

Tridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER: Los Angeles

DATE ..... January 9 1974

Dear Sukadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 4, 1974 and I have examined the contents.

It is good news for me that our Seattle, Washington temple is growing under your able guidance, and I am much obliged to you. It would not be possible for me to preach all over the world except for your cooperation, you and your Godbrothers and sisters who are maintaining centers all over the world.

Your plan, therefore, to leave and take Varnaprastha is not advisable now. Better you remain there and go on with the preaching work, maintaining the devotees and approaching innocent persons. I think you have already a good preaching field there. After you are fifty years of age you can consider this move. Please consult with Karandhar who is GBC for your zone, in this matter.

Your ever-well-wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Dear Mukunda,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 27, 1974 and I have carefully examined the contents.

Regarding your proposed newsletter to all-ISKCON branches for recruiting men for agricultural work at Bhaktivedanta Manor. This is not a practical plan. No one from a foreign country will go to London for agricultural work. If you cannot find local men, how can you expect men from other countries to come and work? I have experienced that even men of this country do not go to New Vrindaban. You know, Sruti Kirta who was my personal servant. He has now become married and Kirtanananda Maharaj asked him to go to New Vrindaban but he said he doesn't like farm life. People are now accustomed to live in the city and if all of a sudden he is transferred to the village then certainly he feels difficulty. Especially in the western countries, gradually even farmers are leaving their professional business and going to the city to enjoy facilities there. If you get local men to work at this agricultural attempt that will be better. Otherwise, don't spend time and money in distributing this newsletter.

You are thinking of many plans but without consulting me do not enact anything. I have received your telegram that you have stopped release of the Gokula Vrindaban literature, per my telegram. There was a picture of a cow's head and you have painted it according to your own idea. It was a cow's head with t-lock and no body of the cow. How did you think like that? A cow's head is an advertisement for the slaughterhouse or for a beef shop, and you have painted one with t-lock. I think your thinking is not always to the standard. Don't spoil much time in that kind of thinking. Try to read our books. You are the president there so you must be very conversant with our philosophy. The other picture was objectionable because the photo of our temple is advertised as Goloka Vrindaban. It has, however, already been advertised as Bhaktivedanta Manor, Headquarters of European ISKCON. I am pleased that you stopped issuing the literature. But people will not be induced to come by issuing some literature. In the temple there must be activities which will attract people to come.

Our activities are arotik, kirtan, classes, just as we do here in Los Angeles. Everything is done in conformity to a regular standard. For example, all the temple members, without exception must rise by 4:AM and attend mongal arotik. Everyone living in the temple must agree to the standard by proper understanding of the philosophy of tapasya. We cannot expect our guests to follow all our principles, but whoever lives in the temple must follow. That means all must sit down together and hear the Bhagwatam class just as I held it day after day when I was at the Manor. There should be a regular daily schedule of events and it should be followed closely. After the class and breakfast everyone should go to their respective duties, deity worship, sankirtan, clean-

and so throughout the day this atmosphere of constant engagement will produce the truly happy result of transcendental life. So you should set the example and also see that the others are following. Our buildings are not for our sleeping in and eating like hotels, but whoever wants to join us should understand the philosophy of regulated devotional service. Here in L.A. they have elaborate Sunday festivals and erect a tent on the front lawn. There are hours of kirtan, a philosophic lecture and lots of sumptuous prasadam distribution. Another thing is, here they have a 24 hour security guard, with pistol and holster who is in the temple at all times. So you should do this like this.

From your letter I can understand that you are always working hard and trying to improve things there. I am very much obliged to you for this and please go on in this spirit more and more improving the temple atmosphere.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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FROM: A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
CENTER: Hotel Ilikai  
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January 16, 1974

Dear Sukadeva,

(text indistinct) I (text indistinct) to acknowledge (text indistinct) letter of January 3, 1974.

I have accepted as my disciples those devotees you (text indistinct) recommended for initiation, and there spiritual names are as follows: (text indistinct)

Please hold a fire yajna for these devotees and speak at (text indistinct) importance of keeping the promise made before Krsna and the spiritual master. If one cannot keep the promises made at initiation, then why come forward and ask for initiation?

Krsna consciousness is the greatest science of God, and it brings one the success of human life, to go back to home, back to Godhead, so we require sincere, serious disciples to themselves become perfect and then distribute this message all over the world. You can send their beads for chanting to Kirtanananda Maharaj.

I have also accepted upon your recommendation, Prabhanu das, Jagadisvani devi, dasi, Sura das, Vidhatri devi dasi, Ragamathani devi dasi and Nistula das for second initiation. I have enclosed (text indistinct) sacred threads and gayatri mantras. Have them hear the mantra by me through the right ear.

You have inquired about taking varnaprasta. It is better to give your attention to your duties of managing that center and the devotees in your charge rather than think of giving up present duties. After you are 50 years old you can consider this move.

I have head (heard) good reports of the Seattle center, so please remain enthusiastic and continue distributing my books, and chanting Hare Krsna. When you were in Los Angeles, I was pleased to hear your spirited leading of the kirtans.

Your ever well wisher  
(?)/s A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DATE ..... January 26 1974

Dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 22, 1974.

Your report is a very good one and very pleasing to me. Your combining enthusiastic programs of both sankirtan and temple worship in San Diego, should be followed by all our centers.

As for first initiations, I have accepted the devotees whose names you have recommended to me, and their spiritual names are as follows:

Jeannie Pennera-----	Kāmātavi devī dāsī
Ray Flores-----	Rudravapu dāsa
Mark Weldman-----	Natanga dāsa
Daniel Koenig-----	Dhanādhyaksa dāsa

Regarding second initiation, I have been asking the president's to consider the devotees they want to put forward for brahmana before asking me to accept them. The criterion is that they must be initiated for one year, and during that time they have to be following the prescribed chanting of at least 16 rounds, and all the regulative principles. I am also asking that they write a statement before you in all seriousness stating that they have not broken any of the promises of the first initiation, and that they will go on steadfastly chanting the prescribed rounds. In this way I am hoping to stop whimsical recommendations for second initiation. So please follow this rule. You can ask me freely to make devotees initiated for first initiation provided they are enthusiastic and following the rules, but be very cautious before awarding second initiation, even though you have a need for brahmanas in the temple.

Regarding Rathayatra, I think there is no need for you to have a separate festival since you are so near San Francisco. But you may hold other festivals in San Diego, as you describe in your letter. That will be very pleasing for everyone.

I shall be glad to see you and the devotees from San Diego at our grand meeting in Mayapur for Lord Caitanya's Appearance Day.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Received  
Please accept my blessings  
for the letter dated January 22, 1974

FILE

2/12/74

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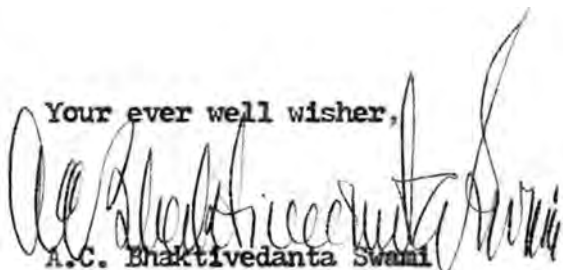
My Dear Patit Uddharan das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 21, 1974 and have noted the contents. It is nice that you had a nice Diwali-Goverdhan Puja celebration. I have not received any photos however. Regarding the Indian gentleman, he can go to Dallas and teach Sanskrit and English, or he can come here to Bombay if he likes.

As you are doing secretarial duties there at the Manor, there is one matter I would like you to look into. There is one man Mr. Mody. What happened? He is a big man. Now Kaulsalya has irritated him. Try to compromise the situation, and inform me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



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*Sridandi Goswami*  
**A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami**  
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CENTER: Mayapur Candrodaya Mandir  
Sridham Mayapur,  
Nadia, West Bengal

DATE ..... March 7, ..... 19<sup>74</sup>...

Dear Murlidar,

Please accept my blessings. I have received your letter sent to Mayapur with a list of questions regarding your painting pictures for my books. The answers are as follows.

1. Kardama Muni should look something like you have pictured Vysadeva, with beard and top knot of hair, not as you have pictured him in your drawing. Generally munis have beards.
  2. a) The kinnaras and kimpurasas should look like demigods.  
b) Ghosts and hobgoblins look all right as you have them pictured.  
c) There is nothing peculiar looking about Yaksas and Raksasas; they are meat eaters. Just as meat eaters in the ordinary world do not look different. You may show them eating meat, or something like that.  
d) The Manus should look like kings, they should not have beards, but mustaches.
  3. As far as wearing beards one class of men like Adwaita Prabhu never wore clean shaven appearance but always had a beard. The other process is to be nicely clean shaven, by the barber. King Prataparudra was a king so he should not wear a beard but mustaches.
  4. Swarupa Damodar should look like a brahmachary. He should not have a beard.
  5. In Panca tattwa everyone has an effulgence, but especially Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda
  6. The Mayavadi sannyasis generally wear their dhotis up over their knees, and because Lord Caitanya took sannyasa from a Mayavadi sannyasi He is shown like that.. So He is seen like this as a sannyasi.
  7. Lord Nityananda never took sannyasa. He was independent, like a brahmachary, and later he became married.
  8. You may depict both the sages and Yaksas on the ground in the battle with Dhruva.
  9. Yes, show Dhruva's soldiers along with him.
  10. Ghosts sometimes manifest a body and sometimes they do not. When they took a body it was golden.
  11. Dhruva was a Vaishnava, portray him like that. There is no harm that he have a mustache, also helmet, ornaments, and pearl necklace.
  12. Svayambhuva Manu is a king, portray him with mustaches.  
Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya is clean shaven.
  13. The picture you have enclosed of Siva Linga is approved by me and it is in the right proportion. It may be black or white according to the stone.
- Feel free to write me if there are further questions so that our paintings are completely bonafide by the parampara.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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New Delhi, India

DATE .....March 11.....1974

My dear Tarun Kanti Babu,

Please accept my blessings. Since I attended the meeting last night I am feeling a new enthusiasm, over how potential the Krishna Consciousness movement is, based on the teaching of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Your good family has very great interest in Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, and especially your grandfather Mahatma Sisir Kumar Ghose was a great friend of Bhaktivinode Thakur. So we are coming down in disciplic succession from Bhaktivinode Thakur and you are coming in family succession from Mahatma Sisir Kumar Ghose, so if we combine together in preaching the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, it will be a great benediction to human society for mitigation of all kinds of problems' of material existence.

This morning you were quoting from Sri Siksastaka, "Ceto darpana marjanam bhava maha davagni nirvapanam." This is the first installment of the benediction of Sri Krishna Sankirtan. "Param vijayate Sri Krsna Sankirtana." First of all, people are suffering on account of misunderstanding of self realization. The whole world is moving under the conception of the body in different names as caste, creed, nation, culture, like that. By chanting Hare Krishna Maha Mantra offenselessly, one immediately realizes himself as spirit soul which is described in the Vedas as aham brahmasmi. The Mayavadi philosophers cease to think further than this, but Bhagavad gita teaches us how to realize further advancement in spiritual life in devotional service. This is described in Bhagavad gita as follows:

Brahma bhutah prasannatma  
na socati na kanksati  
samah sarvesu bhutesu  
Mad bhaktim labhate param

So bhakti is such a nice thing. Bhakti is transcendental. When one is situated in bhakti life his mission of life is successful. That is called "ceto darpana marjanam bhava maha davagni nirvapanam." Everyone of us is suffering from the three fold miseries of material existence. Coming to the platform of bhakti, pure devotional service, one immediately ceases the blazing fire of material existence. That is the effect of Sri Krishna Sankirtan. The whole world is in chaotic condition without understanding this philosophy.

In the material life there must be division of activities. That is accepted in the Bhagavad gita as

Catur varnyam maya srstam  
guna karma vibhagasah  
tasya kartaram ap mam/viddhy akartaram avyayam

So in the beginning if we start a varnasram college to teach internationally students from all over the world to learn to be educated as brahmanas, as Ksatriyas, as vaisyas, as sudras, by quality and work, that will be the basic principle of Krishna Consciousness. It is the duty of the government to see that everyone is employed. This is only possible when varnasram is established. At the present moment everyone is a sudra. This is not very good for the human society. Everyone has a right to approach the Supreme Personality

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of Godhead but there must be a process for keeping the society in order. The intelligent class of men or the brahmanas, the martial class of men, the kshatriyas, the productive class of men, the vaishyas, and the working class of men, the sudras, all have the right to chant the Hare Krishna Mantra and by such devotional service everyone will be elevated to the transcendental platform. But there must be a division according to quality and work. At the present moment, so many so-called educated persons are unemployed because the division of work is neglected. If this division of society is maintained no one will be unemployed and there will be no unrest in society. It is a very scientific way of keeping peace in the world.

The brahmana class should be highly cultured in spiritual understanding; by their Vedic knowledge they will be able to educate the kshatriya and the vaishya in the value of life. It is the government's duty that according to the division of human society everyone should be engaged in responsible duties. On the whole, at the present moment, there is no guidance from the authorized intellectual class. Therefore everyone is in darkness. The Krishna Consciousness movement is supposed to create actual intellectuals to guide society. The process is very simple.

If you kindly consider on this point and the varnashram college is started, I am sure the chaotic condition of human society will be completely settled up. You think over this matter and we shall talk more when we meet again. Or if you like to discuss seriously by correspondence with me I shall be very glad to reply to you point by point on the basis of shastra.

Your ever well-wisher,

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CENTER: Krishna Balaram Temple

Raman Reti, Vrindaban,

Mathura, U.P. , India

DATE ..... March 14 ..... 1974

Memorandum to All ISKCON Centers

My dear disciples,

Please accept my blessings. Now that our ISKCON is growing into a huge, world wide organization, it has come to my attention that sometimes centers are printing my literature, taking collection and spending all outside the jurisdiction of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust. This must not go on.

I specifically formed the BBT to invest in it exclusive rights for the printing of all literature containing my teachings, writings and lectures. In this way the collections are to be divided fifty percent for printing new books and fifty percent for construction of temples.

The BBT can authorize a center to print, as in the case of foreign translations, with the agreement that when the foreign printing becomes financially solvent they will pay royalties to the BBT. But all printing of ISKCON literature must be by the BBT or under their sanction and approval.

If temples print independently it will be at the cost of the books I am, myself printing, and could eventually cause the financial ruin of the BBT, meaning I could not order new books from the printer or have sufficient funds for construction of temple projects.

I trust this is now clear and you will all do the needful. If you have any questions in this matter you can write me directly or consult with the GBC representative.

Your ever well-wisher,

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Krishna Balaram Temple  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban,  
Mathura, U.P., India

March 17

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Dear Dr. Ghosh;

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter of 10 March 1974 and I have noted the contents carefully. I am very much pleased to learn you are so much advanced spiritually. I have seen your book, Panchamrta, and found it very interesting. I can understand you are following the impersonal aspect of the Absolute Truth, but I am glad to see you have chanted the Holy Name of Lord Krsna. This is the only process: Kaler dosa-nidhe rajann asti hy eko mahan gunah  
Kirtanad eva krsnasya mukta-sangah param vrajet In this age of Kali yuga everything is full of faulty things and the only remedy is to chant the Holy Name of Krsna. That is the injunction given in the Vedas. In any condition anyone can chant Hare Krsna Maha Mantra and by doing so one can be elevated to the highest platform. Param vijayate Sri Krsna sankirtanam This is a verse of Sikshastak by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I am also very glad to hear you want to retire completely from materialistic life and devote yourself fully to the service of the Lord. The service of the Lord can be done directly as Krsna says, Sarva dharmam parityajna mam ekam saranam vrajam. There is no need of rendering service to the deridras in order to reach Krsna. Of course we can show our mercy to the deridras, there is no objection, but this philosophy that Narayan comes in the form of deridra to receive our service is against our philosophy. Deridra is deridra, Narayan is Narayan. Narayan demands service directly not through deridra. But we can show our mercy to deridra, that is a different thing.

There are philosophic difference between other schools and the Bhagavad gita. I wish that you live with us for some time. Wherever you like, either Mayapur, Vrindaban or Bombay. We have books, about 20 in number, about 400 pages each, especially on the basis of Srimad Bhagavad gita, Srimad Bhagwatam, Caitanya Caritamrita, Bhaktirasamrita sindhu etc. I know you are very studious and I request you to become a member of our society so you can get all the books free of charge. Anyway, it will be a great pleasure for me if you can come and live with me for some time. From here, Vrindaban, I am going to Bombay, at the following address: Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Road, Juhu, Bombay. Conveniently you may try to come and live with me for some time. Our philosophy is Krsnas tu bhagavan swayam. The Supreme Personality of Godhead is Krsna and by His instruction we can become the supreme perfect: mam ca yo'vyabhicarena bhakti yogena sevate sa gunan samatityaitan brahma bhuyaya kalpate

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CENTER: Hare Krishna Land  
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Juhu, Bombay 54

DATE ..... March 23 ..... 19..74.

Dear Bhakti das,

Please accept my blessings. I have received from you the name of one devotee recommended for second initiation, Santipani devi dasi. So I am enclosing one gayatri mantra. Have her hear the mantra through the right ear, of me chanting gayatri. I have already cautioned you that the second initiation should be given out only when you are certain that the devotee is really following all our principles, so now instruct her further on the seriousness of following the regulative principles of Krsna Consciousness. All the devotees there are in your charge so by your example they will best be encouraged to enthusiastic advancement.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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**DATE** April 5, 1974

Dear Sukadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, undated, and I have noted the contents.

Your write that our society should provide some medical facility, insurance or personnel to handle devotees who become chronically ill and thus ostracized from our society. Of course this kind of management of affairs is better handled by the GBC which I have created for this purpose! I cannot be expected to handle problems of this sort while at the same time writing my books.

First of all, there is no question of a devotee becoming ostracized because he has become ill, nor do I think this is being widely practised. Who has been ostracized? One of the symptoms of a devotee is that he is kind, so if our Godbrother becomes ill it is our duty to help him get the proper medicine and treatment so that he can recover. Recently our Giriraj became chronically ill in India and had to return to the U.S. for proper medical treatment. There, in our Los Angeles center, he was given his own room, and was able to recuperate comfortably, and now he has returned to his full duties in Bombay. Now, Tamal Krsna Goswami has just had a successful hernia operation which was arranged free of charge at one of the most modern hospitals, and there is also a girl devotee undergoing operation there also. Tamal Krsna is now living in a room at our temple; the devotees see that he gets all facility, a hospital bed, proper prasadam, and personal care and visiting. So there is no question of ill treating of our own Godbrothers simply because they are sick., nor should you allow such neglect to go on. So long we have this material body there will be sickness, but we have to remain on the transcendental platform nevertheless.

As far as a centralized medical plan for the whole society, no such plan or facility or insurance has seemed practical as yet. The best thing is to work it out locally, try to find the services of a free medical facility in Seattle, or some way that sick devotees can be cared for; that is your responsibility. I think further questions of this sort can be handled by the GBC.

Your ever full-wishes

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April 8

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Dear Shyamsundar Brahmachari,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3/4/74.

I have not visited Jagannath Puri because my men are not allowed to see the Deity. When you arrange that we can visit the temple with my disciples then I can come immediately. Now I am in India up until May 15 then I am going to Europe to visit in France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany etc., and then I will come back and remain until the end of August, and then go again to England, and the U.S. This is my program. I am still here until the 15th of May. I am going to Hyderabad on the 19th of April and then going to Tirupati. So from there I can go to Jagannath Puri if arrangements can be made.

It is very regrettable that these European and American boys who are purely Vaisnava and who follow all principles are not allowed by the rascals to enter the temple. As stated in the Padma Purana: arcye visnau siladhir gurusu naramatir vaisnave jatibhuddhir.

