that he can take care of these matters. Actually, I have requested that these type of matters be brought before the GBC instead of me. I am trying very hard to find time to write my books, so I want to be relieved from so many questions. Please work co-operatively with Hansadutta and everything will be very successful.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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N.B. You can <sup>allow</sup> hold the sacrifice in the Manor for Mrs. Mehta, but as with the weddings, they must pay for the room. (Don't have it in the temple room.) She can bring her own brahmanas.

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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 6th, 1975

Radhaballabha das  
38 Tiffany Place  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My dear Radhaballabha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb.3, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for distributing my books everyday. This is a nice program for the press workers to increase enthusiasm.

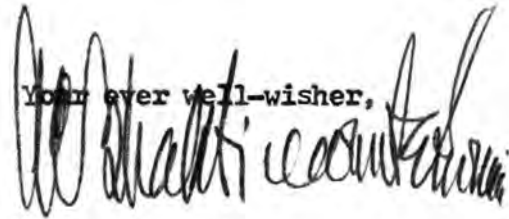
The sample that you sent me of the new design for the BBT logo is approved by me. For the sake of consistency, you can also use it on the cover jacket.

Every volume of Srimad Bhagavatam as well as Caitanya Caritamrta must be fully complete with an index, list of references, glossary, Sanskrit pronunciation guide, and index of Sanskrit (or Bengali) verses. This will be best.

I will be glad to see you all (at least 15 of you) in Mayapur for our festival.

I hope this meest you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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£51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 6th,

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Sri Govinda das  
1014 Emerson St.  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

My dear Sri Govinda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 3rd, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your purchasing marble Gaura-Nitai deities, it is not necessary when you already have brass ones. Simply take care of the ones that you have very nicely. There is no need for buying others.

Concerning the woman's duty, if she gets married, that does not necessarily mean that she must give up any of her service in the temple or on sankirtana, but she must also see to it that her household duties are not neglected.

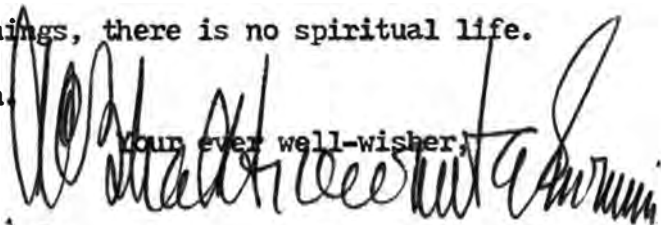
Yes, I want to come there again this year for the Rathayatra festival and ~~when it is possible~~ you can arrange that interview with Hugh Hefner, if it is possible to have it during that time.

I have accepted the devotees that you have recommended for 1st initiation and their names are as follows: Randall—Rathayatra dasa, Joseph—Jayakrsna dasa, Rodney—Ramakeli dasa, Ron—Ramananda dasa, Susan—Suprabha devi dasi, Deby—Danasila devi dasi. Their beads can be chanted by Kirtanananda Svami.

I have also accepted, upon your recommendation, the five men for 2nd initiation. Let them hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from the tape of myself chanting it. Their threads are enclosed along with mantra sheet. Make sure that everyone is pure by following the four regulated principles and chanting at least 16 rounds daily. Without these things, there is no spiritual life.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,





51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 6th,

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TO ALL TEMPLE PRESIDENTS.

My dear President,

Please accept my blessings. Recently in Germany the government, police and church have started heavy persecution against our movement by arrests, investigation, and blocking our monies in the bank. By unfair and slanderous newspaper and television propaganda, they have ruined our reputation and turned the general public against our movement. We cannot sit down and be idle. Even killing of our devotees has been attempted in Berlin by shooting. Hansadutta prabhu has formulated a plan for protesting at all German Embassies all over the world. This plan has my sanction. He will be contacting you in this connection. Please co-operate with him fully.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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Gobernador Tiburcio, Montiel No. 45  
San Miguel, Mexico 18, D.F.  
Mexico City, Mexico

Feb. 14th, 1975

Personal.

My dear Sripad Sridhar Maharaja,

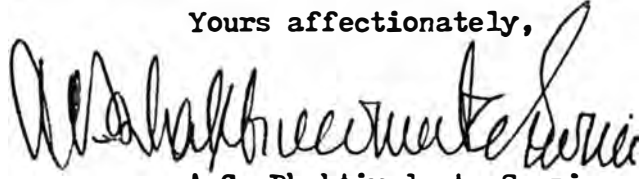
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. I thank you very much for your kind letter dated 1321-75 and I have noted the contents with great pleasure. I left India on the 26th of January from Bombay and I went to Hong Kong and Tokyo. Then I went to Hawaii and I received your letter there. Then I went to Los Angeles. Now I am staying at our Mexico City temple at the address below. Here the Mexicans are taking part in sankirtana and Deity worship very nicely. They have become very good devotees. In the neighboring countries like Venezuela, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Trinidad and the Dominican Republic we have also got our temples. So, I am touring in these temples to see how things are going on, and by the grace of Krishna, everyone is becoming Krishna Conscious.

I shall be reaching India by the 15th of March and by the 20th of March, I shall be in Calcutta. If possible, Sriman Govinda may see me in Calcutta in our temple at 3 Albert Road, near Camac St. off of Theater Road. At that time, I may be informed about your health and then I shall do the needful. As you have mentioned in your letter under reply that you cannot take any active part in executing the performances, I have asked my assistants in Vrindavana to take help from the local panditas in Vrindavana to do the needful. I have asked them to invite all different categories of saintly persons and devotees to take part in the ceremony. I am very much thankful to your Holiness for your good wishes in the matter of my preaching work. Factually, it is all being done by the grace of Prabhupada and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, otherwise it was not possible. Srila Prabhupada was very much fond of publishing books and he especially advised me to preach in English language. So, by his blessings, we have now about 30 big books of 400 pages and more than 20 small books, lets in English and all of these books and booklets are being translated into French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portugese, Chinese, Japanese, Swahili, Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Italian, etc.

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Thanking you once again for your kind letter and more when we meet.

Yours affectionately,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami', written in a cursive style.

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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His Holiness, Tridandi Gosvami  
Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Maharaja  
Sri Caitanya Sarasvat Math  
Kolera Gange, P.O. Navadvipa  
District Nadia, West Bengal  
INDIA.

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Hobernador Tiburcio, Montiel No. 45  
San Miguel, Mexico 18, D.F.  
Mexico City, Mexico

Feb. 15th, 1975

His Holiness Satsvarupa das Gosvami  
5430 Gurley St., Dallas, Texas 75223

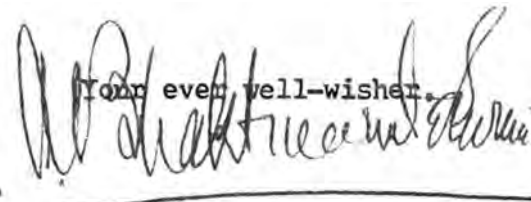
My dear Satsvarupa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for sending the book reviews. Send more if you can. These are very very encouraging. I am keeping a collection of these reviews and I show them to big big scholars and professors when they come to see me. They are very impressed.

Regarding your lecturing in the college classes. This is a very good program also. Why not continue it?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

**Founder-Acharya:**

**International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

**CENTER** Gobernador Tiburcio, Montiel No.45  
San Miguel, Mexico 18, D.F.  
Mexico City, Mexico

**DATE** Feb. 17th, 1975

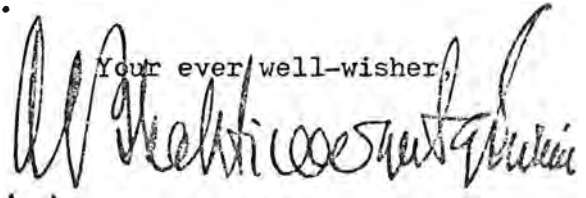
Guru das and Prajapati das  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90034

My dear Guru das and Prajapati,

Please accept my blessings. Regarding the dance troupe, I request you to prepare 7 different dances (a new one each day) from the Caitanya Caritamrta for displaying and performing during the Mayapur festival. Also, I request you to prepare 7 different dances from the Krishna book for performing during the Vrindavana festival. When you come to India, I shall also give you some personal direction concerning these dance performances. There are so many nice stories that can be performed. We can have a party of about 15 persons who can go all over and perform these dances. It will be very attractive, if nicely done and people will be inclined to buy books and even buy tickets to see such a performance. In this way all the expenses of going from one place to another will be covered. So, organize this program nicely and it will be a great success.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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*Grihandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

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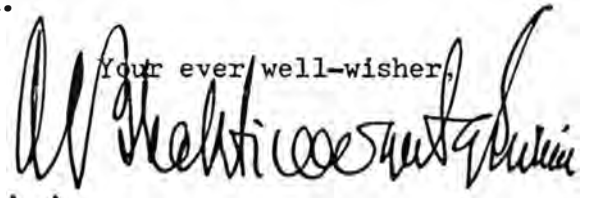
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Los Angeles, Calif. 90034

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I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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ISKCON ~~22~~ Caracas, Calle Luis Roche No. 61  
Colinas, De Los Chaguaramos, Caracas,  
Venezuela

Feb. 20, 1975

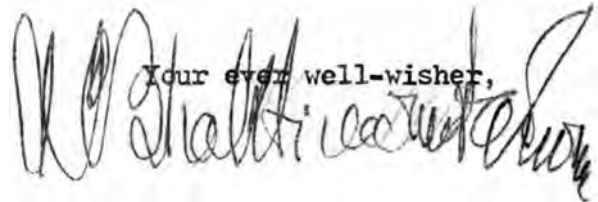
Manasvi dasa adhikari  
51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii

My dear Manasvi dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am very interested to hear of your progress there in Hawaii. Are things going nicely there? How is Siddhar-svarupa Maharaja doing? How is his preaching? How are the people accepting? You can write me these things promptly. You should send the letter to Dallas, Gurukula. You are very intelligent devotee, so always keep yourself strong in Krishna Consciousness by following all of the regulative principles very very carefully. This will save you from the attack of Maya.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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P.O. Box 66-1540 Niavaran  
Tehran, Iran

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March 14th, 1975

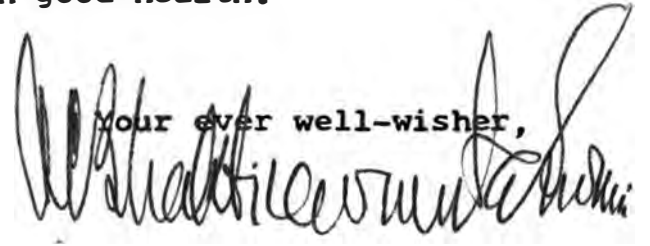
Jagaddhatri devi dasi  
~~5430K01507~~ Sasi  
Dallas, Texas, USA

My dear Jagaddhatri devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 4, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your kind sentiments. From your letter I can understand that you are advancing very nicely in Krishna Consciousness. Yes, you are right-all qualifications come if you simply surrender to a bonafide Guru. Please follow all of our rules very careful and your life will be perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Bhaktivedanta Manor, Letchmore Heath  
Watford WD2 8EP, Hertfordshire, Lond

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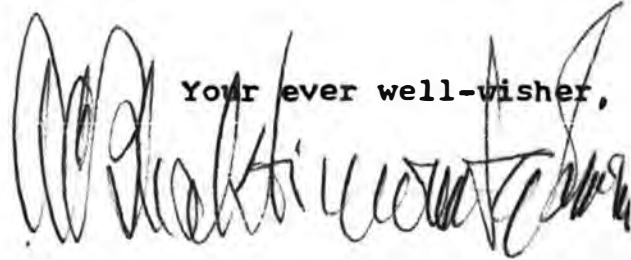
Guru das adhikari  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
90034 U.S.A.

My dear Guru das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received notice from Saurab in Vrindavan that we owe 25,000 rs. to the Mukutwala and another 12, rs. to Lalita Prasada, and he says that still there are many other diety goods that only been ordered and not paid for. So, I request you to please send the equivalent of at least 30,000 rs. to Vrindava because there are no collections coming in at this time for the deit and you have ordered this paraphenalia. You should send this money to the Bank of America in Bombay in favor of the International Socie for Krishna Consciousness (Mayapur Vrindavan Fund) account number 16026. Address is Express Towers, Nariman Point, Bombay-1. Please send me a copy of the bank receipt after you send the money.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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cc: Saurabha das adhikari

P.O. Box 66-1540 Niavaran, Tehran,

March 14th, 75

Iran

Tirthanga dasa adhikari  
1 Berlin 31,  
Prinzregentenstr. 46,  
W. Germany

My dear Tirthanga dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 28th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your questions, the main thing is that whatever is required by you and your family to live nicely in Krishna Consciousness, that much you should accept. Do not take more than what you actually need. And you should give what ever you can to the temple as donation. Nothing is compulsory. Whatever you kindly pay, that will be accepted.

Regarding sending children to Gurukula, that is also optional, not compulsory. The most important things are that you follow very carefully all of the rules and regulations such as rising early, and having mangala arati and classes, etc, and that you chant at least 16 rounds daily without fail. These things are most essential for your spiritual advancement and then everything will be alright.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

P.O. Box 66-1540 Niavaran  
Tehran, Iran

March 14th, 1975

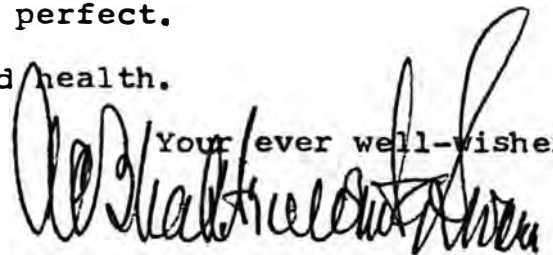
Mr. Dennany  
8653 South 2nd St.  
Mattawan, Miami, Fla.  
49071

My dear Mr. Dennany,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Jan. 28th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for reading and appreciating my books. Please continue to do so as much as possible and visit our temple in Miami frequently. You mentioned in your letter that you had read many other Bhagavad-gitas before you read mine and that none of them revealed as much to you as Bhagavad-gita as It Is. The reason is because we do not change the actual meaning of the gita at all. Many other commentators due to poor fund of knowledge tamper with the lines of Bhagavad-gita and twist the meaning for their personal motives, but we do not do like that. We present it exactly as it is; without any additions or subtractions. That is perfect in every way and therefore it is actually having a tremendous effect all over the world. The original words of Lord Krishna have unrivalled potency and anyone who is fortunate enough to hear those words and tries to apply them to his life becomes perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svam

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P.O. Box 66-1540 Niavaran  
Tehran, Iran

March 14, 1975

Sivani devi dasi  
641 Ramona Ave.  
Laguna Beach, Calif.  
92651

My dear Sivani devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Feb. 18th, 1975 and have noted the contents. To take shelter of the Spiritual Master means to follow his instructions. So, you should be very careful to not deviate even a little bit from the order of your Guru. You should be very careful to chant 16 rounds daily and read all of the books carefully. You should attend mangala arati and classes. And you should follow the four regulative principles without deviation. If you do these simple things, you will make steady advancement in Krishna Consciousness and there will be no fall downs. Regarding your young boy, do not be sorry because he is a little mischievous. This is only natural for a young boy. It is not anything unusual. Pray to Krishna that he may become a great preacher and try yourself to train him for that by being Krishna Conscious mother.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher



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*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 19, Todermal Lane, Bengali Market  
New Delhi, India

DATE August 21, 1975

Sriman Radhaballava das Brahmachary  
BBT  
9711 Venice Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 15, 1975 and also the copies of the Vyas Puja book. It is done nicely, but why it is mentioned my 79th birthday. It is my 80th birthday. That is correct. You do not know this? One of the GBC articles says 79th birthday. Big GBC man, so many editors, and it is not detected? You are all mudhas, what can I do? Anyway it is better to remain a mudha before your spiritual master. Just like Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, He said that My spiritual master saw Me as mudha.

Do not worry, in spite of war, Srimad Bhagwatam will be distributed. We don't care for war. Our preaching business will go on. Your desire for the complete Srimad Bahagwatam will be fulfilled. The Sixth Canto I have already completed and I shall begin the Seventh Canto within a fortnight. When I am relieved from the administration work, then it will be done.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

*A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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P.O. Sree Mayapur Dham  
W. Bengal (Dist. Nadia)

April 1st, 1975

Manasvi dasa adhikari  
51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii U.S.A.

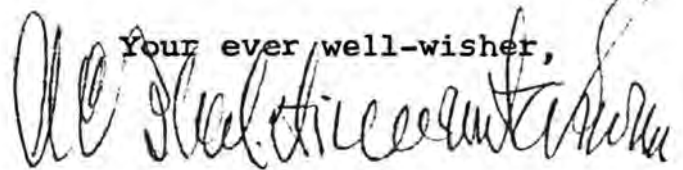
My dear Manasvi dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 13th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to hear that everything is going on nicely there. Encourage Siddhar Swarup Maharaja to continue to speak as much as possible and give him all facilities. Whenever there is some question or if he speaks something incorrect, you may humbly correct him or if need be, I can also give correction by mail. His booklet is very nicely done. It is sound preaching.

Continue all your programs there nicely, giving special stress to strictly following all of the rules and regulations (especially the four regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds daily) then everything will be very nice. I will most likely be coming there in the fall for some time after my European and American tour.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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P.O. Sree Mayapur Dham  
W. Bengal (Dist. Nadia)

April 5th, 75

Dr. G. Ghosh  
Gyan Bhawan  
22 Minto Road  
Allahabad 211002

My dear Dr. Ghosh,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated March 20th and March 23rd, 1975 and have noted the contents very carefully. I thank you very much for your kind invitation and, tentatively, I accept it. Most probably, we shall go to Allahabad from Vrindavan by the 28th of April, 1975 and stay there for a week, and then start for Bombay on the way to Australia by the 5th of March I wish to hold classes on Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam for one hour in the evening and one hour in the morning. I do not know if gentlemen there will spare so much time. If not two hours, then I shall hold one hour Bhagavad-gita class, and I wish to see how people there appreciate our missionary activities. It is strictly on the basis of Lord Krishna's teachings as they are presented by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. That is our mission. So, if people become interested in our philosophy, then we shall consider the other two items, namely, the nursery school and dispensary. So far dispensary is concerned, we have none all over the world. It will be a new attempt. So far the school is concerned, we have got in Africa and America, and we have got men experienced to teach on our line. But for dispensary, we have no experience at all.

I do not know how you are at the present moment about your health, but I request you again to come to Vrindavan about the 20th of April, Then we shall discuss elaborately and make a decision. Otherwise, if you do not come, we will go as already decided and open a nice center there if possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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P.O. Mayapur Dham  
W. Bengal (Dist. Nadia)  
INDIA

April 6th, 1975

Mr. Vincent Karl  
c/o SOL Press  
Box 239, Van Brunt Station  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215

My dear Mr. Karl,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 20th, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I wish to thank you very much for your reading our book so carefully and scrutinizingly. Any man who reads these literatures will find a storhouse of transcendental information. I hope you will continue to study so nicely on a daily basis as you have described in your letter.

Regarding your question, you may refer to Adi-lila, Chapter 6, Text 79 along with the purport, (Caitanya-caritamrta). The answer is there. The basic understanding is that Sada-Siva is an expansion of Maha-Visnu and that same Sada-Siva incarnates as Adwaitacarya. Therefore, since Adwaitacarya is an incarnation of Sada-Siva who is non-different from Maha-Visnu, we can say that Adwaitacarya is an incarnation of Maha-Visnu. It can be said both ways, that He is an incarnation of Sada-Siva or Maha-Visnu.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Temple  
Raman Reti, Vrindavan  
Dis . Mathura, U.P., INDIA

April 17, 1975

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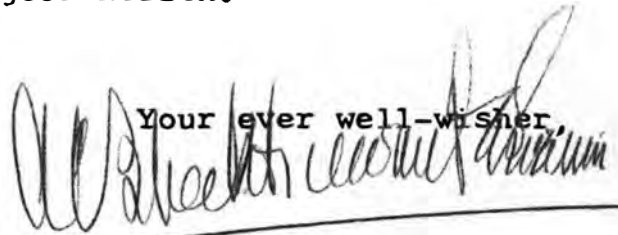
Jitasvara dasa  
5430 Gurley St.  
Dallas Texas  
75223 USA

My dear Jitasvara dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. The best thing for your wife is to try and tolerate the pains and to execute her devotional service to the best of her capacity. If this is difficult, then she should try to get the proper treatment for her problem. And in this case, you may consult with Jagadisa dasa for advice. Under any circumstances, she should follow all the rules and regulations and chant at least 16 good rounds daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Krishna Balaram Temple  
Raman Reti, Vrindavan  
Dist. Mathura, UP. INDIA

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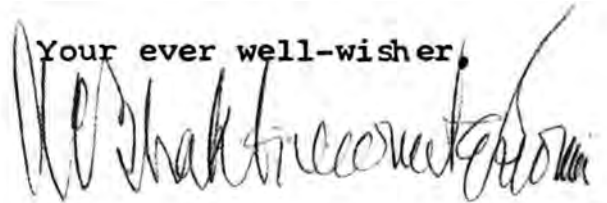
Dvarakesa dasa brahmacari  
Grevgatan 18,  
11453 Stockholm, Sweden

My dear Dvarakesa dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 3-4-75 and have noted the contents. Thank you for sending the final edition of the Swedish Sri Isopanisad. It is very very nice. I am very anxious to see all of my books printed in the Swedish language, so continue your printing, and distributing with all enthusiasm.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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*Gridandi Goswami*  
*A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER: 318 East 20th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio

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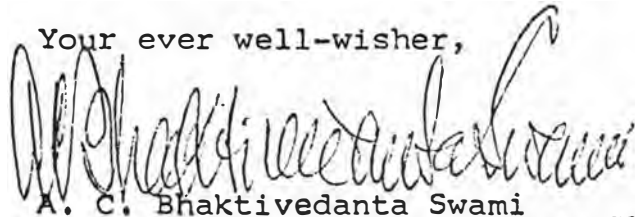
My Dear Upendra,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 4 May, 1969, and I have noted the contents with much encouragement. Regarding the church, I think you should try for it by all means, and if need be I shall see that the funds which you need will be loaned to you. I have already informed Tamal Krishna that the Los Angeles temple may be called upon to give this loan. So try for it, because such a nice church will be a tremendous boon to our Seattle propaganda activities.

Regarding your question about the difference between mind and soul, the mind is one of the senses, and the soul is the owner of the senses, including the mind. The mind is material, just like the material body, but when the material coverings are taken away, as we revive our spiritual body, similarly we revive our spiritual mind also. At the present moment, my material mind, intelligence and ego is carrying me in different types of bodies, because mind has different desires, and it carries the soul just like finer air carries the flavor of the flower or some other smell. So the mind is an instrument, and the soul is the worker of the instrument.

I hope this will meet you in good health and cheerful mood.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

9 Marimba Crescent, City Beach  
Perth, Western Australia

May 10th, 75

Prof. O.P. Goel  
7, Krishna Kunj  
Plot 143, Tulsipipe Road,  
Matunga, Bombay-26, INDIA

My dear Sriman O.P. Goelji,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 1st, 1975. Please excuse me for my late reply, as I was very very busy in Vrindava for the opening ceremony of our Krishna Balaram Temple. As I was scheduled to come to Bombay after the ceremony, I thought I shall call you at my Bombay residence, (Hare Krishna Land, Juhu, Bombay) and talk with you in detail. But circumstantially, I stayed in Bombay for a few hours only because from Vrindavan, I went to Delhi, then to Kurukshetra as I was invited by Sri G.L. Nanda in a big meeting, and again I came back to Delhi, then to Bombay and on the same night, to Perth, Australia, where I am now staying.

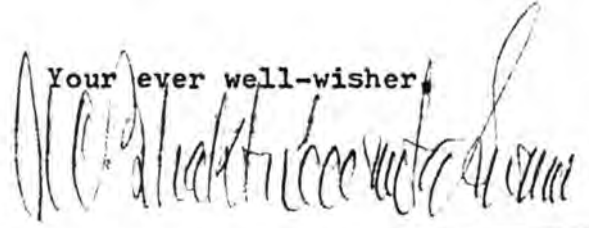
Your proposal for co-operation with ISKCON is welcome. I very much appreciate your proposal. The mass problem at the present moment in India is actually a food problem. I have therefore decided to start some village organization program--namely, people should be invited to live in the village, produce their own foodstuff (grains, fruits, and vegetables), maintain a sufficient number of cows to get a large quantity of milk, produce their own cloth, eat sumptuously for keeping fit in health, and then they can regularly sit down and chant the Hare Krishna Maha-mantra. I shall arrange for the irrigation of the land and the people living there should give their labor for their own food and clothing, and then chant Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and cultivate Krishna Consciousness. Besides that, our men should go from village to village with Sankirtan party, hold festival, namely distribution of Bhagavat prasadam and induce them chant and join with us in vibrating the Hare Krishna Maha-mantra. In India, they are not less than 95% villagers and Mahatma Gandhi wanted this village organization. I think this is a solid program. The people must eat sumptuously--not voraciously and make them fit for working and chanting. In this way, they will be purified and everything will be nicely organized. We require some men only like your good self to co-operate with this movement. The necessary things in this connection will surely be supplied by Krishna. Simply we want some sincere worker like your honor. Up to date, I am working chiefly with my foreign assistants and disciples. In India, for them there is the language difficulty, otherwise they are ready to work in Indian villages also. Besides that, they have visa problems. Under the circumstances, I require immediately some willing, educated worker for this purpose. So, kindly reply this letter to my Honolulu center. The address is as follow: 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu Hawaii, USA.

By the by, I be to request you to see His Excellency, Shri Aliyavar Jung, the Governor of Maharashtra in connection with our temple construction, the sanction for which is pending in his hand. The Governor of U.P., Dr. Channa Reddy, approached him on my behalf on December 18th, 1974, the copy of the letter is enclosed herein. The Governor of Maharashtra acknow-

which is giving me too much anxiety. I have established about 100 big big temples all over the world. Unfortunately, I am getting too much anxiety in my country and I do not know why. If you kindly solve this problem, it will be a great relief for me and a great service to Krishna.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Your ever well-wisher



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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May 12th, 75

Tejyas das adhikari  
19 Todar Mal Land  
New Delhi-110001, INDIA

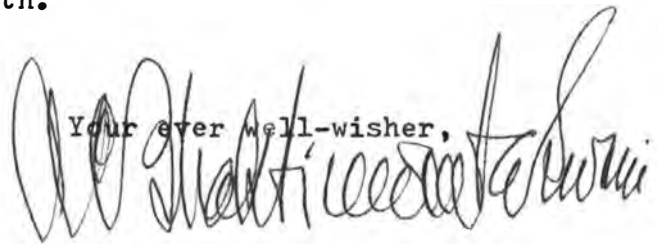
My dear Tejyas dasa,

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed is one letter addressed to Acarya Prabhakar Misra. Please find. I do not know his address in Delhi, but I am sure that you know it. Please meet him and hand this letter over to him or forward it by post as is convenient for you. Please also keep in constant contact with Laxman S. Agarwal and his genius wife also. Try to encourage them to construct the temple in their factory as soon as possible.

Also keep in constant contact with that Oria Minister of Defense. I forget his name. Try to get some acres of land near the Buddha Jayanti Park. I wish to develop a Janmastami Park there and invite all the residents of New Delhi there to observe a grand festival on Janmastami day. I wish to construct a grand temple of Krishna Balaram and keep many cows in this park. The residents of New Delhi will be very much encouraged to visit this park. That is my ambition. Both the Deputy Minister of Defense (the Oria Minister) as well as Mr. Agarwal can give us substantial help in this progress.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Perth, Western Australia

May 14, 1975

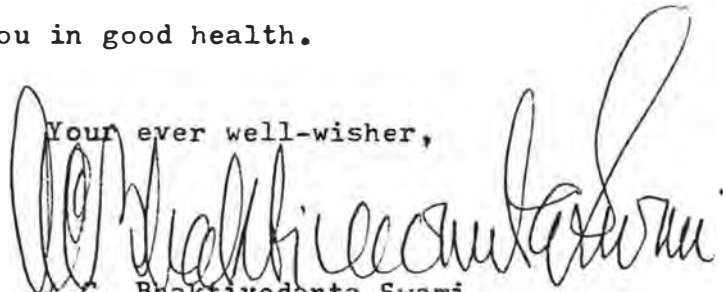
Sriman Yadunandan das Adhikary  
Gurukulaa  
5430 Gurley St.  
Dallas, Texas 75223

My dear Yadunandan,

Please accept my blessings. I have just been informed by my servant, Srutakirti, that the young children, under twelve, are not allowed to use their jappa beads while chanting. This policy is not good. Why this change has been made? I never said they should not use their beads. That is our business. They must be taught how to respect their beads. How they can learn unless they use them? That is the trouble with you westerners, always changing. No changes should be made without first consulting with my GBC representative. So, the children should immediately be allowed to chant on their jappa beads.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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197 Danks St., Albert Park  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

**FILE**

May 19th,

75

Hansadutta dasa adhikari  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, England, UK

My dear Hansadutta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 15th, 1975 and have noted the contents. Your pair of slippers is very nice. Thank you very much. Thank you for sending my coat to Melbourne. It is a little cool here. Your program in Germany is a good one. There is no need of establishing a deity for the time being in these places you have mentioned. Simply make a nice preaching center. Yes, while you are in India you may appoint other competent devotees to take responsibilities. I am very pleased with the life member program as well as the annadhan program. That is a very good idea.

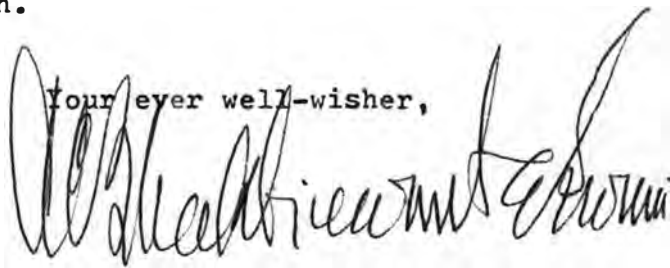
Regarding BBT affairs, European publications are your main business, but for the time being, you must also see to the accounts and managing of the BBT in USA. Bhagavan can also be another BBT trustee. His name can be added to the list. It is approved by me that you get the books for only 20% above the cost of printing.

Regarding the farm, whatever money I had, they have taken 3½ lakhs in India. Giriraja took 2 lakhs and Jayapataka Swami took 1½ lakhs. So, you can provide the funds from Europe I think. As far as machines are concerned, it is better to avoid using them as far as possible. I am enclosing one letter that I have recently written to Mahamsa Swami concerning the farm for your information.

I hope this meets you in good health.

*Where is Haimavati?*

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Tridandi Goswami

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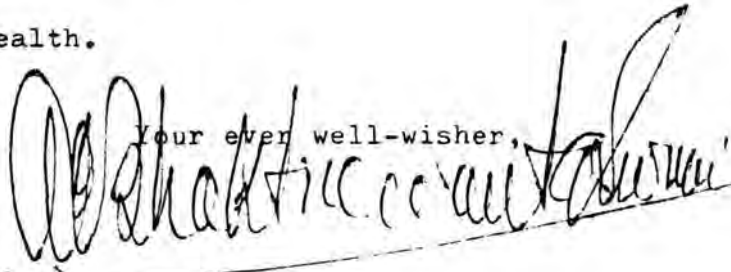
DATE ..... May 20th, ..... 1975

Prabhanu dasa adhikari  
400 18th Ave. East  
Seattle, Washington 98112 USA

My dear Prabhanu dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 15th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have accepted Lauri and Joni for 1st initiation. Their names are as follows: Lalitā devī dāsī and Jīvanausadhī devī dāsī respectively. Their beads may be chanted on by Sat-svarupa Maharaja. Also I have accept Simha dasa, Anagha dasa, and Dhanasri dasi, and Kantimati dasi for 2nd initiation. Let them hear the tape of myself chanting the gayatri mantra. It should be heard through the right ear. Their mantra sheets and threads are enclosed. Train all of our boys and girls to follow the rules carefully, chanting 16 rounds and reading our books very carefully.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Enc: 2 threads, mantra sheet

197 Danks St., Albert Park  
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

May 20th, 1975

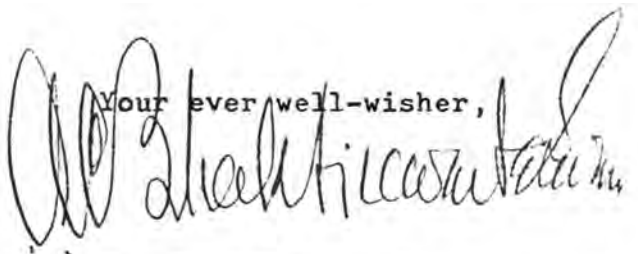
His Holiness  
Tusta Krishna Swami  
P.O. Box 65 082  
Mairangi Bay, Auckland  
New Zealand

My dear Tusta Krishna Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 14, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for the U.S. 226 dollars and the A. 50 dollars daksina. I am very glad to hear that you are keeping yourself busy preaching. Don't become a dead man. Always preach.

It is very nice here in Melbourne. The temple is very beautiful. I will leave from here on the 23rd for Fiji and stay there for two days. Then I shall go to Honolulu and stay for at least one month.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


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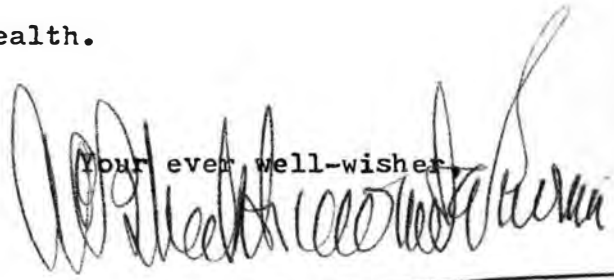
Radhaballabha dasa  
439 Henry St.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My dear Radhaballabha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 5/17/75 and have noted the contents. I have also received the first volume of the Madhya-lila. It is very nice. The pictures of Jagannatha Puri and the Samadhi tombs of Rupa Goswami, Jiva Goswami, and Krishna das Kaviraja are very nice. I will be very pleased if you can produce these books at top speed. Please do this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

May 31, 1975

Hansadutta dasa adhikari  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, Eng. UK

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My dear Hansadutta dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1975 and have noted the contents. I approve your ideas. Yes, London is a city where we can open many centers. If possible, do it.

In Melbourne, I saw one devotee girl who looked almost exactly like Haimavati. Therefore I asked about her. Yes, she is welcome here if she likes.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever/well-wisher,



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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

June 3, 1975

**FILE**

Krsna Vilasini devi dasi  
3765 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My dear Krsna Vilasini devi dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29th, 1975 and have noted the contents. There are many examples in history of persons who have been very much disabled physically, but still have executed Krishna Consciousness. Still, up to date in places like Vrindavan, India, there are many persons who are blind, crippled, lame, deformed, etc., but they are determined to practise Krishna Consciousness to their best ability. So, you should also do like that. Simply be determined to practise the process of Bhakti-yoga with whatever abilities you may have. If you are really sincere, then Krishna will give you help. If you require any medical help, you can take as much as is needed.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

June 3, 1975

His Holiness  
Mahamsa Swami  
Hare Krishna Land  
Nampally Station Rd.  
Hyderabad, A.P., INDIA

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 24-5-75 and have noted the contents. Regarding Acyutananda's preaching, what is the use of criticizing Sai Baba and creating some enemies? Do not do this in public meetings. It is different to do it in a private meetings You can discuss all details about the farm with Hansadutta and then do the needful. He will be coming there very soon. Anyway I am forwarding your report to him for his information. Regarding registration with the Endowments dept., you can discuss this with Gopal Krishna.

I hope this meets you in good health.

  
Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.S.

Will not you, to be controlled by  
the endowment dept. That  
is not good. They are all  
worldly men. Why should  
we be controlled by  
them?

If possible start a center in Hyderabad

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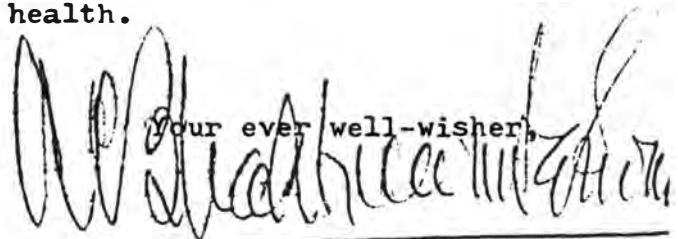
June 8, 1975

His Holiness,  
Gargamuni Swami  
1014 EmerstnnSt.  
Evanston, Ill. 60201

My dear Gargamuni,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1975 and have noted the contents. Go on preaching for now, so far money matters, that we shall see later. Preaching is our life. Follow strictly the principles, read, chant,--then there is success. And if you don't do this, spiritual strength is reduced. It is just like a snake is very powerful, so long he has got poison. If it has no poison, nobody cares for it. Similarly, this chanting, reading, and following the principles is our spiritual strength.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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June 8, 1975

Sri Govinda dasa  
1014 Emerson St.  
Evanston, Ill. 60201

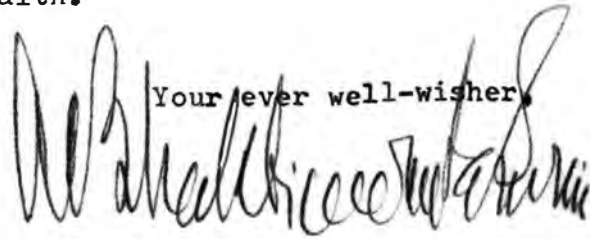
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My dear Sri Govinda dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your invitation dated June 5, 1975 and have studied it carefully. One year ago, I already accepted the invitation of Philadelphia temple for their Rathayatra and they are holding it on the same date as you. So, I may not be able to come there for the festival, but I can come there for a few days stay on my way from Los Angeles to Philadelphia, probably about the 8th or 9th of July, and I shall have to leave Chicago on the 11th of July in order to attend the Philadelphia Rathayatra. If this is alright with you, then we can do it like that. If you like, you can set up those appointments and meetings during that time. That will be nice. I will be seeing you all at that time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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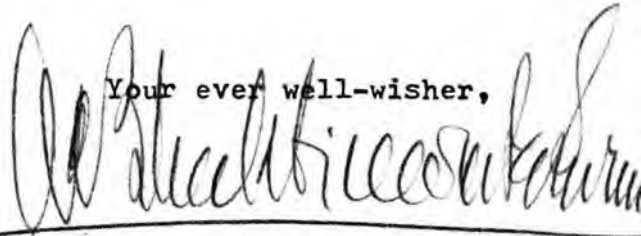
Hansadutta dasaadhikari  
Bhaktivedant Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, Eng.

My dear Hansadutta,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1975 and have noted the contents. I don't think that Hayagriva is at fault. He has not changed the meaning or the philosophy in any way. But if you like to use the original manuscript, then if it is possible, you can use it.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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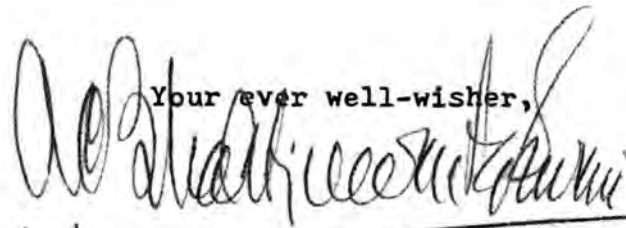
Sudama dasa Goswami  
1014 Emerson St.  
Evanston, Ill. 60201

My dear Sudama,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1975 and have noted the contents. Last time, ~~when~~ when I saw you in Hawaii, and I saw that you had become mad, I was very surprised how you had become like that. So, I prayed to Krishna to bring you back. Now, be very careful. Don't make any mistakes. Keep company with Bhavananda. He is very sincere. Also keep Gargamuni with you. Now, the scholarly section of society is accepting our philosophy. Perhaps you have seen Professor Judah's book. So, we have got so many things to do, strictly on Lord Caitanya's principle.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

June 10, 1975

Chaityaguru das  
ISKCON-Puran Singh Close  
P.O. Box 28946  
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa

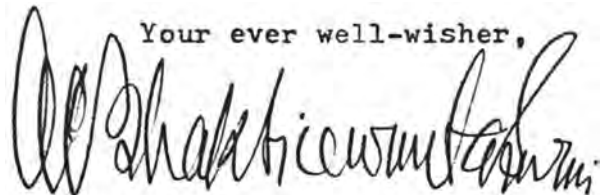
My dear Chaityaguru dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. The idea of the Bhetnama system is that the man pays the cost of the room and we make a plate with his name on it saying, "the cost was payed by such and such person". Whenever he may come, he can use the room. And when he is gone we will use the room for other guests, but if he may come the room will immediately be made available. After his death, his hiers cannot make any claim on the room. While staying with us, they must follow the principles and there should be a certain limit to how long they can stay. For the details, I think Giriraja can find out how it is done at Tirupati and other temples in India and let you know. I will ask him to do so and inform you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Will you kindly let me know what Gurm Nanak ji has said about Lord Krishna & Lord Rama in his Granth Sahib? How we can cooperate with the ACBS/ps community?

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

June 10, 1975

Mr. R. Van den Tak  
60 Liverpool St.  
Paddington, 2021  
Sydney, Australia

My dear Mr. Van den Tak,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 1-6-75 and have noted the contents. Your endeavor to prove scientifically the existence of re-incarnation is not very practical. It is like bringin a cannon to kill a mosquito. It is not required to bring a cannon to kill a mosquito, similarly any sane man can understand the principle of re-incarnation. There is no need of giving some long so-called scientific explanation. Explanation is already given in the Bhagavad-gita, as it is. Krishna, the Supreme Authority has already explained, and you should accept and understand His explanation and then try to make others understand. You should visit our temple in Sydney. The address is: Corner Wrights Rd. and Drummoyne Ave., Drummoyne N.S.W.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wish

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June 10, 1975

Tejyas dasa adhikari  
19 Todarmal Lane  
ISKCON, Bengali Mkt.  
New Delhi 110001, INDIA

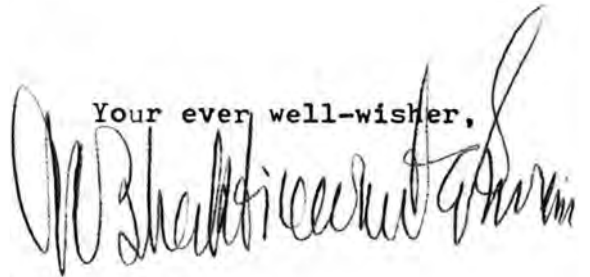
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My dear Tejyas dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, I have seen the spot for the factory-mandir. Go ahead with the plans and send me a copy of the plans. It is very nice that Mr. Patnai will help us. Persist in that direction. He will be a great help <sup>f</sup>is he can get some land for us. Also Mr. Agarwal can try. We want to have a park in front of Buddha-Jayanti park. We shall call it Krishna-Jayanti Park. We can have our temple there, along with goshalla, etc. Try to arrange these things.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Sanatan dasa adhikari  
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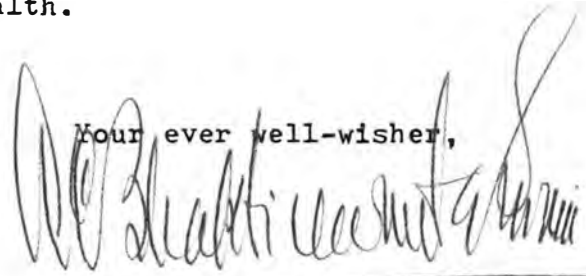
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My dear Sanatan dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. No, you should not bother with all this nonsense. Astrology will not save you at the time of death. My Guru Maharaja was a great astrologer and astronomer, but he gave it all up. It is meant for the karmis. We have no interest in such things.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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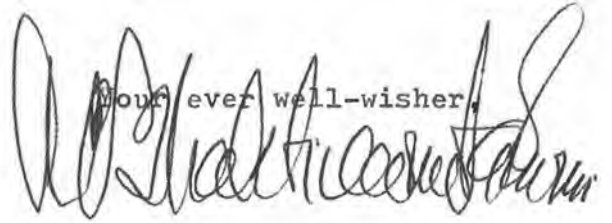
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Batu Gopala dasa  
15720 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

My dear Batu Gopala dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 9, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you very much for selling so many books there. This is very much wanted. Try to sell again more and more each day. Regarding naming your Cleveland center, New Govardhan Hill is a very nice name. But as far as worshipping a <sup>Govardhan Sda</sup> ~~stone~~ from Govardhana hill, that we shall see later on.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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51 Coclho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

June 14, 75

My dear Dinanatha,

Please accept my greetings. I thank you very much for your letter dated 30-5-75. I am very sorry to say that I did not receive your letter addressed to me at Mayapur. I am still in Hawaii and I shall leave this place by the 20th of June for Los Angeles. Our temple there is situated at the following address: 3764 Watseka Ave., Los Angeles, California, USA 90034.