I do not know what makes the management take this attitude. If you can remove this restriction you will do a great service to the Gaudiya Vaisnava community. According to shastra anyone who wears telok and sika and kunti over and above the Vaishnava dress or Vaishnava sannyasi must be accepted especially while chanting Hare Krishna mantra with bead bags. Kindly convince them and induce them to allow these Vaishnavas to enter Jagannath Temple.

One friend in Orissa has offered to give us land in Buboneswara and I have a desire to construct a big Jagannath temple there for our men if we are not allowed to enter Jagannath temple in Puri. In Jagannath temple people come from all the Indian states. Now when Jagannath has expanded His jurisdiction over the whole world why the so called servants of Jagannath should not allow them to see the Lord of the Universe? I don't know their philosophy.

We shall see that your copies of Back to Godhead are dispatched to you.

In conclusion, I shall come to Jagannath Puri as you have kindly insisted, but only when they allow entry to all my disciples.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Dr. Shyamsundar Brahmachari

~~Shri~~ Purushottam Math

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April 10, 1974

Dear Bhaktijan,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 1, 1974.

Since you are facing so many difficulties alone in Harlem, New York City, I think it would be better if you return to Mayapur, under the direction of Bhavananda Maharaj and Jayapataka Maharaj, and I have no objection to your return there.

Now that the building there is complete, we are making it an ideal ashram. So if you go back there, you must find a suitable engagement. It is not a place simply for sleeping. If you think you can find suitable engagement there and stay always engaged either in chanting, reading, cleaning or some other work, then it will be nice. As far as funds for returning there, you will have to take collection there in New York. So I think this plan, as suggested by you, is best.

Your ever well-wisher,

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DATE April 11, 1974

Dear Dayananda,

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29, 1974 and I have noted the contents.

It is extremely assuring to me to hear that Gurukula is doing nicely. The importance of the school in Dallas cannot be overestimated, both for our ISKCON movement, and for the outsiders as well, indeed it is important for the whole world. I was discussing this point in my lecture last night here in Bombay, that human life means tapasya, and tapasya must begin with brahmacaryena, life at Gurukula. The boy is supposed to lie down on the floor, collect alms for the spiritual master---not that they are trying very hard to make a comfortable material arrangement. But the result is that although in this age everyone is born a sudra, we are producing first class brahmanas who can actually do good for their fellow man

I think also that you are the right man to be in charge of our school, It is especially nice to hear that the boys are becoming first class preachers; that is especially needed. Without preaching our institution becomes all rubbish. So it is very good they are becoming good preachers

So along with Jagadisha you investigate the practical aspects of expanding by purchasing new buildings. Expand, develop, and make it a unique institution.

As for Canakya sloka, I think the best thing is if I translate it myself and send it to you for printing, rather than wait for Pradyumna.

Please go on developing nicely. When I come to the U.S. next time I would like to go to Gurukula and stay there for some time.

Your ever well-wish,

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DATE ..... April 13, ..... 1974 .....

Dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 27, and I have noted the contents. Now Madhudvisa Maharaj has written me that you have been posted as president of San Francisco, and that you are very enthusiastic to increase all programs there. I do not know who is now president of San Diego, but I will answer the points in your letter.

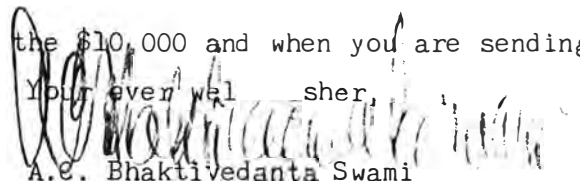
I never said I was displeased with the American temple presidents for not sending more money to India. You go on expanding there as you are doing so wonderfully. When there is spare money that can be sent to India. For example, you write that you have received an extra \$10,000. So that can be sent immediately to my personal account in the Punjab National Bank, Vrindaban which is in the name of the Mayapur-Vrindaban Trust current account number 668.

There is no question of installing more than one set of Radha Krsna deities. The smaller set of Radha Krsna deities may be set on the altar at the feet of the larger ones, as you describe. But they are not installed.

Regarding Srinivas Swarupa it is very pleasing to hear that this Indian boy wants to surrender his whole life to Krsna. There is no harm if he finishes college and gets his degree. If possible, he can live in the temple and attend the university daily. At any rate, he should carefully follow all the regulative principles and associate with his fellow devotees as much as possible. The university is well known for demonic association, but if he is able to keep up his devotional practices and protect the creeper of devotional service, then he may complete his degree. I think there is more advantage in Bir Krsna remaining fully engaged in his temple duties than in going back to college. What would be the practical benefit of such degree?

So many new devotees are coming there in San Diego. Now instruct them carefully and keep them in your care.

Please inform me when you actually receive the \$10,000 and when you are sending it.

Your ever wel sher,  
  
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DATE ..... April 24 ..... 1974

Dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 21, 1974, and I have examined the contents.

Regarding your report on construction progress I am glad to hear the building is roofed, however what about the backside residential quarters? Please give me up to date information on all phases on the construction.

As for the purchase of a car for Vrindaban, we shall first finish the construction and then we can think of the car.

I have received a letter from Tejyas on the same day as yours. I am sending him the checks he has requested for construction, but he has requested one check for "Lalit Prasad", for Rupee 3,000 which you say is a down payment for four sets of clothes for the deity. But we cannot pay for these dresses. It was already agreed that you and Yamuna would collect separately for the deities, not that it would come out of the construction fund, but now you and Tejyas are requesting it come out of construction. Besides that, why go to the tailor? Lalit Prasad charges extraordinarily. We don't want to go to them. Whatever our devotees can make, that is all right. Have you already contracted from them? This check cannot be issued neither is it our plan to pay from construction for the deities. Where is the money you collected for this purpose?

When you next meet Dr. Kapoor offer him my respectful obeisances. I am sure Viswambar Goswami is educated, and advanced in judgement and I am pleased he is not disturbed. But Dr. Kapoor can expose Purusottam Goswami about his deal with the late Purit Goswami of the Gaudiya Math. If the mystery of his acquiring 50,000 rupees of books from Puri is exposed then his so called leadership will come to an end. He knows better than I and you can ask him about Purusottam Goswami's acquiring books from Puri--which is a mystery not yet disclosed, but every Gaudiya mission man knows the incident..

Your idea to have Hari Goswami conduct a deity worship class starting July 1st is a good, welcome idea. One defect in Hari Goswami is that although he wants to cooperate he wants to keep himself a little aloof as a goswami. I wish that he should mix with us with open mind, without reservation. Sometimes he hesitates to accept prasadam from us and he likes to cook for himself. If he desires to cook that means he keeps aloof. If he kindly teaches our men how to cook and worship the deity and he also takes prasadam along with us it will be a great achievement. Of course it depends on his discretion, but if he keeps aloof from us that is not very much desirable. At least he should come forward on the sastraic injunction, arcye visnau siladhir gurusu naramatir vaisnave jati-buddhir. I do not think there is any difference in the method of deity worship he is teaching but you can also consult me.

You ask me how to recruit strong devotees to come there. You have to prepare strong devotees, not import them. You yourself become strong devotees and teach others by your example. Importation is not a good plan; everyone should be strong by behavior and action.

Your friend and well-wisher,

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DATE .....19.....

My dear Acarya Prabhaker,

Please accept my greetings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 24/4/74 and I have noted the contents carefully.

Sometimes in the year 1950 or 51 I first met you in Jhansi and since then we were very intimately connected and you took Hare Nama from me and I also expected in the future both of us would preach the Krsna Consciousness movement all over the world. So practically more than 20 years have passed and you are working in a different field of activities. I am also working in a different field of activities. But by Krsna's grace again we are trying to come to one platform. Your statement that present educational system has produced no good effect is confirmed by the sastra:

Yasyasti bhaktir bhagavaty akincana/ sarvair gunais tatra ~~sam~~ste surah  
harav abhaktasya kuto mahad-guna/ mano-rathenasati dhavato bahih  
Human life is especially meant for spiritual education or Krsna Conscious education. For eating, sleeping, sex life and defense it is not very much necessary for the human being to receive education, because naturally every living being has natural education for these demands of the body. Therefore for the human being spiritual education is essential: atatho brahmajijnasa. You are a competent scholar and very intelligent personality so if you understand this philosophy of life then immediately I shall be able to cooperate with you.

Our Krsna Consciousness movement is specifically based on Bhagavad gita as it is. We accept Krsna the Supreme Personality of Godhead with full opulences of wealth, power, potency, beauty, knowledge and renunciation. If we want perfect education then we must follow the principle of Bhagavad gita. Such education will help the whole human society, in all different fields of activity, social, political, religious, cultural, economic and soon. If you take up this principle then the educational department should be divided into four divisional departments for advancement of knowledge. There are many departmental institutions for giving education just like medical, engineering, legal, administrative etc. But there is no educational institution where real ideal Brahmanas are educated; according to Srimad Bhagavatam brahminical culture, or to educate a certain section as ideal, perfect persons is essential in human society. At the present moment all over the world, hardly you will find such ideal men on top of society. So this class of men is essentially required if we want to keep peace and harmony with one another. I am trying to do this work and now we have got a very nice place in Bombay. I invite you immediately to come and see the place and I am prepared to amalgamate or affiliate your institution with ours. I think when I was in Delhi I went to this place Kirti Nagar and stayed two or three days with you.

You are paying Rs 1,250 rent--that is not very much considering present circumstances. Please let me know the area of the place and under what terms you are in possession of the land. If possible, you can immediately go to my secretary at the following address: G 12 Ananda Niketan Extension, New Delhi 110023. My secretary's name is Tejyas das Adhikary.

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DATE .....19...

We have a temple there and the quarter is very nice. But if some suitable arrangement is made we can take up your place at Kirti Nagar on the approval of my secretary there. So the best thing is you may come immediately at Bombay at the above address and probably I may go back to New Delhi along with you because I have to go to Vrindaban before I go to Europe. I am expected in Rome on the 23rd of May and then Geneva, Paris, Stockholm and London and then I will return to India. In Vrindaban I am constructing the big temple you have seen. I hope you will approve my scheme in Vrindaban.

On the whole, it is Krsna's grace that after more than 22 years you are still coming nearer for cooperation so please let me know when you are coming

Yours affectionately,

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DATE ..... May 2 ..... 1974

My dear ISKCON artists,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of April 19, 1974 and have noted the contents. I will answer the points as best as I can.

1 Fresh rice and paddy grains are simply some grains. Still in this country sandalwood <sup>pulp</sup> and rice grains are used to put on the forehead in different blessings

2 Sachi should wear a nice sari and nice ornaments, wearing vermillion on the part of her hair. She is dressed not like a queen but a well to do householder.

3. As a baby, boy and young man Lord Caitanya should be dressed opulently. Ornaments are essential

4. Show the land opulent for the appearance of Maharaj Prthu.

5 } These questions require researching the Bhagavatam. I have asked Pradhuma to look  
6 } them up for you

7. No Prthu does not have effulgence. He was a saktavesa avatara, a living entity empowered

8. Druva should be just as he is shown in your sketch.

9 The sketch is all right. An orange=red dhoti is all right.

10. The airplanes are all right as drawn.

11. The demigods planes are almost equal to the aikuntha planes.

12. Yes, the inhabitants of a particular vaikuntha planet have the same arrangement of symbols in the hands. Nanda and Sunanda should hold as follows: lower right: conch, upper right: disc, upper left: club, lower left: flower.

13. Pracetas should be not clean shaven, but with beards as mendicants.

~~14x~~ Shiva is different colors. Not always yellow. There are eleven kinds of rudras.

14. No, Shiva should not be wearing a garland of skulls. Yes, he can be wearing a short dhoti.

15. They should all be standing around the fire at the sacrificial altar. Do not show the horse there.

16. Yes, although you may not know what Maharaj Prthu or Sita look like, they are present in your paintings due to your consciousness.

I am always pleased and looking forward to seeing more beautiful pictures in our books. In India we make life members simply from the high quality and appearance of our books with illustrations. Our society is unrivalled in this respect and this is your credit who are working so selflessly to illustrate my books. Thank you very much,

Yours ever well-wisher,

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May 3, 1974

Dear Trista Hubbard,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 25th, which I have only received recently due to touring.

You have very thoughtfully asked me what do I think of the Self Realization yoga and meditation. We are not concerned with other religions or yogas in terms of competition or sectarian spirit. Actual spiritual knowledge is to take the authoritative statements from the scriptures and from the great acaryas, spiritual masters in disciplic succession. Other's opinions are not important. For example, in the Bhagavad gita, Lord Krsna gives His opinion, but He is accepted as the Supreme Personality of Godhead by all the great sages of the Vedic philosophy including Vyasadeva the compiler of all the scriptures, as well as Narada, Brahma, Siva and in the modern time, Ramanuja, Sankaracarya, Lord Caitanya etc. They all confirm that Krsna is the supreme truth, the Personality of Godhead. Although this is plainly described throughout the Vedas, you will not find it in the teachings of the so called swamis and yogis who are teaching nowadays. Therefore you have intelligently discovered that in my Bhagavad gita the approach is very different from what you have found elsewhere. That is because I am not trying to avoid Krsna or give some misinterpretation, but I have accepted the actual Bhagavat gita, wherein Krsna says, Mattah parataram nanyat, there is no truth higher than Me. Nowadays so called gurus are promising us that we ourselves can become equal to God or that God is impersonal, or that everyone is God, but nowhere is this stated in the Bhagavad gita or any other Vedic literature, nor is it taught by any of the great spiritual masters above mentioned.

My point is that when we say "self realization" it does not mean that one should realize that He is the Supreme. Real self realization means to understand that you are the eternal servant of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and perfection is to develop love or bhakti, loving service in relationship with that Supreme Personality of Godhead. One who teaches

other conclusion from that of the Bhagavad gita and the succession of acaryas is certainly not a guru, and in fact according to Lord Krsna, he is a fool, (the word Krsna uses is mudha, ass, rascal). So we have to examine whether the person who is presenting himself as our guru is actually in knowledge of the science of Krsna or whether he is leading us away from Krsna, or leading us to hell in the name of yoga mysticism. In this connection, the chanting of Hare Krsna is very efficacious because it develops personal relationship with the Personality of Godhead and cleans the heart of sinful reactions. Please go on reading our literatures and pray to Krsna to give you the right direction from within how to approach a bona fide spiritual master for advancing in spiritual life.

Your ever well-wisher,

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The Management  
Tirupati-Tirumala-Devasthanam  
Tirumala, Andra Pradesh

Dear Sirs;

I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude for the kind treatment given me and my disciples, members of the Hare Krishna Movement on our recent two day visit in Tirumala. The special excess we were given for darshan before Balaji is something we will always remember favorably, and for my American and European followers it was a rarely given privelege for which they are fully appreciative. We all left Tirupati feeling very much inspired by the darshan and by your excellent management, and we hope to return when we are able again.

If there is any land available, either for purchase or donation, we would be interested in constructing a cottage for the exclusive use of members of our society when they make pilgrimage to Tirupati. Please advise us on the availability of such land. Again thanking you for your excellent hospitality,

Yours faithfully,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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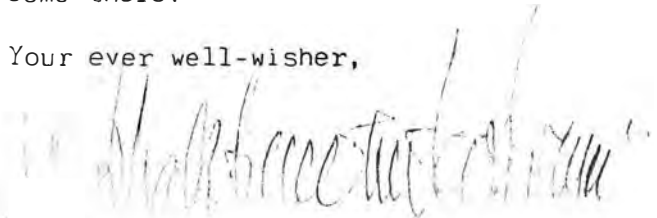
My dear Govinda Das.

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 30, 1974 and have observed the contents.

The enclosed newspaper story, "Krishna followers freed from police harassment," is just further testimony of the great victory made by Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Chicago. I understand that the Chicago area is the most lucrative place in the world for distribution of our books and that you have done very careful work in getting all permission. Therefore this rumor that within a few years there will be police repression and people will have no more money to buy books and sankirtan will stop is completely bogus. Whoever told you that is a rascal, saying it in my name. I never said that. Rather sankirtan movement will expand, continuing so long as we are sincere. When I came in the beginning I began to expand it and it is now going on and there is no question of it stopping. Therefore go on with your life time plans making secure in distributing of books. There is no cessation. This movement is eternal.

It is very wonderful news that you have permission to hold Rathayatra downtown on the main street on Saturday, July 6 and tens of thousands of people will view the cart. I have been invited to attend the Rathayatra in San Francisco which is July 8. So I am hoping also that I will stop in Chicago on my way to San Francisco and observe the festival with you. I will interm you further regarding sending us plane tickets when our European tour is more fixed up. We can discuss further your plans for securing a new building when I come there.

Your ever well-wisher,



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DATE .....May 12.....1974.

My dear Lilavati,

Please accept my blessings. As for your questions you have asked for clarification in the KRSNA Book when Maha Visnu says to Krsna and Arjuna that you are my incarnations in my appearance as Nara-Narayan. So you are asking how this can be so. <sup>The answer is</sup> as when Krsna comes all the incarnations are within him. Actually this is a very intricate question. So not be so concerned about it now. When you become more advanced you will be able to realise these things.

You have asked if the Yadu dynasty has continued beyond Satasena. Yes, there are ksatriyas who claim to belong to the Yadu dynasty to day especially in Mathura and nearby places.

How to acquire the quality of patience. Caitanya Mahaprabhu has already given us that answer: One can chant the Holy Name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking himself lower than the straw in the street, more tolerant than the three devoid of all sense of false prestige, and ready to offer all respects to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the Holy Name of the Lord constantly. So there will be that in our preaching we will meet with many tribulations, that is patience.

So I understand you are recuperating from an operation. So spend this extra time reading all our books, chanting as many rounds as possible, and if you can going on typing my tapes.

Your ever well-wisher,

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DATE May 15, 1974

My dear Jadurani dasi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter, and I have examined the contents.

You mention that in the picture where Lord Caitanya is discussing with the Kazi about cow killing, Lord Nityananda is there with a drum,. No, there is no mention of Him being with a mrdunga. He should not have a shaved head as a brahmachary but in the same feature as we always see the two, Gour Nitai. Nityananda was brahmachary and became grhasta but you should always paint them in the Gour Nitai style and feature you are already accustomed to doing.

Do not feel frustrated about the slowness in producing paintings. Simply paint as many as possible.

Your ever well-wisher,

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May 16

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Dear Sri Panalalji,

Kindly accept my greetings. I beg to thank you for your letter of 11th May, 1974 and I have noted the contents. Your suggestion that "a few learned persons well versed in sanskrit and English be enrolled as members of the Society and then sent to foreign countries to preach"--is a very good suggestion.

We are of course increasing the number of centers all over the world, but the difficulty is that as soon as foreigners accept the cult our men in India especially the rigid Brahmin society does not accept them as regular Vaisnavas. In some temples they are not even allowed to see the deity. The learned sanskrit scholars with English education must be well versed in the Vaisnava sastras, especially Bhagavad-gita and Srimad bhagavatam. In the Bhagavad-gita it is clearly said that anyone even from the lowest papayoni can be elevated to Krsna Consciousness and thus go back to home, back to Godhead. Similarly in the Srimad Bhagavatam it is said

By Krsna's mercy and the unlimited potency of Lord Vsnu, anyone can be purified as and Vaisnava and elevated to the Supreme position. Unless one learns this philosophy ~~thoroughly~~ he cannot become a preacher however learned and educated he may be.

Regarding the article published in Back to Godhead 53 there was nothing wrong in that article rather it was the same statement as you said, "in a holy place sins are magnified four fold etc." But some interested persons who come within this category are making malicious propaganda taking advantage of the article. Anyway, we have published a Corrigendum for being published in Back to Godhead, the copy of which is enclosed herewith please find.

Regarding religious sentiment, according to Srimad Bhagavatam there is no question of religious sentiment but religion. Religion is described as codes given by the Supreme Personality of Godhead. \*Dharmah saksat bhagavat. Anything not given by the Supreme Personality of Godhead is not accepted by the Bhagavat school as religion. In the beginning of Srimad Bhagavatam it is said, Dharmah projjhata kaitavo. This kaitavo religion means cheating religion. Sriman Sridhar Swami the original commentator of Srimad Bhagavatam says religious systems up to the idea of liberation are cheating. So to preach Bhagavat religion sometimes we have to quote from the shastras what is not palatable to unscrupulous so called religious persons. But in preaching we cannot do without quoting the proper verses. Sometimes they take it adversely and we become subject to unwanted criticism. Actually there is no religion in the world accept Bhagavat religion, namely surrendering to the lotus feet of the Lord.

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\* Dharmantu saksat bhagavat pranitam

Na vai vidur rsayo napi devah  
Na siddhya mukhyah asura manusyah  
kutanu vidyadhana caranadayah

This means the bhakti marga is the only religion. Sa vai pumsam paro dharmo .... Sarga dharmah parityajna mam ekam saranam vrajam Our Krsna Consciousness movement is to accept the Supreme Personality of Godhead Krsna as the Supreme Being and act everything for His satisfaction only. We do not accept the principle of as many gods as one can imagine. God is one and He cannot be imagined; He is fact. Of course, sometimes we feel a little difficulty preaching this cult in India but we do not feel such difficulty outside of India. Although Indian people are by culture God conscious yet on account of vigorous preaching of the Mayavadi philosophy that god is impersonal and can be imagined in any way by the fertile brain of a person as he likes, the whole Mayavadi philosophy is based on this imagination. We don't imagine God. Krsna is not imagination. He presented Himself 5,000 years ago as He is, and we are presenting Krsna as He is. We are presenting Krsna's philosophy and teaching as it is and what can we do more? But this process of presentation has become fortunate and we have become successful. I do not wish to change the process. I hope you will appreciate this process of preaching to please the facts as they are confirmed by all Vaisnava acaryas. We are publishing our books thoroughly on the basis of this philosophy and recently the report is that in highly educated circles of scholarly people in the universities they are taking interest very rapidly in our Krsna Consciousness movement. Here is an excerpt from a recent letter from our propaganda office: "Yale University and Temple U. have now ordered 60 volumes of your Divine Grace's Bhagavatam set, and Yale also ordered 12 volumes of your Divine Grace's Caitanya Caritamrta set...Professor Mckinnon of St. Joseph College in Philadelphia is planning to have the college order the entire set of Bhagavatam..."

I am going the day after tomorrow to Vrindaban, and from there I shall go to foreign countries, Rome, Geneva, etc. I am coming back before Vrindaban will celebrate Janamastami and I invite you cordially to our opening ceremony. When I go to the USA I shall try to send you Articles of our Society, but we have different memorandum in different countries, they are not one and the same.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My dear Rupanuga Maharaj;

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 21st, 1974.

I am not interested to spend money for your political party neither engage our men to divert attention from spiritual progress for political propaganda. So studying your letter thoroughly I have come to the conclusion you may stop the political program. It will not benefit our real spiritual position.

My only idea was to point out to the public that unless you have purified leaders there is no possibility of advancement even in the material condition. I had no idea to spend money and energy of our society in a way which is not our real spiritual life. As for the Harmonist articles, they are not bad, but the same thing could be presented in our Back to Godhead.

Your ever well-wisher,

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My dear Sukadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge your letter of April 16, 1974.

I am glad to accept the devotees recommended by you for first initiation, and their new spiritual names are as follows:

1. Jerry S. Macdougall====Jalākāra dāsa
2. Michael Askvig=====Manusutaṣṭadāsa
3. Allen Conticchio=====Anagha dāsa
4. Deborah Conticchio====Dhanāśrī dāsi

Now take good care of these devotees so that they they remain always enthusiastically engaged in chanting, hearing, reading our books and following the regulative principles. The initiates beads may be chanted on by the GBC representative for your zone, Jaitirtha das Adhikari, and you may hold a fire yajna in the temple.

Your ever well wisher,

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DATE June 4, 1974

My dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge your letter of May 21st and I have noted the contents.

I am certainly making all plans to attend Ratha yatra in Sanfrancisco on July 7th and 8th. I will be going to Australia for their Rathayatra on June 29th and after that Jayatirtha is arranging my tickets for coming to U.D. I would like to attend the Rathayatra in Chicago on July 6th and, come to Sanfrancisco on the evening of the sixth, so you may prepare to receive me then.

Regarding your looking for a more suitable building and location for the Sanfrancisco temple, one thing is be very careful you dont again buy aplace in a bad neighborhood or neighborhood that is about to become bad. And although you are at the same time looking for a farm community land outside the city, you must keep a temple in the city of Sanfrancisco also. So we can discuss things further when we meet.

Your ever well-wisher,

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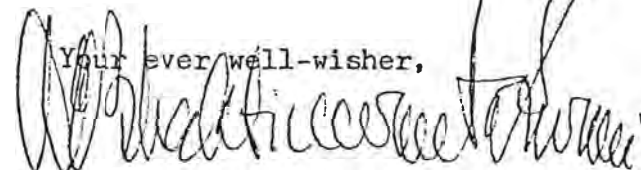
My dear Rabindra Swarupa,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated June 5, and I have carefully noted the contents.

I am glad to hear you have immediately stopped political campaigning on receipt of my letter. I have written a number of letters to the persons involved explaining how we can not spend money and manpower on this project in competition with the big politicians. Therefore I have asked that it be stopped.

I want to thank you a hundred times for the excellent way you are worshipping the Deity there as I can see from the color photographs you have sent. From my very childhood I was also worshipping Lord Jagganath. When I was six years old my father gave me a ratha and I was performing the Ratha yatra in my neighborhood. And now in the western world you are worshipping Lord Jagannath so gorgeously and it pleases me very, very much. Thank you again for the way you are conducting the deity worship in the Philadelphia temple. As for the Ratha ceremony, you go on with it, I shall attend there next year. But you go on holding a splendid ceremony for the people of the city. I am sure it will be a success.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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ISKCON  
424 Woodlawn St.  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

# ISKCON



Date 24 June 1974

Founder-Acharya : His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Central Bank of India  
Gowalia Tank Road Branch,  
Bombay, India

Re: Account Number 16066 in the title of  
The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust

Dear Sirs:

Please be informed that it has hereby been resolved by myself, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, the Settlor, and the Trustees of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, that the following persons shall henceforth be empowered to act as signatories and executors of the above mentioned account at your bank:

- 1) A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami
- 2) Giriraj das Brahmachary
- 3) Karandhar das Adhikary

I, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, the Settlor of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, shall have full power and authority to act alone on all matters pertaining to the above mentioned account; whereas Giriraj das Brahmachary and Karandhar das Adhikary, Trustees of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, shall have the same powers by acting conjointly on all account matters.

Thank you for the attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
Settlor

Gridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER 14 Burnett St.  
St. Kilda, Victoria  
Melbourne, Australia

DATE  
June 28, 1974

My dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter of June 17, and have carefully read the contents.

I am glad to hear you have been thinking of me and have arranged a nice house near the temple for my stay there. As you know, I will be arriving 6:30 P.M. from Chicago on United airlines on July the 6th. I am also looking forward to attending the grand festival of Lord Jagannath.

You have said rightly when you write that the devotees are working to please me by distributing my books. My mission on behalf of my guru maharaj and Lord Caitanya, to spread Krsna Consciousness would never have been so successful if it had not been taken up by enthusiastic boys and girls such as in San Francisco, especially through distribution of books.

I can, however, only stay a few days in San Francisco after the festival. I am due back in Vrindaban, India by about the 25th of July, and I wanted to visit Los Angeles as well as other cities in the U.S., so that does not leave me much time for staying in one place. My plan presently is to leave S.F. for L.A. on the 11th July. So any engagements you can make in S.F. before that time will be fine.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/sdg  
Bhakta dasAdhikary  
ISKCON  
455 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, California 94103

P.S. From my observation Srila Prabhupada seems to be finding a little from so many engagements. I would, therefore, go easy on his outside engagements. He'll have plenty to do just talking with all the U.S. ISKCON leaders who will want to see him. If you have someone extremely prestigious and he can see him on a very prestigious engagement he could go.

*Tridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER: 14 Burnett St.  
St. Kilda, Victoria,  
Australia

DATE ..... July..1.....19..74=

My dear Gurudas,

Please accept my blessings. I am spending my last two days in Australia and after this I shall go to the U.S.A. In the meantime, I wish to give you some instructions regarding our Janamastami installation in Vrindaban.

The main thing is the ceremony shall be conducted by our own men. We do not have to be dependent on taking help from persons who will not even eat with us, thinking us inferior. All over the world, in Paris, New York, Australia etc., our men and women are worshipping the deity very nicely and I am very proud of their worship. There is no reason why we have to think we are dependent on any Indian goswami in order to conduct our ceremony in Vrindaban. So you understand this and be convinced of it, and let them come as invited but we shall conduct the affair ourselves.

You can also arrange to have the Her Govinda dramatical players and our own players as well. There should be abundant prasadam for whoever comes all day long. The kitchen should go on. So see there is sufficient stock of rice, attar, ghee. The life members should be especially cared for and invited. We shall manage our own affairs. If they come that is good but if not we shall manage. From our side everything should be done nicely.

All big officers in Mathura and Vrindaban should be invited. Goswamis and godbrothers also. Also invite local Marawadis and invite Parthak also. Practically by distributing a general invitation card we shall invite everyone. All the inhabitants of Vrindaban will be invited to come and see the deity and take prasadam. There should be special arrangement for life members, Mr. Birla and many other respectable visitors. There is no question of money. Let it be a first class, 1-A arrangement. Krsna will provide all expenditures so try to make it gorgeous. Gorgeous means sufficient stock of prasadam and temple decorations as gorgeous as possible. The internal management of dressing can be done by Yamuna, Madira and Jayatirtha they are all expert. The shastric direction can be from Pradyumna.

Furthermore, try to get the land if possible within one lac rupees. If he doesn't agree we don't mind, we can see the other land. Also Mr. Jai Purna of Karnapur came to see me, so invitation should be extended to him. Invite all local asramas and sannyasis as well. I do not hear of Pranava; I sent him a telegram but there is no reply.

The whole management should be done combinedly. Do not fight amongst yourselves, that is my only anxiety. I shall leave for Vrindaban by 25th July. In the meantime, reply to me at L.A.

Your ever well-wisher,

ACBS/sdg

Sriman Gurudas Adhikary

Krishna Balaram Temple

Raman Reti, Vrindaban, U.P.

*A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER: 455 Valencia St.  
San Francisco, Ca.

DATE ..... July 8 ..... 19 74

My dear Bhakta das,

Please accept my blessings. I have gladly accepted for first initiation those devotees recommended by you and their spiritual names are as follows.

Tom Guild-----Tattvavit dasa

Art Yri-----Acyuta dasa

Debbie Yarber---Dhanistha devi

Leaf-----Lila smaranam devi

Bala-----Bala dasa

Now be sure these devotees know and vow to follow the four rules and that they are chanting at least 16 rounds daily. Initiation does not mean they have completed all spiritual perfection and now they can relax but it means now they have begun spiritual life. If they are true to their vows they will find all perfection in this life and be eligible to go back to home back to Godhead.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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ISKCON  
455 Valencia St.  
San Francisco, Ca.

PS. I have also accepted Charles and /Alice French for first initiation and Sriman Brikasanga das Raksana das Srimate Havirdani dasi and Kamatavi dasi for second initiation.

Now go on following all the regulative principles c and enthusiastically engage yourselves twentyfour hours in the service of Sri Sri Radha and KRSNA. Alice's spiritual name is Atma-maya dasi and Charlie's is Tapan Misra das.



*Tridamni Goswami*

# *AC Bhaktivedanta Swami*

*Acharya: International Society For Krishna Consciousness*

3764 Watsska Ave., Los Angeles, Ca., USA

14/7/74

Swami B.R. Sridhar

Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math

P.O. Nabadwip, Dt. Nadia

West Bengal, India

DATED

Mr My Dear Revererd Sridhar Maharaj:

Kindly accept my humble dandabats at your lotus feet. I am very much thankful to you for pour kind letter dated 17/6/74 and your kindly accepting my invitation during the opening ceremony of our Krishna Balaram temple in Vrindaban. Of course it is provisional if your health is in good order.

I am so much thankful for your appreciating my preaching work in the Western countries. Fortunately these American boys and girls are so kind upon me that we are happily preaching this movement all over the world. This time my world touring covers many European cities like Rome, Geneva, Paris, Frankfurt,; then I went to Australia to Melbourne, then to Chicago via Figi and Hawaii. From Chicago I came to San Francisco and at present I am staying at Los Angeles. From here I shall go to Dallas, Texas. From there I shall go to West Virginia to our center New Vrindaban. From there I shall go to London. In London our Ratha yatra festival has been held up, and I think behind this obstruction there is some communal feeling. The local religious sect is not always happy on account of our movement being so fast growing. Especially thousands of young boys and girls are interested in this Krishna consciousness movement. So I think there is some plot to check up this fast growing movement. We are trying our best to counteract this opposing element but everything will rest upon Krishns.

Regarding your coming to Vrinbaban during our festival, I may assure you that I shall arrange for your comfortable journey in the following way. One way is to come to the Dum Dum airport from Nabadwip by car, and then fly to Delhi, and then to Vrindaban by car. this will take a few hours only to reach Vrindaban. Another second alternative is to come to Howrah Station by rail, then take the Delhi Express in First Class, and come directly to Mathura, and from Mathura directly to Vrindaban. So as soon as you decide, everything will be arranged for your good self as well as one accompanying servant. If you so desire some of our god brothers whom you select may come with you, and you may let know there names, and I shall issue invitational cards to them.

Regarding preaching tour, it has become a little difficult for me because I have got the same heart trouble as you have, and still I am moving just to encourage these young boys who are working on my behalf.


You will be glad to know that our books are selling very nicely. Last year we sold about four million books, and this year within six months we have completed last years quota, and therefore we can reasonably expect to double the sale of last year. The only difficulty is that we are expanded worldwide organization, and it requires very

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acute management to keep up the status quo. Sobhy Krishna's  
grace everything is going on nicely, and I am reaching India  
by the 26th of July.

I am yours ever sincerely,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami  
ACBS/bs

5430 Gurley St.

Dallas, Texas

July 17th

74

MEMO TO ALL CENTERS

To all GBC and Presidents:

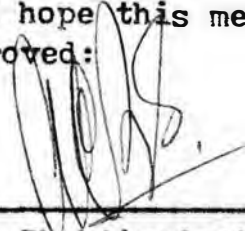
Please accept my humble obeisances at your feet. Srila Prabhupad has especially requested that henceforth there should be no approaches made to Alfred Ford or his family members for donations for temples. Prabhupad will personally handle these types of communications between Alfred Ford and our Society.

Also all devotees when writing a letter to Srila Prabhupad should include the return address on the letter and not only the envelope. Sometimes the envelope gets lost, and if there is no return address on the envelope it is difficult to address the reply. All temples should be sure to print their full temple address on their letterhead, and not just have the name of the society with a blank space for the camp address which is sometimes omitted by the writer of the letter.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Approved:

Your servant,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Your servant,

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# ISKCON

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS

Founder-Ācārya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

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AMMENDMENTS TO BE IMMEDIATELY ADDED TO ALL  
OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, CONSTITU-  
TIONS, INCORPORATION PAPERS, ETC.

1.) It is declared that His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad is the Founder-Acharya of (ISKCON) International Society for Krishna Consciousness. He is the supreme authority in all matters of the society. His position cannot be occupied by anyone else, and his name and title must appear on all documents, letterheads, publications, and buildings of the Society.

In particular it shall be clearly understood that no real estate may be purchased or sold by any officer of the Society without the express permission of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad, the Founder-Acharya of ISKCON.

2.) There shall be a Governing Board Committee of trustees appointed by the Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad according to the document Direction of Management dated July 28, 1970. The GBC is to act as the instrument for the execution of the will of His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad.

Dated at New York, July 22, 1974.

Approved:

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami,  
Founder-Acharya

Signed:

Brahmananda Swami,  
GBC, Zonal Secretary

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26/7/74

Gandhi Gram Road  
Juhu, Bombay-54 India

His Holiness Sudama das Goswami

ISKCON

1578 Ala Aolua Loop

Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

My Dear Sudama Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding the initiations, I have duly initiated them as follows:

Matt Johnson- Mahaksa

Greg Price- Daksa

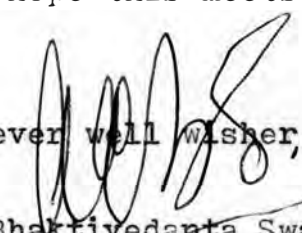
Rick Parish-Rtu

Mike-Manohara

I also accept Sukhi devi for twice born brahmin initiation. So you can chant on the beads as it is required and hold a fire sacrifice and let the new brahmin hear the mantra through the right ear from the tape of my recording.

More when we meet in Vrindaban. 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:**

**International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

**CENTER** Krishna Balaram Mandir

**DATE** 9/8/74

Raman Reti, Vrindaban

Dist. Mathura, U.P.

Sukdev das Adhikari

ISKCON

400 18th Ave. E.

Seattle, Washington

My Dear Sukdev das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 2, 1974 and have noted the contents. You have mentioned that you want to write a book, but instead of writing books, you should read and explain my books to others. Reading and writing are the same, sravanam kirtanam vishnoh.

You say that Krsna is sending you only one new devotee every six months, but He says in the Bhagavad gita that out of millions of men one only becomes a devotee. You have sent a list of six men for initiation, so why you are disappointed? Do not think of changing the place. Stick to that place and chant Hare Krishna. Krsna will send more men, rest assured. Devotees may come or not come, but you do your duty.

The men you have recommended I accept as my disciples, and their names are as follows:

John Phillion-Jyotiraditya dasa

Shannon Phillion-Sarada

Sherman Alston-Shasta dasa

Karen Alston-Krsnapriya dasi

Eric Thomas-Aja dasa

John Rowe-Jagadadija dasa

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

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

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

14/8/74

His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
ISKCON  
3-4-18 Shimoochiai  
Shinjuku-ku  
Tokyo, Japan

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. You have sent some money for Mayapur and Vrindaban projects and I am very much thankful to you. This money was properly utilized for development of the Mayapur and Vrindaban schemes. Now I am in Vrindaban, but you may have been informed that the opening ceremony has been postponed until the temple and ashram are completed.

I would like to know how much money you have collected and how it was spent. Formally it was understood that money was paid to Dai Nippon and BBT paid to M V Fund.

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, Vrindavan  
Dist. Mathura, U.P.

8/19/74

Mr. F. Attar  
c/o Arthur Young and Co.  
5th Floor Iranian's Bank Bldg.  
Avenue Takht, Jamshid  
Tehran, Iran

My dear Atreya Rsi,

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 28th 1974. I am glad to note that you had nice Rathayatra festival for the Indian community there. I am especially pleased to note that for Vyas Puja and Janmastami you have so many Iranian devotees there. This is your real success if you can convince the local men to become Krishna Conscious. This is preaching. You know that I went to your country America alone. None of my godbrothers helped me. But, I was able to convince you to become Krishna Conscious. Now you can convince others. This is Krishna Consciousness.

Please increase the preaching activities there and I will surely visit you there on the next opportunity.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandira  
Raman Reti, Vrindavan  
Dist. Mathura, U.P.

8/19/74

Sridhara das Brahmachari  
ISKCON Bombay  
Hare Krishna Land  
Gandhi Gram Road  
Juhu, Bombay-54

My dear Sridhara das,

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated Aug. 14th, 1974 and have noted the contents. Yes you are correct that even though you do not consciously try to create misunderstanding still it seems to always come to you. Samsara davan alalidha loka tranaya karuna gana ganatvam praptasya kalyana gunarnavasyam bande guro sri caranaravindam. This is the nature of the material world.

I am glad to hear that now in Bombay finally you have good facilities for eating and sleeping, other-wise how will you live? It is also good that Mr. Chandrai has donated a water filter.