I am not returning to India by Rathayatra festival because there are programs here in America and Europe--Rathayatra festival in five different places like, London, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, and Melbourne. So, I am introducing this Rathayatra festival in the Western countries and the idea is received everywhere very very enthusiastically.

I am enclosing herewith one Back to Godhead magazine specifically dedicated to describing the Rathayatra activities.

After leaving India, I went to Australia and there we have constructed a very nice temple of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Radha-Krishna, and Lord Jagannatha at Melbourne. This movement is being highly appreciated by the higher educated circle. One professor in Berkly, California University has written one big book in favor of this movement, "Hare Krishna and the Counterculture".

I am glad that you are now writing books about Lord Ramachandra. It is a very good idea. I think you are a devotee of Lord Ramachandra, and because you are my very old and dear friend. I will suggest now in your old age (when your sons are grown-up and well-situated), why not join this movement and retire from family life? According to our vedic principle, a person, especially a Brahmana, should leave home after the 50th year and accept the order of Vanaprastha. Then after a few years of Vanaprastha, one should accept the Sannyasa order for the rest of his life and devote himself fully in the service of the Lord.



FILE  
51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

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June 17th, 75

Batu Gopala dasa dhikari  
15720 Euclid Ave.  
East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

My dear Batu Gopala,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 8th, 1975 and have noted the contents. I accept the persons you have recommended for initiation (first). Their names are as follows, Bill--Bhama dasa, Brenda--Brahma-vadini devi dasi, Michael--Mahana dasa. Their beads may be chanted by Kirtanananda Swami. Also, I have accepted Divyanga dasa for 2nd initiation. His thread and mantra sheet are enclosed herein. Let him hear the tape of myself chanting gayatri mantra through his right ear.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Enc: 1 thread, 1 mantra sheet.

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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

DATE June 17, 1975

Bhakta, Jayananda, Bahulasva  
455 Valencia St.  
San Francisco, Ca. 94103

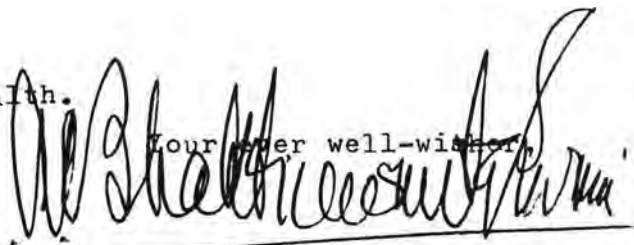
My dear Bhakta, Jayananda, and Bahulasva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letters dated June 13th and 15th, 1975 and have noted the contents. It sounds like things are going very nicely there. I will come for Rathayatra festival and then I shall see the new building also. The photos were very nice. Regarding the sannyasis convincing men within the temple that they should leave and go with them on their parties, that is not at all good. I have never approved of this action. You can tell them. Everyone is concocting something of their own. It must be checked. The sannyasis should work with what men they have got and they cannot secretly convince men in the temples to leave their duties. Those duties also must be done and they are just as important as any other service.

Regarding the books being sold for less than \$4, that we shall discuss in L.A. with Ramesvar.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. Why did you publish this college program book independantly and unauthorized? Any literature that is to be published on behalf of the movement, must be authorized by the BBT Trustees. You have not even mentioned my name in this book. This is not at all good. Why have you done this?

*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 51 Coelho Way, Honolulu, Hawaii

DATE June 18, 1975

Karandhar dasa  
P.O. Box 66-1540  
Niavaran, Tehran  
Iran

My dear Karandhara,

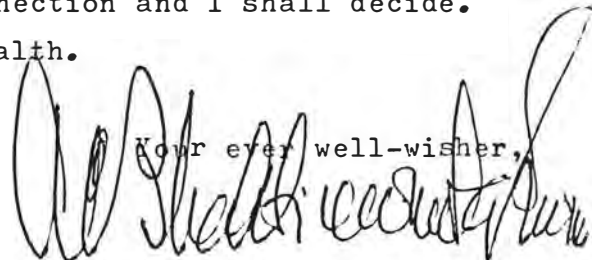
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 6/9/75 and have noted the contents. Any position we remain in, we must have full dependance on our spiritual life. --chanting 16 rounds daily, following the four regulative principles, etc. This will maintain our spiritual strength. And if we maintain our spiritual strength, then anywhere we live, we live under the protection of Krishna. A Narayana-para or a person who is fully surrendered to Narayana is not afraid to live even in most dangerous place. He is always safe, under the protection of Narayana.

To help the preaching work, that is also preaching. If you can get money to help expand our preaching activities, that is preaching. We require money. Laksmi is the immediate assistant of Narayana. Narayana is always preceeded by the word Laksmi. The Mayavadi philosophers do not touch laksmi, but we accept for the service of Krishna. We are not of the mentality of Ravana who took Laksmi from Narayana and became ruined. Keep Laksmi and Narayana always together and you will become as powerful as Hanuman. He is always worshiped along with Lord Rama and Laksmi-Sita. There are many temples of Hanuman in India.

Regarding investing money there in Iran, I have no objection if it is kept in Atreya Rsi's name. He is one of our men. Please send the complete details in this connection and I shall decide.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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3764 Watseka Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

June 21, 1975

His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
ISKCON  
2-1-44 Mita  
Minato-ku  
Tokyo

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 9, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I can understand that you are feeling something regarding your collecting program. These things can be decided by the GBC. One thing is that I may take up one project of constructing a Varna Ashrama College and Temple in Kurukshetra in India. I am presently negotiating for this, and if we get the opportunity, I shall spend the money here first. So in Japan you go on collecting, and I shall tell you how to spend.

Anyway you don't feel any botheration. Dai Nippon has agreed to take money in exchange of books. Whatever money you pay, you print books and send to India. You can also send to Australia or to USA if they want. You begin with Srimad Bhagawata and the small edition of Bhagavad-gita. Our work must go on. The world is suffering on account of not taking up Krishna consciousness, so we have to try to save them. You kindly help me to do this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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3764 Watsaka Ave., Los Angeles, Ca.

23/June

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Sriman Svarupa Damodara dasa  
1287 Ponce de Leon  
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

My Dear Svarupa Damodara dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 20, 1975 with enclosures, and I thank you very much for it. It is very good that you are progressing with the book proving scientifically that Lord Sri Krsna is the origin of life. Yes, do it slowly but surely. It is important work for our preaching mission.

As you say you are thinking of retiring from the university, yes, as you are not a family man, you can do it for better service to the Lord. Regarding Manipur, you said that there is a Govinda temple there and that they are willing to hand over the management. I think somebody came to see me in India about it, but I don't exactly remember the name. The best thing will be for you to retire and take charge of such a noble project.

Regarding your question about the jiva soul in the heart and the jiva soul within the cells, they are separate. Both are jiva atmas, but a particular jiva belongs to a particular body. There is the jiva in this body, but there are also jivas within the cells. Just like I am living within this apartment, but does it mean that no other living entity can live here. There are so many ants, flies, bugs, they are also living within the apartment. Even in my stool there are thousands of living entities.

Your second question is not very clear what you want to ask, but the fact is that each and every living entity is covered by two kinds of bodies, one subtle and one gross. So the subtle body causes the living entity to take another gross body. We have got experience that in dreaming the gross body is inactive while the subtle body is continuing activities; and again in deep sleep the subtle body stops activities. The living entity after being carried by the subtle body to another gross body, it sometimes remains in deep sleep in the womb of the mother. Then gradually the subtle body begins to act within another gross body. When this gross body is fully developed befitting to come out of the mother's body, that is called another birth. Again he changes to another gross body imperceptively. Just like in the film thousands of pictures are moved imperceptively. It looks that the body in the picture is moving, but the audience cannot understand that there are so many pictures in the spool. They think that the picture is moving. Similarly every second every moment we are changing the body.

Those who are not sober cannot understand how the spirit soul is changing from one body to another. Krsna therefore says that this change of body can be appreciated only by the dhiras. dhiras tatra na muhyati. While those who are not dhiras cannot understand how the soul is changing from one body to another. There are two kinds of men, dhira and adhira. The modern education is producing only the adhira class who are neither sober or educated. Therefore the majority of the population cannot understand how the soul is transmigrating from one body to another. They

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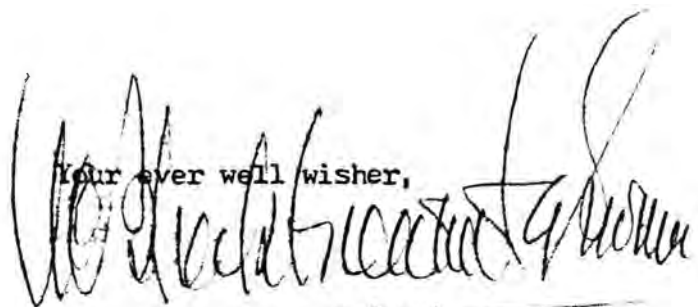
2.....Svarupa Damodara dasa 23/June/1975

are only interested in wine and woman under the impression of the bodily concept of life. Therefore out of so many scientists in this country only you and the few others are understanding the importance of this subject matter. manusyanam sahasresu. So please work very hard, following our rules and regulations and you will always remain in the fire of Krsna consciousness.

Regarding your asking me to come to Atlanta, it may be possible. That I shall see.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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1014 Emerson St., Evanston, Ill.

July 2, 1975

Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary

ISKCON

6241 Schloss Rettershof

uber Konogstien/ Taunus

West Germany

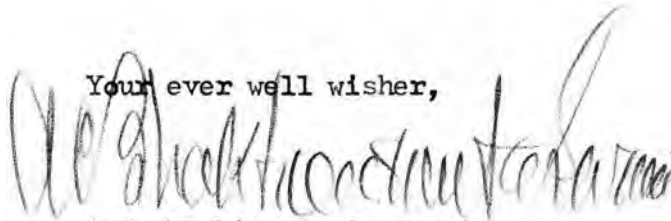
My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 10, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the house in Almora, yes it is a good proposal. I shall like to stay there. Almora is a good place. You may go see the house personally.

Regarding the closing of Zurich center, that's all right. Don't make competition.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DENVER

JULY 7

75

Nataka-Candrika  
Jusania  
Rama Tulasi  
Tripti  
ISKCON Denver

*My dear daughters,*

*Please accept my blessings*

*I am in due receipt of the nice silver gift box which I already put to my personal use. I thank you very much for your taking seriously ~~this~~his Krsna Consciousnes movement by spreading this movement of Lord Caitanya's here in Denver. I am sure that Lord Caitanya will benidicty~~all~~, and ~~that this will be~~ a great success for Krsna Consciousness in Denver.*

*I hope that this meets you in good health,*

*Your ever well wisher,*

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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1014 Emerson St., Evanston, Ill.

July 4, 1975

His Holiness Jayapataka Swami  
Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Sridham Mayapur  
Dist. Nadia, West Bengal, INDIA

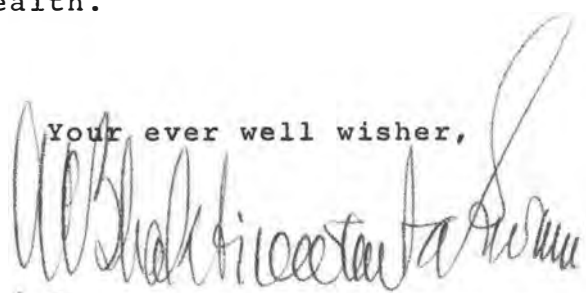
My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. In Hawaii they are arranging for manufacturing plastic kholes. You can arrange one or two Bengali experts in making and fitting the heads of the kholes. They must be prepared to stay with us for at least one year. We will pay their transportation to Hawaii and return and also a small salary. Our men can then learn from them. We now require so many kholes for expanding our Samkirtan movement.

I have not received any report from you. I am anxious to know how you have spent the money.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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1014 Emerson St., Evanston, Ill.

July 8, 1975

His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
ISKCON  
1-44 Mita  
Miyamoto-ku, Tokyo, Japan

My Dear Guru Kripa Maharaj:

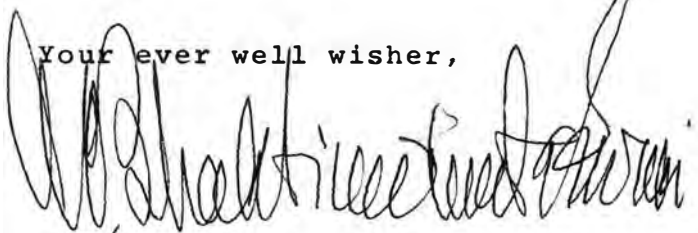
Please accept my blessings. Regarding your request to divert \$5,000.00 from your collection to purchase a vehicle for the Hawaii farm costing \$8,000.00 does the farm require this? Does it mean that without this truck they cannot develop? Actually I do not think it is a very good place. There is no water arrangement. The temple is not being maintained properly. They are keeping long hairs and not living responsibly. I do not think it is good to put good money after bad. So I have asked the GBC's that are here to discuss this, and the conclusion was that if you can make profit from selling the property, then it should be done. They said that the property was purchased for \$60,000.00 and now is worth \$100,000.00. So why not sell it and make profit.

If the restaurant is making profit daily of \$200.00 as was reported, then they may purchase the truck by paying \$100.00 per day. On the whole I am not in favor of investing in this property.

Regarding Manasvi's going to India, it appears that he is doing well in Hawaii. If the restaurant is going on, then Manasvi's presence is required. Then why should he change? In Bombay there is already a qualified accountant, so why should Manasvi be chief accountant? Occasionally he may go to India if his presence is required.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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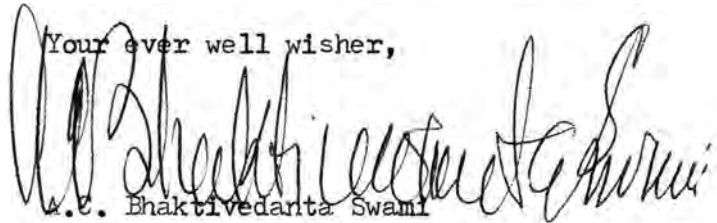
His Holiness Bhavananda das Goswami  
ISKCON  
3, Albert Road  
Calcutta- 17 INDIA

My Dear Bhavananda Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed are some photographs of a lake here where I take morning walk. Now I want that our lake in Mayapur should be like this. You can make the stone stairway on four sides, one at each end and one at the middle of each side.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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424 E. Woodlawn Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
July 12, 1975

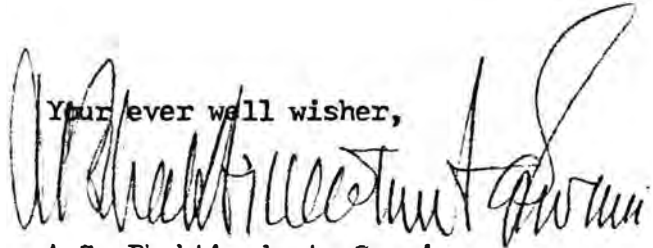
Sriman Ameyatma das  
ISKCON  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034  
My Dear Ameyatma das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. Thank you for your nice sentiments. Yes, this is the ~~pp~~ proper for you to satisfy your spiritual master. It is stated: yasya prasada bhagavat prasada. By the mercy of Krsna one gets the mercy of Krsna.

As far as your writing additional poetry is concerned, do not spend very much time in this way. It is not very important. There are already so many prayers written by great acharyas. What will you add to this? However if you have got some spare time and the inclination, you can read the chapters of Krsna Book and put them into verse.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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424 E. Woodlawn Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 13, 1975

Sriman Tejyas das Adhikary  
ISKCON  
Bengali Market  
19, Todermal Lane  
New Delhi 110001

My Dear Tejyas das:

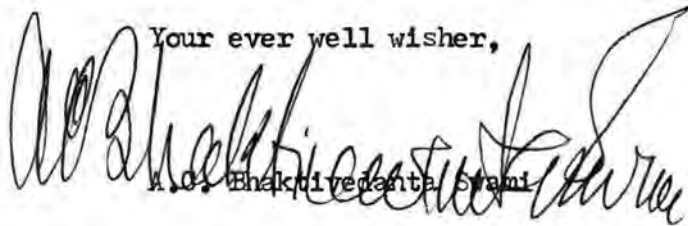
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 1, 1975 and have noted the contents. It is nice that Mr. Agarwal wants to construct a temple for us in Meerut. It is a good, big city.

Regarding the Jaipur land, yes it is situated in an important place, a good locality although a little deserted. If Mr. Jaipuria gives the land and builds the temple, we can take it. Many pilgrims go there. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him.

It is a very good suggestion to open the vanaprastha institute. The elderly people can live there according to the Vaishnava principles and worship the Deity and take prasad. I also want to open the Varna Ashrama College there as there is sufficient land.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. You should check with the authorities that we can get an import license for importing printing paper in an equivalent amount to all the foreign exchange we have sent to India. We can print the books there, and many will be exported to Africa, U.K., Fiji, etc.

641 Ramona Ave. Laguna Beach, Ca.

July 26, 1975

Sriman D.N. Mishra  
179, Balaram Dey Street  
Calcutta-6

My Dear Dinnanath:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding seeing your book on Lord Ramachandra partly translated into English, I am very much eager to see it. I am returning to India by the month of October, therefore there is no hurry. When I return I shall be glad to see your book either in Bombay, Vrindaban, or Calcutta.

I have to translate all the Puranas, Ramayana, Mahabharata, and many other theistic literatures left by the Goudiya Vaishnavas headed by the six Goswamis like Rupa, Sanatan, Jiva, etc. I have already translated about 50 big books of 400 pages each, and my books are selling all over the world in universities, libraries, learned professors, and the public also is receiving my books with great respect. Of course they are not my books, since I have simply translated; but my purports for each and every verse from the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagwatam do very much appeal to the people in general as well as learned circles. They are very much appreciating and we are selling to the extent of 30-40 hundred thousands of Rupees per month. Out of this we spend 50% for the maintenance of our different temples all over the world and 50% we spend for reprinting my books.

I do not take any royalty or any profit out of it. Similarly if you agree not to take any profit or royalty then our Bhaktivedanta Book Trust will publish your book on Lord Ramachandra.

I have a great desire to translate the Valmiki Ramayana because that is authorized. Tulsi das' Charit manas is already translated into English by some clergyman, but I do not exactly know his name. Therefore I wish to translate Valmiki Ramayana exactly in the way I have done Srimad Bhagwatam. I am sending herewith a copy of our monthly paper "Back to Godhead" in which you will find the mode of translating of Srimad Bhagwatam. It begins after page 14. It will give you an idea in which way we want to translate. Or you are welcome to come to our temple along with your son at 3, Albert Road, Calcutta. There you can see in my books the mode of translation by giving the purport of the verse in English.

I therefore suggested in my last letter that now you are in ripe old age, so you can accept vanaprastha life which is your duty as you are born in a brahmin family. According to our Vedic principle a brahmin is supposed to accept the four ashramas, namely brahmachary, grihastha, vanaprastha, and sannyas. Others do not accept sannyas, but a person who is a brahmin must accept sannyas at the end of his life.

So I would suggest that you now retire from family life and accept at least vanaprastha order of life keeping your wife with you as assistant and fully engaged in translating the Vedic literature as far as possible.

Page 2.....D.N. Mishra, July 26, 1975

It appears that in the Western countries there is a great demand for real knowledge of Vedic literature. So you are a learned scholar both in English and Hindi, and you can do this completely devoted to the service of Lord Ramachandra.

I have opened many temples all over the world, numbering 100. Enclosed herewith are some of the photos of some of the Deities in some of the temples

Very recently we have established our temple in Vrindaban at a cost of 50 lakhs of Rupees or more. The Governor of U.P., Dr. Channa Reddy was present for two days for the opening ceremony. All the goswamis and sanniyasis like Akhananda Swami all attended the ceremony. We have got a guest house there containing about 80 rooms, and the recent report is that not less than 500 men are coming daily to visit the temple. Prasad is being distributed to the poor, and others are purchasing prasad (pakki) to the extent of Rs. 100/- per day. We are selling pur books also.

Now I wish to establish some temple of Ramachandra, Sita Ram. Of course it depends on the mercy of Lord Ramachandra. Therefore I am still requesting you to join our movement completely retired from family life and engage yourself in translation work for the rest of your life.

More when we meet. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



~~A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami~~

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N. B. What is the criminal charge against a public-man who decorates himself as B. Litt, D.L. etc.?

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5430 Gurley St., Dallas, Texas

July 29

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His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
ISKCON  
51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

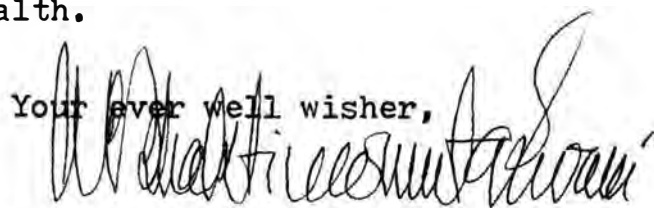
Please accept my blessings. From your telephone conversation with Brahmananda Swami I understand you have paid DNP another \$28,000.00. You are keeping 10 men there in Japan, and even if the collection will not be so much as you were doing, that is all right, just as long as it goes on. Regarding setting up a jewelry business in Japan, that is all right. That the men started with \$50 and now have \$25,000 worth of stock is a good business. Are they our men?

Regarding investing in a new restaurant, it doesn't matter it may be \$100,000. If there is profit there, then you can invest. I want that all of our householders be engaged in managing these restaurants.

You cannot sell the Hawaii house. It is a good house, and I do not approve selling it. If you want to expand, then you can purchase other houses for residences. I do not want any of our houses to be sold. I have no objection to your moving the farm on the same island with the temple, but you can purchase a farm separate and keep the present house. What will be gained by selling the house? I do not like this idea.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami



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5430 Gurley Ave., Dallas, Texas

July 30, 1975

Srimatis Jagaddhatri, Pasupati, Sailogata, & Pamela devi dasis  
ISKCON- Dallas Gurukula

My Dear Daughters:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 29, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the problem of how to be aggressive on Samkirtan and submissive in the temple, my request to you is that you should go on being aggressive on Samkirtan. I myself was aggressive in coming to your country. No one invited me. Even you boys and girls did not invite me. But, I came and I preached aggressively, and therefore you are now my disciples. So now you well know you have to approach the men and women of your country, and it may appear that superficially that you have to disturb them. They are doing their business peacefully, and you come and disturb them, "Please take this Krishna book."