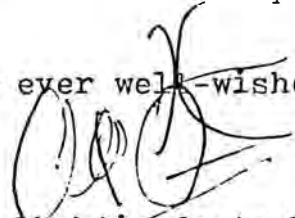
Regarding your question about eternal spiritual and temporary spiritual, the temporary spiritual is the impersonal brahmajyoti. The impersonalists by severe austerities and penances arise to the Brahman effulgence. But it is only temporary. Eternally we cannot remain aloof. As living entities, we want pleasure in association; therefore we see in the material world where for sense gratification the karmis take so much responsibility. First of all they accept one wife. The more he enjoys the wife, the more he becomes implicated. So, this means that we must have pleasure even at the risk of gross implication. Therefore our Krishna Consciousness movement is that we want pleasure

but without any implication. This is happening actually. All of our Krishna Consciousness students they are enjoying life without any implication.

The impersonalist who prefers to merge with the Brahman effulgence has no shelter at the lotus feet of Krishna. Therefore such impersonalist even though raised to the Brahman platform come down again to the material world for pleasure's sake. In India you will find many sannyasis who merge into the Brahman effulgence, but without any pleasure there, they come down to the platform of material activities of opening schools and hospitals--Daridra Narayan, etc. Such men with poor fund of knowledge do not know that in the material world however you try to arrange things very right, it will always fail. But in the spiritual world the spiritual varieties displayed by Krishna along with his associates gives eternal pleasure. That is wanted. The Brahman effulgence, there the pleasure is temporary.

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, Vrindavan  
Dist. Mathura, U.P.

8/20/74

Caru das  
3764 Watseka Ave  
Los Angeles Cal 90034

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My dear Caru das.

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 26th 1974 with the enclosed slides. I appreciate your interest in making the Krishna book film but it is not important for now. I therefore think that you could use your talent better if you work with Yadubara. In Hawaii I understand that he is making TV programs. So you can go and help with him. I do not care very much for these filmings because by presenting Krishna in this way it makes it something like fantasy. It is better to have people to read my Krishna books what I have written so that they can understand Krishna fully. I think you can understand this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Gridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER Krishna Balaram Mandir

DATE 30/8/74

Raman Reti, Vrindaban

Dist. Mathura, U.P.

Sriman Upendra das Adhikari

ISKCON

641 Ramona Ave.

Laguna Beach, Ca. 92651

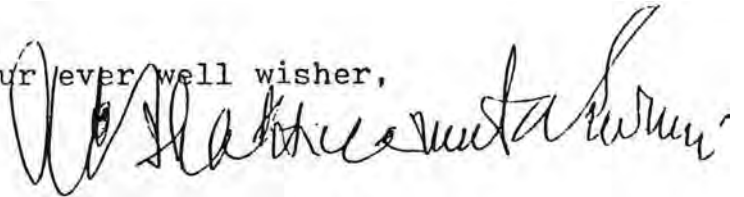
My Dear Upendra das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt' of your letter dated August 16, 1974 and have noted the contents. So you have returned, but now you must be very careful not to become rubbish. If you are keeping long hairs, they must be removed. All of my disciples must be clean shaved. Even anyone who stays with us must be clean shaved. They can visit, but anyone who wants to remain with us. must be clean shaved.

So for a time you may come here to India. Yes, I know your wife, she is of nice character and chaste girl.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS/bs

Krishna Balaram Mandir

3/9/74

Raman Reti, Vrindaban

Sriman Aksobhya das Adhikari

Gurukula

5430 Gurley St.

Dallas, Texas 75223

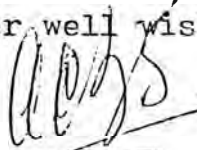
My Dear Aksobhya das:

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the Krishna Bowl game, and it should be stopped immediately This thing will be a taxation on the brain on the young children. Why are you inventing? Why you are not satisfied? You are all only inventing and spoiling money You should teach the children perfectly Sanskrit and English instead of spoiling time and money The children cannot pronounce correctly the Sanskrit. Let them read it correctly, that is wanted first They must pronounce nicely English and Sanskrit The English is no difficulty If you can do this, then your education is all right.

You may intorduce contests, but if the children and also the older devotees cannot pronounce Sanskrit correctly, it is all a useless waste of time

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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3/11/74

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

3/9/74

Sriman Rsavdev das Adhikari  
641 Ramona Ave  
Laguna Beach, Ca. 92651  
My Dear Rsavdev das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16/8/74 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I am accepting the following as my initiated disciples and their names are as follows:

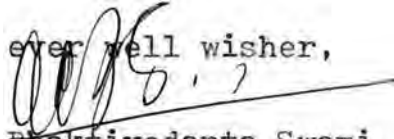
1. David Bowmar- Dhanviganesa das
2. Kenneth Venezia- Kalanka das
3. James Sullivan- Jagattraya das
4. Walter Parry- Vrindapati das
5. Michael Matlock- Mangaladata das
6. Christina Wroth- Kriyasakti devi

Please see that they strictly follow all the principles, chanting 16 rounds daily. This is also for the older disciples as well.

Yes, as you have suggested Dr. Wolf-Rotkay can write to me requesting initiation.

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  
Dist Mathura UP INDIA

7/9/74

Srinan Batugopala das Adhikary  
15720 Euclid Ave  
E Cleveland Ohio 44112 USA

My Dear Batugopala das;

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated August 21, with enclosed photographs. So Kirtananda Maharaja has installed Deities. But without twenty devotees how you can have Deities? Your men are coming and going so why you are having Deity installation? You must have twenty devotees. Kirtananda Maharaj, he should supply those devotees since he has authorized the installation. You can name the Deities, Radha-Murlidhara.

Regarding taking the Deities out on sankirtana as advised by Tamal Krsna Goswami, occasionally the Deities may come and go, however you can let Tamal Krsna Goswami guide you in this connection. Regarding having your wife do the management if there are no men available then what can be done? But now there is some difficulty in the management there is no question of opening up any restaurant. Do not open any restaurant.

I am glad to see that you are living an ideal grhastha life. That is very good. The more you will become Krishna consciousness the more you will forget sex life. Sex life is the original root cause of material bondage. When one takes to Krishna consciousness gradually sex at last becomes abominable, then he is fit to enter back to home back to Godhead.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Kris na Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban

7/9/74

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Sriman Ansadutta das Ad ikari  
ISKCON  
3764 Watseka Ave  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My Dear #ansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 10, 1974 forwarded from Bombay. The photo you have sent is a nice picture. I am getting it framed. So in Germany when I was there I was very, very oneful. There is good scope for preaching Krsna consciousness there. The people there are ~~very intelligent~~ They are prepared to accept the real truth. Germany was always famous for its intelligent population. You are also appropriately fit to push on this cult in Germany. It will be a great success. Get the German people to take this movement seriously. Utilize the money you are collecting there for printing more and more books in German language, and profusely distribute our books in German language. I am very pleased that you are printing in German the books you have mentioned.

Regarding the farm, the exhibition is there in New Vrindaban. Kirtanananda Maharaj has organized very nicely. The same principle you can follow and organize it in Germany. Let the people be happy with self-sufficient food grown in the field with milk products. When I was in Frankfurt round our place I was so happy to see the farms and the cows. Unfortunately they will kill the cows. So if we organize a farm without killing any cows, that will be a great example in that country. Instead of killing cows, if we let them live, we can get so many nutritious foodstuffs filled with vitamins. I have seen in New Vrindaban how our devotees are living there with free air, fresh vegetables, and ample milk. Simple living in cottages. What do you want more? We should not neglect the upkeep of the body, and we should save time to chant. ~~are Krsna~~ This mission should be propagated. Save time and chant ~~are Krsna~~.

Now you publish in German language all our books and distribute. Krsna will help you in every respect. The BBT collection should be spent 50% for publishing and 50% for construction of temples. At the present moment the Mayapur-Vrindaban projects are going on, so as soon as there is an excess of money it should be utilized here. Not a single farthing should be invested in any business enterprise. Formally it was so done without any sanction. So be careful. Regarding printing, you can print in U.S.A. or any other country. U.K. also has big presses, I have heard that Belgium is also good. Also Holland, and Germany is also good.

P.T.O.



2. #ansadutta .....

Try to revive t#e Rat#a Yatra next year in London Agree to follow all t#e~~re~~ instructions, but t#e rat# must move in procession as it was done previously People enjoyed it, bot# European and Indian Everyone enjoyed W#y t#ere s#ould be t#is restriction for public enjoyment? T#is is injustice bot# to t#e Indian and European people.

Regarding Mad#avananda #e will work more and more ent#us- iastically Bot# #usband and wife Combined toget#er t#ey can do #erculean task And t#ey are devotees also. #e is good worker Encourage #im It is nice t#at you are pur- c#asing t#e #ouses in front of B#aktivedanta Manor Yes, #ave London pay BBT as muc# as possible T#ey owe a great amount. Regarding record albums, it is somet#ing sentimen- tal T#ey will purc#ase and #ear for some time and t#row it and purc#ase anot#er A book purc#ased will remain, and once even one line is read, t#at will benefit t#e reader

Regarding t#e printing, it does not matter w#ere you print our German books. Never mind t#e cost w#et#er it is a little more or less W#ever it is convenient We are not after profit T#e important t#ing is good printing and binding so t#at t#e people will be impressed A book sold rat#er t#an a record will be a solid sale

Regarding your trip to U.S.A. you say t#at you will be tactful and respectful in your dealings T#at s#ould be t#e motto of all GBC Be tolerant, and if t#ere is any deficiency, rectify it. All our men #ave volunteered good service, so t#e background is good will So everyt#ing s#ould be done on t#e basis of good will.

Regarding transferring to ISKCON FOOD RELIEF, you can transfer to ISKCON American Express a/c # 3002, Bombay W#en you transfer, be sure to notify t#em by letter w#at t#e money is for

I #ope t#is meets you in good #ealt#

Your ever well wis#er,

A.C. B#aktivedanta Swami

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Krisnna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban

8/9/74

His Holiness Jayapataka Swami  
ISKCON

P.O. Sridnam Mayapur

Dist. Nadia, West Bengal

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1/9/74 and have noted the contents. By the grace of Lord Nrisimhadev I am improving in my health.

Regarding the citizenship, you should apply as many as possible. You can read, write, and speak Bengali. So take citizenship. The local officers are in favor, so they will grant.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krisnna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban

8/9/74

Srimati Jadurani devi dasi

ISKCON

439 II enry St

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My Dear Jadurani devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated August August 14 & 20, 1974 and have noted the contents Regarding Picture #1, it was not enclosed, but yes Motner Yasoda feeding Krsna is parental love, or sometimes you can snow Krsna with great difficulty placing the slipper of Nanda Manaraj on his head Yes, sketch #2 is all right; it is supported in the Cnaitanya Cnaritamrita #3 is also all right #4 is also all right Regarding #5 Visnu, Laxmi must always be with Manavisnu Yes there should be devotees around the garden or town Yes, they would look like Visnu Lord Visnu is never alone Inside the building is proper

#6 of Krsna and Balaram fighting as bulls is completely rejected by me It is not good You have made it demoniac Make them as they are themselves, as boys fighting Never snow like this Everything is there in the Krsna Book Don't imagine

Regarding question #7 why red background? You can snow the full Visnu form Regarding #8 the color is referred to in the text, so you have to see that portion of the book.

Regarding your letter of August 20, Narada can have yellow dhoti. Branmacharis can be shown in both yellow or saffron, both are correct Yes, you can make the flower snips as you have described Why have you discontinued writing the mantras on the bottom of the portrait paintings?

I hope this meets you in good health

Your ever well wisner,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Krishna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban  
Dist. Mathura, U.P., India  
18/9/74

Mohan Majumdar  
402/1A Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Road  
Calcutta-7

Dear Mr. Majumdar:

I am in due receipt of your letter in Bengali dated 5/9/74 and beg to inform you that at present I am very sick. The subject matter you have inquired from me is very grave and cannot be replied haphazardly. It appears you have no deep study in the matter, and if you are serious about it you have to live with us for some time to understand.

As a summary study I may inform you that human life must lead to God realization. Without God realization there is no difference between human life and animal life. All the Vedic literature is aimed at making human life a success by God realization. In this age that God realization is made very easy by chanting the holy names, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare/ Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has very kindly introduced this method 500 years ago, and it has proved a very potent and active process. God being absolute, His holy names, form, pastimes, etc., are not different from Him. So this requires deep study and understanding, otherwise it is very difficult to understand.

I have got my program to go to Calcutta by the end of the month. At that time you can try to meet me. But unless you intimately associate yourself with the devotees in this connection, it will be very difficult for you to understand the whole procedure.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*  
Founder-Acharya:  
International Society for Krishna Consciousness

CENTER: Krishna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, Vrindaban

DATE .....19/9/74.....19....

Sriman Gopijā: ballava das Brahmachary

ISKCON

439 Henry St.

Brooklyn, New York, 11231, U.S.A.

My Dear Gopijanaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 30, 1974 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I am initiating the following disciples. You must see that they strictly follow the regulative principles, the four prohibitions as well as the dovotional practices of arising early, taking morning bath, putting on telok, attending mangal aratik, chanting japa 16 rounds, and attending Srimad Bhagwatam class. This is the duty of all my initiated disciples, whether they are big or they are small. Actually in our movement there is no such thing as big or small. Everyone is a devotee. So everyone is expected to follow the devotional practices. Here in Vrindaban I am enjoying my disciples how they are speaking. So two times daily everyone must attend the classes. During the morning and evening times there should be no business, simply kirtan, chant, dance, and be purified. Do not be paramhansa that now I haven't got to hear Srimad Bhagwatam and Bhagavad Gita. Don't be a better paramhansa than your guru maharaj. I go and sit and I enjoy the lectures and how they are performing kirtan. So as I am doing, you must also do.

Your ever well-wisher,

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

3, Albert Road, Calcutta-17

22/9/74

Sriman Radhaballabha Das

ISKCON Press

38 Tiffany Place

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My Dear Radhaballabha Das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 14/9/74 with enclosed advance copies of BTG No. 66. The color is not at all good. It is not attractive, and not as good as Dai Nippon.

Why is the printing being changed from Dai Nippon? This Los Angeles quality is not good. The standard quality of Dai Nippon must be maintained. On what consideration is the printer being changed? I do not know anything of the printer being changed. In my opinion no one can print better than Dai Nippon. Why is the plan changed without my consent?

Why there is need of supervising the Kingsport printer? There was no need of supervising in Japan, but here it requires supervising. That means there is some discrepancy. So why these things are changed?

We cannot change the quality of printing for the matter of a little change in the price. This printing is not approved by me. Repeatedly changing of printers is not at all good. We cannot approve any printing less than quality of printing of Dai Nippon.

I am sending copies of this letter to all BBT Trustees for necessary action.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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CC: Bali Mardan, N.Y.; Hansadutta, London, Ramesvar, L.A.

*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

**Founder-Acharya:**

**International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

CENTER 3, Albert Road

DATE 25/9/74

Calcutta-700 017

Sriman Sukdeva dasa Adhikary

ISKCON

400 18th Avenue E.

Seattle, Washington

My Dear Sukdev dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1974 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I am accepting David Kiish as my disciple. His spiritual name is Damaghosa dasa. I am also accepting Abhinanda dasa Brahmachary for second initiation. Enclosed is his sanctified sacred thread and mantra sheet. Hold a fire sacrifice amongst the devotees and he can hear the mantra from my tape record through the right ear. For chanting on the beads, a sannyasi or GBC man can do it.

Regarding your question that if I have ever said that the Society authorities must suffer for the devotees under their protection, no, I never said that.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandrodoya Mandir  
P.O. Shree Dham Mayapur  
Dist. Nadia, West Bengal, India

29/9/74

Sriman Bhagavan das Adhikary  
ISKCON  
4, Rue Le Sueur  
Paris 16, France

My Dear Bhagavan das:

Please accept my blessings. Recently at Bhaktivedanta Manor they have held one election for President and Hansadutta was present. But I am receiving so many contradictory reports as to what was the outcome. So I have advised them to again hold election with all members present, and I request you to go there to see what is the outcome of the election.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradiya Mandir

P.O. Sridham Mayapur , W.B.

29/9/74

Sriman Mukunda das Adhikary

Bhaktivedanta Manor

Letchmore Heath

Watford WD2 8EP

Hertsfordshire, U.K.

My Dear Mukunda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 22, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding the election of President, a president can only be changed by vote. If no vote was taken, then the president cannot be changed. Neither Hansadutta can change the president whimsically or can anybody else change the president. According to the "Direction of Management" the GBC cannot change the President but only by vote can it be done. The GBC's business is to see that the President and the members are doing nicely, following the regulative principles, and chanting 16 rounds and that other things are going on nicely.

If it was decided by vote that Hansadutta would select the president, then Hansadutta is right. Without authority Hansadutta cannot change the election. If the vote was in favor of Madhavananda, then Hansadutta cannot whimsically change the vote. But, if by vote he was authorized to select the president, then whomever he selects is right. I was not informed by my secretary that Hansadutta was authorized by vote to make the selection. But, why was Hansadutta authorized if the vote was already taken? This I do not know.

On the whole I understand there are so many contradictions, so in the presence of all members you may take the vote again and decide finally.

You may inform Prabhavisnu that I have received his letter dated 22/9/74. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir

29/9/74

P.O. Sridham Mayapur

Dist. Nadia, West Bengal

Sriman Radhaballava das Brahmachary

ISKCONZ Press

38 Tiffany Place

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram dated September 26, 1974 and have noted the contents. Your telegram reads as follows:

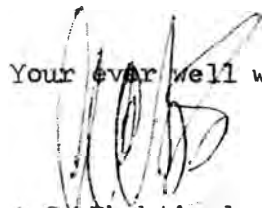
"FOR JADURANI'S NO. 23 PAINTING WHAT SHOULD LAKSMI HOLD IN HER FOUR HANDS PLEASE REPLY BY CABLE= RADHABALLAVA

Laxmi holds in her two hands lotus flower and offers blessings with the other hand like you see with the murtis of Radha Krsna with palm open and facing forward. I have never seen Laxmi with four hands, so I do not know what she is holding.

I do not think it necessar to reply this matter by cable.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Chayapur Chandrodoya Mandir  
Shree Dham Mayapur, Dist. Nadia, W.B.

29/9/74

Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
6241 Schloss Rettershof  
Bei Konigstein, Tannus  
West Germany

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter from Los Angeles dated September 10, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding Bali Mardan we have decided to review the complaints and do the needful at the next GBC meeting. Bali Mardan came to me when I was in Vrindaban and he showed a tendency for retirement, because he knows there are so many complaints against him. Three or four times he said he would like to live in Vrindaban. So

So anyway he has given service to the Society, but when there are all GBC present they may consider the complaints and do the needful. But, so far I have studied, if all the GBC so desire, he can retire. Personally I wish all the existing GBC may be trained up so perfectly that in the future in my absence can manage the whole society very nicely and strongly. That is my desire. At least in this stage of my life it is not at all desirable that there be any factions amongst yourselves. Try to settle up amicably and correct yourself. One man is trained up with great difficulty especially in spiritual life. Everyone has got some weakness and deficiency. It is better to correct or mend it than to break it. It will be best to discuss this in an open meeting of the GBC and then do the needful.

Regarding the booklet of appreciations, it is better to have the general appreciations than the individual prospectuses you have suggested. By reading one can estimate all the books such as Srimad Bhagwatam, Bahagvad gita, Nectar of Devotion, Krsna Books, etc.

Regarding the International Publishing House under one roof, the principle of management is that everything will be managed by BBT. We have so many centers but the management is done by the GBC and myself. So what is the difficulty? It is a question of management, but not that all staff come together. Any big establishment has got different works and staff in different places. Recently I met one big manufacturer from Kannauj. He has got his factories in Orissa, Mysore, etc., but the whole thing is being managed from Kannauj. What is being manufactured in Orissa cannot be brought to Mysore. It is the capacity of management, but not that we bring everyone together.

Regarding the closing of the temples, no temple can be closed for any reason. You have done a great mistake. I am sending you a copy of a letter I have written in this connection. We have to consider very carefully before opening a center, and once opened it cannot be closed. It is disastrous. What you have done is not at all allowed. I am very disappointed that you have done this. Even you did not consult me. Why?

Now you want to purchase a farm, but can you manage? Why are you closing all the temples and then opening a farm? Do you have sufficient men to maintain a farm? Why are you purchasing a farm?

Regarding BBT lending Bhaktivedanta Manor dollars 25,000 for pur-

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chasing a house in Letchmore Heath, the BBT has no money, that is what I think. It is lending to Australia Dollars 1000000 <sup>prepared</sup> and ~~will~~ lend to Paris Dollars 100,000 . I do not know that after lending this money there will be anything more. Lending for opening a temple is the business of BBT but not lending for residential quarters.

Regarding the temples being mismanged, these things will be discussed at the GBC meeting here. Yearly once or twice there should be a GBC meeting held to discuss all these intricate questions. This meeting can be held once in India and once in Europe or America in my presence.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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**FILE**

Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Shree Dham Mayapur  
Dist. Nadia, West Bengal, India

1/10/74

Sriman Jagannath Suta dasa  
New World Harmonist  
P.O. Box 86  
Brooklyn, New York 11231

My Dear Jagannath Suta dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 12, 1974 with enclosed copies of issue No. 6 of the New World Harmonist. Simply to criticize what is going on in the material world, what is the profit? Nature is working, and unless one is a devotee he will be disturbed by nature. daiviesa guna mayi/ mama maya duratyaya. The rascals are such that they do not even ask why they are suffering. So if we discuss the food shortage, what is the benefit for us?

A human being must put the question of why am I suffering. Animals also suffer but they have no sense to put the question of why. The materialists are trying to adjust the disturbances of nature in so many ways. But after so many attempts at adjustment have they been able to stop suffering? They are so rascal that still they are suffering after so many adjustments, and yet they do not ask why.

We must enquire for the solution. This is what we must discuss in the Harmonist. After all we have already got our Back To Godhead. Simply to discuss ordinary things, there are so many papers already discussing. Simply saying there is scarcity, that everyone knows. We must give the solution. I am not discouraging you. When you say that the solution is there in Srimad Bhagwatam that is nice. But, what is the solution that you must give and thus render real service to the people. I think this style of paper will be easily taken by the people.

I hope this meets you in good health.

your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir

P.O. Shree Dham Mayapur, Dist, Nadia, W.B.

DATE .....5/10/74.....19.....

His Holiness Kirtanananda Swami  
New Vrindaban  
R.D. 1 Box 620  
McCreary's Ridge  
Moundsville, W. Va. 26041

My Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1974 with enclosed check for Dollars 500.00, color photos, building plans, and one letter and check for Dollars 50.00 forwarded by you. I was thinking that I have not received any check from Kirtanananda since considerable time passed, so immediately Krishna has sent the check. Thank you.

Regarding New Vrindaban I was very happy when I was there, not only myself but all devotees and GBC members all enjoyed the atmosphere of New Vrindaban, especially the cow protection scheme. May Krishna give more facilities to advance the cause of New Vrindaban, and I am expecting very soon to go there and live in my proposed palace at least for some time.

From the pictures anyone will see that you have organized New Vrindaban very nicely. It is just like Krishna's Vrindaban. How they are happy in New Vrindaban both animals and men. Here in one picture is Kirtanananda instructing the cow to chant Hare Krishna. In another picture the boys and the cows are being taken equal care. Everyone is living very peacefully and eating very nicely. There is so much land. This is real Vrindaban life. In Vrindaban Krishna calls the cows each by his own name. When cows were purchased in the beginning I have seen them crying because the calf was taken for killing. They can understand. Not that they are animal and cannot understand. The neighboring farmers come and they are astonished at the nice preparations made from their milk. I see in the small cottages they are living very, very happily. The cows are grazing, and the male members are doing the work. Local flowers are used for the garlands. Yes, New Vrindaban is almost a small state. Some of the rogues are envious. Rogues are always envious when they see something nice. Even Hayagriva will not leave that place. He is living very happily there.

The plans for the palace are very nice. It is a temple, like Jagannath temple. It is very calm and quiet there. I like it. In the beginning when Hayagriva purchased, I immediately gave him the idea of New Vrindaban—cow protection. On the whole our New Vrindaban scheme is successful.

There is one vacancy in the GBC Board, so myself in consultation with Brahmananda Maharaj and Jayatirtha Prabhu, we have decided you can fill up the post. This will be confirmed in the next GBC meeting. In the meantime I wish you may accept this responsibility. My desire is that some of our experienced members who have proved their sincerity of service may form the GBC Board so that the management of the whole institution may go on smoothly, and I may be relieved of affairs of management which hampers my writing of books because my attention is diverted. At present the following members are on the GBC Board: 1. Jayatirtha, 2. Hridayananda, 3. Rupanuga, 4. Jagadisha, 5. Satsvarupa, 6. Brahmananda, 7. Madhudvisa, 8. Hansadutta, 9. Bhagavan, 10. Bali Mardan, 11. Tamal Krishna.

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia, W.B.

8/10/74

Sriman Karandhar das Adhikary  
ISKCON  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My Dear Karandhar das :

Please accept my blessings. I am very pleased to receive your letter dated 9/11/74 and have noted the contents with great delight. The thing is where is the question of making any conspiracy. The materialistic man creates diplomacy and conspiracy for sense gratification. Everyone wants in the material world some reputation, profit, and some adoration. But so far we are concerned we are being trained up by following the footsteps of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu: na dhanam na janam na sundarim kavitam va jagadisa kamaye/ mama janmani janmanisvare bhavatat bhaktir ahaituki tvayi. "My Lord I do not want any monetary gain, neither any number of followers, or wife, but simply I want to be engaged in Your causeless devotional service, which means I do not even want salvation." So if actually we follow the footsteps of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, where is the question of conspiracy?

This whole institution was started singlehandedly without any capital. I went to your country with only Rs.40/- and 200 sets of books. So if we take the capital of the whole business, it was the books and the Rs.40/-. The Rs.40/- was not even touched because Indian Rupees currency could not be spent in your country. In 1967 when I came back to India the Rs. 40/- was paid for the taxi cab. The 200 sets of books was sold, and I was maintaining myself with great difficulty. Now by the grace of Krishna books sales have increased tremendously, and whatever money we are spending it is from the books sales; or whatever money is also being squandered that is also from the book sales.

Now by the grace of Krishna we have got sufficient properties all over the world, so there cannot be any diplomacy or conspiracy by any sane man. All these properties and opulences, whatever we have got, this will not go with me when I go away from this world. It will remain here. I am training some of my experienced disciples how to amass after my departure. So if instead of taking the training, if in my lifetime you people say I am the lord of all I survey, that is dangerous conspiracy.

As alleged by you I have received complaints against Bali Mardan and his wife, so seriously so much so that the girl has declared that Bali Mardan is an incarnation of Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Maharaj on my name. In India some of the important members they have collected huge amounts in the name of the Society and spent it luxuriously. I wanted you all my experienced disciples should manage the whole institution very cleverly without any personal ambition like ordinary materialistic men. The Goudiya Math institution has become smashed, at least stopped its program of preaching work on account of personal ambitions.

So whatever is done is done. I shall request you all not to be personally ambitious. I shall do everything in my power to fulfill your personal

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ambitions, but that will be done in due course of time when you are fully trained up and following the regulative principles and chanting 16 rounds.

So complaints against Bali Mardan is very serious, and I have appointed an enquiry committee consisting of three men. Let us know the report. So far yourself is concerned, you know I had full faith in you, and whatever you did I never objected. But, in the meantime twice ~~thrice~~ you resigned. That has given me a little agitation. So kindly follow the regulative principles regularly chant 16 rounds and make up the deficit in Spiritual Sky, and gradually everything will come to its right position, and I hope Krishna will help us to adjust the present situation very peacefully.

I believe all my students they are very serious devotees, maybe sometimes influenced by maya, but they can be corrected and the whole thing will go on as usual without any difficulty. Please try to help me in this connection in this endeavor.

I hope you are living very peacefully with wife and children without being disturbed by anything else. More in my next.

I hope this mees you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir

P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia

9/10/74

Sriman Pariksit dasa

BBT Art Dept.

38 Tiffany Pl.

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My Dear Pariksit dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 13, 1974 and have noted the contents. The answers to your questions are as follows:

1. Regarding Krsna das Kaviraj, there is no such information, but as far as possible, he was brahmachary
  2. Lord Nityananda and the associates appeared in the room.
  3. The stick held by Lord Nityananda is like your sketch.
  4. The bodily hues of the devotees of Lord Nityananda, why green? ut, it can be done, there is no harm.
  5. You can continue not showing Srimati Radharani's feet.
- I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia  
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Srimati Jadurani devi dasi  
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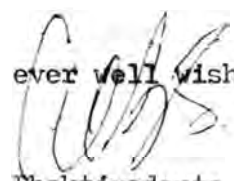
My Dear Jadurani devi dasi:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. The answers to your questions are as follows:

1. For the portraits of Gour Kisore and Jagannath das Babji, yes you can use the mangalarcana prayers, and also the same for Bhaktivinoda Thakur.
2. You can sign your paintings with your personal names.
3. Regarding Devahuti's painting for Adi lila, yes you can use it. I think it is nice. You can also use the painting you had suggested previously. Both can be used.
4. Yes, it is understood that your paintings are offered to the Deities when they appear in books or on the temple walls. It is understood like that.
5. Regarding asking me questions, yes you can ask, but unless it is sanctioned by me, you cannot act on it.

I hope this meets you well.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradaya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia  
West Bengal, India

11/10/74

Sriman Sri Govinda das Adhikary  
ISKCON  
1014 Emerson St.  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

My Dear Sri Govinda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1974 and have noted the contents. Any discrepancy that can be corrected. A change of management that is not good. All faults shall be corrected. You are already trained up man. Do not worry. Jayatirtha Prabhu is here, and I have advised him in this connection that the three of you: him, Jagadisha, and yourself, chalk out a program. So do not worry. You three men change the discrepancies. Why Jagadisha's wife should interfere? We must run the Society on cooperation. Whatever is done, is done. You are all experienced men, and I have confidence that everything can be corrected.

Debt is not good. It is said that a happy man is he who lives at home and has no debts. That is a happy man. Please try to correct this situation.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. Your telegram to Brahmananda Swami to cancel the initiations of Barb and Lee Sutton has been received.

FROM THE PERSONAL SECRETARY

Sri Mayapur Chandradaya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia  
West Bengal

11/10/74

Sriman Giriraj das Brahmachary

Hare Krishna Land

Gandhi Gram Road

Juhu, Bombay- 54

Dear Giriraj Prabhu:

Please accept my humble obeisnaces. Srila Prabhupad has asked me to request you to inform him all about the road that you have to construct there. Who is the contractor? Give all details.

Gurudas has suddenly left India without informing Srila Prabhupad. He was the only other signatory on the Bureau in India. So now what to do? Prabhupad wants to add your name and my name as signatories. How to do this?

In that article on "Holymen of India" you can add a complete list of all of Srila Prabhupad's books as follows: Srimad Bhagwatam (60 vols.), Chaitanya Charitamrita (10 vols.), Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead (2 vols.), Bhagavad gita As It Is, etc., etc.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your servant,

Brahmananda Swami  
Personal Secretary

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APPROVED: 

N.B. Before Bhagavandas left India he informed me that you had agreed to send all the Matdwara program collection to Vrindaban, but Sridhar has taken it all to Bombay. Can you explain?

Sri Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur  
Dist. Nadia, West Bengal  
11/10/74

Sriman Tejiyas Das Adhiakry

ISKCON

19 Toder Lal Lane

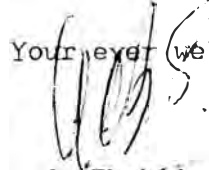
Bengali Market

New Delhi 1

My Dear Tejiyas das:

Please accept my blessings. One letter from Harikesa has been received regarding getting maitence money. Gurudas has all of a sudden left. How will the Vrindaban expenditure be met? Where is the money Gurudas collected for the Deities? Where is it kept and what is the account? Jamuna is very clever, and I know they have collected huge sum.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,  
  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: Harikesa, Vrindaban

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Sri Mayapur Chandradaya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia  
West Bengal

14/10/74


Sriman Hanuman das Adhikary  
2317 Chemin St.  
Quebec, Canada

My Dear Hanuman das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated. I had heard that you have since gone to Buenos Aires, so please let me know what is your program.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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West Bengal, India

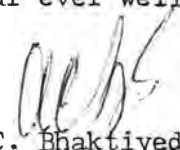
His Holiness Guru Kripa Swami  
1-44 Mita  
2 Chome, Minato-ku  
Tokyo, Japan

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 30, 1974 with enclosed Credit Note No. 125 from Dai Nippon for Dollars 39,474.73. I am very glad to receive it, and I thank you very much. My blessings are there for you in your collecting program. After all you are already Guru Kripa.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. After consultation with the Trustees of the Mayapur-Vrindaban Trust, it has been decided to appoint you as a Trustee. Please affirm your acceptance of this appointment.

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur  
Dist. ~~Madhura~~ West Bengal

19/10/74

Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikari  
ISKCON  
6241 Schloss Rettershof  
bei Konigstein / Taunus  
West Germany

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 9, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding your statement that your succes is due to your dependence on serving my lotus feet, yes, that is the instruction of the Bhagavad-gita. Krishna advises Arjuna to work to his best capacity but not to think thatthe is the best capable. We should work to our best capacity and depend for the result on Krishna. After all our life is dedicated to Krishna's service, and Krishna will give us intelligence, capability, and all kinds of success. I know you are doing your best capacity. Depend for the result on Krishna. When I point out some discrepancy of my disciples, it is always with good will so you can become a the best servant of Krishna. There is nothing of material grudge. Kindly remember this.

I am very much satisfied that you are increasing the publishing program. I have received a nice report from Purnanjan that the Book Fair was fairly successful. My request is that you print as much as possible and distribute profusely. That is the great success of our movement.

If the Hamburg Deity is moved but worshipped, it is all right. You do not have to reopen if it is incovenient. What you have said about considering a thousand times before opening a temple, that I want. Not that you should open a temple whimsically, and then close whimsically.

Regarding the farm, farm opening is not very essential, but if you can do it conveniently, then do it. The varna-ashrama system is for convenience sake in the material world. It has nothing to do with spiritual life. Acceptance of varna-ashrama means a little easy progress to spiritual life, otherwise it has no importance to us. For example, all my European and American disciples have no varana-ashrama position, but spiritually because they have followed the rules and regulationa and also my instructions, their advancement spiritually is being appreciated by everyone. Always remember that varna-ashrama life is a good program for material life, and it helps one in spiritual life; but spiritual life is not dependent upon it. After all the system of varna-ashrama has to be realized before accepting spiritual life; and the renounced order of sann-yas is the last stage of varana-ashrama.

Regarding starting a travelling Sankirtan party with yourself at the head, yes it is approved. It is good.

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Regarding the London affair, what can be done. This is the American and European habit of diplomacy. Unless there is spiritual advancement they will do by their nature like this. The whole thing should be corrected by diverting their attention to chanting and the regulative principles. We have to tackle these problems very carefully. In Bengali it is said wherever there is the goddess of fourtune, there are varieties of responsibility. When I was alone there were not so many letters of so many problems.

Regarding your dancing in the middle of the kirtan, it is not wrong. It is completely right. If in your kirtan everone dances in ecstasy it is perfectly all right. That is spiritual enthusiasm.

I have not received the new books. I have learned about them from Puranja, but I have not received them. Maybe they are held up due to a postal delay in Calcutta, but anyway I am so pleased that you have published. Even I have not seen them, I am pleased and obliged to you. Continue this work. Whenever there is any publication in any language, it enlivens me 100 times.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your sever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir  
P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia  
West Bengal

19/10/74

Sriman Rupanuga das Adhikari  
ISKCON  
24 NE 13th St.  
Atlanta, Ga.


My Dear Rupanuga das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 22, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding Sam-kirtan and book distribution, book distribution is also chanting. Anyone who reads the books that is also chanting and hearing. Why distinguish between chanting and book distribution? These books I have recorded and chanted, and they are transcribed. It is spoken kirtans. So book distribution is also chanting. These are not ordinary books. It is recorded chanting. Anyone who reads, he is hearing. Book distribution must not be neglected. If things deteriorate that is another thing, but it is not the fault of book distribution.

In Gainesville the students can live with us, why not? Anyone who agrees to follow our rules and regulations can be admitted.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

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Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir

P.O. Sree Mayapur, Dist. Nadia, W.B.

**DATE**

23/10/74

His Holiness Tamal Krishna Goswami

ISKCON

439 Henry St.

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231

My Dear Tamal Krishna Gossami:

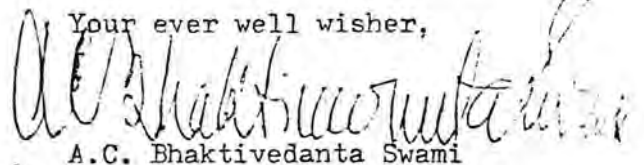
Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1974 and have noted the contents. Your letter was forwarded from Bombay, but the letter from Ramesvar was not enclosed.

Regarding Samkirtan and book distribution, both should go on, but book distribution is more important. It is brihat kirtan. In Tokyo airport one boy had come up to me asking if he could speak with me. I said yes, and then he asked me "Swamiji, where do you get all that knowledge in your books?" Of course it is Krishna's knowledge, not mine. But the effect is there. So for <sup>wider</sup> ~~more~~ kirtan book distribution is better. Book distribution is also kirtan.

Regarding making hundreds of travelling parties, yes do that please as far as possible.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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West Bengal

DATE ..... 25/10/74 ..... 19....

Dear Ramesvar Prabhu:

Please accept my humble obeisances. There have been two letters from GBC men to Srila Prabhupad regarding street chanting and book distribution, and there seems to be some discussion about the two. Srila Prabhupad has said that book distribution is more important than street chanting. Book distribution is brihat kirtan. It is literally kirtan in the sense that the books are spoken, and therefore anyone who reads a book is hearing. Because his books are recorded and transcribed Srila Prabhupad calls his books spoken kirtans, or recorded chanting. So book distribution is also kirtan and should not be considered less than kirtan.

The reason book distribution is greater than chanting is because the effect is wider. A purchased book goes into a person's home and will be read by others, whereas street kirtan only benefits those in the vicinity who hear. Two cases are cited. In Portugal one boy, who is only 11 years old, has become a devotee. He offers prasadam and is translating Bhagavad-gita As it is into Portuguese with the help of his mother. He got several of our books at a bookstore in Lisbon and has asked his father who is just now coming to USA to get him all available Srimad Bhagavatams. Prabhupad remarks that our books went there to Portugal but we did not, but still he has become a devotee. Then in Tokyo airport Prabhupad tells how one Japanese youth approached Srila Prabhupad and asked if he could speak with Srila Prabhupad. When Prabhupad said yes, the boy asked, "Where do you get all the knowledge that is in your books?" So by comparative study book selling is more important.

Srila Prabhupad also pointed out that in the West sometimes the street chanting is considered as a farce. Also in India. At first street chanting was tried but was met with mostly derogatory reaction. Therefore there is mostly Life Membership preaching in India, which is of course book distribution.

But on no account should street chanting be stopped. Prabhupad has never said that street chanting should be stopped. The chanting can go on for a little while and when a crowd is drawn books can be distributed. When I mentioned to Srila Prabhupad that when in L.A. last, there was the system of book distribution all week long and on weekend nights full street kirtans, he said that was a good system.