Of course it is good that you are concerned about being chaste, shy, and submissive amongst your godbrothers. Chanakya Pandit said that every man should see all other women as mother, and similarly a woman should see all men as son. So what is your difficulty? If you are completely aggressive on Samkirtan, there should be no material aggressiveness and pride remaining. You have to distinguish between devotees and non-devotees.

Aggression for the cause of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu is pure. If you become completely absorbed in such aggression to spread Samkirtan Movement, there will be no question of wanting to lord it over in the temple. Preaching purifies us of these material tendencies for sense gratification. It is simply a matter of time that you will see this. Do not worry. Krishna will help you.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Dwarkanath

July 1975

HIS DIVINE GRACE A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA

Meeting with teachers of Gurukula

Prabhupada: So, what are you teaching?

Dayananda: Some of the teachers are academics teachers; they teach in the classroom, and some are caring for the children in the ashram, caring for their needs, helping them get ready for mongal arotik and taking care....

Prabhupada: So, what is the ultimate goal of teaching?

Dayananda: Service to Krishna.

Prabhupada: Hmm?

Dayananda: Nine-fold process, service to Krishna.

Mandalesvara: Four things: mam-mana....always think of Krishna....

Prabhupada: Why one should get life to become Krishna conscious?

One can say that I can become material conscious, why I should become Krishna conscious?

Jagadisha: In the Vedanta Sutra, the statement is given, yatatho brahma jijnasa that the human life is meant for Krishna consciousness.

Prabhupada: That is all right, buy why it is necessary to become Krishna conscious?

Jagadisha: I am not this body; I am spirit soul. The soul is eternal.

Prabhupada: That's all right, the soul is aternal - that is one of the important....Krishna consciousness is required because the soul is eternal, but your body is not eternal. So, in order to get rid of this repetition of birth and death, therefore Krishna consciousness. To conquer over the repetition of birth and death: and 'teacher' means one who can educate the student to this understanding or this platform that there is no more birth and death. Then it is perfect teaching. The whole thing is how to stop. Nobody wants to die, but he has no education how to become free from the punishment of death. That is what nobody has education of. And nobody wants to die; that's a fact. So Krishna consciousness means to stop this nuisance business, repetition of birth and death. Therefore, it is compulsory, if one is actually eager. It is a fact that nobody wants to die, but he does not know, even big, big scientists - they discover so many wonderful things, but they could not discover anything that he will also not die. All big, big scientists - they die. That means we shall also die, but after death there is no more acceptance of this material body; that means no more death. This is the last death. tyaktva deham punar janma naiti mam eti. We are teaching that after annihilation of this body, there is no more acceptance of this material body, and, because there is no more acceptance of material body, there is no more death. This is our....janma-mrtyu-jara-vyati. That should be impressed upon the students and the teachers must know it, then it will be successful. This is knowledge; that why one should he subjected to birth, death, old age and disease? We do not want all these things. That is real science; that is real knowledge.

So, our students should be elevated to this knowledge, and we are describing in our books how to understand this science. That is.... one gentleman, he is lord in England, Lord Pennardbroker came to see me. So I asked, "What is your philosophy of life?" He said, "Well, I'm trying to live fully, that's all." But after death he has no idea. That is the defect; nobody knows what is going to happen after death.

These people are accusing us that, "What will happen after death, thinking like that, they are already dead, except they are not enjoying this material world." They criticize us, "You are thinking only of what will happen after death, and you are not taking advantage while you are living." Do they not say like that? We are also living, but we are living not like irresponsible men. Our living may seem to be different from others who are living irresponsibly.

Jagadisha: Srila Prabhupada, we were wondering whether there was any information in Srimad Bhagavatam about Gurukula.

Prabhupada: Yes.

Jagadisha: Dayananda prabhu was mentioning that some things are in the seventh chapter, seventh canto....

Prabhupada: Seventh canto. You have got? Seventh canto? Yes. So, you want it to be published first? No. (laughter) What do you want? I shall explain, no?

Dayananda: That's all right. We are eager to hear.

Prabhupada: Here is the first "Narada uvaca": "brahmacari gurukule vasan danto guror hitam/acaran dasavan nico/gurau sudrdha-sauhrdah dantah. Brahmacari should be in gurukula. dantah, controlling the senses. sama-dama and guru-hitam for the benefit of guru, not for their personal benefit. acaran and dasavat, acting just like servant, the master orders and the servant carries out the order. dasavat nica, although he may come from very aristocratic family, brahmin family, still he should accept the position of a menial servant. nica brahmacari....nica means "humble". Not that "Oh, the spiritual master is ordering me to do this thing which is not suitable for my position." No, we should be humble, that my spiritual master or my teacher has asked me to do this, this consciousness should be there, not challenging. So, brahmacari gurukule vasan....vasan means residing; danta, very self-controlled. guru-hitam, for the benefit of the guru, not for his personal benefit. guror hitam, acaran, practicing or behaving. acaran dasavat, just like servant, menial servant. nica....humble. gurau....Why we should do? We are not getting any money. gurau sauhrdah/gurau sudrdha-sauhrdah. These things are accepted out of love for the spiritual master. Just like you are working; I am not paying you, but why are you working? Out of your love for me. This is the basic principle. gurau sudrdha-sauhrdah. sudrdha....firm. One should be convinced that my spiritual master is my best friend, and therefore, I must render service to him on this basis. The service which you are rendering, it is not possible to be done even if I pay somebody \$1,000 per month. It is not possible, because it is out of love. There is no question of payment. So, this is the basic principle. yasya deve para bhaktin/yatha deve tatha gurau - bhakti....when one is fixed up in devotion to Krishna and His representative guru, then everything

becomes revealed automatically. tasya ete hi arthah-prakasante. These are all revealed experience. These are the basic principles, that brahmacaris, especially, are under the protection of the guru. He should be taught how to become....There is no question in the beginning how much he has learned ABC, no. The first thing is there, that one should live in the Gurukula, practice sense control. The basic principle should be that we are living here for the benefit of guru, not for my benefit. Therefore, whatever he orders, he desires, we execute.

Jagadisha: Srila Prabhupada, this would indicate that the atmosphere here must be very strict.

Prabhupada: Not strict, but it should be there....it is on the basis of love. Stricture is not very good. They should do it automatically, out of love. That is wanting. Superficially there may be some stricture, but that is not very good idea. By simply stricture they will take sadly. That is not good. When they are situated on the platform of love, that is wanting. Stricture, that materially there are so many laws and regulative principles to do; if you do not, you'll be punished. That may be, but they should develop the idea of love. That is....

Jagadisha: Part of loving the children is forcing them to act according to our Krishna conscious discipline.

Prabhupada: Forcing should not be ordinary. Sometimes superficially you have to do that, but the basic principle should be love. That force is not material force. In the material world, also, sometimes the father forces the son to do something. That does not mean the father is the enemy of the son. For the benefit of the son, sometimes he forces, sometimes he chastises. That is superficial. So that chastisement, or force, is also out of love.

Jagadisha: So we cannot be permissive with the children; otherwise they will take advantage.

Prabhupada: No, no, that is all right, I have already explained. Children, they are innocent. As you teach them, they learn.

Jagadisha: But the teaching must be there.

Prabhupada: Teaching must be there, discipline must be there, sometimes force must be applied. But everything should be on the basis of love. That requires experience.

Dayananda: It seems that it would take some time to develop that, rather than immediately....

Prabhupada: Yes, the rules and regulations will teach him automatically. Just like this rising, here it is said: svayam pratar upasita/gurv-agny-arka-surottaman/sandhye ubhe ca yatavag/japan brahma samahitah. This should be taken up. Japa, Hare Krishna mantra and early rising, then offering oblations, Deity worship. These things should be practiced, then automatically they will develop.

Jagadisha: Sometimes, unless we encourage them very strongly, they don't want to chant japa.

Prabhupada: You should practice, "Now, sit down! Chant Hare Krishna! Hare Krishna!" You should chant; they will chant. You should behave yourself very strictly on discipline, and they will follow.

Dwarkanatha: It seems that we must become humble. We must become servants to them in the sense that we do everything that we can to

facilitate their service, then when they see we are surrendering to our service, they will surrender to us.

Prabhupada: Very good idea. Example is better than precept. You should all be personal examples, and they will do that. You do not practice, if you simply force them, that will not be good. Every one of you, if you rise early in the morning, they will also. If you think, "It is meant for the students, we are now liberated persons, we can sleep up to 7:30."

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Prabhupada: Yes. Why should you be lenient? That is your fault. But, out of "love" we shall see our sons or disciples go to hell. That is not good, that is foolishness. But when they are grown up, 16 years old, they should be treated as friend. prapte tu sodase varse putram mitram ivacaret. Here are the instructions: from five years to fifteen years, all the sons and students should be kept under strict disciplinary order. If they do not follow, they should be chastised. Then as soon as one attains the 16th year, then treat him as friend. At that time, do not force. Then he'll deviate - go out. That is happening in your western countries. prapte tu socase varse putram mitram ivacaret....all the instructions.

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Dayananda: We also have girls here, Srila Prabhupada.

Prabhupada: Hm?

Dayananda: We also have girls here, Srila Prabhupada, so, this is

*Śiṣyāś ca putrāś ca*, but what about girls?

Prabhupada: ~~That is also~~ Girls is also "putra".

*Putra means* *putra* Means *putro/putr*  
*Putri*  
don't think that means guardian daughter, and putra means son.

Dayananda: Strictly also with the girls.

Prabhupada: Yes.

Dayananda: Up to sixteen?

Prabhupada: Yes. Up to fifteen. So, according to Vedic civilization,

- up to -

up to fifteenth year, the girl is kept under the vigilance of the father, and when she attains youthful body, then she must be entrusted to another young boy to take charge. This is Vedic. Then the father becomes relieved of the responsibility. As soon as the grownup daughter is delivered to a young man, then they live peacefully.

Jagadisha: Srila Prabhupada, in our movement, the fathers are sending their daughters to Gurukula. Should the daughters remain in Gurukula until they are married?

Prabhupada: At Gurukula, the girls should be taught, especially, how to become chaste and, of course, an expert in cooking. Then, she will never be neglected by her husband. Her life becomes very happy.

Dayananda: Some of our girls are also intelligent in Sanskrit.

Prabhupada: That is all right. Then, read shastra *but these are the primary condition*. Then, she will be educated. She can teach, she can preach.

Jagadisha: Srila Prabhupada, I heard that you suggested that the girls can be initiated when they are ten so they can cook in the dieties' kitchen. I think that is a good suggestion. They won't chant sixteen rounds *if it is enforced...*

*what I have given.*

Srila Prabhupada: That is compulsory, ~~Jagadisha~~. Attending the function of the temple and chanting on their beads - automatically they'll advance. Especially, ~~obligation~~ of chanting and if you are chanting, that is essence. So, in every kirtan function, every arotik, have a nice kirtan. That speaks. (long pause)

*Obligation*  
*educate*

Gurukula means we should always know that, all the students - they should be educated in such a way that they become good citizens, good devotees, and they know the values of life. Other schools, they do not know. They become cats and dogs. They do not know what is value of life. Therefore the whole world is in dirty condition. Students are not educated. They are educated to become polished dogs, that's all. They remain a dog, a polished dog. ~~(Srut?) means to educate the students~~

*(Srut?) does not mean... Sruti means to*

the students to become human beings. That is the difference. Therefore you'll find three persons in this bhagwat educational institution *in our education*

(small portion lost as tape is turned over) The subject had been turned to

P: I am running continually

What is the difference? There is no difference. The business is running, so it is *equally gross*. But if you teach, *that No* running is not our business. Our business is self-realization. Yes.

And the difficulty ~~is~~ *there was* no scientific teaching of spiritual education before this movement, at least in this age. Everyone bhogus. If you are after scientific spiritual understanding. *But*, because everyone is after material name, fame, and gain, the so-called swamis or ~~priests~~ and yogis, they have also taken this as a means of earning this material fame, (name, fame, and material gain.) They have no knowledge. That is a challenge. This Krishna consciousness movement is a challenge to all these rascals. That is ~~the~~ *special significance* of Krishna consciousness. It is a challenge to all classes of rascals. So how much we should be strong and just remain. It is a challenge to all rascals - so-called priests, so-called swamis, so-called yogis, so-called politicians. They do not know. They have no knowledge. Just like in our country, ~~the difficulty - we have the same difficulty - they have no knowledge~~

Vivikananda - he also came to your country. He had no knowledge; he came as an Indian sadhu

especially, obligation of chanting

P. (Sarcastically)

Vedanta! And he advertises in India that, "Now all the Americans have become Vedantists, Hindu, something, etc. He did not know what is Vedanta, and he came to preach Vedanta. He knows that our Krishna mission advertises "Vedanta Sutra"

Prabhupada: "Veda" means knowledge, and "anta" mean the end. The last phase of understanding, and that is Krishna. So *vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah*. But they did not know this, and they have come to preach Vedanta - There is no name of Krishna, no smell of Krishna, in their society, and they are "Vedantists". Therefore, my - some of my - godbrothers, they gave me this title, "Bhaktivedanta". Vedanta means bhakti. That was the desire of my guru maharaj, was to preach Vedanta, but bhakti will require you to preach Vedanta, but bhakti. Vedanta means bhakti. See the argument from Bhagavad Gita. Krishna says, "By Vedic knowledge one is to understand Me." Try to understand the logic. *Vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah* Vedais ca sarvair. There are different Vedas - Sama Veda, Rig, Arthava and then there are corrolaries - Upanisads, Vedanta Sutra, then Puranas - Mahabharata, Ramayana; these are all Vedas, Vedic knowledge, explained in different ways for different classes of men. So, therefore, Krishna says, "Vedais ca sarvair" - all Vedic knowledge. Four Vedas, organized 2) Upanisads, Vedanta Sutra, and Ramayana, Mahabharata, Puranas, all these Vedas. What is the purpose of studying all this Vedic literature? To understand Me. *Vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah*. So this Vedic knowledge is there. People are expert (some of them are expert, not all) So why they do not understand Krishna? This is the next question. ("Vedantists" means) they are advertising they're Vedantists but they do not know what is Krishna. They're manufactured on im tar on Krishna by their mental concoction. If you're Krishna, then why they would manufacture Rama *they knew* another Krishna? Hm? They did not know Krishna. It is a fact. Otherwise why they should present a false Krishna, Rama Krishna? Rama Krishna, at the time of death, he informed his disciple, *Vivikananda* "I am the same Rama and Krishna" He accepted it, and he preached in the Rama Krishna *reason* that "If I am the same, then why not go to the original Krishna? He is becoming an important man, being the same Rama and Krishna, why not the original Rama and Krishna? That intelligence he has got. They accept it *So why*

So, why he could not understand? Supposing he has studied Vedanta, But why he could not understand Krishna, and why he is presenting a false Krishna? What is the reason? (Tell me your answer.) *revelations* *revelations* Vedais ca sarvair aham eva vedyah. Through Vedanta, Vedas, it is acknowledged one can understand. But they did not understand Krishna. Why? Supposing they have studied all the Vedic, But why they did not understand Krishna? What is the answer?

*Asokam?ta* - They read the wrong chapter. They did not understand the Vedanta

Prabhupada: No, suppose they understood, or studied - yes, they did not understand, Why then, that is the... Why they did not understand?

*Simanand* *Suami*: Krishna says *nāham prakāśah sarvasya* I do not reveal Myself.

Prabhupada: Why Krishna refuses to be manifested to them? Why? I am asking why.

Jagadisha: Because they are envious of Krishna,

Dayananda: Because of Bhaktivedanta

Prabhupada: Hm?

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Prabhupada: Yes, here is the answer There Vedanta is zero; there is no bhakti. Therefore it requires the help of Bhaktivedanta. Not these rascal Vedanta.

Krishna says, "Bhaktiā mām avajananti" You may read all the Vedic literatures, but if you have no bhakti, then you will not understand. That is ~~the~~

nāham

prakāśah sarvasya Then He will remain concealed. Never understand Him. These people, they have no bhakti. They transfer the bhakti to goddess Kālī

5. kāmāis tais tair hr̥ta-jñānāḥ prapadyante 'nyā devatā Goddess Kali, or Durga, or any demigod - they are worshipped by persons hr̥ta - jñāna. They have no knowledge. Especially hr̥ta jñāna - whose knowledge is taken away, gone to hell.

Asoka: Srila Prabhupada - ~~they worship for success in bhakti.~~ They worship for success in bhakti.

Prabhupada: That's all right, you can get success, but what you will do with this success?

Asoka: Use it for Karma:

Prabhupada: Krishna does not say that you worship goddess for successful work

Krishna never said that. Krishna says, "Mām ekam <sup>saranam vraja</sup> ~~śaraṇam vraja~~ Where He says you worship goddess? Does he say? Why you worship goddess? That

is for the materialistic person! There is some material gain They can worship goddess. But for getting the mercy of Krishna, there is no mention that

you worship goddess Where is this stated? W If you worship goddess, then you can worship Me Is this stated? Why do you do that? Universal. Mam

ekam Beginning. That's all. Ekam - one, means universal. But why do you accept? That is ignorance. We have no objection. We have no objection if

you pray to goddess for Krishna bhakti. But there is no need!

If Krishna wants to favor you, He does not depend on goddess's favor. Suppose if somebody wants to see me, if I say, "Yes, I want to see him", it

does not depend on other's favor. Similarly, Krishna said that, "Just surrender to me; everything will be all right <sup>me</sup>. This is called eka-nist

You do not require... Krishna says that "You go to My representative."

tad viddhi pranipātena/paripraśnena sevayā/upadekṣyanti te jñānam/ji'na-tattva- He never says that you go to goddess Kālī, Durgā .. He doesn't, ~~condemns~~ darsina

He condemns - kāmāis tais tair hr̥ta-jñānāḥ

"Go to My representative." The Vedas also say,

tad-vijñānārtham sa gurum evābhigacchet

It never says tad-vijñānārtham - one should approach some demigods. No. Gurum evābhigacchet else

But they are also devotees of the Lord, so we have no disrespect for any demigod. But it doesn't require.

People did not understand Vedanta simply by studying Vedanta.

But Vedanta ~~people study~~ should be studied from the "bhakta", therefore.

Bhaktivedanta. We don't read Vedanta without Bhakti. That is our specialty.

Vedanta is required, without Vedanta knowledge, knowledge is not perfect.

But, through bhakti. So, they did not accept bhakti, therefore, they could

not understand Vedanta. Misrepresented. These so-called Vedantists

society, what is their value? They could not understand what is the ob-

jective of ... Vedanta. They think that Krishna and a false Rama-Krishna

are the same. Vivikananda teaches, "Why you are searching after God.

There are so many gods, goddess/Durga... loitering in the street

They are as good as ~~the~~ n.

Davidra(?) Narayan, why you are going to the Narayan? Davidra always at

Brahmananda:

Jagadisha: He also said, "Instead of cultivating tulsi, cultivate bringles

Prabhupad: Yes. puffed-up? Materialist. And you want to please the Lord.

Therefore, he does not give sumptuously. has not been successful.

You are going to be flattered? (laughter)

Jagadisha: You saved us. to B. Swami

you were going to his classes?

Prabhupada: Hm?

Jagadisha: You saved us.

long pause

Prabhupad: The Rama Krishna mission has got a very big institution in Bali (?)

Indian guest :

Prabhupada: It is not going well.

Indian:

Prabhupada: People also are not very interested.

Indian: Let us speak now of the Krishna's they don't speak of Krishna they

Prabhupad: That's Vedanta teaching... (more barely audible conversation with guest)

Prabhupada: So that is enough? (some one) of Unless they are any more have some games... when questions?

Jagadisha: There was one more question about the girls get old You've already mentioned that they should stay at Gurukula. Sometimes the parents,

may they want to take the daughter home when they are ten or eleven years old.

They may cause a distraction from the temple service. So, whether that is all right also.

Prabhupada: You can request them, but if they do not hear you, what can I do?

After all, the guardians are there! You cannot force Therefore, you can request them.

Jagadisha; But the boys? If the parents want their young sons to live at home and attend Gurukula during the day and then go home at night, is that a good policy?

Prabhupada: Gurukula means they must be residing.

Jagadisha: Up til fifteen years?

Prabhupada: At least. Boys can live here up to 25th year, until they are married.

Jagadisha: 25th year? (simultaneously) Prabhupada: If they want to marry! (laughter)

Jagadisha: That answers all our questions, Prabhupada, Thank you very much.

Everyone; Jai, Srila Prabhupada!

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August 3,

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His Holiness Mahamsa Swami  
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My Dear Mahamsa Swami:

Please accept my blessings, I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 22, 1975 and also the enclosed literatures, and I thank you very much for it. Now you have the land, but the temple construction is not being done. Is it that you are doing too much? You should not become over burdened with too much management responsibilities because then you will not be able to accomplish anything.

Regarding the batai sharing arrangement for the farm, one thing is that if we cannot do ourselves then our attention will be diverted and the preaching will be hampered. As soon as some misunderstanding will be there with the third party then there will be litigation and the preaching will be stopped. The Batai should be done so that the man may not claim proprietorship over the land. That is the risk.

Anyway without court permission we shall not take the land. In the meantime it is all right that you invest only in moveable property. Of course you should not be thinking to sell any of the crops for profit. That is not our purpose. The village organization is that the local people produce their necessities like grain, vegetables, milk, and cloth; and for recreation they have the chanting of Hare Krishna. They should live there comfortably and have spiritual recreation. They should not come to the cities. I wish to introduce this ideal now. Then if we are successful this cheating civilization will stop. They have made these cities as hell. If people do not cooperate with them, then how will the factories run on? And, if the people are satisfied by this arrangement, then what will the communists do?

Regarding registering with the Endowments, will they force our men out? Endowment means that as soon as there is income, they will interfere.

The literature you have published is very nice. The Explosion is very good. I started out with this kind of paper, only I was the only writer, the only editor, the only publisher, and the only distributor. So go on with your publishing. At least each month one Hindi and Telegu magazine should be published from Hyderabad. Arrange like that.