Regarding the claim that devotees have difficulties maintaining Krishna consciousness by only doing book selling with not enough street chanting Prabhupad remarked that if things deteriorate that is another thing, but it is not the fault of book distribution. Book distribution must not be neglected.

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Brahmananda incomplete

Gandhi Gram Road, Hare Krishna Land  
Juhu Bombay 400 054

31/10/74

His Holiness Gargamuni Swami  
ISKCON  
3, Albert Road  
Calcutta-17

My Dear Gargamuni Swami:

Please accept my blessings. Regarding the registration of ISKCON Calcutta center as a separate entity, it should be clearly understood by you that the registration cannot be applied for unless my express sanction is there. No papers should be filed without my permission. Any papers you may draw up must be submitted to me first before filing.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

3/11/74

His Holiness Satsvarupa das Goswami  
ISKCON  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

Please accept my blessings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 15, 1974 with enclosed copies of letters and the Bengali course advertisement. So they are putting me, as well as the others, for getting the students to learn Bengali. That's nice.

I am very glad to learn that you are getting the orders and are increasing the men and parties for distributing the books. Regarding the number of libraries, I read in that book the Almanac that there are 75,000 libraries.

Regarding those professors who say that Shiva is the Supreme, in the Rig Veda it is stated: "om tad visnoh paramam padam." The lotus feet of Vishnu are the supreme devotional platform. There Vishnu is accepted as the Supreme. So there are 18 Puranas. Six of them are for persons in the modes of ignorance, some for those in passion, and the topmost are for those in goodness, the sattvic puranas. If one intelligently reads the Puranas and Vedas, then he can understand that Vishnu is the Supreme Person. But, for those on the stage of ignorance and passion, sometimes such statements are there. So it depends on the quality of the nature of the person that one accepts Lord Shiva or Lord Vishnu as the Supreme, but one who studies scrutinizingly all the Vedic literature and who accepts the statements of the acharyas who guide the destiny of Vedic culture of India who all accept Vishnu as the Supreme Person, then he will also have the same conclusion.

So far we are concerned in the Krishna consciousness movement, we are preaching the teachings of the Bhagavad-gita. Krishna is the Supreme Person even before all demigods including Lord Vishnu even, and of course Lord Shiva. Our fundamental principle is the teaching of the Bhagavad-gita. Those persons who cannot understand this on account of particular modes of nature, such persons require further education, and until such time is fulfilled, we are helpless. To an animal in the modes of ignorance, how can we preach? Then we are helpless.

I have read your letter to the professor and it is a good challenge. You have written nicely. You have correctly cited the Vedas wherein it is stated: eko narayana asin na brahma na isano... In the beginning there was no Brahma, no Shiva, only Krishna. The cosmic manifestation is from Mahat Tattva, and before the Maha Tattva there is Narayana. Shankacharya is a Lord Shiva worshipper and an incarnation of Lord Shiva, and he admits that Narayana is the master, and Narayana is the Supreme. narayanah paro 'vyaktat. This is the best authority. What more evidence you want? This is in his Shanka Bhasya on Bhagavad-gita. This is not even the statement of the Puranas but of Shankacharya's own writings. How can you deny if the incarnation of Lord Shiva says that Krishna is Supreme?

.....2 Satsvarupa das Goswami

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In the Puranas it is stated that another demigod is supreme just to convince the devotee. Just like a student in primary school, he thinks that primary education is everything and has no idea of higher education. This is to convince the devotees but from the Gita we understand that it is from Krishna that He gives the faith by which one can worship the demigods.

Krishna says "aham adi hi devanam." Is Krishna speaking a lie? "mattah parataram nanyat." Nobody is greater than Me, He says. Why should we reject Krishna's statement? Our mission is to put Krishna as first, and they may take it or not. We do not interfere with their choice, but we do it as our duty.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.

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His Holiness Jayapataka Swami

Sri Mayapur Chandradoya Mandir

P.O. Sree Mayapur

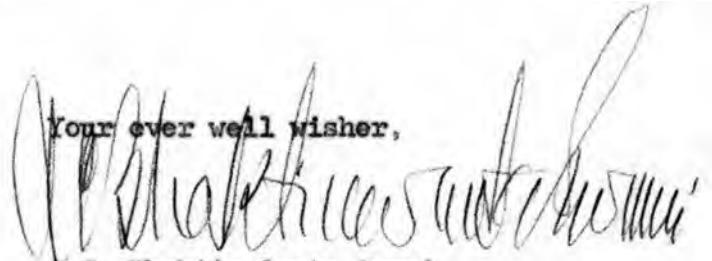
Dist. Nadia, West Bengal

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. This is to inform you that yesterday Giriraj has sent by T.T. Rs. 2,25,000/- to American Express Bank a/c No. 090031. Now the wall and proposed rooms and other works must be finished by Gour Purnima.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: H.H. Gargamani Swami, Calcutta

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

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

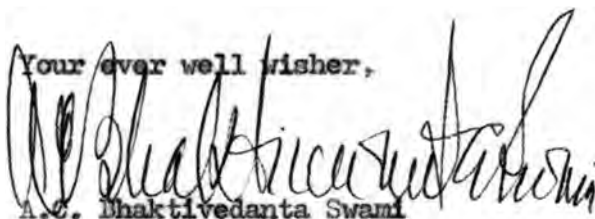
My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 5, 1974 and have noted with pleasure that you have paid DNP Dollars 100,000.00 since September last. Here in Bombay only Dollars 86,500.00 approximately has been received, so I am enquiring from Ram-esvar.

It is very good that some of the men have the missionary visas and that you are getting Japanese boys to join. You say that the Japanese are less intelligent, but when I was in Japan I saw that they were inclined towards this movement. If you deal with them nicely, they will come out very good devotees.

Yes, in mid December I may go to Hawaii and I shall stop in Japan. I shall make two stops, Hong Kong and Japan. It does not matter that it will be cold. I do not think it will be colder than your Western countries in Europe and America.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,  
  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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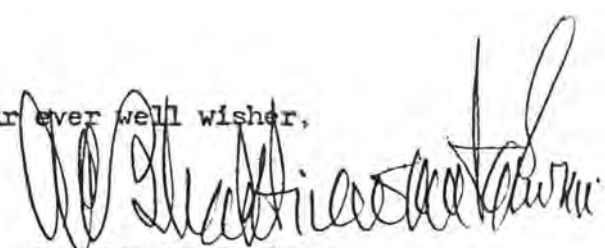
Sriman Patit Uddharan dasa Brahmachary  
Bhaktivedanta Manor, Letchmore Heath  
Watford WD 2 8EP  
Hertsfordshire, U.K.

My Dear Patit Uddharan dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I have understood from Hansadutta Prabhu that you are giving lectures in the temple. I have seen the column from the Gujarati newspaper and I am very pleased. Somebody must speak, and you have taken the task. I offer you my thanks. You are an elder disciple and you have heard what I am speaking, so you should just speak what you have heard and it will have potent effect. This is the power of the parampara, disciplic succession. So you must be prepared to meet all opposition because practically everyone is mayavadi. They do not have faith in Krishna's words in Bhagavad-gita. Therefore we have a great responsibility to present Krishna's words without any change. Please do the needful. Your speaking should be continued.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Tejiyas dasa Adhikari

ISKCON

19, Todermal lane

Bengali Market

New Delhi-1

My Dear Tejiyas dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1974 with enclosure of emigration application. I shall keep it aside and inform you. Regarding your question about collecting, whatever money sent it is all the hand of Krishna. When Krishna gives, you get. Don't be disappointed if you do not get any collection after working. Always depend on Krishna and everything will be all right. Fight and depend on the results on Krishna. yudhyasva vigata-jvarah fight without being lethargic, Krishna says in the Bhagavadgita.

Pushing on this movement, I had to face so many difficulties throughout since I left my home. I lived in Delhi at Sakur Basti because the rent was cheaper there, and I could not even take an apartment in Delhi. Then I was provided with a room at Chippi Walla, Radha Krishna temple, wherein I was able to keep my publication office.

But, by Krishna's grace we are situated on a standard footing. Let us maintain this position cooperatively and always pray to Krishna that we may not spoil what Krishna has already given us. Try to make improvement more and more.

Regarding your question about keeping open the Deity doors in the early morning, yes you can do it. That is done in Vrindaban also. Regarding the collections, the books are increasing, so 50% should go to BBT and 50% to construction, but if needed, then that money can be spent in other ways.

Now both CBI and State Bank approached us to open a branch bank, so this should now be done, so we can get the foreign exchange transfers. We will be receiving minimum Dollars 10,000.00 per month. Bali Mardan has promised this. Besides this we are getting interest from investments in USA, and also from other sources. So please arrange for either one to open their office on our premises.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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F. Attar  
c/o Arthur Young & Co.  
Iranians' Bank Building, Fifth Floor  
Avenue Takht Jamshid  
Tehran 15, Iran

My Dear Attreya Rishi dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated September 28, 1974, and it is received so late on account of touring. I have sent you one telegram as follows: AUDITYOUNG ATTAR TEHRAN LT COME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE NOVEMBER 30 =AC BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI.

You say that you are all fools. When you can understand that you are a fool that means that you are a little intelligent because you can detect your own foolishness. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu wanted to remain a fool just to teach us how to make progress in spiritual life. All Vaishnavas not artificially but seriously think themselves as foolish. The more we remain foolish, the more we remain eager to learn for spiritual advancement in life.

Now you are a practical business manager, so we are expanding by Krishna's grace; so try to make some formula so our institution may go on without any difficulty. In your letter to Ramesvar you call for a meeting of GBC to develop a system of management and communications which will eliminate chances of recurrences. This is a good suggestion you have made, so when we next meet together, you must give it some practical shape.

You have also mentioned to repeatedly offer obeisances to your spiritual master. This is very important. A disciple should offer dandabats, not namaskar. The more one becomes fixed up in guru obeisances, the more he advances in spiritual progress. yasya deve para bhaktir yatha deve tatha gurau.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DRAFT OF ADDITIONS TO MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION  
FOR CALCUTTA REGISTRATION

5B There shall be a Governing Body Commission whose purpose is to act as the instrument for the execution of the will of then Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupad. The GBC members will be initially selected by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupad. It will oversee all operations and management of ISKCON, as it receives direction from Srila Prabhupad, and Srila Prabhupad has the final approval in all matters.

(m) To perform extensive research work in Sanskrit and Bengali literature of historic texts of Vaishnavism such as Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagwatam, Chaitanya Charitamrita, Bhakti Rasamrta Sinduh, etc. and to distribute this research work throughout educational distributions all over the world, regardless of race, color or creed, and religion.

(n) To promote Vedic research work in the area of agriculture and animal husbandry, and alternative energy sources according to the historic Vedic texts for the sound and healthy development of body, mind, and soul; and to promote and distribute this research work.

(o) To perform research work into the ancient Vedic educational schemes such as Gurukula as well the development of the individual through yoga and to promote and distribute this research work throughout India and the world.

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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.

Juhu, Bombay 400 054 India

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

My Dear Dr. Ghosh:

Please accept my greetings. I am very much thankful for your nice letter dated November 8, 1974 and the presentation of the copy of Panchamrita written by you. I saw the verses formally also. If anyone reads these verses regularly, certainly he will make progress in his spiritual life. I have now advised my secretary to send you immediately one copy of my Chaitanya Charitamrita. by registered post.

Since you left Bombay, I had been to many places in Europe such as Rome, Frankfurt, Paris, Sydney, Fiji, Honolulu, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, New Vrindaban, New York, London, and then here to India. I was thinking of you, but was missing your address.

Regarding the charitable dispensary, I am not very much enthusiastic for this enterprise because nowadays to keep a proper dispensary pushing on requires much attention and money also. I have heard from the authorities of the Rama Krishna Mission that their charitable dispensaries or hospitals are mostly run by paid men, as formally no intelligent medical practitioner was joining them to run it on.

Therefore I may suggest that if you are really inclined to retire, you are welcome to live with us. We have got three very nice places in India in Bombay, Vrindaban, and Mayapur. We have spent many lakhs of rupees for constructing these centers, and if you live with us in any one of them, you are welcome. You can live with your good wife as vanaprastha and when you decide to do so, we may maintain a small dispensary for taking care of our own men. But for the general public opening a charitable dispensary is not in our program at least for the time being.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Further I beg to inform you that all my temples and centers here in India are being managed by my foreign disciples. I want that they should be admitted as immigrants. They have embraced this Vaishnava religion and have given money for constructing these temples and are managing them. Although we have got a few Indians to join, they are neither educated or expert.

In Allahabad you are known to so many lawyers and judges. Kindly consult with them how my foreign disciples can get immigration status in this country. If they were forced to leave, I will be in a great disturbed condition how to manage all these centers. Kindly find out immediately some good lawyer. I think Sir Tej Bahadur's son maybe helpful in this connection.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Sheth Shri Punjabi Chandu Halwi Karachiwala  
185, Walkeshwar Road, Teenbatti  
Bombay-6

My Dear Sadajeewatlalji:

Last night we had some talks on your new attempt to elevate the giri-vanavasi people. It is very enlightening for anyone that you are trying to elevate the position of the people in the forest and the hills. This sort of desire is certainly very much laudable, because in our Vaishnava philosophy it is said that a perfect Vaishnava is always very kind, and he is aggrieved by others miserable condition. para-duhkha-duhkhi kripam buddhih. Or, a Vaishnava is always unhappy by seeing others unhappiness, and he is the ocean of kindness.

In the Bhagavad-gita it is said samah sarvesu bhutesu/ mad bhaktim labhate param. When a person is self realized, he is equal to everyone, and that is the preliminary stage for entering into transcendental devotional service. But, one should not falsely claim to be equal to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, because in the Vedas it is said: na tasya karyam karanam ca vidyate/ na tat-smas cabhyadhikes ca drsyate. Nobody is equal to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Unfortunately it has become a fashion to equalize everyone with Narayana. This sort of mentality is called pasandi mentality, because if anyone considers even the biggest personalities like Lord Shiva or Lord Brahma on the equal status of Narayana the Supreme Personality of Godhead, he is certainly a pasandi.

Your attempt is very good, but be guided by the Vedic principles. The Vedic principles are mentioned clearly in the Bhagavad-gita by the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krishna. If we follow the principles, then our attempt in any field of activities will be successful. But if we follow the pasandis who are mayayapahrta jnana, then any attempt to ameliorate the condition of the general people will be a failure. There are many politicians, social workers, and philanthropists all over the world, but their attempt has not been successful on account of their knowledge being plundered by maya.

It will be my great pleasure to give you guidance from the Bhagavad-gita As It Is in your this great enterprise. You are free to consult me at any time. If you follow actually the principles of Bhagavad-gita As It Is, there it is said if one does not follow the principles of shastra then he does not get happiness neither any good result of his fruitive activities.

So we should not be confused in the matter of violating the orders given by Lord Krishna. bhagavad-bhakti-hinasya/ jatih sastram japas tapah/ apranasyaiva dehasya/ mandanam loka-ranjanam. A big nation, a big worker, a big ascetic, and all similar big attempts, if they are devoid of bhagavad-bhakti, or devotional service, then such high qualities are exactly like the decoration of the dead body.

Yours very sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

ACBS:hs wanted by you, enclosed is my photo.

21/11/74

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

Sriman Kirtiraj das Adhikary

BBT

3764 Watseka Ave.

Los Angeles, Ca. 90034

My Dear Kirtiraj das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter dated November 12, 1974 addressed to Brahmananda with enclosed samples of the Christmas cards and the calendar. The pictures are very nice. This sort of painting was done during the Muslim Moghal period. But, we don't encourage Christmas greetings. They are nice pictures undoubtedly.

It is all right, but the general public will take Krishna as an ordinary man. This will deteriorate from the standard. Every picture is with the gopis. People are generally inclined to man and women connection, and by seeing these pictures will affirm their sinful activities in the name of Krishna. These pictures are not meant for the common man but for advanced devotees. If we would distribute them,,they would misuse it. I hope you can understand this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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V.S.R. Chakravarti  
24, Kasturi Ranga Iyengar Road  
Madras-18

Dear Sri Chakravarti:

The book compiled by your father V.R. Srisaila Chakravarti, namely "The Philosophy of Sri Ramanuja," given to me by you on 2/11/74 was very interesting to read. Of course we Goudiya Vaishnava follow Srila Ramanuja's philosophy almost in the same manner. Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu gives the identification of jiva soul as the eternal servant of Krishna and is situated as marginal potency of the Lord based on the philosophy of acintya-bheda bheda-tattva. This is almost similar to Viśiṣṭādvaita vada. Vaishnava philosophy is now being pushed on all over the world under the Hare Krishna movement, and we feel Sripad Ramanuja a great support for the Vaishnava philosophical understanding. It is like a combination of nyaya sruti and smriti prasthanas. The Bhagavad-gita supports the Vedanta Sutra brahma-sūtra-padais caiva/ hetumadbhir viniścitaish. (Bg. 13:5.)

So the jiva brahma identification is one part of acintya-bheda bheda-tattva. As spirit soul or identical brahma, jiva brahmam is identical with the Supreme Brahma or the param brahma. In this sense jiva soul is avheda or non-different from the param brahma. But on account of the param brahma being the supreme, the biggest, the identical brahma or jiva brahma being very minute, it is different from the param brahma. The summary is that the simultaneous one and different jiva brahma is simultaneously one with and different from the param brahma. Because it is appreciated simultaneously which is very difficult to comprehend by the common man, this philosophy is called acintya-bheda bheda tattva, inconceivable. This is supported by the Katho Upanishad 2/5/13 nityo nityānām cetanaś cetanānām eko bahūnām yo vidadhāti kāmān. This is almost similar to the visiṣṭādvaita vada.

So far I am personally concerned, following the footsteps of my guru maharaj Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupad, we accept the principles of all the acharyas, although officially we belong to the Madhva sampradaya. Our sampradaya is known as the Madhva Goudiya sampradaya. We find great shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Ramanujacharya because his lotus feet are the strongest fort to combat the mayavadi philosophy.

I hope the book "The Philosophy of Sri Ramanuja" published by you will be a great help to the Vaishnavites all over the world.

Thanking you once again.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Saurabha das Adhikary

Krishna Balaram Mandir

Raman Reti, Vrindaban

Dist. Mathura, U.P.

My Dear Saurabha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 15/11/74 and the account. I had wanted an account of the last Rs. 5,10,000/- that was sent to you. Please give me that account, how it was spent for the construction. Now we have sent you Rs. 1,25,000/- and I am sending another Rs. 1,75,000/-.

Now Bhugarbha reports that you say the ashrama will not be completed for the opening festival. The program was already postponed because the ashrama was not finished. Therefore everything must be cent per cent completed by the end of March. Is the contractor cheating? That means it will never be finished. Simply we have to put money. From the photos I have seen, there is not very much progress. What to do?

I want no explanations. I want to see everything finished. If there is still doubt, please tell me frankly.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
6241 Schloss Rettershof  
bei Konigstein, Taunus  
West Germany

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 12, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding the grazing land at Bhaktivedanta Manor, it is not very clear from your letter whether you have got the sales document or not. Whether it is at the Manor or not? How are these documents being kept? Mukunda cannot do this work of seeing George and negotiating with him. If possible you try to meet George and settle. You meet him, and neither Mukunda or anyone else should do it.

Regarding your saying that Satsvarupa said I spoke something about some plan for distributing books in Russia, I never said anything. Regarding shaligrama sila, forget it. There is no need of onstalling. Kirtan is most important thing and book distribution.