Regarding the Malaysian trip being called off, everything must be done very cautiously because our Indian people they are very poor and are prone to steal. We collect money with so much hard labor. But, one thing it that the money is not important. If the man goes away taking our money that is our discredit. The man is more important than the money. We admit everyone to our Society, including the cheater, the drug addicted, all qualified. We should take the responsibility to train them. Why has he left? It is our responsibility to train and rectify them.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

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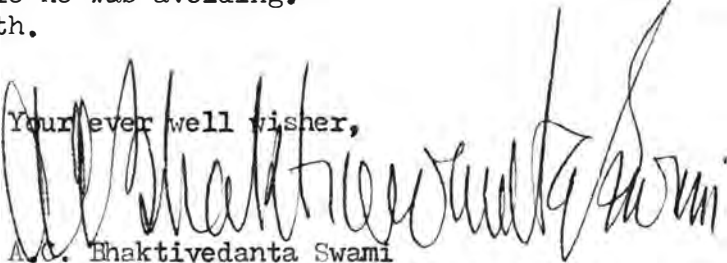
My Dear Vedavyasa das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 8, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your going to Los Angeles, if Dr. Wolf suggests that you come, you should do it. At least you can come as tourist, so there should be no difficulty. So you should consult with Dr. Wolf.

Regarding your questions, you may not be so advanced that you will take t the karmi remnants as prasad. The karmis should not be given so much that there is waste. You can give them a little, and then if they like you can give them more. This system should be introduced everywhere. I have seen myself that so much prasad is being left. This is not good. Regarding the attitude for taking prasad, if you think it is something palatable, so let me take more and more, then that is sense gratification. But, still it is prasadam so it will act. Prasada is transcendental, but one should not take too much. Sannyasis may take the mahaprasad but not to overeat. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was taking, but on principle he was avoiding.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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8311 E. Jefferson St., Detroit, Mich.

August 4,

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Sriman Giriraj das Brahmachary  
Hare Krishna Land  
Juhu, Gandhi Gram Road  
Bombay 400 054

My Dear Giriraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 15, 1975 with enclosures redirected to from various places. I am enclosing herewith a check for Dollars 50,000.00 from Bank of American in favor of ISKCON, so you can deposit in your account. It is good that you are contacting interested persons who want to donate. Bhogilal Patel is a perfect gentleman. He has got money and also heart. His son is also good. Yes, get the tax exemption, and they can donate to us each year regularly. It costs them nothing and we get money.

You can present to them for the exemption that all over the world in different parts we are training men to live in the interior parts of the country and to produce their own food grains, sufficient milk, and produce cloth also. The attraction is Krishna consciousness, spiritual enlightenment. The foreigners in Europe and America is where we have already started such centers. In Hyderabad, India we are attempting such a center.

The idea is that local inhabitants will be satisfied with their bare necessities of life and their attention will be diverted towards spiritual development of life. That is the aim of human birth. We are trying this also in Africa, and it is partially successful. The whole scheme is that if a man becomes a devotee all good qualities inherent in him become manifest, whereas a person without being a devotee even though he has so-called academic qualifications, he will remain on the mental platform and will again be brought to the material field of activities which will always bring dissatisfaction. The total scheme is for simple life and high thinking and exalted character of the human society. As a matter of fact all of our members refrain from eating meat, gambling, intoxication, and illicit sex. In this connection Prof. J. Stillson Judah of the University of California, Berkeley, has remarked, "Krishna consciousness has transformed lives from drug addicted hippies to loving servants of Krishna and humanity."

Yes, you can accept donations there for the project in Bombay and not promise them anything. On the whole it should be run on the hotel principle. They come and stay, and upon entering they sign one "Visitors Register." Such a book should be maintained. Every dharmshala they keep such a book. He writes wherefrom he is coming, how long he will stay, where he is going next. Not that there should be big forms to sign. They will resent it, and also they may be able to find some legal fault with the forms. Make it simple. Keep this Visitors Book. And as far as possible let visitors stay together in a room, two or three men together, not each man alone. This will discourage them from over-staying.

Yes, what is the use of approaching a poor man to contribute. A poor man will simply think how can I occupy. Regarding the retired persons staying, retired means vanaprastha. They cannot live with family. Husband and wife

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must sleep in different rooms. One room should be for two or three retired men, and they will live together. So there will be no accomodation together with the wife. And, husband and wife must follow all the rules and regulations.

When you go to Ahmedabad, you see the following gentleman and invite him to come to Hare Krishna Land. He can recommend many men for becoming life patrons. His name is Dr. Y.G. Naik, M.Sc., Ph D., Retired Principal, Gujarat College, 66, Hemdeep, Sharda Society; Ahmedabad 7, Phone 85516. He wrote an favorable comment on my original edition of Easy Journey to Other Planets.

Regarding Malaysia, postpone it. Hansadutta sent to Hyderabad ₹1,000. Where is that money? Please check it. Yes, it is nice that you go to Ahmedabad for collecting only. It is also good that you are selling books in the Santa Cruz Airport.

I hope this meets you in good health.

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

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*Enclosure Check for ~~Rs~~ 3,75,000/-  
Three lacs and seventy five thousand on  
Bank of America, Bombay Check no. 0276077  
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187 Gerrard St. E., Toronto, Canada

August 7,

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Dr. Y.G. Naik, M.Sc., Ph.D.  
Retired Principal, Gujarat College,  
66 Hemdeep, Sharda Society  
Ahmedabad, 7 INDIA

Dear Dr. Naik:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated July 11, 1975. After long years it is pleasing and surprising to receive an affectionate letter from you. I think I met you sometimes in the year 1958. Since then in 1965 I came to America and started this missionary activity from New York in 1966. Now the Society has got about 100 branches all over the world. And, everywhere we have got Diety worship; Guru Gouranga, Radha Krishna, and Jagadisha.

Regarding your suggestion for improving the arotiks, it is already my order that arotik is held gorgeously with mridanga, kartals, and bell ringing. We hold six times aratik, and three aratik especially in the early morning, mangal arotik, then ~~bhoga arotik~~ and bhoga arotik they do congregationally according to your suggestions. But, when the devotees go out for preaching or selling our books in different places of the city, only two or three men remain in the temple. At that time they use the tape recorder. They play one of my tapes on which I am singing. Otherwise in all of the arotiks they attend. That is my advise.

Prasadam in this country means a full meal. From the very beginning even when I was alone, I was cooking myself fro at least one dozen men, and I distributed full meals. According to Chaitanya Mahaprabhu philosophy, prasadam should be taken up to the neck, akantha. In Jagannath Puri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's only occupation was holding Samkirtan at least four hours every day and distributing prasadam to the devotees. It is stated in the Chaitanya Charitamrita that the Lord was so liberal that He would give to every man prasadam quite sufficient for being eaten by two or three men. So we are trying to follow by distributing prasadam very liberally, and we invite everyone without any discrimination. Everywhere we have got temples we distribute prasadam especially to the poorer men. I am enclsing one issue of our "Back to Godhead" magazine which contains photos of our prasadam distribution starting on page 12. This prasadam distribution is going on all over the world.

Regarding the free distribution of books, there is no need in this country. They have sufficient money and sometimes they pay more than the price. Here in this country if literature is given free of charge, they throw it away. In most cases we offer our books and ask for a contribution. And, sometimes they pay thre rimes or four times the requested price. So about money matters they are very liberal. Krishna has given them money, and they spend it very liberally.

You will be interestedo knowthat we are collecting about Dollars 250,000 per month. This means about Rs. 20 lakhs per month from book sales. I have written about 50 big books of 400 pages each and about a dozen small books, and all of them are being sold in the above mentioned figures. We spend also

2.....Dr. Y.G. Naik, August 7, 1975

very liberally, and whatever we collect we spend it also. The first book was started with your foreword , Easy Journey to Other Planets. Now they are selling revised editions and perhaps it is the best selling item. Since I have come to this country, I might have sold this Easy Journey about one half million copies. My Krishna books are selling more than that. So by Krishna's grace our books are being appreciated by universities, libraries, and respectable professors, and some are being used as text-books in the universities. I am enclosing herewith a copy of our book catalogue which contains some of the comments of the professors. I hope you will enjoy it. Also I am enclosing a copy of one book, Scientific Basis of Krishna consciousness written by one of my Ph.D. students. You are also a scientist, and I hope you will enjoy it.

In India we have got a program of membership and patronship costing Rs. 1,111/- and 2,222/- respectively, and all of our members and patrons are receiving all of the books free of charges. So any member can come to our temples and live as long as he likes and take free prasadam. So if any Indian students come here as our member, we shall welcome him and give him a place and well as prasadam free of charges.

We have already organized the Ratha Yatra ceremony, and we hold a great Love Feast festival every Sunday in everyone of our branches. Now I advised to organize more festivals during Janamastmi, and Ramachandra's Appearance Day, and Gour Purnima, the Appearance of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

I am addressing this letter to your Indian address because I could not properly reply your letter earlier because your letter has been redirected to me from the many places I have been on tour. I am also sending a copy of this letter to your address in USA in care of your son. I am very anxious to meet you again. I am returning to India by October, and I am inviting you to come to our Vrindaban temple and live there for some time. I have got a very nice Guest House there, and I would suggest humbly that since you are already retired from service and your sons are well situated, that you may retire from your family life and live in Vrindaban in the vanaprastha order. Our Vrindaban temple is appreciated as the best in this quarter. The Governor of Uttar Pradesh stayed with me for two days recently, so at least for a few days you may come there and live with me.

Learned scholars like you are now needed to represent the cause of Krishna consciousness because without this consciousness the human society is doomed. So I require the help of respectable, learned scholars like you for spreading this movement more and more. According to the Vedic system this body is perishable and the ultimate form of this body is to become ash, stool, or earth. Therefore it is advised by the great pandit Chanakya that the body should be sacrificed for a better cause. That is the idea inherent everywhere, especially in India. Everyone is advised to achieve the result of pious activities by engaging this body for such purposes. That is the greatest gain. According to the Vedic varna ashrama it is compulsory that one retire from his family life and engage this body for Krishna's service at the end of his life. As it is stated in the Srimad Bhagavatam: tat sadhu manye 'suravarya dehinam sada samudvigna dhiyam asad grahat/ hitvartma patam grham andha-kupam/ vanam gato yadd harim asrayet.

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3.....Dr. Y.G. Naik August 7, 1975

I hope you will try to understand my point of view and join this movement to make it more appreciable by the people in general all over the world.

Thanking you once more for your letter, and more when we meet.  
I hope this finds you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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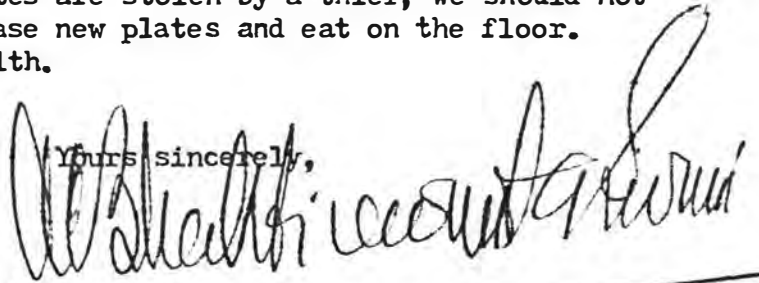
Dear Sri Rameshji Mahalingam:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. I am very sorry for the incidence which has taken place between you and my devotees. So you may please note it that I am dealing with these foreign students and teaching them to become Krishna devotees, and some of them being neophytes may sometimes commit some offense. There is nothing surprising in this, but their ardent desire to convey the idea of Krishna consciousness is always laudable.

Of course we have to speak the truth but very palatably. These neophyte devotees have not yet learned how to speak the truth palatably, but gradually they are learning. Certainly Hindu culture does not allow illicit sex, eating meat, fish or eggs, taking intoxication, or gambling. If Indians, after going to the foreign countries, learn this behavior, certainly it is not good. The only fault on the part of the devotee is that he could not present the things very politely. So you know the nature of the Western young men, so toleration is needed by you considering the position of the other party. Anyway I beg to apologize on behalf of my student, and shall solicit the pleasure of your goodness to visit our temple regularly. One should not be angry and eat his meals on the floor just because someone has stolen his plates. This is a Bengali saying. The logic is that if one's plates are stolen by a thief, we should not become angry and decide not to purchase new plates and eat on the floor.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours sincerely,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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19, Todermal Lane, Bengali Market  
New Delhi

August 21, 1975

His Holiness Gurudas Swami

ISKCON

641 Ramona Ave.

Laguna Beach, Ca. 92651

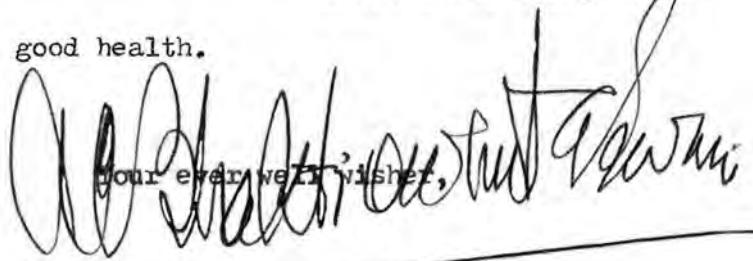
My Dear Gurudas Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. The purpose of sannyas is that now one has no hindrances for preaching work. The purpose is to increase preaching. So if one takes sannyas and does not increase preaching, then there is no value. So you take this opportunity seriously, and preach and inspire others to also preach. Then there will be no question of thinking of other things. This will all vanish. I have complete fiath in you.

Regarding your question, we need not bother about these things now.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, Dist. Mathura, U.P.

August 26,

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Sriman Jagannath suta dasa

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Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

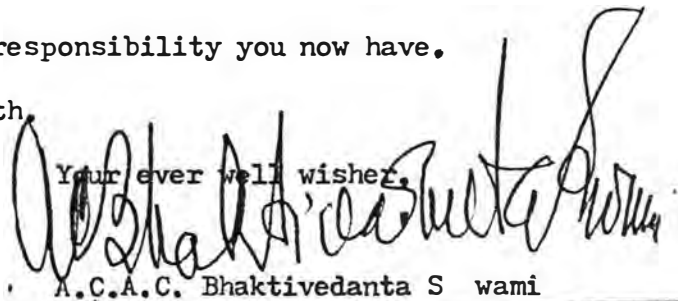
My Dear Jagannatha suta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1975 and have noted the contents. I have received the new issue of "Back to Godhead," No. 9 and it is done so nicely. It is all very pleasing to me, and I thank you all for this service. The printing I think is actually better than the Japan printing. Long, long ago when I was alone I was thinking of printing like this, but there was no way to do it. Now you American boys and girls are helping me, so I thank you in this regard. I pray to Krishna for your continued enthusiasm in spreading Krishna consciousness.

The article on Marxism is very much appreciated. We can say all these big so-called philosophers are all simply mudhas. Perhaps I am the first to do it. Our philosophy is perfect, and we cannot be defeated by anyone. So it is up to you to learn it and be able to present it nicely. Now you have everything, respect, philosophy, money, temples, books, all these things I have given, but I am an old man and my notice is already there. Now it is up to you all how to manage it. If you cannot increase it, you should at least maintain what I have given you. You cannot accuse me that I have not given you anything. So it is a great responsibility you now have.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, Dist. Mathura, U.P.

August 26,

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Sri Raj Kapoor  
R.K. Films & Studios  
Trombay Road,  
Chembur, Bombay- 71

Dear Sri Kapoorji:

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 14, 1975 with enclosed check for Rs. 2222/- and Membership form. Sometimes in the year 1954 if I am correct I had the chance of meeting you in Jhansi. At that time I was trying to organize my movement with the help of some young men at the Bhakti Bhavan, Jhansi.

So after ten years of struggle in 1965 I went to USA, and by the grace of Krishna it has become successful all over Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. As it is stated in the Bhagavad-gita; yad yad acarati sresthas, tat tad evetaro janah, sa yat paramanam kurute, lokas tad anuvartate. "Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues." (Bg. 3:21). Your donation to this movement and your becoming the Patron Member is a very great thing, and it will ensure others who will also follow in your footsteps. So I am very much grateful to you. Juhu

Please visit our Hare Krishna Land/for Janamastmi and Vyas Puja Day on the 30th instant. I think the Mayor of Bombay will preside over the meeting.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, U.P.

August 26, 1975

His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
ISKCON

51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 15, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding Mansvi you immediately inform the police that he has misappropriated so much money. He must give the account or we shall prosecute. Yes, Sruta Kirti he is a good boy, so he can be made the President as you suggest.

You are GBC so you must stop all this from going on. The best procedure is that the Treasurer takes all money collected and immediately writes it in the book and then daily deposits everything in the bank. None of the collection should be used for spending. All expenditures should be done by check as far as possible. Check means two signatures, so in this way this nonsense will be stopped. Please see that all temples are following this system. These reports are very much disturbing to me. How can I translate?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever, well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, U.P.

August 28, 1975

Acharya Prabhakar Mishra  
Ex. Vice Chancellor: K.S.A. University (Bihar)  
C-121, Keerti Nagar,  
New Delhi- 15

My Dear Prabhakar Mishra:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1975 addressed to my Los Angeles address and redirected from there just now. I am enclosing herewith one invitation card to our Janamastmi and Vyas Puja Day celebration. So if you come we can discuss further the points.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti,  
Vrindaban, U.P., INDIA

September 1

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Sriman Hansadutta and Bahagvan Das  
ISKCON London and Paris

My Dear Hansadutta and Bhagavan das:

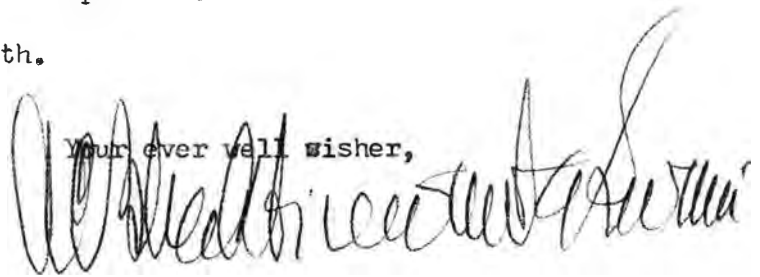
Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from Alanath das Brahmachary, President of ISKCON Stockholm, in which he reports that there is much interest in Krishna consciousness in Eastern European countries. He is recommending two boys for initiation from Czechoslovakia. I do not know the language otherwise I would have gone there. So I am requesting you to make vigorous propaganda in Eastern Europe. In the latest English BTG there is my discussion about Marx philosophy which will appeal to any sane gentleman. This should be read and translated. Lenin killed the Czar that's all, but any gunda can do that.

You make one book containing my conversations with Prof. Kotovsky and also the one with Samasundar, and translate it into Russian and distribute in Russia.

My special mission is for the Western countries. Whatever success I have got, it is because the Westerners have cooperated.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, U.P. INDIA

September 1, 1975

Bahu Rupa Das  
P.O. Box 4758  
Long Beach, Ca. 90804

Dear Bahu Rupa Das:

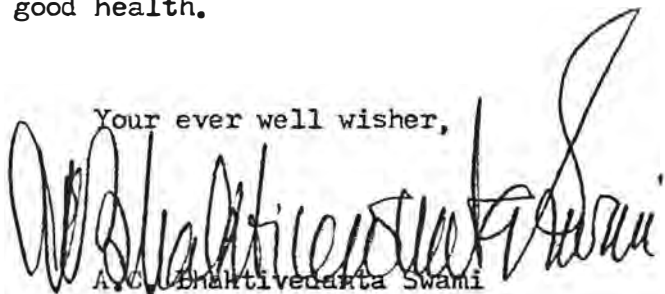
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 16, 1975 and have noted the contents. How can you prove that Vedic culture did not exist before 5,000 years? Darwin's theory says millions and millions of years in calculation. So how are these millions of years existing?

Mundana archeologists are mistaken because they say from monkey the human beings have come into existence, but at the present moment both the human being and the monkey are existing. The monkey is not extinct. So these theories are not correct. Nobody has seen a monkey giving birth to a human being. As the monkey and the human being are existing side by side at present, so for millions of years they were existing like this. That is our theory. The modern material archeology has no meaning for us. Our realization is depending on the spiritual platform. Transmigration of the soul does not depend on history.

There is Vedic literature that gives proof of Lord Parasurama driving out the ksatriyas. We do not take these mundane historians as authority. Regarding the dating of the Srimad Bhagwatam, the Battle of Kurukshetra took place at the beginning of Kali yuga, and Kali yuga has passed more than 5,000 years. The Bhagavad-gita was also spoken at the beginning of the fight, so we take it as 5,000 years ago. From the Baagavad-gita we learn it was spoken by the sun god millions of years ago. We take this as authority. If you don't accept my authority, then I don't accept your authority. That is the way of evidence, to accept the Srimad Bhagawatam and the Vedic literature. The calculation is that the Kali yuga is 432,000 years, out of which we have passed 5,000 years.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban, U.P. INDIA

September 3, 1975

Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
Bhaktivedanta Manor, Letchmore Heath  
near Watford, Hertsfordshire, U.K.

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of three copies of the new German edition of Chaitanya Charitamrita Chapter 7 & 8. It is very nice. The printing is very good. Bengali types in a German country, is very good. They will take it.

Did Dr. Wolf-Rottkay help edit this book? I do not see his name mentioned. He is professor, so if you mention his name in the book, it will <sup>be</sup> impressive. When I was in Los Angeles, he was coming to see me everyday. Also on the spine of the book under the BBT logos the words "Bahktivedanta Book Trust" must appear. They are doing this on all the new volumes of Chaitanya Charitamrita from Los Angeles.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, U.P.

September 3,

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Dr. Jagadish Bhardwaj, M.A., Ph. D.  
Professor Hindi Division  
Atmaram Sanatan Dharma College  
New Delhi

Dear Sriman Bharadwajji:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to thank you for your presentation of two books, Krishna Kalya Me Lila Varnan and Krishna Lila Vimarsa. I have gone through some of the pages of these books. It is done very scholarly. We are presenting Krishna consciousness all over the world. In future many devotees will be interested to read your books. We understand from the Srimad Bhagavatam that everyone should utilize his talent in the service of themuttamasloka, Krishna. idam hi pumsas tapasah srutasya va/ svistasya suktasya ca buddhi dattayoh/ avicyuto 'rthah kavibhir nirupito/ yad uttama sloka gunanuvannanam. "Learned circles have positively concluded that the infallible purpose of the advancement of knowledge, namely austerities, study of the Vedas, sacrifice, chanting of hymns and charity, culminates in the transcendental descriptions of the Lord, who is defined in choice poetry." (Bhag. 1:5:22.)

Generally it is very difficult to understand Krishna tattvatah, as it is confirmed in the Bhagavad-gita, manusyanam saharasresu/ kascid yatati siddhaye/ yatatam api siddhanam/ kascin mam vetti tattvatah. "Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth." (Bg. 7:3.) But, Krishna is available through the process of devotional service, bhakti yoga, bhaktya mam abhijanati, and anyone who actually understands about Krishna, about His appearance and disappearance, he goes back to home, Back to Godhead, janma karma ca me divyam/ evam yo vetti tattvatah/ tyaktva deham punar janma/ naiti mam eti so 'rjuna. (Bg. 4:10.) Therefore in the Brahma Samhita we learn: vedesu durllabham adurllabham atma bhaktau. It is further stated in the Padma Purana: atah sri krsna namadi na bhaved grahyam indriyah/ sevonmukhe hi jihvadau svayam eva sphuraty adah. "No one can understand the transcendental nature of the name, form, quality, and pastimes of Sri Krishna through his materially contaminated senses. Only when one becomes spiritually saturated by transcendental service to the Lord are the transcendental name, form, quality, pastimes of the Lord revealed to him." Krishna cannot be known by the materially blunt senses. When you utilize your tongue in the service of the Lord then Krishna reveals Himself. You cannot order Krishna please come and I will see you.

So you are a learned scholar, and you have tried to use your energy for the service of the Lord. That is your success. I thank you very much for your endeavor in spreading Krishna consciousness.

With my best regards, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, U.P.

September 7,

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Tridandi Swami  
Sree Bhakti Pramode Puri  
Sree Ananta Basudev Sree Mandir  
P.O. Kalna, Dt. Burdwan

Dear Bhakti Pramode Puri Maharaj:

Please accept my obeisances. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 27, 1975 and have noted the contents. Yes, it is Bhagavan's special mercy upon me that I am getting such immense wealth. You will be pleased to know that my books are selling to the extent of one <sup>million</sup> ~~crore~~ of dollars per month. But this money is coming from the mlecchas and yavanas. That is the difficulty. This money is not coming from the brahmins. Therefore I am afraid to contribute to you as you request. How shall I give to you and pollute you?

They are all mlecchas, and you are a rigid brahmin, pukkha. So how will you accept it? If you like, you can hand over the management charge of your temple, and my devotees will manage.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Yours faithfully,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Məndir, Raman Reti  
vṛindaban, U.P.

September 9,

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Sṛiman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
Bhaktivedanta Manor, Letchmore Heath  
near Watford, Hertsfordshire  
U.K.

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 3, 1975 with enclosed clippings and the booklet on Cow Protection: Cow protection is one of the items of the Krishna consciousness movement; kṛṣi go-raksya vanijyam. raksya means protection. It is especially mentioned. Mukunda has done a great service. I am asking them to reprint it here. It will be very useful for preaching to the Indians. If you are sending men they can bring copies with them.

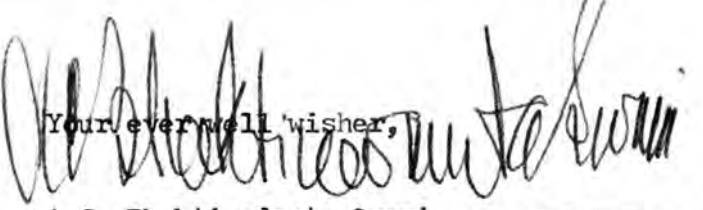
This time that there were 10,000 Indians for Janamastmi is very encouraging. Yes, they are good supporters. Yes, I approve of your program. We work where there is a good field. Do it nicely. You have noted that is the secret of success. Please continue this policy of straight forward dealings. Regarding Bury Place yes, for raising money to purchase there will be no difficulty. Try to keep our temple there. Purchase it and then repair it nicely and it will be a permanent establishment. We are staying there for the last two years. How we can be moved from there? You can hold the day after Diwali the Anakut Goverdhan ceremony. There should be heaps of prasadam.

Regarding the farm, our business is not farming. Our business is to spread Krishna consciousness. So in favor of Krishna consciousness whatever policy is suitable that we should take. Even if you move the farm, how will it be conducted if your devotees are not interested? No, it is not a good idea. It will mean our attention will be diverted. If you have got more men, then it can be tackled.

The clipping on the Janamastmi day mentions specifically that the Manor was purchased by George for us. Keep this article for future if there is some trouble. Actually he purchased for this purpose. Encourage Alanath in his publishing, and also in German language publish as many books as possible. Enclosed are letters about Hyderabad.

I hope this meets you in good health.

N.B. English devotees may be requested to come to India imm

Your ever well wisher,  
  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

FILE

Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti,  
Vrindaban, U.P.

Sept. 11, 1975

Sriman Radhaballabha das Brahmachary

ISKCON- BBT

9711 Venice Blvd.

Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

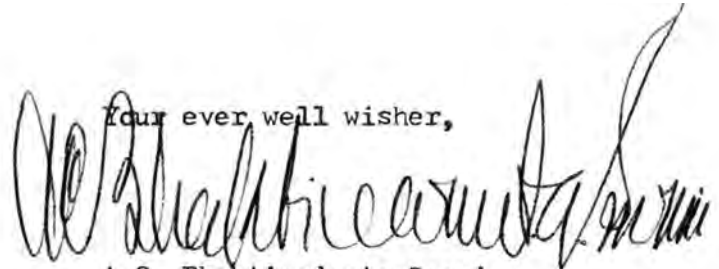
My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter dated August 31, 1975 regarding the calculation of my birthday. The system for calculating is as follows: the first day of birth is the first birthday. The next year that day is the second birthday; i.e. the second birthday means that one year has been completed. So it is my 80th birthday, and I have completed 79 years.

According to the Hindu system, on the first birthday there is jata karma ceremony and all big, big astrologers assemble and give the horoscope. In the Srimad Bhagwatam the birthday of Maharaj Parkshit is there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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FILE

Krishna Balaram Mandir, Raman Reti  
Vrindaban, Dt. Mathura, U.P.  
September 15, 75

Sriman Giriraj das Brahmachary  
Hare Krishna Land  
Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu  
Bombay 400 054

My Dear Giriraj das:

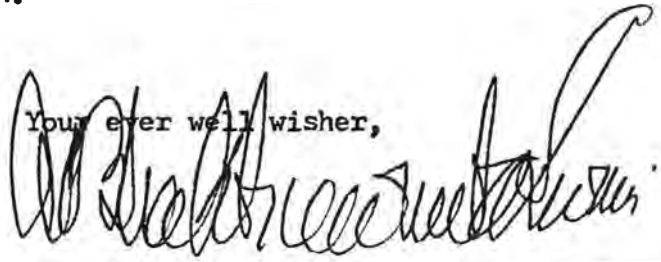
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 6, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding the tax question, our Krishna consciousness movement is cultural. We are preaching Bhagavad-gita As It Is. Our mission is to spread the instructions of Krishna so that people may become happy, hopeful, and peaceful. The central point is to understand Krishna as the supreme proprietor, the supreme enjoyer and the best friend of all living beings. He is the best friend of the human society because He gives perfect social order, perfect economic development, perfect philosophy, perfect religion, and perfection of life.

Religion is described in the English dictionary as a kind of faith. Of course when we accept Krishna's instructions perfectly we become automatically a perfectly religious person. Therefore Krishna consciousness movement is not a sentimental fanaticism of so-called religion. But, it is the perfect culture for peace and happiness of the whole human society.

I am glad that you had a nice Janamastmi celebration in Bombay. Continue your diligent work, and Krishna will give you all success.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



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FILE

Krishna-Balarama Mandir, Chattikara  
Road, Ramana Reti, Vrndavana,  
Mathura, U.P.

September 18, 1975

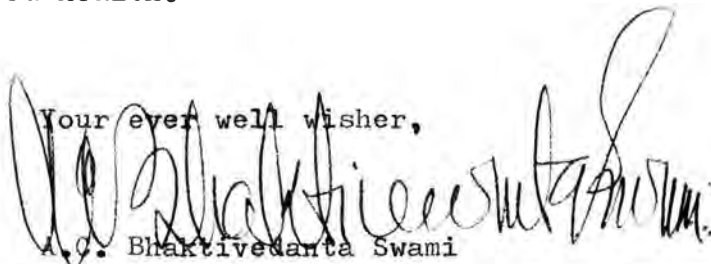
Mr. Sushil K. Arora  
% Lotus  
PO Box 761, Station A  
Toronto 1, Ontario  
Canada

My dear Sushil K. Arora,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 11, 1975 with enclosed check for 250 rupees. I thank you very much for it. I am glad to know that you have appreciated our movement and are taking active interest. I very much enjoyed my stay in Toronto and I hope that everyone there, all the devotees, especially amongst the Indian community, will co-operate to spread our movement in Toronto and establish a very nice temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami', written over the typed name.

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna-Balaram Mandir  
Chattikara Road, Raman Reti, Vrndavana,  
September 21, 75, Mathura, U.P.

His Holiness Mahamsa Swami  
Hare Krishna Land  
Nampally Station Road  
Hyderabad, A.P.

My dear Mahamsa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I thank you very much for the affidavit which you have sent. It should be followed by all other centers. It is very good that people are already coming to see the temple. That means that there is great interest. Regarding the need for money there, if it is a case of emergency, then more money can be lent to you. You have already borrowed Rs. 60,000/-. If you want immediately money, then I am prepared to lend to you at 10% interest. So if there is emergency, you can send account number of your bank and we shall do the needful. I am starting for Delhi on September 23rd and on the following day, September 24th, will go to Ahmedabad for some programs. From Bombay I will start for Maritius on September 30th.

You have invited me to come to Hyderabad and yes, I will certainly come. It is a very nice place there and I shall come either by the end of October or early November. Yes, if you like we can also go to Nellore. Your idea for the bullock cart sankirtana is very good. So now do it. And your program for distributing the literature, the charity and the prasadam, this is all very nice. And that you yourself will do it personally, that I thank you very much.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu  
Bombay 400 054

September 26,

75

Sriman Jagannath Suta das Adhikary  
Back to Godhead  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My Dear Jagannath Suta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 15, 1975 with the enclosed copies of the latest issue of BTG No. 10. I can say that each issue you produce is an improvement on the previous one. This is very good. You are doing it enthusiastically. For the article of my touring they have selected the photos very nicely. We can talk with anyone. Marx. Darwin, all professors and politicians, we can challenge and defeat them. Our philosophy is so perfect. So go on exposing them, that is the purpose of Back to Godhead paper, to expose their materialistic ideas as all nonsense and present the real philosophy that Lord Krsna gives. This is the real knowledge.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu,  
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September 26,

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Sriman Radhaballava das Brahmachary  
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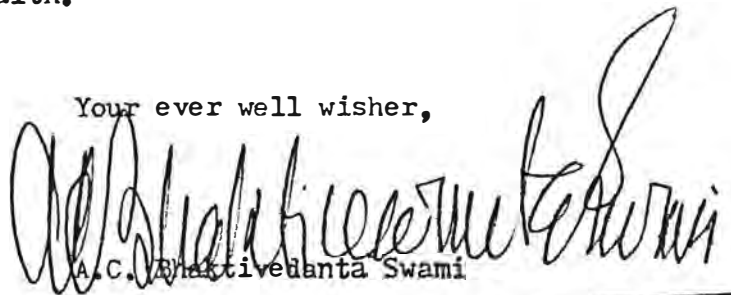
My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 and the two copies of the three other parts of Chaitanya Charitamrita. Yes, I am very pleased with how you have done it. I have ordered you in two months to do it, and you have done it. I know you have worked very hard. The art paintings are very, very good. Everyone likes them, and I know they have worked especially hard. You should know that I am very pleased that you have fulfilled my request without any hesitation. This is your success in spiritual life. The photographs are all also wonderful. He has done nicely, the boy Bhargava.

The transliterations I am not using. There is some fault. I am doing the translations, and Nitai will see that the synonyms are done. I have finished now the Sixth Canto and have already started the Seventh Canto.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu  
Bombay 400 054

September 28,

75

Prem J. Batra  
Ruparel College, Sr. B.A.  
Matunga, Bombay 400 016

My Dear Prem Batra:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 19, 1975 and have noted the contents. I am very glad that you are seriously trying to understand our Krishna consciousness philosophy. It is Srila Jiva Goswami who has presented very high philosophy in his Six Sandavas.

Regarding your question about the difference between the mind and the soul, in the Bhagavad-gita it is directly said that the mind is inferior energy in a subtle form, and soul, jiva, is superior energy. So they are completely distinct. Mind is not spiritual, but mind is a subtle material form. When the soul becomes captivated for enjoying the material world instead of rendering service to Krishna, that is the beginning of his falldown. When the living being thinks himself to be the enjoyer, that is called false ego. His constitutional position is to serve Krishna. So this false egotism degrades him to pollute the intelligence and the mind.

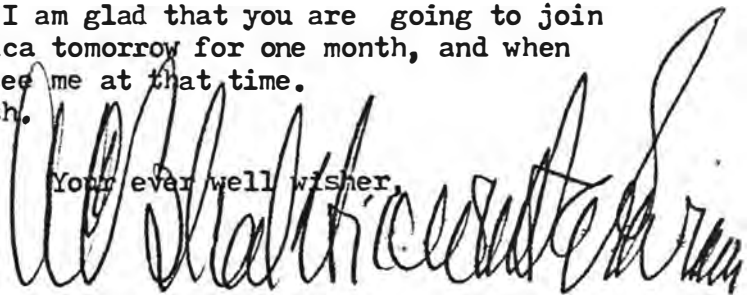
So mind and intelligence are already there in the soul, but in the conditional stage the same mind and intelligence become polluted as false egotism or enjoyer. The bhakti process is to purify everything. The mind is not the soul but is a venue for expressing the soul's desire. So if the mind is purified, then things go on nicely in its original position. If he does not go on rightly he falls down in conditional life. The whole yogic system is to convert the mind from matter to spirit. You can utilize the mind in both ways. When the mind is spiritually trained up it is the best friend of the soul, and when the mind is materially polluted, it is the worst enemy. The Bhagavad-gita states: bandhur atmatmanas tasya, yematmaivatmana jitah, anatmanas tu satruve, vartetatmaiva satruvat. (Bg. 6:6.)

For those who are grossly materialistic persons, for them the yogic system is recommended, otherwise if the mind is directly engaged engaged at the lotus feet of Krishna, the senses attomatically become engaged in Krishna's service; and that is the liberated stage. Chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra is the direct process for curing the mind of all materialistic contamination. Take to this process and be happy.

You have asked many questions, and I am glad that you are going to join our movement. I am going to South Africa tomorrow for one month, and when I return to Bombay, you can come and see me at that time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

FILE

Reply: Johannesburg

Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu, Bombay 400 054

September 29, 1975

Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertsfordshire, U.K.

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your two letters dated September 10th & 16th, 1975 and have noted the contents carefully. Regarding the propoganda for Russia, it is a very good idea to include the interview and the Marx discussion in the same book. After publishing the book, there is no question of distributing it underground by smuggling it into Russia. Sell it openly outside of Russia. It will be for people coming to visit our temples who come from there. You can advertise that ISKCON Books in Russian language are available in such and such place. That they cannot stop.

Regarding the logo of the German Chaitanya Charitamrita, it is o.k. Regarding the Bury place temple, the girls are taking care of the Deity, so how can you completely stop it. Not many women should stay there, but at least five can stay in a room. Why should they occupy two floors? Only one floor may be given to them.

Regarding your dealings with Bhagavandas, when two GBC's are concerned, the whole GBC must consider. What can I do? I have appointed the GBC not to fight amongst yourselves but to manage. If there is fighting, then how will you manage? So the whole GBC committee must decide if there is fighting.

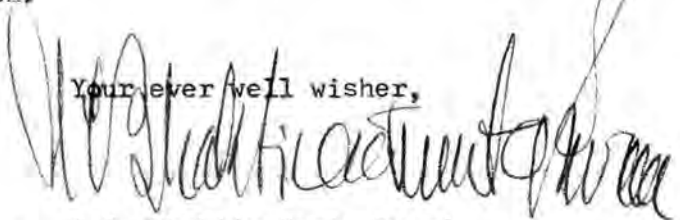
Regarding the Hyderabad project, you will be the principal man for finances. I have received report that they have planted 20 acres of paddy, some being bashmati and rest local variety. Regarding Dr. Wolf, why has he gone against us? First of all consult with Swarup Damodar. What is his complaint? Regarding the reports of Japan, therefore the police have stopped Guru Kripa. I have sent Trivikram Maharaj and one man to go there and maintain the center and preach. There is good potency there. I do not want to see it closed.

Regarding your idea for a Gujarati newspaper, no it is better to sell our Gujarati books. We shall print and sell our own books. Yes, you can open a restaurant in Edinburgh. Regarding Bharadraja, I have no objection to him coming. What is he doing in L.A.? Only on Sunday can you keep the Deity curtains open throughout the afternoon.

Regarding the Frankfurt temple and the Deity program, unless we have got our own building, this proposal of installing Deity should be postponed. Do not install, unless we have got our own building, the large Deities. And, the Nrisingha Deity should be installed only in a separate temple building. The Deity must have its own temple.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Theirs is atheistic argument. God is not only omniscient, but also Almighty. Predestiny is there but it is cancelled if you surrender to Him, otherwise God is not the controller. Theirs is like karmimimamsa philosophy, that God is our servant and He must reward me according to my activities. If you surrender to Krishna there is no more predestiny. He knows if you do this you must suffer, so why do you suffer. You take His advice. Even if he says predestined, so why don't you surrender to Krishna now, and get out of this material condition.

Concerning our use of analogy. We do not bring in imperfect analogy, but we follow the instructions of the Shastras strictly. Our authority is on the basis of Shastra, not analogy. So, Vyasadeva while giving the history of creation says "Janmadyasya... ādikavaye"... so He impregnated the heart of Brahma with all the designs of creation. So what is wrong there? If I instruct someone you do like this, and he does it, then what is the difficulty? This is the system. Our authority is shastra. We give analogy for the general mass of people who have no faith in shastra. Analogy is not proof; shastra is proof. Foolish people cannot understand or accept, so we use analogy. The conclusion is not drawn from the analogy but from the shastra. We don't use a combination of logic and authority, we use authority. Logic we use to convince someone who doesn't accept the authority. The basic principle is authority. Vedas say that cowdung is pure and we accept it. There is no logic, but when we practically use it we see that it is correct. The logic of using analogy is called in the shastra "sakha chandra nayaya." It is easier to focus on the moon through the branches of a tree. The moon is great distance away, and you say that it is just through the branches. So you can focus more easily on the moon because 2 points joined make a straight line. So focusing on the nearby object helps us to focus on the far-away object. This is the use of analogy.

So there is no question of stagnation in Krishna Consciousness. Krishna is unlimited. The more we advance in Krishna Consciousness, the more we understand about Him. We cannot finish the process of understanding Him. The little more that we advance, we see still that He is far away. Even Krishna couldn't understand His position in relationship to Radharani, therefore, He took the position of Radharani to understand Himself as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

59 Muller Street,  
Yeoville, Johannesburg,  
South Africa

L6 October 16, 1975

Tejyas das Adhikari

ISkcon New Delhi  
19 Todar Mal Lane,  
New Delhi 110001

My dear Tejyas,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one telegram from Navayogendra stating "Congradulations. All devotees will receive visa for three years confirmed." Please explain the situation there to me. I have not received any further information yet concerning this.

Also, Pusta Krishna Swami is going to purchase one car for my travelling purposes in India and for this I want you to get him a three year visa from the government. The following information will be helpful.

Paul Howard Dossick  
Passport number-Z2269551  
Issued-U.S. Embassy London, England  
on May 5, 1975  
Expiration date May 4, 1980  
Birth date Feb. 8, 1950  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Please forward this visa to him in Johannesburg as quickly as possible. Also, kindly find out what are the regulations if a tourist brings (drives) his car into India and forward this information to Pusta Krishna Swami in Johannesburg.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,  


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P.S. Does it mean that the 50 devotees who we applied for will get three year visa or that all devotees will get three year visa?

FILE

59 Muller Street, Yeoville,  
Johannesburg, South Africa

17 October, 75

His Holiness  
Chayavana Swami,  
P.O. Box 28946,  
Nairobi, Kenya,  
East Africa

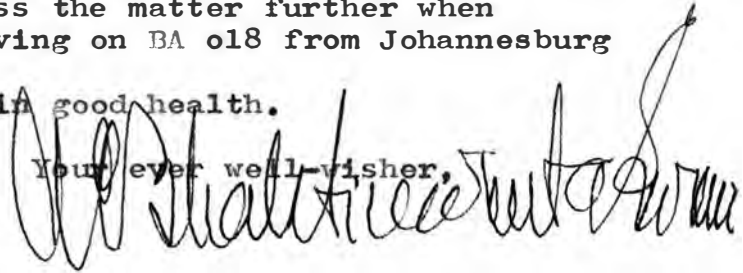
My dear Chayavana Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received one letter from Jnana das Adhikari dated Oct. 8, 1975, and also Pusta Krsna Maharaj has pointed out one letter addressed to you here in Johannesburg dated Oct. 10 from Jnana das. This letter was opened by Pusta Krsna because it may have contained information relevant to our travel to Nairobi.

In any case, it appears that Jnana das is restless. It is not a good idea for him to bring Lilavati's daughter to Kilifi as he has described the living conditions as very poor and now she is at least nicely situated in Gurukula. Also, he speaks of going to America, and who will supply him the money for this? So, all these unnecessary expenditures should be stopped. We can discuss the matter further when I am in Nairobi. I will be arriving on BA 018 from Johannesburg on Saturday, October 25.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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Enclosures: Jnana das' letters to both myself and yourself.

11/10/75



Reply: Hare Krishna Land,  
Gandhi Gram Road,  
Juhu, Bombay 400-054  
India

19 October, 1975

Kartikeya K. Mahadevia,  
A-11 Sea Face Park,  
Bhulabhai Desai Road,  
Bombay 400-026,  
India

My dear Kartideya,

Please accept my blessings and offer the same to your wife, Gauridevi, and your children. I am enclosing herewith some foreign stamps for your beloved son, Kirtan. I am very much pleased that now you are taking more active part in the propagation of our missionary activities. Regarding Ahmedabad Centre, we must have a place there. I am also very much eager to open a centre there, Ahmedabad being one of the most opulent and important cities of India. Last time when we held our festival in Ahmedabad it was certainly very encouraging. People are naturally Krishna Conscious there. If we organize properly, people will get enlightenment more and more and they will be happy. We have to organize in the neighboring village from where the Raja Saheb came to offer his respect to me. He has promised to hold a meeting of the agriculturists of 20,000 people minimum and this will be a great opportunity. Now, our next program will be to organize farming land to set an example to the whole world how people can be peaceful, happy, and free from all anxieties simply by chanting Hare Krishna Maha-mantra and living an honorable life in Krishna Consciousness. In India especially people are religiously inclined. They like to live in village and also like to love Lord Rama, Lord Krishna. This idealism is running through their blood and veins. We have to organize their natural tendency and elevate them again back to Home, Back-to-Godhead. Please think over these points very seriously and as soon as I return we shall take up the program. My beloved sannyasi disciple Swami Pusta Krishna has promised to give me a car, and as soon as I get it I shall move from village to village along with some selected assistants and organize this farming village development program.