Regarding my saying that Atreya Rishi is GBC of material affairs, yes, I said that. Regarding Bali Mardan, he came here, and I have asked him to live with me for some time. He will inform me at the end of December. So we have to wait to decide at the end of December.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Regarding the initiations, upon your recommendation I have accepted the following as my dsiciples and their names are as follows: Ulrike- Amsumala devi dasi; Sabine- Snata devi dasi; Joachim- Jalamdhara dasa; Achim- Haraka dasa; Thomas- Taponidhi dasa; Beth- Visoka devi; Detlinde- Dinasarana devi; Ceamack- Candravali pati dasa; Marco- Mahakarta dasa. I also accept the following as twice born initiated brahinas: Udvargha dasa; Ravinari dasa; Manidhara dasa; Modananlasa devi; Manimanjari devi; Manda devi; Ramburu devi; Silpakarini devi. The sanctified threads and mantra sheets are enclosed. Now hold a fire sacrifice, and the brahmins may hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from my recording tape. You are authorized to chant on the beads.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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N.B. Please do the needful regarding the enclosed letter from Mr. Patel.

Tridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DATE .....24/11.....1974...

Sriman Bhakta dasa Adhikari  
ISKCON  
455 Valencia Street  
San Francisco, Ca. 94103

My Dear Bhakta dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 10, 1974 with enclosed photographs of the Hare Krishna Restaurant. It is very nice. I had been there to Stanford University. So you can get Mr. Malkani in New York to help you in the restaurant. He went there to start a restaurant, but now he is cooking in the New York temple, so you arrange for him to help you. Are books being sold also in the restaurant?

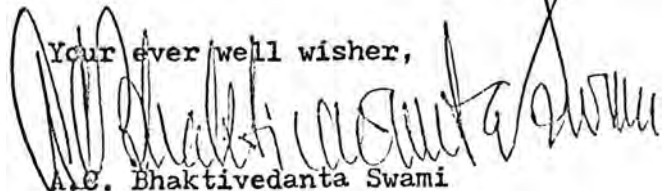
Regarding the Ratha Yatra Festival, keep it always gorgeously alive, but do not change the principle. The principle should go on as usual. Yes, it is all right to make something in the park as you have suggested. Why you want to change the wheels? This is unnecessary. Don't do this. Keep the old system strong, and if necessary repair it. Don't change from this to that. That is your American disease. This is very serious that you always want to change everything. Spoked wheels will never be as strong and hard as the old way. Never do this. Neither there should be any separate float as you have suggested for me.

Regarding having the crowds come forward to touch Lord Jagannath's feet, that will also be impossible to manage. So for the time being this program may not be taken.

Regarding the devotees you have recommended, I am pleased to accept them as my disciples and their names are as follows: Marilyn- Mānini devī; Jamie- Janjapukandhī devī; Carol Hansen- Kelilalitā devī; Carol Tungate- Kalpalatikā devī; Huber- Hanumatpreśaka dāsa; (Steve- Satkṛta dāsa; Lou- Lankṣa dās; Kirk- Kalanidhī dāsa. Also I accept the following as twice born initiated brahmins: Vatsala dasa: Sasikala devī; and Vaisesika dasa. The sanctified threads and the mantra sheets are enclosed. Hold a fire sacrifice, and the gayatri mantra should be heard through the right ear from my tape recording. I am glad to see that you are taking these initiations seriously.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DATE ..... 24/11 ..... 1974 .....

Sriman Sukadeva das Adhikary

ISKCON

400 18th Avenue East

Seattle, Washington 98112

My Dear Sukadeva das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated and have noted the contents. I am glad to learn that you are having nice college programs. Regarding there going to be depression and atomic war, who said that? This is all false propaganda. I never said this.

Regarding free will and pre-destination, yes, materially everything is decided. Spiritually you can make advancement despite all material destiny. Materially you cannot change things as they are but spiritually it is possible. No, devotees are not allowed more than one wife. Devotees should have no wife if possible, but those who cannot maintain celibacy, they can marry one wife. At the present moment people are so unfortunate they cannot maintain even one wife. First of all at the present moment they are not married and remain mostly unmarried. So for such persons even one wife is a great burden. Under the circumstances how one can think of more than one wife? This is stupidity.

Regarding your fifth question, that I shall think over. Regarding the sannyasi, therefore I have stopped sannyas<sup>n</sup>. No Vaishnava says that he is advanced. Please send me the name of the sannyasi, and I shall do the needful. Regarding the cooking, a non-brahmin may assist but he cannot cook.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

My Dear Jayapataka Swami:

Please accept my blessings. Enclosed please find the copy of the letter to Gour Govinds das asking him to come to Bombay. Why he has not yet come?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Srinan Ajit dasa Adhikari

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My Dear Ajit dasa:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 16/11/74 and have noted the contents. Upon your recommendation I accept Dvarakesa das Brahmachary for second initiation as twice born brahmin. Enclosed is the sacred thread duly sanctified by me, and the mantra sheet. Now hold a fire sacrifice and he may hear the gayatri mantra through the right ear from my tape recording. The mantra must be recited three times daily.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Hansadutta das Adhikary  
ISKCON  
6241 Schloss Rettershof  
über Königsstein/ Taunus  
West Germany

My Dear Hansadutta das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 21, 1974 and have noted the contents. Regarding introducing the records in USA, yes, why not, but do not minimize the book selling. Better if a different party is engaged in record selling, so that the book selling may not be affected. Both book selling and record selling are good, but book selling is better and permanent. Record selling is temporary. It is very encouraging that you plan to publish one volume per month of Srimad Bhagwatam.

Regarding selling the books in Germany, if you want to hire people to sell books, yes, why not? It is due to the scarcity of men..So German people are not coming to join this movement? So far I have seen your German devotees, they are very enthusiastic and steady workers. So if you get some good souls to join, then there will be no difficulty for selling the books. So it doesn't matter if we are selling more or less, so far the publications are there. We may sell or not, but the books must be there.

The present Das Hare Krsna Kochbuch is very nicely printed, especially the picture of Krsna and His friends eating. It is very glorious. We wish to join His party, but it requires great tapasya. For many, many lives these boys performed tapasya to join His party and eating with Him. I see that you are charging the equivalent of Dollars 4,00. Yes, they must pay.

Regarding the interest of Miss Thakur, very good, that's nice. Keep friendship with her and introduce our books. Give her prasadam and after all she is woman, flatter her. Then she will remain pleased so keep her as friend.

Regarding the new proposal for a farm, yes arrange for it. So make it another like our New Vrindaban. You have already named it Goverdhan Hill. That's nice. If possible add Giri Goverdhan Hill. How far is it from the Frankfurt center? As you have recommended for initiation Lisa Reuter and Willy, I have accepted them as my disciples. Their names are Lekhasravanti devi dasi and Bimbasya dasa. Please see to it that they chant on their beads and follow the regulative principles carefully. You are authorized to chant on their beads.

I understand that the boy Jagannath dasa will join the editing party in Hawaii. Thank you very much. Regarding the loan to Stockholm, yes, that's nice. They must return it again.

Yes, we must invest our money in books and land, but no there will be no collapse as you have anticipated. Everything will be adjusted by the grace of Krsna. From my own experience I have seen when first class rice was selling at 8np. per kg, and now that is being sold at Rs. 8. That means that it is 64 times higher, but still people are eating, and the man who lives in care of the footpath he is also eating. So the man in care of the footpath, and the man on the 30th floor of the sky scraper, they are living



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and still the inflation is goin on. Man-made laws cannot work any rupture in Krsna's plan. Better let us remain now under Krsna's shelter fully dependent, and we shall remain unaffected by all the man-made difficulties.

So concentrate on publishing books as far as possible, and sell, a d spend the money accordingly. In the Bhagavad -gita it is stated: sa gunam samatityaitan/ brahma-bhuyaya kalpate (14:26) The devotee is transcendental to the material modes. On the whole I am very much pleased with your publishing extensively in the German language. It has given me great pleasure. One thing, for our books the words "Bhaktivedanta Book Trust" must appear on the spine of the jacket. Formally it was being done, and now it has been stopped. These things should always be there. I have seen it on the latest Bhagwatams.

Regarding the DM 5,000 transfer, yes that has been received and sent to Calcutta for Mayapur Prasad Pavillion. So for transferring money we have oopened new accounts so from New York money can be sent through First National City Bank to their Bombay Branch in favor of International Socety for Krishna Consciousness Mayapur Vrindaban Fund A/c No. 17168; and from Los Angeles they can send through Bank of America to their Bombay Fort Branch also in favor of International Socety for Krishna Consciousness Mayapur Vrindaban Fund A/C No. 16026.

Karandhar is no longer BBT Trustee, so his name can be removed from the accounts and your signature can be added. Bali Mardan is on the marginal stage. Things will be decided when I go to Hawaii. It is my opinion that he has fallen victim to the woman. Mayai is very strong, but if we try to save him by our combined efforts, because he is a good asset. So I am trying to save him from the victimization.

It is also my opinion not to move the Press to L.A. but keep it in N.Y. Removal is not my opinion. It will be very much expensive and not much improvement. Yes, make the management nice. Yes, also send some responsible Englishmen here to India who will not have the visa problem.

Regarding purchasing the Schloss, yes I like that Schloss. Does the price include the adjoining lands or not?

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

cc: N.Y., W. Ger.  
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Hare Krishna Land, Gandhi Gram Road  
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FILE

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

My Dear Guru Kripa Swami:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1974, and have noted the contents. The Credit Note from DNP for Dollars 60,338.98 was not enclosed however.

Regarding how the money is being spent for Vrindaban project, I have written to Saurabha Prabhu for a report, but it has not yet come. As soon as it comes, I will reply you. You must be satisfied how the money is being spent.

Why are you having immigratio difficulty, when others have gotten the missionary visas you mentioned in your last letter?

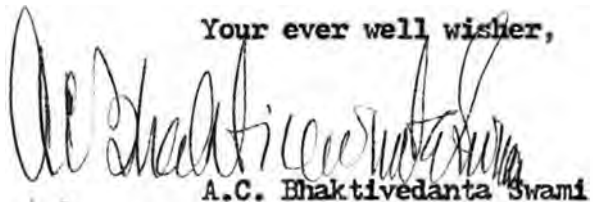
We have already got our tourist visas for Japan and will be coming soon.

Regarding the preaching there in Japan, the Japanese people are giving money, even more than America; that is preaching. Somehow or other they are giving service to the Lord. This is wanted.

Regarding the latest money mentioned above, it has not yet been transferred to Inda, and I am enquiring from Ramesvar.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,



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# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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DATE ..... 6/12/74

Sri Govinda das Adhikary

ISKCON

1014 Emerson St.

Evanston, Ill. 60201

My Dear Sri Govinda das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter undated together with clippings and photos, and thank you very much. I think the article about the book distribution at the airport is indirectly an advertisement. People will come to know about our books and our movement. Here in Bombay they also have the complaint that we are nuisance. What can be done? The writer of the article calls us Hare Krishnas. He calls us this over and over again. He does not know that by doing this he is chanting the holy name and will be benefitted. Just like during Lord Chaitanya's time, the Mohammedans used to joke how the devotees were chanting Hare Krishna. One of the officers said to his subordinate that it was all right that they were chanting, but why was he chanting. And the man had to admit that yes he was also chanting and that he did not know why he was doing it. So by writing this article, this man is chanting.

They say that you are all my disciples. So the guru is not on the scene. He has fled away and nobody knows where he is, but the Krishna consciousness program is going on. That was also going on during the time of Lord Chaitanya. In South India He used to travel, and in a village He would meet some man and induce him to chant, and the man would become a devotee, and Lord Chaitanya would go away, but still the man would continue to chant. So, I am not personally present, but still things are going on, and it is increasing. So the books are selling and we are expanding. This book distribution is the brihat mridangam. It is the greater preaching. Anyway, you have replied properly to the article that this may be some isolated incident.

Yes, as you have said in your reply they must see what kind of life our men are living. Our books are better than the nonsense books. You have written them to the point. And, even if there is some complaint. they are getting the real thing from our books. They are forgetting the aim of life. Somehow or other, we have to give them the real thing. Why this one man should be envious? In the history of the world, especially the Western countries, there is no record of selling religious books so many daily. It is unique in the history. Our men are doing good, that they do not see. They are so blind. But, the end justifies the means. We have to give them even if they do not want it. That is our duty.

Actually what is our aim? Our aim is to create men of ideal character. And, if our men are distributing books on this account, they are doing the best service to the society. Because someone has said something in the airport, that is not very important. What we are doing that they must see. See their sacrifice, what is behind their life, how they are living; how they have sacrificed everything for the welfare of society. In our society there is no distinction between black or white, Hindu or Muslim. Every living being is welcome to take to this cult, and make his life a successful affair.

Tridandi Goswami

# A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Regarding your question, actually it is a fact that ultimately everyone should preach and distribute books if they want to please me in the best way. Book distribution must be given stress always. He has spoken the right thing. If you do this sincerely, it is a fact that Krishna will supply everything else required. So you say that your men are like the four Kumaras disobeying Lord Brahma. Does it mean you are Brahma? But, it is a fact. Here in India we are now arranging for publishing Hindi books and other languages for profuse distribution in India. That is my immediate program. I blindly follow my guru maharaj. I do not know what is the result. So I am stressing on this point of book distribution. He told me this personally.

Book distribution is bhagwat marg and temple worship is pancaratatriki viddhi. Both are important for cultivating Vaishnavism but comparatively speaking bhagwat marg is more important than pancaratatriki viddhi. As far as possible both should go on in parallel lines but still bhagwat marg is more important than the other.

So you are all intelligent boys, so you should judge the desire of my guru maharaj and help me in that way. Regarding the temple management, one man can be left behind, while the others go out, to take care of the Deity. And, you can come home at night and take prasadam sumtuously. Once eating sumtuously is enough to maintain body and soul together. In the daytime you may not take, and at night you can take. As a matter of fact, a devotee may take only once in a day either in the day or night, and whenever you eat, you must first offer. But I do not mean you should neglect temple life. Do not misunderstand this. But, one man can remain, and so far the other devotees are concerned, they can eat once in the day or night, after having kirtan, then six hours of sound sleep, and this will maintain their health properly.

So on the above statements you must make some compromise. Both Tripurari and yourself are intelligent. Sometimes we may differ, but Krishna is the center. Just like in Vrindaban there is Radharani's party and there is Chandravali's party. So Krishna is the center of both the parties. So even there there is competition between the parties, but they coincide in Krishna.

Regarding the seminar, that is very good. April or May will be good, but May will be very good. I can come at that time.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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8/12/74

Sriman Radhaballava das Brahanchary  
ISKCON Press  
38 Tiffany Pl.  
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11231  
My Dear Radhaballava das:

Please accept my blessings. I have seen your letter addressed to Brahmanada Maharaj dated November 26, 1974 and I am glad to learn that the situation in New York is proper again. Thank you very much. So now do everything nicely and cooperate together, and keep everything purified. That is the brahminical qualification, truthfulness and cleanliness, satyam and saucum. These are the first qualifications. Then controlling the mind and the senses, simplicity, full knowledge, and practical application of knowledge, and faith in the Vedas and the spiritual master. Those who are initiated by the brahminical thread, their first duty is to maintain cleanliness and truthfulness. I hope you can understand the importance of this.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

9/12/74

Sriman Sama das Adhikary

ISKCON

P.O. Box 102

Glyndon, Maryland 21071

My Dear Sama das Adhikary:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dotember 9, 1974 and have noted the contents. I am very glad to know that you are preaching there in Baltimore, and there is no question of biggness or smallness of the center so far pleasing me is concerned. It is the sincerity of the attempt that is the important thing. Of course as Krsna sees the sincerity of our hearts, He supplies the facilities. Just like I came to your country with only Rs. 40/-, and now we have got this huge institution. So you can be sure that Krishna will supply you according to your capacity. So I think that if you continue working sincerely, you will get all facilities that you require for your purposes.

Upon your recommendation I have accepted the following as my disciples and their names are as follows: Tim- Tarakara dasa; Dorinda-Dainyahrt devi dasi. Their beads may be chanted upon by Kirtanananda Swami or Tamal Krishna Goswami.

I hope this meetsd you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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REPLY: 51 Coelho Way  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

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Sriman Saurabha das Adhikary  
Krishna Balaram Mandir  
Raman Reti, VRindaban  
Dist. Mathura, U.P.  
My Dear Saurabha das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated December 1, 1974 and have noted the contents. Thank you for supplying the account for the money which has been sent to you. I am encouraged that you expect to have the everything completed on time. This I want.

I am glad to note that you have two more contractors, not to be dependent upon one is better. It is also good that local men like Visvambar are taking part.

I am starting for Hawaii on Saturday next and shall return to India at end of next February or early March.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Sriman Patit Uddharan das Brahmachary

Bhaktivedanta Manor

Letchmore Heath

Hertsofrdshire, U.K.

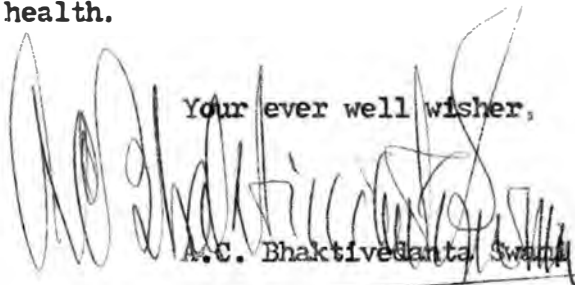
My Dear Patit Uddharan das:

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated October 8, 1974 and have noted the contents. So in your letter you are not finding fault with anyone. So you are good Vaishnava. You do not find fault with anyone. This is the qualification. We should always think ourselves very humble and meek. This you must know.

So we have to all cooperate amongst ourselves, otherwise what will people think if we ourselves fight with one another? A devotee is always ideal in behavior.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,

  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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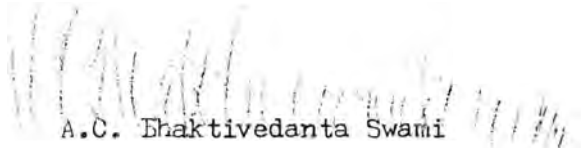
Sudhindra Kishore Roy  
Govt. of India  
Overseas Communications Service  
Poddar Court - Rabindra Sarani  
Calcutta 1

My S. K. Roy,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 7, 1974. Thank you for your kind sentiments and I am very glad that you have appreciated our International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Our actual credit is that we are simply repeating Bhagavad-gita AS It Is without changing it, altering it or adding any mundane opinion. We simply repeat what the previous acaryas have said and that is our merit. Therefore it is being accepted all over the world. Thank you for appreciating our books. Please continue to read them. In regards to your becoming one of our life members I wish to refer you to Gargamuni Swami who is at our Calcutta Mandir at 3 Albert Rd. You can go and see him there and he will make some arrangement for you to become a member of our society. We have many different membership programs and he can discuss them all with you, and show you all the books we have been publishing, etc.