More when we meet, in the meantime I hope that this will meet you in good health,

Your ever well-wisher,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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5/10/75 stamps for Kirtan.

Camp: Johannesburg, South Africa  
Reply: Bombay, India

20 October,

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Radhaballabha das  
The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust,  
9711 Venice Blvd., L  
Los Angeles, California 90034,  
U.S.A.

My dear Radhaballabha dasa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of the 4 volumes of Chaitanya-caritamrita and your letter dated October 1, 1975 and I have noted the contents carefully.

Concerning the synonyms, henceforward I am adding the synonyms myself. From yesterday night I have begun adding the synonyms as it doesn't save very much time to have the synonyms.

The Upadeshamrita can be composed in the Bhagavatam format in the size of the pocket NCD.

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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FILE

Hare Krishna Land,  
Gandhi Gram Road,  
Juhu, Bombay 400-054, India

24 October,

75

Swarup Damodara das,  
ISKCON  
1287 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E.,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30306  
U.S.A.

My dear Swarupa Damodara das,

Please accept my blessings. Since a long time I have not heard from you. About a week before when I was in passing from Durban to Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, I saw several factories for preparing chickens. The modern scientist, they say, from chemical life has come, or life from matter. So, I suggested that a little chemical composition may be made by the scientists with some yellow color, and why not put this artificial egg in an incubator and get more and more chickens. If they cannot produce even a chicken or even an egg of chicken, how can we believe their very big, big talks.

In the words of Bhagavad-gita, they are described as mudhah, mayaya-apahrta jnana. Besides that, can you tell me what is the scientific opinion of the days being consecutively Sunday then Monday, then Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and last Saturday? What is the history of this set-up?(from Sunday to Saturday).

According to our shastra, Sun is first, then moon, then Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, like that. In other words, from Bhagavatam we understand that the moon is 1,600,000 miles above the sun. If that is true, then is it possible to go to the moon planet by persons who can never imagine to go the distance to the sun planet? Under the circumstances, if we say that they have never gone to the moon planet, is it exaggeration? You are a scientist, I hope you will reply these 2 points scintifically. If the moon planet is actually far away from the sun planet, how they can go there and publish in the paper that the moon planet is the nearest planet.

Enclosed you will find one form for application to a new professorship that has opened up in the big university here in Durban, South Africa. It is a university only for Indian students, and the rector there is very much impressed and eager to have one of our men with the educational qualifications to come and take the seat of professor there. The rector wants an experienced teacher for Vedic Culture. The whole Vedic Culture is dicsuss in our books. I think that you shall be able to do this job very well. Please fill out the form enclosed and return to the Johannesburg Temple 59 Muller Street, Yeoville, Johannesburg, South Africa. When mentioning your qualifications you can also mention that you are a Bhaktishastri from (ISKCON).

I hope that this meets you in good health.

Your ever, well-wisher,

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Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu, Bombay 400 054

FILE

Nov. 7, 1975

His Holiness Jayapataka Swami  
Sri Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir  
P.O. Sreee Mayapur, Dist. Nabadwip  
West Bengal, INDIA

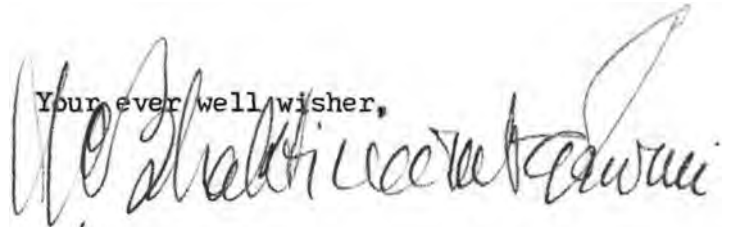
My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram as follows: PADAPADMA SAHSRA PRANAME WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR TOUR STOP DEVOID YOUR LOTUS FEET DUST MAYAPUR IS WEEPING HOPE YOUR ARRIVAL FORTHCOMING WEATHER NICE FRESH STOP =JAYAPATAKA SWAMI

So let us begin the construction on the temple here in Bombay first, then we shall see for coming there to Mayapur to stay with you. *Say after a month.*

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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FILE

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Hare Krishna Land  
Juhu Road  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054

9 November

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Sriman Visvakarma das Brahmachari  
ISKCON  
187 Gerrard Street East  
Toronto, Ontario M5A 2E5  
Canada

My dear Visvakarma das,

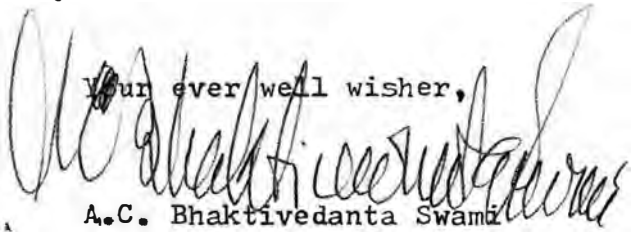
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 3, 1975 with the enclosed statement about Van Maharaja. So I have now issued orders that all my disciples should avoid all of my godbrothers. They should not have any dealings with them nor even correspondence, nor should they give them any of my books or should they purchase any of their books, neither should you visit any of their temples. Please avoid them.

I have received your telegram that you have purchased the church which I have seen when I was there in Toronto. So this is very good news. Please send me the details.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting Rodney Mort as my disciple and his name is Jitakandarpa. I also accept Nakadi das Brahmachari for brahminical initiation. Enclosed is his thread and mantra sheet. So you should hold a fire sacrifice and lecture on the importance of following the rules and regulations, chanting 16 rounds and all the devotional principles. This is your responsibility as the president of the temple. You must do it yourself and see that they also do it. This is the perfect way of teaching.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Encls.

N.B. What about that devotee from England who was to come to India? When I was in Toronto you agreed to send him. Now he is immediately required here in Bombay for construction supervision.

I received your cable that you have purchased that church. Congratulations. What are the details? My blessings to Mr. Batra. <sup>ACBS</sup>

*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER Hare Krishna Land, Juhu Road,  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054

DATE 10 November 1975

Sriman Upendra das Adhikari  
Krishna-Balaram Mandir  
Chattikara Road  
Raman Reti  
Vrindavan, Mathura, U.P.

My Dear Upendra das,

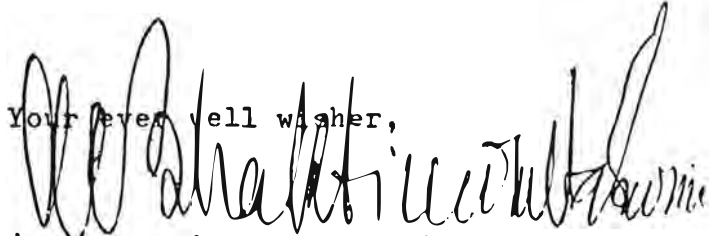
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 10, 1975 and I have read the contents in entirety. So I thank you very much for your sentiments. Why not stick to Vrindavan. I am coming there soon and again we shall associate. Now you should extend your visa and stay there and stick to that holy place. Ultimately Vrindavan is our goal of life.

I am glad to note your program and that you are also studying Hindi. This is very good. I very much appreciate your service. In the kitchen you should please see that nothing is wasted.

Yes, you will be blessed by Vrindavan-Isvari. I am coming there very soon and things will be adjusted.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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His Holiness Madhudvisa Swami  
ISKCON  
197 Danks Street  
Albert Park  
Victoria, Melbourne  
Australia

My dear Madhudvisa Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 16, 1975 together with the nice photographs and the professor's review. From the photo it appears that everything is very nice. I am very glad. In Melbourne, Australia who dreamt that there would be such a nice temple, Radha-Krsna, and that local men would be worshipping. And still anyone who is sincerely serving, he will get inspiration how to do it nicely. Krsna is there in his heart. As is stated in Bhagavad-gita:

teṣāṃ evānukampārtham  
āham ajñāna-jāṃ tamaḥ  
nāśayāmy ātma-bhāvastho  
jñāna-dīpena bhāsvatā

"Out of compassion for them, I, dwelling in their hearts, destroy with the shining lamp of knowledge the darkness born of ignorance." (Bg. 10.11)

As a child when I was going to the neighboring Malik temple, I was thinking then when will I have such a nice Deity to worship and now Krsna is so kind that I am establishing so many nice temples all over the world. Now I want that there should be established 108 temples before my death, so you think how to do it. Make some program, train up devotees. All temples in Melbourne, London, Paris, Bombay, all are very nice. Everything is very bright and brilliant. The Deity is proof of the sincere service. It is the duty of the GBC now to maintain this. Their duty is how to enthuse them and maintain.

You mention about the wrist-watch given to the Deity. Was it made in Melbourne? Or somewhere else. Was it made in Japan?

The dresses are made very nicely. It appears from the photographs. Some of the dressmakers may come here to India, one or two of them. Krsna is supplying the ideas for you to take photos like this, so you will be recognized by Krsna. Sarvasya cāhaṃ hr̥di sannivistho/ mattah smrtir jñānam apohanam ca.

Regarding the review, the professor has got the real picture. We do not want any compromise. Indological means you have to have the correct view.

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Regarding your questions, the first question, when a soul reincarnates, does he associate with the souls he associated with in his past lives, that is not necessarily so. Even if he associates, how can he recognize them because everyone changes his body. Regarding your question about karmic debt, yes, it is generally that the debtor is obliged to take birth and also the creditor. Sometimes the creditor takes birth as the son of the debtor and after being a very affectionate son for a few days, he dies and thus the debtor becomes aggrieved very much. This is the punishment. In this way in every transaction the participants are becoming involved in their resultant action of karma. This is karma-bandhana, in Bhagavad-gitak or the bondage of different fruitive activity. It is advised that one should act only for Krsna, otherwise he will be involved in karma-bandhana.

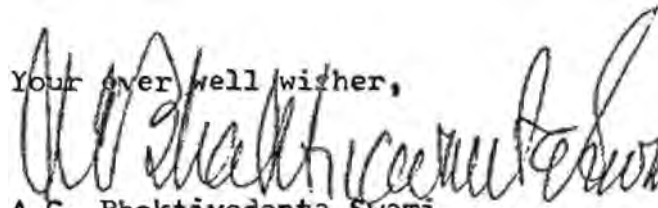
Regarding your second question, whether a person who is a Negro, Chinese, Indian, etc. are they different species of life making up the 400,000 species. Yes, so far their body is concerned. Your question whether woman in each one of these species is another separate species, no, the species means both man and woman of the same type. Of course, strictly speaking the woman is taken differently, otherwise how would Krsna say striyo vaiśyās tathā śūdrās.

Regarding Rathayatra, yes, if possible I will go and I shall let you know timely.

I am glad to note that you are sending men to India. This is very good. Thank you very much. Since they are Australian, they will not require any visa. Now in India we require very good men, men who are steady who follow the rules and regulations and who are willing to work hard. Here in Bombay we have started our Bombay construction. It is a huge project and we require intelligent men to supervise construction and so on. Men who come here, they should be prepared to stay here for at least two years. And they must be very strict in following the rules and regulations. Now the government is recognizing us so we do not want that there should be any incidences.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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12 November

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Mr. K. T. Desai  
Kambli Block  
Nehru Road  
Ville Parke East  
Bombay 57

Dear Mr. Desai,

I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1975 with your enclosed article. You mention God, but who is God? If you do not know who is God, then how can you say that He is the Super Joy?

You mention transcendental meditation, but what is transcendental meditation? We do not find it in any authorized scripture, but jnana-yoga is there in the Vedic literature and the yogis practice this type of yoga. These things are explained in the Bhagavad-gita 6th Chapter very nicely. And in the other Vedic literature we find that a yogi by concentrating his mind can see the Supreme Personality of Godhead within the core of his heart. Bhagavad-gita states:

yoginam api sarvesam  
mad-gatenantaratmana  
sraddhavan bhajate yo mam  
sa me yuktatamo matah

And of all yogis, he who always abides in Me with great faith, worshipping Me in transcendental loving service, is most intimately united with Me in yoga and is the highest of all. (Bg. 6.47)

So this is the perfection of meditation. One must have faith and great love for the Supreme Lord. He must be a devotee. Therefore bhakti is the perfection of meditation.

I do not know what is this transcendental meditation, but I have seen so many advertisements for transcendental meditation in America wherein it was advertised there is no need of religious principles or regulative principles nor is any faith required. But our Vedic culture is chiefly dependant upon regulative principles. It is not possible to perform meditation without performing regulative principles. So in your article, if you support your statements with quotations from the Vedic literature, then we can publish. Otherwise we regret that we cannot do anything.

So far meditation is concerned, sex life is strictly prohibited. But the followers of the transcendental meditation, they do not follow this principle.

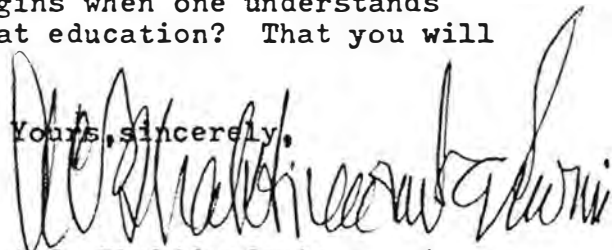
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Regarding education, that education begins when one understands that he is not that body, but where is that education? That you will find in Krsna consciousness.

Yours, sincerely,



A.C., Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*Tridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

**Founder-Acharya:**

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DATE 12 November 1975

Sriman Abhinanda das Brahmachari  
ISKCON  
400-18th Avenue East  
Seattle, Washington 98102

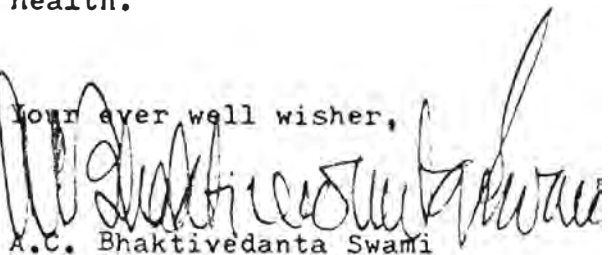
My dear Abhinanda das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 18, 1975. Yes, this is very good that you have taken seriously our programs here in India such as the book distributing. This is very important. It is a very good idea for the Seattle temple to finance the purchase of a vehicle as well as monthly finances for travel and maintaining and operating expenses of the vehicle. So you can take a leading part in this program. In your party here you can take some Indian devotees. That will be very effective.

So you should take from there an entry visa. You apply for one or two year entry visa, saying that you are student of ISKCON and you are coming to India to study the Vedic culture, live in our temples, and learn Deity worship. If you come all with an entry visa, then there will be no difficulty for you to renew.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



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His Holiness Gurudas Swami  
C/o Radha-Damodar Travelling Sankirtan #6  
1005½ West De Leon  
Tampa, Florida 33606

My dear Gurudas Swami,

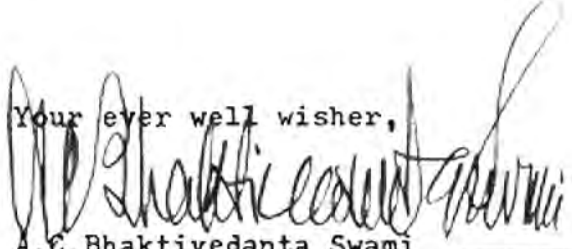
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1975 and have noted the contents with much pleasure. So I thank you very much because I see you are doing very good. Now you are doing something. So you should continue in this way. Do practical solid work. This is required. You are an old experienced devotee and I have personally trained you in so many things, so now it is your responsibility to train others otherwise what is the meaning of my training you? So do it with sincerity and know that Caitanya Mahaprabhu, He will give you all facility and you will be a success.

This preaching and managing of the sankirtan parties is our real business. Do it more and Krsna will bless you more and more. It is very good that they are paying something for the lectures.

Upon your recommendation I am accepting for brahminical initiation Locasvara das. Enclosed is his sanctified gayatri thread and also the mantra sheet. I also accept for initiation Chris Nell and his spiritual name is Srutisagara das. His beads may be chanted on by Tamal Krsna Gosvami. A fire sacrifice should be held so the brahminical initiate can hear the mantra through the right ear from my recorded tape. You should impress upon them of the responsibility for following the rules and regulations and chanting 16 rounds minimum each day. This will save them from maya. No, there is no special name for your Gour-Nitai Deities.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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14 November

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Sriman Bhagavan das Adhikari  
ISKCON  
4 rue Le Sueur  
75016 Paris,  
France

My dear Bhagavan das,

Please accept my blessings. I am un due receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1975 together with enclosures. So far your misunderstanding with Hamsadutta is concerned, it is not substantial. But in the presence of all GBC, the matter should be settled though. Don't worry. I have received the weekly cash reports. It is very good that you have the same treasury system and reporting system in all your temples. This is wanted. Please keep the accounts very correctly so that we may remain always above suspicion. I am glad that you now have 20 devotees in Geneva. This is very encouraging. Try to train them up and gradually leave the matters to be managed by them, in the hands of the Swiss devotees. When I started this movement, I wanted to bring some men from India. The problem was that in India the men who joined the Gaudia Math mission were not very educated. So I declined to bring them in the Western countries and by the grace of Krsna I was able to train the local men. And thus gradually things became successfully. The Western people, they are Aryans and ksatriyas in their origin, but due to bad association with the aboriginies, they have taken all bad habits and become degenerated. Now we have to revive this Aryan civilization and rectify things. If we do it nicely, then all the Western people will be happy and they will glorify Lord Caitanya. This is Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction, "When they will take this Vedic culture, they will applaude Me." So our mission should be how to have Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu applauded all over the world. His statement is param vijayate sri-krsna-samkirtanam. That statement will be fulfilled. That we want to see. It is very good that the new house in Geneva temple was former German Embassy. It is a very good honor that the people voted in favor of giving us the lease. Is this new place near to the river?

Regarding Rome, that is very good that you have 50 devotees. Are they all Italian? Yes, that is nice that you are looking for a new building in Rome. Rome is a crowded city. We must have there a very big building. The climate there is also nice. It is always sunny. In Rome I have seen many houses exactly like Indian houses. Also in Paris I have seen this. I have received the Italian new literatures and they are very, very nice. Thank you very much.

Regarding Spain, yes, don't risk anything. You've got sufficient engagement in the other European cities. Do everything slow but sure.

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18 November

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His Holiness Madhudvisa Maharaja  
ISKCON  
197 Danks Street, Albert Park  
Victoria  
Melbourne, Australia

My dear Madhudvisa Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. Regarding your coming to India and travelling with me, oh yes, you are welcome. It is very good that you have been observing Catur-masya. I have already sent through Brahmananda Swami a telegram approving your travel program. That's very nice that you will travel to the Southeast Asian countries, Indonesia, Thailand, Malasya, Hong Kong and also China. That is very nice.

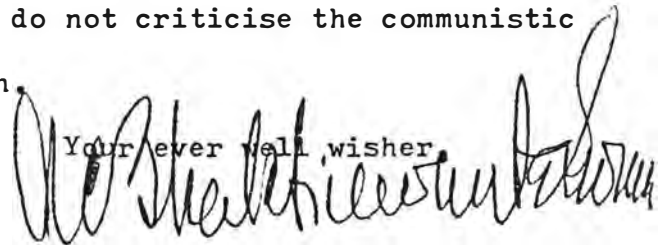
Regarding the Gour-Nitai Deities, yes, they can be installed, but let me see the photographs first. That is very good that you are growing your own flowers at the Melbourne mandir. This is very important.

Regarding China preaching, so far as I know Chinese people, although communists, they are not devoid of God consciousness. If they are sincere communists, they will accept our philosophy. Our philosophy is that every living being is the son of the Supreme Being and whatever we see within our vision--either living beings on the land, on the water--everything belongs to the Supreme Being. Every living being has a right to enjoy the Supreme Father's property. So everyone means not only the human being, but also other living entities, those living in the sky, water, trees, plants, creepers, ants, beasts, birds--all living beings, they are sons of the Supreme Being in different forms.

So we should be compassionate to every living being, accepting them as sons of the Supreme Being.<sup>a</sup> That is the real communistic idea, perfectly enunciated in the Srimad-Bhagavatam. So any communist country, if they take help from us, their communistic ideal will be perfect. Let the leading men of any communistic country come and talk with us about our philosophy and they are sure to make him convinced about this loftiest philosophy of Krsna consciousness. We do not criticise the communistic idea, but we want to make it perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*Tridandi Goswami*  
**A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami**

**Founder-Acharya:**

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**DATE** 20 November 1975

Sriman Ghanasyama das Brahmachari  
Bhaktivedanta Book Trust  
3764 Watseka Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90034  
U.S.A.

My dear Ghanasyama das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 4, 1975 and was very pleased to read the contents. On the whole it is very encouraging that the professors like our books. This is our success. This quotation is very important: "One professor went on to explain that the other books were mostly dealing with speculations in contrast to our books which presented religion as a way of life based on authentic writings." This is a very good quote. This should be publicized and it should be published in the new book that is being presented of all the quotations, The Hare Krishna Movement is Authorized. As I had ordered you to preach and distribute to the libraries, so you are doing it. So I am very pleased with your activities. Now continue and increase. Everyone will want our books. We will always have customers. This is Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami <sup>Tulsi</sup> dasa

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DATE .....20 November.....1975.....

Sriman Jayatirtha das Adhikari  
ISKCON  
2334 Stewart Street  
Berkeley, California 94705  
U.S.A.

My dear Jayatirtha das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 12, 1975 with enclosed photographs and also your letter of November 8th. I note that starting December 15th there will be a monthly deposit in the amount of \$1,900 in the Mayapur-Vrndavana fund account. You have got a good business brain and you worship the Deity very nicely. Therefore I like you.

I am very glad to see that you have out-collected the Sri Sri Radha-Damodara party. This is good competition. So now is Tamal Krsna defeated by you? So one month you defeat him and another he can defeat you and in this way Radha-Damodara service will be increased by transcendental competition. This is very nice.

Regarding San Diego temple, from the pictures it appears very nice. So you can get this building. It is a good house. They are all selling to ISKCON, the Christians and the Jews. They are all going to liquidation. So take it without any doubt.