I hope this letter meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

  
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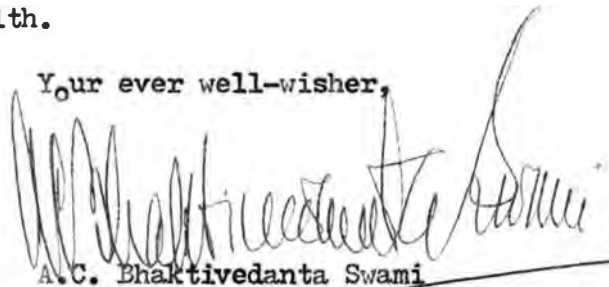
Rsabhadeva dasa  
641 Ramona Avenue  
Laguna Beach, California 92651

My dear Rsabhadeva,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Dec. 7, 1974 and have noted the contents carefully. If we sincerely desire to spread Krsna Consciousness then Krsna provides all facility. So now Krsna has provided the \$20,000.00 needed for the down payment for your building. That man who has given us the money, he is a very good man and he should be encouraged in every way to become more and more connected with our movement. Give him good association with vaisnavas and nice Krsna prasadam and he will develop love for Krsna. I am very happy to hear of the large number of new devotees you are recruiting there in Laguna Beach. That is the real fruit of our preaching work, when people come and join and help us to spread this Krsna Consciousness movement. So I am very pleased with your efforts there. Upon your recommendation I have accepted the following for second initiation; Asurakulanasana dasa bramachari, Satangati dasa bramachari, Ratnanabha dasa Adhikari, Khandabhasi dasi, Dhatreyi dasi. Their threads are enclosed herein.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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20, Dec. 74

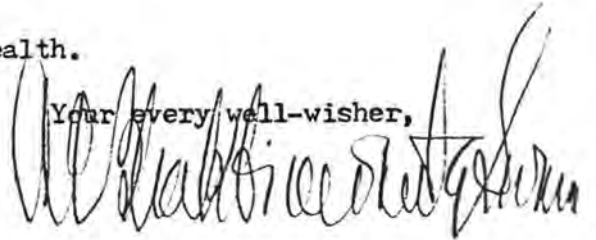
Dr. Santosh Kumar  
McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
Dept. of Medicine  
Stt Joseph's Hospital

Dear Mr. Kumar,

Please accept my greetings. I in due receipt of your letter dated 18, November 1974. I thank you very much for your kind appreciations of our movement. Actually this Hare Krsna Movement is going all over the world, because the message of Lord Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, is spoken. I am just like a peon carrying the message of Lord Krsna and Lord Krsna's message, being perfect, it will be appreciated everywhere in any part of the universe. So far others are concerned, as you spoke of Satya Sai Baba, he wants to claim himself as Bhagavan, unfortunately. He can not give any faultless message. The definition of Bhagavan is given in the shastras as one who possesses six kinds of opulences. Nobody is greater than Bhagavan, Krsna, Therefore if we take Krsna's message we will actually be benefited, otherwise not. It will be partial and insufficient. In reply to the last part of your letter I request you to understand properly the message of Bhagavad-gita and other Vedic literatures. You are an educated Indian. According to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhus order every Indian should learn properly the Vedic conclusion and preach all over the world. That is the best welfare activities. You can be very much helpful to our present activities, so you can be better than others invited from India. I request you to read our books and whenever you find difficulties you can ask me for clearance and it will be my duty to serve you. I thank you once again for your very kind appreciation of our Hare Krsna Movement.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your every well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

*Gridandi Goswami*

# *A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami*

Founder-Acharya:

International Society for Krishna Consciousness

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Bombay 400 054, India

DATE 21, Dec. 74

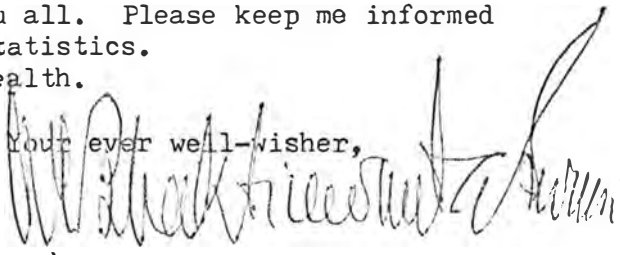
Ramesvara das Brahmachari  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, California 90034

My dear Ramesvara,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your telegram dated Dec. 17, 1974 reading as follows; "Great success, book sales for weekend of Dec. 13 thru 15. Tripurari BBT Party 1346 big books, L.A. 1002 big books, N.Y. over 950 big books, Atlanta Airport over 650 big books, in one day. Distribution definitely doubling in USA, Hare Krsna, Ramesvara!". This kind of wonderful news is very pleasing to my heart and I thank you all again and again. I think this is the first time in history that ever before so many religious books have sold so popularly. Four thousand books in one day is a very unique figure. Keep distributing as many as possible in huge quantities. This is my pleasure. We must make a large propoganda program for Krsna Consciousness by distributing these books everywhere, all over the world. Just like the communists they are very expert in distributing their literature, their propoganda. At the present moment they are distributing their literature here in India in nine different languages and it is quite effective. Therefore we must print hundreds and thousands of books and distribute them at the same speed and thus we will have a great effect on the mass population of Europe and America. If we can <sup>get</sup> the masses in the Western countries like Europe and America to become Krsna Conscious, then all the rest of the world will follow. That is a fact. So please, I beg you, continue distributing my books in this way and Krsna will pour His blessings upon you all. Please keep me informed from time to time of the book sales statistics.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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

23, December

74

Dr. G. Ghosh  
Gyan Bhawan  
22, Minto Road  
Allahabad 21100.

My dear Dr. Ghosh,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15th December, 1974 and have noted the contents. I thank you for your kind appreciations. Our movement actually has been predicted by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. He said that in every town and village all over the world His name would be heard and it is actually happening. Our centers are developing so nicely even in the Muslim countries and countries where Buddhism is the major religion. That proves that this Vaisnava, Sanatan Dharma is not some sectarian philosophy. It proves that what Krsna speaks in the Bhagavad-gita is universal and is applicable to anyone and everyone throughout the world. Therefore they are actually accepting and they are taking to our restrictions. They are chanting Hare Krsna and learning Srimad-Bhagavatam and therefore their lives are becoming happy. I am simply trying to repeat the words of Sri Krsna without any adulteration or twisting and I have full faith that by doing so His message will become well-known throughout the world. Now our books are being so much accepted throughout the universities and colleges as well as amongst the general mass of people. It is really astounding. We are selling literally thousands and thousands of full sized volumes of Srimad-Bhagavatam everyday, in different parts of the world. I am glad that you enjoyed our article in the Bhavan's Journal.

You are cordially invited to come and visit us anytime here in Bombay at your convenience. I am planning to stay in Bombay until mid-Jan. and then I shall go to Australia. <sup>or</sup> I may go to Allahabad during the first week of Jan. Please let me know if you like this idea. Ask your good wife to send Caitanya Caitanya.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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23, December

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Sri S. Srinivasan  
382/F. Rly Colony  
Tiruchy Junction 1

Dear Sri Srinivasan,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19-12-74 and have noted the contents. Your life will become perfect if you can engage yourself fully in the devotional service of Sri Krsna. As stated in your letter now you are retired from your job and your daughters are getting married. This means that your grhastha life is almost finished. Therefore, according to Varnashram Dhama you should spend the rest of your life simply engaged in the devotional service of the Lord. It has been the ancient custom that the man in the later years of his life, usually after the age of 50, prepares to leave home and takes the order of varnaprastha, taking pilgrimages to different holy lands. Then eventually he may take sannyasa, the renounced order of life, with no connections with family whatsoever. This is actually necessary as it is recommended by Sri Krsna Himself. So you have asked my advise and I think the best thing is for you to either go to our Vrindavan center or Mur Mayapur center or our Bombay center and live there for the rest of your life, chanting Hare Krsna, feeling the bliss of being fully engaged in the service of Sri Krsna. By association of devotees and eating Krsna prasadam, constantly engaged in the service of the Lord you will become purified from all unwanted things and it will be very easy for you to absorb yourself with thoughts of the Supreme Lord only. Then when it comes time to leave your body at the end of life you will go to Krsna. You will not have to take another birth in this material world. But you will go to the spiritual world, the Vaikuntha world. I was also grhastha but now I am sannyasi. As grhastha I was thinking it would be very difficult to leave my household life and take up preaching full time. But actually it has become very easy by the grace of Sri Krsna. Now there are no difficulties. So I recommend that you also take up this life. Now that your household duties are more or less finished I think this is your best alternative. All great previous personalities such as Arjuna and the Pandava brothers, Maharaj Rsadeva, King Bharat, so many great kings and great saintly persons all finished the last part of their lives living as mendicants, sannyasis. Therefore following in the footsteps of the authorities we should understand if

. If there are any difficulties concerning my request to you to leave your home then if you like you can write me for further advise and it will be my duty to serve you in this way.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta

Full copy to - Swamiji Paramahansa

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23, December

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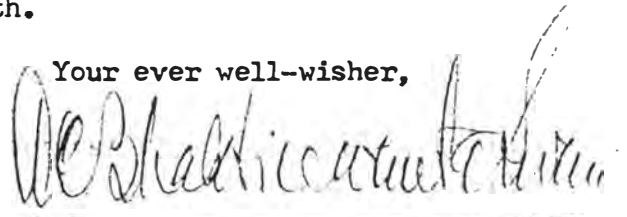
Dr. I.V.V. Raghava Charyulu M.Sc; D.Sc.  
Government of India (Nuclear Physics Division, 4th flr, Central Complex)  
Atomic Energy Establishment Trombay  
Bombay 400 085

Dear Sri Raghava Charyulu,

Please accept my greetings. I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th Nov, 1974 addressed to my Los Angeles headquarters. I was so much pleased <sup>with</sup> your interesting letter and I wish you will understand more and more through your learning of mathematics and physics about the intricacies of God's creation. It is the duty of a learned scholar to glorify the Supreme Personality of Godhead by his talent of knowledge, austerity, penance, etc. Why one should become great mathematician? What is the perfectional stage? That stage is when he describes the glories of the Lord by utilization of his talent of education. So I request you to observe more and more the cosmic manifestation; how it is created by the energy of the Supreme Lord. Actually by the evolutionary process when a living entity comes to the status of human life it is his duty to solve all the problems of life. The chief problems of life are collectively birth, death, old age and disease. Bhagavad-gita gives information how to solve these four problems. It is the essence of all Vedic knowledge presented by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna. I am so glad to learn that you have taken so much interest in my book, Bhagavad-gita As It Is. I shall be staying in Bombay up till mid-Jan. and I wish to cordially invite you to see me at your convenience. Generally I can be seen between 5 and 7 p.m. Thank you once more for your interesting letter.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Patit Uddharan das brahmachary  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP,  
Hertfordshire, U.K.

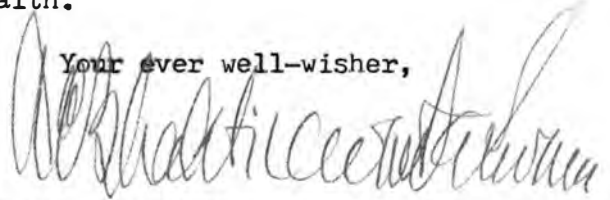
My dear Patit Uddharan,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 11 Dec. 74 and have noted the contents carefully.

You should send a copy of that document to me immediately or if Hansadutta is coming to Bombay you can send it with him. Please keep me informed of the position with Mr. Mody and also of Mr. Kewal Krishan. I hope things are going on well there. I am depending on you as one of my elder disciples to set a nice example for the others to follow. This is very much wanted. You must become ideal in all respects, following all of our principles; rising early, chanting 16 rounds, attending classes, eating only Krsna prasadam, etc. This simple formula will make everything perfect.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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*P.B. Received document today*

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Hare Krishna Land  
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27, Dec. 74

Durgesh Patel  
105, Park Ave.  
Southall, Midd'x  
England

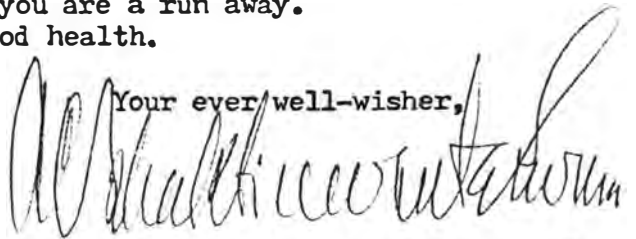
My dear Durgesh,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated 10-12-74 and have noted the contents carefully.

It has been recommended to me by the leaders in London that you should move into our temple as a permanent brahmachary and that your father will allow it if I also recommend. After studying your letter carefully and seeing the devotion and sincerity that you possess I am also very much in favor of your staying at our temple as a brahmachary. In my previous letter I had said that you could go to school during the week and live in the temple on the weekends. But I did not know how serious and determined you were to become Krsna Conscious. Someone as determined as you should be given facilities to spend cent percent of his time in Krsna Consciousness. Therefore I would be very happy to see you living in the temple, following all of our principles of pure life and becoming an expert scholar in Vedic knowledge, through studying my books ~~diligently~~ <sup>diligently</sup>. This is real education. The so-called education that they are teaching in the schools and universities today is simply useless knowledge which is all based on atheistic and speculative theories. The teachers themselves are following no real authorities in wisdom neither do they set any good examples for their students. By going to school today there is always the danger through bad association of becoming entangled in so many unwanted things such as illicit sex, intoxication etc. Therefore definitely the best things for you is to live in our temple in London. Please request your father on my behalf to let you do this. If there is any hesitation on his part please request him to write me and I will try to clarify things. If you go to live at our temple, because of your age, you should have a written statement from your father showing that he has given permission. Then authorities will not think that you are a run away.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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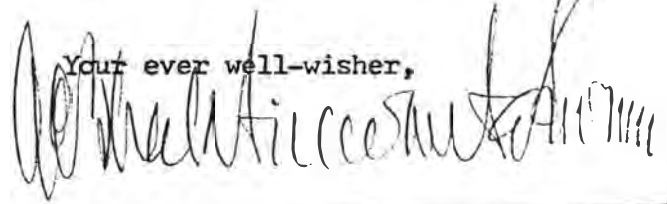
27, Dec., 74

Trivikram Swami  
ISKCON  
38 Mody Rd. 4th flr.  
Kowloon, Hong Kong

My dear Trivikram Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I have just received one telegram from Brahmananda Swami.. He said that there is one Chinese initiated devotee there who is giving money and has already translated three chapters of Bhagavad-gita. This is very wonderful. You can immediately print those first three chapters of Bhagavad-gita into a book. And let him translate three more chapters and then print that into a book. Then three more etc., etc. In this way we can introduce our Bhagavad-gita As It Is in Hong Kong also. He also stated that the temple can be maintained by the Indians. That is good. Let them give some donation for Krsna's service and gradually they will also become Krsna Conscious. Brahmananda Swami seemed to think that you need more men there. His telegram reads, "Trivikram alone, more men required urgently." I do not understand what he means by alone. What is this alone? Vaisnava is never alone. When I first came to the United States I was seemingly alone for one year. But I never felt alone. I always felt the presence of my Guru Maharaj. Myself, I was cooking, I was printing books, I was selling books, everything seemingly alone. But I did not lose my determination. Actually you should know this, you are never alone. So local men are coming daily. By good association, good preaching, nice prasadam etc., they can all become devotees. This is Lord Caitanya's mission to go to every town and village and create vaisnava spirit in the local men. I have also sent one letter to Panca Druvida Swami in Bangkok that his party can come there sometimes for big programs if you can arrange. Keep in touch with them. Their address is; Panca Druvida Swami, c/o D.H. Carturchand, 238 Samteng St. Bangkok, Thailand. Please keep yourself strong and fixed up in Krsna's service by following all of our regulative principles, chanting 16 rounds daily, rising early, attending mangala artik and attending classes. I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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28, Dec., 74

The brahmacaris of Chicago  
1014 Emerson Street  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

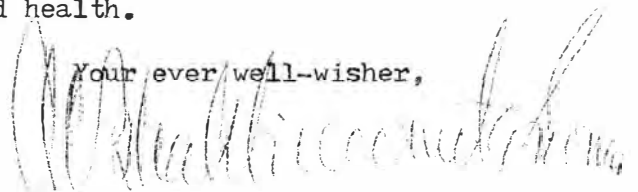
My dear Sons,

Please accept my blessings. I am due receipt of your letter dated December 6, 1974 and have noted the contents carefully.

Krsna says in the Bhagavad-gita, chapter 18; sarva-dharman parityajya, mam ekam saranam vraja, aham tvam sarva-papebhyo, moksaisyami ma sucah. So why you want to worship someone else. Krsna, Himself, recommends mam ekam, Me alone. Therefore we must do like that. If one wants to water the tree he waters the root. There is no necessity of watering the branches. The demigods are all different parts of the universal form of the Supreme Lord. But Krsna is even more than that whole complete universal form. He is the origin of that universal form. Therefore I do not encourage you to worship this demigod, Ganesh. It is not required, it is not necessary. Simply worship Krsna. Perform nice devotional service to Krsna. Then your lives will certainly become perfect. Of course if one has got some sentiment for achieving the blessings of Ganesh for accumulating large sums of money, then he may perform this Ganesh worship, privately, not making a public show. But first of all he must give me \$100,000 per month. Not a single farthing less. If he can supply this amount, \$100,000 per month, then he will be allowed to do this Ganesh Puja. Otherwise he should not do it. It will be sinful. That is my order. So all of you keep yourselves strong in Krsna Consciousness by following all of my basic principles. That is of the utmost importance. Do not fail to chant 16 rounds daily, rise early, come to mangala artik, come to classes and follow the 4 regulative principles. In this way your life will become free from all anxieties. Please try to distribute my books in huge quantities more and more. This is very much satisfying to me.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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28, Dec., 74

Jagadisa Pandita das  
455 Valencia St.  
San Francisco, Calif. 94103

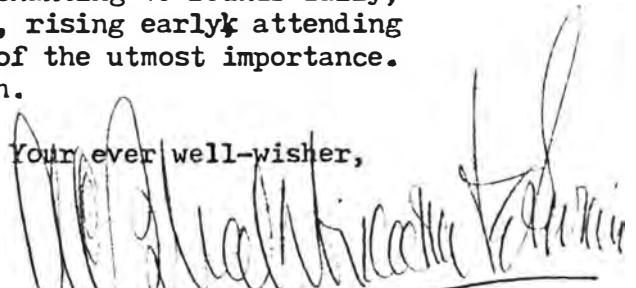
My dear Jagadisa Pandita,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated nil and have noted the contents.

My opinion is that it is not necessary for us to utilize these different musical talents for spreading Krsna Consciousness. I would rather see people follow strictly the path of Lord Caitanya and His Sankirtana devotees. We are using mridunga, kartal, that is enough. We are not musicians. We are Krsna bhaktas. Therefore we do not stress so much importance on these different musical talents. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is God Himself. Had He thought it would have been better to spread Krsna Consciousness by another way He would have done so. But not simply with mridunga and kartal, traveling and chanting Hare Krsna, ~~and~~ <sup>including</sup> everyone to chant Hare Krsna, preaching simply Srimad-Bhagavatam philosophy, this is the process. There is no need for us to try and add anything to this simple method. It will only be a distraction. Therefore I request you to follow the simple path of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and help me spread this wonderful mission all over the world. Keep yourself pure and fixed up in Krsna Consciousness by following the basic principles that I have given; chanting 16 rounds daily, following the four regulative principles, rising early, attending mangala artik and classes etc. This is of the utmost importance.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

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Juhu, Bombay 400 054 India

December 31st,

74

Hansadutta das Adhikari  
Bhaktivedanta Manor  
Letchmore Heath, Watford WD2 8EP  
Hertfordshire, London, England

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My dear Hansadutta das,

Please accept my blessings. Now, considering the European situation in a meeting between Myself, yourself and Bhagavan das, I think Madhavananda should become president of London and Prabhavisnu should become president of Amsterdam and you can arrange this.

Regarding the grhasthas living in the temple. I have already discussed with you in detail, so do the needful. The principle is that we make propaganda for devotees to come. Don't ask any of them to go away. That is not our principle. So, make nice arrangement for all the devotees there.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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cc; Madhavananda, Prabhavisnu

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December 31, 1974

Guru das Adhikari  
3764 Watseka Ave.  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90034

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My dear Guru das

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated, December 28th, 1974 and have noted the contents. You also organize a party like Tamal Krishna's and preach like that. I like that—more of preaching. If Jamuna has left you, why remain as grhastha? Better take sannyasa like Tamal Krishna Gosvami. I know Jamuna has Krishna in her heart. She'll not be spoiled, but let her have some temporary independence and be more Krishna Conscious. I am glad you have sent the money to India that you have collected. Now, you left Vrindavan on account of Jamuna, but she has left you there also, although you wanted to live with her. Anyway, try to forget all this material attachment and try to be attached to Krishna more and more. Actually, I want my parties like the party of Tamal Krishna and Visnujana, and they can preach all over—USA especially. So, Tamal Krishna has attained experience in this type of preaching work, so you also take advantage of this experience. If you like, you can stay with him for some time. If you can preach there, it is better that you remain in USA. Vrindavan will be managed somehow or other.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well-wisher,

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Svami

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