I am very pleased with the distribution that the New Dwaraka temple is doing. When I hear of your advancement of devotional service by book distribution, it invigorates me although I am an old man. Although I am traveling all over the world, my mind is always in Los Angeles. So do everything very nicely so that very soon I may go there and see the improvement. The mrdanga-making is very important. The new bhaktas, they can be engaged in the mrdanga-making and also help Bhardraj with the doll-making. The nursery school program is very good. That is good that the mothers are being freed to increase their devotional service. It is not that women should only produce children, but they are meant for advancing in devotion. The sign Hare Krishna Colony is very good idea. You can add the words Come and Join. Why are the French books not being composed on our own equipment? We have got so many nice machines there. I think it will be better if we do it on our own machines and save money.

Regarding Berkeley temple, I note that permission for living in the building is not yet finalized. Please keep me informed. Portland is a nice city. I am glad that we have our temple there. That is very good that Seattle doesnot have any debts. This is proper management. This is very much wanted. It is also very good that Jayadvaita is in Laguna Beach and is preaching there. This is our process of preaching, that one shows by his personal example, not that we preach something and then do something else. That is called cheating and that is going on in the



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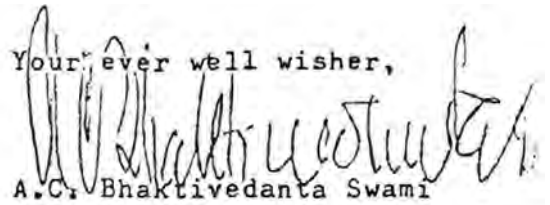
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religion, especially. We are not that kind of cheaters. And we are not that kind of so-called religionists. Yes, so you keep an eye on things there in Laguna Beach, and see that whoever takes over as temple president is trained up.

Regarding the Vancouver farm, yes, the log cabin type structure you have mentioned, that is nice. Whatever is suitable, that you should do. This is the meaning of plain living and high thinking. If the chanting of Hare Krsna is not there, then there will not be any high thinking.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Ramesvara das Brahmachari  
Bhaktivedanta Book Trust  
9711 Venice Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90034  
U.S.A.

My dear Ramesvara das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your BBT Trustees report dated November 11, 1975 and have noted the contents. I note that under transfers you have sent \$25,000 to Guru Kripa Swami in Bombay. When was this and why was it done? Please send the details. I note that for the new printing of the abridged Gita, Dia Nippon, there were mistakes. Why there should be mistakes? Mistakes makes the book useless. You must be very, very careful. It will be detrimental to the sales.

Regarding the proposal for a new warehouse, what is the rent that you are presently paying for your warehouse? I think if you can go on renting, that is better. Personally I do not have a financial brain. But my Guru Maharaja, he preferred rented house rather than one's own house. At least India, a rented house is preferred than possessing one and that is practical.

I have received your telegram regarding the one million copies of Back to Godhead printed and also the Spanish Gita. This is solid work. Thank you very much. I have also received a batch of letters of appreciation from professors such as from Anderson College, Alderson-Broadus, University of Leicester, University of St. Andrews and Brandeis University. All these letters are very valuable and they may be added to the quotation book, The Krsna Consciousness Movement is Authorized.

Gopal Krsna has informed me that you have deducted \$77,000 for the last shipment of books to India. But this was to be a gift. This money is meant for construction, so you should not deduct this amount.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. Whether you think it is necessary to bring the artist Indra Sharma to U.S.A.? He says that his daughter is also required to assist him, so you will have to pay for two tickets. What will be the advantage of his coming there? So far I see there is no objection against our art work, but if you think it is necessary I have no objection. I do not want to see money wasted, that's all.

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23 November

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His Holiness Chayavana Swami  
P.O. Box 21413  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

My dear Chayavana Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16/11/75 and am glad to read the contents. I am glad that you are traveling and preaching. This is the business of a sannyasi. Please follow my order in this regard. Africa is huge field, so you have plenty of opportunities for traveling and preaching. This will keep you enthusiastic. So do not neglect it. Of course if the young people there are interested, then you should stay there to instruct them. Then if you can collect and send money to Nairobi, that is very good. In this way their debts can be paid. I am also glad to see that you are taking seriously the Life Member program. So many Life Members they are complaining they are not receiving books or they are not being treated nicely. So if you can rectify this situation, that would be very good.

So far your becoming GBC is concerned, yes, I had wanted that, but there are so many complaints. This is not good. GBC must mean that by his managing, there is not any complaints so that I can be relieved in order to do my translation work. Anyway, you go on with your preaching program and we shall discuss this matter in Mayapur meeting time. In the meantime I am sending Brahmananda Swami to rectify the situation in Nairobi and later on we shall see.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Shree Himtsinh H. Bhatia and  
Shrimati Manjula H. Bhatia  
P.O. Box 82855  
Mombasa, Kenya  
East Africa

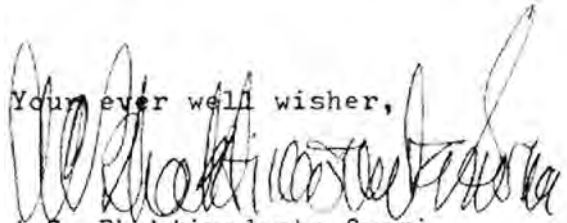
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bhatia,

Please accept my blessings. I have understood from Sripad Nava Yogendra Swami that you have taken keen interest in our Krsna Consciousness Movement. So I am very pleased to hear this and I thank you for your service in helping to push on this mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Our mission is that especially those who have taken their birth in India that it is their responsibility to become perfect in the science of Krsna Consciousness and to deliver everyone in the world. In this way everyone is expected to become guru. But how to be a guru? It is said that one simply has to repeat the instructions that Krsna has given. If he repeats without adding or subtracting anything, then he is qualified as guru. Actually there is only one guru--Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. So those who simply repeat His words, they also become guru. But of course a guru never thinks himself as being God. He only thinks himself as the servant of the servant of the servant: gopi bhrtiya pada-kamalayo das dasanudasa.

Recently I visited Africa and I could see that the management was not going on properly. So now I have given Nava Yogendra sannyasa order and am sending him back to Africa. He will be the president of the Mombasa temple, so please help him to make our mission there very solid.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

19 Todar Mal Lane,  
Bengali Market,  
New Delhi 110001,

November 30, 1975

My Dear Tikamdas J. Batra,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated Nov.26,1975. I do not know where one could find copies of the old Back to Godhead started by me back in 1944 it is a long time ago. If you write to our Los Angeles center they may be able to send you some of the back issues of the more recent publications.

Regarding your question about Brahma Samhita, it was found by Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu in a temple on his travels thru south India. There are supposed to be 100 chapters, but this is the only chapter which is known to date.

Regarding your question about Vaikuntha; the example is The King and the bed bug, both of them are sitting on the same throne, but the business of the King is to rule and the bed bug's business is to bite. The place is the same, but the consciousness is different. It is said the Lord is situated in everyone's heart, so that means Krishna is also in the heart of a hog, and he is also in the heart of a demigod, but that does not mean that God has become a hog, or a demigod, God is always in Vaikuntha. Similarly, those who are God conscious, Pure devotees of the Lord, they are always in Vaikuntha, there is nothing like material for them.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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19 Todar Mal lane,  
Bengali Market,  
New Delhi, 110001,  
INDIA

December 2, 1975

My Dear Pusta Krishna Maharaja,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1975. Regarding the car, you just register it in your name in Germany. Hansadutta Prabhu has agreed to give the 11% tax until export. Then drive it here and when it is here we will see how to manage.

The list of devotees to be initiated have been named as follows;

Mike Harris- Pandavagrya Das

John Antonopaula- Nagendra Das

Gail Netherlands- Vimoh Devi Dasi

Martha Kreik - Venurati Devi Dasi

You may chant on their beads, and instruct them nicely in the regulative principles and philosophy of Krishna consciousness.

The Jahova's witnesses do not accept the fact of rebirth, and they claim " AWAKE " so this is nonsense. Your letter was very nice. the whole world is in darkness, we are bringing light by preaching Bhagavat Dharma. Thank you for helping me.

I hope this letter finds you well.

P.S. I just received your letter dated Nov. 20. Yes a roof carrier will be nice.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami

Raman Reti, Vrindaban, (U.P.)  
INDIA

December 3, 1975

My Dear Rameswara Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I am in receipt of your very encouraging letter dated November 27, 1975.

Your report of book sales is over encouraging. You are all becomming very very dear to my Guru Maharaja. I started this movement by book selling. I was never a beggar for money, but I was writing books and selling. My Guru Maharaja very much liked my writing and he used to show others in my absence " Just see how nicely he has written, how he has appriciated ". He encouraged me, and my Godbrothers, they also like my writgh. After I wrote that poem for Vyasa Puja of my Guru Maharaja they used to call me Poet.

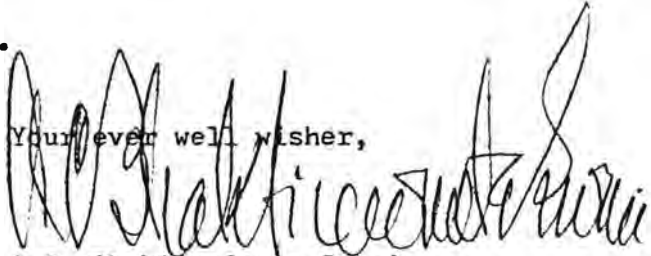
Anyway, I was working writing books and publishing BTG alone, but I could not give the thing shape, so I deecided to go to U.S.A. and now you all nice boys and girls have helped me so much, it is all the mercy of Krishna. Thank you very much.

You can send one full ticket for Gopal Krishna's wife E. Khanna and one ticket ( If nescessary ) for his son 2 1/2 years old D. Khanna to Gopijanabhallaba in New York. The money many be taken from Guru Kripa's money. New York, Bombay, Delhi, immediately.

I hope this letter finds you well.

P.S. For the child a half fare will be required.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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December 9, 1975

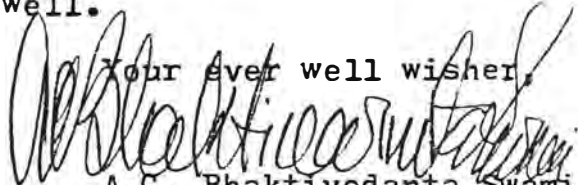
My Dear Tikamdas,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated December 6, 1975. In the beginning of publishing Back To Godhead I was printing with Sarasvati Press in Calcutta, but the others I cannot remember.

Regarding your question, There is really a place as Vaikuntha, beyond this dark material universe. In the material world if our consciousness is changed to Krishna then even here is vaikuntha consciousness. This is very easy to understand. Suppose one is a foreigner in India, but still he can continue his European or American consciousness. The process for doing this is bhakti yoga and the beginning of that process is hearing and chanting the Holy Name of Krishna, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare. Please chant Hare Krishna and be always in Krishna consciousness.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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December II, 1975

My Dear Uttamasloka Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I read your Sankirtan news letter with great relish. Europe and America are in great danger, this Hare Krishna movement is enveloping them. The Sankirtan devotees are very very dear to Krishna. Because you are doing the field work of book distribution, Krishna has immediately recognised them as true servants. Just like during war time, a farm boy or ordinary clerk who goes to fight for his country on the front, immediately becomes a national hero for his sincere effort. So Krishna immediately recognises a preacher of Krishna consciousness who takes all risks to deliver his message.

It is called Dhira bratta - determination. These boys and girls are mahatmas, Mahatmanas tu mam partha, daivim prakritim asritah, bhajanty ananya manaso, jnatva bhutadim avyayam " O son of Pritha, those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature. They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible." this verse is applicable here, if these boys were under material nature they would not take so much risk, they are mahatma, they are real mahatma, not that long beard and safron cloth mahatma. They are unswerving in their determination, dhira bratta. All glories to the American devotees :

I hope this letter finds you and all the sankirtan devotees well.

Your ever well wisher,

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December 17

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My Dear Svarup Damodara Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 29, 1975. I have noted the contents carefully. Your book is selling very nicely in south India, people are appreciating it very much. This scientific book should be done very carefully, so that people in general may not be misled by the over intelligent scientists. There are so many contradictory things, but we have our authority and they have their authority. Our knowledge is from vedic scriptures which we accept as definite and without any mistake. A modern scientist believes that there was no civilisation before 3,000 years, our Bhagavatam was spoken by Sukadeva Goswami 5,000 years ago and he is explaining "as I have heard it from authority", so we have got param-para system for millions of years. If there was no civilisation before 3,000 years, then how this subject matter of knowledge could be discussed? How could it be received through the param-para system? So there is contradiction certainly. But the statement that there was no civilisation 3,000 years ago can be adjusted by the conviction that there was civilisation, millions and millions of years ago.

For more information regarding vedic astronomy you can consult any learned astronomer, there are many in Calcutta, my Guru Mharaja was also very learned in this field.

My point is life comes from life. They say life has come from chemicals, so how these things can be adjusted? Besides that the scientists change their theories after some years, this proves that they have no perfect knowledge, otherwise where is the necessity of changing? That is the basic point of our argument. Perfect knowledge is never changeable. If we can prove that life comes from life, or the soul is from the supper soul, then all other things can be brought into serious consideration. So you try to prove that chemical combination can never bring about life, this is our main argument. If we can prove this particular subject matter, that the soul cannot be manufactured by combination of chemicals, then gradually we can prove that vedic knowledge is perfect, while other sources of knowledge by speculation and imagination are all wrong.

The other day I was talking on the morning walk about the sun globe. They say because it is fiery there cannot be any life there, but sometimes we see a big iron factory is full of flames from the chimney at a long distance, but does it mean there is no life in the factory? Fire is one of the five material elements, and Bhagavad-gita says that the soul is never burnt by fire. So in the sun globe if the living entities have a fiery body, just as fish have body suitable for living in the water, so how is it that there is no living entity in the sun globe if they have a body suitable to live in the sun globe? In the vedic literatures it is said that there are germs (agni pok) within the fire. There are so many contradictions, but we have our own defence. Why should we blindly accept imperfect scientists, they are imperfect because they are changing their position in the name of progress. The word progress is used when there is imperfection at the beginning. So this regular changing of standard knowledge in the name of progress proves that they are always imperfect. It is a fact that they are imperfect, because they gather knowledge with imperfect senses. At any rate we cannot deviate from vedic knowledge.

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India

December 17, 1975

My Dear Rocan das,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you for your letter dated November 30, 1975. First of all produce your own food grain, milk and vegetables, eat as much as absolutely necessary, dont eat more, and in this way keep your health. Follow the regulative principles and then if there is time left over you can divert your attention. But I think you should not waste your time in any other thing except Devotional service and maintain the body in proper order. Unnecessarily you should not waste your valuable time.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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December 17, 1975

My Dear Mahamsa Maharaj,

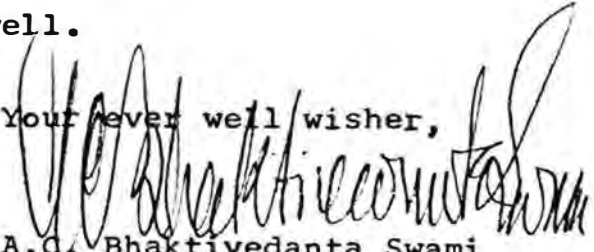
Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 December 1975.

I am pleased to note that everything is progressing nicely. Regarding the loan you do not have to repay it immediately, but as soon as possible .

Naturally the sankirtan men traveling with the bullock carts are blissful. It is Lord Chaitanay's engagement. Lord Chaitanya personally travelled all over India for 6 years. His program was simply kirtan and prasadam distribution. Lord Chaitanya never spoke philosophy in public. When he met big scholars like Sarvabhauma Bhattacarya he spoke philosophy, otherwise for the mass of people, kirtan and prasadam distribution. So continue this program, it is very pleasing to Lord Chaitanya.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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December 17, 1975

Sriman M.N. Chaudhuri,  
Deppt. of Development and Planning,  
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Raj Bhavan, Calcutta

Dear Sriman Chaudhuri,

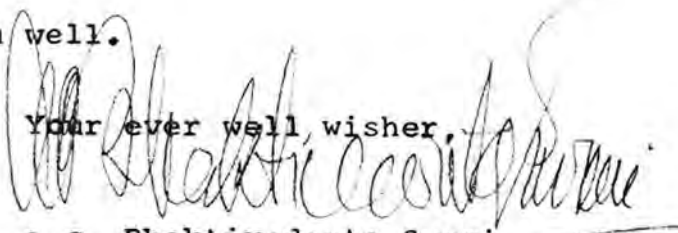
Please accept my blessings. I am very pleased to meet you the other day at the airport of Delhi. I think it was ordained by Lord Krishna because I need your help in the service of Lord Krishna.

The bearer of this letter is my secretary of our Mayapur establishment, and he will explain to you about our activities there. It will be a great satisfaction if you kindly visit our Mayapur establishment to see how things are going on there. We are developing a plan there to be self sufficient. Namely to produce our food grains, maintain cows for drinking milk, and weave cloth for garments, and for this purpose we want a considerable tract of land. For this purpose I wish that the government may acquire some land for us so that we may develop our plan, and I hope you can help me in this connection.

Sriman Jayapataka will further explain to you in this connection, and I hope you will kindly do the needful.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

  
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Hare Krishna <sup>L</sup>and,  
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Bombay, India

December 18, 1977

My Dear TulsiaDas,

Please accept my blessings. Thank you very much for your nice letter. I can understand from your letter that you are very intelligent. Generally India people are not taking up this movement, although it is their original culture, they are now in favor of economic development and technological advancement which can never do any good to the people in general, neither material nor spiritual. After all a living being lives by the grace of God. We cannot eat nuts and bolts, however nicely they may be manufactured. We live by food grains, vegetables and milk products as it is stated in the Bhagavad gita " All living bodies subsist on food grains which are due to rains and rains come by proper performance of sacrifice " Human life is meant for sacrifice to please Vishnu. Bhoktaramyajna tasyam, sarva loka mahesvaram, " The sages knowing me to be the ultimate purpose of all sacrifices, the Supreme Lord of all planets, and the well wishing friend of all living entities, attain peace from the pangs of material miseries "

So if we want to be happy in this life and the next we have to worship Vishnu. What Gandhi did to satisfy Vishnu ? He was trying to satisfy his country, and his country killed him. He manufactured so many things which were never found in Bhagavad-gita. Throughout the Bhagavad-gita Krishna is encouraging Arjuna to fight, and Gandhi manufactured non-violence from Bhagavad-gita. Everyone in India knows the Mahabharata, the great battle of Kurukshetra, 640,000,000 soldiers gave up their life in that battle, and Krishna was personally instructing Arjuna to fight, and Gandhi took Bhagavad-gita and preached non-violence. So what was his understanding. At the end of his life he frankly said, " I don't believe there was ever such a historical person as Krishna ". So what did Gandhi know about Bhagavad-gita ?

My only credit is that I have presented Bhagavad-gita as it is, without any speculation, or interpretation, therefore for the first time in the history of the world people are accepting it and living practically according to the principles of Bhagavad-gita.

I understand that you are translating Bhagavad-gita as it is into Malayalam language. Hansadutta has spoken to me about you. Please send me a sample, and we will see about its publication and distribution in India. Maybe in the future you will like to come to India and help preach this message to your countrymen.

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December 18, 1975

My Dear Achyutananda and Yasodanandan Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings . I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Dcember 11, 1975.

The books are already on the way. Sankirtan will always be a priciated, because it is the special blessings of Lord Chaitanay Mahaprabhu on the people of this fallen age of Kali. Sukadeva Goswami says, this age is an ocean of faults, but there is one boon, in this age one gets the same result as was achieved in former ages through elaborate temple worship, costly sacrifices, or introspective meditation, simply by chanting the Holy Name of The Lord. It is for this reason only that this Hare Krishna movement has spread so quickly all over the world. The people of this age are so fallen they are like cats and dogs. What cats and dogs will understad about philosophy ? If a dog is barking and you speak with him very nicely " my dear dog, please try tocontroll your barking, it is very disturbing" will he be able to understand ? therefore we simply throw him a bone, and he is satisfied. So distribute prasadam, and chant Hare Krishna. For the mass of people this is the only medicine. Lord Chaitanya never spoke philosophy in public, he held kirtan and distributed prasadam. When he meet Sarvabhauma Bhattacarya he talked high philosophy, otherwise, Chanting and prasadam distribution.

I hope you are well.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Bombay, India

December 22, 1975

My Dear Guru das Maharaj,

Please accept my blessings. I have received the letters of appreciation of your preaching work. Thank you very much, you are very competent, and if you continue like this you will get strength from Krishna more and more.

I always say, man is good, and woman is also good, but when they combine, then they become bad. Before there was so much difficulty, but now you are doing well and Yamuna dasi is also doing well, and I am very pleased with your work. Please continue like this and keep me informed.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Your ever well wisher,

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**DATE** December 31, 1975

My Dear Mahavishnu Prabhu,

Please accept my blessings I am in receipt of your letter dated December 12, 1975.

It is very unfortunate that Savitri devi dasi meet with such a bad accident. The material world is full of danger at every step. Even a great devotee like Bishma meet his end by being pierced with hundreds of arrows, but he was so powerful that he waited in that condition to see Lord Krishna before he passed away. These are the examples of Bhagavatam, and we have to try to follow the instructions of such great personalities. Please offer my blessings to this nice girl and prayers for her well being.

Regarding your getting married, I have no objection. However as a Brhamacarie you are not obligated to marry, what is the advantage to your getting married ? that should be considered. if one can remain Brahmacarie that is best. Finish this life and go back to Godhead, that is the basic idea of Krishna consciousness movement. So you decide.

The Edinburgh temple may be moved. However Hansadutta Prabhu has suggested that if it is to be moved why not move it to Birmingham or Manchester where there will be more facility to preach and make life members and devotees.

I hope this letter meets you well.

Your ever well wisher

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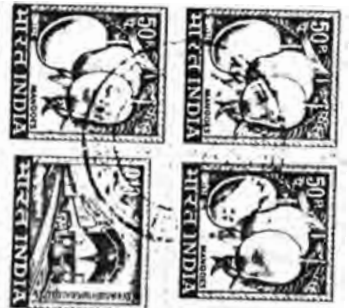
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P.S. As you have recommended, I accept Jagaddhatri devi dasi for 2nd initiation. Now you must hold a fire ceremony. She should hear the mantra from the tape recording through the right ear. Brahmin initiation means to be very clean, inside and outside. Inside by chanting the glories of the Lord, and outside by bathing regularly, washing hands and mouth after eating. Instruct her on all of these things and do it yourself, as

example is better than precept. So far as Savitri getting her 2nd initiation you have written to say that she had difficulty now to even chant a few mantras. So you must observe first wether she will be able to keep the Brahminical vows strichtly in her condition at this time. If you still think so you may write me again.

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